

# Morrow County SCARLET & GRAY News

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## Celebrate FCS Day in December with Us



The profession of Family and Consumer Sciences had its beginning as home economics in 1899 when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the plight of families with regards to water quality, food safety and safety of home environments. Her birthday is celebrated every year on December 3rd which is known as FCS Day.

Join OSU Extension in December to Elevate FCS and be entered in a drawing for a Kroger gift card!

Your opportunity to participate:

➤ There are several individuals who reside in Morrow County that currently teach or have a history of teaching Home Economics and Family and Consumer Sciences.

➤ Identify at least two (2) of these individuals.

➤ December 1-15, 2022 email me (Candace) with your two names at heer.7@osu.edu.

➤ In the email, please provide your name and telephone number, along with your two names, and you will be entered in a drawing to receive one of two \$25 gift cards.

Questions? Contact Candace at 419-947-1070 or heer.7@osu.edu.



## Grimm and Heer recognized for work on Sustainability Team

Local educators Lindsey Grimm (Morrow County Recycling/Keep Morrow County Beautiful) and Candace Heer (OSU Extension Morrow County) have been active members of The Ohio State University (OSU) Extension Sustainability Team since its conception in early 2020.

The team's efforts gained national recognition on September 15, 2022, when the team earned the Environmental Education Award (National 1st Place), presented by the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS).

The Environmental Education Award recognizes NEAFCS members for outstanding educational programs conducted

by an individual or team who has been involved in educating families and/or communities on various environmental issues/concerns including water quality, air quality, recycling, and/or natural resource conservation.

The NEAFCS awards were presented this year at the NEAFCS Annual Session held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The team was also recognized as the First Place Central Region Award winner and was invited to present a Showcase of Excellence (Poster Presentation) during the NEAFCS Annual Session.

For more details about the Sustainability Team's work and resources please visit our website at [morrow.osu.edu](http://morrow.osu.edu) and [go.osu.edu/extsustainability](http://go.osu.edu/extsustainability).

## OSUE needs assessment survey is available now!

OSU Extension – Morrow County is conducting a needs assessment over the next few months. The needs assessment is for the community to complete and will help OSU Extension – Morrow County see if they are meeting the needs of the community. OSU Extension is levy funded and has been since 2009. We want to ensure that your levy dollars are being used to help you. Please consider

taking a few minutes to complete all or part of the survey. Scan the QR code or enter the web address to access the online survey.

<https://go.osu.edu/morrowconeed-assessment>



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# AGRICULTURE



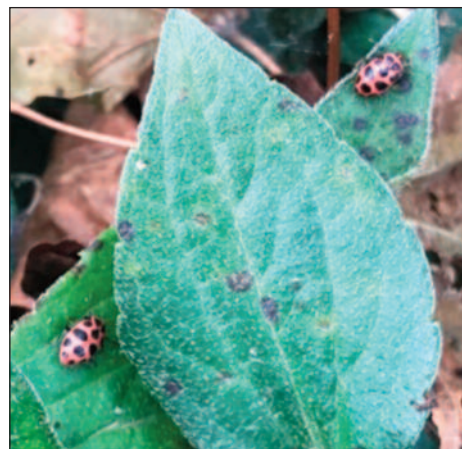
## Save the litter for the beneficials!

By Carri Jagger

Last week I was working in my flower beds planting some perennials that a friend had given me. While digging around planting and pulling weeds I saw a spotted pink lady beetle. As I continued to work I found several more. This told me that they really liked all the leaves and plant debris that I let collect in my bed over the last month.

Folks don't get so excited to clean out the flower beds this fall as they are offering a great place for our Good Bugs to hide and over winter. The spotted pink lady beetle is one of four native species in Ohio. It's so important to offer these great native beneficial insects places to over winter in our yards because they eat the bad bugs that might be lurking around.

Lady beetle larvae and adults eat primarily aphids but are also known to eat many other insects such as: soft scale insects, mealybugs, spider mites, eggs of Colorado Potato Beetle and European Corn Borer. One lady beetle larvae will eat about 400 medium sized aphids during its development to the pupal stage and an adult will eat about 300 medium sized aphids before it lays eggs. More than 5000 aphids might be



eaten by a single adult in its lifetime.

If the lady beetles are hiding out in our flower bed trash for the winter just think about how many other beneficial insects are also hiding out. So this fall when you get tempted to go out and clean up those ugly flower beds, just remember that you got to enjoy them all summer and now it's time for the beneficial insects to enjoy them. They don't care if they are pretty or not.

I don't normally mulch in the fall but this year I put a layer down around the new perennials that I planted to protect them through the winter. Fall is a great time to plant perennials as the weather is cooler and the moisture is relatively consistent. I didn't mulch the inside of the bed and I didn't mulch around the mature plants leaving plenty of leaf and plant litter for the beneficial insects to enjoy.

### More Information

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/ENT-45>

<https://blogs.cornell.edu/biocontrolbytes/2021/04/20/when-can-i-clean-up-my-gardenand-still-protect-beneficial-insects/>

<https://extension.psu.edu/delay-garden-cleanup-to-benefit-overwintering-insects>



## Ohio Resource Connection Builds Network for Vendors and Landowners

A new website, the Ohio Resource Connection, aims to build a network of forestry and wildlife professionals, habitat vendors, and landowners in the Buckeye State, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The Ohio Resource Connection is a partnership between ODNR's Division of Wildlife and Division of Forestry, along with the Ohio Society of American Foresters and The Nature Conservancy. These partners are working to provide landowners with better access to habitat vendors and forestry and wildlife professionals through a single statewide network. These connections are designed to best meet the missions of partner organizations as well as landowner goals.

Forestry and wildlife habitat improvement projects are becoming increasingly important to many landowners in Ohio. The Ohio Resource Connection will be a useful tool to enhance these endeavors. Improving habitat on private property has many benefits for landowners, the forests, wildlife, and other habitats in Ohio by increasing wildlife use of your property, improving soil health and water quality, boosting the aesthetics of your property, enhancing forest health and timber value, and providing the necessary food resources for wildlife.

Through [ohioresourceconnection.com](http://ohioresourceconnection.com), landowners can find vendors who provide a variety of services including wetland construction

and enhancement, invasive plant control, tree thinning, and planting. Landowners can also find contact information for forestry and wildlife professionals in their area through the website.

The program's benefits extend to vendors, who gain advertising for their company, inclusion in a statewide network of forestry and wildlife vendors, a larger client list, networking with other professionals, exposure to training opportunities, and growth of provided services.

Interested vendors should visit the Ohio Resource Connection site to learn more about being added as a listee.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) to find out more.

The Ohio Division of Forestry promotes the wise use and sustainable management of Ohio's public and private woodlands. To learn more about Ohio's woodlands, visit [Forestry.ohiodnr.gov](http://Forestry.ohiodnr.gov). Follow us on Facebook @odnrforestry and on Instagram @odnrforestry ([instagram.com/odnrforestry](https://www.instagram.com/odnrforestry)).

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

For more information, contact: Brian Plasters, Division of Wildlife (614) 601-3836

## Ohio Maple Business Planning Class December

By Carri Jagger

Can you benefit from learning more about business management and having time to work on your own business plan?

Join Mark Cannella from the University of Vermont Extension for this half day seminar. Mark will present lessons on strategic planning, marketing and managing finances toward profitability. This longer-form program will offer time for group discussion and time to work on your own basic business planning steps to target

your priorities.

Participants are encouraged to bring any business records and information that enables them to apply the seminar directly to their own business (space is limited).

