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Introducing our new SNAP-Ed Program Assistant Kathy Whitmore!

Kathy Whitmore of Lexington is the new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed), Program Assistant with the Ohio State University (OSU) Extension Office – Morrow County.

Whitmore will be working with and helping to educate residents who are eligible for the benefits of the program. She will be teaching all ages from pre-school to senior citizens. Whitmore will be doing a variety of programs and classes throughout Morrow County.

The SNAP-Ed programs are designed to increase the likelihood that people eligible for SNAP will make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose physically active lifestyles.

If you are interested in a class or program series, please contact Kathy Whitmore at 567.876.0007 or whitmore.5@osu.edu, for more information.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education: Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant Program (SNAP-Ed)

SNAP-Ed is a free nutrition education program serving participants and low-income individuals eligible to receive SNAP benefits or other means-tested Federal assistance programs throughout Ohio. SNAP-Ed is funded by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service and serves in partnership with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Ohio State University Extension. The goal is to improve the likelihood that families and individuals who receive SNAP benefits (SNAP) will make healthy food choices and choose active lifestyles. Through SNAP-Ed classes participants learn to select, prepare and incorporate fruits and vegetables, whole grain, low-fat protein foods and low-fat dairy products into a healthy diet; to use limited resources to plan, purchase and prepare food for the family; to be physically active every day; and to store and handle food so it is safe for consumption.



SNAP-Ed
Better Lives.
Stronger Communities.

2019 Morrow County 4-H Volunteers

The 2019 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Night was held on Jan. 18 at the Cardinal Center, Marengo.

The following volunteers were recognized:

FIRST YEAR

Kimberly Anthony, Heather Clapham, Fether Dell, Lindsey Gallik, Erin Hall, Christina Keever, Abigail Kelly, Brooke LaRoche, Shannon Lasser, Shelby Perkins, Taylor Stepp, Jaime Zeger

SECOND YEAR

Kari Adams, Brittany Arnold, Stacey Beck, Brent Bockbrader, Tolly Bockbrader, Sonya Brown-Morris, Kathy Dudley, Curtis Grimm, Sandy Kovacs, Charles McGee, Curtis Nelson, Lindsay Nelson, Rachelle Newson, Christy Orr, Candala Rogers, Riley Sherman, Kellie Squires

THIRD YEAR

Jennifer Alexander, Ben Davis, Laura Fiant, Betsy Gallagher, Brian Gingerich, Christy LaRoche, Jennifer Morrison, Candi Rollins, Sarah Shaffer, Miranda Spoon, Tabitha White

FOURTH YEAR

Erin Bender, Marcie Chamberlain, Mark Chamberlain, Wade Delawder, Jessica Dye, Melody Franklin, Katie Grandstaff, Lora Hamilton, Jacklynn Johnson, Robin Munday, Bridget Whetnall, Peggy Wolf, Tasha Zornes

FIFTH YEAR

James Anderson, Linda Bowman, Cory Clark, Megan Davis, Stacy High, Justina Keckler, Mary Meiner, Rebecca Miller

SIXTH YEAR

Jessica Anderson, Calina Barry, Kelly Beck, Matthew Beck, Sally Brokaw, James Eblin, Kristen Eblin, Terri Foster, Vanessa Gingerich, Robin Jordan, Megan Michels, Teresa Smith, Martha Wall

SEVENTH YEAR

Jeff Copley, Carri Jagger, Darren May, Cherie Smith,

EIGHTH YEAR

Cynthia Hartley, Ashley Smith, Kathleen Townsend

NINTH YEAR

Tracy Gray, Brigette Kanagy, Emily Leibengood, Amy Walter

TENTH YEAR

Shelby Emerson, Angie White

ELEVENTH YEAR

Holly Gordon, Judy Mayer

TWELTH YEAR

Don Burdiss, Dale Clinedinst, Loren Coleman-Cronewett, Robin Conrad, Alea LaCroix, Florence Smith

