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Looking Ahead: March

Committee Happenings

Advocacy has arranged for 10 legislators and their guests to attend the Ohio 4-H Conference!

Communications has been working on finishing the TLC blog site, which will be launched by mid-April. If you haven't sent in your member biography or photo, please do that ASAP!

Community Service is hoping to have a therapy dog booth at Ohio 4-H Conference. They are also looking into having a table at Franklin County's Walk and Serve on April 7.

Fundraising will be selling t-shirts at Conference and are working towards having a Yankee Candle sale.

Morale is busy planning games and fun activities for our next meeting!

Social Media is working on creating Snapchat filters for the Overnighter and Conference. They also have started a Pinterest account! www.pinterest.com/ohio4htlc

State Outreach has confirmed that Oklahoma 4-H will have 4 delegates at the TLC overnighter and Georgia may also have delegates present.

Updates & Announcements

TLC is having an overnighter on March 9th, where members can stay the night in the Ohio 4-H Center to prepare for the conference, play games, and eat dinner and breakfast. For the 'state' portion of our O4HC Overnighter, please make a paper with your county name, 1 non-4-H related fact, and 2 4-H related facts about your county. Each county only needs to complete one paper, even if there are multiple TLC members from that county. We hope to see you there!

The Social Media Committee will be making Line Dance Tutorials at the Overnighter – if you want to help, please wear your TLC t-shirt or 4-H shirt.

The Ohio 4-H Conference is March 10th! Remember to dress in your TLC polo with dress pants/skirt (business casual if receiving an award, doing State JFB interview, or on luncheon committee) for the conference, since you are representing Ohio 4-H. During the Conference remember to set up for the luncheon (last names A-H) during session 3 or tear down the luncheon (Last names I-Z) during session 4.

After a whole day of 4-H activities, remember to set your clocks forward one hour on March 11th.

On April 28th, 4-H members are invited to attend the LGBTQ+ Summit for Youth event at the Ohio 4-H center, which costs \$10 to attend.

TLC Committee Meeting on April 8 at 2:30 PM

Check out the t-shirts we will be selling at the Ohio 4-H Conference! You can purchase one for \$10 (\$12 for XXL) at the TLC Overnighter and at conference!



TLC Members celebrating winning a team building activity at our February Meeting



Member Biographies

Jennel B.

Jennel B. is a Committee member from Mahoning county. Jennel is also an 11 year member of 4-H and serves on this year's Advocacy committee. Besides being involved in Ohio 4-H TLC she is also involved in Health Heroes. At the county level Jennel is involved in Junior Fair board, camp counseling, CARTEENS, Junior Leaders, Fashion board and Junior Saddle Horse. Jennel got her start in 4-H simply because her siblings were involved before her. This year she hopes to gain more leadership skills. The projects she takes include: Llamas, Rabbits, Pocket pets, Horses, Chickens, Child Development, Trees, Electricity, Small engines, Fashion, Cooking, and Laundry. Her favorite 4-H memory was going to National 4-H Conference, this is also her favorite accomplishment. The most important lessons she has learned from 4-H are responsibility and acceptance. Her favorite part of 4-H is meeting new people and encouraging younger 4-H members.

Her favorite television show when she was younger was Dragon Tales. Her go-to random fact is that she ate cake backstage with Brad Paisley. Her career goals are to major in Family and Consumer Sciences.



Elise B.

Elise B. of Clermont County has been in 4-H for 10 years. She is currently a Council Member on The Ohio Teen Leadership Council. This year, she hopes to learn more about leadership. Elise also looks forward to meeting people from around the state of Ohio and create friendships. She plans to take TLC as an opportunity to break out of her comfort zone and take on challenges which will help her grow as a leader and 4-H member.

In her county, Elise is a proud member of the Junior Fair Board. Her journey through 4-H began because her family had goats, and Elise's parents thought that 4-H was the right program for her and siblings to learn important skills that would help them in the future.

Elise has a passion for projects in the areas of workforce preparation, leadership, animal science, and citizenship. She can also be found showing chickens and horses at the fair. Elise has taken gardening projects in the past as well. Her favorite 4-H memory is all the fun times she's had at the county fair; moreover, she describes her 4-H club as her second family. She enjoys the late nights, talking about what happened during the day, braiding horse's for the next day's show, and late night water fights. Elise's highlight of fair week is late night rides under the lights. (Another, less specific, memory is going to Citizenship Washington Focus this past summer.)