Continuing education credits offered: SAF CF credits: 4.0 category 1

Visit this link for registration: <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/events/maple-business-planning-deep-dive>

## Ohio Maple Days December 10, 2022

By Carri Jagger

Ohio Maple Days will take place December 10th at the Ashland University Convocation Center.

Registration is \$45 per person which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Vendor registration for the day is \$100 and includes a table and 2 meal tickets for the day.

This year's event will feature research updates on red maple, and maple flavors. An ACER grant update, a look at the insects every maple producer should know and a session on RO systems. The day ends with a session on improving sap flows and sap profitability from a trio of different perspectives. See the attached brochure for more details.

Again this year we have a dedicated space for

vendors that allows you to visit with them throughout the day. Vendors already registered for the event:

- Ag Pro/John Deere
- CDL USA
- Glacier's End Forestry
- Peer Family Forestry Consulting LLC
- Richards Maple Products
- Stumpwater Farm LLC
- Sugarbush Supplies Inc.
- Weaver Maple Supplies

There will be continuing education credits offered for the day – SAF CF Credits: 4.5 category 1.

To register, visit: <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/events/2022-ohio-maple-days>



# AGRICULTURE



## Ohio's Right to Farm Law helps with neighbor nuisance complaints

By Peggy Kirk Hall, Associate Professor,  
Agricultural & Resource Law

Fall harvest is a time of year when we hear complaints from neighbors and community residents about what we do in agriculture. Dust, grain bin dryers, equipment taking up the road, working late into the night or early in the morning ... these are the inconveniences of living in an agricultural area. But when do these activities become legally problematic as a "nuisance" to neighbors and others? Not often, due to Ohio's Right to Farm Law. Even so, the Right to Farm Law expects us to conduct our agricultural activities according to regulations and practices that may reduce the nuisance impacts of farming, and it gives us nuisance protection when we do so.

Enacted in 1982, Ohio's Right to Farm Law offers a nuisance defense for farming activities under certain conditions. Ohio was one of many states that passed a Right to Farm Law in the 1980s after the highly publicized Arizona case of *Spur Industries v. Del E. Webb*. In that case, the developer of a retirement community in Arizona sought to shut down a cattle feedlot that it claimed was a nuisance to its community residents. But the Arizona Supreme Court noted that the developer "came to the nuisance," making the previously existing feedlot activities a nuisance only because the developer chose to locate residences near the feedlot, in an agricultural area.

Ohio adopted this "coming to the nuisance" approach in its Right to Farm Law soon after the *Spur Industries* case. The law's intent is to protect agricultural landowners from nuisance claims made by those who move into an existing agricultural area and later complain about the agricultural activities occurring in the area. If faced with a nuisance complaint by someone who "came to the nuisance," an agricultural landowner can use the Right to Farm Law as a defense against the complaint.

### How the Right to Farm Law works

The Right to Farm Law has three requirements a landowner must meet to use the law as a defense against a nuisance claim.

**1. The agricultural activities that are the source of the nuisance complaint must be on qualifying land,** which includes:

- a. Land enrolled with the county auditor as "agricultural district land," (which is not a zoning designation) or
- b. Land "devoted exclusively to agricultural use" under Ohio's Current Agricultural Use Valuation law.

Both of these provisions establish the same criteria for the land: it must be either ten acres or more of land devoted to commercial agricultural production, or if less than ten acres and devoted to commercial agricultural production, it must generate a gross average annual income of \$2500. Certain land devoted to bioenergy, biomass, methane, or electric or heat energy production also qualifies, if contiguous to other qualifying land, as can land under government conservation and land retirement programs.

Early versions of the Right to Farm Law required that the land be enrolled in the "agricul-

tural district program" with the county auditor, not to be confused with having a zoning designation of agricultural district. But changes to the law removed the enrollment requirement, allowing nuisance protection even if the landowner has not enrolled land in that program.

**2. The agricultural activities were established prior to the plaintiff's activities or interest on which the action is based.**

This is the "coming to the nuisance" timing element. The agricultural activities must have been in the area first, before the person complaining of a nuisance came to the area.

**3. The agricultural activities were not in conflict with federal, state, and local laws and rules relating to the alleged nuisance or were conducted in accordance with generally accepted agriculture practices.**

The intent of the law is to protect "good operators" who follow legal requirements or generally accepted agricultural practices for the agricultural activity that is the source of the complaint. An operator who disregards law, regulations, and acceptable practices that apply to the agricultural activity loses the nuisance protection.

### What are "agricultural activities"?

We often receive questions about the kinds of activities the law covers, or whether the protection applies if a farmer changes or expands an operation. The Right to Farm Law answers these questions with the following:

"Agricultural activities" means common agricultural practices, including all of the following:

- (1) The cultivation of crops or changing crop rotation;
- (2) Raising of livestock or changing the species of livestock raised;
- (3) Entering into and operating under a livestock contract;
- (4) The storage and application of commercial fertilizer;
- (5) The storage and application of manure;
- (6) The storage and application of pesticides and other chemicals commonly used in agriculture;
- (7) A change in corporate structure or ownership;
- (8) An expansion, contraction, or change in operations;
- (9) Any agricultural practice that is acceptable by local custom.

### What if a farmer is threatened with a nuisance claim?

A few steps can help a farmer deal with a threatened nuisance claim.

- Document the activity or area that is the source of the complaint with pictures, videos, notes, weather conditions, etc.
- Review the situation to determine if there are additional management practices that could reduce any future nuisance impacts of the activity.
- If the person takes legal action, notify your property insurance provider. Your insurer will need to be aware of potential litigation because if the issue is one that relates to your insured ac-

tivities, your insurer will defend you in a lawsuit.

• Consider educating the person about your farming practices and the Right to Farm law. Share articles like this one, or have an agricultural attorney draft a letter explaining the law. A person might not pursue a claim after understanding the activities or realizing that the Right to Farm Law would likely dismiss the claim.

### Don't forget the good neighbor part

Although Ohio farmers have the Right to Farm Law as a defense against nuisance claims, it's still good practice to be aware of how our

farming activities affect neighbors. While the law recognizes that we can't remove all of the dust, noise, road use, and odors of farming, it does expect us to be "good operators." Being a good operator and instituting practices that can reduce nuisance impacts is the first line of defense against the potential of a neighbor nuisance claim.

Read the Ohio Right to Farm Law's "defense to a civil action for nuisance" at Ohio Revised Code Section 929.04.

## Lookout for Spotted Lanternfly

By Carri J. Jagger

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) was first discovered in Southeast Pennsylvania in 2014. It's a new non-native insect pest to the U.S. and is thought to be native to China, Japan, Vietnam and Taiwan. This invasive species preferred host is the Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) but it will also feed on a wide variety of plants throughout its life cycle. Spotted Lanternfly nymphs and adults have been found feeding on wild and domestic grapes, hops, fruit trees, willow, various hardwood trees, pines, shrubs and vines.

Spotted lanternfly made it's way to Jefferson County, Ohio in 2020, Cuyahoga County in 2021 and was found in Lorain County in early 2022 and now a few weeks ago in Hamilton and Lucas counties. As you travel around Ohio keep an eye out for it. SLF looks like a butterfly or moth but it is actually a planthopper. They have four wings and piercing-sucking mouthparts that are used to pierce their food source and suck out the nutritive fluids. The adults measure approximately 1 inch long and ½ inch wide at rest and 1 ½ to 2 inches wide with wings spread. When the insect is at rest the wings are in a tent like position over the body and when the wings are fully open you can see the red, black and white markings.



