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MEET THE NEW 4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Ashley Huffine, B.S Animal Science | Marketing
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My name is Ashley Huffine, and I'm thrilled to be your new Morrow County 4-H Extension Educator!

I'm especially excited to step into this role in my home county a place that helped shape who I am today. I graduated from the University of Findlay with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science, Industry Emphasis. I'm passionate about empowering youth through hands-on learning, leadership, and community involvement.

I look forward to connecting with 4-H members, families, volunteers, and com-

munity partners. I can't wait to meet and work alongside all of you!

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Ashley's Favorites:

Show Day Playlist: 90's Country Music

Livestock Project: Market Goats

Fair Event: OSTPA Tractor Pulls

Fair Food: Fried Cheese

4-H Skill Learned: Public Speaking

2025 Ambassadors

Goat:

Junior: Bentley Walker

Senior: Jillian Bowersmith

Poultry:

Junior: Nolan Eickholt

Senior: Ella Johnson

Rabbit:

Junior: Madison Thoman

Senior: Alyana Seavolt

Dog:

Junior: Emma Cooper

Senior: Miranda Kirk

Buckeye Bookworms Book Club

Are you looking for a new book to read? Consider signing up for the Fall Buckeye Bookworms Online Book Club reading "The Night In Question" by award winning novelist, Susan Fletcher. This

selection includes mystery and the power of friendship. Virtual meetings will be on Thursdays - October 2, 16, 30 & November 13 from 6 - 7 p.m. (EDT).

Register online at go.osu.edu/fcsbookclub

Buckeye Bookworms Book Club

Join us in reading -



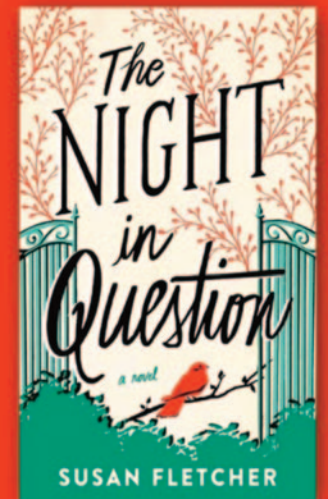
The Night in Question
By Susan Fletcher

Thursdays on Zoom:
Oct. 2, 16, 30 & Nov. 13

6:00pm - 7:00pm EDT



To register,
visit:
[go.osu.edu/
fcsbookclub](http://go.osu.edu/fcsbookclub)



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Have You Seen Spotted Lantern Fly in Morrow County?

By Carri Jagger,
OSU Extension- Morrow County

As far as I know Spotted Lantern Fly (SLF) has not been found in Morrow County. If you are traveling to one of the counties on the list below please take precautions to make sure that you are not bringing any hitch hikers home with you. If you see something that looks like an SLF please take a clear picture of it and email it to me jagger.6@osu.edu.

In May of 2025, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) expanded the SLF quarantine to

include 18 Ohio counties. Those counties include:

Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Erie, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Muskingum, Ottawa, Portage, Seneca, Summit, Trumbull, Wood

While reporting infestations of SLF is important to continually monitor the spread of this non-native invasive species, reports are no longer necessary in counties that are already included in the quarantine.

If you are seeing SLF in a non-quarantined Ohio county, you can report your observation including the actual location and photo through the ODA Ohio Plant Pest Reporter (<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/>



1b36dd2cf09e4be0a79776a6104ce1dc) or the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) App (<https://apps.bugwood.org/apps/gledn/>).

Information about managing SLF can be found in the Penn State SLF Management Guide at: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-guide>

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in Cattle



Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) is a virus that mainly affects wild and domestic deer, especially white-tailed deer. Depending on the year, there can be significant numbers of death losses in wild and captive deer populations due to EHD. Cattle can become affected, but this is less common.

Cause

EHD is a virus spread by biting flies of the Culicoides genus. These are more commonly known as biting midges or "no-see-ums". The virus is not directly contagious; it needs to be spread through the bite of a midge. The virus can be replicated in the midge and the deer or cow.

As the weather becomes cooler, the virus becomes less active, and its survival will diminish. Because of this, the spread slows down and new cases drop once freezing temperatures arrive.

Clinical Signs

Cattle are susceptible to EHD infection, and are generally mild infections with excess salivation, fever, and weight loss as common symptoms. Unlike deer, cattle death losses are very infrequent. Other signs include stiffness, lameness, sores on the coronary band of the hoof, crusty peeling muzzle, crusty skin on teats, fever, and loss of appetite. Sores and ulcers in the mouth are also common. *Cattle herd death losses and abortions are likely to be from co-infections with other diseases, such as tick-borne diseases like Anaplasmosis and Theileriosis. Work with your herd veterinarian on submitting appropriate samples to [ODA ADDL](https://ohioadddl.org/) for diagnostic workup if necessary.

Treatment

There is no vaccine for the EHD virus itself in cattle. However, veterinarians working with affected herds could prescribe anti-inflammatory medications and antibiotics in hopes of preventing problems with secondary bacterial infections that may crop up where the lesions occur.

Prevention Strategies

Fly control may help prevent disease spreading. The use of fly dusters and pour-on fly repellents may be helpful. If cattle are indoors, it is recommended to use strong fans for increased air flow, since the gnats are not strong flyers. Whole animal sprays of pyrethroids may provide the best protection - especially with coverage to the under belly and legs where these gnats feed. When using any of these products, make sure you contact your herd veterinarian so appropriate dosages and withdrawal periods are followed. Organophosphate insecticides are less desirable due to shorter residual life. Keep animals in open areas away from edges of woods. If practical, keeping cattle out of wooded areas, especially around wet spots can help decrease the risk of exposure. Actively monitor your herd for ticks and contact your herd veterinarian to develop a comprehensive herd health plan.

Resources

[Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease \(Deer\) | Ohio Department of Natural Resources](https://ohioadddl.org/)
[Submitting to ADDL | Ohio Department of Agriculture](https://ohioadddl.org/)



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All About Goats! Webinar

JOIN EXTENSION AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR THE FALL 2025 SERIES



Goat Health and Care Sept. 22

During this session, Extension Specialist, Dr. Brady Campbell, will review proper care for goats of all ages and explain how to help keep them healthy and continue production.

