

# 4-H Clover Chronicle



## Belmont County Newsletter / 2023 Edition 2



Hi there!

I am Megan Watson, and I will be serving as the new 4-H Extension Educator for Belmont County. As a recent graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Community Leadership, I am so excited to serve Belmont County in this capacity. I was born and raised in Ross County, where I was a 4-H member for 13 years and an adult volunteer for 3. During my time in Ross County, I took market goats, health and safety projects, and baking projects. I was also involved in the Junior Fair Board as a member, and I was the Carteens Coordinator as a volunteer. I bring experience as a summer intern in Marion County and as a student assistant for the State 4-H Office.

I am excited to learn all about Belmont County 4-H and the deep-rooted traditions it holds close to its heart, as well as introduce new ideas to help the program continue to grow in new and exciting ways. In my free time, I love to spend time with family, bake, listen to music (I even collect vinyl records), and be outside... but the real key to my heart is coffee and fried cheese!

As you see me at different events this summer and beyond, be sure to come and say hi. I've felt so welcomed already I am so excited to be here and work with the wonderful people of Belmont County.

Yours in 4-H,  
Megan Watson

## Skill-A-Thon Livestock Judging - August 8th

All 4-H and FFA members who are enrolled in a livestock project **MUST** complete Skill-A-Thon Livestock Judging. This is **REQUIRED** to be able to exhibit an animal at the Belmont County Fair in September.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 8th at 4:30pm. Please arrive no later than 7:45pm. If you are in two clubs, come to your earliest scheduled time.

WHERE: Union Local Middle School

HOW: Clubs have been assigned arrival times. See below for more information.

Stations Include:

1. Skill-A-Thon Skill Stations (Study Guide provided in livestock registration letter and can be found at <https://belmont.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-documents/judging>)
2. Project Book Judging - Members will have their project book reviewed. Completion is required and content will be graded on effort.
3. Interview - Members will be interviewed by a species expert. Topics of discussion include general project knowledge, nutrition and feeding, management and health, selection and showing, and daily routine. \*\*\* Refer to the Belmont County 4-H Handbook for interview tips.\*\*\*

### SCHEDULE:

4:30pm - Country Sunshiners, Barnesville FFA, Union Local FFA

5:00pm - BPHH, Barnyard Buddies, Big 10

5:30pm - Bonnie Beefers

6:00pm - Country Buddies, Crazy Clovers, Indianola

6:30pm - Somerton Ridgerunners, Bits-N-Bridles

7:00pm - Bethesda Buckeyes, Ridge Riders

7:30pm - High Meadows, Barnesville Bootscooters, Key Ridge Crafts & Critters

8:00pm - Outsiders, Shadyside Clovers, Stallions, Morristown Mountain Climbers

## Make Up Project Judging - August 15th

Skill-A-Thon Make-Up and Still Project Make-Up Judging will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at the Extension Office.

1. You must call the Extension office prior to that date and let us know you will be attending make up judging.
2. Judging will take place from 9:00am-4:00pm on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Those attending make up judging will not be eligible for county or state awards.

## Junior Fair Livestock Entry Form Procedure

Junior Fair Livestock Entry Forms for ALL livestock projects will be available beginning August 8th at Skill-A-Thon and are due August 15th.

The entry forms must be completed, signed by youth and parent/guardian, and turned in the day of your Skill-A-Thon judging or by August 15th to the Extension office.

Come prepared with any identifying tag information you will need to include on the form (Ex: birthdate, ear tag, SCRAPIE tag, etc.)

**Livestock Entry forms are required to exhibit live animals at the fair. Members MUST enter the classes on their entry form to be able to show in those classes at the fair. NO EXCEPTIONS.**



# JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## Drug Use Notification Form Procedure:

Again this year, the State is requiring all Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNFs) be completed and submitted online. Paper forms will not be accepted. All Junior Fair 4-H livestock exhibitors will be emailed a DUNF survey to their family email address through the 4-H Online system on Friday, August 25th. County Junior Fair FFA members will be sent the link from their FFA advisor. This form will also be available on our website (belmont.osu.edu) and posted on our Facebook Page. All youth will have through Friday, September 1st to submit their DUNF(s). Exhibitors and their parent/guardian will be required to sign off on the form when submitting. The 4-H office will run a report on September 2nd to see who has not completed their form. We will also receive an email from the State if there are any issues with forms submitted. If anyone does not have the ability to complete an online form, you are welcome to do so at the Extension office during the week prior to the fair. Please call us to schedule a time. A DUNF must be completed for every Junior Fair market animal and lactating dairy animal prior to weigh in and showing at the county fair. Animals will not be weighed without a completed DUNF submission.

### Belmont County Fair News & Notes

- FAIR TABS are available at the Extension office and at the Senior Fair Board office. Remember, it is your responsibility to know the rules for your classes at the fair.
- OPENING CEREMONIES for the fair will take place at Noon on Monday, September 4th.
- JUNIOR FAIR AWARDS CEREMONY will start at 1:00pm on Monday, September 4th at the Robinson Stage Building.
- ROYALTY CROWNING will immediately follow the Junior Fair Awards Ceremony on September 4th at the Robinson State Building.
- CLOVERBUD ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY (for any Cloverbud aging up into the traditional 4-H program for the upcoming year) will take place during the Junior Fair Awards Ceremony on Monday, September 4th at the Robinson Stage Building. We will be mailing out invitations soon to Cloverbuds aging up.
- JUNIOR FAIR BOOTH SET UP will take place on the following dates:
  - Wednesday, 8/30 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
  - Thursday, 8/31 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
  - Sunday, 9/3 from 10:00am-5:00pm
  - Monday\*, 9/4 from 10:00am-12:00pm

\*All booths must be set up by Monday 9/4 at 12:00 noon

## Contacting Your Livestock Buyers

Now is the time to be talking to potential buyers for your market project. The Livestock Sale Committee is provided with a limited number of tickets to give to these buyers. Any new buyer you would like to have included is welcome. Contact Beth Stephens (740) 391-0021 with the names and addresses of any new buyers. It is the responsibility of each individual youth to invite potential buyers either by letter, in person, or both. Items to include in the letter or discussion: Name, age, 4H club, school attending, grade, and identify the market project you are selling (breed, sex, and tag number). It might be helpful to include a picture of yourself and the market animal being sold. Be sure to include to Livestock Sale Schedule for 2023 from the fair tab to ensure your buyers are there for your sale time.

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## Rabbit Round Up

Rabbit Round Up will take place on August 12th from 8am-10am at the Belmont County Fairgrounds

## Pullorum Testing

Pullorum Testing for Jr. Fair Poultry projects that did not come from an NPIP Hatchery will be on August 12th from 10am-12pm at the Belmont County Fairgrounds.

NEW

# CLUB CONNECTION

NEW in 2023 is Club Connection! This is a new way to share news about your club – highlights and photos of your activities! It can be a good outlet for news reporters! The column will highlight one club at a time and be posted on our Facebook page and website! It will also be printable, so news reporters can add it to their binders!

Important to note:

- The information we receive **MUST** come from a club advisor or club volunteer. That way, we know an adult has looked over it and it is approved for posting. The only exception to this would be if a volunteer is unable to email the information. In that circumstance, we must receive notice from the club volunteer letting us know a member will be emailing a report and photos to us and that it has been approved. We will not share any information without this prior approval.
- Information and photos need to be emailed to Sarah at: galavich.1@osu.edu
- We will not highlight a club more than once a month. However, we can highlight a club on a monthly basis if information is sent.
- Submitting information is not a requirement, but it would be awesome if all clubs send something in at least once to be featured!

## Coming Soon! - Program Updates

Megan and Sarah are hard at work bringing new improvements to the Belmont County 4-H Program. See below for details on what they've been up to!

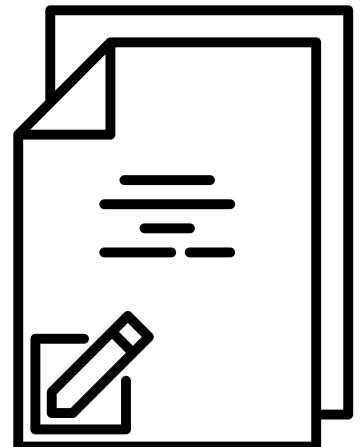
- Under Construction - There will be some sort of workshop for all members at the beginning of the year... similar to the "Under Construction" event that has been held in previous years.
- Our website is being remodeled! Please be patient while we work to improve the functionality of our website (belmont.osu.edu) over the course of the next few months.
- NEW BUILDING COMING SOON! The Extension Office will be moving to the fairgrounds after a new building is built. Stay tuned for more details!

## Know Someone in the Community Who Wants to Receive Our Newsletter?

We would love to send it to them! Please have them fill out the survey at the link below!

LINK: [go.osu.edu/belmont4hnewsletter](https://go.osu.edu/belmont4hnewsletter)

\*\*\*Note: If you are enrolled in 4HOnline with Belmont County, you will already receive this newsletter via email and DO NOT need to fill out the link to be added to our mailing list!





# 4-H News and Notes

## Club Fair Packet Pick Up

Advisors can pick up their club fair packet from the Extension Office beginning August 25th during normal office hours. We are open M-F 8am-4:30pm. Please plan to pick up your packet before the fair as there will be important information included in the packet that you will need.

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Did you know there is an easy way to earn money for your club?



## **GO GREEN & RECYCLE!**

- Save all your paper and cardboard products.
- Take them over to the Belmont County Fairgrounds and dump them in the recycling container by the gate.
- Call the Extension office and let us know the name of your 4-H Club and about how many pounds you dropped off.
- We will send your club a check when we receive the reimbursement.

## Camp Recap

The 2023 Belmont County Camp Season has officially come to an end. With 2 camps happening throughout June, Belmont County 4-H was busy!

Junior Camp 2023

## MISSION POSSIBLE



Cloverbud Camp 2023

## *Beach Luau*





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## CONTACT US!

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St. Clairsville, OH 43950  
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### Website

<https://belmont.osu.edu/>



### Facebook

Belmont County 4-H Program

### Office Hours

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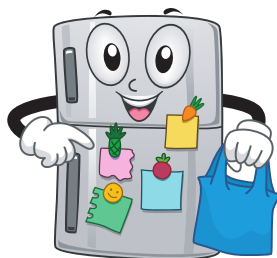
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## August

- 8 - Skillathon Livestock Judging, 4:30pm @ Union Local Middle School
- 9 - Horse Committee Meeting and Ride Night, 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 12 - Rabbit Round Up, 8am @ Fairgrounds
- 12 - Pullorum Testing, 10am @ Fairgrounds
- 15 - Project Make Up Judging, 9am-4pm @ Extension Office
- 19 - Horse Ride Night and Potluck, 4pm @ Fairgrounds
- 22 - CARTEENS, 6pm @ Extension Office
- 24 - Royalty Orientation, 4:30pm @ Fairgrounds
- 24 - Junior Fair Board Meeting, 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 24 - Senior Fair Board Meeting, 8pm @ Fairgrounds
- 25 - Fair Packets Ready for Pickup at Extension Office

## September

- 1 - Extension Office moves to Fairgrounds (Office Closed)
- 4-10 - Belmont County Fair
- 4 - Extension Office Closed (Holiday)
- 14 - Horse Committee, 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 21 - CARTEENS, 6pm @ Extension Office
- 28 - Teen Ambassadors, 5pm @ Fairgrounds
- 28 - Junior Fair Board Meeting, 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 28 - Senior Fair Board Meeting, 8pm @ Fairgrounds

## October

- 5 - 4-H Council, 6pm @ Extension Office
- 12 - Horse Committee, 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 19 - CARTEENS, 6pm @ Extension Office
- 26 - Teen Ambassadors, 5pm @ Fairgrounds
- 26 - Junior Fair Board Meeting 6pm @ Fairgrounds
- 26 - Senior Fair Board Meeting 8pm @ Fairgrounds

*The Clover Chronicle is published quarterly, with a special fair edition in August. Due to rising costs of postal rates, the newsletter is offered electronically via email, unless other arrangements have been made through the 4-H office. In between newsletters, additional information will be shared through the 4HOnline email system. These emails will have "Belmont County" in the subject line. Information is also shared on the Belmont County 4-H Facebook page and through the Belmont County 4-H website.*