Description automatically generated. The SLF has a one year life cycle as the adults lay eggs in late fall through the first freeze. They lay eggs on host plants or any flat surface in clusters of 30-50 eggs arranged in 4-7 columns. The columns of eggs which measure about 1 inch in length, are covered by the female with a mud like substance. The first egg hatch begins in early May and the SLF will go through 4 nymph



stages before it completes it's life cycle.

Spotted lantern fly is not a strong flyer but is a great hitch hiker. Hitch hiking is how this pest is being spread. It likes rusty objects and travels on railroad cars. In Jefferson and Cuyahoga counties SLF was found near rail roads.

If you see a Spotted Lantern Fly, please call OSU Extension – Morrow County 419-947-1070 or the Ohio Department of Agriculture 614-728-6400.

For more information:

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-83>

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/plant-health/invasive-pests/slf>





# 4-H NEWS



## 2022 Morrow Co. Beef Carcass Show Results

RANK	ID	HCW	BACK FAT	REA	%KPH	YG	BTRC%	MATURITY	MARBLING	QG	PRICE	
1	5390: Mason Powell	890	0.19	15.8	2.0	1.7	57.63	A	Mt20	Ch	249.65	LIVE RES CHAMP
2/1st JF	252: Emma Davis	696	0.2	14.6	2.0	1.4	57.42	A	Sm40	Ch-	245.75	
3/2nd JF	253: Landon Davis	786	0.3	15.2	2.5	1.9	56.72	A	Sm10	Ch-	245.75	
4/3rd JF	113: Larissa Coleman	832	0.39	12.9	2.0	2.9	54.55	A	Sm40	Ch-	244.15	
5/4th JF	130: Grant LaRoche	770	0.35	12.3	2.5	2.9	54.34	A	Sm70	Ch-	244.50	
6	1657: Caiden Daugherty	948	0.5	15.6	2.0	2.8	55.47	A	Sm80	Ch-	241.95	LIVE GRAND CHAMP

HCW = Hot Carcass Weight, lbs.; Back Fat = External fat measurement (inches); REA = Ribeye Area (square inches); KPH = Kidney Pelvic and Heart Fat (internal fat); YG = Yield Grade; BTRC = Boneless Trimmed Retail Cuts (saleable product); Maturity: A = Young (youthful); QG = Quality Grade (Maturity + Marbling)  
Pr = prime; CH+ = top choice; CH- = low choice; Se+/- = Select; Price = Overall value / 100 lbs.



Carcass Contest (L to R) OSU Student, Bo Garcia (OSU), Larissa Coleman, Landon Davis, Pam Gandy (Lawton McClintock Memorial Trophy Donor)

## 2022 Morrow Co. Swine Carcass Show Results

RANK	ID	HCW	BACK FAT	LMA	LEAN %	
1*	524	234	0.5	11.0	59.61	Haylee Walker
2	711	242	0.5	10.8	58.93	Natalee Eichorn/ RES GRAND
3/1st JF	598	194	0.5	7.5	56.90	Landon Davis
4	2508	218	0.6	8.5	56.12	Aden Bowersmith/GRAND
5*	645	224	0.7	8.9	55.43	Garrett Ulrey
6/2nd JF	2507	218	0.7	8.7	55.40	Jillian LaRoche
7*	100	218	0.6	7.5	54.75	Nate Ulrey
8/3rd JF	626	216	0.6	7.4	54.68	Taylor Ottman
9*	644	240	1.6	7.7	54.24	Next Gen. Ulrey Farm
10/4th JF	663	204	0.6	65	53.84	Brooksten Beck
11*	748	220	0.8	7.8	53.09	Nate Ulrey
12*	648	216	0.8	6.5	51.40	Garrett Ulrey

HCW = Hot Carcass Weight, lbs.; Back Fat = External Fat Measurement (inches); LMA = Loiney Measurement Area; (square inches); Lean, %: percent saleable product, DQ: Disqualified, \*Sr. Fair Entries

## 2022 Morrow Co. Lamb Carcass Results

RANK	ID	HCW	BACK FAT	REA	BODY WALL	YG	BTRC	
1	10110	104	0.25	4	1.0	2.9	40.595	RGCh/Sydney White
2	103	102	0.4	4	1.1	4.4	36.755	GCh/Riley Johnson

HCW = Hot Carcass Weight, lbs; Back fat = external fat measurement; REA = Ribeye Area, (square inches); Body Wall = External fat measurement (inches); YG = Yield Grade; BTRC% = Boneless Trimmed Retail Cuts (saleable product)

## 2022 Morrow Co. Goat Carcass Results

RANK	ID	HCW	BACK FAT	REA	BODY WALL	YG	BTRC	
1	62	70	0.10	2.6	0.70	1.4	45.9570	GCh/Caiden Daugherty
2	2215	50	0.05	2.3	0.65	0.9	42.1345	RGCh/Nicholas Harriger

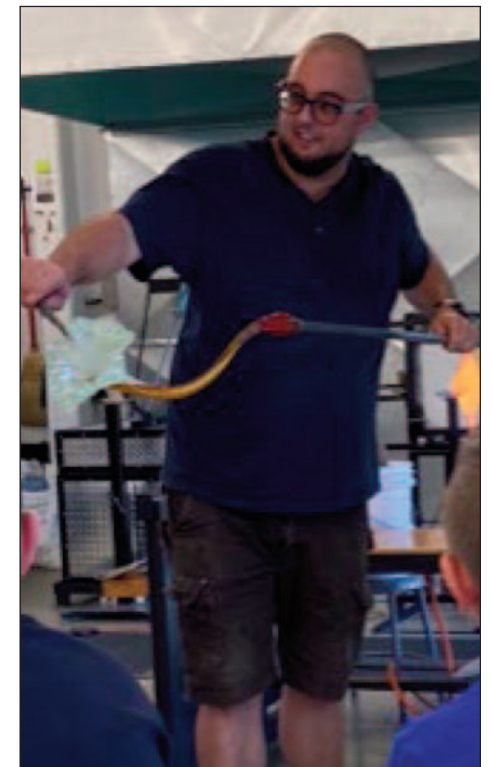
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## Hungry, Hungry, Bot?

Fifth graders at Park Avenue Elementary had an exciting time learning about engineering, technology, and even ecosystems during Ms. Looker's science class on October 13. Thirty-eight boys and 35 girls participated.

Youth completed a challenge similar to the one completed during the second day of 4-H STEM Camp (see description in 4-H STEM Camp article).

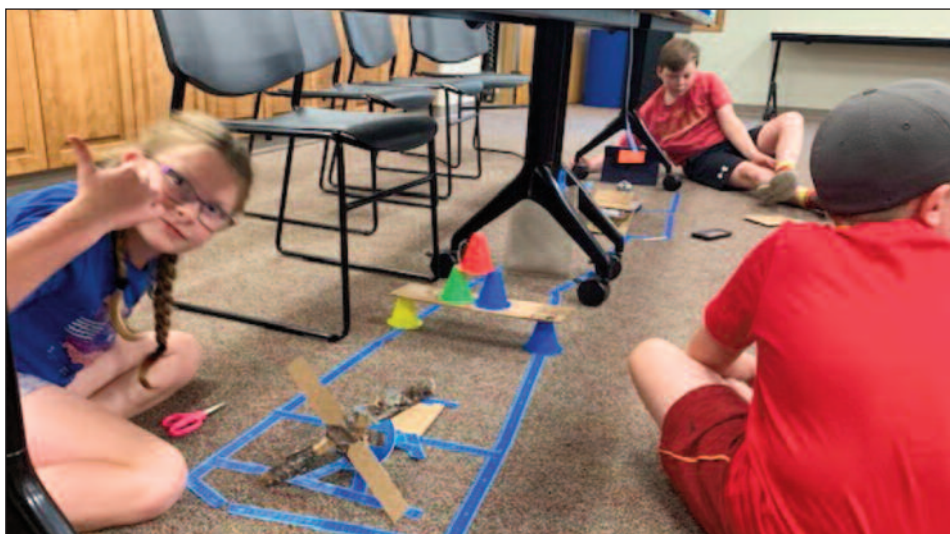


## Learning the Art of Glass Blowing

The Rolling Hills 4-H Club visited the Mansfield Arts Center to learn about the art of glass blowing. The instructor demonstrated how to make a flower, plate, and pumpkin out of melted glass that was 2,138 degrees Fahrenheit!



