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Communications has officially launched our blog, *The Voice of TLC!* Check out the link below!

www.ohio4htlc.wixsite.com/thevoiceoftlc

Community Service

- They decided last fall that TLC will be volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus as part of our summer outing.
- They’re working with the Ohio State Fair Booth Ad Hoc Committee to have service learning projects at the Ohio State Fair to engage other 4-H members, volunteers, and the general public.

Morale is working on a "Things We Wish We Knew" for State Fair and planning surprises for State Fair and the July meeting.

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Looking Ahead: June

Updates & Announcements

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 19 is our summer TLC meeting, held at the Ohio State Fair Grounds and Expo Center, in the Lausche Youth Center. Hold the date and time, 8:45 AM-4:00 PM (lunch will be provided). This meeting is incredibly important to learn the layout of OSF, answer questions about TLC’s duties at OSF, meet some of the “main contacts” who assist us at the State Fair, and of course do our typical committee meetings and business updates.

- If you are not able to attend, please let Hannah/Kayla/Emmy know before July 5th if at all possible. (Kayla O is coordinating your State Fair tickets and will be gone at Sea Camp from July 6-11).
- Backup Option: If you have a prior commitment for your own county fair judging, camp, or other non-negotiable event on July 19, you are asked to attend on Tuesday, July 10 at the State Fair Grounds. July 10 is planned for teaching 4-H Event Youth Assistants (4HEYA) and any additional TLC members who cannot attend on July 19. You do not have to attend both days, only one of them.

State Fair

- Be sure to check your email for information from Kayla O. regarding State Fair and other event opportunities. *The deadline to sign up is June 1 for non-state fair events (minus Farm Science Review) and July 1 for state fair activities.*
- Minimum number of events to sign up for:
  - Council Members: 8 events
  - Committee Members: 7 events
  - Committee Chairs: 6 events
  - Officers: 3 events
- Individuals who plan to stay at the fairgrounds during the state fair will need to fill out and turn in a dorm request form to Hannah by June 15, 2018. If you are staying in the dorm, you also need to sign and return (by June 15th) the "TLC State Fair Code of Conduct" to Hannah.

Summer Activity

- Make plans to attend our summer activity—canoeing and serving at the Ronald McDonald House on Friday, June 15 (approximately 9:15 AM - 5/5:30 PM)! See Hannah’s email for more details.

TLC Fundraiser

- Fundraising committee is planning to have a Chipotle fundraiser July 10, so plan to head there following the training, if you’re in the area! Or just go to the Columbus Chipotle location with the flyer (will be sent out soon).

Well Wishes for Diana

- Diana’s last day with the Ohio 4-H Program is June 8 – be sure to thank her for all her contributions and wish her luck in her new position. Best of luck, and thank you for all your contributions, Diana!

TLC Awards Banquet

- Mark your calendars! TLC will be hosting an awards banquet on Sunday, August 12. All graduating 4-H members will receive special recognition, and we will recognize TLC members who have successfully completed their TLC year.
Olivia R.

Olivia, from Carroll county, is an 8 year 4-H member and a council member on TLC. This year, she hopes to gain more leadership experience and a chance to help the Ohio 4-H program while being on TLC. She got her start in 4-H with her first club, Sharp Shooters, because her older siblings were involved and shooting sports seemed cool. Since then, she has become involved with her county’s Jr. Fair Board, Teen Leaders, and Outstanding Court. She also takes projects in shooting sports, sewing, and livestock.

Her favorite 4-H memory was when she went to the Ohio State Fair for the first time, saying, “I didn't win anything but I remember it being a great experience, and visiting all of the science booths was pretty fun too.” In addition, the most important lesson she’s learned through 4-H is responsibility, “When you handle firearms and take care of animals you quickly learn to be responsible, and that lesson definitely lends itself to the rest of your life.”

Also, her proudest 4-H accomplishment was when she became a part of her county’s 2017 Outstanding Court: “I've always wanted to prove that I have leadership skills and that I can be a good role model and getting on the court kind of showed that to me.” Olivia explains one of her favorite things about the fair to be seeing how hard the kids work, “My favorite part of the fair is seeing how hard all the kids work and seeing your efforts pay off when you place, doesn't matter how high.”

