

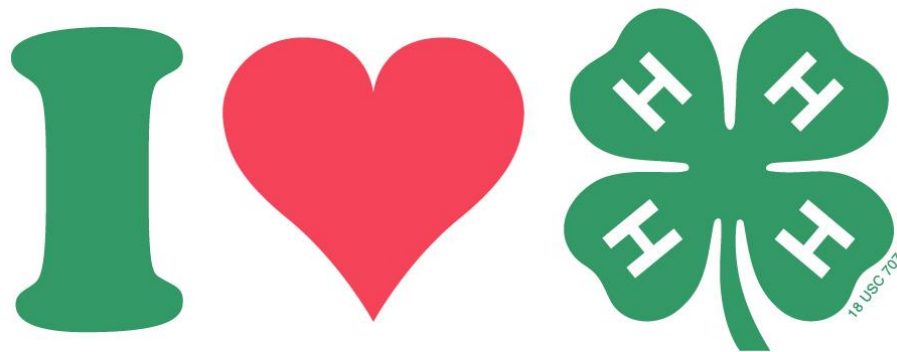


# Connections

## Jackson County 4-H Newsletter

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February 2024



### A Note from Maddie:

Dear Jackson County 4-H Families,

Jackson County 4-H'ers, will you be my Valentine?

Celebrate how much you love 4-H this month by inviting a friend to join! The enrollment deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Support a 4-H fundraiser, write Valentine's Day cards for your club's service project, or do something good for someone you know that needs an extra bit of love in their life.

This month's newsletter includes important information for upcoming Jackson County 4-H deadlines and events. 2024 is a big year full of exciting changes and adjustments! As we head into a new 4-H season, please take the time to read all the information I am sending your way.

Don't forget to get those 4-H enrollments in, and seniors, begin working on your scholarship applications that are due March 1st!

There are lots of fun things happening in February. Hope to see you there!

Yours in 4-H,

*Maddie Allman*

Maddie Allman  
Extension Educator,  
4-H Youth Development  
OSU Extension Jackson County



# January Recap

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## Congratulations Livestock Committee!

The Jackson County 4-H Livestock Committee was nominated and selected for the 2024 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Award for Community Service.

Each year, 21 adult volunteers and 6 teens come together as the 4-H Livestock Committee to improve and facilitate 4-H and Junior Fair Livestock Programs. The Livestock Committee has been instrumental in fundraising improvements to livestock barns and facilities, and works together with all 4-H supports, young and old, to host events like the Haunted Barn and Dinner in the Dust.

We are so proud of the Livestock Committee and all their work to Make the Best Better! The Livestock Committee will receive their award at the Ohio 4-H Conference in March.



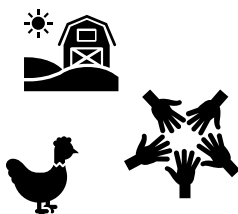
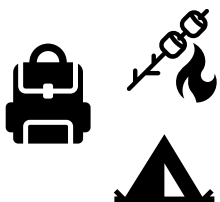
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## Congratulations Camp Counselors & JFB Members!

Congratulations 4-H Camp Counselors!

Natalie Allison  
Ali Barnett  
Katelyn Buckler  
Emma Butts  
Kelsey Carroll  
Makenzie Collins  
Brady Dailey  
Josealynn Durham  
Madelyn Fannin  
Evan Farley  
Nevaeh Hightower

Lucas Jolly  
Madi McElfresh  
Piper Montgomery  
Katie Morris  
Haley Ross  
Ryan Seimetz  
Rebecca Shaw  
Brynlee Smalley  
Jenna Willis  
Emileigh Willis



Congratulations to the 2024 Junior Fair Board and Officer Team!

President: Madelyn Fannin  
Vice President: Haley Ross  
Secretary: Brooklyn Frisby  
Treasurer: Mackenzie Collins  
Marketing: Rebecca Shaw & Katie-Alaine Ross

Ali Barnett  
Brenlyn Baxter  
Emma Butts  
Nolan Collins  
Asa Conaway  
Brady Dailey  
Ashton Fannin  
Evan Farley  
Christian Fox  
Samuel Gentry

