

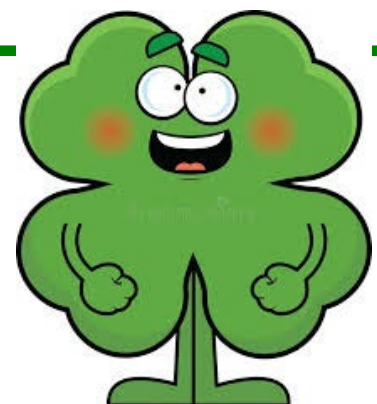
4-H News & Important Information

February 25, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

It was brought to our attention that 4-H is turning 120 years old this year. Happy Birthday to 4-H! A.B. Graham was the founder of the 4-H organization. On January 19, 1902, Graham held the first meeting of the Boys and Girls Agriculture Club, also known as an "experiment club," in the basement of a building in Springfield, Ohio. By 1905, there were over 2,000 youth, within sixteen counties, partaking in similar programs to that of the "original" Agricultural Club. Graham wanted to give the boys that were interested the basic knowledge in farm work on an elementary learning level. But, for the girls, they learned the essential facts of domestic economy. Mr. Graham was looking ahead and seeing what great things 4-H was doing and was seeing what the future could hold for these members. Look now at what 4-H is all about! Back then it was all about livestock and farming, and now there are more than 200 projects to choose from! Rockets, woodworking, money management, scrapbooking and many, many more. Help celebrate this milestone this year, and let folks know how amazing 4-H was then and today.

-Erin



County Achievement Report Form

March 1st is just around the corner. Please be working on your **4-H Achievement Record** form. This form is a great way to keep record of all the activities you have accomplished in the 4-H program. There are so many great awards that you can receive by completing this form. For example, Washington D.C. Leadership Camp, Space Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, Department Awards, Scholarships, and many more. Please contact Erin at simpson-sloan.1@osu.edu if you have any questions.

The Talawanda FFA Chapter is holding a program to help our club members and advisors learn more about how to run an efficient meeting. Do you know how to make a motion? Do you know how to call a meeting to order? Well, this is the perfect event to come to and learn the basic tips to run a meeting. Please hold the date of March 3, 2022, from 6 pm to 8 pm. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details.

ATTENTION 4-H
MEMBERS AND ADVISORS
– YOU WILL NEED TO
ENROLL USING YOUR
FAMILY EMAIL AND
PASSWORD AT

WWW.V2.4HONLINE.COM

**THE ENROLLMENT
DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2022,
FOR ALL MEMBERS AND
ADVISORS.**

4-H Book Orders are
placed every Friday here at
the office. Don't delay
ordering your books. Get
an early jump start on
some of your projects.



Quality Assurance

As a reminder, if you are planning to show and sell a market animal at the Butler County Fair you must attend a QA program.

- March 17, 2022, at 6:30 PM location at the Butler County Fairgrounds (in-person)
- March 22, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Butler County Fairgrounds (in-person)
- April 27, 2022, at 6:30 PM at the Butler County Fairgrounds (in-person)

Please register for a QA program with the following link:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eb02E1jSkecl2Lc

2022 Flower Sale

Yes, it has been a very cold winter but each day we are a day closer to spring and we will be outside enjoying the warm spring air and the flowers. YES, flowers, the flower sale is in the works. Click [here](#) and you will be able to see all the information about the sale. This is a great fundraiser for your club. Order forms are due to the office on April 5, 2022. Flower pick-up is on May 6, 2022, at the Fairgrounds. Contact Erin Simpson-Sloan for more details



MARKET GOAT TAG IN WILL BE ON MAY 13, 2022, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AND MAY 14, 2022, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST WEIGHT RECORDING FOR BORN AND RAISED AND THE RATE OF GAIN CONTEST. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE NIEDERMAN AT 513-673-3897 .

HOLD THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR SUMMER CAMPS!! WE ARE READY FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!!