Olivia is unsure about her career goals, but is considering a future in law enforcement. She is unsure as to whether or not 4-H helped shaped her career goals, but says that it most definitely shaped her as a person.

**Olivia’s Go-to Random Fact About Herself:** “I generally like to mention that I'm not even 5’ (I'm 4'9” actually). That always seems to get a good reaction out of people!”

**Her Favorite TV Show as a Kid:** Avatar: The Last Airbender
Brooke F.

Brooke is an 11 year 4-H member from Franklin county serving on the Community Service Committee this year. On TLC, Brooke hopes “to be able to learn from others, about their fairs, their teaching styles, etc. I really want to grow in my leadership skills and help others.”

She got started in 4-H because both her parents and all of her siblings were involved in 4-H. She started as a 5-year-old Cloverbud, and has since become involved in Camp Counseling, Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders, Fashion Board, and her county’s Teen Leaders Council. She takes numerous types of projects, including: Hogs, Chickens, Goats, Sewing, Food, Self-Determined, Leadership, Pistol, Dogs, and Home living.

When discussing her favorite 4-H memory, Brooke mentions Franklin County’s Farm Animal Petting Zoo, “This past year I was able to organize and run our County Fair Farm Animal Petting Zoo. This will forever be such a great memory for me because not only was I able to learn so many amazing new skills but I was able to get some of my fellow 4-Hers involved and I was able to push them outside their comfort zone. So not only were myself and others able to grow through this but it was super fun!”

Brooke’s favorite thing about 4-H is the people: “4-H has provided me with so many great connections and amazing friendships and I can’t imagine my 4-H journey without them.” In addition, the most important lesson 4-H has taught her is to just try, because you never know until you try. Fun fact, her proudest 4-H accomplishment was when she was selected to go the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Camp. 4-H has shown Brooke her huge love of animals and kids, helping to shape her career aspirations of working with either animals or kids.

Go-to Random Fact About Herself: “I’m really good with hair, one of my favorite things at our County 4-H camp is doing all of my campers hair.”

Favorite TV Show as a Kid: Winnie the Pooh
Laura W.

Laura is a 13 year 4-H member from Brown County and is currently serving as the Morale Committee Chair. In addition, she also served on TLC’s Conference Luncheon ad hoc committee. When discussing what she hopes to gain this year on TLC, she hopes to gain, “some really good connections with some awesome people! TLC is a great way to grow closer with people of all of Ohio. Last year was fun, but this year is going to be even better!”

Laura got her start in 4-H because her sisters were always involved with 4-H, “At age 4, I went to meetings and hid behind my mother. Now at age 17, with 13 years of experience, I am leading club meetings, serving as VP for Fairboard, and representing Brown County at TLC. It’s amazing how far 4-H has brought me.” In Brown county, Laura is also involved in camp counseling, CARTEENS, Junior Leaders, and the Brown County 4-H Committee. She also takes small animal, family and consumer sciences, and other miscellaneous projects.

Laura’s favorite 4-H memory is past year at 4-H Camp, “Brown [county] camps with a bunch of other counties including Scioto, Adams, Meigs, Lawrence, and more. Camp has such an awesome family feeling to it, and I love that. This year we went canoeing, and the water was super high. It was very exciting and slight scary, but it is still my favorite because it all worked out and the canoeing part was fun.”

Laura shares her proudest 4-H accomplishment with a heartfelt story, “I created a program called B-Fit. It's a mile walk around my fairgrounds every morning of the fair at 8 am. It is followed by a 2pm check for mental health. This program actually inspired my dad to lose weight. I ended up being the only individual youth to receive an award during the adult luncheon last year at the Ohio 4-H Conference. I was awarded the 4-H Innovator Award.”

The most important lesson Laura has learned through 4-H is to work hard, saying, “If you've ever seen Princess and the Frog, she says, "The only way to get what you want in this world is hard work." I stand by that 100%, but I would also add, "and a passion." 4-H allows me to work hard with a passion to achieve my dreams.”