Farm Business and Management Oct. 6

Extension Specialist, Eric Richer, and Extension Educator, Pressley Buurma, will help guide participants in farm management strategies and provide options for enterprise budgeting and record keeping as it relates to goat production.

Goat Processing Oct. 20

Throughout this presentation, Extension Specialist, Dr. Lyda Garcia, will explain the cuts of a carcass and how to process a goat at home.

Livestock Marketing Nov. 3

Join us as Extension Specialist, Garth Ruff, discusses the ins and outs of the goat market. He will also discuss how to market goats to fill the current wants and needs of the customers.

Hay and Grain Production Nov. 17

Throughout this session, Extension Educator, Jordan Penrose, will present tips and tricks on hay and grain production for goats as well as what type of crops would work best for your production system.

Coyote Management Dec. 1

This session is going to focus on how to manage interactions between coyotes and goats. Experts will also explain the current status of coyote research in Ohio.

Open Forum: Ask Me Anything Dec. 15

Have a burning question that was not answered during one of our past webinar sessions? Join Extension Educators and Specialists to get your questions answered!

Webinars are hosted via Zoom (7-8 p.m. EST). Register at:

go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats25



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Wednesday

Sept. 24

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Ohio State Student Farm

Waterman Agricultural & Natural Resources Lab
2490 Carmack Road
Columbus, OH 43210



Urban Farm Education Field Day

Cohosted by The Ohio State University's Student Farm and Urban Ag. Extension Team, this event offers learning opportunities to support small-scale and urban farming.

Ongoing Research



Community Connections



Hands-On Demonstration



Produce U-Pick



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Reserve your spot!

Registration closes Sept. 14

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Beef Cattle Artificial Insemination School

Are you looking to implement more effective reproductive strategies to your cattle herd? This Artificial Insemination School is for you!

Each day Ohio State University Extension educators and faculty members will share information and instruction critical to the process. Space is LIMITED to the first 20 applicants! Registration fees are non-refundable. Registrants will be notified when they are accepted into the class.

- **DATE:** September 30th – October 2nd
- **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** Jackson Agriculture Research Station, 17 Standpipe Road, Jackson, OH, 45640
- **Cost:** \$150 per person (includes program materials and meals)

Scan the QR code to register, or simply visit: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cNN3gnDxfCBKDie

For more information, visit jackson.osu.edu



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September 30th

Session Includes:

Advanced Reproductive Tract Anatomy, Physiology, and Estrous Synchronization
Intro to Reproductive Tract Anatomy Hands-On

October 1st

Session Includes:

Semen Handling from Tank to Cow
Preparing for Calving
Value of Reproduction Management
Basic AI Instruction and Equipment
Semen Handling
AI Hands-On

October 2nd

Session Includes:

Expected Progeny Differences (EPD's)
Semen Handling,
AI Hands-On



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OSU Extension Small Ruminant Field Day

The Ohio State University Extension is hosting a small ruminant field day for sheep and goat producers on October 18th at the OSU Small Ruminant Research Center on Fredericksburg Rd., Wooster, OH. Registration is at 8:30 AM and the program will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The program will feature a mixture of discussion and hands-on activities covering topics related to pasture management, nutrition, estrus synchronization, dystocia management, and the basics of newborn care and management.

DATE: October 18th, 2025

TIME: 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

LOCATION: OSU Small Ruminant Research Center

5651 Fredericksburg Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

COST: \$10.00

Register at <https://go.osu.edu/smallruminantfieldday2025> or call 330-264-8722.



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Estrus Synchronization
Gregg Fogle, Research Center Manager

Dystocia Management
Jacci Smith, OSU Extension Educator, Delaware County

Newborn Care
Pressley Buurma, OSU Extension Educator, Seneca County

Newborn Management
Tim Barnes, OSU Extension Educator, Marion County

Estimating Standing Forage Yield
John Yost, OSU Extension Educator, Wayne County

Forage Quality and Developing a Nutrition Plan
Dr. Brady Campbell, OSU Extension Small Ruminant Specialist

Registration Deadline:
October 16th, 2025



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UPCOMING CLASSES

Using Native Trees and Shrubs in our Landscape

Tuesday October 28th 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Perry Cook Memorial Library, 7406 Co Rd 242, Mt Gilead, OH 43338.

Helping Birds through the Winter

Tuesday November 11th 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Selover Library, 31 OH-95, Chesterville, OH 43317

Holiday Cactus 101

Monday December 8th 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Public Library, 41 E High St, Mt Gilead, OH 43338

2025 Jr. Fair Wrap-Up & Thank You

As the 2025 Jr. Fair wraps up, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's fair such a success. From our hardworking exhibitors and volunteers to the families, sponsors, and community members who showed up day after day, we couldn't have done it without you.

As a bonus, the weather was the best we've had in years. Sunny skies and comfortable temperatures made for an enjoyable and smooth week at the fairgrounds.

We're grateful for the time, energy, and quiet dedication so many people brought to the table, from early mornings in the barns to the small, steady acts of support behind the scenes. It all added up to something we can all be proud of.

A couple of events we'd like to highlight:

The Breaking Boundaries Livestock Event, now in its second year, continues to be one of the most meaningful parts of the fair. This event gives youth with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities the opportunity to connect with animals and experience the show ring. The effort, care, and kindness surrounding this event speak volumes.

We also hosted our first-ever Adult Showmanship Class this year. Sixteen participants took part, and the event drew a large, supportive crowd. It was fun, lighthearted, and well-received, a reminder that you're never too old to step into the ring and try something new.

This year's participation numbers reflect the dedication and hard work of our youth and their families. In the cattle barns, we had 41 market beef, 42 breeding beef, 82 feeder calves, and 23 breeding dairy. The goat barn was filled with 114 market goats and 137 breeding goats. Swine had 213 market and 50 breeding ex-

hibits, and the sheep barn housed 112 market lambs and 61 breeding sheep. The rabbit and poultry barn was packed with over 1,000 animals, including 71 broiler pairs, 64 breeding birds, 25 turkeys, 6 geese, 12 duck pens, 393 single fryer rabbits, 69 pens of three rabbits, and 85 breeding rabbit entries. We had 55 horses exhibited, 21 dog projects, and a strong showing in the non-livestock areas with 141 FFA projects, 318 still projects, and 27 scout exhibits.

