

4-H Family Newsletter – October 2018

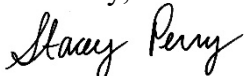
Dear Williams County 4-H Youth, Families, and Volunteers,

I hope each of you had experienced a memorable Williams County fair! Thank you to the club advisers, parents, guardians, family members, Senior Fairboard, Junior Fairboard, 4-H Advisory Council, and Endowment Committee for your help in making the 2018 county fair another year of learning, memories, and growth!

4-H'ers, if you haven't already, be sure to thank your club advisers, parents, livestock sale buyers, and any other person(s) who helped you throughout the year with your project! A simple, "thank you" often times means a lot to those who have invested in you and your project!

This fall will be busy preparing for 2019! As I begin putting together next year's calendar, I'll continue emailing families, club advisers as well as utilizing our Facebook page. I know for some, checking email and social media can be a hassle, but it's often easier to communicate timely information than via our newsletter. My goal will be to send out a monthly newsletter, but you are encouraged to check your email/social media regularly. If you haven't been receiving emails from our office, please contact us so we can ensure that we have your email address correct.

Sincerely,



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Farewell

Hello all:

I shared at the Extension Advisory and 4-H Council meetings last week, but wanted to share here as well in case you have not yet heard. I have resigned from my position with Ohio State University Extension, effective October 29. I have accepted a role with a seed company as a field agronomist. This is an exciting opportunity that will also afford me more time with my family.

I have greatly enjoyed working with and getting to know each of you over the last 1.5 years. Thank you for helping me learn the ropes, and for helping out with so many things related to 4-H and agricultural programming.

I am confident that the Extension program and 4-H in Williams County are in good hands. Stacey has a multitude of ideas to grow the program, and there are some exciting possibilities on the horizon.

My ag educator position will be posted as soon as possible (on the University timeline). A realistic expectation would be to have a new Ag Educator in place by late February/early March next year. In the meantime, other ANR educators in NW Ohio will be helping to shoulder the programming and teaching responsibilities. These responsibilities will not be shifted to Stacey.

In addition, the Program Assistant position that has been on the radar for some time will hopefully be posted for applicants within the next couple weeks. Watch for more information from Stacey and Bruce Clevenger on that.

Finally, I will be continuing to live and work in this area, and I hope to continue crossing paths with you in the future at the Fair and other events. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and all of Williams County in this role- it has truly been a memorable and rewarding experience.

Thanks again,
John

Thank-you, John

I wanted to take a brief minute to extend my appreciation to John for the excellent work that he has done through OSU Extension to serve the families and farmers of Williams County. It was a privilege to be able to work with John and I wish him the very best as he pursues this new opportunity. He will be greatly missed!

County Updates

Fall Recognition Event Postponed

The 4-H Advisory Council has decided to post-pone our fall recognition event until Spring 2019 in order to transition to a Kick-Off event. Don't worry though, we will still be recognizing our youth and volunteers for their years of service. Once a date has been nailed down, we will be sharing that information with you to get it marked on your calendars!

4-H 2018 Survey

As the 2018 4-H year winds down and preparations begin for 2019, your participation is requested in completing a survey to help evaluate where we are as a 4-H youth development program. Effective programs are intentional about creating a culture of assessment and the results of this survey will help to serve as a baseline of where we are.

Some things to mention about the survey:

1. This survey is anonymous, so please feel free to be honest in your assessment, though please be tactful and helpful, listing possible solutions if you feel something could be improved.
2. The nature of this survey is based upon a SWOT analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.
3. This survey should take around 10-15 minutes to complete depending on the length of your responses.
4. You'll notice that most all of the questions are open-ended—that's because I want to hear about things from your perspective, experiences and observations.
5. If you are a club advisor or 4-H advisory council member, you'll have additional questions pertaining to those specific roles.
6. If you don't have particular thoughts on certain questions, feel free to leave the text box blank or list N/A.
7. A link to this survey will also be included in an October newsletter which will go out later this month, for those families who don't receive emails.

Click on the following link: <https://go.osu.edu/wc18survey>. This survey will be live until November 2, 2018.

Advisory Council Elections

4-H Advisory Council assists with planning and implementing all 4-H programming including but not limited to project workshops, Chicken BBQ, Camp, project judging, and recognition events. The Council meets monthly (usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month) throughout the year. As a member of this council, you will be expected to help at scheduled events and attend meetings.

4-H Council adult membership is a 3-year term and 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 9-12 grade of Jan. 1 of the coming year. Youth serve a one-year term, but can reapply if interested.

Open Positions Include:

Adult (3 year term)

At Large, Brady Township, Bridgewater Township, Bryan School, Florence Township, Montpelier School, Springfield Township, Pulaski Township, St. Joseph Township

Youth Positions (1-year term)

At Large, Bryan, Edgerton, Edon, Montpelier, North Central, Stryker, West Unity

Contact the OSU Extension Office by Wed. Oct. 31st if you are interested in running for a position. 419-636-5608.

Member Premiums

All members exhibiting in the 2018 Williams County Jr. Fair receive premiums. These premiums are dispersed to the 4-H club and then passed along to the members. Please be sure to catch up with your advisor to collect your premiums. Advisors may pick-up club packets beginning November 1st in the Extension Office.

2019 Achievement Records

The 2019 Achievement Record Application is due **Friday, January 4th** to the Extension office. Follow this link to begin working on your application. <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>

2019 Camp Counselor Applications

Camp Counselor application will be available online beginning on November 1st. Be sure to watch your email and our social media page for the online link with more information. Deadline to complete the application will be January 4th, 2019.

Beef DNA 2019 & Ohio State Fair

The Ohio State Fair requires all market beef entered in the 2019 Ohio State Fair to have individual DNA samples taken from each animal that may potentially be entered. **These DNA samples must be in the possession of the Ohio State Fair by January 15.**

Please contact the Extension Office no later than November 15th if you wish to receive one of these kits. Instructions for using these kits can be found at: <https://williams.osu.edu/projects>

Also note that youth showing at any of the BEST sanctioned shows must have EID tags in their calves prior to the first show in which they exhibit. BEST shows prior to the January 15 deadline to submit samples to OSF include: Heart of It All, November 24-25, Lima; AGR Holiday Classic, December 8-9, Columbus; and Scarlet & Gray Midwest Showdown, January 5-6, Springfield.

Volunteer Updates

Finger Prints

All volunteers that are required to complete their fingerprint for the 2019 4-H year have been notified via the postal service. If you were one of these volunteers, please be sure to complete the process by December 31, 2018.

Goat & Sheep Ultrasound Clinic

Saturday, November 10th, 2018 10am to 12pm

Williams County Fairgrounds Rabbit Barn

Hosted by the Kidding Around 4H Club: cost is \$4 per head
Preferred 30-35 days pregnant but can pick up as early as 14 days.

Contact Amy Kennedy with any questions at (419) 769-2012.

OSU Extension: SNAP-Ed Snippets

Fall brings SNAP-Ed into six county Head Start classrooms and students will be learning about National Farm to School Month through their first lesson on apples. Classes also continue at a local food pantry, Open Hands Caring Hearts, here participants learn easy ways to incorporate food pantry items into healthy recipes.

Fall Activity Tip:

Be an active family! Physical activity is important for children and adults of all ages. Being active as a family can benefit everyone. Adults need 2½ hours a week of physical activity, and children need 60 minutes a day.

<https://www.choosemyplate.gov/ten-tips-be-an-active-family>

Fall Recipe Link:

Apple Corn Chili: <https://whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/recipes/myplate-cnpp/apple-corn-chili>

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