

Morrow County SCARLET & GRAY News

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What are the Facts??

Information about the OSU Extension – Morrow County Renewal Levy!

On the primary ballot, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, there will be a 0.5 mill tax renewal levy for 5 years to support OSU Extension - Morrow County which includes services and programming in the areas of 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Development and SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education for Morrow County citizens. This is a **RENEWAL! A Renewal Levy means NO New Taxes/Increases, even with County-wide Reappraisals of Property Value!!!!** There are some factors that would increase the amount paid but that would be on a property-by-property change as determined by the county Auditor only.

Why do you need a levy?
In 2009, OSU Extension - Morrow County only received \$6,250 of an annual budget request from the Morrow County Commissioners. This cut is due to the Morrow

County financial crisis and a 1.3-million-dollar county budget shortfall for that year. The Morrow County Commissioners had to make cuts to balance the budget, cutting OSU Extension and other departments. In that budget planning the County Commissioners proposed the levy to help with the budget shortfall. In 2009, OSU Extension passed the first levy to support the OSU office, renewed it in 2014 and then in 2019. It is up for the 5 year renewal.

Why can't you get funding from Ohio State University?

No OSU tuition, athletics or medical center funds help pay for OSU Extension at the county level. Only county, state and federal Extension funds support Extension office programming. Ohio State University Extension has an agreement with Ohio county governments in which a county must first support OSU Extension financially before

state government and federal Extension funds additionally support the county OSU Extension program. These additional Extension state and federal funds are separate from higher education funding. Approximately, 40% of the educator salaries and benefits are paid by state and federal dollars. OSU Extension – Morrow County is your connection to the trusted resources of The Ohio State University since 1919, but not funding.

What happens if the levy fails?

Programs and services conducted by OSU Extension - Morrow County, including 4-H will be eliminated unless funds are made available from the county. Last year 2,700 youth received 4-H educational programming. See the additional programming that would be cut as described in this newsletter.

Can 4-H members participate in another county program?

Ohio 4-H rules state that youth

members are to participate in their county of residence. This is a funding issue, taxpayers in another county do not want to support educational programs for Morrow County youth. It puts the burden on their county commissioners and taxpayer dollars. The same would be for Morrow County taxpayers and the county commissioners, they don't want to pay to help educate another county's youth. The cross-county line 4-H policy is void when there is no Extension program in the county of residence. In short, no Extension program in a county means all 4-H membership opportunities end for the residents of that county.

Can Morrow County youth take their 4-H projects to the Ohio State Fair?

The Ohio State Fair rules state that youth must be a member of Ohio 4-H or FFA to participate in Jr. Fair Livestock competition. That is also the case for the 4-H horse projects, 4-H small animal projects, and 4-H "still" projects such as clothing, nutrition, robotics, fishing etc. If there is no OSU Extension Office in a county there is no 4-H program in that county and no 4-H projects are eligible to attend the Ohio State Fair Jr. Division competition. Morrow County youth not in FFA could only participate in the Ohio State Fair Open Class Divisions for livestock/horses/dogs.

Will we have a fair if the levy fails and there is no Extension county funding?

Yes, Morrow County can have a fair! OSU Extension - Morrow County and the Morrow County Agriculture Society are separate entities and are financed separately. Morrow County youth could have the opportunity to participate in the fair as decided by the Agriculture Society, but not as 4-H members. Their 4-H membership and clubs will end if funds are not available to support Extension. Also, no Extension funds pay for the Jr. Fair Coordinators employed by the Sr. Fair Board. 4-H teens and volunteers with a Jr. Fair role would no longer be organized

and supported by Ohio 4-H.

What's it going to cost me?

Information based on Morrow County appraisal of property in 2009. For a 0.5 mill levy, homeowners would pay approximately \$17.50 per year, per property valued at \$100,000. There are other reductions each property owner could have which would reduce this amount paid.

How much will the levy provide in funding to the Extension Office?

Because it is a Renewal from 2009 it is valued as a .41 mil levy! Dollars received also change each year because of the constant change of existing 2009 use of land, housing, and businesses. Historically, we have received anywhere from \$300,000 to \$340,000 even though the Auditor lists the next potential amount of as \$406,000. New and reduction of housing on properties and businesses coming and going add to or reduce a renewal levy.

Isn't this levy just for 4-H?

No, it is for the OSU Extension - Morrow County office which provides leadership to the following program areas: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources (including Master Gardeners), Family and Consumer Sciences (including SNAP-Ed nutrition education), and Community Development.

Who will receive the funds collected by the levy?

These funds will not go into the county commissioner's fund or another county fund/agency. All the funds collected by the levy must go directly to and used by the OSU Extension - Morrow County office for the citizens of Morrow County!

Has this been done before?


Currently, twelve (12) other counties across the state are successfully funded by county Extension levies. Noble County has been a levy supported county since 1986.

Why should I pay for something extra that my taxes should be paying for?

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What Do You Get from OSU Extension-Morrow County?

Check out the next pages for much more! We are here to meet the needs of our county!

- **4-H Youth Development Programs**
 - 4-H Clubs and Camp
 - Projects Participation/ Partnership with Fair
 - 4-H STEM School Programing – K-12 grades
 - Countywide Youth Educational Programing
- **Master Gardener Volunteer Programs**
 - Gardening Classes
- **Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs**
 - Pesticide Applicator Re-certification
 - Soil and Hay Testing
 - Quality Assurance Training and Re-certifi-

- **cation**
 - Yard and Garden Assessments
- **Family and Consumer Sciences Programs**
 - ServSafe Food Handling Education for Businesses
 - Food Preservation
 - Financial Literacy
 - Pressure Canner Testing and Education
- **Community Development Programs**
 - Youth Workforce Development
 - Local Business Support
 - Local Agency Collaboration
- **SNAP-Ed (Grant Funded Education)**
 - Nutrition Education Programs for Youth to Adults
 - How to Manage SNAP benefits

And all The Ohio State University research and educational knowledge! Without OSU Extension in Morrow County

all programs will go away, and youth will not be able to participate in another county 4-H program.

