



Ohio State University Extension, Hancock County PROGRAM UPDATE Summer 2009



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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Hancock County Master Gardener activity has included: 2400 hours of volunteer time recorded for 2008. Volunteer awards were presented at the 2009 recognition banquet. Educational sessions provided at a 3-day Leisure Living Show; Hancock County Library; Monthly WFIN Phone Club; Educational Programs at the Hancock County Fair, and horticultural hotline. Conducted a diagnostic station at five different garden centers. Demonstration and research garden projects included a phenology project, tomato trials, and annual/perennial comparison. Graduated 10 new Master Gardener Volunteers.
- 70 farms participated in the 2009 Pesticide Recertification Program. This three-hour seminar provides the required qualifications for agricultural producers to renew their pesticide license.
- Nearly 240 people attended the 2009 Farmer’s Share Breakfast held on National Agriculture Day. The admission for the sponsored breakfast was only \$3 to emulate the share the farmer receives. The event was conducted by the AgriBusiness Committee of Greater Findlay Inc. The fourth class for the Hancock Ag Hall of Fame was inducted.
- Nearly 900 people attended the two-day Conservation Tillage and Technology Conference held at Ohio Northern University. Seventy different sessions, with nearly 75 speakers, provided information on agricultural precision technology, crop management strategies, soil & water conservation, and crop nutrient management. Gary Wilson, Extension Educator Hancock County, served as co-chair of the event.
- Over 300 people attended the 2009 Hancock Livestock Banquets which included Sheep, Beef, and Dairy Banquets.
- Presented research on “Summer Annuals for Forages and Cover Crops” to CTC Conference, American Forage & Grassland Council, and National Association of County Agriculture Agents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Three 4-H members completed the 4-H county government project.
- 300 people were screened with the Derma Scan at 2 health fairs.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Over 600 youth and adults participated in Be Healthy Now. 571 persons attended the 12 educational programs offered. 177 persons lost 1,486 pounds.
- Over 75 youth and adults received instruction on nutrition and food safety at 7 sessions.
- 20 adults participated in the Dining with Diabetes program.
- 17 adults participated in “Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?”
- 351 students from 5 schools participated in the Real Money, Real World program.
- Participated in 3 health fairs with nutrition displays and derma scan, reaching 650 students and adults.
- 12 child care providers received 5 hours of instruction at 2 core training sessions.

MONEY COUNT\$

- 854 7th and 8th graders at 3 Findlay Middle Schools received instruction on financial management issues at an average of five sessions.
- 118 individuals were enrolled in classes and workshops.
- 65 adults participated in various Hancock SAVES activities.
- 18 IDA participants gained increased knowledge and skills in money management.
- 5 Habitat for Humanity families participated in money management classes.
- There are 550 Hancock Savers.
- Nine individual consultations were given on money management.
- 351 students from 5 local high schools participated in Real Money, Real World simulations.
- 23 people were involved in the golf outing fundraiser for Hancock SAVES.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Teen Leadership Programming

- Eleven teens attended the third annual Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Conference. Teens attended sessions throughout the day to develop skills in leadership, specific project areas, collaboration, and share ideas with teens from other counties. Many of the teens said they learned things that can be put to use in our county program.
- Seven teens participated in State trips (Buckeye Leadership Workshop, Citizenship Washington Focus, State Leadership Camp, and Carving New Ideas Workshop)
- State Achievement Award Winners included Alexandra McGrain, Ashley Siferd, Kelsey Bryan, Andrea Mitchell, Mikayla Brown
- One teen has been selected to serve on the State 4-H Fashion Board and one to serve as a State 4-H Ambassador.
- Forty teens participate in the Hancock Co. Jr. Leadership Club, developing leadership skills as they “Learn by Doing”.
- Thirty teens, selected as camp counselors and counselors-in-training for Jr. Camp, are developing skills in areas of leadership, communication, responsibility, decision-making and critical thinking through training sessions. Twenty-four hours of training is being conducted as well as 6 hours on-site, and CPR/First Aid.

Volunteers

- Twelve adults were screened and interviewed for positions of club advisors. Orientations were completed and materials and training were provided to assist them working with young people.
- Background checks were conducted on all new volunteers, as well as camp staff.

Endowment

- The 2009 Hancock County 4-H Endowment Dinner/Auction was conducted on April 11th. Over \$14,000 was donated through the dinner and auction. This brings our principle total to over \$161,000. A committee planned and provided leadership to this event. The 4-H program receives a check each September for over \$8,000, which is the interest from our Endowment Fund.

Grants

- Vision Preschool Screening – team of three adults and three teens trained to conduct preschool vision screenings. Five have been completed with at least 6 more being planned.
- Camp Counselor Work-base Grant – Counselor training as part of workforce preparation.