

4-H News and Notes



September 2023

A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATOR

Happy September! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with fun, friends, and 4-H. Advisors, thank you for the time and talents you have given to our 4-H members this year. Parents, thank you for sharing your children with us. I hope your members squeezed every bit of time possible into 4-H opportunities that will help them grow and develop into future leaders.

Next up is our annual 4-H Leadership Banquet. The 4-H Committee has a wonderful banquet planned! It will be an opportunity to relax and share a meal with friends, while we recognize our teen leaders, officers and advisors for their talents and hard work this year. I hope you will be joining us!

As we look back at the 2023 4-H year, I encourage each club to take a few minutes to evaluate what went well in your club and what went well at the county 4-H level. Think about one or two ideas for how we can improve the 4-H program or a resource idea that would help our clubs or 4-H families. Also, take a look at the Club Challenge on page 4 of this newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you so we can continue to make the best better! Thank you for all you do!

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UPCOMING DATES



September

4	Labor Day – Office Closed
14	Ohio 4-H Foundation Event
15	Jr. Fair Board Apps Due
18	Banquet RSVP Due
18	Club Info Survey Due
19	4-H Horse Advisor Meeting at HH
25	4-H Leadership Banquet
26	End of Year Packets Available
26-10/22	Quarter Horse Congress
30	4-H Committee Nominations Due

October

1-7	National 4-H Week
2	4-H Committee Meeting
4-15	TSC Paper Clover Campaign

SUMMER JUDGING THANKS!

Sending out a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped at one of our summer project judgments including Skillathon! Our volunteers and families are the foundation for our members' success! Thank You!



COUNTY INFORMATION

HORSE VOLUNTEER MEETING CHANGES

The Pickaway 4-H Horse Advisors Group will meet on **September 19 at 7:00 pm in the Heritage Hall Boardroom**. This meeting will focus on an evaluation of the 2023 project year as well as a discussion on improvements to the horse program area. All advisors and parents of horse exhibitors are invited and encouraged to attend.

CHINESE AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

A Silent/Chinese Auction will once again take place during the 4-H Leader Recognition banquet, and we are recruiting donated items. Our local banks and ag businesses are continually being asked to support the livestock sale and other community events. We appreciate their support! In lieu of asking these same businesses to support the 4-H banquet, we are asking each 4-H club to please donate a basket or item for the auction. You can drop your items off at the Extension office anytime between 8-4:30 Monday-Friday. We prefer that all items are turned in at least the Thursday before the banquet (**September 21**) so we can prepare accordingly. Donated items may be grouped at the discretion of the committee. New this year, if you are unable to get your donation to the office by September 21, Larry Davis and Randy Smith have volunteered to pick your items up!

Money from the auction helps support the cost of the banquet. Please help us with a donation from your club. Thank you!

PHOTO REQUEST

We are putting together our slide show for this year's banquet. If you have photos of your club members in meetings, doing service, activities, or demonstrations this year, would you please attach your photos to an e-mail and send them to Joy at sharp.5@osu.edu by **September 18**.

4-H MALL

Looking for end-of-year items for your 4-H club or planning ahead to next year? The 4-H Mall is the official supply service for 4-H banners, flags, gavels, t-shirts, and more. Go to <https://shop4-h.org/> or call 301-961-2934 for more information.

JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK CHECKS

All Junior Fair Livestock checks were mailed in mid-August. Please check with your members to make sure they have received and cashed their checks. This year, checks **MUST** be cashed by November 30.

END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

Each club is required to complete an End-of-Year Financial Summary annually. If your club submitted a Treasurer's Book on **August 7** and completed this page in its entirety, you are all set. If you did not submit a Treasurer's Book this year, please complete the Ohio 4-H Financial Summary and submit it immediately. The form can be found on-line at: <http://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisor-resources>. Summary forms must be turned in before club packets may be picked up for next year. Thank you!