OSU Extension-Morrow County Programs Offered

- Agriculture Study Bus Trip
- Agronomy Field Days
- Agronomy Research Plots
- Amish Community Health Fair
- Beef Quality Assurance Re-Certification
- Beef Quality Assurance Training
- Beginning and Small Farm College
- Beginning and Small Farm Conferences
- Fertilizer Re-Certification
- Fertilizer Recommendations
- Field Scouting
- Forage Analysis Interpretation
- Forage Sampling
- Fruit Tree Pruning
- Garden Assessments
- Gardening Programing
- Grain Rescue Education
- Horticulture Programing at Local Libraries
- Horse Pasture Management
- Insect Control
- Insect Identification
- Local Foods List and Map
- Local Greenhouse, Garden Center and Nursery List and Map
- Master Gardener Volunteer Program
- Ohio Maple Days
- Participate in Community Resource Fairs
- Pesticide Applicator Re-Certification
- Pesticide Applicator Testing
- Plant Disease Control
- Plant Disease Identification
- Produce Field Walks
- Sit on Local Agency Advisory Boards
- Soil Analysis Interpretation
- Soil Sampling
- Support to local farmers
- Support to local Greenhouse Growers

- Support to local Produce Growers
- Timber Harvesting and Marketing
- Tree Evaluation
- Turf Assessments
- Weed Control
- Weed Identification
- Weekly Agriculture, Horticulture and Natural Resources Blog
- Aging Smart series
- America Saves
- Basic Home Food Preservation - Deciding What's Best For You
- Beat the Heat
- Building a Better Smoothie
- Canner Inspections & Dial Gauge Testing
- Canning and Freezing Meats, Soups, & Stews
- Canning for Newbies
- Citizenship Basics
- Clutter Free Living
- County Your Money Calendar
- Dining with Diabetes Series
- Dining with Diabetes: Take Charge of Your Diabetes
- Dining with Diabetes: Take Charge of Your Diabetes During the Holidays
- Discovering Laughter & My Laughter Recipe
- Eat Right When the Money is Tight
- Eight Easy Exercises for Financial Fitness series
- Financial Education Wheel for Youth
- Financial Technology - Just the Basic Please!
- Financial Wellbeing
- Food Preservation & Food Safety Q&A
- Food Preservation Basics webinar series
- Food Preservation Five webinar series
- Food Preservation for Youth series

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Renewal Levy

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As you look at your property tax statement, very little of your current taxes go to the general county fund through which Extension was funded before 2009. The county government relies on this little amount of money, sales tax revenue, and investments to run Morrow County. All these annual funds have not met the demand and mandates for these funds.

Why not use an income tax levy?

Current Ohio law does not allow us to use income tax levies.

Will my taxes go up each year?

This is a Renewal from 2009. Unless the county Auditor changes your property values on an individual basis, NOT countywide reappraisals it will stay the same. We are receiving about the same dollars each year.

Who decides what the levy money is used for?

Morrow County citizens, Morrow County program Extension Educators, and the county Extension Advisory Committee (made up of Morrow County citizens) all work together to decide the needs of Morrow County. The needs of our county as well as research available establish programming and where dollars are to be spent. The more dollars available the more programming OSU Extension can provide to a county.

How has the Extension office changed since the first levy was passed?

As promised in the first levy we have become a full-service office offering all Extension program areas. We hired Educators to meet the programming needs of our county and expanded our educational impact to reach more audiences. We will continue to survey and assess the needs to help our citizens. Please take our surveys to help decide where dollars will go.

How are dollars being used for your new office space?

Several years ago, we moved into the new Ag Credit Agriculture Center. Our OSU Extension office did NOT put any money into constructing this building. Our rent is 40 cents LESS per square foot for our usable space and we have free use of a large education/conference room with additional technology included. While at the Wil-

helm Building, we were paying additional dollars to rent spaces for large education programs. That is no longer an issue at the Ag Credit Building.

How is a levy campaign financed?

Money used to support and finance the levy campaign is raised by the levy committee. All costs of the levy campaign are paid with contributions from supporters of OSU Extension - Morrow County only. No taxpayer dollars go into the levy campaign.

How can I help?

You can become involved in the campaign by talking to friends, neighbors, and co-workers about the importance of these services to Morrow County citizens. Help is needed to work on campaign promotion and donate to the levy fund through treasurer, Melissa S. Kidwell, 5790 CR. 20, Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338.

Can someone donate to the operations of OSU Extension - Morrow County?

For years other moneys, either donated or raised, have financially supported specific programming of the OSU Extension - Morrow County office. This donation would be a tax-deductible donation. Please contact the Morrow County OSU Extension Office for more information.

What youth can participate in 4-H?

Youth ages five and in kindergarten to 19 all may join the traditional club 4-H program all year long. 4-H club members live in all townships of Morrow County! Beyond traditional 4-H club membership we offer youth education programs countywide at libraries, parks, and schools. We partner with county agencies, organizations and schools to provide many programs.

What is OSU Extension - Morrow County?

OSU Extension - Morrow County has been educating Morrow County since 1919. OSU Extension - Morrow County is your connection to the trusted resources of The Ohio State University. We offer practical information on issues of home, family living, agriculture, horticulture, businesses, community, and well-being that improves your everyday life.



