

Happy New Year! Starting off 2024 with some chilly temps and snow! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are gearing up for a new 4-H season! We have some great news to share - we have a new office team member! Please stop by and introduce yourself to Sue Cheney, our new Office Associate! Sue joined our team January 8th. We are happy to have her on board!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emily or I at any time. We are here to help answer any questions.

Looking forward to another wonderful year!

Clover Strong!
Erin and Emily

4-H Open House

January 31, 2024, at the Extension office from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Looking for clubs to set up a table that will highlight your club. Please let us know if your club can attend and set up a table. Please invite new families and friends to attend. We need your help to spread the word in the community!

Online Safety and Security Workshop

On January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office we are having US Secret Service Agent Brian Phillips come in and speak with parents and youth who are 14 and older. He will be sharing helpful tips to keep you and your family safe. We live in a world of high tech and need to know how to be safe.

Learn More: https://buckeyemailosu-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/simpson-sloan_1_osu_edu/EclfAbsQjB9EgOpDyg_NoQEByiw75dM7zAb-VHTYW4k0_w?e=C8d4Nx

Please use the link above to see the program flyer. Or check it out on Facebook. Click the link in the flyer or scan the QR code to sign up today to attend this meeting.

Enrollment is Open!

www.V2.4honline.com is the link to enroll in 4-H. Please list all projects that you would like to take to the fair. Please update information that might have changed in the past year. Advisors, you will need to enroll, as well.

4-H Promo Week is March 3-9, 2024

Please help and spread the word about 4-H! Each day there is a fun thing to do, to help promote 4-H. Once you complete the activity, email a photo and caption to Emily at masters.25@osu.edu She will post it to our 4-H Facebook page!

**Sunday March 3rd Photo of projects! Highlight all that you do, to show others what is available!*

**Monday March 4th Wear a 4-H shirt, ask your friends to wear one with you, and capture a group photo!*

**Tuesday March 5th Design on sidewalk a promo chalk art, be creative!*

**Wednesday March 6th Send a video message that talks about your projects and what you've learned and how it possibly put you on your career path!*

**Thursday March 7th "I can do it, I can do both." This is a good one!!! Let folks know how you can do sports, work, and be involved in 4-H all at the same time. Just doing a little time management! 4-H youth are excellent at that!*

**Friday March 8th Talk with a new member and have them attend a 4-H meeting!*

Book orders

As you are starting to look at project books for the new year, book orders will be placed on **Wednesday** of each week. Please be looking at the Family Guide and seeing what projects you would like to take.

Horseless Horse UPDATE!

It is recommended and encouraged for members taking this project to read the Beginning Horse Management Project Book (#174). A Horseless Horse Project Book (#173) is available for your reference, however that book will not be used as part of Judging, for 2024. For more information, please contact the Jr. Fair Board Adult Advisor Tena Collier. 513-706-3847

New Officer Team for JFB

Congratulations to our new 2024 Jr. Fair Board Officer Team!

President, Emma Puckett

Vice President, Morgan Sloan

Secretary, Daniela Gomes

Community Service: Lucy Smith, Jake Allgeier, Sarah Watson

Fundraising: Carly Betz, Scott Toth, Erin Lowenstein, Aimee Mikulich, Emily Steinke

Calling all Graduating Seniors

Please submit a Sr. photo by May 1st. We are going to put a banner together of all of our graduating seniors. It will be hung in the Special Interest Barn during the week of the fair. Please email the photos to Cheney.145@osu.edu Please put in subject line Sr. Photo!

Scholarships Information

Graduating Seniors: if you are planning to attend a college, university, or trade school please consider filling out a scholarship application. Click on this link below to read the guidelines of the scholarships and their due dates.

<https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-opportunities>

County Report Forms

March 1st. Any member can fill this form out once they have completed one project judging year. Please bring the form into the office or red box on or before March 1st. Please do not email them.

<https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ohio-4-h-achievement-record>

Quality Assurance

Anyone who will be taking a market animal to the County Fair this year must attend one Quality Assurance program. All programs will be at the Fairgrounds starting at 6:00 p.m. Please come early to sign in.

Stock the Trailer & Quality Assurance

We are doing the Farm Credit Food Drive challenge again this year. Butler County did well, as we took 3rd place. So, we are going to challenge our members again this year to help bring in canned goods. ****We are asking each member when attending Quality Assurance, to bring in 3 canned goods, or a family can bring in a case of water.**

Drop off your items when you sign in.

Monday, February 5, 2024

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mandatory Advisor Updates/Trainings

Reminder to all advisors that we will be holding our advisor updates meetings. At this point, you should have signed up to attend one of the training sessions.

Dates for trainings are:

January 22, 2024, 6:00p.m.

January 30, 2024, 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

February 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Please have any new advisor attend one of these meeting and bring a completed application. New Advisor Packet <https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisorclub-information> must be completed and returned to our office. Also, enter your profile into the 4-H Online system as a club volunteer.

Mark these important dates on your calendar:

January 22, 2024, All Advisor Update
January 25, 2024, Online Safety & Security Info. and Camp Counselor meeting
January 30, 2024, All Advisor Update
February 2-3, 2024, Camp Counselor Retreat
February 5, 2024, QA program at Fairgrounds
February 7, 2024, Jr. Fair Board meeting
February 8, 2024, All Advisor Update
February 19, 2024, Horse Advisor meeting
February 20, 2024, 4-H Committee meeting
February 21, 2024, CARTEENS program
February 28, 2024, QA program at Fairgrounds

March 1, 2024, County Achievement Forms Due
March 3-8, 2024, 4-H Promo Event Week
March 5, 2024, QA program at Fairgrounds
March 12, 2024, Jr., and Sr. Fair Board meeting
March 18, 2024, Horse Advisor meeting
March 19, 2024, 4-H Committee meeting
March 20, 2024, CARTEENS program
Mach 28, 2024 Camp Counselors meeting