END OF YEAR CLUB PACKETS

End-Of-Year Club packets will be available starting the night of the banquet. If you are not able to join us at the banquet, you can pick up your packet at the Extension Office starting **September 26**. End-of-Year packets include your club's certificates, pins, additional awards, skillathon scoresheets, and more. Please pick up your club's packet by **November 1**.

CLUB INFO CARDS

Will you be joining us in 2024? A Club Information Survey will soon be e-mailed to all Organizational Advisors. Please help us place new members by completing the survey by **September 18**.

4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

It's time to nominate 4-H advisors to represent you on the Pickaway County 4-H Advisory Committee. This committee meets the first Monday of most months at 7:00 pm. A list of all eligible advisors is included in this newsletter. Please nominate up to 6 volunteers to serve on the 4-H committee. Advisors receiving the most nominations will be asked to serve a two-year term. If you will be attending the 4-H Banquet, you can pick up a form and vote there, otherwise, please return the attach form or e-mail your nominations to sharp.5@osu.edu by **September 30**.

SPONSOR/DONOR THANKS

We all know that getting kids to take the time to write a quality thank you note can be a difficult experience. If you have not already done so, consider planning a “thank you note” writing activity as part of a club meeting or event. Members should write notes of thanks to all of their sponsors, buyers and donors from judging and fair. In addition, clubs/club secretaries can write notes for the whole club for county level sponsors for things like camp. There are plenty of helpful websites on-line, but have your kids think of thank you notes like a letter that should include an address like “Dear Chris Clover”, an opening sentence, a couple sentences with information about their project or their 4-H year, a closing sentence with a final thank you, and their signature/name. Consider having 4-H stickers, stamps, or colored pencils available for kids to draw a picture or decorate their note. Let’s make sure our sponsors know we appreciate them!

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The 2023 Junior Fair Board was a great group! We appreciate all their hard work this year!!

Ehan Arnett	Kaitlyn Ball
Emma Brown	Emma Caudill
Austin Clark	Morgan Cline
Tyler Cook	James Curtis
Savannah Curtis	Landon Drum
Amelia Fisher	Brinleigh Gygi
Aly Hatfield	Anam Havan
Audrey Keplar	Aiden Liston
Samantha Mayhugh	Sylvia Mayhugh
Eva Merritt	Lilly Moyer
Allie Mullins	Sterlin Mullins
Ryan Otterbacher	Alexandria Pontius
Kate Ridley	Delaney Sark
Lillianna Stafford	Maddex Stiver
Jared Thomas	Ava Waters
Alana Weaver	Derek Yarnell
Kyle Yarnell	Layla Yoe

Advisors: Sydney Allen, Beth Cummins-Allen, Andy Hines, Jay Jude, Julian Jude, Joy Sharp, and Missy Stiver.

Applications for the 2023 Junior Fair Board are due by **September 15**. Interviews will take place in October. We look forward to another great group of young leaders!

4-H CAMP & CAMP COUNSELORS

We had a great time at camp with 137 total campers and 27 counselors. Please have your members and counselors who attended camp share their fun experiences with the club! We shared camp photos on facebook and will also share camp photos at the banquet so you can see all the happy campers! Camp dates for 2024 will be shared in just a couple weeks. Please include Steve Gary in your list of thank you’s. Their family sponsorship helped many campers attend at a reduced rate.

A big thanks to the 4-H Camp Counselors who attended 24 hours of training, selected the theme, planned camp, decorated, tried new things, and did a great job!

Claire Alphin	Emma Black
Jazmyn Carrillo	Brinleigh Gygi
Bridget Hartley	Quincy Lowery
Samantha Mayhugh	Sylvia Mayhugh
Eva Merritt	Allie Mullins
Camille Myers	Jennalyn Pence
Bailey Reid	Kiera Scott
Clara Wilson	Maggie Wilson
Layla Yoe	
Mason Barnes	Austin Clark
Samuel Daum	Lawson Eveland
Keegan Kidd	Steven Layton
Aiden Liston	Sterlin Mullins
Zach Parks	Blayton Reid
Jacob Smith	Calvin Videkovich
Sawyer White	Brody Williams
Sean Williams	Kyle Yarnell

Thank you to Janie Waidelich, Brian, Bethany & Brittany Reid, Maylon Conrad, Katerina Sharp, Joslyn Stephens, Pam Paul, and Rachel Patrick for serving on an adult camp staff team as well as Brian Beery for his campfire role. We couldn’t do it without them!