OSU Extension-Morrow County Programs Offered

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Food Preservation Open House
 Food Preservation: Dehydrating
 Food Preservation: Freezing
 Food Preservation: Water Bath Canning & Pressure Canning
 Gather Your Gratitude Email Wellness Challenge series
 Globally Inspired Heart Healthy Cooking series
 Harvesting and Preserving Produce
 Healthy Eating for Fast Paced Lives
 Hydration
 Hydration and Older Adults
 It's All About Time Email Wellness Challenge series
 Keep Your Immune System in Tip-Top Shape
 Less Stress Meal Prep
 Low Sodium Heart Healthy Diet
 Make and Take Uncooked Jams
 Manage Your Money series
 Mental Health First Aid-Adult
 Mix it Up & Shop Smart!
 Money 101 - Keys to Financial Stability series
 Occasional Quantity Cooks
 Outdoor Safety and Survival Youth Program
 Play Your Way through the Holidays Email Wellness Challenge series
 Rainbow Eating
 Real Money. Real World. 8th grade series/simulation
 Recess Rescue!
 ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification series
 Slow Cooker Basics series
 Snack Attack!
 Spring Forward 4 Health Email Wellness Challenge series
 Strong @ Heart Email Wellness Challenge series
 Sun Safety & DermaScan for Skin Cancer
 Sustainability and You: What is it and what can I do?
 Take a Break Email Wellness Challenge series
 The Science Behind Food Preservation Methods
 Think Green...it's not just a color Email Wellness Challenge series
 Trauma Informed Care
 Trends in Food & Nutrition
 Unwrap Your Gifts Email Wellness Challenge series
 Water First for Thirst
 Zero Weight Gain Email Wellness Challenge series
 Garden Harvest Benefits
 4-H Annual Volunteer Trainings
 4-H Awareness/Member Recruitment
 4-H Camp Counselor Selection
 4-H Camp Counselor Trainings (12-24 Hours)
 4-H Camp For Youth 8 to 14
 4-H Camp Organization, Planning and Director
 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp - Youth Ages 5-8
 4-H Horse and Pony Committee Leadership

4-H New Volunteer Screenings
 4-H New Volunteer Trainings
 4-H Project Evaluations
 4-H Radio Programs
 4-H Teen Leadership and Citizenship Award
 Trip Organization
 4-H Winning Plan for Youth with Disabilities
 4-H Yoga for Youth
 Amish Safety Day Educational Event - Poisonous Plants for Livestock
 Animal Quality Assurance Programs for County, Clubs, and State
 Assuring The Quality Care for Livestock Test Out Option
 Birds of Ohio 2nd Grade Program
 Cattlemen Meetings and Help
 Cooking For Kids Afterschool 6 Week Program - Mt. Gilead
 Corn and Soybean School Programs
 Countywide Events Educational Displays
 Dog Obedience Clinic
 Earth Day Educational Day for All 2nd Graders
 EquiSTEP 4-H Horse Project Member Program
 Family Fun Night - 4-H Activities - Northmor
 Farm Safety Education for Youth
 First Year 4-H Member Orientation
 First Year 4-H Member Quality Assurance for Livestock
 Fishing For Fun - Building a Fishing Rig
 Goat Clinic
 Grain Safety Education
 Headwaters Day Outdoor Education Camp - Beavers
 Headwaters Day Outdoor Education Camp - All About Worms
 Horse Clinic, Health, Safety and Ethics
 Individual Instruction for 4-H members with disabilities
 Job Shadow for High School Student
 Jr. Fair Board 4-H member Selections
 Jr. Fair Board Meetings
 Jr. Fair Board Workdays
 Jr. Fair Broiler Pool Organization/Distribution
 Jr. Fair Building Fund Pig Organization and Member Selection
 Jr. Fair Carcass Contest Organization
 Jr. Fair Drug Use Notification Form distribution/check
 Jr. Fair Livestock Interview and Skillathon Organization
 Jr. Fair Managers Convention with Jr. Fair Board Members
 Jr. Fair Member/Advisor Fair Entry Education
 Jr. Fair Participant Quality Assurance Check to Participate
 Jr. Fair Poultry Department Adult Advisor
 Jr. Fair Quality Assurance Planning and Material Preparation
 Jr. Fair Show Programs Development and Show Help
 Jr. Fair Weigh-Ins
 July 3rd Food Stand for 4-H
 Keep America Beautiful Committee Member

Lawn Mower Safety for Youth
 Livestock Judging Team Education and Contests
 Livestock Sale Advertisements
 Livestock Sale Committee Extension Representative
 Livestock Sale Exhibitor Thank You Card Collection/Check Distribution
 Livestock Sale Hospitality Food Stand Organization
 Livestock Sale Small Animal Sale Organization
 Look Alike Poison Awareness for Youth
 Morrow County Suicide Prevention Committee
 Nature Games for 4-H Clubs
 Nursing Home Visits with 4-H Projects
 Ohio State Fair Poultry Skillathon Leadership
 Ohio State Fair Still, Horse, and Livestock Project Member Entries
 Outdoor Cooking Youth Program
 Performance Against Standards State Fair
 Qualifying Shows for Horses
 Pork Producer Meetings and Help
 Poultry Clinic
 Safety Day Educational Day for All 5th Graders
 Sewing Clinic
 Sr. Fair Board Extension Representative
 Swine Clinic
 Teen Leadership Development
 The Science Behind Popcorn - Cardington Elementary
 Tomorrow Center Community Service Partnership
 Trash Bash 4-H Club Roadside/Area Clean Up
 Why Trees Matter 2nd Grade Program
 4-H CARTEENS
 3D Printing
 All About Rabbits
 Animal Biosecurity
 Basic Computer Coding Using Sphero Bolts
 Basic of Electricity
 Bike Safety
 Birds in Morrow County
 Building Trebuchets
 Business Advisory Council Action Team Co-Leadership
 Business Advisory Council participant
 Cake Decorating Classes
 Career Coaching
 Career Exploration Workshops
 Careers in Welding
 ChickQuest (Chick Embryology)
 Civic Engagement
 Cloverbud Fun Day
 College and Career Readiness
 Constructing Art Bots with Youth
 Cosmic Claws in Space
 County School Open Houses
 Creating Circuits
 Engineering Boats
 Engineering Careers
 Engineering Marble Mazes
 Engineering with Wood for youth
 Food Science
 Healthy Soils



