

# OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## The Actual Thing Can Be Better

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How did I become interested in writing? That question is still unknown to me. The thing is I'm actually not sure how I became interested in writing. I think some of it had to do with a show I watched; there was a journalist and I looked things up about it and I liked it. I really enjoy it because I discovered a lot of things that not everyone actually knows.

This year I took a project called, Writing and Reporting for Teens. I took the project because I want to be a reporter when I grow up. I really have enjoyed the project, it has taught me a lot because there are things in it that I never knew. Things that a real reporter needs to know. One of the assignments I did was an article on Colton Northrup and how he is in the Ohio Best Program. So when I finished my article I thought that it would be neat to send it to some newspapers and see if they would put it in the paper.

I ended up sending it The Press, The News-Messenger,

The News-Herald, Elmore-Genoa Today, and the Ohio Country Journal.

The Press put it in the paper, which I was so excited when I saw it. But the thing is they changed things that they thought would make it better, but it didn't. They messed up a bit, but I was still glad that they put it in there in the first place.

The News-Messenger, The News-Herald, and Elmore-Genoa Today have fair tabs in the newspaper. A fair tab is a mini newspaper inside a bigger one. So the editor for these papers thought that it would be a neat place to put it. Now, I'm saving the best for last.

The Ohio Country Journal has been the most exciting of all. At first when I sent them the e-mail the editor told me to e-mail him my story. In that e-mail he said "I'll certainly keep you in mind for future employment."

Now that right there just made my titantic survive.



After he read my article he said it was good considering my age. He also thinks that my article will fit into a future issue.

Wait, we're not done yet! He told me that there was some things that would need to be changed and that he would like to meet me. Now, I bet you could see my reaction to that I was more excited than if I won the lottery. I thought that was really exciting. Just to know that someone is interested in meeting you and talking to you about things that you have done.

All I have left to say is know matter what your dream is go for it and don't give up because they can be worth every waiting minute!



## “Say Aloha to 4-H Fashion” 2008 4-H Style Revue



July 10, 2008  
7:00 p.m.  
St. John's  
Lutheran Church

Come and be a part of this year's "Say Aloha to 4-H Fashion" 4-H Style Revue. This is a fun time to show off your hard work to friends and family.

All members enrolled in a clothing project are encouraged to participate in the Style Revue. County clothing winners will be announced at the end of the evening. You must

participate to win and be eligible to compete at the Ohio State Fair.

Complete and return your entry form that you receive in the mail and bring it with you to clothing judging. This is your commitment that you will participate in the Style Revue. If you do not plan to participate, please do not return the entry form.

Be dressed in your complete outfit and report by 6:45 p.m. for registration and line-up. A dressing area will be available at the church.

Check out the clothing judging schedule that is enclosed. You must come at the designated time for your project!

## 4-H Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

### CHICKEN DINNERS

1/2 Dinner: \$7.50

1/4 Dinner: \$6.50

July 6, 2008  
Ottawa County  
Fairgrounds

It is time for the 2008 4-H Chicken BBQ to be held, Sunday, July 6, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Prices will be 1/2 chicken dinner - \$7.50 and 1/4 chicken dinner - \$6.50. Organizational advisors have received a packet to sign up 4-H members, parents and advisors to work at the BBQ. This is an opportunity to support the

Ottawa County 4-H Program.

To increase sales this year, we are offering a friendly competition for 4-H members. Advisors have received \$.50 coupons to distribute to their members. Each member should write their name on the back of the coupon to be eligible for a gift card. Just hand out to family and friends who will purchase chicken

dinners and they will receive **\$.50 cents off one dinner per coupon**. All coupons received will be put in for a drawing. These coupons will not be available during the chicken BBQ.

Let's make this a successful fundraiser year!

## Livestock Skill-a-thons—Please note time change!



All Skill-a-thons  
will be held at the  
fairgrounds.

### Horse Club

Members are  
scheduled for:

Friday, July 11, 2008

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Show Barn

### All other clubs

are scheduled:

Saturday, July 12, 2008

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Show Barn

### Projects to be judged:

Beef Projects

Horse Projects

Swine Projects

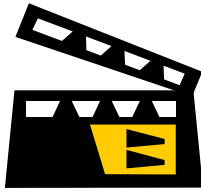
Sheep Projects

Goat Projects

Rabbit Projects

Poultry Projects

Llama's will not need to complete a skill-a-thon this year.



**September 6  
5:00pm — 8:00pm  
Ottawa County  
Fairgrounds**

### 4-H Family Day! Come and join the fun!

It is that time of the year to celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H members and volunteers. 4-H Family Day is Saturday, September 6 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds in Building B3. Come have fun with family and friends and celebrate the Hollywood way!