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TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The TSC Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place from **October 4-15**. Pickaway 4-H will have a display at the store during that time. To really make the campaign work, we need 4-H clubs or members to assist in selling the paper clovers each day. Shifts can be just a couple hours in the evening or on the weekend. Clovers are \$1 each. All money received supports campers attending Pickaway County 4-H Camp. Please contact TSC at 740-420-7877 for your club to take part in the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign.

A big thank you to the clubs, members and royalty who have assisted with past campaigns!

NEW VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

If you had a parent who was a great help to you this past year, you might want to add them to your club advisor team. Volunteer Applications are available in the Office and on our website at <http://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/advisor-resources>. The deadline is **January 15**, but we recommend getting started on the application process prior to the end of this year. Potential advisor interviews start next week.

NEW 4-H CLUB REQUESTS

Our clubs keep growing! Managing your 4-H families can become challenging. At some point a club may decide to split or perhaps a parent is interested in starting a new club. If you are thinking along these lines, contact the Extension Office for information on the steps involved first. What's the most important thing to know at this point? It can take 6-8 weeks of application, process, and approval time before meetings may take place. If you are interested in starting a new club, we recommend you start this process as soon as possible and definitely no later than **November 1**.

OHIO STATE FAIR WINNERS

Pickaway County 4-H was well represented at this year's State Fair. Please ask participants from your club to share their experiences with other club members. Attached is a list of Pickaway 4-H non-livestock project winners who were rewarded for their great work. We will post a list of livestock winners soon.

CLUB CHALLENGE**

Have you noticed that many of our clubs have gotten very large in their number of members? Our overall number of members continues to increase, but the number of 4-H clubs has decreased. A smaller club can result in a closer group relationship, allows for more direct impact on a member, decreases the workload, and increases the opportunities for members to be officers and learn leadership skills. Pickaway 4-H is challenging each club with more than 35 members to consider splitting into two clubs for 2024. Note, this is a request, not a requirement. There are right and wrong ways to split a club. If you are interested in splitting your club, please contact me no later than **November 1** to discuss recommendations and choices.

2024 CLUB PACKETS

Club packets will be available to advisors beginning **November 15 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Pickaway County 4-H Open House or from the Extension Office beginning November 16**. The packet will include all the information you will need to get your club rolling for 2024. We hope you will take the time between now and November 15 to complete this club year with your members, honor them for their accomplishments in 2023, and just plain have fun.



STATE 4-H INFORMATION

OHIO 4-H FOUNDATION FALL EVENT

The Celebration of Youth is the largest fundraising event held annually to benefit Ohio 4-H Youth Development. This year's Ohio 4-H Foundation Celebration of Youth event will take place on Thursday **September 14 from 5-8pm** at Leeds Farm. For more information, tickets, or to be an event sponsor, go to:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/foundation/>





