



4-H Family Focus

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Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

It is hard to believe that it has already been 4 months since I joined the Holmes County Extension Office Team. In that time, I have been so thankful to meet many wonderful 4-H'ers and volunteers. Holmes County is truly a special place and I am happy to be here.

As we start to reflect on 2015 and look forward to 2016, it is important to refresh, reset, and revitalize. Take a moment to celebrate your successes, but also challenge yourself by identifying an area which you will try to grow and develop in the coming year. As volunteers, it is critical to abide by the Standards of Behavior. We all have bad days, but remember in this role, children are always watching and learning, and we set the example.

As we continue to develop opportunities for our older youth, I am very excited to a new opportunity for 4-H'ers currently in grades 9-12. During Summer 2016, we would like to take a committed group of individuals who will value the experience to London & Ireland for a 9 day tour, which will also include a focused learning on citizenship and European agricultural practices. This experience is intended to expand 4-H'ers cultural understanding and provide them an experience they will cherish for a lifetime. More information can be found on this item on Page 3.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome!

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What Are the 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior?

Just like coaches sign a contract, all 4-H Volunteers must read, agree to, sign and abide by a contractual agreement during their tenure as a 4-H club advisor or Livestock Committee Member. We refer to this as the 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior.

The 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior is a Volunteer's pledge to:

- Serve as a positive mentor and role model by exhibiting good sportsmanship, showing respect and being courteous.
- Promote and support Extension 4-H programs.
- Responsibly perform duties including handling animals, operating machinery, vehicles and other equipment to safe guard the well-being of all 4-H members.
- Uphold the rules, policies and guidelines established by the Ohio State Extension 4-H Youth Development Program
- Provide safe and healthy programs for all club members.
- Supervise members using positive behavior management strategies in a group setting, never intentionally being one-on-one with any 4-H member.

A Volunteer's signature on this agreement means they commit to the Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and the guidelines and policies established. Probation, suspension and/or termination with the Ohio State University Extension Program may result, if a Volunteer violates the Standards of Behavior. Violations to this policy may be reported to 4-H Educator, Hallie Rutt, in writing.

4-H is for all
youth who
like action,
learning, and
FUN!

Needed: New Volunteers!

Do you know of any parents or community members who may be interested in becoming 4-H Club or Livestock Committee volunteers?

Please let us know! Now is the time to get them through the volunteer selection process so they can be ready for the 2016 4-H season.

The next New Volunteer Orientation will be held on Monday, November 23rd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. New volunteer packets are available in the office during regular business hours.

Needed: Camp Counselors!

Are you interested in being a counselor for 4-H Junior Camp next summer? If so, you will need to complete a Camp Counselor Application & the State 4-H Achievement Record. Both documents can be found at <http://holmes.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/holmes-4-h-camp>. Applications will be due **October 20th**.

Larry Hall (OSUE Knox Co. 4-H Educator) and Hallie Rutt will offer Camp Counselor training sessions in both Holmes & Knox Counties. Contact Hallie or Larry questions & for more training opportunities.

Needed: Junior Fair Board Members!

The Junior Fair Board (JFB) helps conduct the Junior Fair activities of the Holmes County Fair. Members serve as Jr. Fair Superintendents and assist the Sr. Fair Superintendents and Livestock Committees.

The JFB is designed for youth who have **proven leadership abilities** and are willing to take on major responsibilities including:

- * Lead Jr. Fair activities, shows, and events.
- * Assist in getting the Fairgrounds ready for shows and events.
- * Assist judges and ring officials with show ring responsibilities during the fair.
- * Attend all regular meetings, special meetings, and special events of the Jr. Fairboard and Livestock Committees.

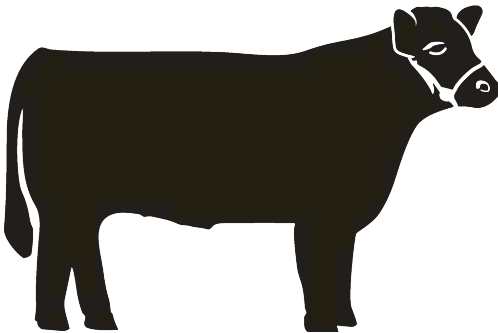
Who can be a Junior Fair Board member?

- * Members of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Farm Bureau and Ohio Grange.
- * Members must be in 8 - 12 grade as of January 1 of current year.
- * The JFB is guided by Senior Fair Board Representatives and an OSU Extension staff member.

How do I get involved?

- * Complete and submit the Junior Fair Board Application by **October 20th** and Interview process in late October
- * Watch the mail for your application, email Hallie, or find it on our website to receive one today!

Steer Weigh-In



Members planning to exhibit a Beef Steer or Dairy Steer at the 2016 Holmes County Fair must have their steer weighed and tagged on December 19. The location for this weigh-in is still to be determined, but further communication will be sent to steer exhibitors once a location has been identified. Each member may weigh in two steers, but may only show one at the Holmes County Fair. A member's name must be given with each animal at Weigh In. One steer may serve as a "back up" for two or more siblings, but the steer will be put in one family member's name. For your safety and those helping with the weigh-in, it is extremely important that all calves be halter broke at the time of weigh in.

