

## WELCOME BACK TO 4-H

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**Crawford Co. 4-H**



March 2013



*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.*

Dear 4-H Members, Families and Volunteers:

Welcome 4-H everyone! (new members, current members, volunteers and families) As we start the 4-H year make it your goal to "Make the Best Better" in EVERYTHING you do. 4-H is a wonderful opportunity to make and build friendships, help others and our community, learn new things, learn about yourself, begin to be a healthy you and grow. Expand your 4-H horizons. . . try new things and S-T-R-E-T-C-H outside your comfort zone as often as possible. HAVE AN AWESOME YEAR!!!

As always, it is important that you stay connected and informed at the OSU Extension website <http://crawford.osu.edu> Click on the *Youth Development* tab. **You WERE asked to provide either an valid e-mail address or cell phone number with provider on your enrollment card. This is important!** We will text or e-mail you to let you know when newsletters have been posted. Should you not receive the texts, please contact us with your name, number and service provider so we can get it fixed. When you change an e-mail or cell number you provided PLEASE keep us current. Most information is not "snail" mailed. The website and facebook page *Crawford County 4-H* are your up-to-date sources. This approach is more "green" environmentally friendly and cost effective. The entire 4-H Family Handbook is now posted. You can find project requirements there. Use of the information in the 4-H Family Handbook is **crucial** to having a successful experience. Keep informed. Your 4-H Advisor(s) are also another link and will have much information for you at meetings. Therefore, attendance is important. This letter and the letter with judging schedules in June will be the only hard copy newsletters you receive.

This letter includes some important information as you begin the 4-H year. Should you have questions over the year, please feel free to ask your 4-H club advisor or contact us at my e-mail, the office phone number, and our Facebook page below.

Sincerely,

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**NOTE TO 4-H ADVISORS:**

Remember to FILE the 990 e post card by May 15.

**1. Please Help OSU Extension**

As you know 4-H is a part of OSU Extension. We are funded three ways by state, national and county funds. As you may have heard, OSU Extension around the state has had budgetary challenges. Please consider helping us by:

- keeping positive information about how we help your family in front of State Legislators as you talk with them
- dollar support where you can (see articles )
- keeping positive information forefront in the community: addressing concerns directly with us before sharing with others. Sometimes incorrect information is innocently created and passed along.

**2. Support Crawford Co. 4-H Program**

**Kroger's Community Rewards Program**

If you shop at Kroger, sign up for the Kroger's Community Reward program and help support Crawford County 4-H Program! The rewards program pays out a percentage of your groceries purchased to your designated organization. You can even change your organization from school to 4-H in the summer months. Our organizational # is 90540 - Crawford Co Ext. OSU Fnd. Youth Dev. Just register your Kroger Card at [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) below are some instructions.

If you have a Kroger's Plus Card you must register/ create an account first. The information you will need: Email Address, create a password, zip code, and your Kroger's Reward Card Number. You will get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.

Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update or confirm your information. Enter our Organizational Number - 90540.

You have now designated a percentage of your groceries

to benefit the Crawford County 4-H program! *This needs to be updated in April each year.*

There is a step by step power point instructions under the " Ways to Support Crawford County 4-H" section of our website at <http://crawford.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/ways-to-support-crawford-county-4-h-program>

**Crawford County 4-H Endowment**

The Endowment concept is based on the belief that excellent programs require substantial, consistent, and permanent funding. The Crawford County 4-H Endowment Fund is administered through The Ohio State University and the Ohio 4-H Foundation. Our local dollars are combined with over \$ 250 million at OSU to achieve a better interest rate. The interest from the Fund provides income for the Crawford County 4-H program. Money donated will be used for projects directly benefiting Crawford County 4-H. Special Scholarship Funds Donors wishing to establish individually endowed scholarships, or other awards, may arrange to do so.

**4-H Advisory Committee Fundraising**

Go to the 4-H Advisory Committee page on the Crawford County OSU Extension website which lists other fundraisers they have to support the Crawford County 4-H program. When you view the 4-H Advisory Committee page scroll down to the bottom the page to view fundraiser information.

4-H Advisory Committee funds pay for: \$3 of your county dues, and accident insurance policy for your club, part of the camp fees, teen opportunities, volunteer education and much more.

**TSC Has Clover Campaign From April 23-May 4**

TSC will have a Paper Clover campaign sold for \$1.00 each. 60% of that money will be given to Crawford County 4-H. Clubs may want to arrange with the manager (Frank) to have an activity or help sell clovers in the store to boost the campaign. Ideas might be do project demos, carry out groceries, do bake sales and maybe a petting zoo. Every Club who helps has the opportunity to be registered in a \$100 drawing nationally and each member of the clubs selected will receive a \$15 gift card. Check with Frank at TSC to get involved.



### **3. Quality Assurance for Livestock Projects**

Quality Assurance (QA) is required by Ohio Revised Code for those exhibitors at all Ohio Jr. Fairs taking market livestock projects or taking projects which have lactating dairy animals. In Crawford County, all livestock exhibitors (including pet rabbits) are required to attend one of the programs held in the county so Departments can talk to youth and explain rules and expectations. The only exceptions are dogs, and horses.

After reaching age 12 and having attended at least one session youth may test out. If they are successful in testing out they may not have to take the test or attend again until they reach their age category upper age. Age categories are:

ages	12-14
ages	15-18

Test out times will immediately follow the Quality Assurance meeting if youth wish to take the test.

