4-H Youth Development

Lake County Overnight Camp at Camp Whitewood was June 8-12 and hosted 82 campers and youth camp counselors led by Camp Director and 4-H Educator Lisa Sicliano-Miller. Youth enjoyed daily swimming, boating, shooting sports, nature activities, crafts and in the evening fun activities around the theme Party in the USA! Campers participated a USA Olympic relay race through out camp, and a USA music themed dance off. Youth unplugged and had fun while doing it!

The Lake County 4-H Saddle Horse program put on a 2 Day Horse Clinic at the Lake County Fairgrounds. There were saddle horse skill-based activities for youth of all ages and abilities. Youth also participated in learning about the 4-H history, 4-H fun facts, program expectations and youth opportunities. Youth also enjoyed participating in some healthy competition with some recreational activities. Fun and learning all wrapped into one event! What more could you ask for?!

The Lake County 4-H program partnered with the Lake County Agricultural Society Inc. (Lake County Fair) to put on one of the most successful fairs in 159 years. Youth competed and displayed projects they worked on all year long in the areas of livestock, saddle horse, small animal, shooting sports and a variety of non animal projects such as photography, stem, cake decorating, gardening and food & nutrition (just to name a few). Youth also received awards, all during the week of fair July 27-August 1st.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Lake County Extension was awarded a $46,000 grant from Ohio Children’s Trust Fund, administered by UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Injury Prevention Dept., to offer Child abuse prevention parent programs to Lake County families. This summer the FCS Educators Sandra Allison and Lisa Siciliano-Miller provided weekly sessions to six partner organizations.

This year, Lake County FCS will participate in the Ohio Approved Early Childhood Education training, including delivering training in gold standard select course of instruction for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential for Early Childhood Educators. The Credential is administered by the Council for Professional Recognition, a leader in the credentialing of early childhood educators worldwide. Trainings are approved through. The Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association. This summer Lake County FCS participated in the OSU FCS Early Childhood team development of trauma informed care training for Early Childhood Care and Education providers for approval with OCCRA.

Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. d.b.a. Project Hope for the Homeless And Lake County FCS have entered an MOU for the purpose of providing job preparation, search, interviewing, goals, soft skills, time management and related topics in order to prepare persons experiencing homelessness for gainful employment.
Community Development/ Sea Grant

We all know and love the scarlet and gray, but what about green? Being more sustainable can at times seem like a daunting task, but it is simple. To help you learn more about protecting the environment, reducing your waste, and leading a more sustainable life, the Ohio State University Extension Sustainability Committee developed short videos and tips sheets designed to make your life easier and waste free. These videos and tips sheets, as well as county specific waste management information, can be found at https://go.osu.edu/lake-county-going-green

Agriculture and Natural Resources

ODA Promotes Vaccinations Among Agricultural Workers.

Organized by Thomas deHaas of OSU Extension, Lake County the Lake County General Health District, Ohio Department of Health, and Lake County nurseries combined efforts to hold COVID vaccination clinics at multiple locations in spring of 2021. Every nursery worker was provided the opportunity to receive COVID vaccines. Around 75% of workers took advantage of the opportunity. In mobile clinics, the nursing staff was outstanding and the interpreter was helpful in making the clinic run smoothly. At these efficient mobile clinics, there was minimal loss of labor to the nursery operations and very little travel time for workers. Several nursery owners expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to protect their workers.

Attached is a video created by the Ohio Department of Agriculture using Lake County nurseries and employees to promote vaccinations to other workers across the country. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPSrgdXHepk

Success Story

Makenna Sladky was excited for her last year as a 4-H youth. She had done equine for the last 5 years and was most excited about taking her horse to the State Fair, which she had qualified for. When her horse became lame and she was not able to take him to our Lake County Fair and most importantly Ohio State Fair, her dreams were shattered. Makenna did not let that stop her in pursuing her dream. She decided to enter a photography project (you guessed it, with pictures of her horse). She entered her project and took first place in Lake County 4-H project judging, Photography Basics. This qualified her to compete at the state fair with her photography project. She then went on to take 1st place in her class, Photography Basics at the Ohio State Fair. Makenna is an example of hard work and perseverance. She took an unfortunate and uncontrollable situation and looked for other ways to make her last year memorable. By using those transferable skills learned in 4-H and “Making the Best Better” she made her last year a true a success story!

Other “first” accomplishments Makenna made her last year in 4-H were; being a camp counselor for Lake County’s 4-H Camp at Camp Whitewood, applying for and becoming an Outstanding Youth and taking a lamb project to Lake County Fair. What a great year Makenna!!!