# 4-H NEWS



Avonell Fatka, Spencer Fatka, and Daniel Forquer work together to build a course for their bolt.

## 4-H STEM Camp

On June 29 – July 1 we held our first annual 4-H STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Camp. This camp was open to youth in grades 3-12 interested in STEM. Thirty-one youth participated.

Each day had a theme. Day one was Wild and Wacky Chemistry. A few of the activities included making invisible ink, fast growing crystals, and pulling DNA from a strawberry. Youth also started their art bot projects. They built a bot using a cup with a motor on top. Three markers were attached to the cups. When the motor turned on the cup would shake across paper to make cool designs.

Day two didn't disappoint with Bolts, Bots, and Bands. Youth learned how to use Sphero Bolts which they controlled with an iPad. They were first challenged with learning how to drive their bolt and then had to engineer a cup to go over the bolt and be able to retrieve other cups to drive back to themselves. We made this into a game like Hungry, Hungry, Hippo. Youth really

enjoyed this as you could hear their excitement as they played.

The next challenge was for them to build a course for their bolt to navigate through. They had to use block coding to tell their bolt how to go through the course. The youth were surprisingly quiet during this challenge as they were very focused working to code their bolts to complete their course.

Awesome Energy ended the camp on day three. Two projects focused on solar energy. They built solar ovens so they could enjoy a melted smore for a snack. Solar bugs were built by putting a solar panel on the back of a paper bug and the energy from the sun made the bug move around.

They also explored how to make biodiesel out of soybeans. Biodiesel powered a tin boat as a demonstration. Most kids love to make things go flying in the air so we also built catapults.

Mark your calendars for June 28-30, 2023 for our next 4-H STEM Camp.



Amelia Bender demonstrates her art bot drawing.



Sabastian White unveils his invisible ink message.

## State Fair Results

Kaydence Buhler: Horse – 7th Place – Junior Pole Bending;

Kasey Clark: 2nd Place Spot Gilt, Let's Start Cooking, Jr. – Outstanding of the Day;

Dana Clinedinst: All Ohio State Fair Marching Band – Alumni Day;

Larissa Coleman: Poultry Skill-a-thon – In-person, Age 12, 6th Place

Aubrey Crabbe-Brake: Intermediate Pony Stakes Race – 8th Place, Poles 13 – 16 – Pony – 6th Place;

Natalie Eichorn: Beef – Simmental Heifer – 1st in Class

Max Eichorn: Beef – Percentage Simmental Heifer – 1st in Class;

Mackenna Gillam: Small Equine – 10th Place – Trail in Hand, Small Equine – 5th Place – Trail Driving;

Lauren Johnson: Sheep Skill-a-thon – In-person, Age 16, 6th Place;

Riley Johnson: Sheep Skill-a-thon – In-person, Age 16, 8th Place

Dawson Kovacs: Virtual Sheep Skill-a-thon – Overall 8th Place, Virtual Junior Sheep Skill-a-thon – 2nd Place;

Victoria Kovacs: Virtual Goat Skill-a-thon – Overall 1st Place, Virtual Sheep Skill-a-thon – Overall 6th Place;

Hannah Judd: Take a Break for Breakfast, Jr. – Outstanding of the Day;

Esther Kennedy: Clothing – Terrific Tops – Outstanding of the Day;

Levi Leonhard: Communications Contest Jr. Individual – Outstanding of the Day;

Lydia Leonhard: Clothing – Outerwear for Anywhere – Outstanding of the Day

and Cloth Trophy, Daily Wood Clothing Special Award;

Kayla McAllister: Cake Decorating, Jr. – Outstanding of the Day;

Ashlyn Meadows: 4th in Senior Pony - Barrels, 9th in Senior Pony - Poles, 3rd in Senior Pony - Keyhole, 6th in Senior Pony - Stakes Race;

Bri Myers: Horses – Reserve Champion – 9 – 18 Low Working Hunter, Horses 6th Place – 9 – 18 Low Equitation Over Fences;

Emmy Myers: Horse – 9th Place – 13-15 Keyhole, Horse 10th Place – 13 – 15 Stakes, Virtual Horse Skill-a-thon – 6th Place;

Natalie Peterson 4th Place in Stakes Race – Pony Division 13 – 15-Year-Old Age Class;

Peyton Phares: You and Your Dog Interviews, (Age 11 – 13) - Outstanding of the Day;

Brooklyn Poppell: Horses – Senior Trail in Hand – 1st Place, Horses – 16-Year-Old Hunter Showmanship – 7th Place;

Emma Smith: Self Determined, Sr. – Outstanding of the Day;

Alexander Threadgill: Robotics 1: With EV3 – Outstanding of the Day and Clock Trophy;

Mason Powell: Beef – 4th in 17-year-old Showmanship, Crossbred Steer – 4th in Class, Chi Steer – 7th in Class

Morrow County Junior Livestock Judging Team: 14th Out of 34 Teams (team members are Amelia Bender, Mathias Bender, Natalee Eichorn and Max Eichorn)

Morrow County Senior Livestock Judging Team: 15th out of 36 Teams (team members are Ethan Staley, Colton Beck and Rebecca Staley)



Brooklyn Poppell – Sr. Goat Ambassador



Bailey Alexander – Sr. Poultry Ambassador



Shayla Irwin – Jr. Goat Ambassador



Bella Donna Thredgill – Jr. Poultry Ambassador



# 4-H NEWS



Jr Fair Court – Madeline Franks, Dana Clinedinst, Jed Adams, Lydia Leonhard, Sage Whetnall, Briana Zeger

## Top Treasurer Awards

- 1st Place - Elizabeth Leonhard – Johnsville Jolly Farmers & Farmerettes
- 2nd Place – Emily Baker – Buckeye Brigade
- 3rd Place – Brandon Hughes – Reckless & Rowdy

## Top Secretary Awards

- 1st Place – JJ Palm-Rhoades – Country Crossroads
- 2nd Place – Garret Baldwin – Johnsville Jolly Farmers & Farmerettes

## Top News Reporter Awards

- 1st Place – Esther Kennedy – Buckeye Brigade
- 2nd Place – Olivia Hill – Johnsville Jolly Farmers & Farmerettes

## 2022 Honor Club Awards

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| 4H-IO              | Free 4-All                             | Harvesting Memories |
| Buckeye Brigade    | Friendly Farmers                       | Reckless & Rowdy    |
| Clover Posse       | Grass Roots & Boots                    | Rolling Hills       |
| Country Crossroads | Johnsville Jolly Farmers & Farmerettes | Showing & Growing   |
| Dream Chasers      |  |                     |

