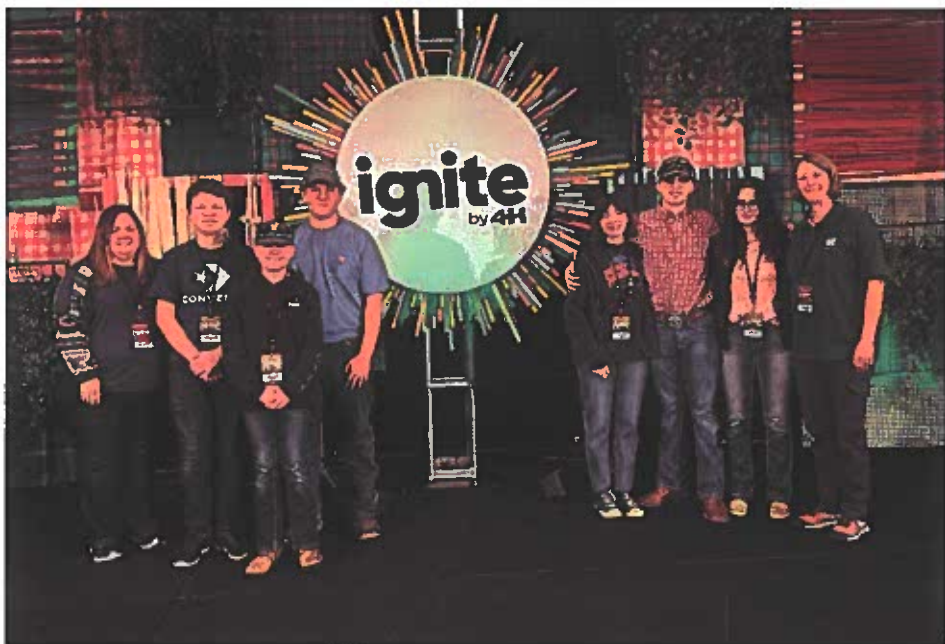


Morrow County SCARLET & GRAY News

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Morrow County Group attends Ignite by 4-H Conference

Amanda Staley, 4-H Educator; Carri Jagger, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator; and six teens attended the Ignite by 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. This conference brings together students and experts in the agriculture community to collaborative while in a hands-on learning educational setting. Teens learned skills and knowledge needed for navigating the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability in their communities.


One teen who attended, Megan Beck, stated that there was so much diversity at the conference. Many times, you would be talking with groups of teens and each one would be from a different state. Valuable connections were made that will last a lifetime. Another attendee, Kage Hamilton, said the conference opened a bunch of different career option ideas. He really liked one class where he learned about different cultures including the different food that they eat.

This trip and an upcoming community service project was funded by a \$25,000 grant received from National 4-H Council and sponsored by Corteva. Detailed information about the community service project and more about the conference will be shared in our next newsletter. Stay tuned...it's going to be great!

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Victory Garden Seeds

Stop by the OSU Extension - Morrow County office Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. to pick up your

FREE packet of Victory Garden Seeds. The seed distribution is made possible by a donation from the Ohio Department of Agriculture.



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The Basics of Rain Gardening



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Rain Gardens can be utilized as intrinsic, beautiful tools to help manage run-off from roads, fields, roofs, and more. Please join the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library in welcoming the OSU Extension and Master Gardener Volunteers at the Library for a free class to learn more about how to implement Rain Gardens in your yard and in our communities. The class will be held Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library, 128 E. Main St., Cardington, OH.

Event sponsors: Cardington-Lincoln Public Library, OSU Extension - Morrow County and the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers. For more information, Email jagger.6@osu.edu or call 419-947-1070



Morrow County Dairy Ambassador Applications – Due May 17th

Applications are now available at the Morrow County Extension Office or on the website at www.morrow.osu.edu for the 2024 Dairy Ambassador.

The ambassador must live or work on a farm where dairy cattle are raised or their parents derive part of their income from dairy products or are current or previous year dairy cattle 4-H, FFA exhibitors.

