

# 4-H Clover Chronicle

## Belmont County Newsletter

OCTOBER EDITION



## Reflections of a First Year Educator

After a few weeks of rest and recuperation, I have enjoyed remembering and celebrating the many successes of the 2023 Belmont County Fair. Our members achieved great things and showed off their hard work from this program year. We saw grit, determination, kindness, and perseverance front and center on the Fairgrounds. Members helped each other, helped others, and proved to Belmont County that 4-H truly does make the best better.

As things settle down and we turn our eyes to the new year, I am so excited for all the things to come for Belmont County 4-H. I have been so welcomed in Belmont County this summer and I am so thankful to the MANY volunteers, parents, members, and community partners who have offered help, advice, and kind words along the way. I know that this county 4-H program is special, and I am so lucky to be a part of it. I have big plans for the new year and I am excited to watch them all come to fruition alongside Belmont County.

Yours in 4-H,  
Megan Watson  
*Belmont County 4-H Educator*

# BELMONT COUNTY JR. FAIR AWARD WINNERS



SHOWMAN OF  
SHOWMEN:  
Rilee Lucas  
*Outsiders 4-H Club*



## MOST OUTSTANDING EXHIBITORS:

Beef - Madison Springer, Bonnie Beefers  
Dairy - Breanne Workman, Bonnie Beefers  
Goat - Rilee Lucas, Outsiders  
Horse - Savannah Springer, Crazy Clovers  
Poultry - Brayden Kralovic, High Meadows  
Rabbit - Kaylin Burress, Barnyard Buddies  
Sheep - Jenna Duvall, Barnesville FFA  
Swine - Jenna Duvall, Barnesville FFA



## ROYALTY:

Queen - Kimberly Dallas  
1st Runner Up - Hayley Hull  
2nd Runner Up - Jenna Duvall

Duke - Gage Phillips

Duchess - Cheyenne Burley  
1st Runner Up - Madison Tingler  
2nd Runner Up - Maryn Lucas

Prince - Wyatt Mowery  
1st Runner Up - William Smutney  
2nd Runner Up - Bruce Dornon

Princess - Maggie Schnegg  
1st Runner Up - Eva Smutney  
2nd Runner Up - Alexandria Dornon

## JUNIOR FAIR BOOTH WINNERS:

### SMALL:

1st - Indianola  
2nd - Bits-N-Bridles  
3rd - Morristown Mountain Climbers  
4th - Stallions  
5th - Key Ridge Crafts & Critters

### MEDIUM:

1st - BPHH  
2nd - Ridge Riders  
3rd - Barnyard Buddies  
4th - Country Buddies  
5th - Outsiders

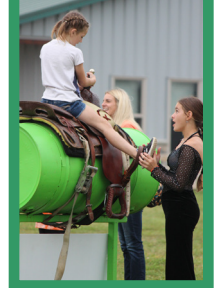
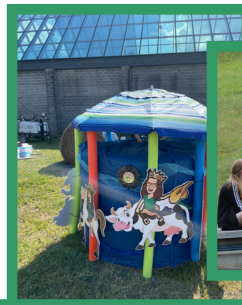
### LARGE:

1st - Somerton Ridgerunners  
2nd - Bonnie Beefers  
3rd - Bethesda Buckeyes  
4th - Crazy Clovers  
5th - Belmont County Shooting Sports

### FFA:

1st - Barnesville  
2nd - Union Local





2023



IN REVIEW



# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## **Harrison County First Cast - OCTOBER 8**

Join Harrison County 4-H and Harrison County Soil and Water for their First Cast Program - an educational opportunity for youth about local aquatic habitats, rigging and casting methods, and proper handling of aquatic species.



WHERE: Zion Retreat

WHEN: Sunday, October 8th at 2pm

WHO: Any youth interested in learning more about aquatic life and fishing best practices!

RSVP: Call or email the Harrison County Extension Office (740-942-8823 or romshak.4@osu.edu). If RSVP'ing after September 29, please bring your own fishing pole!

## **Boo at the Bike Trail**



Belmont County 4-H will be at the 6th Annual Boo! at the Bike Trail on October 24th from 4-6pm at the St. Clairsville Bike Trail Gazebo. Come learn about creatures of the night with us and wear your best costume!

## **Belmont County Reverse Raffle**

Join the Belmont County Reverse Raffle Committee on October 25th beginning at 6pm at the Carnes Center for a night benefitting Belmont County 4-H programming!

## **Shooting Sports Safety Meeting**

Interested in shooting sports? Join the Belmont County 4-H Shooting Sports Club for their mandatory safety meeting on November 15th at 6pm in the Carnes Center. All members and volunteers MUST attend this training to participate in shooting sports events for the upcoming program year.

## **Teen Ambassador Blanket Bash**

Join the Belmont County Teen Ambassadors for a blanket bash! The Teen Ambassadors need YOUR help to make tie blankets for those in need! We will be gathering for a night of community service and FUN on November 22nd at 6pm at the Wise Building. See flyer for more details.

## **Camp Counselor Applications**

Are you a Belmont County 4-H teen that loves working with kids? Do you LOVE camp? Join our camp counselor team! New and returning camp counselors are encouraged to fill out an applications when they are released on November 3rd via Facebook and on our website. Applications are due December 1st, with interviews for new camp counselors on December 13th and returning counselors on December 14th. Camp Counselor Kick-Off for selected applicants will be held on December 20th and is mandatory for all counselors.

## **Teen Ambassador Applications are Open!**

The deadline to apply for the Belmont County 4-H Teen Ambassador program has been extended to October 31st. Teen Ambassadors attend monthly meetings and participate in different events to support and promote Belmont County 4-H. See flyer for more details.

## **CARTEENS Seeking Volunteers**

The Belmont County 4-H CARTEENS program is seeking volunteers to facilitate peer-led driving safety education classes for juvenile traffic offenders. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer for more details!



# 4-H PROGRAM UPDATES

## **Website Updates**

We are excited to announce that our Belmont County 4-H program website is getting a facelift! Sarah and Megan will be working to update and improve our website, meaning it will be less functional in the meantime. We will send out an email via 4HOnline when the updates are completed, so until then you are welcome to reach out to the Extension Office if you have trouble locating anything you may need.

## **Club Paperwork Due**

Clubs must submit their end-of-year paperwork by October 31st. All forms and other information will be in an email from Megan in early October.

## **New Volunteer Applications**

All individuals interested in becoming a Belmont County 4-H volunteer are encouraged to submit an application. These are due by **Jan. 10th** to give our staff ample time to review them and get references. Applications will be available in early November.

## **Volunteer Training**

All volunteers **MUST** complete training in order to be approved for the 2023-2024 program year. Returning volunteers are encouraged to attend the volunteer banquet and training on Nov. 4th, with a makeup date on Nov. 7th. New volunteers have trainings available on Jan. 17th and 20th.

## **Enrollment Opens**

It's almost time for enrollment! The 2022-2023 Program Year will come to a close on October 31st. Enrollments will open November 2nd, but members and volunteers are encouraged to wait until November 6th to begin enrolling for the new program year as our staff works to prepare for the enrollment period once the program year rolls over. Volunteers needing Background Checks renewed this year will be notified in mid-October.



## JOIN THE CLUB

# JUNIOR FAIR UPDATES

## **Animal Tag Pick Up**

**NEW PROCESS THIS YEAR\*\*\***

All market steers, market feeder calves, market goats, market lambs, and market hogs will be moving to a self-tagging process for the 2024 fair. This process will include a registration and a tag pick up, followed by a photo verification requirement once the animal has been tagged. Registration and tagging will not have a weigh-in component before the fair. None of the above animals are to be brought to the fairgrounds prior to fair week. More details will be forthcoming as we approach the dates for this process.

## **TAG PICK-UP DATES:**

STEER: November 18th, 2023

LAMB/GOAT: June 1st, 2024

HOG: June 1st, 2024

FEEDER CALVES: June 1st, 2024

## **Market Rabbit Requirement Updates**

New this year for the market rabbit project at the Belmont County Junior Fair:

Rabbits are able to be purchased this year instead of bred to be eligible for exhibition at the 2024 fair. More information is to come regarding possession dates.



# CONTACT US

## Website



<https://belmont.osu.edu>

## Facebook

Belmont County 4-H Program

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Monday - Friday  
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# For Your Fridge

## OCTOBER:

5 - 4-H Council, 6pm, Extension Office  
19 - CARTEENS, 6pm, Extension Office  
24 - Boo @ the Bike Trail, 4pm, St. C Bike Trail Gazebo  
25 - Belmont County Reverse Raffle, 6pm, Carnes Center  
26 - Junior Fair Board, 6pm, Wise Building  
31 - Club Paperwork Due, Extension Office

## NOVEMBER:

2 - Enrollment Opens  
3 - Camp Counselor Applications Available  
4 - Volunteer Banquet and Annual Training, 9am, Wise Building  
7 - Makeup Annual Volunteer Training, 6pm, Extension Office  
15 - Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, 6pm, Carnes Center  
16 - Teen Ambassadors, 5pm, Wise Building  
16 - Junior Fair Board, 6pm, Wise Building  
18 - Steer Weigh-In, 8am, Fairgrounds  
22 - Teen Ambassador Blanket Bash, 6pm, Wise Building  
30 - CARTEENS, 6pm, Extension Office

## DECEMBER:

1 - Camp Counselor Applications Due  
7 - 4-H Council Potluck, 6pm, Extension Office  
12 - CARTEENS, 6pm, Extension Office  
13 - New Camp Counselor Interviews, 3pm, Extension Office  
14 - Returning Camp Counselor Interviews, 3pm, Extension Office  
20 - Camp Counselor Kick-Off, 4pm, Extension Office

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BELMONT COUNTY 4-H

# BLANKET BASH <sup>2023</sup>

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

NOVEMBER

22

6 - 9pm

## WISE BUILDING

Belmont County Fair Grounds  
45420 Roscoe Rd.  
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF SERVICE AND FUN!**

**The Belmont County 4-H Teen Ambassadors will be hosting a Blanket Bash to make tie blankets for those in need!**

- All community clubs, organizations, and individuals are invited to participate in this event!
- Fabric to make the blankets will be provided with the help of the Nancy Vannest Community Service Grant and the JoAnn Mini-Grant!
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own fabric scissors!
- In addition to the fabric provided, donations of fleece fabric no smaller than 1.5 yards or monetary donations are welcome to be contributed towards the event!



If you have any question please contact Sarah at (740) 695-1455

# WANTED: BELMONT COUNTY 4-H CARTEEN VOLUNTEERS

In CARTEENS programs, 4-H teen volunteers teach traffic education safety programs to first-time teen traffic offenders, while also building offenders' self-esteem and interpersonal skills. Teen traffic offenders attending this program have typically been cited for speeding, stop sign violations, reckless operation, and other, similar moving violations. CARTEENS program topics include excessive speed, driving under the influence, seat belt safety use, consequences of unsafe decisions, dealing with peer pressure, understanding traffic laws, and recognizing and reacting to traffic signs and signals.

Ohio 4-H CARTEENS has proven to be a valuable tool in educating Ohio's teen drivers and saving lives on Ohio roads. In addition, communities are strengthened by bringing together teens and adults representing local agencies and organizations that are working to address this need. Teens also gain leadership, public speaking, and organizational skills.



**IF YOU ARE  
INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING A  
CARTEENS  
VOLUNTEER,  
CONTACT SARAH AT  
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# BELMONT COUNTY 4-H TEEN AMBASSADORS

The Belmont County 4-H Teen Ambassadors is a countywide group of 4-H teens that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Belmont County 4-H programming. In this process, Ambassadors develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for future success. Ambassadors share advice and recommendations to 4-H professionals in order to improve, strengthen, and expand the county 4-H program. They serve as a sounding board for Belmont County 4-H Council.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Please write a 1 page essay answering the following questions.

- Why do you want to be a 4-H Teen Ambassador?
- What strengths can you bring to the 4-H Teen Ambassadors?
- Do you have an idea for an activity or community service project to share?

**SUBMIT TO THE OSU EXTENSION OFFICE BY OCTOBER 31, 2022**

## YOUR ROLE AND EXPECTATIONS IF SELECTED:

As a 4-H Teen Ambassador, you will be expected to participate in monthly meetings, which include the Belmont County 4-H Council meetings every other month. On the off months, you will meet with just the other Teen Ambassadors. Meetings will consist of the planning and implementation of various countywide 4-H events and opportunities. This will include but is not limited to project judging, 4-H promotions, community service projects and other planned activities.

Each year, the group will set goals to achieve in promoting the 4-H program to the greater community through planned activities.

Individuals must be 14-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year for which they apply. Youth will be expected to apply annually for a one year term.

We will select up to 15 Teen Ambassadors each year. Please encourage your 4-H friends to apply!

The application process will take place in the fall, so that in November members will be selected and ready to begin work for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

Thank you for your interest in serving as a 4-H Teen Ambassador and for helping us to Make the Best Better in the Belmont County 4-H Program.



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