

4-H News & Important Information

May 27, 2022

Hello 4-H Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. So hard to think your kiddos are out of school and summer is here!!! Bobby Eastham was one of our horse advisors and he would keep the reminder of how close we are to move-in day at the fair. So, we are about 7 weeks away from move-in day. WOW!! If you have not started working on your project books, please get started now. This newsletter is a big one. Please make sure you read it through as there is a lot of information and dates to put on your calendar. As you are working with your projects, we like to hear some great stories. 4-H is about learning and as you are working on these projects you are learning so many great life lessons. Share with us some of those funny stories. Summer camps are just around the corner. We have all our camps full this year and we are super excited to be back! Learning Skills and Making Friends to Last a Lifetime. Attending camp is a great way for youth to make new friends and make new memories.

Fun quote for today - 4-H For-Now to Learn Skills For-Later!

- Erin

A 4-H Advisor Update meeting will be held on June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm. This meeting is to help answer questions you might be having from your members in your club. Our plan is to make sure you are ready for the fair as well as after the fair. 4-H doesn't stop after the county fair. We are still moving strong with a lot of other great activities, and we don't want anyone to miss out.

The OSU Extension, Butler County office will be closed on June 20, 2022, in observance of Juneteenth. Our office will be short staffed the remainder of the week – June 21st through 24th – due to programming out of the office. If you are planning to stop in the office, please call ahead at 513-887-3722, option #1 to see if we are in. As always, you are welcome to drop off anything in the "Red Box" outside our office.

Be thinking about the 4-H Demonstration Contest. You can do it individually or as a team using technology or not using technology. This contest is held during the week of the Fair on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Click here for the registration form. Registration is due by July 1st

Attention Senior members that are taking a Goat project to the Fair, please click on this <u>link</u> for information regarding the Butler County Meat Goat Association Scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Felicia McBee at 513-567-3874.

BIGGEST CABBAGE CONTEST - BRING IN YOUR HOME-GROWN CABBAGE TO THE FARM ZONE ON SUNDAY JULY 24TH FROM 10 AM TO NOON. WHEN YOU BRING YOUR CABBAGE INTO THE FARM ZONE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR OUTER LEAVES ARE REMOVED AND WASHED GOOD. AFTER THE JUDGING IS COMPLETED, ALL THE CABBAGE ARE DONATED TO A LOCAL PANTRY.

Skillathons for 2022 - All livestock skillathons will be done prefair. Please hold the date of July 21, 2022 to do <u>ALL</u> livestock skillathons (Dairy, Beef, Horse, Sheep, Goat, Dog, Chicken, Rabbit, Swine). These skillathons only will be done on an I-pad. More information will be included in the newsletter as we get closer to the July date.

Shopping Bag & Bake-In Contest

Sign up by July 1, 2022, for the Shopping Bag and Bake-In Contest. Both events are held at the Fairgrounds during the week of the fair. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for registration link.

The Bake-In Contest has three age levels for the youth to sign up for. Each age group has its own recipe and skill level to practice. You will be preparing a dish in front of a judge and setting up a display to highlight your dish. This contest takes place on Thursday, July 28, 2022.





The Shopping Bag Contest is a contest where you are learning to be a smart shopper. This event is held Monday, July 25, 2022. This event is open to members that are age eight and in the third grade to the age of 18. You will be looking at different scenarios and put the items in order based on questions.

Special Interest Judging will take place on July 19, 2022 and July 20, 2022. Once again, we will be sending out an email for you to select your judging time. Please keep a look out for more information around the end of June. Just a reminder as you are working on your project for judging, you will need to have a completed project book, a 22 x 28 poster size and an item to have on display.

FCS Clothing and Related projects will be judged on Monday, July 18, 2022. Please have your garment on a hanger with your completed project book and accessory items to go with your outfit. For FCS Related projects, you will need to have a completed project book, a 22 X 28 poster, and an item to have on display.

You will be able to find guidelines for both Special interest and FCS Guidelines here.

Project Judging Information - please keep an eye on your email as we will be sending you an email asking if you are still taking the projects you signed up for on April 1st. Once we get your responses, another email will be sent out where you will be able to select your judging time. The email will be sent to the email that is listed in our system. Livestock projects will not be getting an email as you folks will need to turn in your animal entry form to the Fair Office.

4-H Promo T-Shirts for sale - Congratulations to Ian Scharfenberg for designing this year's 4-H promo T-shirt. Stop by the office and purchase your shirt today for only \$10.00. Help us promote 4-H by wearing this year when you are out and about.

Pullorum testing and Rabbit tattooing will be held on Monday, July 19, 2022, at the picnic shelter located at the Fairgrounds. John and Brian Schomaker will be there from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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.