The most important lesson that she has learned through 4-H is to never give up, even when it gets really hard to continue. There were times during the year that Elise struggled with her horse and thought that maybe showing horses wasn't the right thing for her, but had she given up, she would have never won Grand Champion.

Through her advisors, she has learned the beginnings of parliamentary procedure and how to help everyone voice their opinions in discussion.

Her proudest 4-H accomplishment was when she went to state fair and got an outstanding of the day ribbon in her Canning and Freezing project. It was her second year in the project, and she didn't win at the county level, so Elise had a feeling she wasn't going to do very well at the state level. However, when they were announcing the names for Outstanding of the Day winners, her name was announced. She was so surprised and could not believe that she had placed that high in her project category. Another accomplishment that will stick with her for the rest of her life is from this past year: her sister allowed her to ride her horse this year at fair. She rode him in dressage and won all the classes; something that she dreamed about, not something she imagined herself doing. Winning all her classes resulted in winning Grand Champion.

Her career goals are either to become a lawyer or forensic anthropologist.



Elise B.

Council member on the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

Favorite TV Show as a Kid: "Bones"



Ohio 4-H
Conference:
March 10th

Check out these Ohio
4-H Conference related
facts!

- 4-H youth are 1.9 times more likely to get better grades in school.
- Nearly 1,500 teen and adult volunteers participate each year at the Ohio 4-H conference.
- Attendees have the opportunity to receive training in more than 125 different topics such as career exploration, risk management, camping, leadership, cake decorating, dancing, animal sciences, and much more.
- The purpose of the Ohio 4-H Conference is to bring together teens and adults from around the state to share ideas and learn about all of the exciting things 4-H has to offer!

Kendall S.

Kendall has been a Delaware County 4-H'er for the past 9 years and is currently a Council member on TLC. During her first year on TLC, Kendall hopes to gain better communication skills, long lasting friendships, and become more comfortable in public speaking.

Kendall's mother was in 4-H and got Kendall started in 4-H from an early age as a Cloverbud. Since then, Kendall has continued her 4-H career, becoming involved in Camp Counseling (her favorite 4-H memory), Jr. Fair Board, and Fair Royalty. Kendall has taken Market goats, Market & Breeding rabbits, Veterinary Science 1&2, Food & Nutrition Projects, and Entomology 1. She even received the Clock Trophy at State Fair when she was 9 years old for her Entomology 1 project, which is her proudest 4-H accomplishment.

Kendall's future career goals are rooted in 4-H, saying that "I have always wanted to be a veterinarian and 4-H has helped me decide! I want to be a large animal veterinarian, go to Ohio State University or maybe Kansas State because they have a really good Vet school. I also want to continue my career in sports! I either want to play basketball or softball in college and earn a scholarship. When I'm older and I have finished vet school, I want to start my own business and have my own veterinary clinic!"



Kendall's go-to random fact: "When I was little, I watched Nemo multiple times a day!"

Kendall's Favorite TV Show as a Kid: Zoey 101

Haylee A.

Haylee A. has been in 4-H for 6 years in Fayette County and she is currently serving as a council member. At the county level she is involved with camp counseling and Jr. Leaders. She takes horses, sheep, and hogs. This year on TLC, she hopes to learn new leadership skills, and to make new friends as a TLC member.

Haylee says she started in 4-H after it became a family thing. Her favorite 4-H memory is her first year at 4-H camp. The most important lesson 4-H has taught her is to never give up, hard work pays off. Her proudest moment in 4-H was getting an outstanding of the day with her Secretary book as well as getting second in the nutrition bowl. Haylee shares that her favorite part about 4-H is getting to spend time with friends and family along with supporting other 4-Hers with their projects. Haylee's career goal is to become a veterinarian. 4-H has helped increase her love for animals and has also given her some hands-on experiences with her brother's and her own 4-H projects,



saying, "it has given me a better appreciation for the time and effort it takes to raise and work with animals, plus it has built ever lasting relationships with people who are willing to help me obtain my goals."

Haylee's Go-to Fact About Herself: I am double jointed



Leeoria W.

Leeoria W. lives in Trumbull County. She has been in 4-H for four years. This year, Leeoria is serving as a Council member on the Ohio Teen Leadership Council and is also a part of the Conference Luncheon Ad Hoc Committee. Through TLC, she hopes to gain extensive leadership qualities and lifelong friends.