- **CLOVERBUD CAMP** JUNE 1 AND 2, 2022 AT THE OSU EXTENSION, BUTLER COUNTY OFFICE
- **SEWING CAMP** JUNE 14-16, 2022, AT THE OSU EXTENSION, BUTLER COUNTY OFFICE
- **4-H CAMP** JUNE 21-25, 2022, CAMP GRAHAM

EACH YEAR WE HAVE A GROW THE BIGGEST CABBAGE CONTEST AT THE FAIR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE LOG INTO 4-H ONLINE TO REGISTER. THERE WILL BE A DRIVE THRU TO PICK UP YOUR CABBAGE PLANTS ON APRIL 14, 2022, FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM AT THE OSU EXTENSION, BUTLER COUNTY OFFICE. DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER, PLANTS ARE LIMITED.

Did you know that Butler County has a new Livestock Judging Team? This team will focus on cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and plans to participate at a few contest events within the state. The next meeting is February 27, 2022, at 3 pm at the Extension Office. There is a farm visit, with more information coming out soon. If interested, please contact Crystal Beneker at 513-910-8932 or crbeneker@aol.com

A **4-H Open House** for Butler County is set for March 4, 2022, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If your club would like to set up a club display, please let Erin know ASAP. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. We hope that you can join us - as well as, share the flyer out to all of your friends and on social media. 4-H is not just about cows and chickens - there are so many other projects the youth can do and might even lead them into a good career path!

Cloverbud FUN Saturday happens once a month for all our Cloverbuds that are age 5 and in Kindergarten to 8 years old. This program is designed to light the “spark” within the Cloverbuds. Please see the dates listed below for the programs. During the winter months we will be on Zoom and once spring is here, we will meet at the office. The program is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. During the program, the youth will be doing a craft, as well as, a literature component. All projects will be highlighted during the week of the county fair.

- March 5, 2022 - Luck of the Clover (Zoom)
- April 2, 2022 - Goodbye Snow, Hello Spring (Zoom)
- May 5, 2022 – (Thursday) theme TBA (In-person)

NEW for 2022

ALL livestock skill-a-thons will be done before the fair. We have a new system for the skill-a-thon contest. Please hold the date of July 21, 2022, to come to the multi-purpose building at the fairgrounds. We will be using I-pads to take the test. More information on the time and the order of the skill-a-thon will be announced.

Please note that the Non-Livestock Skill-a-thons will still be on their regular judging day.

CALLING all Graduating Seniors

Don't miss out on some wonderful scholarships that are being offered to any Senior that will be attending a college, university, or trade school. Please read the details for each scholarship. All applications are due April 1, 2022, to the OSU Extension office. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help offset expenses such as books, tuition, gas to and from school, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Erin and she will be able to help you out. A list of scholarships can be found in this newsletter.

The Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Department is holding an Open House on March 7, 2022, to give you more details about all the FCS projects that are available. Come and learn more about this department and their projects such as Money Management, Your First Home Away from Home, sewing, cooking, and many more. Please join us on March 7, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Call to all 4-H members! Did you exhibit a project at the Butler County Fair in 2021? Or in years' past? If so, we need YOU!

A cool, new grassroots campaign called "4-H Promo On the Go" is underway to promote Butler County 4-H! March is prime recruiting season, and we want to share all the goodness the Clover brings to all of our lives - with our friends, neighbors, and classmates! Here's how the campaign works:

- 1) Email Emily Kahrs to get on the list Kahrs.7@osu.edu
- 2) Emily will email you back a short letter, to give to your teacher.
- 3) When you give the letter to your teacher, also explain that you would like to do a short "show and tell" in the classroom in which you will bring in your 4-H project and share it with the class.
- 4) Tell Emily what date you and your teacher have selected, and either she or Erin will meet you at school to assist in the presentation! (Erin and/or Emily will bring flyers and other 4-H resource information.)
- 5) We will post your photo on Facebook in appreciation of your help recruiting for 4-H!