How to Care for Chicks
 Incubating Quail
 Kinetic and Potential Energy
 Learning to Code with Indi
 Let's Get Building
 Making Music Using GarageBand
 Morrow County Local Businesses Directory
 Navigating the Effects of Sugar
 Ohio State Fair Workforce Preparation Day
 Leadership
 Photography Class
 Picture Editing
 Pocket Pets
 Pollinators
 Public Speaking Coaching
 Raising Chicks!
 Raising Pheasants
 Renewable Energy
 Saving Money for Youth
 Science Field Trips for Youth
 Science Fun with Chemistry
 Science of Flight
 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
 Youth Camp
 Slingshot Straw Rockets
 Solar Energy
 Solar Systems
 Sustainability: Corny Polymer Balls
 Teen Career Advising
 The Science of Ice Cream
 The Science of Weather
 The Water Cycle
 Trips for Teens
 Using Dogs to Safely Handle Livestock
 Workforce Alliance Council Participation
 Workforce Development Conferences for Teens
 And any other programs to meet the needs of our citizens!!
 Programs are offered for FREE or reduced while working with all libraries, schools, groups, parks, farms, other agencies, and businesses!
 4-H project club members live in all townships of Morrow County!



4-H NEWS



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Junior Fair Board Update

The Morrow County Jr Fair Board is already hard at work preparing for this year's fair. The Steer Weigh-In took place December 2nd. Thank you to all that helped it run smoothly. This year's board is run by our new officer team: President- Brooklin Poppell, Vice President- Grant Sayers, Secretary- Emily Mattix, Treasurer- Morgan White, Assistant Sec/Treas - Raelyn Fulk, Historian- Ava Walker, and Parliamentary- JD Albert

Morrow County Jr Fair Changes for 2024

- New breeds must be approved by December of the previous year, no new breed classes after January 1st. Exhibitors must enter a breed that is listed in the fairbook, or AOB

- Showmanship must be an animal entered and exhibited in the Jr fair by the same exhibitor. The animal cannot be checked in under another exhibitor.

- Added BBR to #3 Rule now reads "A given exhibit can show in only one class, except for showmanship, BBR, in a group or the horse area. For example, an animal cannot be shown in a Market and Breeding Class

Beef Department:

- Monday of Fair Weigh In will begin at 4pm.

- Starting in 2025 there will only be 1 entry per division in BBR.

Dog Department:

- The dog show will take place between skillathon and fair.

Goat Department:

- All Market Goats must have their milk teeth intact at fair and born on and after January 1st of the current year.

Sheep Department:

- Lambs are suggested to be born after January 1st and must have their milk teeth at the fair.

- No more than one tack pen per family. Items and supplies must be specie specific, all feed must be secured for animal safety, storage units in aisles must not interfere with day-to-day business and number of tack pens will be finalized on Monday evening based on the number of animals brought to the fairgrounds.

- Tack pens will follow general rule #14 on cleanliness.

- Natural to be changed to natural colored wool

- Romney has been added under Wool Breeds and Dorper/White Dorper under Meat Breeds

- Wool breeds must have at least 1 inch of wool growth upon arrival on the first Monday of the fair.

Rabbit and Poultry Departments:

- Jr Fair Board Members will check pens in the barn at 10am, 2pm, and 6pm daily during the fair.

Livestock Sale

- Sale Cards will now be submitted online.

Important Dates

May 1st - Jr Fair Books and Hog Tags will be available for pick up.

June 1st - Feeder Calf Weigh-In

June 7th - Due Date for Entries

Office Hours and Contact Info

Normal Office Hours:

Saturdays from 9am-2pm

Extra Office Hours to help with Fair Entries:

Monday, June 3rd from 5pm -7pm

Friday, June 7th from 2pm-7pm

Contact Information:

Jr Fair Office 419-947-1567

Morrowcountyjrfair@gmail.com

Congratulations to these 2023 Showman of Showmen Winners!



Sophia Hinkle
4th Place 2023 Showman of Showmen



Megan Beck
5th Place 2023 Showman of Showmen

CFAES

20 years of providing Safety Education to Morrow County 5th Graders

Sessions over the years!

- ATV
- Power Take Off
- Sun
- Bicycle
- Seatbelt
- Tobacco
- Boat Safety
- Grain Safety
- Large Animal Safety
- Safety Around Dogs
- Internet
- Severe Weather
- Lawnmower
- Safety Around Farm Equipment
- Look A Like Poisons
- Safety Around Firearms



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4-H NEWS



4-H Volunteers Help Morrow County Youth Thrive!

Since 1902, 4-H volunteers have helped inspire curiosity, build lifelong skills, fuel adventure and grow leaders. Volunteers have the knowledge, experience, and skills that help youth thrive.

In 2023, 215 adult volunteers and 171 teen volunteers helped lead our Morrow County 4-H Program!

A recent study determined that the median time commitment per volunteer is six hours per week during the summer months. If we count just four busy months per year, that's six hours x 16 weeks x 215 adult volunteers = 20,640 volunteer hours (minimum).

What if you had to pay them? Pay them for their time, fuel, donated supplies etc. According to the "Independent Sector Value of Volunteer Time" our volunteers minimum hours would cost the community \$602,068.80!! Teens at a minimum wage would cost \$136,800!