THIRTEENTH YEAR

Darla Clinedinst, DeAnna Collins, Tammy Cooper, Toni Stepp

FOURTEENTH YEAR

Lisa Beck, Gena Dutton, Russ Mayer, Barb McElwee, Jason Ruhl

FIFTEENTH YEAR

Sue Miller, Martha Osborne, Richard Sears, Kelly Weickel, Mike Wilgus

SIXTEENTH YEAR

Candida Doubikin, L. Beth Gress, Mike Ruhl, Jana Warner

SEVENTEENTH YEAR

Sheila Beck

EIGHTEENTH YEAR

Robin Brandum, Mary Neviska

NINETEENTH YEAR

Angie Bush, Peggie Van Horn

TWENTIETH YEAR

Missy Kidwell

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

Lynn Fraizer, Kim Hessey, Linda Hill, Julie Logan

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

Leontine Van Dyke

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

Carol Holsinger, Renee Ness

THIRTIETH YEAR

Betty Brandum, Mike Fry

THIRTY-FIRST YEAR

Charlene Pace

FOURTY-SECOND YEAR

Betty May, Steve May

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

Gene Dumbaugh

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

Jan Johnson

SIXTHIETH YEAR

Bill Hershner

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4-H NEWS



Five Rivers Gilcrest Cattle Feeding yard in LaSalle, CO.

Left to Right: Bryce Schott of Fredericktown; Taylor Rush of Cardington; Kayla Carlyle of Cardington; Mckenzie Grandstaff of Mt. Gilead; Cassidy Small of Fredericktown; Ellie Kidwell of Walhonding; Amanda Forquer of Mt. Gilead, 4-H Educator; Colton Boyer of Lucas; Ethan Staley of Fredericktown; and Adam Staley of Fredericktown, 4-H Livestock Judging Coach.

Eight Ohio Teens Explore Careers in Denver

By Amanda Forquer, 4-H Educator

Eight teens from Knox, Morrow, and Richland Counties traveled to Denver, CO during January 8 to 12, 2020. They explored 12 businesses while on a career exploration trip that was coordinated by OSU Extension – Morrow County.

This trip was a chance to take youth out of their comfort zone to experience a new city, people, ideas, and open their eyes to career opportunities they may not have thought of before. Many of the places visited were similar to businesses in Ohio, but run a bit differently in Colorado or on a much larger scale.

Taylor Rush stated, "More goes into running it (the National Cattlemen's Beef Association - NCBA) than you think. They monitor the media constantly, try recipes in the culinary kitchen, advocate for the farmers and ranchers, and so much more. The best part was they talked to us like people who were going to achieve something someday." The NCBA was one of the youth's favorite stops.

The group toured Cactus Hill Ranch, which currently houses 50,000 head of lamb, but has the capacity to house 150,000. Will Nelson, one of the owners, educated the youth about feeding and watering so many lambs, manure management, making a profit, and more. They also had the opportunity to tour Superior Foods, Inc.

where many of Cactus Hill's lambs are processed. This enabled the youth to see where the lambs were fed and then to see the finished product processed into retail cuts and packaged.

Visiting Five Rivers Cattle was impactful to the youth because they experienced the management of a feed yard having 50,000 head of cattle. Colton Boyer said, "They fed efficiently, and they figured out how to feed on such a large scale and still make money."

Some of the other locations they visited were Colorado State University, Great Range Bison, Sombbrero Horse Stables, National Western Stock Show, Where Food Comes From, Celestial Seasonings, and others.

The youth gained insight into a vast array of career paths. Some of them had their eyes opened to new interests and others increased their knowledge of what they were already planning to pursue.

Four of the youth also participated in the National Western Round-up livestock judging contest (Colton Boyer, Ellie Kidwell, Cassidy Small, and Ethan Staley).

A special thank you to the sponsors of the trip – Ohio 4-H Youth Development, Knox County Cattlemen's, and the Mildred and Harold Hart Endowment.

Fishing Education and Derby to be held May 16

You are cordially invited to the Oakland Park Conservation Club's Annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters & 4-H Fishing Education and Derby on May 16, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the OPCC Grounds, 768 Bennington Twp. Rd. 26, Marengo, OH 43334.

All youth will receive a fishing pole courtesy of the Ohio Division of Wildlife. This event is FREE to youth and mentors.

Classes:

FISHING 101: Learn about fishing, types of fish, rules and regulations

HOOK-LINE-SINKER: Learn how to rig a pole

CASTING: Learn how to cast.

Lunch will be provided.

There will be a Fishing Derby with prizes awarded.

This event is proudly sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Call 740-272-3996 to RSVP

For more information about Oakland Park Conservation Club, visit their website at www.oaklandparkconservation.org.

4-H General Information

A Reminder of 4-H Membership Eligibility

Just a reminder and clarification on membership eligibility for 4-H members.

- Youth may join the cloverbud program (Non Competitive) when they are in kindergarten and five years old as of January 1, 2020.

Youth may begin taking 4-H projects when they are 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. OR

Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for projects, regardless of grade level as of January 1, 2020.