## Top Project Area Applicant Winners

- Ameyla Bragg, Dream Chasers – Wood Science
- Emerson Bragg, Dream Chasers – Pets
- Weston Cast, Dream Chasers - Poultry
- Skylar Cochran, Spirit of Livestock 76’ – Sheep
- Israel Coleman, Dream Chasers – Swine
- Faith Ernsberger, Dream Chasers – Visual Arts
- Grace Ernsberger, Dream Chasers – Clothing & Textiles
- Grace Ernsberger, Dream Chasers – Money Management
- Grace Ernsberger – Dream Chasers – Leadership
- Hanna Ernsberger, Dream Chasers – Shooting Sports
- Hanna Ernsberger, Dream Chasers – Outdoor Education & Recreation
- Nicholas Harriger, Harvesting Memories - Goats
- Hannah Judd, Dream Chasers – Food & Nutrition
- Emma Smith, Harvesting Memories – Consumer & Family Sciences
- Josie Smith, Harvesting Memories – Rabbits
- Matthew Swetland, Dream Chasers – Healthy Living
- Blake Vannoy, Dream Chasers – Engines
- William Westhoven, Dream Chasers - Aerospace



Top 4-H Clothing Project Winners: Julia Kennedy (State Fair Representative), Olen Jackson (Donor), and Lydia Leonhard (State Fair Clock Trophy Winner and State Wool Award Winner)



4-H Money Projects (L to R): Thanks AgCredit for rewarding these members for their work! Grace Ernsberger, Kallie Wright, Nida Shuff (AgCredit), Jacob Anthony, and Eliza Rogers



Emma Smith – Sr. Rabbit Ambassador



Colman Chamberlain – Jr. Rabbit Ambassador



# 4-H NEWS



## 4-H General Information

### Celebrating Champion Project Winners and Herdsman Awards

Champion project awards are selected based on a youth's skillathon score and a Showmanship placing score. Each age group has an winner and then the top overall scores are recognized in each

specie. Herdsman awards are selected by the Jr. Fair Department fair board members.

On this page and the next two pages, you will see these outstanding youth!

### PAS Horse Show Qualifiers

Jill Bertke, Abigail Booher, Chloe Bosh, Kaydence Buhler, Clayton Burton,

Owen Christian, Natori Clevenger, Annabelle Cooper, Breyer Cooper, Emma Cooper,

Aubrey Crabbe-Brake, Brooklyn Damron, Leah Ervin, Dallas Frank, Braden Gamble,

Brandon Gambler, Mackenna Gillam, Elyse Holzer, Bella Huey, Mira Huey,

Miranda Kintz, Ashlynn Meadows, Natalie Peterson, Aly Pollard, Hailey Pollard,

Tate Pollard, Kendall Rogers, Olivia Serio, Sage Whetnall.



### Dairy Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall Winner: Cara Chamberlain, Intermediate: Abby Leonhard, Junior: Laken Dye, Beginner and Herdsman Winner: Cailey Chamberlain, Herdsman Winner: Janey Creswell



4-H Clothing Projects



### Feeder Calf Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall Winner: Natalie Jagge, Intermediate: Caiden Daughtery, Junior: Brooke Jagger, Beginner: Leah Ruhl



Top 4-H Genealogy Projects: Ann Artrip (Genealogical Society), Abby Leonhard, Josh Rhea

### State Fair Qualifiers & County Winners 2022

(Number=Placing)

#### 4H-10

Iaiah Doles: Pet Rabbits (State);  
Aubrianna Franks: Next Level Photography (3), Rope - Not Just Knots (State);  
Ayden Franks: Beekeeping Junior (State),  
Rope - Not Just Knots (3), Self Determined (2);

#### America's Country Farmers

Jacob Anthony: Becoming Money Wise (3),  
First Aid in Action (State);  
Shawn Anthony: How Does Your Garden

Grow? (State)

Sammi Brown: Cake Decorating (2), Self Determined (3)

Brooklyn Curtis, Get Started In Art - Junior (3)

Heidi Johnson: Makeover My Space (2),  
Next Level Photography (State);

Rebecca Johnson: Makeover My Space (3);  
Samantha Johnson: Measuring Up (State),  
Snack Attack! (State);

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### Poultry Champion Projects

L to R: Senior: Tyler Duckworth, Intermediate: Cooper Nelson, Junior and Overall: Laken Dye, Beginner: Donna Threadgill, Senior Herdsman: Alex Threadgill, Junior Herdsman: Brylon Laymen



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### Rabbit Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall Winner: Lane Spittler, Intermediate: Megan Beck, Junior: Alayne Seavolt, Beginner: Cayden Patterson, Junior Herdsman Winner: Isabelle Osborne, Senior Herdsman Winner: Kaylynn Smith



### Sheep Awards Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall Winner: Riley Johnson, Intermediate: Olesia Looker, Junior: Elizabeth Ruhl, Beginner: Parker Grimm, Not in Photo, Herdsman Winners: Sam Barnes and Ryann Brinkman



### Swine Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall Winner: Kimberly Staley, Intermediate: Kasey Clark, Junior: Luke Clark, Beginner: Jillian LaRoche, Junior Herdsman Winner: Case Bowersmith, Senior Herdsman Winner: Evan Bowersmith

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Addison Renwick: Self Determined (State)  
**Bibs-N-Boots**  
 Kyle Smith: Pet Rabbits (1);  
**Blazin' Bridles**  
 Natori Clevenger: Making The Cut (State),  
 Bella Ervin: Cavies (2);  
**Buckeye Brigade**  
 Dana Clinedinst: My Favorite Things (2);  
 Astrid Crowl: Designed By Me (State)  
 Megan Gardner: Keeping Fit (State), Sew For  
 Others (State);  
 Emily Keckler: Cake Decorating (3), Why  
 Trees Matter (State);  
 Esther Kennedy: Terrific Tops (State);  
 Julia Kennedy: Communications Day (State),  
 Dress Up Outfit - Formal Wear (State), Get  
 Started In Art - Senior (State);  
 Collin McAllister: Fishing for Intermediate  
 (State);  
 Kayla McAllister: Cake Decorating (State);  
 Jeffery Ramey: Take A Break for Breakfast  
 (2);  
 Micheal Ramey: Let's Bake Quick Breads  
 (State);  
 Alex Threadgill: Communications Day  
 (State), Robotics 1 (State), Self Determined  
 (State), Woodworking: Making The Cut (State);  
 Belladonna Threadgill: Communications Day  
 (State), Finding Your Voice (State), Superhero  
 You (State), Your Thoughts Matter (State);  
**Clover Posse**  
 Connor Clarkson: Explore The Outdoors (2);  
 Avonell Fatka: Safe Use of Guns (State),  
 Shooting Sports - Rifle (State);  
 Josiah Fatka: Moving Out (County Winner);  
 Spencer Fatka: Fishing for Intermediate (2),  
 Shooting Sports - Pistol (State);  
 JaLayne Fissell: Horseless Horse (2), Let's  
 Start Cooking (3), Sew Fun (3);  
 Alexis Fox: Family History Treasure Hunt  
 (3);  
 Travis Fox: Photography Basics (3);  
 Kayla McLeod: Global Gourment (State);  
 Abram Newson: Woodworking: Measuring  
 Up (State);  
 Amelia Newson: Cake Decorating (2);  
**Country Crossroads**  
 Devada Huvler: Next Level Photography (2),  
 Seeing Through Graphic Design (State);  
 Johnathan Huvler: Crank It Up (State);  
 Shelby Huvler: Grill Master (3);  
 Olivia Levering: Nailing It Together (State);  
 Jeffrey Palm-Rhoades: Shooting Sports -  
 Shotgun (State);  
 Jack Shireman: Making The Cut (2);  
**Country Guys & Gals**  
 Lia Alexander: em\*bel\*lish (State), Scrap-  
 booking Senior (3);  
 Page Elswick: Get Started In Art - Senior (3);  
 Katie Snider: Beekeeping Junior (2);  
**Dream Chasers**

