

Bryan Briggs

Bryan is the son of Rick and Lisa Briggs of Troy Township. He is a 2011 Berkshire High School graduate. While at Berkshire, Bryan was a 5-year member of the marching band and concert band. He is a 10-year member of Auburn Swine 4-H Club, being president for two years, and a 3-year member of Breeders and Feeders. During his 4-H career he has held many positions in his clubs, including Health Officer and Environmental Officer. Bryan has served on the Junior Fairboard and is a past president. He is a 4-H camp counselor and has done many volunteer hours with the Geauga Park District and the Department on Aging. This fall he is attending OSU ATI studying beef and sheep management.

Rick Loveland, Jr.

Over the past eight years, my involvement in Geauga County 4-H, Junior Fair, Junior Leaders and Junior Fairboard, and my 4-H club Little Porkers has shaped me to become a strong leader in my community, and helped me to become more responsible. I have been influenced to take on numerous leadership positions such as president of Little Porkers, President of my class, Vice President of Student Council, Editor of Ledgemont's yearbook and newspaper, Teen Institute Youth Staff, LAB Alumni Representative, and Relay for Life Team captain. I've also joined many leadership oriented programs and organizations such as National Honor Society, HOBY (a youth leadership conference), Project Love, Teens Against Bullying, and Envirothon. I'm a senior at Ledgemont High School and am part of the Varsity Football and Wrestling teams. I have raised swine for eight years, turkeys for 3 years and ducks for 2 years through Little Porkers. I feel incredibly honored to be nominated for Junior Fair King from my club. Junior Fair has allowed me to network with other 4-H members and build new relationships. I've created many new friendships and will create even more this year. Being the Great Geauga County Fair King has been a dream of mine since I was 9 years old, and I hope this experience enables me to further my involvement in my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Sam Sharpnack

Sam is a senior at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School and is the son of Linton and Patricia Sharpnack of Claridon. He is an active member of Geauga Caprine Kids, having served as President, Vice President, and is currently their treasurer. He has received Gold Medal Awards for poultry, goats, leadership, and achievement and has also received the Ambassador of 4-H award. He is a member of Junior Leaders and Junior Fairboard and is a camp counselor. Sam is active in Spanish Club at NDCL and is a member of the track and cross-country teams, and has been a member of the football team. He hopes to join the military after graduation from college.

Tom Somrack

Tom lives in Newbury with his parents, Larry and Colletta, is 16 years old and currently a Junior at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin High School. Tom is very active in his high school, serving on the Campus Revitalization Task Force and being involved in St. Joseph of Arimathea Pall Bearer Society. Tom is also active at St. Helen's Church. There he is involved in the Ross Group, cooking for spiritual retreats, and serving on the altar. Tom is also very involved in the community, being a member of Boy Scout Troop 99 in Newbury. He is a Life Scout and working on his Eagle Scout badge by coordinating a project at the Geauga County Fairgrounds. Tom is an active member of several 4-H clubs: Flockmasters, Granny's Kids, Junior Leaders, and Plantmasters, along with his activities on Junior Fairboard and being a 4-H camp counselor at Camp Whitewood. Tom attended HOBY, a youth leadership conference, in the spring of 2011. He is a volunteer for Leadership Geauga. Tom runs a farmer's market as well as shadows a veterinarian in hopes of pursuing a career in agriculture.

Sarah Anderson

Sarah is the daughter of Rick and Wendy Anderson. She is 18 years old and a graduate of Cardinal High School where she participated in Cardinaires for four years, the school musical for 4 years, holding 3 supporting roles, 2 years of varsity soccer, and 2 years in National Honor Society. She also spent the year as a Post Secondary Education student at Kent State. Sarah has been involved in 4-H for 11 years, raising rabbits, ducks, turkeys, goats, and pigs. She is also a 3-year member of Junior Fairboard and was a member of Junior Leaders. In the fall Sarah is attending the University of Findlay to pursue degrees in Animal Science and pre-vet medicine, specializing in large animals. While pursuing her dreams, Sarah hopes to remain involved with 4-H as an advisor, as her experience with 4-H is what inspired her to chase her own dream.

Elise Bruening

Elise is a senior at Madison High School and lives in Montville Township. She has been a member in several 4-H organizations for the past 12 years and has taken swine, dairy, and poultry projects to the Great Geauga County Fair. She has held the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Health, and Safety officer in these clubs and has been the recipient of a Gold Medal Award for Leadership and one for Achievement. She is also a member of the Geauga County Junior Leaders 4-H Club and is a counselor at Camp Whitewood. She is actively involved in a wide variety of high school organizations including Math Club, Student Council, Prom Committee, and National Honor Society where she holds the office of President. Elise has varsity-lettered in track, volleyball, and soccer. She represented her high school at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference at Mount Union University. Following the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Elise co-chaired a fundraiser which raised over \$1,100.00 dollars for the orphans of Haiti and, most recently, she organized and completed a six-day 325-mile fundraising bicycle journey from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Washington, DC and raised over \$16,000.00 for Honor Flight Cleveland and our World War II veterans. She will be attending Lake Erie College as a post-secondary student where she plans to get a head start on her goal of completing the Physician's Assistant Masters degree program.

Kelsey Rumburg

Kelsey has been in 4-H for 10 years. She is the current President of her two 4-H clubs, Geauga Beef & Swine and All Cooped Up. Over the years, she has shown breeding beef, breeding sheep, pack goats, cavies, and poultry. Last year she completed and won the All Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes. Kelsey is also the current Vice President of Junior Fairboard, and treasurer of Junior Leaders. She has been a camp counselor for two years. Kelsey resides in Hambden Township with her parents, Ed and MaryBeth, and her many animals. She is a senior at Chardon High School and a full-time student at Lakeland Community College. She is a recent graduate of the Leadership Geauga Youth Program. From her Junior Fair experiences she has learned to make the best better each and every day.

Ashley Winters

Ashley is 17 years old and a senior at Chardon High School, where, as a junior, she was an office assistant and a student tutor. This year she is a family consumer science teach assistant. She lives with her parents, Tom and Debbie Winters, and her sister, Leigh, in Hambden Township. As a youth, she has been involved in many clubs and organizations and has been very active in volunteering and community service work. She is the President of the Geauga County Junior Leaders 4-H Club and Braided-n-Banded Horse 4-H Club. Ashley has been a member of Geauga Horse & Pony Association for 10 years and represents them on Junior Fairboard. She is also a member of National Honor Society, Symphonic Band, the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, Northern Ohio Quarter Horse Association, and Northeastern Ohio Horseman's Association. She has shown her quarter horse at all levels of competition. Ashley has been a volunteer visitor and made holiday gifts and cards for the Geauga County Home residents and has helped organize, collect, and wrap gifts for special families in Geauga County through Job and Family Services. She hopes to pursue a career in the medical field or animal science program at the University of Findlay after graduation.