The last year of 4-H eligibility is the year in which a youth turns 19 years old (example: if you turned 19 years old on July 12, 2019 your last year in 4-H was in 2019).

Thinking of Starting A 4-H Club or Just Volunteering?

There is still time!

Contact Becky Barker for more information.

barker.157@osu.edu or 419-947-1070

4-H Photo Opportunity

You can be part of Manna Pro's 4-H photo mosaic and help Ohio 4-H win! Enter up to five of your favorite 4-H photos at mannapro.com/

4h, receive coupons up to \$50 off Manna Pro products and boost Ohio's chances of winning \$6000 for 4-H programs.

Constructing Your Woodworking Project

Who: Any youth of Morrow & Marion Counties taking the Measuring Up or Making the Cut 4-H woodworking projects.

What: Youth will build one of the required projects in the book. All necessary supplies and tools will be provided.

When: Saturday, May 9, 2020, 9 am-2:30 pm

Where: Tri-Rivers Career Center, Marion

Cost: \$30

Registration: due April 29th

For more information or to register, go to go.osu.edu/stcmworkshops

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Career Exploration Workshop

Construction and Automotive Trade Careers

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Take the guess work out of whether you want to work in a construction trade or automotive technology trade career! Youth spend the day doing skills used in these trade fields to see if they like them.

During this hands-on workshop, youth complete the tasks listed below (activities are subject to change).

Automotive Technology
 Automotive Safety Inspections
 Lube, Oil and Filter Change
 Tire Dismount, Mount, Balance and Rotation
 Basic Electrical Circuit Diagnostics and Repair
 Automotive Scan Tool Operation

Construction Trades Academy
 Basic Construction – Build a small project to take home!
 CNC Router Usage
 Heavy Equipment Demonstration - Operation & Safety
 Small Tool Safety
 Wall Framing (parts of a wall and how to construct it)

For more information and to register, go to:
www.go.osu.edu/careerexploration

Who - Youth in grades 5-12
When - April 18, 2020
 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Where - Tri-Rivers Career Center, Marion
Cost - \$15 Morrow & Marion County Residents
\$35 Non-Morrow or Marion County Residents

Registration Due - April 8, 2020
Questions? Contact Amanda Forquer
forquer.13@osu.edu, 419.947.1070

Comments from past participants:
"Best day of my life!"
"It was a fun day and I learned a lot."

Each youth goes home with a toolset to continue their learning!

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4-H NEWS



4-H General Information

Celebrate Ohio 4-H Week

As clubs get started for the 2020 4-H Year, consider doing something to celebrate "Ohio 4-H Week" held March 8th–14th. How about having your club's kick off meeting during this week? A display in a business highlighting your

members and their projects? A promotional display to join 4-H? Donating items/dollars to a worthy cause or organization? Send an article to the newspaper? The ideas are endless!!!

Morrow County 4-H Camp Dates!

Mark your calendar for another fun 5 days of camping! 2020 Camp dates are July 9-13th.

From the Junior Fair Office

News from Shelby & Lisa

Spring is on its way, 4-H club meetings have started, and the Jr. Fair Board is making plans for the 2020 Morrow County Fair. We have welcomed 16 new members onto the board and have elected our new officers: President – Tyler Brown, Vice President – Leslie Brubaker, Secretary – Tess Ruehrmund, Treasurer – Kayla Carlyle, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Mackenzie Grandstaff, Historian – Joey Linnabary, Parliamentary Officer – Myles Jordan.

The first exciting thing the new board members get to do is attend the Ohio Fair Managers Convention and learn about all the fun ideas and resources that can make our fair better. We then got down to business, and at the top of the list of things to do was having the Board decide what the theme of this year's fair is going to be.

The theme for the 2020 Morrow County Fair is "An Old Fashion County Fair." I know we will have some creative booths this year!

Please be sure to look at the family handbook you should receive from your club advisor and pay attention to animal possession dates.

Revisions for 2020

- Rate of Gain has been removed for Market Goats and Market Lambs. This means NO June weigh in for these animals. Instead exhibitor will be required to turn in ID forms for animals that wish to come to fair. Identification forms are due by the first Saturday in June. These forms can be found on the Morrow County Extension website, at the Extension Office and at the Jr. Fair Office.
- The weight for a pair of broilers is now 10lbs – 16lbs

- Voting for Jr. Fair Royalty will now take place during miscellaneous, food and clothing judging and during skillathon.

- Ractopamine is being banned for all species across the fairgrounds.

- We have new BBR Forms that can be picked up at the Extension office or the Jr. Fair Office.