Laura’s career goal currently is to work with children, and she definitely thinks 4-H helped shape her career aspirations, “I am very involved with the youth as a Camp Counselor, and I think that is how I know I want to work with children.” Fittingly, Laura’s favorite thing about 4-H and fair is helping the kids, “I love the helping the little children. When they look at older kids, I can see the adoration in their eyes. I love being to help them grow and prosper. They are important, and I'm so happy that 4-H allows them to feel that way.”

Go-to Random Fact About Herself: “I did Scottish dancing for four years, and thought I was a pro...”

Favorite TV Show as a Kid: Kim Possible or Phil of the Future
Sue Ann S.
Sue Ann is a 13-year 4-H member from Pickaway County and is currently serving as a member of the Advocacy committee. This year on TLC, she hopes to make new friends and to work to make the Ohio 4-H program better. Fun fact, she was also a member of State Fashion Board last year.

Sue Ann got involved in 4-H because she grew up watching her brother in 4-H and couldn’t wait to join 4-H. Since then, she has been involved with her county’s Jr. Fair Board and fair royalty (specifically Jr. Fair Queen), and takes cooking, clothing, and cattle projects.

4-H has taught Sue Ann numerous skills, such as public speaking, planning, and working with others. Some of her favorite moments from 4-H have been being crowned Jr. Fair Queen (favorite 4-H memory), being asked to represent her county on State 4-H fashion board (proudest 4-H accomplishment), and the sleepless nights of fair and all the hard work she puts in to show (her favorite things about 4-H and the fair).

Sue Ann plans to double major in Business and Communications with a double minor in Political Science and Media, with hopes to later attend law school.

Favorite TV Show as a Kid: “The Fosters”
Go-to Random Fact About Herself: “I have friends from 10 different countries.”

Kiara D.
Kiara, from Trumbull County, has been in 4-H for the past 4-H years. This year on TLC, she is Council Member, hoping to meet 4-H members from different areas of Ohio and to gain improved communication and leadership skills. At the county level, she is involved in Jr. Fair Board and takes numerous projects: Pet Rabbit, Rabbit Breeding (4 yrs), Veterinary Science 1-3, Scrapbooking, Cat 1, Leadership Road Trip, and Horseless Horse. She got her start in 4-H because her mother is a 4-H alumni member.

Her favorite 4-H member was being accepted onto 4-H Sr. Royal Court and unexpectedly winning Reserve Grand Champion Doe & Litter (which is also her proudest 4-H accomplishment). In addition, the most important lesson 4-H has taught her is "being a team player, trying my best, and staying humble when my best doesn't win the prize.

Her favorite part about 4-H is "the camaraderie of fellow 4-H'ers and Jr. Fair Board members. We work together and organize to meet the goals of the group."

Kiara plans to become a large animal veterinarian, saying "4-H has helped me by teaching me many animal skills along with organization and responsibility."

Favorite TV Show as a Kid: "Dora the Explorer"
Go-to Random Fact About Herself: "I am a procrastinator, but I do my best work at the last minute."
Whitney B.
Whitney, an 11 year 4-H member from Adams County, is currently serving as a member of the Advocacy Committee. This year on TLC, she hopes to gain leadership skills throughout the year.

At the county level, Whitney is involved in camp counseling, Jr. Fair Board, and Junior Leaders. Project-wise, she takes projects in the following subject areas: Feeder Calves, Market Lambs, Crops, and Robotics. This excelling 4-H'er got her start in 4-H when she joined as a kindergartner because her mother was the head advisor of the club. Whitney says that her favorite 4-H memory was her first year at 4-H camp and that her favorite thing about 4-H is, "getting to hangout with my 4-H friends that I don't get to see that often." In addition, her proudest 4-H accomplishment was when she won at the county level with her photography project and was able to compete at the State Fair.

Whitney has learned time management and professional skills through 4-H, saying that the most important thing 4-H has taught her is, "I have gained interview skills throughout my different projects and I have also learned how to complete things within a deadline."

Whitney would like to pursue a career in STEM, saying, "4-H has definitely shaped my career goals because I have taken many STEM projects throughout the years and have also been a part of Tech Wizards."

Whitney’s Go-to Random Fact about Herself: "I can say the alphabet backwards."
Her favorite TV Show as a Kid: The Powderpuff Girls

Rachael H.
Rachael is a 12 year 4-H member from Wyandot county and is currently serving as a member of the State Outreach Committee. This year on TLC, Rachael hopes “to make more connections with people from all over Ohio, connect with other states while serving on the State Outreach Committee, and help improve the Ohio 4-H program.”