Leeoria's 4-H journey began when she moved to the country and got her first pig. Her parents were 4-H alumni, so Leeoria says it's in [her] blood." In addition to TLC, she is also involved in her county's Junior Fair Board. At the county level, Leeoria takes swine and dairy projects.

Leeoria's favorite 4-H memory was being crowned the 2017 Trumbull County 4-H Royalty Court Queen, saying "It was one of the best days of my life and showed that my hard work finally paid off."

"The most important lesson I have learned [in 4-H] is you have to work as a team to get things accomplished."

"My proudest accomplishment is getting my adult PQA certification so I can help with our local carcass competition and teach quality assurance to 4h and FFA members."

Leeoria's favorite part about 4-H and the fair is showing her pigs and hanging out with senior fair board members. Leeoria plans to own her own packing plant and work for an extension office in the future.

Favorite TV show as a kid: Hannah Montana

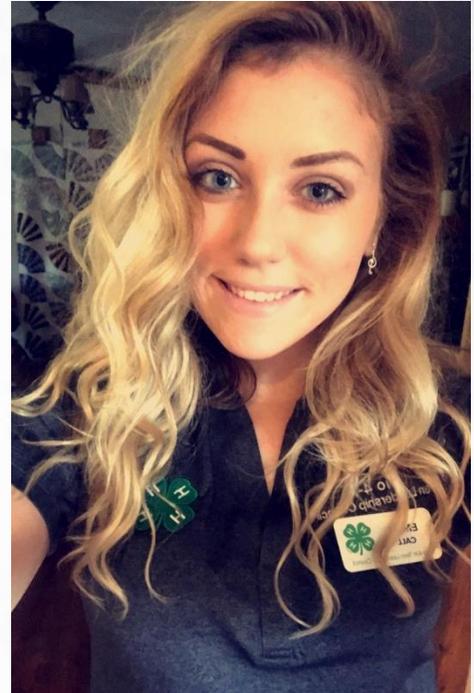
Go-to fact: "My name is Leeoria as in 'lee-or-a' and everyone pronounces it wrong."

Emily C.

Emily C. has been in 4-H for 9 years in Jackson county. She is a member of the community service committee as well as on the Ohio State Fair Booth planning committee. At the county level she is a camp counselor, Jr. Fair Board member, and Jr. Leader. Emily takes photography, cooking, shooting sports, rabbits, and breeding/market goat projects. She hopes to gain more friends, memorable experiences, promote 4-H as well as help the community as a TLC member.

Emily got her start in 4-H when she was 8, wanting to better connect with her step-dad and his dad who were both major figures in her community for agriculture. Her favorite 4-H memory is attending Citizenship Washington Focus during the 4th of July. The most important lesson she has learned is to embrace the mistakes that you make and learn from them to better improve yourself. Her proudest moment as a 4-H member is being selected to attend Citizenship Washington Focus. Her favorite part of 4-H is the friends she's made and the things she's gotten to experience. "I've made memories that I know will last a lifetime." Emily's career goal is to become a county 4-H extension agent or work at state-level 4-H, "Without my experiences in 4-H and agriculture, I would have had no clue what I would have wanted to do with my life.

Fun Fact: She will be attending the University of Tennessee in Fall 2018 for agricultural extension and education.



McKinley F.

Hi! I'm McKinley F. and I'm from Scioto County! I have been in 4-H for 8 years and I am currently serving as a Council member on the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council. This year on TLC, I hope to expand my knowledge of statewide (and nationwide) 4-H through this amazing opportunity, meet new people from various counties, and become even more involved in spreading the word about 4-H as a whole from my experiences within this program. From this, I hope to branch out and attend more events, such as the SRTLTC, and volunteer with other groups that are close to me personally, such as OMK.

At the county level, I am also involved in Camp Counseling, Jr. Fair Board, Junior Leaders; in addition, I take projects in Market and breeding rabbits, market steers and feeder heifers, creative writing, and breeding goats.