- We have new animal identification form. These can be found on the extension website, picked up at the Extension Office or the Jr. Fair Office. (Market Goat, Market Lambs, Breeding Hogs and Market Hogs)

Quality Assurance

Remember that every exhibitor taking an animal project to the 2020 Morrow County Fair must attend a quality assurance session.

Dates for large group sessions are April 28th, May 6th and May 18th.

Project Spotlight

****NEW** 4-H Around the Globe:** Are you curious about other countries? This intermediate-level project takes a look at 4-H through an international lens, with close-ups of Ghana, Kosovo, Nicaragua, and South Korea. Key factors make each country's 4-H program different, and dedication to 4-H makes us all the same.

All About Dogs: Ever wonder how prehistoric dogs met prehistoric humans? Want to know how dogs think and the meaning behind their body language? Curious about what keeps dogs happy and healthy? Discover these answers and the valuable roles these furry companions play in our lives. For beginner-level members who may or may not have a dog. Not for members enrolled in a dog project.

It's My Home: You can be a big contributor to your household in so many ways. Why not do so AND keep your own sense of style? This project covers basic design elements, organization, upcycling, and service learning. All the activities can be done with your excellent decision making, good taste, and big heart.

Did you know?

The Sr. Fair is now offering Dog classes in Open Fair. This is available for those who are 19 and over and is a dog obedience show. This does not require the dog to be a purebred, only that they have all the appropriate vaccinations. The rules for the classes can be found in the Sr. Fair Book. The show takes place along with the Jr. Fair Dog Show on Thursday of the fair at 2:00pm at the small stage pavilion. This is a great way for more people to get involved in the fair!

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Don't Forget The County Projects When Enrolling!

Don't forget to consider the county projects not listed in the State 4-H Family Guide. Morrow County created these projects from members/advisors/parents suggestions and needs. They all

have project books and are free to members.

1002 – Pies

1005 – Candy

1007 – Cookies

Ohio Youth Institute!

High school age youth are invited to part of the Ohio Youth Institute, hosted by OSU's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Participants research and write a short paper on a global challenge facing a country, then come to the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on April 20. Students from throughout

Ohio meet with OSU experts, speakers and participate in hands-on experiences focused on global food concerns. OYI Scholars may be eligible for USDA summer internships and international opportunities. Visit the OYI website for details at https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/ohio/.

Congratulations - New 4-H Reps Selected To 2020 Junior Fair Board

Congratulations to the following individuals named to the 2020 Morrow County Junior Fair Board:

Christina Beheler, Collin Bowman, Syntyche

Black, Joleigh Burson, MacKenzie Grandstaff, Alana Parsons, Marcella Rollins, Madison Scarls, Alexis Shaw, Briana Zeiger

Animal Project Born By/Hatch Dates

A complete list of requirements in your 4-H Family Handbook or found on the <http://morrow.osu.edu> website.

Listed are our fair requirements for some of the animals born/hatched early in 2020.

- Market Feeder Calves - Born January 1 to

April 1

- Market Hogs - Farrowed/Born after February 1st (ideally born mid February – mid March)
- Market Goats - Born after January 1
- Market Lambs - Under 1 year of age by fair
- Breeding Poultry - Under 1 year of age by fair

Meeting for the 2020 Ohio State Fair Rabbit & Avian Quiz Bowl Contest

Calling all 4-H rabbit and poultry exhibitors! The dates have been announced for the 2020 Avian and Rabbit Bowl. The Avian Bowl will be held on Saturday, July 11th and Rabbit Bowl will be on Saturday, July 18th. Both competitions will be at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Rachel Keckler and Cassidy Neviska will serve as co advisors with Russ Meyer.

What are the Avian and Rabbit Bowls? The primary purpose of the contests is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their knowledge of respective animal-related subject matter. This competition is open to ANY 4-H'er interested in learning more about the species. Senior contestants must be at least 14

years of age on 1/1/2020 and not older than 18 years as of 01/01/2020. Junior contestants must be at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade, or 9 years old regardless of grade, and younger than 14 years of age as of 1/1/2020.

Morrow County has had a great time participating and winning in this competition in the last several years. Those interested can contact the extension office or Russ Meyer, 419-560-3689. Our kickoff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th at the Extension office at 6-7:30 pm.

Awards will be presented at the Ohio State Fair: Rabbits on Friday, August 7th & Poultry will be the day of the event.

Swine Project Information

Morrow County Pork Producers 2020 Pork Ambassador Application Due

This ambassador replaces the past queen and princess. Male and female applicants of 4-H project age eligible. Applications for the Amba-

sador due April 3rd. Applications available on <http://morrow.osu.edu> website or by request.