Morrow County Dairy Association Scholarship Applications – Due July 31st

The Morrow County Dairy Association will be sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship to qualified candidates. The scholarship will be awarded to students whose parents own and operate an active dairy farm. Scholarships may also be available to students who work on a dairy farm and/or have a close dairy affiliation.

Students may major in any field of study which leads to a post-high school degree. Students may receive a scholarship each year in pursuit of their educational degree.

Applications will be available at the Morrow County Extension Office or on the website: www.morrow.osu.edu.



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Save the Date for the Ag Study Bus Trip

The OSU Extension – Morrow County and Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Agricultural Study Bus Trip is scheduled for August 13th – 16th to West Virginia.

On April 24th we will be having an informational meeting where we will cover the stops and all the ins and outs of the trip. You will be able to sign up and pay for the trip that night.

If you have any questions please call Morrow Soil and Water 419-946-7923.

We hope you will join us on this fun and educational trip.

Spring Flower Arrangement Demonstration at Perry Cook

The Perry Cook Memorial Library's 2024 Garden Series continues with a demonstration by the OSU Extension - Morrow County Master Gardener Volunteers on how to create beautiful Spring Flower Arrangements. After months of dreary winter weather, spring flowers are a well-

come sight, inside and outside our homes! Classes are free and open to anyone who wants to learn. We hope you will join us!

The demonstration will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Perry Cook Memorial Library, 7406 CR 242, Mt. Gilead, OH

(Johnsville).

Event sponsors: Perry Cook Memorial Library, OSU Extension - Morrow County and the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

For more information, email jagger.6@osu.edu or call 419-947-1070



Spring Flower Arrangement Demonstration at Selover Library

The Selover Library 2024 Garden Series continues with a demonstration by the OSU Morrow County Extension - Master Gardener Volunteers on how to create beautiful Spring Flower Arrangements! After months of dreary winter weather, spring flowers are a welcome sight, in-

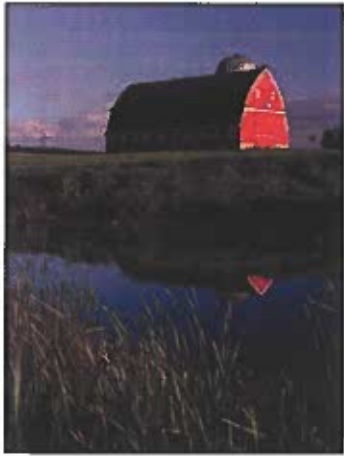
side and outside our homes! Classes are free and open to anyone who wants to learn! We hope you will join us!

The demonstration will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Selover Public Library, 31 US Hwy 95, Chesterville, OH.

For more information, email jagger.6@osu.edu or call 419-947-1070

Event sponsors: Selover Public Library, OSU Extension - Morrow County and the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

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Pond Clinic

Eugene Braig Program Director of the OSU Extension Aquatic Ecosystems program will be covering how to control pond weeds, algae and general pond management at a Pond Clinic on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. The clinic, sponsored by OSU Extension - Morrow County, will be held at 3277 CR 172, Cardington, OH 43315.

Please RSVP to OSU Extension at 419-947-1070. Participants should bring a lawn chair.

Questions: Call or Email Carri Jagger 419-947-1070 or jagger.6@osu.edu



Agriculture Tire Survey

OSU Extension - Morrow County is conducting an agriculture tire survey. If you have tractor, implement or semi tires on your property that you are not sure how to dispose of please call the OSU Extension office to complete the survey 419-947-1070. We are doing this survey to determine the need in Morrow County for an agriculture tire recycling event. Once the surveys are completed this summer, we will work to secure grant funds to hold an agriculture tire collection event in the future.



RICHLAND COUNTY PASTURE & GRAZING SCHOOL SERIES

Anyone interested in pasture and grazing management is welcome to choose from the sessions below. Those new to livestock and forage management are encouraged to join!

Field Day for Plain Growers



Shiloh Fire Station Pavilion
11 N. Delaware St, Shiloh OH
6/14/24
9am to 2pm

Cost: \$10
Lunch & Grazing Stick Provided
Pre-registration required.
Register by 6/11/2024.