Candida Doubikin and Gena Dutton



Volunteers visit during the 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. L to R Facing: Jan Johnson, Kim Hessey, Bill Hershner



Ben and Carol Holsinger and Joanne Trainer show their smiles at the 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



Volunteers celebrating Jim Helt's National Hall of Fame Induction.

2023 MORROW COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEERS

FIRST YEAR: Shawn Aisel, David Arnold, Bonita Boggs, Christine Bragg, Amanda Bush, Hannah Campbell, Stacy Clevenger, Micah Crowl, Erica Johnson, Marie Kennedy, Lily Kerbel, Keri Myers, Nathan Newson.

SECOND YEAR: Angela Cooper, John Cooper, Anthony Duckworth, Bailey Gompf, Allison Hill, Jamie Kintz, Billie Martin, Nicholas McKinney, Kara Wright.

THIRD YEAR: Emma Artrip, Lisa Duckworth, Andrea Franks, Manny Heilman, Christina Kever, Stacie Leffler, Amanda Meadows, Samantha Sayers, Jamie Schaad, LeeAnn Shirley, Justin Smith, Jessica Teaters.

FOURTH YEAR: Andrea Matrix, Shelby Perkins, Danielle Reyna Davis, Brianna Van Horn.

FIFTH YEAR: Kimberly Anthony, Fethar

Dell, Erin Hall,

SIXTH YEAR: Kari Adams, Brittany Arnold, Kathy Dudley, Curtis Grimm, Mary Hughes, Sandy Kovacs, Charles McGee, Rachelle Newson, Candala Rogers.

SEVENTH YEAR: Jennifer Alexander, Laura Fiant, Daniel Fisher, Catherine Gossett, Candi Rollin,

EIGHTH YEAR: Erin Bender, Marcie Chamberlain, Melody Franklin, Lora Hamilton, Jacklynn Johnson, Peggy Wolf, Tasha Zornes.

NINTH YEAR: Megan Bigelow, Justina Keckler, Mary Meimer, Rebecca Miller;

TENTH YEAR: Kelly Beck, Vanessa Gingench, Kortney Huvier, Robin Jordan, Martha Wall;

ELEVENTH YEAR: Darren May, Cherie Smith,

TWELTH YEAR: Chad Richards, Ashley

Smith;

THIRTEENTH YEAR: Brigette Brubaker, Tracy Gray;

FOURTEENTH YEAR: Angie White;

SIXTEENTH YEAR: Dale Clinedinst, Loren Coleman-Cronewett, Alea LaCroix, Florence Smith;

SEVENTEENTH YEAR: Darla Clinedinst, Tonya Mason;

EIGHTEENTH YEAR: Lisa Beck, Dustin Bender, Gena Dutton, Russ Mayer, Jason Ruhl;

NINETEENTH YEAR: Sue Miller, Mike Wilgus;

TWENTIETH YEAR: Candida Doubikin, Mike Ruhl, Jana Womer;

TWENTIETH-FIRST YEAR: Matt Brinkman;

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR: Robin Brandum.

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR: Peggie Van Horn;

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR: Missy Kidwell;

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR: Lynn Fraizer, Kim Hessey, Linda Hill, Julie Logan;

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR: Leontine Van Dyke;

THIRTIETH-THIRD YEAR: Renee Ness;

THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR: Carol Holsinger, Charlene Pace;

FOURTY-SIXTH YEAR: Betty May, Steve May;

FIFTY-NINTH YEAR: Gene Dumbaugh;

SIXTIETH YEAR: Jan Johnson

SIXTY-FOURTH YEAR: Bill Hershner.



4-H NEWS



2023 End of 4-H Camp Survey Results



Statistics from 2023 4-H Camp

- 152 Campers
- 53 Super Counselors (see photo at left)
- 12 Awesome Adult Volunteers:
 - Emma Artrip – Zipping/Climbing
 - Matt Brinkman – Flying Squirrel/Campfire
 - Erin Bender – Zipping/Climbing/High Ropes
 - Darla Clinedinst—Camp Nurse

- Dale Clinedinst – Night Watch
- Manny Heilman – Recreation/Nature
- Carol Holsinger – Crafts/Songs
- Missy Kidwell – Dance/Girls Cabin Check
- Russ Mayer – Dean of Men
- Nate Newson – Shotgun
- Rachelle Newson – Rifle/Shotgun
- Shona Searls – Camp Nurse

99.99% of Morrow County 4-H Campers will come back if they can!

What campers will remember most

2023 Campers were asked: What will you remember most about camp?

- 9 square
- All my new friends
- All of the great people I met
- All the songs
- Brueyln falling during cookout
- Campfire (9 Campers)
- Counselors
- Emily, Ryan, Jed, campfire, the dance, and friends
- Flying squirrel (2 campers)
- Friends and the dance
- Ga Ga ball
- Gage Bowersmith
- Griffin, Bo, and Jed (2 campers)
- Hailey
- Hanging out with friends
- Highropes (2 campers)
- How fun my counselors were
- How funny Jed was
- How funny Ryan and Jed were
- How to start a fire
- Jed leaving
- Jokes
- laughing with my friends
- Lunch table girls
- Maizy
- Making new friends
- Making pillows at crafts
- Meeting new people, doing new things, and the dance
- Memories
- Myles (2 campers)
- My cabin (3 campers)
- My counselor (6 campers)
- My counselors that are leaving
- My first dance
- My friends (6 campers)
- My funny counselors
- My name tag
- Natalie dancing
- Outdoor rec (4 campers)
- Skits
- Playing in the stream
- Pol'ar bear
- Rifle sessions
- Sharing a cabin with new friends
- Sleeping
- Songs
- Swimming and the counselors
- The 3s I had
- The activities