4-H NEWS



4-H General Information

Project Enrollment for 4-H and FFA Members and Showing Animals at the Ohio State Fair

4-H members must be enrolled in their county in the project in which they enter to show at the Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Shows (including poultry, rabbits, and dogs), regardless of whether that project is offered for county exhibition.

(1) For example: To show in a gilt class at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 140 Swine Breeding Project and Record Book.

(2) For example: To show a dairy feeder at the Ohio State Fair, youth must be enrolled in project 117DF Dairy Beef Feeder (Market);

(3) For example: To show breeding poultry (chickens) at the Ohio State Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in project 150CE, Exhibition Chickens; to show breeding poultry (ducks), they must be enrolled in project 150DE, Exhibition Ducks, and so forth.

(4) For example: To show a dog in agility at the Ohio State Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in project 201P, Performance; to show the same dog in obedience, project 201O, Obedience, etc.

FFA members must enter to show at the Ohio State Fair the same animal project they are taking through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

(1) For example: To show a market lamb at the Ohio State Fair, FFA members must be taking market lambs as one of their Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

For example: (2) To show a beef breeding

heifer at the Ohio State Fair, FFA members must be taking breeding beef as one of their Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

Note: The same animal cannot be enrolled in two projects in the county (exception dog projects and 4-H PetPALS), with the youth planning to enter one or the other project at the Ohio State Fair. Decisions must be made by project enrollment deadline or county's animal identification deadline (whichever comes first).

(1) For example: A youth is not permitted to enroll the same beef animal in a breeding project (117B Beef Breeding) AND in a market project (117M Market Beef).

(2) For example: A youth is not permitted to enroll the same rabbit in a pet rabbit project (Pet Rabbit Project and Record Book 227) AND in a breeding rabbit project (Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book 225). She/he must choose which project in which to enroll that animal by county deadlines for that species.

(3) Exception dog projects: For example: Youth may enroll the same dog in multiple dog projects such as in You and Your Dog (201D); Obedience (201O); Performance (201P) and Showmanship (201S) provided that dog can perform the required exercises of each project at the Ohio State Fair.

(4) Exception: 4-H PetPALS: Youth may enroll in a pet rabbit project (225) and 4-H PetPALS (230), or 150CE Exhibition Chickens and 230 4-H PetPALS, etc. with the same animal.

2020 Quality Assurance (QA) Rules, Test Out, and Sessions

Morrow County Rules: All youth project members taking livestock (market and breeding) and horses are required to attend a quality assurance session annually or test out when eligible. **Quality Assurance must be completed by July 17 in order to show at the Morrow County Fair. State Fair "deadline" will depend on the specie shown.**

Parents/Guardians are required to attend the first 2 years of a project member's required QA sessions.

****Test out opportunities are only for youth in their 3rd year or beyond and 12 years old and older as of January 1, 2020. Test out age groups 12 to 14 and 15 and older. Youth who pass the test at age 15 or older will not need to test nor attend a quality assurance again.**

Test Out Opportunities:

- County - Monday, April 1st, Ag Credit Building, 5362 US Highway 42, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Cardington H.S. - Thursday, April 2nd, sign up through teacher, Angie Bush
- Mt. Gilead H.S./M.S. - April 3 - listen for announcements, Matt Gompf, teacher
- New On-line: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) <http://yqca.org/> (see article below)

Morrow County Quality Assurance Sessions:

- March 11th, Beef QA, Ag Credit Building, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, RSVP- 419-947-1070
- April 2nd, Livestock QA General, for 8-10-year-old youth only and parents!! Ag Credit Building, 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm, RSVP Required, **Only 40 seats 419-947-1070**
- April 28th, Livestock QA General, Fair Grounds, 6:15 pm
- May 6th, Livestock QA General, Fair Grounds, 6:15 pm
- May 18th, Livestock QA General, Fair Grounds, 6:15 pm
- May 27th, Horse Projects Only QA/Safety Clinic, Fair Grounds, 6:15 pm

Quality Assurance Opportunities - There are several state QA opportunities, such as Beef Expo (March 20, no registration), OSU Junior Swine Day (March 28th, registration required), and the Youth Poultry Clinic (April 18th, registration required) and Dairy Palooza (April 25th registration required)

Horse project members may attend any session but are encouraged to attend both.

NEW Quality Assurance Opportunity for Morrow County In 2020

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) <http://yqca.org/>

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), has endorsed the following option for youth who are officially enrolled in a 4-H and/or FFA livestock/food animal project.