Let's fill the month of March with a lot of class presentations and FUN!
Let's start today!!!



Happy Birthday to 4-H! This year is an exciting year for the 4-H program as we turn 120 years old. WOW - let's do some celebrating this year with the T-Shirt Contest, the Thank You Card Contest, Hay Bale Contest, and the Community Garden in front the barns. Let's be creative and see how we can promote a special birthday year. Thank you cards and T-shirt contest will need to be turned in by April 1st to the Extension Office. Remember, if your club is interested in either the Hay Bale or Community Garden, please turn in your form ASAP to hold a spot!



Congratulations to the newly elected Butler
County 4-H Committee, for 2022!

President - Jackie Ponder
Vice President - Mary Jo Little
Secretary - Janice Davis
Treasurer - David Shepherd
Assistant Treasurer - Amy Bonham



Committee members:

Mary Colgate	Ben Mignery
Erica Copeland	Lori Newport
Theresa Davis	Elizabeth Pence
Margo Garver	Mark Phair
Sherri Green	Laura Puckett
Felicia McBee	Simone Vessel
William Reams, youth member	

The Sheep Department is making changes to the tag-in this year. They will do it the same as the Goat Department. There will be a mandatory tag-in on May 14th from 6 pm-8 pm, and May 15th from 10 am-1 pm at the Fairgrounds in the Goat Barn. They are doing this to a.) streamline the weigh-ins at fair and b.) for all of the born and raised sheep to be eligible for the Grand and Reserve Supreme Champion Overall Market Lambs.

4-H Promo week will be March 7-March 11, 2022. We are doing something fun this year - a 4-H Candy Land game. We are encouraging everyone to print a form (found on the next page) and do the different activities. Take a photo of you doing the activities, and send them to Emily Kahrs... Kahrs.7@osu.edu She will post them on our 4-H Facebook page. If you know of any new families who would like to join the fun and participate in the activities, please print the form. Turn in your 4-H Candy Land form to the extension office by March 14th for a big drawing!

Seeking 4-H Alumni -- we are looking for your story to share! Let others know about how 4-H has led to the adult you are today. Please participate no matter what county or state you participated in 4-H. Please share this with other 4-H Alumni who you know. Email your story (with your name and what you are doing now) and two pictures (one with a 4-H project and one current) to Simpson-sloan.1@osu.edu. Please email your story by June 1, 2022.

Start



Find a 4H member



Once completed email

Maya Kidd: Kiddm2013@gmail.com

and Vika Bonham: Vikabella1@icloud.com with

a picture of your completed board.

You will be entered to win a prize



What has been your favorite 4H project or what would your favorite project be?

A video sharing why you and others should join 4H today or why did you join 4H?

Don't give up, try harder.



Video of you saying the 4H pledge and 4H motto

Find something that reminds you of the County Fair

Wear something green today

Find someone who shows livestock

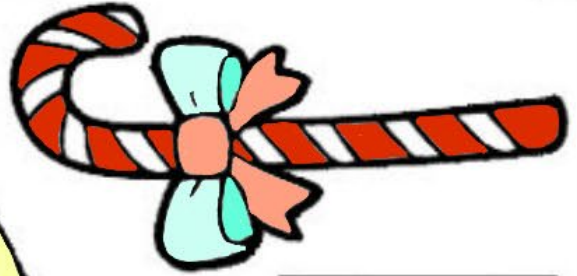
Find someone who takes a family consumer science project and/or a special interest project to the fair

ANY QUESTIONS?