Amelya Bragg: Canning & Freezing (3);  
 Amelya Bragg: Measuring Up (3);  
 Emerson Bragg: Self Determined (2);  
 Israel Coleman: Science Fun w/Flight (1);  
 Faith Emsberger: Get Started In Art - Junior  
 (2), Racing The Clock Awesome Meals (State),  
 Sew Fun (2);  
 Grace Ernsberger: Am I Ready For Work?  
 (County Winner), Becoming Money Wise  
 (County Winner), Science Fun w/Dairy Foods  
 (State), Staying Healthy (2), Terrific Tops (2);  
 Hanna Ernsberger: Explore The Outdoors  
 (State), Rope - Not Just Knots (State), Safe Use  
 of Guns (2), You're The Chef (State);  
 Savannah Ferguson: Star Spangled Foods  
 (State);  
 Hannah Judd: Take A Break for Breakfast  
 (State);  
 Matthew Swetland: Edible Landscapes  
 (State), Rocketry Master (2); Science Fun  
 w/Kitchen Chemistry (1);  
 Blake Vannoy: Crank It Up (2);  
 Will Westhoven: Rockets Away (State);  
**Farmers & Charmers**  
 Taylor Ottman: Geology: Can You Dig It?  
 (State);  
 Kallie Wright: Becoming Money Wise (2),  
 Leadership Road Trip (State);  
**Free-4-All**  
 Hailey Babbs: Let's Start Cooking (2);  
 Gabriella Braddock: Canning & Freezing (2);  
 Jade Delawder: Canning & Freezing  
 (State);  
 Evan Kildow: You & Your Dog Interviews (2);  
 Lily Moodspaugh: Cake Decorating (3);  
 Morgan White: You're The Athlete (3);  
**Friendly Farmers**  
 Carolyn Barr: Pet Rabbits (2);  
 Maizy Brinkman: Scrapbooking Senior (2);  
 Austin Radel: Rocketry Master (State);  
 Maddi Van Way: County Cookies (County  
 Winner);  
**Grain Train Farmers**  
 Marcella Rollins: All Systems Go (State);  
**Grass Roots & Boots**  
 Kasey Clark: Let's Start Cooking (State);  
 Rylan Fiant: Cake Decorating (State);  
 Candace Grimm: Accessories for Teens  
 (State);  
 Peyton Hayes: Get Started In Art - Junior  
 (State);  
 Finn Schuman: Geology: Can You Dig It?  
 (3);  
 Fisher Schuman: Fishing for Beginner (2);  
 Kayla Trainer : Welding (3);  
**Happy Hemstitchers & Haymakers**  
 Aleeah Brake: Vet Science (2);  
 Ivan Mattix: Laundry (3);  
 Baylee Snyder: Cake Decorating (State),  
 Family History Treasure Hunt (2), Let's Start  
 Cooking (State), My Favorite Things (State),  
 Ohio Birds (3);

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#### Harvesting Memories

Kendal Fulk: Welding (State);  
Nathan Krabill: Moving Out (2);  
EmmaSmith: Communications Day (State),  
Self Determined (State);

Josie Smith: Communications Day (State),  
Fishing for Beginner (State);

Kasen Wallace: Nailing It Together (State);

#### Highland Achiever

Hunter Dye: Tractor Operations (1);  
Laken Dye: Cavies (State), County Candy  
(County Winner), You Can Quilt (State);

#### Johnsville Jolly Farmers & Farmerettes

Garret Baldwin: Communications Day  
(State);

Jaylynn Curry: Let's Bake Quick Breads (2);  
Tyler Duckworth: Shooting Sports - Pistol  
(State);

William Fidler: Everyday Food & Fitness  
(State);

Olivia Hill: Cake Decorating (2), Let's Bake  
Quick Breads (State), Makeover My Space  
(State), Racing The Clock Awesome Meals (2),  
Self Determined (State);

Abby Leonhard: Communications Day  
(State), Family History Treasure Hunt (State);

Brenna Leonhard: Communications Day  
(State), Insect Adventures, Level 1 (State), Ohio  
Birds (State), Why Trees Matter (2);

Elizabeth Leonhard: Yeast Breads on the Rise  
(State);

Levi Leonhard: Communications Day  
(State), Measuring Up (2);

Lydia Leonhard: Outerwear for Anywhere  
(State);

Makayla Rhea: Babysitting (State); Commu-  
nications Day (State), Laundry (State), Terrific  
Tops (3);

Karson Teynor: Welding (2);  
Emerie Ziegelhofer: Keeping Fit (State);

#### Lucky Clovers & Buds

Briggs Leffler: Safe Use of Guns (3), Shoot-  
ing Sports - Rifle (2);

#### Morrow County Future Farmers

Ella Kirk: Ohio Birds (2), Vet Science (1);  
Ruth Minor: Cats I (2);

#### Next Generation

Veronica Ballard: Grow Your Own Vegeta-  
bles (State);

Bailey Bault: Scrapbooking, Junior (State);  
Kaiden Bowman: Rocketry Master (3);

Mary Kely: Diversity: Source of Our  
Strength (State);

Mason Kidwell: Self Determined (2);  
Nathaniel Meier: Grill Master (State);

Erick Robson: You're The Athlete (State);  
Eliza Rogers: Staying Healthy (State);

Bethany Sayers: Ohio Birds (State), Pocket  
Pets (State);

Kaitlyn Sayers: Basic Archery (State), Dis-  
covering 4-H (County Winner);

Kylee Whipple: Scrapbooking (State), Self  
Determined (2);

#### Reckless & Rowdy

Kasey Fiant: Tractor Operations (2);  
Kayla Hughes: Scrapbooking Senior (State);

#### Rolling Hills

Amelia Bender: Photography Basics (2),  
Quilting The Best Better (State);

Mathias Bender: Grill Master (2). Shooting  
Sports - Archery (2);

#### Shaw Creek Farmers

Bryce Arnold: Rope - Not Just Knots (2);  
Scarlett Arnold: The Writer In You (2);

Carson Eanes: Geology: Can You Dig It? (2);  
Dawson Kovacs: Fishing for Intermediate

(3), Magic of Electricity (State);  
Victoria Kovacs: Finding Your Voice (2), The  
Writer In You (County Winner);

Lydia Levering: Self Determined (State);  
Jaysah McNichols: Horseless Horse (County  
Winner);

Kaylee Teets: Grow Your Own Vegetables  
(2);

Callie Toombs: Photography Basics (State);  
Madison Toombs: Scrapbooking, Junior (3);

Kallie Townsend: Scrapbooking, Junior (2);

#### Showing & Scraping

Addie Rhea: Get Started In Art - Senior (2);  
Ellie Rhea: Cake Decorating (State);

Josh Rhea: Family History Treasure Hunt  
(State);

Kegan Searls: Sports Nutrition Ready Set  
Go! (State);

Madison Searls: Tracking Your Health & Fit-  
ness (State);

#### Tails & Trails

Dayla Fisher: Sew Fun (State);  
Jillian West-Johnston: It's My Home (State),  
Scrapbooking, Senior (State), Sports Nutrition  
Ready Set Go! (State2), Your First Home Away  
From Home (State), You're The Athlete (2);

Trailblazers  
Garrett Reeve: Grow Your Own Vegetables  
(3);

#### Triple-R-Bar

Annabelle Cooper: Cake Decorating (3),  
Clothing for Middle School (State), em\*bel\*ish  
(2), Insect Adventures, Level 3 (State), Self De-  
termined (2), Shooting Sports - Archery (3),  
Shooting Sports - Pistol (2);

Breyer Cooper: Self Determined (3), Shoot-  
ing Sports - Archery (State), Shooting Sports -  
Hunting (State), Shooting Sports - Shotgun  
(State), Trapping Muskrats In Ohio (State);

Emma Cooper: Cats I (State), Laundry (2),  
Shooting Sports - Pistol (3), Sundresses &  
Jumpers (State);

Madison May: Shooting Sports - Archery  
(State);

#### Udder Chaos

Payton Phares: You & Your Dog Interviews  
(State).