Women for the Land Learning Circle



Shady Lane Alpaca
3078 Bass Rd, Mansfield
6/15/24
9am to 2pm

Cost: \$10
Lunch & Grazing Stick Provided
Pre-registration required.
Register by 6/11/2024.



Pastures for Profit Grazing School



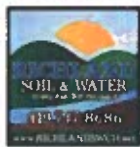
Grazing School:
1495 W. Longview Ave,
Mansfield
7/23 & 7/26/24
6pm to 9pm

Pasture Walk:
Eisenhauer's Farm
714 G Guthrie Rd, Shiloh OH
7/27/24
9am to 2pm

Pre-registration required. Register by 7/19/2024.
Cost \$30/person - Includes Lunch, Grazing Stick and USB with the Course Manual.



To register, scan QR codes with smartphone, mail checks to Richland SNCD, 1495 W. Longview Ave Suite 208 Mansfield, OH 44906 or call 419-747-8684



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Education Dairy Tour

Spend the afternoon with the Morrow County Dairy Association at a Working Dairy Farm where you will get a FREE hands on educational tour on Saturday, June 22 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This educational tour, held at Spring Valley Farm (The Creswells), 7415 CR 30, Mt. Gilead, OH, will answer all of your questions about the dairy industry. The farm is located five miles north of Mt. Gilead and 10 miles south of Galion.

Learn about feeding, care, milk testing, nutritional food values and much more. You'll also learn about how and where the dairy products you buy at the store come from.

This tour is open to the world. Sponsored by the Morrow County Dairy Association. **Delicious dairy treats will be provided!**

Please RSVP by June 14th to OSU Extension Morrow County 419-947-1070 or Jagger.6@osu.edu

Selecting Hydrangeas for your Landscape

Join the Morrow County Master Gardeners to learn about the wonderful world of hydrangeas. They will be covering types, selection, care, pruning and bloom times of the many hydrangeas that can be purchased for landscapes. Come and learn about the many species that can

be grown with success in Ohio.

This class will be offered two times:

- June 13th @ 2:00 p.m. at Perry Cook (Johnsville) Library
- June 25th @ 6:00 p.m. at Selover (Chesterville) library



How to Enter Flowers and Horticulture Products in the Morrow County Fair

Join OSU Extension and the Morrow County Senior Fair Board to learn how to enter flower and vegetables in the fair. We will walk you through the different categories and classes that you can enter. Specimen selection will be cov-

ered so that you know how to pick your best plant to bring to the fair. Entry forms and fees will also be covered.

May 16th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Sr. Fair Board Office

Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success

Join the Morrow County Master Gardeners to learn about how to select annuals for containers and your gardens that will give you season long success. They will be discussing plant selection, care and maintenance to ensure your annuals

look beautiful all season long

This class will be offered three times

- May 7th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Cardington Library
- May 9th @ 2:00 p.m. at the Perry Cook

(Johnsville) Library

- May 23rd @ 10:00 a.m. at the Selover (Chesterville) Library.

Timber Harvesting and Marketing

OSU Extension - Morrow County would like to invite you to an evening about assessing your woods for a timber harvest and the process of choosing a timber company to complete the harvest.

A class on Timber Harvesting and Marketing will be held April 17th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Credit Building, 5362 US HWY 42, Mt. Gilead, OH.

Katie Gerber Ohio Division of Forestry Area Service Forester and Kathy Smith Ohio State University Extension Forestry Program Director will be the presenters for the evening

Questions: Call or Email Carri Jagger 419-947-1070 or jagger.6@osu.edu



Home Composting Class to be held June 20

A class covering the Basics of Home Composting will be held June 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Headwaters Outdoor Education Center, 151 Home Rd., Mt. Gilead, OH 43338.

This class will teach you the basics of home composting from starting your compost to finishing it and the different types of composting techniques.

Plant Propagation Class offered on June 22

The Basics of Plant Propagation class will be held on June 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Headwaters Outdoor Education Center, 151 Home Rd., Mt. Gilead, OH 43338.

