

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
HANCOCK COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H**

The leading cause of death among young people ages 5-14 is unintentional injury/accidents (Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013). After reviewing these numbers, Hancock County 4-H decided to take action for our youth. The Extension Service received a grant from the Progressive Agriculture Foundation to conduct a local safety day. The day-long program was designed to teach 4th grade students the importance of safety awareness and to help them make informed decisions around their homes and rural community. The Safety Day was a collaborative effort between 4-H, local EMS, fire departments, electric cooperatives, law enforcement, KY Cancer program, local farmers, Indiana Natural Resources Service, implement companies, Corps of Engineers, and FFA. Topics included ATV safety, water safety, fire safety, electrical safety, sun safety, meth lab awareness, grain bin safety, and lawn mower safety. In a written evaluation of 204 students, all increased their knowledge of safety. More specifically:

- 91% learned it is law for them to wear a life jacket in a boat under the age of 16
- 96% learned the hazards of grain bins and will not climb into one
- 93% learned only 1 person should ride on a mower
- 92% learned it is not safe to be an extra rider on tractors/farm equipment
- 95% learned and can recognize a suspected meth lab and will not touch it

This safety day allowed all the county's 4th grade students to learn about safety, be aware of their surroundings, and also that their community came together for the day because their community values them.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **Hancock County 4-H** can:

- Help sponsor a youth for 4-H Camp (4-H Camp is the largest 4-H program in the county and also has more campers than any other organization in our community, with nearly a hundred each summer.)
- Help purchase 4-H project workshop supplies such as birdhouses or pop-can lamp kits
- Help sponsor club activities and projects

