4-H Family Newsletter –
October/November

2016 is winding down and the planning for 2017 is in full swing. It has been a fun and successful year and I hope that everyone has enjoyed the journey!

All 4-H members are encouraged to thank those individuals and organizations that have helped them throughout the year. I, also, want to thank a few important people in 2016:

- Thank you to the 4-H Advisory Council for helping to organize and run this amazing program. This group helps with a lot of behind-the-scenes work and does not get enough recognition for what they do.
- Thank you to the 4-H advisors that helped with all the paper work, project work, club meetings and county-wide events. Without you, this program would not be possible.
- Thank you to the 4-H families that shared your lives with us this year. It was a great opportunity working with all of you and I look forward to working with you again!
- Thank you to the 4-H members that keep the 4-H traditions strong. From the shyest first-year member to the independent last-year member, you have all left your mark on Williams County 4-H!

All families are invited to the 4-H Recognition Event on Sunday, Oct. 23. at the Gillette Building. This is our way of saying ‘Thank You’ to the volunteers, members and families. We will be recognizing several youth and advisors, so please plan to attend!

October 2016
3 Officer Books, Honor Club, Outstanding Teen & 1st year forms due
18 4-H Horse Council, 6:30 pm
18 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm

November 2016
11 Office Closed, Holiday
15 4-H Advisory Council, 7 pm
24-25 Office Closed, Holiday

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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Nominate your Best Volunteers and 4-H Supporters!

Nominations are being accepted for your outstanding volunteers, members, clubs, and supporters of 4-H for recognition at the 2017 Ohio 4-H Conference. Please review the list of potential award nominations below. More information and nomination forms can be found at [http://www.ohio4h.org/about/ohio-4-h-conference](http://www.ohio4h.org/about/ohio-4-h-conference). Please have completed forms and/or nominations to the office no later than November 21.

**Early Career Achievement Alumni Award** - Presented to alum who has demonstrated distinctive achievement in their career before turning 36 years old and can attribute part of their success to participating in 4-H.

**Community Service** - Recognizes adults and youth 4-H volunteers whom have collaborated or cooperated with community or 4-H groups, or undertaken them with their own 4-H club or unit, community service projects or activities.

**Friend of 4-H** - An individual, family, business or corporation that supports the Ohio 4-H Program, in a charitable manner at the county, state, or national level.

**Hall of Fame** - Recognizes individuals who have made significant lifetime contributions of service to the 4-H program and who have also made an important positive impact upon clubs, communities, and the state 4-H program.

**Innovator** - Recognizes adult and/or youth volunteers who have developed new programs, county projects, or activities.

**Meritorious Service** - Recognizes adult 4-H volunteers for a lifetime of meritorious service.

**4-H Advisory Council Nominations**

The Williams County 4-H program is looking for individuals interested in running for open seats on the 2017 Williams County 4-H Advisory Council. **4-H Council adult membership is open to any adult 18 years and older not currently enrolled in 4-H and residing in Williams County or adjacent county. Elected adults must complete the 4-H volunteer process to include fingerprinting. Youth membership is open to any current 4-H member in grades 9-12.** 4-H Advisory Council assists with planning and implementing all 4-H programming including but not limited to 4-H project workshops, 4-H Camp, 4-H project judging and recognition events. The Council meets monthly (usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month) throughout the year. Elections are held at the recognition event, Sunday, Oct. 23.

A nomination form is attached to this newsletter. Additional forms are available at our office. Please turn in all 4-H Council nomination forms by **October 18** to the OSU Extension Office.

Williams County
Tractor Supply Clover Campaign
The bi-annual TSC clover campaign will be held Oct. 5-16. TSC shoppers are able to purchase a $1.00 paper clover with the proceeds being donated to the state and local 4-H program to support camping and leadership experiences.

The local TSC in Bryan is always willing to help our clubs with fundraisers or community service projects. Clubs are encouraged to contact the local TSC (419-633-0409) to see what they can do to help with this worthy cause.

End of Year Club Packets
Club packets for each club will be available at the recognition event, Oct. 23. This packet will include member premiums, tenure pins, and any other wrap-up information or paperwork for the clubs. Packets can be picked up by an advisor upon conclusion of the awards portion on Oct. 23.

The entire club is encouraged to attend the recognition event, but if an advisor is not able to attend, the packet may be picked up at the Extension Office starting on Monday, Oct. 24.

Youth Positions on 4-H Advisory Council
Current Williams County 4-H youth that are members in good standing are encouraged to nominate themselves for a position on the 4-H Advisory Council. Elections will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the recognition event.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Youth must be in grades 9-12 as of Jan. 1, 2017.
- Youth will be expected to attend monthly meetings (usually 2nd Tuesday each month)

What do we do?
If elected, youth will serve a one-year term where they will be an active, voting member of the 4-H Advisory Council. They will get to help make decisions related to the Williams County 4-H program operations as well as help plan educational and recognition activities.

What seats are open?
Each year a student is elected from each school district – Bryan, Edgerton, Edon, Hilltop, Montpelier, North Central, and Stryker. We also have an At-Large position that can be filled by home-schooled students or students that attend a school district not already listed.

Complete and return the attached form if you are interested in running.
You’re Invited:

All 4-H families, members and volunteers are invited to the 2016 Recognition Banquet to be held on Sunday, October 23 at the Gillette Building

4 p.m. – Games
5 p.m. – Dinner
Awards & Program to follow

NEW this year! Decorated Pumpkin Contest
Bring your own decorated pumpkin – separate categories for youth/adults and carved/painted pumpkins

Recognition for: annual awards, advisors, 4-H members, teen leaders, and award trips

Dinner provided by Williams County 4-H Council

RSVP appreciated by Oct. 17 to 419-636-5608
### 2017 4-H Advisory Council Nomination

**Due by Oct. 18, 2016 to OSU Extension Office**

#### Adult Representative Terms (3-year term)

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