**2023 OHIO STATE FAIR
NON-LIVESTOCK
PROJECT RESULTS**

Winner		Project or Class	Award
Kaitlyn	Ball	Accessories for Teens	Outstanding
Sadie	Barr	Communications Marketing, Jr.	People's Choice
Isabelle	Capsel	Communications Demonstration Intermediate	Outstanding
Isabelle	Capsel	Communications Marketing, Intermediate	Clock Trophy
Anam	Havan	Edible Landscapes	Outstanding
Anam	Havan	My Hands to Larger Service	Outstanding
Anam	Havan	Investigating Electricity	Clock Trophy
Nevin	Hirsch	Vet 1: Airedales to Zebras	Outstanding
Aubrey	Johnston	Communications Demonstration Jr.	Outstanding
Aubrey	Johnston	Take a Break for Breakfast	Outstanding
Kassidy	Lange	Scrapbooking, Sr.	Outstanding
Lila	Merritt	Cake Decorating Beginner Jr.	Outstanding
Mason	Messmer	Measuring Up, Jr.	Outstanding
Deanna	Moran	Communications Marketing, Jr.	Clock Trophy
Ava	Moyer	Explore the Outdoors	Outstanding
Alexandria	Pontius	First Aid in Action, Sr.	Clock Trophy
Kieran	Shaw	Self-Determined, Sr.	Outstanding
Haylie	Stultz	Cat 1 (Ages 14+)	Clock Trophy
Carolyn	Yarnell	Mentoring: Leadership in Action	Outstanding



2024 Pickaway County 4-H Advisory Committee Nominations

Listed below are 4-H volunteers eligible for nomination to the Pickaway County 4-H Advisory Committee. Please nominate up to 6 volunteers. Nomination forms will be available at the 4-H banquet or can be e-mailed to sharp.5@osu.edu by **September 30**. Those individuals receiving the most nominations will be contacted to serve. If you are unable or unwilling to serve on the 4-H Committee, please contact the Extension Office to have your name removed from the ballot. Current committee members whose terms have not expired include: Heathe Burke, Julie Foster, Mary Hines, Shena Justus, Jessica Mullins, and Kim McFarland. Committee members who are completing their second term and are not eligible for reelection this year include: Larry Davis, Marcia Ruff, Carrie Savage, and Randy Smith.

Please Circle up to 6

Rob Adams
Beth Allen
Rodney Archer
Vanessa Arnett
Jayne Barnes
Heather Bartholow
Mallory Beckman
Jennifer Booth
Lori Brisker
Bryan Brunton
Charla Brunton
Doug Burke
Jason Burke
Felicia Burgett
Deborah Bush
Tara Cahill
Erin Clark
Kyle Clark
Lisa Cline
Mikkell Colburn
Harold Conley
Kyle Conroy-Barnum
Eric Cook
Leighann Cook
Betsy Cremeans
Carrie Curtis
Michele Darst
Roxanne Davis
Sue Dennis
Eric Dresbach
Lisa Drum
Jenna Elleman
Richard Elsea

Teresa Embry
Bart Fannin
Nichole Fannin
Marsha Few
Tiffany Foster
Tashina Gannon
Christina Goldsmith
Amy Grady
Diana Green
Jason Green
Brooke Gygi
Danielle Happ
Lisa Hartig-Mawhorr
Lisa Hedrick
Jen Hendershot-Capsel
Sidney Hill
Andrew Hines
Elmer Hines
Kari Jones
Daija Joseph
Craig Justus
Jordyn Keeton

Beth Keplar
Jody Kidd
Angela Kinne
Anita Kitchen
Kacey Kramer
Shannon Kustra
Sherena Landis
Mackenzie Lange
Rick Lear
Shirley Lear
Charlie Lesko
Rook Lowther
Kathy Mann
Robert McCarley
Susan McClure-Lange
Christina Melton
Jennifer Merritt
Luke Merritt
Courtney Messmer
Adam Moran
Bonnie Moran
Liza Musselman

Jared Musselman
Connie Murphy
Amy Myers
Darin Myers
Bob Parker
Rachel Patrick
Samantha Pierce
Jennifer Pontious-Conley
Megan Radcliff
Becky Ratliff
Bethany Reid
Brian Reid
Brittany Reid
Mary Ellen Remick
Brandi Reynard
Dolores Shaeffer
Debbie Schiff
Linda Smith
Lizzy Snyder
Michelle Stiver
Amy Troxel
Erica Tucker
Kim Videkovich
Billie Welch
Doria Welch
Danni Williams
Katie Willoughby
Michele Writsel-Lopez
Bobbi Wolfe
Geraldyn Yingling