In this class Master Gardener Volunteer Merry Tapp will teach you how to propagate your favorite plants. She will be covering vegetative propagation and propagation from root cuttings.

Please RSVP for this class to the Extension Office by June 14th 419-947-1070.

OSU EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2024

- 3 Morrow County Cattlemen's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 4 New 4-H Volunteer Training, 6:30 pm, RSVP Required
- 6 OSU Extension Solar Eclipse Kid Activity, Free solar glasses to the first 200, 10-11 a.m., Morrow County Fair Grounds
- 8 Spring Email Challenge ~ Finding Your Path to Wellness
- 11 Spring Flower Arrangements – Demonstrations, 2 p.m., Perry Cook Memorial Library
- 15 4-H Enrollments Due (Past Members & Advisors)
- 15 Quality Assurance for 1st and 2nd year members RSVP Required, 6:30 p.m., Youth Building Fairgrounds
- 17 Timber Harvesting & Marketing, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 18 Horse and Pony Committee, 7:30 pm, Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 19 Career Exploration Workshop - Construction Trades Registration Due
- 22 4-H CARTEENS, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Creating A Spring Flower Arrangement – Demonstration, 6 p.m., Selover Library
- 23 Freeze-Drying Fundamentals; 6:00 p.m., Ag Credit Building (second floor)
- 25 Sr. Fair Board, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 27 Career Exploration Workshop - Construction Trades - Tri-Rivers, 9-11:30 a.m.
- 30 Last day for New Member 4-H Project Enrollments and all others corrections made!!

MAY 2024

- 1 Morrow County Cattlemen's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 2 Quality Assurance, 6:15 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 6 Jr. Fair Board, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 9 Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success, 2 p.m., Perry Cook Memorial Library
- 13 Quality Assurance, 6:15 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 14 Mushroom Cultivation Make & Take, 6:30 p.m., Headwaters Outdoor Education Center
- 15 Pond Clinic, 6:30 p.m., 3277 County Road 172, Cardington, OH 43315
- 16 Entering Horticulture Products in the Morrow County Fair Program, 6:30 p.m., Morrow County Sr. Fair Building - Fairgrounds
- 16 Horse and Pony Committee, 7:30 pm, Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 22 Quality Assurance, 6:15 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 23 Selecting Annuals for Season Long Success, 10 a.m., Selover Library
- 23 Sr. Fair board, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 27 Happy Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 28 4-H CARTEENS, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Food Preservation Preparation Day Open House; Ag Credit Building (second floor), 1-6:30 p.m.

JUNE 2024

- 1 Possession Of All Livestock Projects!!
- 1 Horse Forms Due
- 1 Jr. Fair Feeder Calf Mandatory Weigh-in, tagging, 7-11 a.m., Fair Grounds Large Arena
- 3 Jr. Fair board, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds

- 5 Morrow County Cattlemen's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 7 Early Judging Project Registration
- 7 Jr. Fair Entries Due By Midnight!!!
- 13 Selecting Hydrangeas for Your Landscape, 7 p.m., Perry Cook Memorial Library
- 15 Food Safety & Food Preservation Q&A ~ Pressure Canner Dial Gauge Testing; Selover Public Library, Drop in from 10 a.m.-Noon
- 17 Early 4-H Project Judging, 6 p.m., Please RSVP by June 7th.
- 19 Registration Due: Illustrated Talks or Demonstration
- 19 Registration Due: Marketing Contest
- 19 Registration Due: Public Speaking - LEGO Edition
- 19 Registration Due: Job Interview Contest
- 20 Horse and Pony Committee, 8 pm, Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 24 Illustrated Talks or Demonstration, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building
- 24 Public Speaking - LEGO Edition, 6 p.m., Ag Credit Building
- 24 Marketing Contest projects due
- 24 Job Interview Contest, 6:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 25 Selecting Hydrangeas for Your Landscape, 6 p.m., Selover Library
- 26-28 4-H STEM Camp
- 27 Sr. Fair board, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 27 The Science Behind Food Preservation Methods, Perry Cook Memorial Library, 2 p.m.

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