Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

It's a busy time at the OSU Extension Office. Ashley and I have been very busy entering all of our 2016 enrollment information and are happy to welcome quite a few new families and members to the Holmes County 4-H family.

As summer quickly approaches, don’t miss out on opportunities to attend camps and clinics. The 4-H experience is strongly dependent on the opportunities that are taken advantage of. Make the most of your year while growing through many learning experiences!

Happy Spring!

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REMINDER! Gilts & Barrows Allowed in the Market Hog Contest

The Swine Committee and Senior Fair Board have approved the inclusion of gilts in the Holmes County Fair Market Hog Show and Sale. Please remember that the Market Hog Sale is a terminal sale, meaning that ALL hogs will be slaughtered. All Swine will have to provide own waterer for fair. Nipple waterer will not be provided.

Update! Goat Horn Policies Will Not Be Changing

The Senior Fair Board has voted against proposed changes in the goat horn policy. All market goats, dairy goats, and pygmy goats “Must have horns removed. No scurs over 1 inch long.”

Pictures for Market Livestock Sale, Submit Your Own Picture!

You are now expected to submit your own photo of you and your Market Livestock Project. Here are the Details:

⇒ 4” x 6” color photo.
⇒ Horizontal orientation, example:
⇒ Photo includes both the member and their Market Livestock Project.
⇒ Photo should be taken near Fair time, so the size of the animal(s) is close to Fair size.
⇒ Member’s name, club/chapter, and project included in email.
⇒ Due to HCLivestockphotos@gmail.com by Monday, August 1st, 2016.
2016 4-H Committee Exchange

On Thursday, April 7th, the Crossroads EERA 4-H Committee Exchange was held at Der Dutchman Restaurant, hosted by the Holmes County 4-H Committee and facilitated by Hallie Rutt. In attendance were members of the 4-H Committees from Jefferson, Guernsey, Stark, Muskingum, and Harrison County. Also in attendance were Jackie Kirby-Wilkens, Associate Chair/Region Director, Northeast, and Lucinda Miller, Extension Specialist – 4-H Companion & Small Animal Programs.

Following the meal, attendees were invited to place questions or challenges they were facing in their programs on notecards to be discussed by the group. Topics included communication between advisors and extension staff, assisting youth balancing 4-H and other commitments, program fees, and fair admission practices for 4-H’ers and attendees.

Holmes County 4-H Committee attendees included: Bonnie Porter, Jody Irwin, Rick Schafer, Lisa Lang, and Kathy Ringwall. Thank you for volunteering to represent Holmes County and share in this experience.

TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign is Back!

The spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place April 13 – 24, 2016. Shoppers at the Millersburg TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Holmes County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a $1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in Holmes County.

The more involvement and participation that local 4-H clubs and staff have at the TSC store during the promotion, the more your clubs and counties will benefit! Where possible, 4-H volunteers, staff, and/or members are encouraged to partner with their store managers to identify upcoming store events at which 4-H’ers can be involved. The more promotion and publicity counties give the 4-H TSC partnership, the more awareness and support will be raised for your local 4-H program!

Please contact Stephanie or Steve, store managers of our Millersburg TSC at 674-1039, to schedule an event with your 4-H club.

Community Service Grants

Once again, Commercial & Savings Bank is sponsoring Community Service Mini-Grants for Holmes County 4-H Clubs. CSB will be happy to fund up to 50% of a club’s community service project expenses, with a maximum amount set at $100.00 in funding from the Commercial & Savings Bank. This opportunity is a great way for your club to do more for your Community Service project! Remember that community service can take many forms, from Junior Fair support to a village clean-up project. Service projects which maximize club participation and hands on learning experiences will be regarded highly. These Mini-Grants are designed to encourage clubs to be creative in the community service projects they select!

All Mini-Grant applications must include a short plan of action approved by the club membership. Go to the Holmes County OSU Extension website (holmes.osu.edu) for the application. Send completed applications to the Extension Office by Wednesday, June 1. You will be notified by CSB if your project is selected for funding. Completion date for all projects is expected to be on or before September 1st of the current year.

