



4-H Family Focus

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Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Fall is here and the fair seems so long ago . . . but what a wonderful week we had for the fair. If you missed her previous announcement, our 4-H Educator, Hallie Rutt, resigned effective August 14th. She has moved on to a new opportunity and is still doing Leadership Development.

We have been searching for the right person to fill the position of Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development in Holmes County. The position is currently open for applications at www.jobsatosu.com until November 5th. Per University guidelines, this position requires a Master's degree in Youth Development or a related field. If you know of anyone who might be interested or might be a "good fit" for this community, please share this information. This could be a great job for a December graduate. We would love to have someone hired by the beginning of 2018.

Until then, please be patient as we attempt to fill the gap left with this vacancy.

Sincerely, *Kate* Kate Shumaker
County Extension Director

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4-H Opportunities!



Carving New Ideas is a statewide teen leadership camping opportunity for any 4-H members in grades 8-12. The focus is on improving skills in critical thinking and program facilitation. This unique event is planned and facilitated by the Collegiate 4-H Club at The Ohio State University. Mark your calendar to attend Carving New Ideas November 3-5, at 4-H Camp Ohio. This year, campers will "Go for the Gold" at CNI. The theme dives into Health – the fourth H! Sessions and speakers, along with other fun, will focus on making us all healthier, one gold medal at a time. You'll have a ton of fun meeting other teens from around Ohio, learning more about yourself and exploring how you can grow into an amazing leader. Campers will head home ready to move forward refreshed and to lead their communities in healthy initiatives. Don't miss out on this incredible event - bunks sell out fast! Register today: <https://ohio4h.org/events/carving-new-ideas>

Achievement Form Workshop for 4-H members completing an achievement form AND parents who want to learn more. November 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Nationwide Ohio Farm Bureau Center, Columbus. FREE! Workshop attendees will be equipped with samples, lists, and expert advice. This form allows you to compete at a state level and is a great reference tool to track your 4-H achievements and experiences! Visit <https://ohio4h.org/events/achievement-form-workshop> for more information.



Be A Leader: 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 **November 15th** and interview process in the following weeks
- * Applications have been emailed to families, and are also available in the OSUE Office and at <http://holmes.osu.edu/HCJFB>
- * Need more information? Call the OSU Extension Office 330-674-3015.

Be A Role Model: 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 and submit 2 reference forms. Both documents can be found at <http://holmes.osu.edu/KnolmesCamp>. Applications will be due **November 15th**.

- Youth must be enrolled in 4-H, and be at least 14 as of January 1st, 2018 to serve as a counselor.

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

Apply Now: 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 screening process so they can be ready for the 2018 4-H season.

The following must be completed to become a 4-H Volunteer:

- Submit completed application
- References returned
- Complete a background check

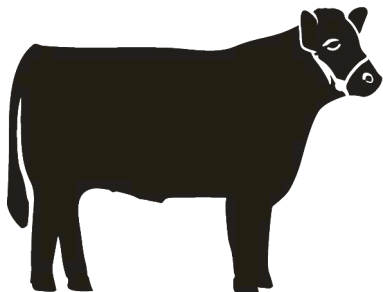
Ohio 4-H Conference 2018

The [Ohio 4-H Conference](#) will be at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on March 10, 2018. There are tracks designed for Adult Volunteers and Teen Leaders. 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.

Steer Weigh-In



Members planning to exhibit a Beef Steer or Dairy Steer at the 2018 Holmes County Fair must have their steer weighed and tagged on **December 16** at Harvest Ridge. 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 2018, please tell them about weigh-in and have them contact the OSU Extension Office at 330-674-3015.

2017 Volunteer Recognition Banquet

On Thursday, October 12th we celebrated the hard work and dedication of our volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. The theme for this year's banquet, which was planned by 4-H Committee and sponsored by the Senior Fair Board, was "Step Out of Your Box."

Honor Club Recipients: Buckeye, Green Acres, Doughty Valley, OH-4H, Nashville Jolly Farmers, Holmes County 4-H Shooting Sports, Silver Spurs

Secretary Award: Granvel Kelley, Buckeye

Treasurer Award: Morganne Balder, Doughty Valley

2017 Friend of 4-H: The Barry Nicholson Family

2017 Partner of 4-H: The Waltman Family

2017 4-H Alumni Award: Bonnie Porter

2017 Jr. Fair Board Outstanding Member: Cherokee Wells, Ripley Ringleaders 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.

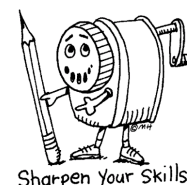


Get A Head Start On Your Life Skill Projects!

Looking for something to do over the dreary winter months? Get a head-start on your Life Skill projects!

The 2018 Family Guide is now available online at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. Hard copies should be available in the office by December 1st.

We have a Master Copy of each 4-H project book available in our office. If you would like to review a book before committing to the project, just let us know!



4-H Overseas



There is currently a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico scheduled for June 2018. If you are interested in joining this trip, please visit our website or call the office for more details.

At this time the trip is still moving forward. If the tour company decides that the trip is no longer safe, due to hurricane damage, they will replace it with a trip of a similar nature.

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 2017 Fair included:**

	Small Club \$10 Prize	Large Club \$20 Prize
Beef	Classy Critters	Ho. Co. Beef
Dairy	Western Holmes	Winesburg Kids & Kritters
Goats	Silver Spurs	Barnyard Buddies
Horses	OH-4H	Rim Rock Riders
Llamas	Nashville Jolly Farmers	Doughty Valley
Poultry	OH-4H	Lakeville Country Farmers
Rabbits	Bits N Bridles	Buckeye
Sheep	Classy Critters	Barnyard Buddies
Swine	Kuntry Kids	Winesburg Kids & Kritters
Turkey	Holmesville Clover Club	Killbuck Handy Helpers

Clubs earning Herdsman Awards were sent Wal-Mart gift cards for the value of their awards. Happy shopping for your 4-H Club!

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Dates to Remember!
(All Are Subject to Change)

2017

November 15 — Jr. Fair Board Applications Due

November 15 — Camp Counselor Applications Due

December 16 – Steer Weigh-in

2018

January 6 – Junior Fair Board Convention

March 10 – 4-H Volunteer & Teen Conference

June 6-10 – 4-H Camp

July 25-Aug 5 – Ohio State Fair

Aug 6-11 – Holmes County Fair