### Goat Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall: Bryce Cooper, Intermediate: Fletcher Gompf, Junior: Bella White, Beginner: Brianna Phillips, Senior Herdsman: Bethany Sayers, Junior Herdsman: Kaitlyn Sayers



### Horse Champion Projects

L to R: Senior and Overall Winner: Brooklin Poppell, Intermediate: Celia Hall, Junior: Leah Ervin, Beginner: Juliana Jones, Senior Herdsman: McKenna Gillam, Junior Herdsman: Audrina Booher



### Beef Champion Projects

L to R: Senior: Elizabeth Leonhard, Intermediate: Porter Beck, Junior and Overall: Brooke Jagger, Beginner: Layla Rizer, Senior Herdsman Winner: Lane Rizer, Missing from Photo: Jr. Herdsman Winner: Clayton Burton



## Holiday Food Safety Reminders & Turkey Tips

By Candace J. Heer, OSU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educator, Morrow County, Ohio

A foodborne illness is caused by consuming contaminated foods or beverages. While it estimated 3,000 people die from a foodborne illness each year in the U.S., 48 million people get sick and 128,000 are hospitalized. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration along with the USDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide information to prevent food poisoning or foodborne illness throughout the year. Many of us grew up learning the improper way of thawing food and at gatherings we were found to be hanging out with the food all day long on the table.

Right? So, here are a few reminders and tips for this holiday season to keep friends and family safe.

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water (scrub them good for at least 10 seconds).
- Cook your food thoroughly and use a food thermometer to ensure foods have been cooked to a safe internal temperature (stop by our office and we will give you a thermometer).
- Keep hot food hot and cold food cold by keeping foods out of the “danger zone” which is between 40- and 140-degrees Fahrenheit.
- Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours (you can do this...I know you can).

- Use pasteurized eggs for dishes containing raw eggs.
- Do NOT eat raw dough or batter (believe me I know this is not easy).
- Leftovers are safe in the refrigerator for 3-4 days and if frozen use within 2-6 months for best quality.
- Do NOT feed your pets the unsafe food you plan to throw out.
- Safely thaw your turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for every 4-5 pounds of bird.
- Safely thaw your turkey by submerging the bird in cold water and change every 30 minutes then cook IMMEDIATELY after thawing.
- Safely thaw your turkey in the microwave by using the defrost function based on weight and then cook IMMEDIATELY after thawing.

- Do NOT wash your turkey as bacteria cannot be washed off the bird (seriously it cannot be washed).
  - Separate raw turkey from fresh food.
  - Keep dishes that touch raw food separate and wash items that touch raw meat with soap and warm water.
  - Cook your turkey until it reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit (including the stuffing) in the thickest part of breast, innermost part of wing and the innermost part of thigh (using the food thermometer you picked up from our office).
- More food safety information and resources are located on the Family and Consumer Sciences webpage located on our OSUE-Morrow County website at [morrow.osu.edu](http://morrow.osu.edu). Questions? Reach out to me at 419-947-1070 or [heer.7@osu.edu](mailto:heer.7@osu.edu).



### Safe Minimum Internal Temperature Chart for Cooking

Food	Type	Internal Temperature (°F)
Beef, bison, veal, goat, and lamb	Steaks, roasts, chops	145 <b>Rest time: 3 minutes</b>
	Ground meat and sausage	160
Casseroles	Meal and meatless	165
Chicken, turkey, and other poultry	All: whole bird, breasts, legs, thighs, wings, ground poultry, giblets, sausage, and <a href="#">stuffing</a> inside poultry	165
Eggs	Raw eggs	Cook until yolk and white are firm
	Egg dishes (such as frittata, quiche)	160
Ham	Raw ham	145 <b>Rest time: 3 minutes</b>
	Precooked ham (to reheat)	165 <b>Note:</b> Reheat cooked hams packaged in USDA-inspected plants to 140°F
Leftovers	Any type	165
Pork	Steaks, roasts, chops	145 <b>Rest time: 3 minutes</b>
	Ground meat and sausage	160
Rabbit and venison	Wild or farm-raised	160
Seafood	Fish (whole or filet), such as salmon, tuna, tilapia, pollock, bass, cod, catfish, trout, etc.	145 or cook until flesh is no longer translucent and separates easily with a fork
	Shrimp, lobster, crab, and scallops	Cook until flesh is pearly or white, and opaque
	Clams, oysters, mussels	Cook until shells open during cooking

## Parenting check ups

By Emily Marrison, OSU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educator, Coshocton County, Ohio

Life transitions can be a good time to check in on how we are doing as parents. Back to school is one of those important transition times of new beginnings. There are all sorts of marketing gimmicks out there about which latest gadget is going to help your child the most in school. And though we know this deep down, here is a friendly reminder that your relationship with your child is the greatest influence in their development.

The Search Institute is committed to conduct research with families across the United States that helps young people be and become their best selves. They have found that many people can have special kinds of “developmental relationships” with children and youth. However, mothers, fathers, and other parenting adults have central and powerful relationships that typically begin before childbirth and continue throughout life.

According to a Search Institute study of more than 1,000 parenting adults of children ages 3 to 13 years old, parents who have stronger relationships with their children are more likely to say that their children:

- Take personal responsibility for their actions
- Are motivated to learn
- Manage their emotions well
- Experience fewer behavioral problems, such as throwing temper tantrums or fighting
- Help other people
- Are hopeful and have a sense of purpose

The Search Institute has identified key themes to establishing and maintaining relationships that help kids grow, learn, and thrive. On their website, [keepconnected.searchinstitute.org](http://keepconnected.searchinstitute.org), they have amazing resources with very practical questions you can ask and activities you can do together as a family. Here are some of the keys they focus on.

**1. Express Care** - Show your child they matter to you. This includes being dependable, listening, believing in your child, being warm, and encouraging. Some very practical ways of doing this include paying attention when your children or teens are talking about things that matter to them. Put away your cell phone. Also make time for lightness. Share in some humor, fun, and laughter amid the practical tasks.

**2. Challenge Growth** - Push your child to keep getting better. This means you expect them to stretch and to live up to their potential. It also includes helping them learn from mistakes and setbacks and teaching them that mistakes are a natural part of learning. Expect your children to do their best, even when doing something they don't really like. Focus on the effort rather than the outcome. Praise your kids when they work hard, whether they succeed or fail.

**3. Share Power** - Treat your child with respect and give them a say. I think this can be a tough one to navigate well. Giving children choices is important but can honestly be overwhelming to them when there are too many choices too often. I like this suggestion. As children get older begin to offer choices rather than always giving instructions. For example, ask them a question like “So, what could you do differently to tackle this problem?” Instead of telling them what we think they should do, let them think of good solutions. They may come up with something better than we were thinking as the parent.

It is easy to notice that our children grow and change, but we as parents are growing and changing as well. The challenge and opportunity is to work together to keep our relationships strong, flexible, and resilient as each person grows and changes.

Today I'll leave you with this quote from O. A. Battista, “The best inheritance a parent can give his children is a few minutes of his time each day.”