Add/Drop Deadline

Members wanting to exhibit their project(s) in the Holmes County Fair or State Fair must be enrolled in the project by Monday, June 1. Please contact your club advisor if you need to add or drop a project. The advisor will then contact the OSU Extension Office with the change.

Tax Filing Reminder

Just a reminder - All chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized eligible & qualified 4-H affiliated organizations must file the appropriate 990 tax form on time. 990-N (e-Postcard) filing must be made by May 15, 2016 for the Tax year of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Filing the 990 or 990-EZ or 990-N (e-Postcard) is the club’s responsibility and the Extension Office staff cannot provide professional tax advice about filing the tax forms.

Advisors who filed prior to April 15 may have experienced difficulty as the IRS is transitioning to housing the process internally.

PayPal & the 4-H Mall

Now you can purchase a selection of our most popular items on a new, additional website, the 4-H StoreFront, using PayPal as well as all other major credit cards. We are starting with a small selection of products on 4-H StoreFront, so if an item you are looking for is not there, rest assured that it will likely appear there in the coming months. The 4-H Mall site will still be the main venue for online purchases for the foreseeable future, however should you desire to check out using PayPal, visit www.4-HStoreFront.com to browse the selection there.

In addition to accepting PayPal, the 4-H StoreFront site also allows for the purchase and redemption of gift cards. These gift cards can only be purchased and redeemed on the 4-H StoreFront site. The gift cards are digital and are available in increments of $10, $25, $50, and $100.
Opportunities!

**Sewbookography Night!**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 6:00 p.m. at Baker Building**

Are you taking a sewing, scrapbooking, cooking, or photography project? We are here to work with you and help you with your project. Each area will have one specialist who will lead an informative lesson and activity.

Sewing: Marcia Troyer  
Cooking: Jennifer Gurley  
Scrapbooking: Hallie Rutt  
Photography: Alyssa Miller of Lyssa Ann Portraits in Millersburg

Please RSVP to the Holmes County Extension Office by May 23rd.

Please bring your project book and basic supplies with you to the clinic.

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**County Officer Training**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m. at Baker Building**

Designed to assist newly elected officers understand the responsibilities and expectations of the positions. Youth will be given resources to guide them through their year in office and instructed on proper completion of forms. Please bring any officer manuals and resources you were provided along with you.

Youth who would like to run for an office are invited to attend as well.

Clubs will receive 1 point for each youth that attend (up to 5 points) towards Honor Club status for 2016.

Please RSVP to the Holmes County Extension Office by May 23rd.

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**Lab Coats**

Young Uniforms & Scrubs recently ordered a new shipment of lab coats in smaller sizes. If you will need a lab coat for showing your livestock projects (or for any other reason), now is the time to shop locally and fill that need!

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**“Kid’s Day” at the Holmes Co. Fair!**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

Holmes County 4-H Clubs are invited to participate in this special day for Kids! Ideas: Face painting, petting zoo, activities from the Cloverbud Volunteer Handbook, make butter or other hands on science experiments, simple craft projects, “Fun Fair” type games, etc. Use your imagination and help make the “Kid’s Day” even more fun for kids and families!

If your club is interested in participating, please contact Kathy Schlabach at 330-231-0456.

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**Project Help Night with Junior Fair Board**  
**Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 pm—8:00 pm at the Baker Building**

Junior Fair Board will be on hand to assist 4-H members in ANY project. Lifeskill projects, livestock record books, and livestock projects are all welcome.

Skillathon kits will also be available for additional practice and information.

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**4-H Values Oversees**

On June 14, six Holmes County youth will be departing for a 9-day tour of **England, Ireland, and Wales**. Youth participating in the experience are **Paige Miller, Morgan Troyer, Shyann Kick, Sarah Schonauer, Abbie Hoxworth, and Leslie Weekley**. Upon return, each individual is expected to give a brief presentation to her 4-H Club or FFA about what was learned and contribute to a booth displaying their pictures at the fair.