Youth who intend to show their project animal(s) at exhibition (e.g., county or state fair) have the option to complete an on-line YQCA session. For the training to meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA requirement for the project year:

• Youth **MUST** be 12 years or older as of January 1st of the current year (4-H age) AND in their third year of participating in Quality Assurance.

• The on-line module completed **MUST** be for the correct 4-H age for the youth.

• The on-line session must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of exhibition. July 17th for Morrow County.

Youth can go to the following website to take the age-appropriate on-line module for \$12: <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>

- Youth will need their 4HOnline login and password or they can create their own login and password. Youth **MUST** register using 4HOnline for their results to automatically show up in 4HOnline.

Dogs Project Possession by April 1st

If members are taking or planning on taking any of the 4-H Dog Projects, the member is required to have physical possession by April 1.

Also be sure to check with and receive from the Extension Office a veterinarian form to keep your dog up to date on shot requirements.

Morrow County Junior Leaders Club

We are looking for a few (actually many) Junior Leaders. Come join us on the last Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Help with county activities, learn team building, and have a good time! Mark us on your calendar!

2020 Youth Conversationist Program

Youth ages 9 to 18 years old are encouraged to apply for the 2020 Youth Conversationist Program, sponsored by the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. The winning applicant will receive a heritage breed ewe. The applicant should indicate if they wish to be considered for a specific breed or for any of the breeds available.

Applications should be postmarked by April 1, 2020 and should include an essay which introduces you, your experience with animals, where the animal will reside and if different from your own home, why and what your responsibilities will be, your interest in sheep and answer the question, "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep." Each applicant must include a letter of recommendation from their 4-H advisor, FFA advisor, veterinarian, teacher or clergy. The total application/essay should be no more than two pages in length and should include applicant's address, phone and email address.

Applications and essays should be sent to Elaine Ashcraft, 46118 CR 58, Cochocton, OH 43812, phone 740-622-1573, email tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com (please note the underscore between tankewe and cr58!). ALL ESSAYS **MUST** BE MAILED. EMAILED

ESSAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Requirements if selected:

• Must be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

• Must exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2020 at 1) a county fair or local sheep show and 2) the State Fair in the state where the recipient lives.

• Must breed the ewe to a registered ram (of her breed) in the fall or 2020 (you should consult the donor breeder for their recommendations).

• Must either use the ewe's fleece to personally make a wool item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter or weaver.

• Must submit an article the following Feb/March (2021) to their local newspaper covering their year and including information concerning the next year's YCP.

• Must submit a one to two page report, with pictures, to the donor breeder by April 30, 2021 and provide a scrapbook to be used at the Maryland Festival and given back to the youth.

Contact Elaine Ashcraft with any questions.

Donors choose the recipients from the essays submitted by the youth.



4-H NEWS



Swine Project Information

Swine Project Member Needed (4-H and/or FFA)

The Morrow County Fair Board, Morrow County Livestock Sale Committee, and the Morrow County Pork Producers each year provide a Morrow County 4-H or FFA member the opportunity to raise, display, and sell a market hog for the purpose of giving back all Jr. Fair Livestock Auction proceeds to the Morrow County Jr. Fair Building Fund. A great community service project for any member!

Guidelines:

1. Youth must be an active project member in 4-H or FFA of current year.
2. Youth must take Market Hog Project 139 as a 4-H member or Market Hog project through FFA.
3. Youth must be primary care giver providing day to day care and feeding of the Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig from possession to final sale at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale.
4. Ideally Morrow County Jr. Fair Market hogs should weigh between 220 pounds and 280 pounds by fair weigh-in.
5. Youth is responsible for transportation and care to June Market Swine Tag-In and to the Morrow County Fair.
6. Youth is responsible for entering the Market Hog on their Jr. Fair Entry Form. Youth selected to raise the Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig may take a maximum of 3 market swine to the Morrow County Jr. Fair, with one being the Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig and the other two their Market Hog projects.

7. The Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig will not be shown for placing nor any other awards related to muscling, confirmation, or carcass quality.

8. Youth must be willing and available for any media events etc.

9. The Morrow County Pork Producers will award the youth selected a donated market feeder pig to be raised as the Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig.

10. The Morrow County Pork Producers will donate towards purchasing feed for Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement.

11. Youth must immediately contact the OSU Extension, 4-H Educator and Morrow County Pork Producer President if any problems, issues, or questions arise.

12. The Morrow County Pork Producers, Morrow County Sr. Fair Board and OSU Extension Morrow County will help the youth succeed in making sure a Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig is sold in the livestock sale for the purposes of the Morrow County Jr. Fair Building Fund.