### 4-H Awards

Don't forget to fill out your achievement award forms, and other award forms pertaining to Honorary 4-H Member, Outstanding 4-H Young Man and Woman, and 4-H volunteer Award form.

Think of someone that has put an extra effort into the 4-H program.

These forms are available from the Extension Office or on our web at: [www.ottawa.osu.edu](http://www.ottawa.osu.edu). Just click on the Applications link and you'll find all award forms and applications.

Please return your nominations to the Extension Office by Friday, August 29, 2008.

### 4-H Advisory Committee

The 4-H Advisory Committee meets ten times a year to work with the Extension staff in helping to determine county 4-H program needs and direction in accordance with state and national policies. We need your assistance in finding new candidates for our 2008-2009 ballot. Please contact Ann or Kathy by September 12 with names for the ballot.

Adults serve a three-year term, youth a one-year term and at-large

members serve a two-year term.

The following positions are open:

Advisors for townships:  
Erie/Carroll

Youth positions for:  
Benton/Harris  
Catawba/Portage/Danbury  
Salem/Bay  
Erie/Carroll

We are in need of youth for all townships and there are a couple of At-Large positions open for adults too.

This committee also organizes the annual 4-H Chicken BBQ and the fall 4-H Family Day.

Please think of some names and give us a call at 419-898-3631. You can always nominate yourself!

*Become a committee member to help with 4-H Programming!*

### Cloverbud Corner

The 2008 Cloverbud Camp was held June 18-20 at Camp Sabroske. There were 68 children ages 5-8 that attended "Far, Far Away at 4-H Cloverbud Camp".

We would like to thank everyone who made this camp a success. Our Cloverbud Counselors were:

Zach Avers  
Sarah Bastian  
Ali Benner

Christie Cook  
Michelle Fillmore  
Hannah Johnson  
Melissa Ladd  
Jonny Lowe  
Ashley Luecke  
Dallas Mohn  
Jenna Niefer  
Kayla Oxendale  
Evan Puckett  
Alan Reeder  
Lanee Sandwisch  
Jessica Shanteau  
Kurtis Tallman

Amber Weber  
Alex Wilhelm

Our adult staff that helped was:

Diana Blausey (Camp Nurse)



## 4-H Jr. Camp Report

I would like to thank everyone in advance who will make this year's 4-H Jr. Camp a success. As this newsletter is being printed, we will be on the island!

A special thanks to the counselors:  
 Krystin Buhrow  
 Kayla Castillo  
 Ruben Castillo  
 Jill Cerny  
 Tim Eber  
 Molly Hansen  
 Kendra Hartenstein  
 Morgan Hartenstein

Becca Heileman  
 Krista Hellwig  
 Chad Hughes  
 Brittani Jackson  
 Jessica Jensen  
 Ashley Mauder  
 Erica Mauder  
 Kristen McKee  
 Tyler McNutt  
 Travis Meek  
 Andy Mohn  
 K.C. Oxendale  
 Isaac Puckett  
 Allison Rhoda  
 Jill Robaszkiwicz  
 Morgan Scott

Phillip Spitler  
 Christin Tober

I would like to give special recognition and thanks to Lead Counselors: Amy Shearon, Jill Cerny and Rustyn Stoner for providing leadership to the counseling staff. Through their hard work, camp activities and programs were well managed.

A special thanks to the adult staff: Becca Maenle, Allison Swan and our camp nurse, Elaine Gardner.



## 4-H Teen Camp Report

The 2008 4-H Teen Camp "Sunny Side Up at 4-H Teen Camp!", was held Friday, June 13 thru Monday, June 16. There were 52 campers from 12 counties who participated in water sports and leadership training. We are looking for some new ideas for Teen Camp, so if you have been a

camper let us know what ideas you have.

A big thank you to our Teen Camp Counselors:  
 Adam Schlagheck  
 Sara Petersen  
 Mandy Hansen  
 Nick Woods  
 Abe Woods  
 Allison Swan

A special thank you to our adult staff:

Becca Maenle, Elaine Gardner, Adam Miller, and Bob Kaspar.

Hope to see many Ottawa County 4-H youth at camp next year!

4-H is NOT about winning.

It's NOT about doing better than others.

4-H IS about doing the best you can.

It IS about being the best you can be.

It IS about making this world the best it can be.

## 4-H Endowment Dinner

4-H Head Advisors will receive a letter from the 4-H Endowment Committee asking for auction items for the 4-H Auction planned for Saturday, October 25 at the Camp Perry Clubhouse.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. We are in need of donations. Please consider donating an item so that we can raise money for the Ottawa County 4-H Program. This money is

also used for college scholarships. Two scholarships will be presented to two Ottawa County 4-H members.

