

# 4-H Clover Chronicle



Belmont County Quarterly Newsletter

January - March | 2015



## Happy New Year

Welcome to the first issue of the **Belmont County 4-H Clover Chronicle** for 2015. This year, the **Clover Chronicle** will be published quarterly coming to you in January, April, July, and October. Between newsletters, additional information will be shared with organizational volunteers electronically.

On page three of this newsletter, you will see that **January 15** has become the "New" annual year end due date for all year end awards and opportunities for youth and clubs.

Top photo shows members of the **Bethesda Buckeyes 4-H Club** having lots of fun at the Bowling Party held this past fall sponsored by the Belmont County 4-H Council.

**Important Reminder to All:** Checks issued by 4-H Council must be cashed within 2 months. They will not be reissued.

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# 4-H News and Opportunities

## Attention: New Deadlines

After much discussion at last month's 4-H Council meeting it was agreed that the new "Deadline Date" for end of year items will be January 15 each year from this point forward. So, the following should be turned in **by January 15, 2015**:

- Completed Secretary's Book
- Completed Treasurer's Book
- Completed News Reporter's Scrapbook
- Clubs of Distinction Form
- 4-H Livestock Record Books

If you/your club members have already turned these items in, then you don't have to do anything (you do not have to add the last months information). If you have not yet turned them in, you may do so. These are optional to turn in for awards.

## Club Financial Summaries Due

Each club must complete the Yearly Summary Report. The form was sent to and should be completed by the Organizational Advisor. All financial summaries must be submitted **by January 15, 2015**. Please contact Jane Keyser with questions.

## Camp Counselor Applications Due

Teens interested in being a 4-H Camp Counselor should complete the enclosed form and return to the Extension Office by **January 15, 2015**.

## Older Youth Opportunities and Achievement Awards

Also included in this mailing is a summary of Older Youth Opportunities and Achievement Awards. Ohio Achievement Records can be downloaded at [belmont.osu.edu](http://belmont.osu.edu) and are **Due January 15, 2015**.

## Club Packets Available at Under Construction

Officer Books will be available at 4-H Under Construction. After that date, updated officer information will be available online as well.

4-H Enrollment Forms - Each **returning and new** 4-H member and volunteer must complete an enrollment form for 2015. The enrollment forms will be included in club packets available at 4-H Under Construction. Make sure enrollment forms are completed in their entirety before turning them in to the Extension office. These forms will be due April 1.

2015 Project Book Order Form - The 2015 Project Book Order Form will be included in the packets at 4-H Under Construction. Advisors wishing to order any books before then, should contact the Extension Office for a copy of the order form.

## What is a 4-H Volunteer?

A 4-H Volunteer is any adult who helps with the 4-H program in any way on a regular basis. These may be "parents", "helpers", "committee members", or "advisors". One of the benefits of these positions is to receive the opportunity to buy a discounted fair pass or armband. However, whatever you call them, they must be an approved Ohio 4-H Volunteer, have an application on file in the Extension office and have passed an Ohio BCI fingerprint background check. Anyone interested in becoming a 4-H Advisor or volunteer must fill out an application and be approved as an Ohio 4-H Volunteer before they can begin working with a club or committee. Applications can be picked up at the Extension office. Applicants should participate in an orientation training BEFORE having their BCI fingerprint background check completed. All new applications for the coming year are due January 15, 2015. Applications for 2015 will not be accepted after that date.

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OSU Policy 1.50 requires all Extension Volunteers complete a BCI fingerprint background check every 4 years.

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## Belmont County 4-H Week

Help us celebrate Belmont County 4-H Week in your community, school or at your business! 4-H Council will pay \$25 to each 4-H club for completing at least one display that promotes 4-H during the week of February 8-14. Send a photo of your display, include location of the display on the back of the photo or in the email, to the Extension office by March 1, 2015 to guarantee payment for your efforts. 4-H Week is the perfect time to recruit new members for 2015! Invite your friends to 4-H Under Construction, send a photo and story to the newspapers about your club or create a 4-H display in your school, in a business window, on a business sign or in a community center. Spread the word, "4-H makes the Best Better!"

### 4-H Shirt Day

4-H Shirt Day is Friday, February 13, 2015! Wear your favorite 4-H apparel to school and/or work. Let everyone know you are a proud supporter of 4-H and encourage them to become involved!

## Livestock News

### Livestock Quality Assurance

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) Certification is required for all youth exhibiting a market animal, lactating dairy cow or lactating dairy goat at the Belmont County Fair. Certification can be obtained in two ways. Youth can participate in a LQA program provided by OSU Extension or by participating in the test out option.

### LQA Test Out Option

All youth 12-14 years of age may take a LQA test designed for their age group. If they pass the test with a score of 70% or greater, the youth will be certified in LQA until they turn 15 years old. All youth 15-18 years of age may take a LQA test designed for their age group. If they pass the test with a score of 70% or greater, the youth will be certified in LQA for the remainder of their Junior Fair years. Remember, the test out option is only available to those who have participated in at least one Belmont County Livestock Quality Assurance program. If a youth fails the LQA test, they will be required to attend a LQA program.

Three testing opportunities and two programs will be offered this year. All Belmont County Youth must have the LQA Certification by July 1, 2015. Please pay close attention to the dates and plan accordingly:

### LQA Testing Dates

**February 14** (After 4-H Under Construction), Union Local M.S.

**February 19**, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Extension office (Call in advance to register)

**March 19**, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Extension office (Call in advance to register)

### LQA Program Dates

February 14, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (4-H Under Construction) Union Local M. S.

April 14, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Union Local M. S.

### Rabbit Cages

Anyone interested in purchasing an old rabbit cage from the fairgrounds, contact Leroy Carpenter at 686-2886.



# Reverse Raffle

## Belmont County 4-H Reverse Raffle: How much money was earned and how is it spent?

The Belmont County 4-H Reverse Raffle Committee held its 6th Annual Belmont County 4-H Reverse Raffle on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the James E. Carnes Center. Thank you to all of the committee members, community sponsors, ticket holders and event participants who assisted with and supported the event. This is the largest fundraiser for the Belmont County 4-H Program. This year, the committee raised over \$13,000 which will support the Endowment Fund, as well as, support the county program in 2015.

2014 Belmont County 4-H Council officers included: Kimberly Ogilbee, President; Ladonna Workman, Vice President; Mary Lou Barricklow, Secretary; and Mary Mowrer, Treasurer.

In 2014, the Belmont County 4-H Council's yearly Proposed Operating Budget totaled \$40,650. This included the addition of five \$1,000 scholarships.

\*\*For a copy of a detailed 4-H Council Budget, please contact the Extension Office.

2014 4-H Reverse Raffle committee officers: Myra Young, Chair; Brenda Saffell, Vice Chair; Mary Mowrer, Secretary; and Sue West, Treasurer.

The following is a breakdown of money earned in 2014 and how it is spent.

Total Income (after prizes & expenses deducted)

**\$13,279.29**

Donated to Belmont County 4-H Council held locally.

**\$10,623.44**

Donated to Belmont County 4-H Endowment Fund at OSU

**\$ 2,655.85**

\*\*For a copy of a detailed 4-H Reverse Raffle Financial Summary, please contact the Extension Office.



*Each participating club received \$135.15 for their Silent Auction Items.*

# Older Youth Packet Information

<b>Achievement Awards</b>	***	<b>State Trip &amp; Camp Delegate Opportunities</b>
*** <b>State Junior Fair Board</b>	***	<b>Ohio Dairy Goat Conference</b> ***
*** <b>National 4-H Dairy Conference</b>	***	

Read more about these opportunities below. To apply for these youth opportunities, you must complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record which is available in electronic or hard copy. Electronic copies are available in both pdf and Word format. Hard copies are available at the Extension office. **All completed forms are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2015.**

Please read the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record Requirements and Instructions for Belmont County and "Creating Effective Achievement Records" presentation at <http://belmont.osu.edu>, prior to filling out the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record. Please Note: If you download the Achievement Record in Word, you will be able to save a copy of your work from this year which can easily be added to next year. This method will allow you to save lots of time and energy after you complete the Achievement Record the first time.

## County & State Achievement Awards

Ohio 4-H Achievement awards were established in 1991 to highlight overall 4-H achievement in a particular program area. There are currently 25 program areas which include: Beef, CARTEENS, Citizenship & Community Service, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Environmental Science, Family Life & Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Gardening & Horticulture, Health & Safety, Horse, Leadership, Meat Goat, Mechanical & Engineering Science, Personal Development, Photography, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine, Woodworking and Veterinary Science. When completing the Ohio 4-H Achievement Form, please check the achievement area you wish to apply for in the National 4-H Congress/State Achievement Award section. Youth can fill out a separate achievement record for each achievement area (ex. Leadership, Beef, and Clothing & Textiles) if they feel there is not enough room for all the information on one form.

## State Trips & Camps Delegate Opportunities

Apply to be a delegate from Belmont County to one of several state trip and camp opportunities. Please indicate your interest in the COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES section by marking them 1,2,3, etc., with 1 being of greatest interest. Applicants are required to interview with the selection committee. If selected for a trip, applicant may be responsible for paying part or all of the trip fees as partial scholarships may be available.

**4-H Citizenship Washington Focus** - Spend June 21-27, 2015 in Washington, D.C. with 4-H'ers from other states taking part in seminars, workshops, and touring the historical sights of our nation's capital. Minimum age is 14 as of January 1, 2015. Approximate trip cost is \$1,140 per delegate.

**Leadership Washington Focus** – Spend July 14-17, 2015 in Washington, D.C. with 4-H'ers from other states taking part in meaningful leadership experiences. For youth in 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$800 per delegate.

**4-H Junior Shooting Education Camp** - Shooting Education Camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio from June 26-28, 2015. Applicants must be 9-12 years old by January 1, 2015. Approximate cost of camp is \$220. Interested applicants may apply for a scholarship to help with registration fee.

**4-H Senior Shooting Education Camp** - Shooting Education Camp is held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp in Jackson, Ohio from July 12-17, 2015. Applicants must be 12-18 years old by January 1, 2015. Approximate cost of camp is \$320. Interested applicants may apply for a scholarship to help with registration fee.

**4-H Leadership Camp** - Each county may nominate youth to attend State Leadership Camp, July 5-9, 2015, to strengthen skills and experience personal growth at 4-H Camp Ohio. Must be 15 years of age by January 1, 2015. Approximate cost of camp is \$250.

**4-H Sea Camp** - Sea Camp is held at Kelley's Island on Lake Erie for members with a minimum age of 13 as of January 1, 2015. The camp includes marine navigation, lure making, fishing techniques, a four day chartered fishing trip, swimming, scuba diving, sailing, canoeing, water skiing, fish cleaning, cooking, plus much more. Approximate cost of camp is \$500.

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## State Trips & Camps Delegate Opportunities – Continued

**Ohio 4-H Teen Conference** - Approximately 1,000 4-H teens from across the state will be participating in Ohio 4-H Teen Conference on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Columbus Convention Center. Interested applicants may apply for a scholarship to help with registration fees, approximately \$35.

**Ohio 4-H Ohio Forestry and Conservation Camp** - Have you ever wondered what types of trees are in Ohio's forests? Or, what kind of relationships organisms have with the forest? If so, Ohio Forestry Camp at FFA Camp Muskingum is the place for you this summer. Any student who has completed the 8th grade and is at least 15 years of age is welcome to participate in camp. Camp will be held June 7-12, 2015. Approximate cost of camp is \$325.

## Ohio 4-H Scholarships

Ohio 4-H recognizes and rewards individual excellence, whether it is in project work, leadership, citizenship or community service. Ohio 4-H Scholarships were established in 1976 in order to help young people become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. There are currently 36 statewide 4-H scholarships being offered. To learn more about the Ohio 4-H Scholarship application process, please check out our website at <http://belmont.osu.edu>. **All applications must be submitted online and no later than February 15, 2015.**

## Ohio 4-H Ambassador Program

Ohio 4-H Ambassadors are the youth spokespersons for Ohio 4-H. Each year outstanding 4-H teens who demonstrate excellence in 4-H achievement, citizenship, and leadership earn invitations to become Ohio 4-H Ambassadors.

Being a 4-H Ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility. Ambassadors serve as speakers, emcees, program facilitators, hosts or hostesses, committee members, and in many other youth leadership roles for 4-H and Extension programs and events throughout the state. Ohio 4-H Ambassadors are also tremendous role models who maintain the highest standards of excellence as they fulfill their 4-H pledge commitments of clear thinking, great loyalty, large service, and better living to make the best better in their clubs, communities, country, and world. To learn more about the Ohio 4-H Ambassador application process, please check out our website at <http://belmont.osu.edu>. **All applications must be submitted to the Extension office no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2015.**

## Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council

The Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council (TAC), a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni, provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming. TAC members develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and aspirations needed for adult success, and the Ohio

4-H program is strengthened and expanded. TAC members provide advice to state 4-H faculty and staff to improve, strengthen, and maintain the Ohio 4-H program. Members recommend policy and direction for Ohio 4-H teen programs and opportunities. They serve as a sounding board for Ohio 4-H program direction. To learn more about the Ohio 4-H Teen Advisory Council application process, please check out our website at <http://belmont.osu.edu>. **All applications must be submitted online and no later than January 31, 2015.**

## 4-H Camp Counselor

Camp counselor responsibilities include planning and conducting camp programs, meditations, citizenship, flag ceremonies, song leading, recreational activities, campfire and much more. Applicants must be completing the 8th grade by summer 2015 to apply to be a Counselor. There is some cost involved. **Interested applicants must complete the Camp Counselor Application Form and submit it to the Extension office by January 15, 2015.**





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### FYF: For Your Fridge

*A quick guide to upcoming events...call or email us with any questions!*

#### January

- 1 New Year's Day, Office Closed
- 8 4-H Horse Committee, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 14 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 15 Junior Fair Board, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 15 County Award Applications & Books Due, EO
- 15 Camp Counselor Application Due, EO
- 15 Ohio Achievement Record Due, EO
- 15 State 4-H Ambassador Applications Due, EO
- 15 Financial Summaries Due
- 15 New 4-H Volunteer Applications Due, EO
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Office Closed
- 22 Senior Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., EO
- 31 State 4-H Horse Advisor Training

#### February

- 4 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 5 4-H Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 6 Ohio Volunteer & Teen Conf. Registrations Due, EO
- 8-14 Belmont County 4-H Week
- 9 RSVP for 4-H Under Construction Due, EO
- 12 4-H Horse Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 13 4-H Shirt Day - Wear your 4-H shirt to school/work
- 14 4-H Under Construction
- 15 State 4-H Scholarships Due, Online Only
- 19 LQA Testing, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., EO
- 19 Junior Fair Board, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 25 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 26 Senior Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., EO

#### March

- 11 Shooting Sports Kick Off, 6-8:30 CC
- 12 4-H Horse Committee, 7:00 p.m., EO
- 14 Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference, Columbus
- 14 Ohio 4-H Teen Conference, Columbus
- 17 Livestock Sale Committee, 6:00 p.m., EO
- 18 CARTEENS Program, EO
- 19 LQA Testing, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., EO
- 19 Junior Fair Board, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., EO
- 26 Senior Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., EO



*Congratulations to Dawn Ford Cramer for receiving the CES Extension Support Staff Excellence Award at Extension's Annual Conference in December. After over 30 years of dedicated service to our office, Dawn has also announced her retirement from Extension effective January 31, 2015. We wish Dawn well as she begins a new chapter in her life! She will be missed tremendously! Above she is pictured with her husband, John, daughter Kristi and members of our staff at the banquet in Columbus honoring her.*



# Camp Counselor Application Form

Applicants must be completing the 8th grade by summer 2015 to apply to be a Counselor. There is some cost involved. Interested applicants must complete the Camp Counselor Application Form and submit it to the Extension office by **January 15, 2015**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Camp Counselor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shooting Sports Camp Counselor

**I want to be a 4-H Camp Counselor because:**

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**I would make an excellent 4-H Camp Counselor because:**

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**I am proud of the following accomplishments in 4-H and other activities:**

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