Email: Simpson.Sloan.1@osu.edu

Text: 513-594-9506 - Erin Simpson-Sloan

 **Take a picture**



Decorate your car to promote 4H

Clean your environment
Ex. pick up trash

Eat something green
Ex. broccoli



Display a 4H yard decoration

Promote 4H at your school

Finish

Bring to OSU ext. office
or mail to office
Address: 1802 Princeton Rd



Growing up in Indiana 4-H - Syracuse Helping Hands was full of adventure and learning. Being very involved with 8-10 projects on a yearly basis and an animal project kept our whole family on our toes. 4-H allowed me some great places/experiences, and I met many great lifelong friends like Memphis, TN for 4-H National Congress, Washington Citizenship Focus trip, and many years as a 4-H Camp counselor. I learned how to put my best foot forward, be confident, and how to speak in front of a crowd!! I can't imagine growing up any other way!!



Janice Davis
Secretary
Butler County 4-H Committee

LOOK AHEAD!

March 2022 Outlook

March 1	Achievement Record Due	
March 3	Parliamentary Procedure Workshop	6:00 pm
March 4	4-H Open House	6:30 pm
March 5	Cloverbud FUN Saturday (Zoom)	10:00 am
March 5	Sew & Go – Device Stand	9:00 am
March 7	FCS Department Open House	6:30 pm
March 8	Jr. Fair Board & Barn Superintendents Meeting	6:00 pm
March 9	CARTEENS	6:00 pm
March 12	Ohio Volunteer Conference, Columbus, OH	
March 15	Butler County 4-H Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
March 17	QA Program – Butler County Fairgrounds	6:30 pm
March 19	Sew & Go – Zipper Bag	9:00 am
March 21	Horse Advisors Meeting	7:00 pm
March 22	QA Program – Butler County Fairgrounds	6:30 pm
March 23	CARTEENS	6:00 pm
March 24	Camp Counselors Meeting	6:00 pm
March 26	Camp Counselors Meeting	9:00 am

April 2022 Outlook

April 1	Scholarship Applications Due	
April 1	Thank You Card & T-Shirt Contest Due	
April 2	Cloverbud FUN Saturday (Zoom)	10:00 am
April 5	Flower Sale Order Forms Due	
April 6	CARTEENS	6:00 pm
April 14	Cabbage Contest – Pick Up Plants	6:00 pm
April 14	Jr. Fair Board & Barn Superintendents Meeting	7:00 pm
April 18	Horse Advisors Meeting	7:00 pm
April 19	Butler County 4-H Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
April 20	CARTEENS	6:00 pm
April 27	QA Program – Butler County Fairgrounds	6:30 pm
April 28	Camp Counselors Meeting	6:00 pm

We are very proud of a recent achievement by the Vice President of the Butler County 4-H Committee, Mary Jo Little. Mary Jo was awarded the Director's Award for Innovation and Excellence at the Ohio Fair Managers Convention, in January.



She was selected for dutifully adopting reliability, innovation, dedication, hard work, and embracing the challenge of new ideas at the Butler County Fair. These actions maintain Ohio's strong fair tradition, while reflecting proudly on agriculture's importance to the state. Well done, Mary Jo!



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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Butler County Township Trustee Association Scholarship Due April 1st

Amount: no amount listed yet

Who is it for?

- A current Ohio 4-H member living within Butler County
- Must not have previously received the scholarship award for which they applied
- Must have at least achieved the "academic rank" of "senior" in high school

Application Requirements:

- Completed **application form**, signed by member, parent, and advisor
- A current **transcript** of grades
- A one-page **letter of support** from your academic advisor, guidance counselor, teacher, community leader, or employer
- A two-page, single-sided, double-spaced **personal 4-H story** that shares how 4-H contributed to your personal development, leadership skills, and career plans
- A **one-page essay** that talks about the township you live in or township Trustees as a whole
- You **MUST** submit **4 copies** of all materials
- Refer to application for additional details on formatting and requirements

Rork Award Due April 1st

Amount: Two \$100 scholarships

Who is it for?

- High school senior

or

- Person in post-secondary training who is still in 4-H

Application Requirements:

- **Cover page** containing: Full name, post-secondary plans, 4-H Club, email address, phone number
- **One-page Essay** explaining the 4-H program 4-H to an audience who knows nothing about 4-H
 - Single-sided
 - Arial 12-pt font
 - Maintain anonymity: Do not reveal your name, club name, or advisor's name.