- The activities and people (2 campers)
- The amazing counselors
- The cookout
- All the fun we had at the dance (39 campers)
- Griffin (3 campers)
- The last full day
- The Dutch auction
- The friends I made
- The friends I made with counselors and campers
- The fun friends and activities we did
- The fun times I had and the new friends I made
- The great laughs, memories, my friends, and the amazing dance
- The kids
- The people
- The people and counselors, and the pringles can that flew in the window
- The pool
- The sessions with my friends
- The skits
- The things I did
- The time and people
- The water games, the dance, and the counselors
- Tug-of-war
- Water games (2 campers)
- Water games, tug o war, and my amazing cabin
- Zipline (2 campers)

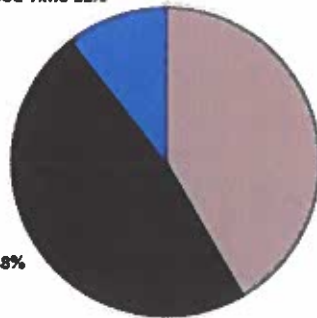


2024 Ohio 4-H Family Guide!!

- Check out the 100's of project learning that goes on!!!
- <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>
- New Projects!**
- 186 Gymkhana
 - 187 Roping
 - 210 Assistance Animals in Action
 - 356 Relationships 101
- Revised or Replaced New Title (Old Title) Projects!**
- 179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (same)
 - 201R Dog Resource Handbook (same)
 - 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook (same)

HOW DO MORROW COUNTY CAMPERS FEEL ABOUT THE 2023 4-H CAMP?

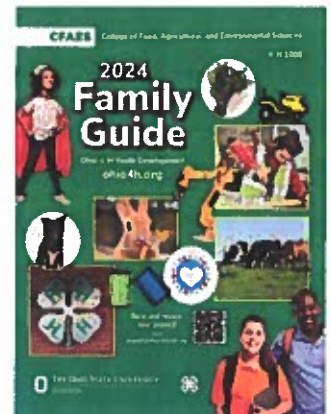
Good Time 11%



Best Time Ever, 41%

Great Time, 48%

In 2023
906
 Morrow County Project Members
 took
1883
 4-H Projects





4-H NEWS



OSU Extension - Morrow County 4-H Data

Year	Club Members	Volunteers	Total Youth Participating In Programs	Total Youth Participating Duplications Removed
2023	906	386	3393	2687
2022	826	222	2597	2364
2021	790	211	No data available	No data available
2020	750	199	884	880
2019	885	257	No data available	No data available
2018	842	301	2567	2080
2017	887	214	1796	1394
2016	965	232	2353	1851
2015	987	220	2266	1902
2014	945	235	2636	2182
2013	899	336	2923	2760
2012	882	276	2940	2783
2011	900	238	1985	1698
2010	921	267	2166	1674
2009	829	243	3834	2122
Totals	13,229	3837	32,340	26,377

881 average

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Morrow County 4-H is for you!

4-H Projects -

As a 4-H Member, you will choose a project based on your interest. Your project is like a hobby that you work on and learn about the fun way – by doing! See the 100's of projects in the 4-H Family Guide.

Joining A 4-H Club!

- 4-H Clubs are located all over Morrow County!
- Each club decides the best place and time to meet. Go to the link below for a list of our 4-H Clubs.
- Enrollment deadline is April 30th.
- Youth must be in 3rd grade and at least 8 years old by January 1 or 9 years old by January 1, any grade level.

Opportunities Available to 4-H Members -

Along with joining a club and completing 4-H projects, 4-H members have other opportunities:

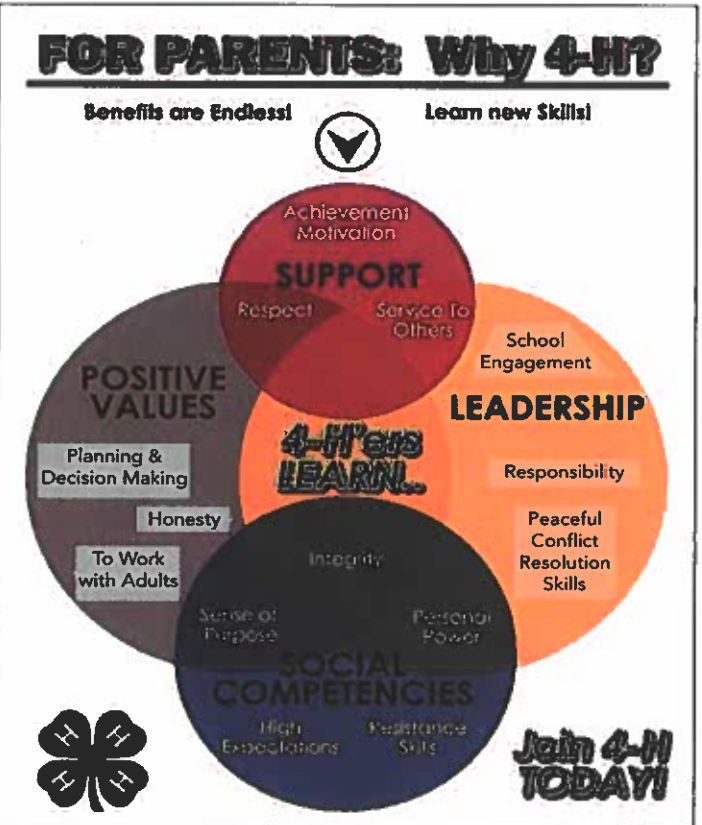
- Exhibiting your project at the Morrow County Fair
- Attending 4-H Camp!
- Project Clinics, Workshops, Teen Leadership Opportunities, and Conferences.

How to find a club, projects etc.!

Go to the following link or call our office.

<http://oo.osu.edu/howtojoinmorrow4h>

OSU Extension – Morrow County
5362 US Highway 42, Ste 101
Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338
419-947-1070



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What do 4-H Parents, Volunteers, and Alumni say about being in 4-H!