The **Summer 2017** trip has been selected! Coshocton County and Wayne County 4-H will be joining Holmes County on a tour of **Beijing & the Great Wall of China**. Tentative departure on the 8-day tour is June 12, 2017. An informational meeting will be scheduled for May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the OSUE Upstairs Meeting Room, which will last approximately 1 hour. Youth completing grades 9 – post-grad at time of travel are welcome to travel. If you are interested, but unable to attend the meeting or would like more information contact Hallie at the Extension Office.
Evaluation Dates

Please plan your schedules with these dates in mind. Youth must attend the scheduled evaluations in order to qualify for county and state awards.

- **Life Skills Evaluation (including Food & Nutrition Projects)**: Thursday, July 14, 4 - 8pm at Baker Building
- **Livestock Evaluation & Skillathon**: Thursday, July 21, 4 - 8pm at Baker Building

Again this year, we will be offering 2 pre-judging events staffed by 4-H Volunteers prior to the scheduled County Project Evaluation events.

- **Pre-judging Day 1**, all projects – June 27, 4:00-7:00 p.m. @ Baker Building
- **Pre-judging Day 2**, all projects – June 30, 4:00-7:00 p.m. @ Baker Building

Members who are unable to attend the County Project Evaluation events, will need to call the OSU Extension Office to schedule a time for their pre-judging. Pre-judging appointments will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Members who come to pre-judging without an appointment may be required to wait for an open appointment. Projects that are pre-judged will not be eligible for County Awards and State Fair participation. Pre-judging attendees will also be asked to complete a Skillathon station for animal projects this year.
Other Camping Opportunities

Sea Camp
July 9-13, 2016 @ Kelleys Island
“Get your feet wet” as you learn about one of Ohio’s most important resources: Lake Erie! You’ll be in, on, and around the water as you explore the science of the lake, learn marine-related skills, and discover the history and recreational uses of our great lake.

Piedmont Shooting Sports Camp
June 10-12, 2016 @ Camp Piedmont
http://www.ohio4h.org/events/piedmont-shooting-sports-camp

Space Camp
June 14-16 @ Marietta College
Build and fly a hot air balloon; Test some laws of physics; Try your skills at landing on the moon; Experiment with the principles of flight. Check out http://spaceadventurecamp.cfaes.ohio-state.edu

Shooting Sports Camps
4-H Shooting Education Camp @ Canter’s Cave 4-H Camp
http://www.ohio4hshootingsports.org/shootingedcamp.htm

Ohio: Operation Military Kids @ Kelleys Island
August 8-12 for kids with family in military service
Check out http://www.ohio4h.org/omk

Holmes County Cloverbud Day Camp @ The Baker Building

Holmes County will be hosting Cloverbud Day Camp on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. All Holmes County youth of Cloverbud age, Kindergarten through Grade 2, are invited to participate whether they are enrolled in 4-H as Cloverbuds or not. Youth will be participating in activities which explore topics of: leadership, communication, teamwork, nature, crafts, service.

All participants will receive a t-shirt to take away from the day. Registration, including the $10 registration fee, is due to the Holmes County Extension office Thursday, April 28th. Information and registration forms are available at holmes.osu.edu for print. Contact our office with any questions.
Continuing Education Requirements for Volunteers

Starting last year, Holmes County instituted an annual volunteer continuing education requirement. 4-H is all about learning and we want to encourage our volunteers to continue life-long learning as well. Simply put, each volunteer will be required to complete at least one (1) continuing education event each calendar year. Failure to fulfill this requirement by December 31 of the current year will be seen as resignation of your volunteer status.