To enter the youth must submit an essay on the topic "Why I want to raise the Morrow County Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig". The essay must describe the facility that youth will use to raise the pig, their ability to raise a market hog, and experiences. Please include pictures of the facilities.

Entries are due April 3rd at 4:30 p.m. to the OSU Extension Office, 5362 US Highway 42 Ste. 101 Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338.

Morrow County Pork Producers 2020 Scholarships Available

The Morrow County Pork Producers will be sponsoring \$500 scholarships to qualified candidates. Scholarship preference will be given to students who are actively involved in the pork industry. Students may be majoring in any field of study, which leads to a post-high school degree. The Morrow County Pork Producers reserve the right to reject applicants if not deemed qualified.

Eligibility:

1. Student must be entered or entering into an ac-

credited, post-high school academic degree program.

2. Applicants must be a resident of Morrow County or graduating from a Morrow County School District.

3. An individual may only receive the scholarship once.

Application Procedure:

Application deadline is April 3, 2020

Application can be found on the morrow.osu.edu website or through the Extension Office.

Cloverbud Information

Ohio 4-H Cloverbot Challenge!!

It's time to register for the 2020 Ohio 4-H Cloverbot Challenge and this year Cloverbuds will be On the Move! Teams will explore transportation and how people and goods get where they are going. The challenge happens on June 13 at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau Cen-

ter. Find registration details and information about ordering kits at <https://ohio4h.org/families/cloverbuds/cloverbot-challenge>.

Thanks to the Ohio 4-H Foundation for their support of this program.

Cloverbud Fun Day

Coming July 18, 2020! More information coming soon at: morrow.osu.edu

Morrow County Scarlet & Gray News

EXHIBITING A RACTOPAMINE-FREE SWINE PROJECT

RACTOPAMINE-FREE SWINE PRODUCTION IS NOW A MARKET SPECIFICATION/REQUIREMENT THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE U.S. PORK PACKING INDUSTRY. BECAUSE SHOW PIGS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO ENTER INTERNATIONAL PORK MARKETS, THEY MUST BE RACTOPAMINE-FREE.

EXPECT YOUR FAIR TO SECURE A SIGNED AFFIDAVIT FROM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN STATING THAT THE PIGS EXHIBITED BY THEIR SHOWMAN HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED RACTOPAMINE.



WHAT IS RACTOPAMINE?

A beta-adrenergic agonist that when fed according to label directions can improve pig growth rate, carcass composition, and feed conversion efficiency. Product trade names include: Paylean®, Optallex®, Engain®, Actogain®, and other generic derivatives.



WHAT DOES RACTOPAMINE-FREE MEAN?

The pig has never been fed or exposed to ractopamine sources from the time of birth to the time of harvest.



AREAS OF FOCUS TO ENSURE YOUR PROJECT IS RACTOPAMINE-FREE

1. YOUR PIG

Understand the status of any pig(s) you purchase or raise on your own farm and comply by not feeding or exposing your pigs to ractopamine.

2. YOUR FEED SUPPLY

Work directly with your feed supplier to assure that the feed you use is free of ractopamine.

3. YOUR FEEDERS

Feeders and containers should be thoroughly disinfected and dried prior to adding new feed. This will prevent cross-contamination.

4. YOUR BARN

Pens, bedding, fans, etc. should be thoroughly disinfected as they have a risk of containing ractopamine if you have fed it in the past.

5. YOUR TRAILER

Do a complete disinfection and drying of trailers and vehicles between loads of pigs.

6. EXHIBITION

Don't offer ractopamine if the rules indicate it is not acceptable for the fair or exhibition.

This message is brought to you by:



Morrow County Fair Ractopamine Free!

Recently, ractopamine-free swine production became a market specification through much of the U.S. pork packing industry. Although ractopamine (sold under the trade names Paylean® or Engain® for swine) is an approved product used to increase lean growth rate, it has been banned in many international pork markets. In short, ractopamine-free means that a pig has never been fed or exposed to ractopamine—from the time of birth to the time of market.

Because ractopamine has been banned in international markets, swine exhibited at the 2020 Ohio State Fair and Morrow County Fair are required to be ractopamine-free. To ensure that exhibitors follow this protocol, the Ohio State Fair

and the Morrow County Fair will secure a signed affidavit from a parent or legal guardian which states that the pigs exhibited by their showman have never been offered ractopamine.