I love seeing kids come out of their shell when they participate in 4-H club activities!

Kids meet other kids from across the county and become long time friends through 4-H. *I love my 4-H family*

4-H develops life skills. Unique opportunities.

I love seeing members smile when they accomplish things!

There are so many new opportunities!

I met my best friend in 4-H! Teaches independence.

I see kids succeed in 4-H who may not in a school classroom. C a m p

I am a better public speaker because of 4-H

I got a job because I was a 4-H member!



4-H NEWS



Morrow County Youth Benefit from 4-H in Many Ways

By Amanda Staley, 4-H Educator

The number of youth contacts in Morrow County involving Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and College and Career Readiness education has grown exponentially over the past three years. New partnerships have been formed, new initiatives have been created, and I'm asked regularly to do programs within the county schools.

Let's take a look at just some of the programs being offered.

In the chart below, I have broken down my programs into five categories. The numbers represent how many youth, and some adults, I've taught over the past three years. If one person attends three different programs, they would have been counted three times.

4-H CARTEENS

4-H CARTEENS is a traffic safety program for juvenile traffic offenders. Teens are referred to the class from the local court system. This class is taught by Amanda Staley, 4-H teen leaders, and an Ohio Highway Patrol Officer. The goals of 4-H CARTEENS include:

- reducing the number of repeat juvenile traffic offenders,
- decreasing the number of teen traffic offenders, and
- increasing teen awareness of traffic/vehicular safety.

School Enrichment

School Enrichment is when I go into schools to teach. Many times, I'm conducting activities that go along with what youth are currently learning in their class. These activities help them better understand the information they are learning while having fun doing it.

Several different topics are taught but some of them include solar systems, life cycles, electricity, kinetic and potential energy, making music with GarageBand, pollinators, sustainability, career exploration, computer coding, biosecurity, and so much more.

One of my favorite programs this year was taking what I've done in the past with the career exploration workshops and expanding it to include all the 9th graders in the county. Along with the Morrow County Business Advisory Committee's Action team, we created a day where they all gather to explore careers in Agriculture, HealthCare, Public Service, Skilled Trades, and Technology. They picked one career track to do hands-on activities to learn more about what is available to them in the future.

CloversCode

CloversCode includes programs I've taught using equipment that was given to us through a \$24,000 Apple grant that provided us 25 iPads, 15 Sphero Bolts, 2 Meebots, 25 Apple pencils, 25 Apple chargers, and a large iPad charging bank.

Some of the topics taught using these items are computer coding, robotics, how to make music electronically, and picture editing.

Community Wellness and Leadership

This area includes programs that are not taught in schools but rather at workshops, con-

ferences, 4-H Club meetings, or as an invited speaker to various organizations. Some of the requested topics have included civic engagement, Navigating the Effects of Sugar using Sphero Bolts, coaching youth interested in public speaking, career exploration and more.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Programs in this area take place at camps, workshops, community events, or 4-H club meetings. This is a diverse topic area but includes topics like The Science of Ice Cream, Engineering a Marble Maze, building trebuchets, pollinators, animal sciences, and much more.

Grants

Each year I have been fortunate enough to be awarded a variety of grants that I can use toward programs for our youth. In 2021, I received the Apple grant that provided technology to be used in many of my programs (explained earlier in CloversCode). I've also been awarded money to

take youth on trips to Denver to explore various career opportunities and Washington D.C. to attend either the ignite by 4-H conference or the National 4-H AgriScience Conference.

This year I was awarded a \$15,000 grant from National 4-H that was sponsored by Corteva. This grant is going to impact many people. Ten youth will be learning about pollinators and their importance to food security. Once training is complete, they will be expected to teach 250 youth about pollinators at schools, camps, libraries, or Earth Day Celebrations.

These funds will also pay for a new, beautiful pollinator garden that will be installed at Perry-Cook Library in Johnsville. The public can visit it anytime and the garden will include educational signs throughout to help educate the public about pollinators.

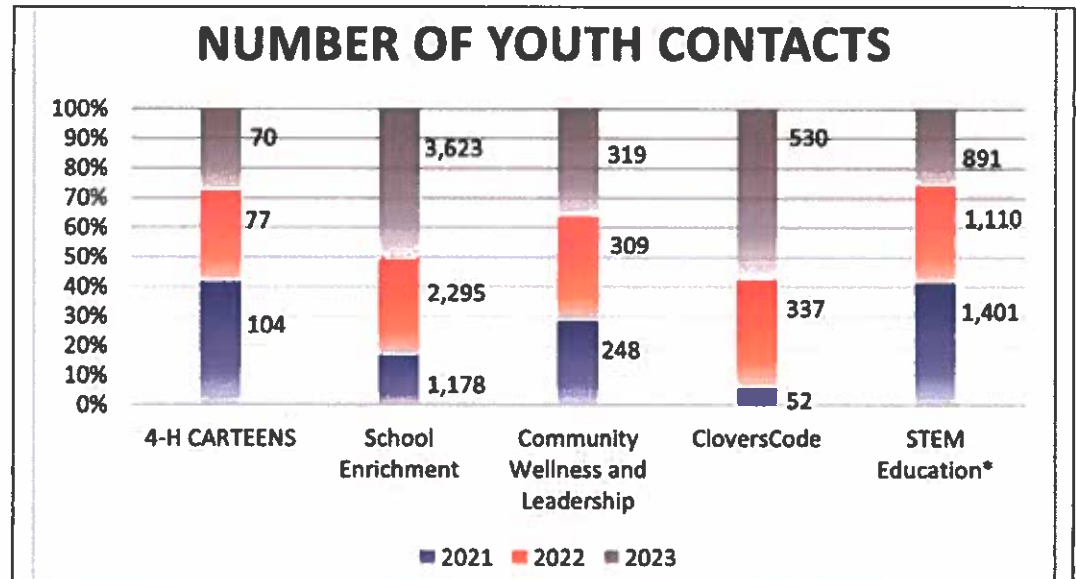
In addition to the \$15,000, National 4-H and Corteva will be paying for six youth and two



adults from our county to attend the ignite by 4-H conference in Washington D.C.