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees recently approved significant changes to the University’s Youth Protection Policies (also known as OSU Policy 1.50). Since OSU Extension and the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program is part of The Ohio State University, 4-H staff and volunteers are subject to the University’s policies and must comply. One of the requirements established by the board of trustees is that all OSU volunteers must attend annual training on Recognizing and Reporting the Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect. This training will count as the Continuing Education Requirement.

All 4-H advisors, volunteers, and committee members must attend one of these trainings to be eligible to continue as a 4-H advisor, volunteer, or committee member in 2016. All scheduled trainings have been held, so if you still need to complete the training, please contact the Holmes County Extension Office.

Dress Code for Project Evaluations

It’s never too early to start thinking about project evaluations. Please pay close attention to the dress code below. This has been in effect since 2010. Members not meeting these guidelines at any project evaluation event (Pre-Judging, Life Skills Evaluations and Livestock Project Evaluations), WILL lose points or be marked down at least one level.

- Clean pants, skirts or dresses that fit properly. Shorts and capri pants are not allowed. Skirts and dresses must be fingertip length or longer.
- Clean shirt or top that fits properly. Writing or images on shirts that may be considered offensive or inappropriate are not allowed. Tops, sundresses, etc. must have shoulder straps of 1-inch or wider.
- No hats worn during judging. Hats that are part of an ensemble or costume should be removed when speaking with judges.
- No flip-flops.

Quality Assurance

There will be several QA opportunities in 2016 in Holmes County. Many other opportunities exist including special clinics and events. As a reminder any youth taking a market or lactating project must complete QA. Here are the events that are currently scheduled:

- April 26th, 7:00 pm at Baker Building
- May 5th, 7:00 pm at Winesburg Fire Station
- May 21st, 1:00 pm at Baker Building (Will be first hour of Bunny Day Camp, but all Holmes County youth are welcome to attend QA portion).

The Test Out option will also be offered this year. Cost remains at $5. Members ages 12-18 may take a QA test. If they pass (70% or better), they will be exempt from QA up to 3 years. Tests will be given by appointment only. Tests are available March 1 thru May 31, at the OSU Extension Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am - 5:30pm.

4-H Membership Across County Lines

Reminder: If your club has members that do not live in Holmes County (permanent/primary address), they must complete a Request for 4-H Membership Across County Lines form. This form can be found on our website (holmes.osu.edu) or picked up at the OSU Extension Office. Youth may only participate/exhibit as a 4-H member in one county.

The form only needs to be submitted once. Approval must be given by the Extension Educators in both the county of residence and county of request. After approval, the Across County Lines membership may continue until the youth ages out of 4-H. However, if there is no support for OSU Extension/4-H in the county of residence, then the Across County Lines Membership will terminate at the end of the current 4-H year.
Livestock Requirements for Fair Exhibition

Enrollment in livestock projects includes several steps if an animal will be taken to the fair:
1. Enrollment in a 4-H club or FFA Chapter;
2. Attending Quality Assurance (if it is a market or lactating animal);
3. Having the animal tagged and/or weighed at the county weigh-in or tag-in;
4. Turning in the proper paperwork per species requirements to the Extension Office as listed below.

All are due in the Extension Office by Monday, June 1 in order to participate in the Holmes County Fair.

- Dairy Projects: Project Leases; Birth dates, Registration # or other ID.
- Beef Projects: Heifer and Feeder Calf Leases, Grooming Form
- Horse Projects: Identification page, Photo, Lease, PAS Entry Form and Permission to Participate in 4-H Horse Activities and Release of Claims.
- Llama Projects: Lease, IRL Registration (if applicable) and Photo.
- All Breeding Animal Projects: Project leases

Miniature Horse Clinic

The horse committee has created four new classes for the 2016 fair which will be available to youth completing a horse project with a miniature horse. In order to assist the youth in understanding their project and the expectations of show, Horse Committee will be hosting a Miniature Horse Clinic on Sunday, May 1st, 2:00 p.m. at the Old Fairgrounds. Topics to be covered include:
- Showmanship
- Tail in Hand
- Miniature Horse Jumping
- Miniature Horse and Carts

Bunny Day Camp

The Holmes County Rabbit Committee will be hosting a Bunny Day Camp at the Holmes County Fair Grounds on Saturday, May 21 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The first hour will be Quality Assurance which can be attended by anyone needing Quality Assurance.