Beautify the Butler County Fairgrounds by designing a container garden flower bed in front of the barns. Have your club members come up with a design by using different plants in different objects throughout the garden bed. Members will need to make sure the plants are watered each day as it is hot in the month of July. Flower beds must be completed by July 23, 2022. Judging will take place on Saturday July 23, 2022. Awards will be given out Sunday during the special interest awards program. The registration form can be found here.

Do not forget about the Haybale Contest! It is fast approaching! The Haybale Contest is where the youth can be creative by using either a round bale or a square bale. The decorated haybales will be placed all around the fairgrounds. The judging for this event takes place Saturday, July 23, 2022. Turn in your reservations by July 1st to reserve your spot. Find more details here.

Animal and Me program!! We are seeking 4-H and FFA members that have animals that are well managed to work with folks that have special needs. This Animal and Me program is designed to allow youth and/or adults have the opportunity to "have a day in the ring". This program gives these folks a chance to work with a mentor (you) in learning how to care for an animal and to show it. You and your participant will be able to "show" off your project on Friday, July 29, 2022. If you know anyone that might have a 4-H or FFA animal that is well managed to be able to participate in this program, please fill out the form located here by June 1st. We are looking for rabbits, goats, sheep, and miniature horse. Any questions, please contact Erin Simpson-Sloan.

Wristbands

Keep an eye out for the dates and times. This information will be listed in the Fair book.

Senior Highlight

in a photo and short write up of what you did in 4-H and what your plans are after graduation to simpson-sloan.1@osu.edu

The Winning 4-H Plan is an accommodation for youth with a disability taking 4-H Projects. This form must be completed by the parent/guardian and turned into the Extension office by July 1, 2022. Please click here for the form.

The King and Queen and Department Queen Application deadline is fast approaching. Forms are due on June 1st at the Extension Office. Please click <u>here</u> to print out your application. Each contestant must be 16 to 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. **Please** note the date on the application of July 22, 2022 for the contest has been changed to July 13, 2022.

Cloverbud Contest- Cloverbud Veggiefruit Car Event

This year, Cloverbuds will be able to participate in a veggiefruit Car Event. The race will take place at the Swine barn at the fairgrounds. Cloverbuds will bring their completed car and spare parts/repair parts to participate in the event. The car will need to run at least 2 heats. Bring chairs and watch the race! This year, the event will take place on Wednesday, July 27th at 12:30 pm. Check in time will be at 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm.

Enrollment deadline is July 1st – Enroll by logging into your 4-H Online account and choose Events. You will see VeggieFruit Car Race.

Awards will be given out after the heat races. The following awards will be presented:

- People's Choice
- Best Name/Theme
- Most Creative
- Highest number of veggies and fruits used in construction
- Most Unique
- Most Imaginative use of colors
- Most creative wheels

After the event we would love to have your Cloverbud display their car in the Special Interest Barn for all to see until Saturday July 30.

Rules for VeggieFruit car:

- 1. Cars are only to be made out of vegetables and fruits, only axels and wheels can be made out of wood if desired.
- 2. No metal or plastic allowed
- 3. At least 3 different types of vegetables/fruits must be used in construction.
- 4. Car should be no more than 10" Wide by 12" Long, no height restrictions.
- 5. Car needs to have a theme or name, use your imagination and be creative, the possibilities are endless!

COMING SOON - Fair Books for sale at the Extension Office!! We will notify you by posting on our Facebook pages and website when the fair books are available. Supplies are limited. If you are interested in purchasing a Fair Book that has been printed, please stop by the Extension Office on Princeton Road to pick up your Fair Book. The cost of the Fair Book is \$10.00. All proceeds will go back to the 4-H program.

Barnyard Rodeo will be held again this year on Friday, July 29th next to the Small Animal barn. This is a morning of FUN after a week of hard work. Please keep an eye out for a flyer of all the games and activity.





Doug and Holly Fritz have lived in Butler County their entire lives. They were both in 4-H and showed horses. Both of their children, Natalee and DJ are in 4-H and show in the livestock department.



So many great things to highlight this month!

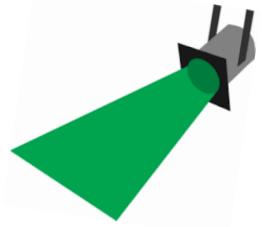
- Congratulations to all members that attended and received an Honors Night Award based on completing an Achievement Record. Many awards were given and a big Thank You to all our donors in making this possible
- We had an amazing flower sale fundraiser. Thank You to the clubs that participated. Spring has finally arrived, and it is the perfect time for planting flowers.
- Congratulations to all the FFA Chapters in Butler County on their year of accomplishments.











