

February Newsletter

We have made it through February and can't complain with the unseasonably mild temperatures! 4-H clubs are in full gear (or close to being in full gear) as we are looking forward to a new program year! A BIG thank you to the clubs that participated in our 4-H Open House! We had an overwhelming attendance sharing 4-H with new families. Please continue to share, and invite families to check out your clubs!

Enrollment is DUE APRIL 1ST Don't wait - enroll today!!!

www.V2.4honline.com is the enrollment link. Please list all projects you would like to take to the fair and 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 spread the word about 4-H! Each day, there is a fun activity 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, and you could win awards that will be given out at Honor's Night!

**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 with sidewalk chalk something creative pertaining to 4-H, and take a photo! Be creative!*

**Wednesday, March 6th: Record 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 want to take.

Online Safety and Security Workshop

On April 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office we are having US Secret Service Agent Brian Phillips come back and share helpful tips to keep you and your family safe. We will be sharing helpful tips on how to stay safe!

Learn More: <https://sloan1.osu.edu/Ed>

Sorry this program had to be cancelled. New date will be coming out soon.

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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 program.

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 info please contact the Jr. Fair Board Adult Advisor Tena Collier. 513-706-3847

Goat Raffle Mania- March 23, 2024, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the OSU Extension Office.

*Bidding paddles are \$2.00 each

*Split the Pot Raffle- Tickets

Swine Breeding list for Born Raised- If you are looking for a local swine breeder, you can contact the OSU Butler County Extension Office for a list.

Market Goat NEWS!!

ALL JR FAIR MARKET GOATS (Boer & Dairy) MUST be tagged in on **Friday, May 10th** from 6pm-8pm, OR on Saturday, May 11th from 10am-12pm at the fairgrounds. Scrapie tags must already be on the animal and must come from the producer. (Butler County Born and Raised rate of gain contest weigh-ins will also be taking place at these times for anyone wishing to participate.)

Exhibitor DOES NOT need to be present, however, every market animal must be tagged in at one of the dates and times stated previously.

Animals that are NOT tagged and on record WILL NOT be permitted to be exhibited and sold at the Butler County Fair.

Quality Assurance & Stock the Trailer

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.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024, is going to be a program that will help those first year members and families know what to bring to the fair. It will still be a regular QA program but more information to help those first-year families.

Animal and Me program is looking for mentors who would be willing to work with mentees who are differently-abled. Mentors will show them how to care and work with the animal, during the summer. Friday of fair week, mentors and mentees will have a “day in the ring” together. Please use the link to sign up. <https://butler.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/animal-and-me-program>

Winter Sew and Go: Mark your calendar for March 2, 2024, to learn how to make a pillowcase. This program will be teaching you the basic skill of sewing, reading a pattern, knowing the parts of the machine, cutting, and putting together a finished pillowcase. Space is limited, so click on this link to register now.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_733g3W0F9BiKSb4

Outlook:

February:

28th QA at Fairgrounds at 6:30p.m.

March:

3-9th 4-H promo week

5th QA at Fairgrounds at 6:30p.m

9th Ohio Volunteer and Teen Conference, Columbus OH

12th Jr. Fair Board meeting

18th Horse Advisors meeting 7:00p.m.

19th 4-H Committee meeting

20th CARTEENS

28th Camp Counselor meeting 6:00p.m.



Clover SPOTLIGHT _____

The Mystical Makers 4-H Club collected donations to make chili soup and took it to the Millville Firehouse for the men and women there, to enjoy a nice dinner!