Morrow County will be providing more information and forms to be utilized for the county level at a later date, but at this time please be aware that swine are to be ractopamine free from birth to market.

See fact sheet in this newsletter and more information at the following website. If you will be buying swine there is a producer affidavit at this website you can utilize for your records. <https://ohiopork.org/ractopamine-free/>.

OSU EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2020

- 26 Improve Beef Herd Genetics & Carcass Quality With AI, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
27 2019 eFields Regional Meetings (Central Region), 9 a.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room

MARCH 2020

- 2 Dairy Board Meeting, 12 noon, Ag Credit Building Conference Room
2 Jr. Fairboard, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
4 Cattlemen's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
5 Seed Starting Class, Johnsville Perry Cook Memorial Library, 2 p.m.
8-14 Ohio 4-H Week
11 Adult & Youth BOA Training, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room, RSVP
12 Pork Producers Meeting, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
12 Pesticide Applicator Exam, 9 a.m.,
14 Ohio 4-H Conference
14 2020 Small Farm Conference & Trade Show, OSU Mansfield, 8 a.m., Pre-Registration Required
17 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 9 a.m., Extension Office, RSVP!
17 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 7 p.m., Extension Office, RSVP!
18 All About Composting, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
18 Ohio Swine Health Symposium, Plain City, Ohio, Registration required
18 Walk with A Doc: 12:00 PM, Mount Gilead Cherry Street Administration Building
19 Horse & Pony, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
19-22 Ohio Beef Expo
24 CARTEENS, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
26 Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest
26 Senior Fairboard Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
28 OSU Jr. Swine Day, Registration Required
30 Junior Leaders, 7 - 8 p.m.
31 Backyard Poultry Production, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room

APRIL 2020

- 1 Cattlemen's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
1 New Volunteer Training, 7 p.m., Extension Office Conference Room, RSVP!
1 Quality Assurance Test-Out Opportunity, 4:30-6 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
2 Quality Assurance for 8-10 year olds, 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room, RSVP
6 Junior Fairboard, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
6 Dairy Board Meeting, 12 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
7 Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
8 Career Exploration Workshop - Construction & Automotive Trade Careers Registration Due
9 Pork Producers Meeting, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
9 Garden Site Selection & Prep, 2 p.m., Johnsville Perry Cook Memorial Library
14 Make and Take Uncooked: 1:00 PM, Perry Cook Memorial Public Library
15 4-H Enrollments Due On Line
15 Walk with A Doc: 12:00 PM, Mount Gilead Cherry Street Administration Building
16 Horse and Pony Committee, 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
18 Career Exploration Workshop - Construction & Automotive Trade Careers, 9-3 p.m., Tri-Rivers Career Center
19 Fairy Gardens, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center, 2 p.m.
21 Worm Bin Composting, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
23 Sr. Fair Board, 7:30 p.m., Fairgrounds
25 Trash Bash Drop Off At Fairgrounds
27 Jr. Leaders, 7-8 p.m., Extension Conference Room
28 Quality Assurance, General Livestock, 6:15 p.m., Fairgrounds
28 The Occasional Quantity Cook Class - 6 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
28 The Occasional Quantity Cook: 6:00 PM, Ag Credit Building, Second Floor Conference Room

- 29 Constructing Your Wordworking Project In A Day Registration Due
30 Last Day To Add/Drop Projects and New Member Deadline

MAY 2020

- 4 Dairy Board Meeting, 12 noon, Ag Credit Building Conference Room
4 Jr. Fairboard, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
6 Cattlemen's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
6 Livestock Quality Assurance General, 6:15 p.m., Fairgrounds
9 Constructing Your Woodworking Project, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Tri-Rivers Career Center
11 Planting Your Garden & Container Gardening Workshop, 2 p.m., Johnsville Perry Cook Memorial Library
14 Pork Producers, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
18 Livestock Quality Assurance General, 6:15 p.m., Fairgrounds
19 Yard Composting, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
20 Hanging Baskets & Humming Birds, 6 p.m., Headwaters OEC
20 Walk with A Doc: 12:00 PM, Mount Gilead Cherry Street Administration Building
21 4-H Horse & Pony Committee, 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
25 Memorial Day, Office Closed
26 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
27 Horse Quality Assurance Only/Safety Clinic, Fairgrounds, 6:15 p.m.
28 Sr. Fairboard, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds

JULY 2020

- 8 Registration Deadline for Youth Fitness Quest
8 Registration Deadline for Cloverbud Fun Day
18 Cloverbud Fun Day - Location TBA,
21 Youth Fitness Quest - Buckeye Fitness & Training Academy

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