Alexus Helman  
Nevaeh Hightower  
David Kisor III  
Daniel Newsome  
Grant Riegel  
Brynlee Smalley  
Brynlee Stickley  
Ava Valentine  
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# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ohio 4-H Achievement Award Applications due	2	3  Teen Winter Retreat @ Canter's Cave
4  Teen Winter Retreat @ Canter's Cave	5	6  Carcass Contest Information Session @ 7:00 PM	7	8  QA Test Out @ 7:00 PM (Must be 15+)	9  Ohio 4-H Conference Registrations Due with Payment	10
11	12 4-H Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM  Livestock Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Horse Committee Meeting @ 6:00 PM	21	22 JFB Meeting @ 6:00 PM  Camp Counselor Training @ 7:00 PM	23	24  MXC (Columbus)
25  MXC (Columbus)	26 4-H Volunteer Makeup Training @ 5:30 PM	27	28 New 4-H Volunteer Applications Due Teen Winter Retreat Registrations Due	29	1 Senior 4-H Scholarship Applications Due	

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Calendar Updated 1/31/2024



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**DATE:**

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TIME:**

7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

Jackson County  
OSU Extension Office  
17 Standpipe Rd  
Jackson, OH 45640

**COST:**

FREE



@JacksonCoExtension

Jackson County OSU Extension & Circle M Meats Present

# Carcass Contest Information Session

In 2023, the Jackson County Junior Fair brought back the carcass contest for the first time in almost 50 years. Last year's contest garnered a lot of attention, but what is a carcass contest?

Join us at the Jackson County OSU Extension Office with staff from Circle M Meats for an educational workshop on raising and exhibiting a carcass animal. Find out what really goes into making a quality carcass for consumption and how you can exhibit a carcass animal for the Fair. Open to all Junior Fair Exhibitors, regardless of carcass contest entry.

For more information, visit [Jackson.osu.edu](https://Jackson.osu.edu).

**EVENT SPONSORS:** Thank you, Circle M Farms, for assisting with this event!



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# Teen Opportunities

Awards, Scholarships, Leadership Opportunities & More!



## Awards & Scholarships

### Ohio 4-H Achievement Record

**Don't forget to be working on your Ohio 4-H Achievement Record Application!**

The application and information can be found online at [go.osu.edu/JacksonTeens](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonTeens). The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is Jackson County's universal application. It is used for scholarships, trips and experiences, royalty contests, and state & national awards.

**Achievement Record Applications for STATE awards are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Reach out to Maddie at [allman.68@osu.edu](mailto:allman.68@osu.edu) with questions!

### Jackson County 4-H Scholarships

The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is Jackson County's universal application. It is used for scholarships, trips and experiences, royalty contests, and state & national awards.

**Submit your Achievement Record to [allman.68@osu.edu](mailto:allman.68@osu.edu) by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for county 4-H scholarships.**

**Applications can be found online.**

## Stay Connected with 4-H!



Stay connected with 4-H by following these social media pages:



@ JacksonCoExtension

@ Jackson County Livestock Committee

@ CantersCave4hCamp

@ Canter's Cave 4-H Alumni

@ Jackson County 4-H Horse Program

@ Ohio 4-H Youth Development

@ Ohio 4-H Foundation Board

@ Collegiate 4-H at The Ohio State University

@ 4-H



@ OSUEJackson

@ national4h

@ collegiate4hosu

@ CantersCave4hCamp



@OSUEExtensionJacksonCounty



# Teen Opportunities (continued)

Awards, Scholarships, Leadership Opportunities & More!

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## Trips & Opportunities

### Teen Winter Retreat – February 3rd – 4th, 2024

The annual 4-H Teen Winter Retreat will take place at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cost is \$40 and registrations are due by **January 26<sup>th</sup>** to the Jackson County OSU Extension Office. For registration information, go to [go.osu.edu/Jackson4HTeens](https://go.osu.edu/Jackson4HTeens)

### Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC) – February 24-25, 2024

Interested in being a camp counselor this summer? Want to get some training hours in early? Making eXtreme Counselors is the place for you!

MXC is an overnight training event for potential camp counselors to gain innovative camp ideas. This training is great for both new and veteran camp counselors!

Cost is \$65 and registrations are due by **January 31** to the Jackson County OSU Extension Office. For registration information, go to [go.osu.edu/Jackson4HTeens](https://go.osu.edu/Jackson4HTeens)

### Ohio 4-H Conference – Saturday, March 9, 2024

Ohio 4-H Conference registrations are now open! The 2024 Ohio 4-H Conference will bring together 4-H volunteers and teens (age 13 and older) from across Ohio. You can participate in a variety of educational sessions that offer something for everyone! Cost is \$40 to attend, and is held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N High Street, Columbus, OH.

Registrations are due by February 1<sup>st</sup> to [allman.68@osu.edu](mailto:allman.68@osu.edu). Registration information can be found at [ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference](https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference)

### Teen Opportunities site!

For more information on additional older youth opportunities, visit these websites:

- <https://go.osu.edu/jackson4hteens>
- <https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens>



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# JACKSON COUNTY QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

FEBRUARY <b>08</b>	7:00 PM	QA TEST OUT @ EXTENSION OFFICE <i>*Must be 15 or older*</i>
MARCH <b>06</b>	6:00 PM	@ PARKSEDGE EVENT CENTER <i>*Limited to 150 people*</i>
APRIL <b>06</b>	10:00 AM	@ EXTENSION OFFICE
MAY <b>01</b>	6:00 PM	@ EXTENSION OFFICE
MAY <b>23</b>	4:30 PM	MAKEUP TRAINING \$10.00 FEE

All exhibitors MUST Pre-Register at  
[go.osu.edu/JacksonQAReg](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonQAReg)



## Graduating Seniors! Order your 4-H Graduation Chords by April 1st!

Visit [go.osu.edu/JacksonSeniors](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonSeniors)  
to order!



Any Jackson County 4-H graduating senior who has completed at least 4 years in the 4-H program are eligible for a FREE 4-H graduation chord to wear at their school's graduation ceremony.

Youth who order a graduation chord will also be featured on our social media pages and in the newsletter!

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## Submit Your 2024 Jackson County Junior Fair Theme Suggestions!



**Submissions due by April 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Submit your theme idea at [go.osu.edu/JacksonFairTheme](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonFairTheme)

- ☐ Themes must be 5 words and include the word “4-H”
- ☐ Entries should be submitted by 4-H members who are at least age 8 and in the 3rd grade (as of January 1st). No Cloverbuds may enter suggestions (due to the competition factor).
- ☐ All themes must be submitted online through this submission form.
- ☐ The winning theme will be used for the 2024 Jackson County Fair on the Fair Book cover, club booths, and will be featured on the Friday Junior Fair Board shirts. The winner will receive a free t-shirt featuring their winning theme.





# The Volunteer Corner



## 4-H Volunteer Training – Monday, February 26th



The FINAL opportunity to complete your MANDATORY 4-H Volunteer training will be held on **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 PM** at the Jackson County OSU Extension Office.

If you are a 4-H volunteer who had not yet completed your annual training, please make plans to attend.

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## 4-H Volunteer Background Checks due February 15th

If you are a 4-H Volunteer in need of a background screening, please complete this by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Please check your email!!! You have been emailed about this requirement. If you are not screened, you are NOT a volunteer!!

Call the office for information if you need it. Background check forms can be found at the front office.

## Ohio 4-H Conference



The Ohio 4-H Conference takes place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on the second Saturday in March.

The Ohio 4-H Conference is the largest gathering of 4-H volunteers in the United States! Nearly 1,100 teen and adult volunteers participate each year. The Ohio 4-H Conference is designed to equip participants with resources, information, and skills to meet the ever-changing needs of youth. Attendees can receive training in more than 125 different topics such as career exploration, risk management, camping, leadership, cake decorating, dancing, animal sciences, and much more.

The Livestock Committee will be receiving an award at the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Recognition Luncheon this year!

**Register by February 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Cost: \$40.00**



# TIME IS TICKING!

ENROLL BY  
APRIL 1st



4HONLINE.COM





# 4-H Resource of the Month:

## 4-H Cloverbuds: Cloverbud Connections Blog.

There are so many opportunities for 4-H Cloverbuds! Check them out on the Clover Connections Blog!

# Sign up for the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections Blog

Visit [u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections](http://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections) today to start receiving the emails



## Contact Us!



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# 2024 Jackson County Junior Fair Market Poultry Ordering



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## MARKET TURKEYS

Order by February 15th

[go.osu.edu/JacksonTurkeyForm](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonTurkeyForm)



## MARKET DUCKS

Order by February 15th

[go.osu.edu/JacksonDuckForm](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonDuckForm)

**DEADLINE  
CHANGE!**



## MARKET CHICKENS

Order by May 15th

[go.osu.edu/JacksonChickenForm](https://go.osu.edu/JacksonChickenForm)

More information on the Animal Project Information Page at [jackson.osu.edu](https://jackson.osu.edu)  
Reminder: ALL market poultry MUST be ordered through the Extension Office.





DUE  
**MARCH  
1ST**

GRADUATING  
**SENIORS**  
MUST APPLY!

# JACKSON COUNTY 4-H **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications (Word & PDF) can be found online at [jackson.osu.edu](https://jackson.osu.edu).  
Scholarship applications are due March 1st, 2024. Questions?  
Contact Maddie Allman at [Allman.68@osu.edu](mailto:Allman.68@osu.edu) | (740) 286-5044



[GO.OSU.EDU/JACKSON4HTEENS](https://go.osu.edu/jackson4hteens)





# Open House!



**DATE:**

Thursday, March 7, 2024

**TIME:**

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**LOCATION:**

Jackson County Fairgrounds  
96 Meadow Run Rd,  
Wellston, OH 45692

**COST:**

FREE!

**CONTACT:**

Maddie Allman  
[Allman.68@osu.edu](mailto:Allman.68@osu.edu)  
(740) 286-5044

## Jackson County 4-H Presents...

# Spring Project Fair & 4-H Open House

Visit the Jackson County 4-H Spring Project Fair and Open House to learn more about 4-H! 4-H is much more than cows and plows. Check out what Jackson County 4-H is doing youth in your area. Open to all youth ages 5-18, grades K-12.

Food, games, and prizes available for all youth that attend. Project displays, including live animals, crafts, and more. **Join the fun and join 4-H!**

For more information, visit [jackson.osu.edu](http://jackson.osu.edu)

**Thank You to the Jackson County Community Fund for their support of this event!**



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# 4-H CLOVERBUD ENGINEERING ADVENTURE

The 2024 theme is *Going WILD*. Create a model of the habitat that includes animals and/or plants that you might find. Include a moving part in your habitat.

The project showcase is the opportunity to share their creations. Showcases will be held in June at locations throughout Ohio. Your team can choose the location that works best.

Find more information about the challenge by visiting [go.osu.edu/cloverbudengineeringadventure](https://go.osu.edu/cloverbudengineeringadventure)

Register by April 19, 2024 at [go.osu.edu/2024cloverbudengineeringadventure](https://go.osu.edu/2024cloverbudengineeringadventure)

Ohio 4-H   
**Cloverbuds**

Don't miss the chance for your Cloverbuds to participate in the 2024 challenge!

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# K-9 CLOVERS!

**Join  
NOW!**

## YOUTH WILL...

Learn about training and care  
Experience real dog shows  
Make friends with similar interests



Open to Jackson County youth ages 8-18 interested  
in participating in 4-H Dog Programs!

Questions? Call us today!

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Wednesday  
**JANUARY**  
**24**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Location: ZOOM

[go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation](https://go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation)

# General Livestock Judging: Let's Start a Team

Join Ohio State's own livestock judging coaches, Matthew Chaney and Seth Ebert as they share their insight, in this coach's session of our webinar series. This interactive session will cover all that goes into getting started and who/what resources are available to you.



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# General Livestock Judging Webinars

Join our monthly Livestock Judging Webinars with OSU coaches, Matthew Chaney (Main) and Seth Ebert (ATI), as they break down getting starting. Each webinar will focus on a different aspect of Livestock Judging. They will be sharing resources and tools available to youth judging in Ohio, their parents, as well as coaches.

**DATE:** Monthly TBD  
**TIME:** 7:00–8:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** ZOOM



**[go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation](https://go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation)**

**January:**  
**Let's Start a Team**

An interactive session on what all goes into getting started and who/what resources are available .

**May:**  
**Goats 101**

An interactive session on goat evaluation. Breaking down the basics to set you up for success.

**February:**  
**Beef 101**

An interactive session focusing on cattle evaluation. Breaking down the basics to set you up for success.

**June:**  
**EPDs & Scenarios**

An interactive session giving you the skills to read and understand EPDs and scenarios. You've been given this paper full of information, now what....

**March:**  
**Swine 101**

An interactive session on swine evaluation. Breaking down the basics to set you up for success.

**July:**  
**Reasons, Part 1**

An interactive session preparing you with the necessary tools to present an oral set of reasons. From note taking to presentation, they've got you covered.

**April:**  
**Sheep 101**

An interactive session on sheep evaluation. Breaking down the basics to set you up for success.

**July:**  
**Reasons, Part 2**

An interactive session continuing content and information covered in part 1. Let's put the finishing touches on your presentation skills.

**EVENT SPONSORS:** Animal Science Design Team, OSU Livestock Judging Team, and OSU ATI Livestock Judging Team



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**FRI | FEB 23 | 7:00PM**

**Come join Ohio 4-H Youth Development for a fun family night with the Columbus Blue Jackets!**

**As a collaboration between the Ohio 4-H Foundation and the Blue Jackets, a portion of each ticket will go back to Ohio 4-H to support youth in building lifelong skills.**

**Please visit website below for more information.**



**TICKETS  
STARTING AT \$44.65**

**CONTACT AJ GARERI AT 614.246.3105 OR  
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QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR SPECIAL REQUESTS.**

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