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Lorain County - Where 4-H is Great!

Oct 2024

Dates & Deadlines

OCTOBER

- 1-31 North Coast Inland Trail 4-H Litter Pick-Up
- 3 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 8 Sr. Fair Board 7:30pm (FG)
- 15 Lorain Co. 4-H Grant Applications Due
- 16 4-H Advisory Board 6:30pm (AC)
- 17 4-H Endowment Board 6:30pm (AC)
- 21 4-H Educational Board 6:30pm (AC)
- 22 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 24 4-H Recognition Banquet 6:30pm (NRTL)
- 31 4-H Year in Review Online Survey Deadline

NOVEMBER

- 7 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 11 Holiday-Extension Office Closed
- 12 Sr. Fair Board 7:30pm (FG)
- 14 4-H Think Tank 6:00-8:00pm (AC)
- 18 4-H Educational Board 6:30pm (AC)
- 19 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 20 4-H Advisory Board 6:30pm (AC)
- 21 4-H Endowment Board 6:30pm (AC)
- 28-29 Holiday – Extension Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 5 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 7 Market Beef Animal Tagging (FG)
- 12 4-H Board Exec Training (AC)
- 17 CARTEENS 5:30-7:30pm (AC)
- 24-25 Holiday – Extension Office Closed

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Thank you to the following Lorain County 4-H supporters. It is the generosity from organizations such as yours that ensures ***Lorain County 4-H is Great!***





Notes from Jacki

4-H 2025- Here we come!

Did you know that 4-H in Lorain County is led by three different boards:

4-H Advisory Board (also known as Advisory Committee)

Provides guidance to and with 4-H professionals regarding the overall 4-H program. Special emphasis is given to 4-H Volunteer and Club management and opportunities.

4-H Endowment Board

Provides guidance to and with 4-H professionals regarding fund raising efforts and the management of these funds for local 4-H program needs.

4-H Educational Board

Provides guidance to and with 4-H professionals regarding county-wide educational programming opportunities.

Think Tank

These three boards and representatives from the Lorain County Jr. Fair Board will be coming together for a special **Think Tank**. A Think Tank is a body of experts providing advice and ideas on specific issues or topics. The tentative schedule includes:

- Welcome
- Overview of the [Lorain County end-of-year Evaluation](#) results
- Brainstorming Session
- Round Table Discussion
- Prioritization of efforts

Please be sure to share your thoughts regarding our 2024 4-H program year by completing the [Lorain County end-if-year Evaluation](#)!! Your opinion matters and is important to us!

Have a beautiful month!

Jacqueline L. Bacon



Headline News

End of Year Evaluation

The purpose of this survey is to obtain information that will be used to determine and develop 4-H educational programming in the future.

Additionally, it will be shared with the Lorain County 4-H Club Volunteers and 4-H Advisory, Endowment, and Educational Board members.

This is a great opportunity to voice your opinion. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey by October 31, 2024.

Who should take this survey:

- 4-H Members
- Parents
- Volunteers
- Key Leaders

Results from this survey will be shared and discussed at the Think Tank with our three 4-H Boards and our Jr. Fair Board. This discussion will result in determining priorities for the 2025 4-H program.

Survey



County News



4-H Advisory Board

Voting is Almost Open!

All Lorain County 4-H Volunteers will be e-mailed an electronic voting ballot to vote in three-year and on-year term positions.

Voting will be open Monday, October 7- Monday October 14, 2024.

Winners of the election will be announced at the annual Recognition Program. Their official term will begin January 1, 2025.

The current 4-H Advisory Board will select Community and Youth representatives at the November meeting.





Lorain County 4-H Volunteer Recognition & Awards Reception



You and a guest are invited to attend the 2024 Recognition & Awards Reception to be held on Thursday October 24, 2024 at the New Russia Township Lodge
46300 Butternut Ridge Rd Oberlin, OH 44074
Hosted by the Lorain County Advisory Board

Doors will open at 6pm, program to start at 6:30pm with dinner beginning at 6:45pm.

Reservations are required before 5pm on Friday October 11th.

Kindly detach this portion and return it before Friday October 11th to:
Advisory Board % OSU Extension- Lorain County 42110 Russia Rd Elyria, OH 44035

Names of attendees (parents of youth nominees are welcome to attend):

Phone #:

Phone #:

Club/ Committee/ Board affiliation(s): _____

Special dietary needs? _____

Please contact the extension office or any member of the Advisory Board with questions.



County News



4-H Endowment Board

October Grant Cycle

Project Grants- open to any official 4-H entity interested in offering a program or workshop in Lorain County!

Workshop-Seminar Grant- open to any current 4-H member or volunteer interested in seeking funding for a new learning opportunity.

Deadline for submission is **October 15**. Click [here](#) to access our Lorain County 4-H Endowment web page and scroll down to the grant applications.

SAVE THE DATE!
For The
**2025 4-H ENDOWMENT
FUNDRAISER DINNER!**
MARCH
SATURDAY **1** AT 5 PM
2025
LOCATED AT
German's Villa
Vermilion's Premiere Banquet Facility



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4-H Educational Board

Accepting Board Member Applications

Are you interested in assisting with identifying and supporting educational programs for our 4-H'ers? The 4-H Educational board will have three term positions open for 2024, two adult volunteer and one youth position. Application **deadline is Monday, October 14, 2024**. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important and active group of individuals, please complete the [4-H Educational Board application](#) and e-mail to wise.1217@osu.edu.

An application review committee, consisting of one representative from 4-H Advisory Board, one representative from the 4-H Endowment Board, one community representative, and the 4-H Educator reviews and selects new board members for the new year.

For additional information on our 4-H Educational Board please connect with a current board member or visit our [website](#).

4-H Teen Ambassadors

This was the second year of this Pilot program. The 4-H Educational Board has requested time to reevaluate this program for 2025 to ensure that this program is meeting both board objectives and the needs of our youth. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding this opportunity in January.

Event Request Proposals

Calling all clubs and 4-H entities!! The 4-H Educational Board would like you to assist you in planning a county-wide event for Lorain County! Hands-on workshops, clinics, guest speakers, and animal shows for a particular 4-H project or topic are welcome. Events may be planned as club fundraisers or service to our 4-H program! County-wide event request forms are available on the Lorain County 4-H website. To submit a request to host a 4-H Animal Show, at least one 4-H Advisor must attend the 4-H Show SOP training.



Club News

4-H Project Evaluation Results

Congratulations to our 4-H'ers that participated in this year's 4-H project evaluation process and qualified for county fair! Results including entries, placings, state fair qualifiers, and state fair results are available on the [4-H Project Resource](#) page of our website.

Club Fall Recognition Order Form

The Extension Office will continue to offer end-of-year awards for your 4-H'ers! 4-H Club Advisors, please complete and return the order form to Bailey, wise.1217@osu.edu

The purpose of recognition in 4-H is to encourage and support the efforts of our members in learning to improve their knowledge and develop life skills. It is important to recognize 4-Hers in five areas: **participation** in educational experiences, **progress towards personal goals**, recognized **standards of excellence**, **peer competition**, and **cooperation**.



National 4-H Recognition Model

End of Year Reports

It is that time of year to begin preparing your 2025 required reports.

[2024 Financial Summary](#)

[Club inventory List](#)

[4-H Club Information Survey](#)

[Projected 2025 Club Activities](#)

We encourage you to submit the end-of-year reports before the deadline.



Club News

4-H Club Audit Schedule

All 4-H Clubs, boards, and committees are on a three-year rotation for county level audits. Please look at the list below for the current schedule. If your club is listed in the 2025 column, your 4-H Organizational Leader or treasurer will receive an e-mail from Julie with additional details.

2025	2026	2027
21st Century Farmers	1 st Class Kids & Kritters	American Made
4-H Advisory	4-H Advisory	Another 4-H Club
4-H Endowment	4-H Endowment	Barnyard Buddies
4-H Homegrowers	Brownhelp Prefection & B.B's	Born in a Barn
Back to Basics	Four Leaf Clovers	Carlisle True 4-H'ers
Brighton Buckeyes	Infinity	Country Shamrocks
County Line Kids	LC Band	Easy Riders
Desperados	Hoof & Hide	Eaton Twp. Blue Ribbon
Elyria Family of 4-H'ers	Shooting Sports Club	Elyria Precious Pups
Forward Bound	LC Steer Club	Grafton Grangers
HoofPower	LaGrange Sodbusters	Helping Hands
Huntington Highlighters	Midview Clover Critters	Henrietta Country Dreamers
LC Dairy Club	Northern Stars	It's a Cinch
LC Steer Club	Penfield Partners	Infinity
Lighthouse Carnations	Ready Set Grow	4-H Advisory
LoCo Kids	Rochester Winning Workers	4-H Endowment
Midview Clover Critters	Saddle-lites	LC Steer Club
Next Generation	Sunset Riders	
North Ridgeville Ridge Kids	Wellington Creative 4-H'ers	
Penfield Partners		
Pitchfork Pals		
Raider Rowdies		
Sunset Riders		
Trail Blazers		
Wellington Happy Farmers	9	

Lorain County Junior Fair



Jr. Fair Board is recruiting!!

Think you have what it takes to be a Junior Fair Board Member?

We're always looking for hard-working young people to join our team! Applications are due November 29, 2024.

You must be 15-18 years old as of January 1 to be a full-fledged member of JFB. Assistants must be at least 13 as of January 1.

Visit: <https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/lorain-county-junior-fair> to access all applications. Updated applications will be posted soon!



Opportunities to serve on Junior Fair Board include the following:

- Jr. Fair Board Member
- Jr. Fair Board Assistant
- Jr. Fair Board Adult Consultant

Lottery Weigh-in

November 2, 2024

Attention 2025 Steer Project

Members

All market beef and dairy beef animals (this includes finished market beef, steers and heifers) must be weighed and tagged by the Jr. Fair Board at the fall/winter weigh-in.

Modern Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh-in

Saturday, December 7, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

If you are unable to make the Saturday date, email Sherry Nickles at

loraincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com

Activity Request Forms

Ever wonder how the "Extra" activities at fair occur? Parades, cupcake decorating contests, fun shows, and Jr. Fair fun night are all examples of past extra activities. These events are included in the Jr. Fair premium book, supported by the Jr. Fair (in terms of assistance with securing location, equipment, etc.), and organized and conducted by an outside 4-H Advisor, group, or club.

If you or your 4-H Club are interested in offering an activity at the 2025 fair, request forms are available on our website! Deadline is March 1, 2025.



2025 AQCA Test-Out

Are you ready to Test-out of AQCA?

4-H and FFA Members who are age 15 or older are eligible to take the AQCA test-out. The completion of this test is good for three program years.

If you are 15 years of age on January 1, 2025, you will need to either do an in-person option, online option, or take the test again for the 2028 program year.

If you are 16 years of age or older on January 1, 2025, you will not need to retake the test or attend another option.

Pre-register by emailing: Mackey.181@osu.edu

Provide date and time you want to attend.

LOCATION: 42110 Russia Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035

For more information, call or email Julie Mackey at 440-326-5851 or Mackey.181@osu.edu.

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EVENT ONE

Monday, December 30, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the
half-hour.

EVENT TWO

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the
half-hour

Please pick one date and time. When registering please provide the time that you would like to attend.

EVENT SPONSOR:

Area 4 AQCA Team

OSU Extension Office
42110 Russia Road
Elyria, Ohio 44035
440-326-5851





State Horse Happenings

Congratulations to all of our 4-H kids on a successful fair week! We know you all work so hard thorough the year and it's great to see everything come together for one week in August.

Lorain county was represented at the State Groom & Clean contest on August 24th by a senior team of Callie Finnegan, Julia Finnegan and Parker Maurer. Adleigh Jayjohn, Kate Fenik and Lauren Jayjohn made the junior team (pictured) which placed 9th out of 13 teams.



Six youth participated in the State Competitive Trail Ride in early September at Ceasers Creek. In the junior division Julia Finnegan placed 4th, Alex Schafer 10th and Parker Maurer was 11th overall. On the senior side Callie Finnegan placed 3rd, Jordyn Simpson 4th and Delaney Reed 6th.



Photo credit to the awesome mom's who shared their pictures

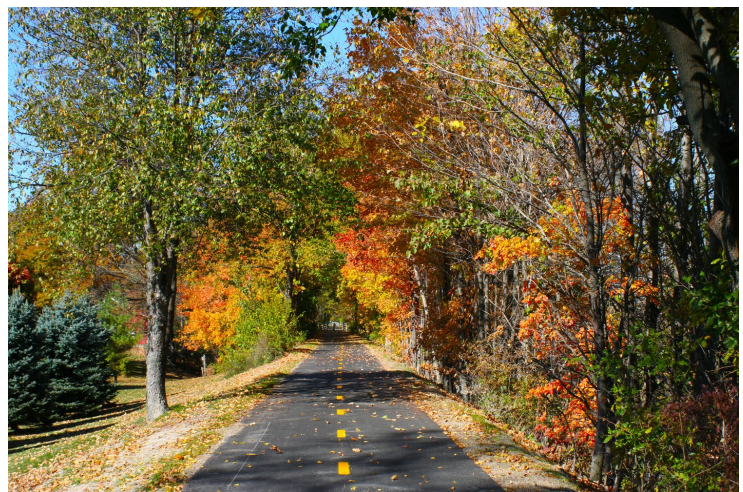
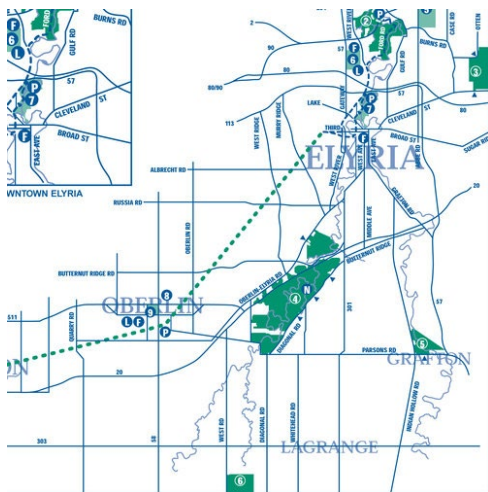
Upcoming SERVICE Opportunities

North Coast Inland Trail Litter Pick-up

There is still time for your 4-H Club to volunteer!!
Available sections are listed below!!

Lorain County 4-H has committed to litter pick-up twice a year on the portion of the North Coast Inland Trail (NCIT) that runs through our County. This 13-mile long stretch winds between Elyria and Kipton. We encourage our clubs to take advantage of this fun community service opportunity and sign-up for one section clean-up in October. Sign up your club for a trail section through [Sign up Genius](#). For specific requirements and trail locations review our [Adopt the Trail with 4-H handout](#). To learn more about the NCIT, visit the [Lorain County Metro Parks website](#).

[Sign Up Here](#)



NCIT in Autumn, picture courtesy of Lorain County Metro Parks

Older Youth Opportunities

County Opportunities:

- Scholarships
- County Boards
 - 4-H Advisory Youth Rep
 - 4-H Educational Board Member
 - Teen Ambassador
 - Jr. Fair Board Member
- 4-H Camp Counselor



State Opportunities:

- Ohio Achievement Record Awards
- State Camps
- State Boards
- Educational Experiences



**APPLY TO BE
A 4-H CAMP
COUNSELOR**



**DUE
NOV
15**

Applications can be found at
lorain.osu.edu under the Lorain County
4-H Camps tab!

440-326-5851
42110 Russia Road Elyria OH 44035



**COLLEGIATE 4-H AT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESENTS**



DIVING INTO NEW IDEAS AT CNI

\$95

REGISTER BY OCT. 31

4-H CAMP OHIO

NOVEMBER 22-24

**11461 CAMP OHIO RD,
ST. LOUISVILLE, OHIO 43071**

Carving New Ideas (CNI) is an overnight camping opportunity for youth in grades 8-12, featuring educational workshops, recreational sessions, and leadership development.

GO.OSU.EDU/CNI



Pumpkin Carving

**For Halloween Fair
At Carlisle Visitor Center
12882 Diagonal Rd, LaGrange**

Wednesday October 9th

and

Wednesday Oct. 23rd

6-7:30 pm

Help carve pumpkins for Halloween Fair. We supply the pumpkins and some basic carving tools; you bring your creativity and your parents, siblings, family and friends with your special carving tools! Then come to Halloween Fair to see your work lit up—October 11th, 12th, 18th, 19st, 25th and 26th!

**Please call 965-7237 or
mkocsis@loraincountymetroparks.com for to reserve
space or for more information!**



Pumpkins & Pillbugs

Halloween Bug Zoo Bash!



FREE Family Fun
Open to All!
October 18, 5-7pm
CFAES Wooster Campus

Pick up a FREE Pumpkin
& Trick-or-Treat with the
United Titanium Bug Zoo



**Family Fall Fest Featuring the Bug Zoo, Reptile Guests,
 Halloween Crafts & Pumpkin Painting!**



Located at the Wooster Science Building,
 1680 Madison Ave, Wooster 44691
go.osu.edu/WoosterScienceBuildingMap



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WOMEN IN AG WEDNESDAY WEBINARS

The 2024 Series will be on the
1st WEDNESDAY of each month.
10:30 am – 11:30 am
Via Zoom Platform

**Join us on October 2, 2024, for the
next session on...**

Tips to a Great Plate

There are many labels on food that can often be confusing. This session will focus on decoding labels, sharing tips for shopping, and overall discussing what it means to be an informed consumer.

Register at this link one time for all the series.
<https://go.osu.edu/wiawednesdaywebinars2024>

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