Questions?

If you have questions about any of the programs above or if you'd like Amanda to bring a program to you, contact her at staley.35@osu.edu or 419.947.1070



Morrow County Clubs Give Back!

100's of Miles of Roadside Clean Ups for 44 Years	Park Clean Ups, Building Trails, Etc.	Food Pantry Collections & Donations	Dog Shelter Donations & Dog Walking	Nursing Home Visits & Donations
Cards to Active Duty Service Men & Women	Lap Quilts Made for Nursing Homes	Flags on Service Members Graves at Cemeteries	Beautification Projects: Painting, Planting Flowers	
Dollar Donations to Non-profits/Organizations	Christmas Gifts for Families & Seniors in Need	Fairgrounds Improvements	Blankets for Children's Hospital	Supporting Each Other in Need & More!

OSU EXTENSION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2024

- 5 Jr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 8 Ohio 4-H Conference Registration Due, Email sent to all volunteers first part of Jan.
- 8 Pork Producers Meeting, 7 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 8 Perry Cook Memorial Library Garden Series: All About Alpacas, 2 p.m.
- 13 Selover Library Garden Series: The Basics of Rain Gardening, 6 p.m.
- 15 Ohio 4-H Scholarship applications due on-line
- 15 4-H Horse & Pony Committee, 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 16 Freeze Drying Fundamentals, 1 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room (RSVP needed)
- 22 Sr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 23 4-H Family Night at Columbus Blue Jackets – Nationwide Arena
- 27 Newborn Calf Care & BQA Re-Certification, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room (RSVP by Feb 23)

MARCH 2024

- 3-9 Ohio 4-H Week

- 4 Jr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 5 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 p.m., RSVP Required
- 5 Financial Technology: Just the Basics, Please, 6 p.m., Selover Public Library
- 9 Ohio 4-H Conference – Greater Columbus Convention Center (Reg. due February 8th)
- 14 Perry Cook Memorial Library Garden Series: Mushroom Madness - Growing and Cooking, 2 p.m.
- 14-17 Ohio Beef Expo, Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
- 21 4-H Horse & Pony Committee, 7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 21 County Quality Assurance Test-out, come anytime between 3 – 6:30 p.m. Ag Credit Conf. Rm.
- 21 Selover Library Garden Series: All About Mushrooms - Growing & Cooking, 10 a.m.
- 25 BQA Re-Certification & Certification, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Conf. Rm (Counts for Youth QA)
- 26 CARTEENS - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 28 Sr. Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds

APRIL 2024

- 1 Jr. Fair Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 4 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 pm, RSVP Required
- 6 "Sowing Seeds for Success" Small Farm Conference, Mid-East Career Technical Center, Buffalo Campus, Senecaville, OH
- 11-15 Equine Affaire – Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
- 11 Perry Cook Memorial Library Garden Series: Spring Flower Arrangements - Demonstration, 2 p.m.
- 15 4-H Member Enrollments Due!!!! Join 4-H Deadline!
- 15 Ohio State Fair Scholarships Due
- 15 Quality Assurance for First Year Members and their Parent, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Timber Harvesting & Marketing Class - 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 18 Horse and Pony Committee, 7:30 pm
- 20 4-H Dairy Palooza – Mahoning County Fairgrounds, Canfield
- 23 Selover Library Garden Series: Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success, 10 a.m.
- 30 Last Day for 4-H Project Changes/new members

Comments from the fair booth

Comments that came from the OSU Extension booth at the Morrow County Fair, 2023

Adult comments

"The Extension office is a wonderful place!! They will help anyone with information and answers all my questions."
"4-H, Master Gardeners, Cooking classes"

"Through the 4-H program, it allowed me to learn new things by hands on, it has given me so many friends. As a community volunteer, it has allowed me to help youth to develop life skills that are so desperately needed: leadership, agriculture knowledge, and community service."

"Great experiences in 4-H as a member and advisor! Lead me to OSU and a degree in Home Ec."

"If I have a garden question, I call Carri Jagger."

"It is helpful for growth for me and my community."

"Educational opportunities for adults and kids"

"I got my start in 4-H as a baby. My mom being an advisor – 10-year member – 3-year Extension student assistant – 31 years FCS Teacher"

"A place to go for Agricultural needs, soil testing, forestry, help with thins for 4-H and fair. A place to go for good agricultural information. We hold our Draft Horse Club meetings in their building"

"I have been involved in 4-H since I was 5 (34 years now) and it has done wonders for me. Educated and confidence building,

and I cannot wait to get my almost 5-year-old son involved in it. And I love seeing Becky every year at the fair!"

"Good education close to home."

"Information – canning/freezer fruits/vegetable health."

"Great education of farm animals – farming – bug and pest control, soil erosion knowledge, Carri Jagger. The environment and so much more. Our County Office is so involved in the county. Thanks for what you do."

"Help with all county people if they ask."

"Keep me informed on what is going on with the Extension office."

"Help with 4-H and making it so the kids can show."

Youth Comments:

"4-H info"

"They help me learn about quail."

"It gives education to students."

"Ohio State Extension is important to me because without it there would be no 4-H program."

"I am one of the youth Amanda has poured countless hours into through 4-H trips, conferences, facilitation, and more. So many of my successes through high school, college, and now are a direct result of the time she has invested in me. There's no better person than her to be working with the community's youth in this capacity!!"

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