I didn't come from an agriculturally-centered family. My parents are both in the medical field and extremely indoor-oriented, so as a child, and even today, I felt like the "black sheep" of my home. I never really involved myself in sports, either, so I wasn't really sure what I would be good at or what activities I would enjoy participating in. When I was around nine years old, my cousin introduced me to her 4-H club, and instantly, I fell in love. She was semi-involved at the county level, but never really moved farther than the county show ring. I began my career in 4-H simply keeping two rabbits at her house, and then, eventually, convincing my parents to keep them at my own house. I then began to expand, showing meat rabbits, doe and litters, and making connections as I went. Through the friends I made, I was able to purchase my first large animal: a Chianina/Angus crossbred steer that I kept on a friend's farm. Once again, I fell in love with this new experience. I won showmanship in both of my species, and then moved on to win Showman of Showman in my first year of eligibility. I'm so grateful for all of the amazing people in 4-H, and hope to only continue excelling my involvement in the program.

My favorite 4-H memory is kind of a dual-memory, but they go together. This past year, at my county fair, it was the evening of the beef show. Keep in mind, this was only my second year showing cattle, and first year showing a full-sized steer. Also, I met my boyfriend through 4-H, and his sister had been crowned queen earlier that week; they are extremely involved in the program, so inevitably, his whole family came to watch me show my steer. I washed, dried, and applied adhesive to him, and though he was smaller-framed, he looked good. Really good. I signed up for showmanship, knowing I wouldn't place well, and ended up winning my weight class! Though he didn't win reserve or grand, we moved on to showmanship, my age division beginning the competition. I had already won the rabbit showmanship, so I was eligible for competition in Showman of Showmen, but I still gave it my all. I made sure everything was perfect, all the time, and was genuinely surprised when I didn't get booted out at the end of the first drive. When the judge began announcing winners, and strolled over to my corner, I smiled so graciously and shook his hand with all the excitement I could muster, him slapping my steer with that grand champion pride, hearing my boyfriend's mom yell my name with pride from the audience. I took the plaque, nearly crying because it was so unexpected, and practically ran out of the ring, my steer galloping behind me. My boyfriend and everyone who had come to see us hugged both of us, and we were simply enthralled. That was the best night of my 4-H career.

Through 4-H, I've learned that sometimes, friendships are truly stronger than family bonds. The bonds I've found within this program are the strongest I've ever witnessed, with friends who would do anything to ensure my happiness and progress in life. It's genuinely the greatest thing I've found, people who have been there through every rough patch in my life, and who share common interests with me that I otherwise cannot find in my family life.

My favorite part about the fair is, without a doubt, showing. Getting ready for show day, putting on that glitzy belt, my show boots, braiding my hair, and getting the animals prepared, is just the greatest feeling. With only about five minutes in the ring to exhibit everything you've worked for for 6+ months, showing is an art. You have to move with unfaltering grace, attention, and elegance, combining you and your animal as one being. You must be a team. I've lost showmanship before, simply because my steer and I lacked teamwork; it's a much larger deal than people realize. You have to know every tendency of your animal, every move and every fault, as well as the textbook information, such as anatomy or the minerals he is fed. Showing is so exhilarating to me, and I'd give anything to be able to do it long after I age out of 4-H.

When I graduate from high school, I hope to pursue an Agribusiness degree from Purdue University, as a member of their collegiate 4-H and various agricultural clubs. I then hope to work at the orchard in which I currently basically live on, run by my boyfriend's family. There's just something about managing, growing, and selling the food that feeds our community is so fulfilling to me, and 4-H has definitely had an impact on that. I would not be anywhere I am today without the involvement of 4-H in my life.



Favorite TV show as a kid:
SpongeBob SquarePants

Go-to fact: Despite my strong interest in agriculture, I actually love crime and government. I wanted to be a detective or prosecutor when I was younger.

Treva H.

Treva H., from Muskingum County, has been in 4-H for nine years and is a member of the Morale Committee. On TLC this year, she hopes to gain leadership skills and to meet new 4-H friends.

Treva got her start in 4-H when her aunt started a 4-H club with Treva's sisters and she attended the meetings as a guest even when she was too young to be a cloverbud. At the county level, she is involved with

Camp Counseling, Jr. Fair Board, and Junior Leaders. (Fun fact, Treva attended Leadership Washington Focus!) Project-wise, Treva takes numerous projects, including Cake Decorating, Pocket Pets, Market Ducks, Market Geese, Market Chickens, Market Ducks, Market Goat, Dual Purpose Chickens, and Bantam Fancy Chickens.