To everyone who showed up, stepped in, or supported from a distance — thank you. Whether your contribution was big or small, loud or quiet, seen or unseen, it mattered. And it made this fair what it was.

We're already thinking ahead to next year. But for now, we're just grateful.

Sincerely, Junior Fairboard

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**Morrow County Park District
4TH Annual**

**Bring Your Favorite Chili
\$5 Entry Fee**

**October 11, 2025
4-7 p.m.**

**Flying Squirrel Preserve
7130 CR 121, Fredericktown, OH 43019**

**Refreshments, S'Mores, Camp Songs & Bonfire
Sponsored By:**

Chester Arbor



Breaking Boundaries



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Amanda Staley
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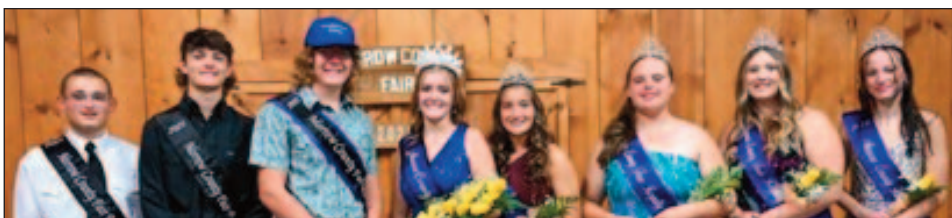


Ashley Huffine
4-H Youth Development Educator
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2025 Showman of Showmen Winners

L to R: Sophia Hinkle, Dane Creswell, Ella Creswell, Kallie Wright, Laken Dye



2025 Morrow County Fair Royalty Court

L to R: Erick Robson, Bryce Hartley, Cooper Kidwell, Reagan Zeger, Abby Hinkle, Miranda Kintz, Emmy Myers, Sarah Greenawalt

2025 Morrow County Champion Projects

Beef: Beginner: Neal Coleman, **Junior:** Aubrey Brandum, **Intermediate:** Max Eichorn, **Senior:** Caiden Daugherty, **Overall:** Caiden Daugherty

Feeders: Beginner: Bailey McDorman, **Junior:** Brayden Belcher, **Intermediate:** Allison Stamper, **Senior:** Lydia Shaffer, **Overall:** Bailey McDorman

Dairy: Beginner: Annie Coleman, **Junior:** Makayla Rhea, **Intermediate:** Levi Leonhard, **Senior:** Dane Creswell, **Overall:** Ella Creswell

Goats: Beginner: Jameson Hughes Bachelor, **Junior:** Bentley Walker, **Intermediate:** Rayna Irwin, **Senior:** Shaylynn Irwin, **Overall:** Shaylynn Irwin

Rabbits: Beginner: Braelee Dordill, **Junior:** Caleb Ruhl, **Intermediate:**

Intermediate: Alayna Seavolt, **Senior:** Kallie Wright, **Overall:** Kallie Wright

Sheep: Beginner: Caleb Ruhl, **Junior:** Makayla Creasap, **Intermediate:** Laken Dye, **Senior:** Ryann Brinkman, **Overall:** Makayla Creasap

Poultry: Beginner: Amelia Hord, **Junior:** Brayden Belcher, **Intermediate:** Jaysah McNichols, **Senior:** Alexander Threadgill, **Overall:** Tyler Duckworth

Swine: Beginner: Trent Cox, **Junior:** Makayla Creasap, **Intermediate:** Luke Clark, **Senior:** Kasey Clark, **Overall:** Luke Clark

Horse: Beginner: Kentlee Hershberger, **Junior:** Bella Ervin, **Intermediate:** Emma Cooper, **Senior:** Miranda Kintz, **Overall:** Miranda Kintz

2025 Morrow County Fair Grand & Reserve Animals

Grand and Reserve Livestock Winners:

Geese: Grand Champion: Rayfe Blanton, Reserve Champion: Sarah Greenawalt

Ducks: Grand Champion: Chloe Bosh, Reserve Champion: Royce Blanton

Broilers: Grand Champion: Xander Chafin, Reserve Champion: Kinzlee Rogers

Single Fryer Market Rabbit: Grand Champion: Lydia Levering, Reserve Champion: Savannah Chapman

Pen of three Market Rabbits: Grand Champion: Malachi Akers, Reserve Champion: Josie Hough

Hogs: Grand Champion: Olesia Looker, Reserve Champion: Max Eichorn

Goats: Grand Champion: Sophia Hinkle, Reserve Champion: Fletcher Gompf

Lambs: Overall Grand Champion: Makayla Creasap, Overall Reserve Champion: Olesia Looker

Feeders: Grand Champion: Caiden Daugherty, Reserve Grand Champion: Colton Beck

Dual Feeders: Grand Champion: Mallory Trainer, Reserve Grand Champion: Julie Trainer

Dairy: Grand Champion: Harper Rausch, Reserve Grand: Makayla Rhea

Dairy Calf: Champion: Dane Creswell

Dairy Heifer: Champion: Delaney Ostrom

Market Steers: Grand Champion: Caiden Daugherty, Reserve

2025 Morrow County Top Project Books

Beef: Ruby Sayers, Cheyenne Cottrell, Harper Rausch, and Brantley Bachelder

Dairy: Levi Leonhard, Janey Creswell, Ella Creswell, and Makayla Rhea

Horses: Natori Clevenger, Rachel Jacobson, Abbie Pruett, and Avery Tobin

Swine: Haylee Walker, Grainger Adams, Dalton Rader, and Rayna Irwin

Poultry: Tyler Duckworth, Carter Eickholt, Jaxon Pettigrew, and Bryce Hoffman

Rabbits: Jaylynn Curry, Josie Smith, Jackson Keever, Aliya Ramoneda, Savannah Chapman, and Carter Wright

Sheep: Sam Barnes, McKenlee Bump, Elizabeth Ruhl, and Caleb Ruhl

Goats: Riley Cooper and Remi LaCroix



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Ohio State Fair Participants from Morrow County

Congratulations to all of our 2025 State Fair Participants!

Sundresses & Jumpers: Esther Kennedy (delegate), Marlee Hahn (alternate), Lydia White (third), Madison Ferguson (fourth)

Cake Decorating, Beginner, Junior: Abbygail Anthony (delegate), Ruth Minor (alternate), Bethany Sayer (third), Mya Cahall (fourth)

Mastering Photography, Book 3: Abigail Leonhard (delegate), Colin McAllister (alternate)

Science Fun With Kitchen Chemistry: Addison Burnaugh (delegate), Westley Webb (alternate)

Sew Fun, Jr: Addison Burnaugh (delegate), Lilah Aberts (alternate)

Let's Bake Quick Breads, Jr: Addison Hitcheman (delegate)

Family History Treasure Hunt (Beg. 1st Yr Only): Addison Watkinson (delegate), Shelby Huvler (alternate)

Nailing It Together Sr-Unit 3: Alex Threadgill (delegate)

Mock Job Interview Contest, Senior: Alex Threadgill (delegate)

Basic Archery, Jr: Aliauna Kirkpatrick (delegate), Emilee Hoffmaster (alternate), Lillianne Hostetler (third), Jace Whittington (fourth)

Leadership Self Determined: Amelia Bender (delegate)

Your Thoughts Matter, Sr: Amelya Bragg (delegate), Madison Ferguson (alternate)

Shooting Sports-Pistol, Sr: Annabelle Cooper (delegate), Miranda Kintz (alternate)

Solid Fuel Rocketry Master (4-H503M): Austin Radel (delegate), William Westhoven (alternate)

Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals, Jr: Avonell Fatka (delegate), Rayna Irwin (alternate)

Get Started In Art, Senior: Bella White (delegate), Madison Ferguson (alternate)

Intermediate Individual (age 11-13): BellaDonna Threadgill (delegate)

Leadership 1: BellaDonna Threadgill

(delegate)

Exploring Personal Finance: BellaDonna Threadgill (delegate), Keagan Searls (alternate), Emma Marquis (third), Carter Marquis (fourth)

em*bel*lish: BellaDonna Threadgill (delegate)

Mock Job Interview Contest, Intermediate: BellaDonna Threadgill (delegate)

Tune It Up: Blake Vannoy (delegate)

Safe Use of Guns, Sr: Branson Newsome (delegate)

Ohio Birds, 2nd Year: Brayden Belcher (delegate), Lacey Haughn (alternate), Olivia Seavolt (third)

Take a Break for Breakfast, Sr: Brenna Leonhard (delegate)

Shooting Sports-Archery, Sr: Breyer Cooper (delegate), Miranda Kintz (OSF Rep), Makenzie Keifer (third)

Shooting Sports-Shotgun, Sr: Breyer Cooper (delegate), Amelia Newson (OSF Rep), Jeffrey Rhodes (third)

Shooting Sports-Western Heritage: Breyer Cooper (delegate), Caleb Dowdall (alternate)

Welding: Breyer Cooper (delegate), Shelby Huvler (alternate), Cassidy Perkins (third), Body Miskovich (fourth)

Warm It Up: Brody Miskovich (delegate)

Nailing It Together, Jr-Unit 3: Bryce Arnold (delegate)

Ready Set Mow: Bryce Arnold (delegate), William Westhoven (alternate)

Medicine Science & Safety, Sr: Cadie Hamilton (delegate)

You're The Athlete, Sr: Cadence Fleming (delegate), Alice Stauffer (alternate), Madison Ferguson (third)

Shooting Sports-Pistol, Jr: Caleb Dowdall (delegate)

Be a Sustainability Hero: Candace Grimm (delegate)

Look Great For Less, Sr: Candace Grimm (delegate)

Making the Cut, Jr-Unit 2: Casen Johnson (delegate)

Crank It Up: Casen Johnson (delegate)

2nd year or more Scrapbooking,

Junior: Cassidy Smith (delegate), Samantha Konster (alternate), Maelii Whipple (third), Aubrielle Arnold (fourth)

Here, There, Ag Careers are Everywhere: Cheyenne Cottrell (delegate)

Robotics Master: Clay Romshak (delegate)

Outdoor Adventurer: Beginning Fishing: Colin Chamberlain (delegate), Logan Bailey (alternate), MaKenzie Roberts (third), Edwin Cordial (fourth)

Star Spangled Foods, Jr: Dalton Salmons (delegate)

Science Fun With Physics: Daniel Ballard (delegate), Aleigha Tramontana (alternate)

Senior Individual (age 14 and up): Elizabeth Ruhl (delegate)

Mock Job Interview Contest, Senior: Elizabeth Ruhl (delegate)

All Systems Go! (Vet Science 2): Ella Kirk (delegate)

You're The Athlete, Jr: Ella Kirk (delegate)

Grill Master, Jr: Emily Hamblin (delegate), Levi Leonhard (alternate), Bryce Arnold (third), Garrett Reeve (fourth)

How Does Your Garden Grow?: Emily Shira (delegate), Joshua Roshon (alternate), Amber Rudy (third)

Shooting Sports-Rifle, Jr: Emma Cooper (delegate), Aliauna Kirkpatrick (OSF Rep), Connor Clarkson (third), Quincy Witney (fourth)

Shooting Sports-Archery, Jr: Emma Cooper (delegate), Vanessa Radel (OSF Rep), Daniel Forquer (third), McKenzie Roberts (fourth)

Shooting Sports-Living History: Emma Cooper (delegate), Makenzie Keifer (alternate)

You & Your Dog Interviews (ages 11-13): Emma Cooper (delegate)

Scrapbooking, Junior: Erabelle Shonk (delegate), Lydia White (alternate), Emily Minturn (third), Emma Thompson (fourth)

Why Trees Matter: Faith Ernsberger (delegate), Logan Richardson (alternate)

Grow Your Own Vegetables, Sr:

Gavin Pickens (delegate), James Roshon (alternate), Savannah Alexander (third)

Let's Start Cooking, Jr: Gianna Smythe (delegate) Samantha Konster (alternate), Aubrielle Arnold (third)

Young Engineers in Solar Energy: Hanna Ernsberger (delegate), Alexander Threadgill (alternate)

Teens ... On the Road to Financial Success: Hanna Ernsberger (delegate), Spencer Fatka (alternate), Alexander Threadgill (third), Trent Ferguson (fourth)

Sports Nutrition Ready Set Go!, Sr: Hannah Judd (delegate)

STEM Self-Determined: Henry Kennedy (delegate), Reid Osbourne (alternate), Logan Bailey (third), Hunter Hamblin (fourth)

Intermediate Individual (age 11-13) Winter Holiday Card w/o computer graphics: Henry Kennedy (delegate)

Mock Job Interview Contest, Intermediate: Henry Kennedy (delegate)

Measuring Up, Jr-Unit 1: Isaac Hoffmaster (delegate)

Explore the Outdoors: Isaac Powell (delegate), Logan Bailey (alternate), Lawna Bailey (third)

Rockets Away (bottle rockets) (4H 501): Jack Kennedy (delegate), Charlie Rogers (alternate), Sebastian White (third), Seth Ernsberger (fourth)

Junior Individual (age 8-10) Thank you card no graphics: Jack Kennedy (delegate)

Medicine Science & Safety, Jr: Jack Kennedy (delegate)

From Airedales to Zebras (Vet Science 1): Jalayne Fissell (delegate), Aleigha Tramontana (alternate), Harper Litzenberg (third), Judy Minor (fourth)

Everyday Food and Fitness, Jr: Jalayne Fissell (delegate), Natalie Church (alternate), Ray Lynn Johnson (third), Lawna Bailey (fourth)

ATV Safety: Jefferey Sayers (delegate)

4-H Around the Globe: Joshua Richardson (delegate)

Dress Up Daywear: Julia Kennedy



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Outdoor Adventurer: Intermediate Fishing: Julian Aberts (delegate), Cian Cavinee (alternate)

Making the Cut, Jr-Unit 2: Kaiden Bowman

My Favorite Things, Junior: Kaitlyn Sayers (delegate)

On The Cutting Edge (Vet Science 3): Kallie Wright (delegate)

Club Leadership 2: Kallie Wright (delegate)

Junior Individual (age 8-10) Thank you card w/computer graphics: Karina Dudley (delegate)

Designed By Me: Karina Dudley (delegate), Aleigha Tramontana (alternate), Oakley Osborne (alternate), Aleigha Tramontana (third)

You Can Quilt, Jr: Karina Dudley (delegate)

Scrapbooking, Senior: Kayla McAllister (delegate), Kimberly Staley (alternate), Micaela Earnes (third) McKenzie Keifer (fourth)

Yeast Breads on the Rise: Kayla McAllister (delegate)

Geology: Can You Dig It?: Korbyn Teynor (delegate), Jullian Greene (alternate) Jamir Miller (third), Carter Eickholt (fourth)

2nd year or more Scrapbooking, Senior: Kylee Whipple (delegate), Madison Toombs (alternate), Lexi Carpenter (third), Craclyn Thompson (fourth)

Not Just Knots, Jr: Lawna Bailey (delegate), Garrett Reeve (alternate) Samantha Konster (third) Xavier Kiesel (fourth)

Get Started In Art, Junior: Lawna Bailey (delegate), Isaacc Hoffmaster (alternate)

Photography Basics, Book 1: Layla Nobles (delegate), Riley Cooper (alternate) Emilee Hoffmaster (third), Madison Thoman (fourth)

Nailing It Together, Jr-Unit 3: Lincoln Hammond (delegate)

Cake Decorating, Beginner, Senior: Lydia Levering (delegate, Lexi Carpenter (alternate)

Junior Individual (age 8-10) Thank

you card no graphics: Madison Thoman

Intermediate Individual (age 11-13): Makayla Rhea

The Writer in You: Makayla Rhea (delegate), Michael Ramey (alternate), Jaelyn Minturn (third)

Tracking Your Health and Fitness: Makayla Rhea (delegate), Bryan Sipe (alternate)

Mock Job Interview Contest, Intermediate: Makayla Rhea (delegate)

All About Dogs, Interviews (ages 8-10): Marlee Hahn (delegate)

Growing With The Seasons: Mason Newsome (delegate)

Star Spangled Foods, Sr: Michael Ramey (delegate)

Insect Adventures 1: Michael Townsend (delegate), Faith Ernsberger (alternate)

Cavies (ages 14-18): Miranda Kintz (delegate)

You & Your Dog Interviews (ages 14-18): Miranda Kintz (delegate)

Shooting Sports-Shotgun, Jr: Mollie McWilliams (delegate)

First Aid in Action, Jr: Natalie Church (delegate), Barbara Bell (alternate), Kentlee Hershberger (third)

Measuring Up, Jr-Unit 1: Nathan Bash (delegate)

Take a Break for Breakfast, Jr: Nolan Eickholt (delegate), Caleb Ruhl (alternate), Lawna Bailey (third), Kylie Judd (fourth)

Kitchen Boss: Olivia Hill (delegate)

All About Dogs Interviews (ages 14-18): Rachel Jacobson (delegate), Savannah Lonthair (alternate)

Self-Determined Creatie Arts: Rachel Jacobson (delegate), Myla Goughenour (alternate), Cadie Hamilton (third), Luci Gattshall (fourth)

Ohio Birds, 1st Year: Rayfe Blanton (delegate), Weston Bosh (alternate), Kylie Nash (third), Michael Townsend (fourth)

Pat Rabbits (ages 8-10): Raylynn George (delegate)

Junior Individual (age 8-10): Remi

LaCroix (delegate)

The Laundry Project, Jr (ages 8-13): Remi LaCroix (delegate), Nolan Eickholt (alternate), Jordyn Hershberger (third)

Clothing for HS & College: Rosemary Kiesel (delegate)

Insect Adventures 2: Royce Blanton (delegate)

Sports Nutrition Ready Set Go!, Jr: Ruth Minor (delegate)

Beekeeping, Jr: Ryleigh Richardson (delegate), Molly Moore (alternate) Colton Meadows (third)

Snack Attack!, Jr: Ryleigh Richardson (delegate), Nora Wheeler (alternate), Logan Bailey (third), Hannah Reeve (fourth)

Self-Determined Nature Resources: Sadie Barnes (delegate), Amira Miller (alternate), Alyvia Adkins (third)

Cat 1 (ages 11-13): Samantha Konster (delegate), Jackie Edwards (alternate)

Self-Determined, Jr: Stella Miskovich (delegate), Isebella Osbourne (alternate)

Cat 1 (ages 8-10): Suzanna White (delegate)

Rockets Away (Solid Fuel Rockets) 4H 503): Taylor Pickering (delegate)

Global Gourmet: Taylor Reeve (delegate)

Magic of Electricity: Titus Minor (delegate), Olivia Seavolt (alternate), Oland Byram (third)


Investigating Electricity: Trent Ferguson (delegate)

Cooking On My Own: Valerie Mounts (delegate), Barbara Bell (OSF Rep) Kate Kelty (third), Brock Rogers (fourth)



Seeing Through Graphic Design: Veronica Ballard (delegate)

Terrific Tops: Veronica Ballard (delegate)

Safe Use of Guns, Jr: Zander Gossett (delegate), Connor Clarkson (alternate), Ben Pidcock (third)




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- Eastern Ohio Experience, October 17
- COLT Electric Lineman Training, October 24
- Meat Processing Experience, October 28

How to register: 

Exploreag.org or Scan QR code.

Deadline to apply is September 30.

Selected students will be notified via email no later than October 1.

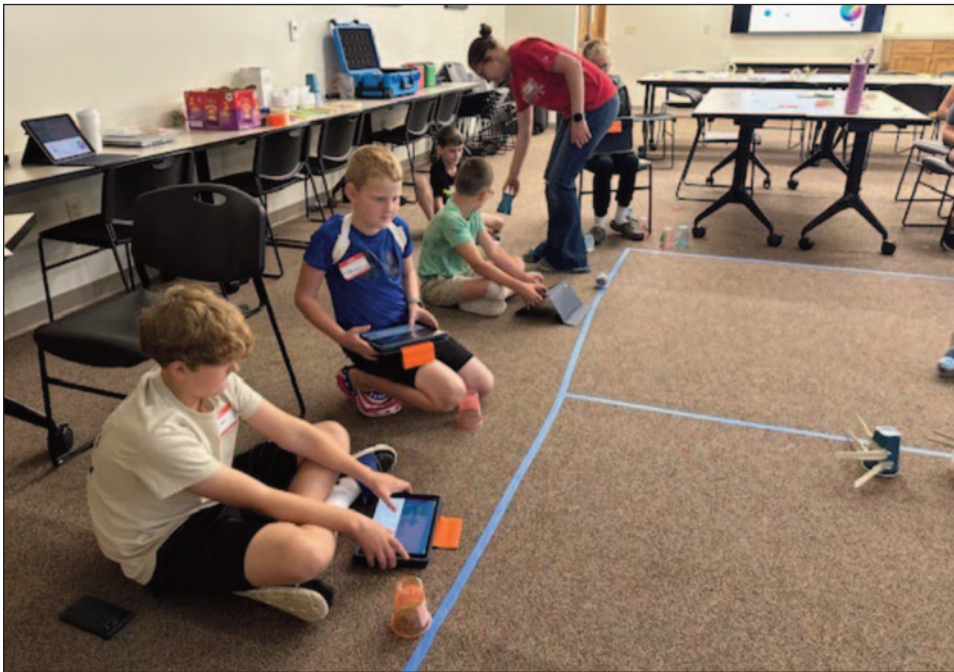
Virtual Q&A Session

A recording of a virtual question and answer session can be found on our website. Visit exploreag.org for more information and to register.

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Summer 2025 4-H Camps: Learning, Laughter,



Above and below: Youth were programming their Sphero Bolts and using them to play Hungry, Hungry, Hippo at the 4-H STEM Camp.



Campers preparing to head-out to Outpost for the night.

By Amanda Staley

For many, summer camp is a cherished part of childhood—and this year was no exception! The 2025 4-H summer programs provided exciting, hands-on learning experiences and unforgettable memories. From exploring cutting-edge technology to splashing into classic camp fun, our camps were packed with opportunities for youth to learn, grow, and connect.

Three camps were held this year: 4-H STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Camp, 4-H Camp, and Cloverbud Fun Day.

4-H STEM Camp was held on June 26th and welcomed 14 enthusiastic youth for a day of discovery focused on artificial intelligence (AI) and computer coding.

With AI becoming increasingly widespread in our world, campers were introduced to the basics of how AI works. They created their own AI models and brought them to life through simple game development in Scratch coding.

A highlight of the day was working with Sphero Bolts—programmable robots that teach basic block coding. Campers had a blast coding

the robots to move, talk, change colors, and interact with their surroundings. The hands-on experience made learning complex tech skills fun and achievable.

4-H Camp is the highlight of many youths' summers. So many tell stories of how much fun they had and the new friends they made. From July 9–13, 213 youth, along with 10 adult staff and two nurses, gathered for five days and four nights of nonstop adventure. This year's theme: Hawaiian Beaches.

Campers kept busy from sunrise to lights out with a wide variety of activities designed to build confidence, friendships, and life skills.

Activities Included:

Swimming, Rifle, Archery, Campfire, Flying Squirrel, Skits, Camp Dances, Crafts, Science Fun, Canoeing and Kayaking, Nature, Dutch Auction, Outdoor Recreation, Cook-out, Outpost, Ziplining and climbing wall, Water games, Candle Lighting And MORE!!

4-H Camp has a lasting impact on both campers and counselors. Here are a few quotes from counselors stating how 4-H Camp has impacted them. ~ "It made me who I am



Youth enjoy trying to hit their targets during the rifle workshop.



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and Lifelong Memories!

today.” “It helped me be able to understand different people and their personality traits! It also helped me to know when to help others and put them before myself.” “Because of camp, I am a better version of myself!”

Most of the campers had the same answers when asked what impacted them the most. It was making new friends, the dance, and having a lot of fun.

Cloverbud Fun Day included the highest number of youth that have ever participated!! Forty-seven youth attended and were led by three 4-H Teen Leaders and three adults. We used the same theme as 4-H Camp, Hawaiian Beaches.

They learned about the sea turtles that can be found in the waters around Hawaii and everyone even got to make one to be displayed at the Morrow County Fair. Oranges were used to simulate the eruption of Hawaii’s volcanos. When putting baking soda on the flesh of an orange, it has a reaction to start bubbling over like a volcano. The youth also had fun making boba pearls to have in their tropical fruit drinks.

To get them up and moving we played several games and even had a dance party! A great time was had

by all!

Summer 2025 was one for the books! Thank you to all our volunteers, staff, counselors, and participants who made these camps possible. We can’t wait to see what next year brings!



Canoeing and kayaking is always one of the favorite sessions.



Morrow County 4-H Camp is held at Camp Ohio near Utica.



The high ropes course is always challenging and a lot of fun!



2025 Cloverbud Fun Day participants, teen leaders and adults



Campers preparing for the evening flag lowering ceremony.



Getting some energy out while playing games outside at Cloverbud Fun Day!



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES



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Hello Morrow County Residents!

In the Family and Consumer Sciences section of the Scarlet & Gray News we are focusing on...making food, what to eat and relationships - all play a role in our health and wellness.

Due to funding the SNAP-Ed program is ending. We would like to thank our amazing SNAP-Ed Program Educator Lisa Sippel along with our past program educators for their service and dedication to this program in Morrow County. We would also like to thank our county partners who worked with us to bring this program to eligible participant over the past decades.

Please check out our upcoming

FCS programs and all of the OSU Extension many events for youth and adults this fall. Part of the “Extension experience” in Morrow County is spending time with others learning, sharing and growing together even for an hour. Let me know your thoughts and questions. Give me a call, send me an email, leave me a voicemail, or just stop in the office for a visit. Yours in wellness and contentedness,

Candace

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Food Preservation: Let's Make Jerky!

A program teaching how to make jerky will be held October 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at the Ag Credit Building, Mt. Gilead, OH second floor conference room.

There is no fee but you must register at OSU Extension-Morrow County by 419-947-1070.

The program will only take place if at least five participants are registered.

How grandparents & grandchildren foster good health in one another

By Christopher Nguyen, PhD, ABPP, Geriatric Neuropsychologist, Associate Professor, Ohio State Wexner Medical Center

<https://health.osu.edu/wellness/aging/grandparents-day-strengthening-generations>

Why child-grandparent relationships matter

The bond between children and grandparents is more than a family tradition. It's a protective factor for health and well-being on both sides. For children, grandparents provide a

living connection to family history, culture and identity. That sense of belonging builds confidence and resilience. For grandparents, time with grandchildren brings joy and purpose. It also keeps the mind active.

Storytelling, conversations and even learning new technology from kids stimulate memory and problem-solving. Research shows that older adults who stay socially connected have slower cognitive decline and a lower risk of dementia. These connections strengthen minds and hearts across generations.

What children gain from grandparents

Grandparents share something that can't be found in books or online: lived wisdom. Their stories teach patience, resilience and perspective. Listening and sharing builds children's language skills and critical thinking, while the steady presence of grandparents fosters empathy and emotional intelligence. Children become not only smarter, but also more compassionate.

Connection as protection from loneliness

Loneliness is one of the greatest health concerns for older adults. It increases stress, weakens the immune system and raises the risk of depression, anxiety and dementia. Relationships with grandchildren help protect against these risks. Even short, regular calls or visits can lift mood, reduce stress and create a sense of purpose.

The benefits go both ways. Children who connect with grandparents feel part of something larger than themselves and learn to value aging. These shared moments protect emo-

tional health across the family.

Supporting grandparents in care settings

Older adults in nursing homes or assisted living may feel “relational loneliness” when family contact is limited. Visits from grandchildren provide comfort, belonging and joy. Families can help by visiting regularly, sharing photos, reading together or setting up video calls.

These connections remind grandparents they are still central to family life. Children also benefit, developing empathy and respect for older generations.

Everyday ways to strengthen bonds

- Share stories and photos. Build family identity and memory.
- Cook or create together. Try recipes, gardening or crafts.
- Read and learn side by side. Puzzles, books or homework all count.
- Stay connected with technology. Use calls, videos or photos if distance is an issue.
- Be consistent. Small, steady moments matter more than occasional big ones.





Are artificial sweeteners ‘bad for you’?

By Antonette Hardie,
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<https://health.osu.edu/wellness/exercise-and-nutrition/artificial-sweeteners-what-to-know>

Many of us crave sugar. Reaching for a chocolate chip cookie or another scoop of pistachio ice cream can seem like the right move. When we're tired and need a pick-me-up or when we're bored or even sad, we turn to sugar. But too much refined

sugar can put us on a not-so-sweet path to high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

There are many alternatives to sugar to satisfy your sweet tooth. Different artificial sweeteners mimic the taste of sugar, and some come pretty close. In fact, sometimes they taste sweeter than refined sugar, which attracts some people and deters others. But are their harmful side effects?

Are artificial sweeteners bad for you? Artificial sweeteners aren't harmful as long as you don't eat them in large quantities. An occasional dessert or diet soda with an artificial sweetener is fine.

Sugar substitutes may be a good choice for people trying to lose weight or prevent peaks in their blood sugar levels. Most artificial sweeteners have little to no calories, and, unlike sugar, honey or molasses, they won't cause your blood sugar to spike. That's helpful if you're on a diet, have diabetes or even prediabetes. And they don't lead to tooth decay like sugar can.

Popular sugar substitutes

Aspartame tastes a little more chemical or fake than some other artificial sweeteners. It's sold under the brand names Equal and NutraSweet and may cause diarrhea in some people.

Sucralose, sold under the brand Splenda, is unlike artificial sweeteners because it's made from refined sugar. It's good for baking as a substitute for sugar, but you need far less of it because it's so much sweeter-tasting than sugar.

Stevia is derived from a leaf, so it's less processed than many sugar substitutes. It tastes the least sweet among sugar substitutes. Stevia may affect your gut in that it can cause bloating and gas.

Monk fruit sweetener is from a

fruit that looks like a lime on the outside and a walnut on the inside. You crack it open and the pieces of it are processed into a powder. It has no known side effects. It is, however, expensive compared to other sugar substitutes.

Regardless of which sugar substitute you choose, consider these tips:

Try several different types of artificial sweeteners.

- With so many options, you are bound to find one that you like to replace refined sugar, which offers no benefit except possibly its taste.

Balance bitter with sweet.

- If you're craving something sweet, say for dessert after a meal, try to have something bitter with it, such as having berries, which are typically sweet, with a piece of dark chocolate that's made of 70% or higher cocoa. The blend tastes good and will satisfy your craving. Having something bitter with something sweet helps tame your craving for sweets.

Artificial sweeteners will not solve all your problems.

- Sometimes, when your body thinks it's getting something sweet and filled with calories and instead gets something with artificial sweeteners and few calories, you'll crave more of the artificially sweetened item. So, you have to be careful about how much you eat of it. You don't want to overindulge on too many pieces of an artificially sweetened cake just because it doesn't have refined sugar in it.

Besides using artificial sweeteners, try to make other changes to your diet and exercise routine to lose weight and lower your blood sugar levels. Replacing refined sugar with artificial sweeteners alone won't take away diabetes or obesity, but it may be a helpful tool to help manage those conditions.

Dining With Diabetes

This program is open to Morrow County residents. The spots fill up quickly so call or stop by the Marion

Family YMCA to register or call 740-725-9622.



DINING WITH DIABETES

FOUR WEEK SERIES

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ALL 4 CLASSES

Wednesday, October 29, 12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday, November 5, 12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday, November 12, 12:30-2:30pm
Wednesday, November 19, 12:30-2:30pm

The Marion Family YMCA, OhioHealth and OSU Extension present a 4-week series that includes cooking demonstrations, topics on menu planning, carb counting, label reading, portion control, recipes and more!

Food samples will be served from our live cooking demonstrations. Door prizes and give aways included.

REGISTER AT NO COST BY CALLING THE MARION FAMILY YMCA AT 740 - 725 - 9622.

Reunion from the previous class will be October 29 from 9:00-10:00am and the topic is Medications.

Location: Marion Family YMCA
645 Barks Road East

Cost: No Cost. Donations Accepted

Do not have to be a Y Member

Open to all adults 18 & up. You do not have to be a YMCA Member.

Registration:
Stop in the Y at 645 Barks Road East, or call 740-725-9622

If you have taken the class once, you can not register again. You can be asked to be put on the wait list and if there is room, you will be added.

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Top Still Projects

Top Clothing Project: Julia Kennedy

Top Quilting Project: Karina Dudley

Top Food Project: Nolan Eickholt

Top Natural Resources Project: Mason Newsome

Top Money Projects:

BellaDonna Threadgill, Keagan Searls, Emma Marquis, and Carter Marquis, Hanna Ernsberger, Spencer Fatka, Alexander Threadgill, and Trent Ferguson

Top Genealogy Project: Addison Watkinson



Carcass Contest Winners:

Swine:

1. Caiden Daugherty
2. Emma Davis
3. Aubrey Kerbel
4. Makayla Creasap
5. Morgan Powell

Beef:

1. Remi LaCroix
2. Jillian LaRoche
3. Makayla Creasap
4. Grace Keen
5. Landon Davis

County participants that received Outstanding of the Day at the Ohio State Fair

Congratulations to all the county participants that received Outstanding of the Day awards and Clock Trophies at the Ohio State Fair!

Communication Day:

Remington LaCroix - Junior individual, Outstanding of the Day

Jack Kennedy - Junior Individual No Graphics, Outstanding of the Day

Karina Dudley - Junior Individual w/graphics, Outstanding of the Day

Food and Nutrition Day:

Kayla McAllister - Yeast Breads on the Rise, Outstanding of the Day

Nolan Eickholt - Take a Break for Breakfast, Outstanding of the Day and Clock Trophy

Leadership Day:

BellaDonna Threadgill - Leader-

ship 1/ Club Leadership 1, Outstanding of the Day and Clock Trophy

Natural Resources Day:

Mason Newsome - Grow Your Own Vegetables, Sr, Outstanding of the Day

Photography Day:

Layla Nobles - Photography Basics, Outstanding of the Day

Shooting Sports Day:

Caleb Dowdall - Pistol, Jr, Outstanding of the Day

Annabelle Cooper - Pistol Sr, Outstanding of the Day

Breyer Cooper - Western Heritage, Outstanding of the Day and Clock Trophy

Workforce Preparation Day:

Makayla Rhea - Mock Job Interview Contest, int., Outstanding of the Day

OSU EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2025

- 2 Cattlemen's Meeting, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Buckeye Bookworm Book Club, 6 p.m., Virtual
- 6 Jr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 9 Pork Producers, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 16 Horse & Pony, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Buckeye Bookworm Book Club, 6 p.m., Virtual
- 23 Sr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 28 Native Trees & Shrubs in Landscaping, 6 p.m., Perry Cook Memorial Library – Johnsville
- 28 Food Preservation: Let's Make Jerky!, 4:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 29 Dining With Diabetes Four Week Series, 12:30-2:30, Marion YMCA
- 30 Buckeye Bookworm Book Club, 6 p.m., Virtual

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- 12 Dining With Diabetes Four Week Series, 12:30-2:30, Marion YMCA
- 13 Pork Producers, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 13 Buckeye Bookworm Book Club, 6 p.m., Virtual
- 19 Dining With Diabetes Four Week Series, 12:30-2:30, Marion YMCA
- 20 Horse & Pony Committee, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Sr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed

DECEMBER 2025

- 1 Jr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 2 CARTEENS, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Ag Credit Building Conference Room
- 4 Cattlemen's Meeting, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Holiday Cactus 101, 6 p.m., Mt. Gilead Library
- 11 Pork Producers, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 18 Horse & Pony Committee, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 7 p.m.
- 18 Sr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 24-25 Christmas Holiday – Office Closed

NOVEMBER 2025

- 3 Jr. Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- 5 Dining With Diabetes Four Week Series, 12:30-2:30, Marion YMCA
- 6 Cattlemen's Meeting, Ag Credit Building Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day – Office Closed
- 11 Helping Birds Through the Winter Months, 6 p.m., Selover Library,