Topics may include nutrition, health, housing, supplies, breeds (commercial & fancy), certain breed disqualifications & general disqualifications, grooming, hands on showmanship, skillathon, breeding (palpating), marketing (products), & meats. 4-Hers wishing to practice showmanship may bring their rabbits to the clinic. This event is free and open to all 4-H members. The Committee will also be hosting a silent auction and refreshment stand. All proceeds benefit the new Fairgrounds.

Weigh-In, Tag-In, Tattooing & Identification

Dairy Feeders: May 14, 8:00-10:00 am @ Old Fairgrounds
Swine: May 14 and 21, 8:00-10:00 am @ Harvest Ridge
   * Goat: May 21, 9:00-10:00 am @ Harvest Ridge
   * Sheep: May 28, 8:00-9:30 am @ Harvest Ridge
   * Meat Rabbit: July 22, 5:00-6:00pm @ Harvest Ridge
   * Breeding/Pet Rabbit: July 22, 7:00-8:00pm @ Harvest Ridge

2016 Holmes County Fair—Opening Ceremonies!

The Opening Ceremonies committee is seeking two representatives from each club (1 newer 4-H’er and 1 of the club’s choosing) to assist with the Opening Ceremonies. Participating youth will be asked to wear a club t-shirt or nice 4-H t-shirt.

Club Organizational Advisors are encouraged to notify the Extension Office of your club representatives by May 25th, so that further communication can be directed to these individuals and their families as the event approaches.

Dairy Feeders - Vaccine Reminder!

Mandatory Dairy Feeder Vaccination Program. At Tag-In, all dairy feeders will be given an injection of Bovi-Shield Gold One Shot™ (covers 4 major viruses & Pasteurella) administered by East Holmes Veterinary Clinic staff member. Cost of the vaccines is being sponsored by the Market Livestock Sale Committee. Animals not vaccinated will NOT be able to exhibit at the Holmes Co. Fair.

Penning Forms

- Can be completed at [http://holmes.osu.edu/penforms](http://holmes.osu.edu/penforms)
- Forms will open 12:01 am June 1st & close 11:59 pm July 1
- A paper form will not be available
- Please fill out a digital form for every species you plan to bring to the fair
- Can be completed on smart phone, tablet, or computer
- If you need assistance, our office is happy to help!
Dates to Remember!

April
4/13-4/24—TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign
4/23—Poultry Clinic @ Baker Building, 10AM
4/26—County Officer Training @ Baker Building
4/26—Quality Assurance @ Baker Building
4/30—Dairy Palooza, Northeast

May
5/1—Miniature Horse Clinic @ Old Fairgrounds
5/5—Quality Assurance @ Winesburg Fire Station
5/7—DairyPalooza, West
5/7—Holmes County Cloverbud Day Camp
5/14—Dairy Feeder Tag-in
5/14—Swine Tag-in (first)
5/15—Club 990-N (e-postcard) Filing Deadline
5/19—Project Help Night with Junior Fair Board @ Baker Building
5/21—Swine Tag-in (second)
5/21—Goat Tag-in
5/21—Horse Mock Show
5/21—Quality Assurance & Bunny Day Camp
5/24—Sewbookography Night! @ Baker Building
5/28—Sheep Tag In
5/31—Proof of Club 990-N Filing—DUE TODAY

JUNE
6/1 Drop/Add Deadline for all 4-H and FFA projects – DUE TODAY
6/1 CSB Mini Grants – DUE TODAY
6/1 Dairy, Goat, Beef Heifer & Beef Feeder Calf Leases – DUE TODAY
6/1 Horse and Llama Leases and Photos – DUE TODAY