4-H has taught her that there is no limit to what you can succeed in life; moreover, her proudest 4-H accomplishment is when she won 2016 Non Market Poultry Exhibitor. Her favorite part of 4-H is meeting new people who will become her lifelong friends. Treva hopes to be an accountant and says that 4-H has taught her how to manage money and finances.

Go-to Random Fact about Herself: "I am on the Cross Country, Swim, Archery, and Track teams."



February's Community Service Project: Columbus Humane Society



Members made dog toys out of fleece for an animal shelter in Columbus as a Community Service Project. In addition, members also collected & donated much needed pet supplies to the same Columbus Animal Shelter. – From our February Meeting

Warm & Fuzzies

Communications Committee

You guys have worked so hard this entire year and I am beyond proud of all of your hard work! Can't wait to unveil the TLC blog with you guys! – Kayla K.

Cecilia M.

Never a dull moment when Cecilia is in the room – Carson F.

Zola, Kayla's Dog

What a cutie! xo – The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

Natalee B.

The amount of effort you put in the state board is easily noticed – Carson F.

Hannah Epley & Kayla Oberstadt

Happy belated birthday!! – The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

Laura W.

Laura is better than sliced bread. lol. Laura is a very passionate person who strives to bring out the best in others. – Carson F.

Morale Committee

You all do such an amazing job each and every meeting! Thank you for always having something new, fun, and exciting at each meeting! – Kayla K.

Grant S.

Grant S. is a four-year 4-H member from Fairfield County. He is currently a council member on the Ohio Teen Leadership Council. He looks forward to gaining new opportunities this year. In addition to TLC, Grant is active in his county's Junior Leaders and Camp Counseling. He got started in 4-H because he knew a family that was heavily involved in it and convinced him to try it. Grant takes several miscellaneous projects relating to woodworking, art, photography, and electric. Grant says his favorite 4-H memory is "This past year at 4-H camp we had a camper that had passed out because they were dehydrated and I happened to have a 64 ounce water bottle and I think in like 30 minutes I filled that up 3 times and I got to get to know the camper better and that was really cool."

The most important lesson he's learned is to "Stick with it. Pick something and stick with it." His proudest 4-H accomplishment is "being in 4-H." His favorite part of 4-H is the community. His career goal "...is to be an architect and either do house or ...landscaping architecture."

Favorite TV show as a kid: "This Old House."

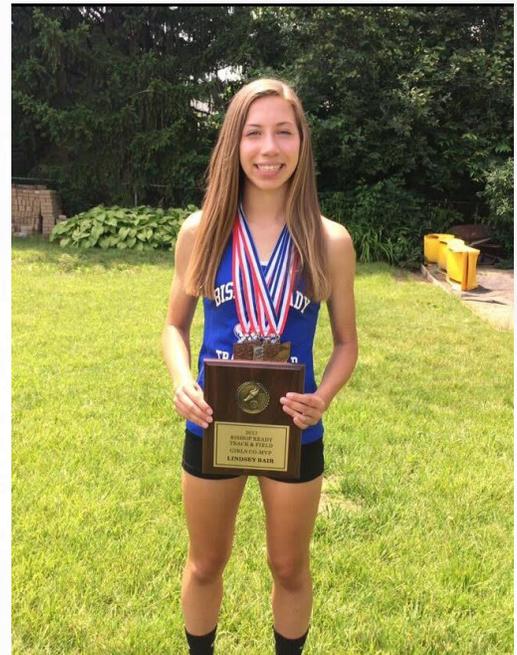
Go-to random fact: "I am a gymnast."



Lindsey B.

Lindsey B. is a 7 year 4-H member of Franklin county. She is a committee member serving on the communications committee. At the county level she is a camp counselor as well as a Jr. Fair board member. She takes a variety of natural resource projects including beekeeping, fishing, and forestry. Her goals as a TLC member include making statewide connections and to help better 4-H.

Lindsey shares how she joined 4-H, "I used to go to the county fair when I was little and wanted to win ribbons like all the 4-H participants". Her favorite 4-H memory is attending Leadership Washington Focus where she got to meet people from all over the country. The most important lesson 4-H has taught Lindsey is how to be outgoing. Her proudest 4-H accomplishment is going to state fair with public speaking. Her favorite part of 4-H is meeting new people. Lindsey wanted to go into business, 4-H has helped shape this goal by giving her the opportunity to meet new people and practice promoting different club, county, and state events.



Fun Fact: I once ate a whole 6ft roll of Hubba Bubba bubble gum.