If you know of a new member or someone who did not take a steer project last year who wishes to take a steer project in 2016, please tell them about weigh-in and have them contact the OSU Extension Office at 330-674-3015.

2015 Volunteer Recognition Banquet

On Thursday, October 8 we celebrated the hard work and dedication of our volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. The theme for this year's banquet, sponsored by the Senior Fair Board, was "Movin' On Up to Harvest Ridge."

Honor Club Recipients: Buckeye, Green Acres, Doughty Valley, OH-4H, Nashville Jolly Farmers, Variegated Clovers, and Holmes County 4-H Shooting Sports.

Secretary Award: Anna Irwin, Nashville Jolly Farmers

Treasurer Award: Morganne Balder, Doughty Valley

2015 Friend of 4-H: Gail Cochran

2015 Partner of 4-H: Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen

2015 4-H Alumni Award: Helen Breitenbucher

2015 Jr. Fair Board Outstanding Member: Jillian Gurley, Buckeye 4-H Club

The OSU Extension Staff would like to thank each of our 4-H volunteers, the 4-H Committee, and the Senior and Junior Fair Boards for all their help and continued support to make the past year a success.



Herdsmen Awards

To encourage keeping the animals' pens clean, making an attractive exhibit, maintaining orderliness of equipment, and treating the animals properly at the Holmes County Fair, 4-H and FFA clubs have the chance to do their best and be recognized daily with the Herdsman Banner. Every day a judge goes through the barns at different times to check on the condition of the pens and animals and chooses one large club that has 6 or more exhibits and one small club that has less than 6 exhibits for the honor of hanging the Herdsman Banner by their pens.

Groups earning Herdsman Awards at the 2015 Fair

included: Barnyard Buddies, Bits & Bridles, Buckeye, Classy Critters, Doughty Valley, Holmes County Hoof-N-Hide, Killbuck Handy Helpers, Lakeville Country Farmers, Lakeville Lakers, Nashville Jolly Farmers, OH-4H, Prairie Partners, Silver Spurs, & Udder Ends.



CLEVELAND BROWNS

Ohio 4-H Youth Development Days at First Energy Stadium!

The Cleveland Browns will be hosting four games with discounted tickets for 4-H families. Ticket prices vary from \$55-\$77 each.

The games are:

- Vs. Arizona Cardinals– Sun., Nov. 1 @ 1pm
- Vs. Baltimore Ravens– Mon., Nov. 30 @ 8:30 pm
- Vs. Cincinnati Bengals– Sun., Dec. 6 @ 1pm
- Vs. San Francisco 49ers– Sun., Dec. 13 @ 1pm

The order form is available on the OSU Extension Holmes County website. Please feel free to contact Dave Campione at 440-824-6173 with any questions or to purchase your tickets over the phone.

Tour London & Ireland Summer 2016



Interested in traveling and seeing Europe? All 4-H'ers in grades 9-12 during the 2015-2016 school year are invited to attend an informational session discussing the tour, what to expect, and costs. The tour will consist of 9 days in Ireland and London, including a visit to an Irish Sheep Farm and Parliament. The informational meeting will be held Sunday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the OSUE Meeting Room.

OVC and OTC 2016

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference (OVC) and Ohio 4-H Teen Conference (OTC) will be held simultaneously at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.



The 4-H Committee will once again offer scholarships for 4-H volunteers and teens to attend. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at this great event!

Reminder for volunteers: You must obtain at least 1 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) per year and this event will meet the requirement.

Dates to Remember!
(all are subject to change)

October 20 – Jr. Fair Board & Camp Counselor Applications Due

October 25– Ireland & London Informational Meeting

December 19 – Steer Weigh-in

January 9 – Junior Fair Board Convention

February 6 – 4-H Kick-Off

March 12 – 4-H Volunteer & Teen Conference

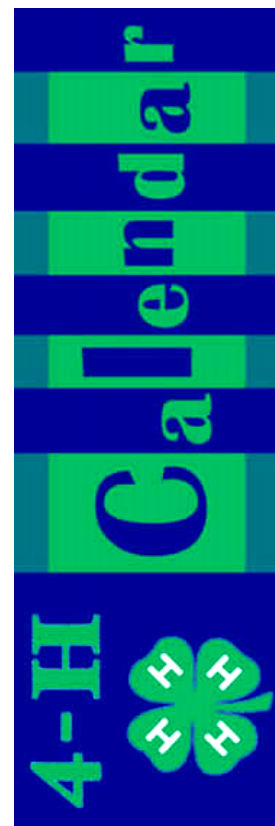
June 6-10 – 4-H Camp

July 14 - 4-H Life Skills & Foods and Nutrition Project Evaluations

July 21 - 4-H/FFA Livestock Project Evaluations and Skill-a-thon

July 27-Aug 7 – Ohio State Fair

Aug 8-13 – Holmes County Fair



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