

4-H Clover Buzzz

Making the Best Better in Tuscarawas County

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4-H Motto

To Make the Best Better

4-H Pledge

I pledge

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My health to better living for
my club, my community, my
country, and my world.

Dear 4-H Volunteers,

This is the time of year that I look back and reflect on what has happened. Whatever 2018 has brought you, please take a moment to reflect. Think about the impacts others have had on your life this year. Was there someone who helped you learn a new skill? Was there a fellow 4-H'er or an advisor who helped you set and reach your goals? Was there someone in your life who inspired you to do something new? Take a moment to say thank-you to them.

I'd like to say thank you for everything you have done for our membership! Your dedication to our program and the youth is greatly appreciated!

I hope you all take time this holiday season to spend time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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**This newsletter is being sent to all 2018 advisors via USPS.
Future newsletters will not be mailed, but will be available on our web site
and print copies will be available at our office.**

T-Shirt Reminder

Please remember any time that 4-H is used in print it must have the hyphen between the 4 and the H to be correct. Club t-shirts must also be approved by Kiersten before going to print.

4-H

Ending 2018

- The following clubs received a \$50 check along with a banner for the **2018 Farm Bureau Champion of Care Exhibit Award**.

Beef—Boots and Chutes	Poultry—4-H Pioneers
Dairy—Top of the Line	Swine—Buckhorn Buckeyes
Equine—Quest	Rabbit—Atwood Lakers
Fair Booth—Red Rock Rebels	Sheep—Buckhorn Buckeyes
Goats—Buckhorn Buckeyes	
- There are still a few clubs that need to pick up their **fair premium checks and member fair displays** at the Extension office. **Please pick them up immediately!** Please cash the premium checks as soon as possible so the Sr. Fair Board can run their year-end reports.
- It is recommended to have an **end of the 4-H year club celebration**. This type of event provides members the timely opportunity to receive their project premiums. This is also a good time to get involved in **community service** as there are many projects available throughout the county during the holidays.
- Please remind members who took livestock projects to turn in their thank you cards and required completed record books to receive their **sale check**. Small Animal Sale shares are available for non-market animals, breeding rabbits, goats, and poultry (those who finished and exhibited projects).
- **Congratulations to the 2018 Friend of 4-H recipient, the Clover Café air conditioning team: Simpson Heating & Air, Cassie Glazer, and Melvin Lahmers.**
- Thank you to the advisors who promote our Older Youth camps and trips. We had a **presentation at the Advisor Banquet** that received great reviews! A special shout-out to: Maggie Miller (Angel Valley Rosebuds & Ramblers).
- The tallied votes are in! Here are the results of the 4-H Committee election (with term year ending):
Becky Amistadi (2021) Shannon Domer (2021) Diane Glazer (2021) Ashliegh Miller (2021)
Amanda Fillman (2019) replacing Dave Miller who has resigned after being elected to the Sr. Fair Board.



The following are due **no later than January 18:**

- Secretary Book,
- Treasurer Book,
- Financial Summary,
- Community Service Reports (if your club has any),
- and Honor Club Sheets (only if your club is eligible for Gold/Silver).

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Beginning 2019

- The **2019 Family Guides** are now available online (ohio4h.org). They will be available for pick up at the advisor trainings in January.
- **Older Youth Opportunities**—Check out the teen opportunities table on our web site (Older Youth page).
 - For youth in grade 9 and older. Meetings will be held January 3, February 7, and March 4. Eligible members will be receiving an initial meeting notice through USPS.
 - Opportunity sheets and applications are **due February 1**. Applications will be posted to our site as they become available and will be distributed at the Older Youth meeting on January 3.
 - First Food and Fashion Board meeting will be held on January 13.
 - Ohio 4-H Scholarship - available online at ohio4h.org. Applications are due February 15, 2019.
 - Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee Scholarship will be available to high schools seniors. Applications will be due in June.
- **Ohio 4-H Achievement Award**—Teens: Are you interested in being recognized for your accomplishments in the county 4-H program but are unsure where to begin? Then you'll want to attend the informational meeting on **December 11 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Extension office**. Come and learn what the award is, how to keep track of activities and projects, the criteria used in judging applications, what the different award levels are and how to advance, and more. The meeting is open to ALL 4-H members regardless of age (the sooner you start tracking projects and activities the better); however, the award is only given to members 14-19 years of age.
- The **Ohio 4-H Conference for teens and volunteers** will be held March 9, 2019, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. Registrations are due to our office no later than February 6. Registration materials will soon be available at our office. The 4-H Committee will pay \$15 toward registration with the balance of \$25 due at registration. Sessions fill up quickly, so get your reservations in early!
- If you are adding any **new advisors** to your club, they will need to complete a Volunteer Application, BCI background check, and attend an interview. The first orientation will be held January 14 at the Extension office and begins at 6:00 p.m. Applications will soon be available at the office.

Individuals interested in starting a new club must complete a Volunteer Application, BCI background check, and schedule an interview with Kiersten. Applications are available at the office. This interview must be completed by January 22 so all clubs can attend training on the 26th or 29th.

- **Advisor Training - OSU Policy 1.50 requires an annual training for all volunteers.** There are two (2) dates available.
 - ☞ **January 26, 9:00 a.m., St. John's United Church of Christ, Dover**
 - ☞ **January 29, 6:00 p.m., St. John's UCC, Dover**One (1) advisor from each club **must** attend a training; other advisors not attending will be required to complete the **online 1.50 Training and Quiz** through 4HOnline. These are opportunities to share, learn, and ask questions. Think of Advisor Training as "Quality Assurance" for advisors.

Pre-registration is required. Club materials will be distributed. Please indicate at registration the advisor who will be picking up materials.



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- **Publications**

The deadline for all publication orders is May 1. No club orders will be accepted after that date as all members should have enough time after enrolling to complete the project requirements before Interview Judging. **Orders are to be picked up no later than one week after being contacted.**

The publication order procedure continues with some minor changes. Clubs will need to complete and submit a Project Book and Resources Order Form. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Forms are to be received by NOON on Thursdays.** Advisors are not limited to one order. Once the club's order has arrived and completed, we will contact the individual listed on the form for pick up. Complete payment is due at that time; prepayments will not be accepted. Only one club check made payable to OSU Extension or cash will be accepted; multiple checks will not be accepted.

Individuals wanting to pick up 4-H publications will also need to complete a Project Book and Resources Order Form. Again, order forms are due by NOON on Thursdays, and will be completed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Again, NO orders will be accepted after May 1.

Looking ahead into 2019:

- 4-H Camp will be June 16-19.
- 4-H Interview Judging will be moved a little earlier as camp and some OSF events have moved up. Details forthcoming.
- Ohio State Fair is July 24 - August 4 (ohiostatefair.com).
- Tuscarawas County Junior Fair entries due August 7.
- Tuscarawas County Fair is September 16-22 (tusccountyfairgrounds.com).



Best wishes for a happy
Holiday Season and New Year
from the Extension staff!