She joined 4-H as soon as she could as a Cloverbud and has since become involved with Camp Counseling, CARTEENS, and Jr. Fair Board. She has also taken a wide variety of projects during her years in 4-H, including: sheep, dairy feeder calves, chickens, sewing, scrapbooking, cooking, archery, explore the outdoors, rope, exploring Ohio’s ponds, and photography.

4-H has provided her with many great memories, but some that stand out to her include: working the events at the Ohio State Fair on TLC last year; attending her county 4-H camp, Leadership camp, and Leadership Washington Focus; and all the friendships she’s made along the way. Fun fact, her proudest 4-H accomplishment was winning the Clock Trophy at State Fair last year for her Ropes project. In addition, the most important lesson 4-H has taught her is to speak up when she has an idea, to listen to other's ideas, and to always be open to new ideas.

Go-to Random Fact about Herself: "I helped plow and plant a corn field in Honduras."
Favorite TV Show as a Kid: Duck Dynasty
Rebecca G.

Rebecca is currently an eight year 4-H member from Seneca County, where she takes part in CARTEENS, Junior Leaders, Jr. Fair board, Camp Counseling, and Dog Advisory Council. As a member of Teen Leadership Council, she serves as a committee member on the Communications Committee. Through this experience, she hopes to gain new opportunities and experiences to further her involvement in the 4-H program.

Rebecca first got started in 4-H because her father had been in the program as a child and insisted her and her siblings get involved as well. While she focuses on dog projects, Rebecca also takes a variety of miscellaneous projects. Her favorite 4-H memory is when she and her sister tied for the High Point Handler Award, the highest award given in the canine department in Seneca County. “Even though I won the tie-breaker, we shared the trophy and got it engraved with both of our names.”

The most important lesson Rebecca has learned through her 4-H experience is to persevere. “Honestly, when you compete, failure is possible. Dealing with failure hurts, but when you fail because of situations outside of your control, that makes trying again so much more difficult. 4-H has taught me how to push through and persevere.” Her proudest accomplishment, and favorite part of fair, is helping first and second year members throughout the summer, then watching them receive trophies on show day. “Their smiles are a reminder of why I love the fair so much. It grants kids the opportunity to show off their hard work and be themselves while doing it!”

Rebecca’s favorite show as a kid was the Wiggles. If her personality were a muffin flavor, it would be cinnamon apple with crushed walnuts! “My goals for the future are fairly open-ended, though I like the idea of becoming a pediatrician. 4-H has affected this decision, revealing to me my passions and talents, and also my limits. I love being a camp counselor and working with children, and 4-H has shown me the joy in improving the lives of others.”

Sarah F.

Sarah is a seven year 4-H member from Clermont County, where she is a part of the Jr. Fair Board. She is currently a council member on the Ohio Teen Leadership Council and a member of the State Fashion Board. She hopes to gain a better understanding of how 4-H works at the state level. Sarah’s 4-H journey began when she followed in her siblings’ footsteps, taking sewing projects and showing dairy cattle. One of her many memories was her first year showing poultry. “I had no idea what I was doing but I tried my hardest and won first place.” Sarah says the most important lesson she has learned as a 4-H member is to try new things. “If you stay inside of your comfort zone you never know what opportunities you might be missing, of new friends you might meet, or a new hobby that you might find a new passion for.” Her proudest moment was receiving two clock trophies for her quilting projects. Sarah’s favorite part of the fair is spending time with people and growing new relationships. “The best part about 4-H is the opportunities it gives like being on TLC.”

As a child, Sarah’s favorite show was Little House on the Prairie, and today enjoys performing in musical theatre. When discussing her future, Sarah says, “My goal is to open my own company either a sewing studio or become a wedding planner. 4-H has shaped these goals because 4-H has taught me to never give up, how to finish my goals to completion, and accuracy.”
Cate F.
Cate is a 9 year 4-H member from Seneca county and a member of the Social Media Committee. She also was a member of the Conference Sessions ad hoc committee. Through TLC, she hopes to meet lots of new people and promote TLC to more Ohio 4-H’ers by serving on the Social Media committee.