Butler County 4-H Senior Spotlight - Maya Kidd

Maya has been an active 4-H member for the past 10 years. She has participated in various components of the program. Over the years, she has taken Family and Consumer Science, Special Interest and Livestock projects. She has also been a camp counselor and a youth representative on the 4-H Committee. Currently, she serves as the President of the Jr. Fair Board, is a member of Clover Leaders, and is a CARTEENS youth presenter. This year she was chosen to represent Ohio 4-H at the 4-H National Congress in the area of CARTEENS. In addition, Maya is honored to serve as the 2021 Butler County Fair Queen and the 2022 Ohio Fairs' Queen. She looks forward to representing Butler County as she travels this year across the state of Ohio to various county and independent fairs and fulfilling the duties of the Ohio Fairs' Queen.

This upcoming fall, Maya will attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon (MVNU), Ohio where she'll major in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. She looks forward to becoming a licensed Speech Pathologist and serving the deaf and hearing-impaired community. Furthermore, she is looking forward to being a member of MVNU's Women's Track Team for this upcoming year.

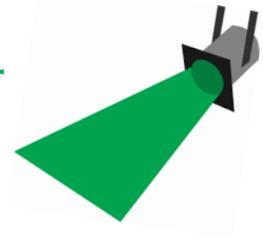
Maya is grateful for the many friends, memories, and experiences that she has made through 4-H.While she is sad to see her 4-H career come to a close, she plans to remain involved as a mentor to her younger siblings and 4-H members.



Congratulations Maya!



The Butler County Premier Livestock 4-H Club visited the Liberty Twp. Fire Station 112 recently to learn about fire safety and their equipment. Jon Meyer, a former 4-H parent, and his crew went above and beyond.











The Milford Mini Farmers 4-H Club created homemade Easter cards, framed the photo below and delivered them to Woodland Country Manor to show the residents their hearts were missing them and their annual in-person community service event that they have there.





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LOOK AHEAD!

May 2022 Outlook

May 30	Memorial Day – Office Closed	
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June 2022 Outlook

June 1 – 2	Cloverbud Camp	
June 8	Advisor Mid-Year Update	6:00 pm
June 11	Rocket FUN Match - Fairgrounds	11:00 am
June 11	Animal and Me Orientation – Fairgrounds	10:00 am
June 11	Animal Entry Forms Due at Fairgrounds	
June 14 – 16	Sewing Camp	
June 20	Juneteenth – Office Closed	
June 20	Horse Advisors Meeting	7:00 pm
June 21 – 25	4-H Camp at Camp Graham	

July 2022 Outlook

July 4	Independence Day – Office Closed	
July 9	Cloverbud FUN Saturday	9:00 – 10:00 am
July 13	King & Queen/Department Queen Contest & Interviews	
July 15	Township Trustee Golf Outing – Walden Pond	
July 18	FCS and FCS Related Judging	
July 19	Pocket Pet Judging (Pullorum Testing/Rabbits Tattooing)	
July 19 & 20	Special Interest Judging	
July 21	Livestock Skillathons	
July 23	Move-In Day at the Fair	

Butler County Extension 4-H Camps 2022

NEW! -Online registration for 4-H camps using in 3 easy steps:

- 1. Scan the QR code using a cell phone
- 2. Complete the online registration form
- 3. Send camp fees payable to: OSU Extension

Mail or drop off fees to: 1802 Princeton Road

Hamilton, OH 45011

Camp Fees Due by May 20

Camp Graham Fee Due by: May 20 **4-H Camp Graham - June 21-25:** This is a traditional overnight camp located in Clarksville Ohio. Campers will have 3 full days of fun activities and sleep overnight in cabins. This camp is designed for youth age 8-13. Camp fee is \$160 for 4-H members and \$175 for non-members or late registrations.



Cloverbud Camp Fee Due by:

May 20

Cloverbud Camp - June 1 & 2: Held each day from 9am-3pm this is camp full of crafts, games, and fun for youth age 5-8. Camp is held at the OSU Extension Office at 1802 Princeton Road. Cloverbud camp fee is \$40 for 4-H members, \$50 for non-members or late registrations.



Sewing Camp Fee Due by: May 20 **Sewing Camp - June 14-16:** This day camp is for anyone age 8+ wanting to learn to sew or to improve their sewing skills. This is a day camp held at the OSU Extension Office at 1802 Princeton Road. Sewing camp fee is \$45 for 4-H members, \$55 for non-members or late registrations.



Rocket FUN Match

Are you taking a Rocket as a 4-H project this year or are you just interested in learning more about Rockets? Mark Ponder, Butler County 4-H advisor, is holding a Fun Match on June 11, 2022 at the Butler County Fairgrounds. The <u>Viking</u> Rocket <u>MUST</u> be used. Rockets can be purchased from the extension office or through Mark Ponder for \$5. This includes 1 engine. If you bring your own <u>Viking</u> rocket, there is a \$1 charge for the engine.

Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete however if they attend with a rocket, they will be able to launch and will be given a rocket as special prize.

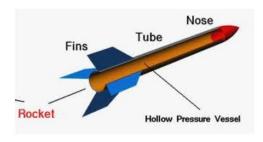




Questions:

Mark Ponder 513-304-8944

Jackie Ponder 513-284-6461



When: June 11, 2022 Time:11:00 am Where: Butler County Fairgrounds Who: Open to ages 5 -18

Awards will be done after the last rocket is launched. Please show up at 11 am



BAKE-IN CONTEST

Just like on TV, you'll bake LIVE in front of judges during this contest

RECIPES ARE SELECTED BY THE FCS COMMITTEE. FIND MORE DETAILS AND THE SIGN UP FORM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



Sign up by JULY 1
Contest is Thursday of Fair Week



Shopping is all about making choices. During this contest you'll be given shopping scenarios and then choose the best option from a selection. Just like in real life, shopping for the best choice can be tricky. No special skills are needed.

Contest FREE and open to ages 8+.
Sign up today!

Use the QR code to use the online sign up form



CONTEST IS DURING THE FAIR ON MONDAY



Show #1:

Judged by Corey Billups - Greenup, Kentucky Showmanship First Youth Jackpot Market Show (Grand and Reserve cash payout) ABGA Show following

Show #2:

Judged by Jesse Kimmel - Avilla, Indiana Comerical Doe Show (non-registered) ABGA Show following



Show Secretary Lori Ross @ (513) 720-1390 | Jackie Ponder @ (513) 284-6461 email: bcgmaohio@gmail.com

4-H AND FFA BARN DANCE JULY 28th

THURSDAY EVENING
IN THE

SALE BARN

GOAT/SHEEP SHOW RING



Poster Contest

Do you know a child that is interested in art?
Butler SWCD is hosting the local poster contest with
the theme:

"Healthy Soil: Healthy Life"

Contest Rules:

- Any media may be used paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- Poster size must be NO LAREGER THAN 11" x 17", as we must scan in all winning entries to send forward in the competition.
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- The title "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life" must be on your poster!
- Each entry must have signed entry form to be eligible for judging.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parent or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their own writing and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.

Who Can Participate?

The poster contest is open to all students in grades K-12.

Age Categories:

 $K-1^{st}$ Grade $2^{nd}-3^{rd}$ Grade $4^{th}-6^{th}$ Grade $7^{th}-9$ Grade $10^{th}-12^{th}$ Grade

Judging Guidelines:

Posters are judged on the following criteria

- Conservation
 Message, correct
 theme (50 %)
- Visual Effectiveness (30%)
- Originality (10%)
- Universal Appeal (10%)

Deadline: Entries must be received by **June 1, 2022** at the Butler SWCD office.

Mail To: Entries must include the entry form (see last page of this document) and be mailed to **Butler SWCD**, **1802 Princeton Rd**, **Hamilton**, **OH 45011**. Posters sent straight to the State or National contest will NOT be judged. They must first be received by the local SWCD office.

If you are not from Butler County, please check with your local SWCD office to see if they are hosting this contest.

Entry Form: All posters must have the National entry form securely attached to be included in the contest. The form is on the back of this paper.

Winners: Butler SWCD will pick winners to represent each grade band to the State Competition. The State will pick winners and send to the National Competition. Butler County has had several state winners in the past!

Prizes: The grade level band winners that are sent on to the state contest will win a prize from the Butler SWCD and may be in the running to win a prize from the State and possibly National contest.



4-H Capital Day

Brought to you by:

Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council

WHEN: Wednesday,

June 15, 2022

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WHO: 4-H Members in

Current Grades 9-12

COST: \$10.00

REGISTRATION BY JUNE 6

go.osu.edu/4Hcapital



Thanks to the Ohio 4-H Foundation for their support of this event!

Ohio 4-H Capital Day is a one-day event for 4-H youth to discover the endless possibilities that come along with civic engagement, one of National 4-H's four main program areas. Youth attendants will join discussions covering current issues youth face, learn about advocacy, gain an understanding of the legislative process, and have the opportunity to meet with individuals involved with State Government. Speakers will also be invited to share their experiences of working in numerous government sectors and non-profit organizations throughout the state and country. Additionally, 4-H youth will be able to discover career paths relating to advocacy and civil service, and explore college majors relating to their fields of interest.

Contact Information: Kayla Oberstadt, oberstadt.1@osu.edu