All QA programs are at the Youth Building on the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Dates and times of remaining QA programs are:

<b>Wednesday, April 9, 2014</b>	<b>6:30 pm-8:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 12, 2014</b>	<b>7:00 pm-9:00 pm</b>

**Remember:** to be counted in attendance; attending only part of the session is not an option. You must be on time. Also, anyone using a cell phone during the presentations will be escorted out and will not be counted for attending the session.

### **5. 4-H Teens Selected: Awards/Positions**

**Congratulations** to those youth who applied for awards and were selected! Make it your goal to be one of them next year.

#### **Trips:**

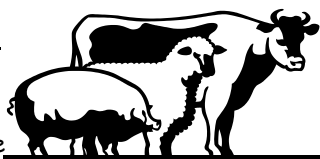
##### **Citizenship Washington Focus**

Tori Kirian, Hayley Kocher, Bonnie Welsh,  
Bri Ashley, Mikayla Reer

##### **Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp**

Hayley Kocher

##### **Buckeye Leadership Workshop**



### **New 4-H Representative to Jr. Fair Board**

Bri Ashley, Naomi Bell, Rachel Bell, Jessica Brocwell, Raven Crawford, Tori Kirian, Jacob Kocher, Kymber Sand, Kayleigh Seiber, Lynae Rausch, CeCelia VonStein, Bonnie Welsh

### **Camp Counselors**

Brianna Ashley, Alex Brause, Morgan Coffman, Aryn Copeland, Hannah Crabtree, Raven Crawford, Jenna Delarber, Taylor Delarber, Abbey Gulley, Megan Gwartz, Tori Kirian, Jacob Kocher, Bridget Kohls, Alexis Link, Sophie McAdams, Claire Miller, Nathan Miller, Chelsea Mosley, Kristen Orewiler, James Ort, Bailey Plumley, Mikayla Reer, Nathan Rossman, Kayleigh Seiber, Kaitlyn Smith, Austin Strouse, Jordan Stockmaster, Emma Studer, Bonnie Welsh

### **6. Important Dates for Fair**

**Fair Entries:** Non-Market Livestock, that are not tagged by the department, Royalty Contest, Style Review and Favorite Foods Entries are all that are needed are this year. Hand carried DUE by 4:30 p.m., JUNE 20 to OSU Extension. Electronically sent: dated by midnight June 20. Mailed postmarked no later than June 20. No late entries accepted!!

Dog Entries Due to OSU Extension May 10. (earlier deadline assists in getting trophies for only classes needed)

#### **Before Fair**

##### **Sheep and Goats**

Tagging- May 10, 2014, 8:00 -9:30 a.m

The Goat Department is offering a clinic at the same time.

##### **Beef Feeder**

Tagging - June 7, 2014 time TBA

Vaccinated by June 15.

**Dairy Feeders**

Must be vaccinated, castrated and Dehorned between April 15-May 15. Use vaccination paper.

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Tagging June 7. Time TBA. Vaccinations by June 15.

**Hogs**

Possession Date—May 3. Ear notches due to OSU Extension May 5

**Poultry Hatch Dates**

Pullets and Breeding Ducks—Week of March 2  
Turkeys and Pullets — Week of March 2  
Roasters and Meat Type Ducks for Water Fowl Class — Week of May 4  
Broilers — Week of May 25

Poultry Clinic April 15 , 7:30-9:00 p.m. in youth Building

Any project workshops/clinics offered will be posted in future newsletters. Keep on the look out for live-stock clinics and other species information at our website at

<http://crawford.osu.edu/topics/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-livestock-information>

**7. Livestock Skillathon**

Skillathon has been set;

**Sunday, June 29 from 2:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
In Livestock Arena

**8. Jr. Fair Theme for 2013**

The 2014 theme is " Ya'll Can' t Camouflage the Talent at the Crawford County Fair "

**9. Camping Opportunities (ask at OSU Extension for details).**



**Crawford County 4-H Camp**

Friday, June 20- Monday 23, 2014  
at Kelleys Island  
youth 8-14

or finishing 3rd thru 8th grade

Registration information will be mailed to age eligible members. Flyers will go to schools for non- 4-H'ers.

**Crawford County Cloverbud FUN Day**

July 2

At Youth Building

Finishing: Kindergarten to Second grade  
Registration information will be mailed to age eligible members. Flyers will go to schools for non- 4-H'ers.

**Junior Anglers**

Friday, May 2-Sunday, May 4 , At Camp Ohio  
Age 8 and up

**Science Camp**

June 4-7

At Camp Palmer  
3rd -8th grade

**Sea Camp**

July 12-16, 2014  
at Kelleys Island

Open to youth who did not apply with older Youth Opportunities but cost is not sponsored.

**Ohio 4-H Jr. Shooting Sports Camp**

June 27-29

Age 9-12

**10. Crawford County 4-H Scholarship**

Applications are for a Senior in High School or a College Freshman and not have received the scholarship previously. Applicants must have been a 4-H member for the 5 previous years and current member of Crawford County 4-H Applicants must be pursuing education beyond high school at any accredited program. Applications and references due on May 30 to OSU Extensions. Applications online or at Extension office.



**11. OSU Extension Centennial 4-H Club Poster Contest**

Help us publicize "our" OSU Extension Centennial and help you club by doing a poster for the poster contest. The club with the winning poster will receive a pizza party, 2nd place will receive ice cream for entire club. Club contest will select club winner. Club entries are due on to OSU Extension on June 1. Entries will be displayed around the county. Information to help you distributed to clubs. Can not wait to see your entries.

## **12. Ag Credit Sponsors**

### **Money Management**

### **Project Awards**

Ag Credit is promoting financial awareness by sponsoring project awards for *Becoming Money Wise*, *Money Fundamentals*, *Money Moves*, and *Teens on the Road to Financial Success*.



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