She got her start in 4-H when her county extension educator came to her school to talk about 4-H. Since then, she has become involved in camp counseling, Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders, and fair royalty (she was named the 2017 Jr. Fair Queen, which is her proudest 4-H accomplishment). She’s taken various projects, but she mainly focuses on market lambs, breeding rabbits, pet rabbits, veterinary science, and cake decorating.

Check out Cate’s favorite 4-H memory: “My favorite 4-H memory happened two years ago, at the 2016 Seneca County Fair... only my 3rd year showing market lambs. I never really expected much out of the sheep show... I didn't start sheep until I was an eighth grader whereas everyone else had been showing since they were in 3rd grade. So every show I went into just hoping to not be last... in the advanced showmanship class I knew that I didn't even have a shot. However, once I entered the ring I told myself that I didn't want to just scrape by. I wanted to win. So I went out there and did as best I could. The show flew by and I was so focused that I didn't even notice that he had placed everyone except me and the girl that won super showmanship every year. Then, I saw two spots open at the front of the line up. I couldn't believe that I got this far. Although I didn't end up winning that class, I was so happy with second place. Because, to me beating twelve to fourteen other kids that have done this their entire lives told me that it didn't matter when I started showing, I could do anything they could as long as I was confident in myself first.”

Cate’s favorite thing about the fair “is just being able to see your friends and have fun. For one week out of the year, you are surrounded by all of your friends that you may only see at meetings and pre-fair events. It's great being able to share your accomplishments during fair week with your friends and having them there to support you during your shows and events.”

Cate plans to become a large animal and exotic animal veterinarian, as 4-H helped shape her career aspirations through the various projects she’s taken and job shadows she’s completed over the years.

Favorite TV Show as a Kid: *Lizzy McGuire*

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Warm & Fuzzies
Lindsey B.
Lindsey, you've done such amazing things this year on TLC and on the Communications Committee! I cannot thank you enough for all you've done -- you always go above and beyond, you're always so on top of things, and you bring an incredible energy to everything you do. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things life has in store for you! - Kayla K.

Rebecca G.
Rebecca, it has been SO much fun working with you this year! I always loved hearing all your wonderful, new ideas for the Communications Committee and the Council! Thanks for always bringing a fun-loving and outgoing nature to our meetings and conference calls! - Kayla K.

Samantha M.
Samantha, thank you for everything you've done for the Communications Committee and the Council! Thank you for always being so organized and proactive! Your dedication and hard work is apparent in everything you do - you're going to do amazing things! :) - Kayla K.
Caleb A.

Caleb A. is a 13 year 4-H member of Columbiana county. He is a committee member serving on the morale committee as well as the conference luncheon. At county level, Caleb is a camp counselor, Jr. Fair board member, and junior leader, as well as part of Health Heroes at state level. He hopes to grow as a person as well as help others grow by being a TLC member.

Caleb shares he got his start in 4-H because his mother was involved. He takes rabbits, pocket pets, and leadership projects. His favorite 4-H memory is going to camp and impacting someone’s life and inspiring them to do the same. The most important lesson he has learned through 4-H is there is nothing you can’t overcome. His proudest moment in 4-H is becoming a member. Caleb’s favorite part about 4-H is the opportunity to help younger members. His career goals include becoming a Peace Corps member and physiological analysis.

Caleb’s go-to Random Fact About Himself: “I love writing”

Sarah M.

Sarah is an 8 year 4-H member from Franklin county and is currently serving as a council member on TLC. This year on TLC, she hopes to gain new experiences.

She got her start in 4-H because her mom insisted that she join, she’s loved 4-H ever since and has become involved in camp counseling, Jr. Fair Board, and Franklin County Teen Leaders Council. Her main project focus is leadership projects.

Her proudest 4-H accomplishment is whenever she has the chance to help others through 4-H. According to Sarah, the most important lesson 4-H has taught her is the importance of putting yourself out there and trying new things. Fun fact, her favorite thing about 4-H is being able to spend time with the people she loves.

Go-to Random Fact About Herself: “I’m in choir.”
Favorite TV Show as a Kid: SpongeBob