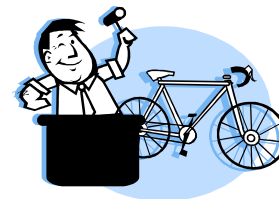
The meal this year will again be a swiss steak dinner.

This is a fun night of fellowship with a silent auction beginning at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a grand auction following dinner.

Tickets for the auction are available for \$15.00 and may

be purchased from the Extension Office or from one of the committee members listed below.

Earl Johnson  
 Carol Benner  
 Ann King  
 Marilyn & Dan Mohr  
 Diane Dickinson  
 Lisa Molnar  
 Kathy Giesler  
 Jodi Regal  
 Susan Millinger  
 Paulette Oberhaus



October 25, 2008

5:00 p.m.

Camp Perry  
 Clubhouse

## July Calendar—County Events & Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Location
July 6:	4-H Chicken BBQ	11:30 -2:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 7:	4-H Misc. Judging	9:00–4:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 7:	4-H Flower/Veg. Judging	TBS	Home Visits
July 7:	Jr. Leadership	6:30 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 8:	4-H Nutrition Judging	9:00–4:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 8:	4-H Conservation Judging	9:00–2:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 8:	Hog Carcass Contest	7:00 p.m.	Tank's Meats
July 10:	4-H Style Show	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Lutheran Church, OH
July 11:	Beef/Lamb Carcass Contest	7:00 p.m.	Tank's Meats
July 11:	Skill-a-thons—Horse Clubs Only	5:00 –8:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 12:	Skill-a-thons—All other exhibitors	8:00–1:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
July 14–20	Ottawa County Fair		
July 23:	Ohio State Fair Prep Workshop	6:30 p.m.	Ag Complex
July 30–Aug. 10:	Ohio State Fair		



Strive for your Best!

### Other Events:

July 17-21: Ohio 4-H Sea Camp, Kelley's Island

July 22–26: State Leadership Camp, Camp Ohio

## August Calendar—County Events & Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 4 :	Jr. Leadership Club	6:30 p.m.	TBA
August 5:	Horse Advisory	6:30 p.m.	Ag Complex
August 19:	4-H Advisory	6:30 p.m.	Ag Complex
August 29:	Achievement Forms & Nomination Due		Ag Complex

## September Calendar—County Events & Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Location
September 2:	Jr. Leadership	6:30 p.m	Ag Complex
September 6:	4-H Family Day	5:00–8:00p.m	Fairgrounds
September 16:	4-H Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office

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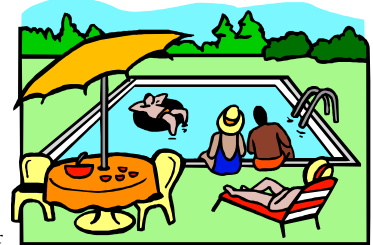
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## PLAYING IT SAFE AROUND WATER

Written by Tim Butcher, OSHA Coordinator

As the weather warms our thoughts turn to outside work and fun. If you have a pond or stream on your property these can be excellent sources of water for livestock, irrigation, fire fighting or recreation. However if children or unprepared adults live on or visit the property, these same water resources can be the source of tragedy if you don't take steps to manage the danger.



Adults often underestimate the curiosity of children or think verbal warnings are enough to keep children safe around water. Because you can't make the water less attractive, you have to make having it safer.

Consider fencing the approaches to the water on your property; not only will this control livestock access and have environmental benefits, but will help keep children from wandering into the water. Fencing can also limit your liability if someone is hurt in the water on your property.

Signage is also a useful warning to people intent on entering the water. The wording can be general such as prohibiting swimming without adult supervision, or more specific such as a warning of sloping unstable banks or the potential presence of agricultural chemical residues.

If swimming is something you are either going to allow or don't think you can prevent, it's a good idea to provide life saving equipment. A rescue post with an attached weatherproof lifeline and buoy can be used instead trying to rescue a struggling swimmer. A rescue pole should be available to assist victims out of the water.

Of course none of these measures are of any use if someone gets into trouble by himself or herself. No one should swim alone in a farm pond or stream regardless of his or her level of skill because of the unknowns in the water. Drop offs, temperature shock and the risk of entanglement are too common.

Children should be taught at an early age how to swim, and about water safety. Finally, anyone can benefit from First Aid and CPR training. Contact your local Red Cross chapter or YMCA to see when the very next class will be offered.

This summer, play it safe around water.

### SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

When performing house repairs, make sure that your windows are not painted or nailed shut. You must be able to open them to escape in an emergency.

## Attention Interested Shooters!



Shooters are wanted for an all Ottawa County Air Rifle team! Practice will start in early September at the new indoor air rifle range at Camp Perry. Any 4-H member of any age can join.

Call Michelle Woods at 419-797-2715 for more information.