## Insuring your furry family member

By Candace J. Heer, OSU Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Educator, Morrow County, Ohio;

<https://livesmartohio.osu.edu/money/heer-7osu-edu/insuring-your-furry-family-member/>

Sixty-three percent of U.S. households own a dog or cat, sales of pet care services are totaling at \$5.8 billion dollars in the U.S., \$123.6 billion U.S. pet industry dollars was spent in 2021 and by 2026 veterinary occupations are expected to grow almost three times faster than projected growth for all occupations. Our pets are living longer, options for pet treatment are expanding and pet owners are consciously aware the animal they own is a furry family member.

Twelve years ago, I adopted M'Lady Matilda when she was 12 weeks old. I debated getting pet insurance at that time because my previous kitty, Sadie Lady, passed away (euthanasia) after she came down with cancer for the second time in her life. I had spent thousands of dollars saving her and with it came years of a quality life before another type of cancer set in. So, when Matilda was diagnosed with "lame kitten syndrome" I made the decision to get pet insurance. After doing some research I found the best pet insurance "fit" for my household and have since insured other pets as they came along each using their insurance.

Pet insurance is over 100 years old and is expected to exceed a revenue of \$3.8 billion by 2027.

**What is pet insurance and why should you consider the investment?** "Health" insurance is a type of insurance coverage that pays for health and medical expenses in return for payment of a premium. Generally, the higher your deductible and reimbursement level the lower your monthly premium. Pet insurance is similar to human health insurance as it offers a variety of coverages but is mostly intended to help you pay for unexpected expenses. These expenses include emergency care for accidents and injuries, illnesses, and treatment of conditions (cancer, diabetes, hypothyroidism, arthritis and more) as well as providing a Wellness Care or Preventative package option. Pet insurance may help reduce the financial risk of being a pet owner and create a financial safety net.

**Responses and reasons to have or not have pet insurance:**

- "Never even heard of it."
- "Never thought about it, been fortunate our pets have never had a major illness."
- "We put aside money in monthly budget for health care for our pet; plus an additional \$75 above preventive care to cover emergency costs and also factor in yearly dog license."
- Use money out of the emergency fund to cover cost of emergency care for pet.
- "If or when the time comes my pets need care able to afford to get them the care they need to survive and live a quality life."
- "Peace of mind an accident or illness is covered and not have to make the choice of pet's life

versus the money needed to spend."

**Including options available, what information is required and what is covered with pet insurance?**

Pet insurance options:

- Annual Limit: Ranges from \$2,500 to 30,000 or unlimited option
- Annual Deductible: Ranges from \$100 to \$1,000
- Reimbursement Level: 70%, 80%, 90% and even 100% with a few insurances
- Type of plan with options and add-ons
- Type of coverage: Accident + Illness or Accident Only; Wellness Care or Preventative add-on

What is covered?

Accidents, Illness, Hereditary conditions, Behavioral issues, Dental disease

What is not covered?

Pre-existing conditions, Preventative care, Breeding costs, Treatments that are experimental, Office visits and exam fees

Information required about pet:

Type of Animal (dog, cat, bird, horse, etc.), Name, Age, Male or Female, Type of Breed (including giant/large/medium/small mix), Where you live

**How do I choose the best insurance company for my household and pet?**

Pet insurances are ranked yearly by different entities therefore a lot of the work researching and comparing insurances is done for you. Much like choosing insurance for humans you have an idea of the one or two items you consider most important. For a pet, you may have no annual, per-condition, or lifetime coverage limits or no age limit for enrollment or offers policies that include coverage for physical and behavioral therapy at the top of your list. My claim being settled within 10 days or less is one top reason I chose my insurance company. Within 10 days of submission my claim is processed, and reimbursement is issued within 24 hours of completed claim.

**Additional factors to be aware of when it comes to pet insurance:**

- Obtain free pet insurance quotes.
- Breed of dog or cat usually has a higher premium.
- Multi-pet discount is often available.
- Diagnostics, procedures, and medications are covered under most basic plans; prescription pet food usually is not.
- Pay up-front for the pet's vet bills and submit a claim to the insurance company.
- Submitting a claim is often as simple as forwarding the email with your paid statement on to the insurance claim department or use the company's app to upload a picture of the statement or itemized paid receipt from pharmacy.
- Wellness (preventative) Care package is an optional add-on benefit with some pet insurances.
- Companies and employers may offer optional pet insurance or discounted rates with part-

ner insurance company.

▪ It is normal to have a waiting period, coverage usually starts under 30 days after the policy effective date along with a veterinary "checkup" or medical history report.

▪ No maximum annual or lifetime payouts are offered with some pet insurances.

▪ A foundation to support animal welfare that provides grants and support for nonprofit charitable organizations are part of some pet insurance companies.

**Some things to consider when your household has a pet:**

- Do I have the money to cover on-going health and emergency care?
- Should I spend the money I have on this care?
- Will spending the money impact my pet's quality of life?
- If it changes my pet's quality of life will it be short term, long term or is there even the knowledge of this?
- Should I consider euthanasia as the best all-around choice instead of investing money on my pet in an emergency?

When M'Lady Matilda passed on in May of this year, our pet insurance covered her euthanasia, no questions asked. When I received a policy



cancellation confirmation email, from our pet insurance company, issuing a refund and expressing condolences reassuring me I gave Matilda a "wonderful life with lots of hugs". This communication also noted, the insurance company's foundation was "honoring Matilda's memory" by "donating a small amount for each pet who has passed to a certified nonprofit charity that rescues homeless pets" and "one of Matilda's legacies to be giving homeless dogs and cats another chance at life". This is impactful for me because it touches on one of my values as it goes on to explain the shelters or rescues, they choose based on certain criteria.

For us, family included "furry" and pet insurance is "right" for us. Now the question is... is it right for your household and furry family member? Whatever you decide, loving and caring for your furry family member in good and bad times is a privilege we as pet owners get to experience.



*Dining with Diabetes:*

## Take Charge of Your Diabetes During the Holidays

Do you or someone you love have diabetes? Preparing nutritious foods that taste good can be difficult at any time of the year, but the holidays present special challenges for those with diabetes.

Attend this class and you will:

- Be provided tips for managing your diabetes during the holidays and all winter long
- Learn to prepare a holiday favorite that is both nutritious and delicious
- Food demo and tasting
- Receive recipes to try at your holiday celebration

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 29, 2022

**TIME:** 6:00-7:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 619 W Marion St, Suite B, Community Services Room, Mt Gilead, OH 43338

**COST & REGISTRATION:** Free program but must register by November 23 at this link <https://go.osu.edu/morrow-dwd-takechargeholidays-2022> or contact our office to assist you in registering.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Candace Heer, FCS Educator at 419-947-1070

# OSU EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 2022

- 2 Cattlemen's Meeting, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6 p.m.
- 4 Dairy Board Meeting, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 12 noon
- 7 Jr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Pork Producers, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day – Office Closed
- 17 Sr Fairboard Meeting
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed
- 29 CARTEENS, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 29 Take Charge of Your Diabetes During the Holidays – Community Services Building (Morrow County Health Department), 6 p.m.

## DECEMBER 2022

- 2 Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, 7 p.m., Mt. Gilead
- 3 Market Beef Pre-Fair (2023) Weigh-In, 8-11 a.m., Fairgrounds
- 5 Jr. Fair Board, Call for location and time
- 7 Cattlemen's Meeting, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6 p.m.
- 8 Pork Producers, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 15 Celebrate FCS Day – Names due for drawing

## JANUARY 2023

- 2 Jr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 12 Pork Producers, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 19 Horse & Pony Committee, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 CARTEENS, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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