Gary Meyers Memorial Scholarship Due April 1st

Amount: One \$500 Scholarship

Who is it for?

- High school senior
or
- Person in post-secondary training who is still in 4-H

Application Requirements:

- **Cover page** containing: Full name, post-secondary plans, 4-H Club, email address, phone number and a list of livestock projects you have shown
- One-page **500 word Essay** "What do you see are the opportunities and/or challenges facing the dairy/beef industry today?"
- Double-spaced, Arial 12-pt font

Gurgol Family Horse Scholarship Due April 1st

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Who is it for?

- Current Members of an Ohio 4-H Horse Club
 - Graduating Senior pursuing higher education by:
 - Commuting to a local college/university
- or
- Taking an online accredited program from home

Application Requirements:

- **Cover Page** containing: full name, club name, email address, and phone number
- **Application**, stapled in upper right corner, cover page attached
 - All questions answered
 - Type limit: Arial 11 point font with $\frac{1}{2}$ " left and right margins
- Copy of **acceptance letter** from school (or schools if still deciding)
- One-page **letter of recommendation** from a 4-H Advisor, Teacher, Counselor, etc.

4-H OPEN HOUSE



When: Friday, March 4, 2022

Where: OSU Extension, Butler County
1802 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH 45011

Hours: 6 pm – 7:30 pm

COME AND LEARN ALL ABOUT 4-H!

What is 4-H? 4-H is a non-formal educational youth development program offered to individuals from ages 5 to 19. Among all the fun things to learn about in 4-H are animals, computers, public speaking, cooking, art, gardening, natural sciences, and much, much more!

No matter what you select or how you participate, all 4-H programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences that stimulate lifelong learning of values and skills.

If you have any questions or seek further information, please contact the OSU Extension, Butler County Office at 513-887-3722.





Location: OSU Extension, Butler County, 1802 Princeton Road, Hamilton, OH 45011



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CALLING ALL BUTLER COUNTY 4-H CLUBS!

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WORKSHOP

*Develop leadership skills, enhance your
knowledge of parliamentary law, and learn
methods to effectively run a proper meeting
to take back to your 4-H Club!*

**THURSDAY | MARCH 3
6:00PM - 8:00PM |
BUTLER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

Welcome to all Butler County 4-Hers, beneficial for club officers and leaders! Learn the ropes of presenting items of business, moving and passing motions, and running an efficient 4-H meeting!

Please RSVP to anna.moelleretalawanda.org with your club name how many members will be attending.





RAFFLEMANIA

BUTLER COUNTY MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, March 26, 2022

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Seating and Preview starts at 6:15

NEW LOCATION!!!!

Kade's Cove Yacht Club

4979 Kennedy Camp Rd

Trenton Oh 45011

BIDDING PADDLES \$2.00 EACH.

SPECIAL FREE ITEMS TO BE THROWN IN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

*****Split the Pot Raffle** - tickets are sold \$1.00 Each or 6 for \$5.00.***

RAFFLEMANIA features products from the following companies.....

- **Elegant Expressions** (theme baskets & small appliances)
- **Mystery Boxes** (gift cards \$10-\$25, Cash \$10-\$25, etc)
- **Toys & More** (variety of toys for children of all ages and more)
- **Brenda's Creations** (theme baskets)
- **Purses and More**
- **Pampered Chef**
- **Pick a Piggy** (cash)
- **Tastefully Simple**
- **Avon & homemade peanut fudge** (yum yum!)
- **Custom Creations by Roger** (wood decor)

Bring your friends and family and come have some fun!

Snack bar available. Lots of **FREE Door Prizes given away!**

RSVP by Friday, November 5th to Lori Ross @ loriross@fuse.net or Judy @ 513-594-4845 (cell) to reserve the best seats. You can also reserve your lucky paddle number. WALK-INS WELCOME!

PLEASE – NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS