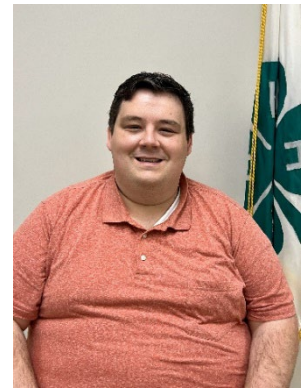


Clark County 4-H Update - September 6, 2024

Clark County 4-H Families and Volunteers:

Congratulations to all this year's winners at the Clark County and Ohio State Fairs! Everyone is a winner in 4-H if you learned something new, overcame a challenge, and strived to do your best. Remember 4-H is more than the ribbons and awards won. It is about the people you have met, the experiences you have had, the life-long skills you have acquired, the memories you have made and the good times at Camp and Fair. It is about being a positive role model to others and giving back through community service – all to **Make the BEST Better**. If you have not sent a thank you to award sponsors or buyers, please take time now to write and send one. A thank you matters.

We are excited to share with everyone that a second 4-H Educator has been hired to help us expand 4-H programming in Clark County. Our newly hired 4-H Educator is **Jeremy Elleman**. He started in his role with us on August 26th. Jeremy was born and raised in Clark County and was a participant in the 4-H Program as well as an FFA member participating in various livestock, pet, and miscellaneous projects. After living out of state for several years while working in higher-education, Jeremy returned to Clark County in 2022 when he also began his involvement as a 4-H volunteer. Now, as a 4-H Educator, Jeremy is excited to help grow the program here in its birthplace. You can reach Jeremy at elleman.30@osu.edu or **937-398-7606**. When you see him in the weeks and months to come, please take time to introduce yourself and get to know him.



The summer 4-H frenzy may be behind us, but September marks the start of making plans for the 2025 4-H Year. To help 4-H families avoid conflicts, we want to provide you with confirmed dates.

Key 2025 4-H Event Dates: Mark Your Calendars!

- 4-H Kick-off: February 26
- 4-H Enrollment Deadline: April 15
- Livestock I.D. Day: May 10
- 4-H Skill-a-thons: June 16 & 17
- 4-H Camp: June 21-25
- 4-H Miscellaneous Project Judging: July 8
- 4-H Baking Contest: July 13
- Clark County Fair: July 19-25
- Ohio State Fair: July 23-Aug. 3

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a non-discriminatory basis for more information: <http://go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity>.
OSU Extension, Clark County and 4-H Youth Development educational programs provided with major support by the
Clark Co. Commissioners: Melanie Flax Wilt, Lowell McGlothlin, Sasha Rittenhouse

2024 Clark County Jr. Fair and Ohio State Fair Awards Still Need Picked Up

There are still Clark County Jr. Fair awards for pick up in the Extension Office. If you have not already picked up your award, please pick them up by **Sept. 25**. We will return unclaimed awards to Jr. Fair Board for recycling. If you received an Outstanding of the Day or Clock Trophy at the Ohio State Fair but were unable to stay to pick up your award. Those awards are available in the Extension Office for pick up.

Never too Early to Jump Start Next Year's 4-H Projects

4-H project books are available for purchase from the Clark County Extension Office. If you want to get a jump start on next year's project, purchase your books now. Fall is a perfect time to start projects like "Explore the Outdoors, Ohio Birds, Photography, Market Beef, and others. We keep a good supply of project books in stock year-round for your convenience.

Join a 4-H Committee to Help with 2025 Planning

Who: Any current 4-H volunteer in good standing or 4-H/FFA teen 13 years of age and older or adults willing to become new 4-H volunteers. Only 4-H volunteers in good standing that have attended two consecutive meetings and maintain attendance at 50% of committee meetings annually have voting rights.

What: Assist with reviewing 2024 events, making plans for 2025 events and reviewing and revising rules and guidelines for 2025.

Where: All meetings held at the Clark County Extension Office.

When: See schedule of upcoming meetings below

Upcoming 4-H Committee Meetings

- Sept. 9 – 4-H Committee, 6:30 PM, Large Conf. Room
- Sept. 10 – Beef Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Small Conf. Room
- Sept. 10 – Swine Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, Large Conf. Room
- Sept. 23 – Sheep Committee, 6:30 PM, Small Conf. Room
- Sept. 23 – Shooting Sports Committee, 6:30 PM, Small Conf. Room
- Sept. 23 – Horse Committee, 7 PM, Large Conf. Room
- Sept. 26 – Rabbit & Poultry Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Small Conf. Room
- Oct. 1 - Goat Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Large Conf. Room
- Oct. 2 – Dairy Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, Large Conf. Room

2024 Farm Science Review Tickets Available Now

When: Sept. 17-19

Where: Molly Caren Farm, London, Ohio

What: Explore the 62nd Farm Science Review, visit with vendors, view field demonstrations, listen to presentations and experience hands-on learning at the Ohio 4-H STEM in Ag Area and Mobile Design Lab located on Friday Ave.

Tickets:

- Purchase advance tickets at the Clark County Extension Office until Sept. 16, 4:30 PM for \$10 or on-line at <https://fsr.osu.edu>
- Tickets at the gate are \$15.
- Children 5 and under are free.



Volunteers Needed to Help Facilitate Activities at 2024 Farm Science Review

Who: 4-H Teen or Adult Volunteers

When: Sept. 17, 18 or 19, 8:30 AM to Noon or 11:30 AM to 3 PM

Where: Ohio 4-H STEM in Ag Tent and Mobile Design Lab Area

What: Help facilitate hands-on activities with kids of all ages and even some adults

Activities include herb mini-greenhouses, culinary science cake in a cup, bridge building challenge, soybean planter Sphero challenge, cowhide branded key chains, AI teachable machine and more.

Contact: Patty at house.18@osu.edu or Jeremy at elleman.30@osu.edu if interested.

Star 4-H Member Forms Due October 15

Who: Any Clark Co. 4-H member aged 8 and in 3rd grade to age 18 as of 1/1/2024

What: Apply for Gold, Silver, or Bronze Star recognition for your involvement in 4-H

Where: Complete the on-line application at <https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkco4hstarmemberform> by October 15

Awards: Presented at the 2024 Clark County 4-H Awards Banquet, Nov. 21. Awards include gold, silver, or bronze star pin, medallion, and free meal to the Clark Co. 4-H Awards Banquet

Star 4-H Club Forms Due October 15

Who: Any Clark County 4-H Club

What: Apply for Gold, Silver, or Bronze Star recognition for your club's efforts

Where: Complete the on-line application at <https://go.osu.edu/2024clarkco4hstarclubform>

Awards: Presented at the 2024 Clark County 4-H Awards Banquet, Nov. 21. Awards include gold, silver, or bronze star club sign, cash award (\$100, \$75, \$50 for the club).

2024 Clark County 4-H Awards Banquet – Mark Your Calendars to Attend!

When: November 21, 2024

Where: Arts & Crafts Bldg., Clark County Fairgrounds

Time: 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Who: Everyone is welcome to attend! Free meals provided to all 4-H star members, current 4-H volunteers in good standing, special award recipients and dignitaries. We will share a meal price for all others once a caterer and meal are determined.

Photos Needed for Media Show, Calendar and More

Who: Anyone who has taken photos during the 4-H year that would like to share them with us to use in the 2024 4-H Media Show as well as to use in the 2025 4-H Calendar, Project Requirement Guide, Parent's Guide, Showbill Covers, etc.

What: Electronic images the larger format for use in the media show, smaller file size for print

When: By Nov. 1, 2024, e-mail to patterson.1332@osu.edu or drop off thumb drive to Ext. Office.

2025 4-H Camp Counselor & CIT Applications

Who: Any teen who will be age 14 and older by Jan. 1, 2025, and in at least the 8th grade.

What: Apply to become a camp counselor or CIT to plan the 2025 camp opportunities for overnight camp as well as 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp and potentially additional camping programs.

When: Deadline to Apply Dec. 1, 2025. On-Line application will be available by November 1, 2024, after the statewide 4-H Camp Directors Inservice.

Where: <https://clark.osu.edu> under Applications and Forms and Camp and on the 4-H app

Seeking Nominations for Special 4-H Awards

Would you like to nominate a fellow 4-H volunteer, member, club, or supporter for one of these special 4-H awards?

- **Meritorious Service:** Recognizes a 4-H volunteer for their dedicated service to the Clark County 4-H Program within the club, a committee(s), camp(s) or other countywide efforts.
- **Friend of 4-H:** Recognizes community businesses, organizations, individuals who have given to the 4-H Program in service, financial support, donated services, or goods, etc.
- **Leadership Development:** Recognizes a 4-H volunteer(s) or teen(s) who have worked to enhance the leadership capacity of youth, or other adults involved in the Clark Co. 4-H Program.
- **Community Service:** Recognizes a 4-H club, volunteer(s), teen(s) who have made a strong commitment to a community service effort through 4-H.
- **Innovator:** Recognizes a 4-H volunteer(s), teen(s), club who has started a new initiative to expand programming efforts or exposure for the Clark County 4-H Program.
- **Recruitment:** Recognizes a 4-H volunteer(s), teen(s), club who has worked to increase 4-H enrollment, increase in volunteers, campers, etc.
- **Family Spirit:** Recognizes a 4-H family(s) that model the 4 – Hs in all they are involved with through the Clark County 4-H Program.

Please send your recommendation(s) to house.18@osu.edu or elleman.30@osu.edu by Monday, Sept. 9 for the 4-H Advisory Committee to consider.

GO BUCKEYES

We hope that ...

- Everyone enjoyed the first Ohio State Football game this past weekend and are looking forward to a spectacular season.
- You took time to celebrate the fruits of your year-round “Labor”.
- You consider being a part of one of the 4-H Committees for 2025.
- You take time to complete the 4-H Star Club and/or Star Member Form before October 15.
- You mark your calendar to attend the 4-H Banquet on November 21.
- You put the Key 2025 4-H Dates in Your Family’s Calendar.



In the 4-H Spirit,

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