

# Ohio 4-H News and Notes

## March 3, 2013

Hi,

*For the past several years we have had excellent places to meet. Most Extension offices have at their disposal a decent size meeting room that is well lit, with movable tables, [folding chairs](#) and the availability of audio-visual equipment. That has not always been the case. In my early days, when our Extension office was in the county courthouse, there was an "Assembly Room" that we could use. It could hold 20-30 people, but the tables were old, heavy courtroom furniture, and the folding chairs were dilapidated. Its availability went away when the county added a Regional Planning Commission Director, and County Commissioners needed office space.*

*For the next six years the only place that we had available for meetings was the wide basement hallway of the courthouse, unless we went off site to meeting rooms in banks basements, churches or community halls. We used that hallway a lot because it was close to our offices, but it was dimly lit, it had a large, gridded chalk board with the voting precincts listed used during elections two times a year, and one evening before my meeting I saw a bat gently flying back and forth, up and down that hallway.*

*Back when Ohio had "Extension Area"s up to the mid-80s, our monthly 4-H area meetings were often ten folding chairs crammed into the Area 4-H Specialist's office on the second floor of a bank in downtown Wapakoneta. I remember one January having an Indian Hills 4-H Camp planning meeting in the jury box of the Darke County Courthouse.*

*The increased cost of travel, the availability of technology to conduct [conference calls](#), and the growth of our schedules has changed the complexion of how we meet. I have to admit that I am a strong believer in such tools as WebEx or Adobe Connect in terms of efficiencies in time and travel expense. But I have noticed that more and more our 4-H colleagues are meeting face-to-face as much as they can, even if they do not have travel budgets. There are benefits of body language, side conversations and connectedness that face-to-face meetings afford. Sometimes I am not sure if people are paying attention if they still have their electronic [tablets](#) or laptops – I know most are checking emails during WebEx meetings too, but that is an issue for another time.*

*Recently we were asked by a County 4-H Educator if it were permissible for a 4-H member to meet the minimum requirements of attending six 4-H meetings through Skype. My knee-jerk reaction was that technology has given us yet another opportunity. But can a talking, or more likely, an observing head, really be a part of a 4-H club meeting? Yes, information can be transferred, but how much would this be contributing*

*to total youth development? I fear too many elements of what can be gained through those local club meetings would be lost. So maybe once or twice might be permissible, but I would not recommend Skyping as acceptable 4-H meeting attendance on a regular basis.*

*One of my former 4-H Advisors made me aware that I made my living going to meetings. He said that he did not think he could do that. But he is right, meetings are an important element in both the process and product of 4-H.*

*Thanks,*

*Tom*

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## **2013 Bi State Poultry Youth Clinic**

March 23, 2013

Fisher Auditorium, OARDC/OSU, 1680 Madison Ave , Wooster OH 44691

For more information [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#) or contact: John Anderson 330-263-3753, [anderson.37@osu.edu](mailto:anderson.37@osu.edu)

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## **Youth Welding Workshop**

Sponsored by The Ohio State University, Ohio 4-H, and Lincoln Electric  
Agricultural Engineering Building (on campus), 590 Woody Hayes Drive  
Cost: \$90.00 per youth participant

The Youth Welding Workshop provides a unique opportunity for youth (ages 10-18) to develop their arc welding (Stick or SMAW) skills and/or oxyacetylene welding and cutting skills. Participants will receive instruction and hands-on experience with welding skills and safety. With one-on-one assistance, the youth will start at his/her own level and progress throughout the day. The workshop is open to any youth. This workshop provides an excellent interactive opportunity for those completing the 4-H Arcs & Sparks project book or planning to enroll in another 4-H welding project.

For a registration form go to the 4-H Engineering Website [www.4hengineering.osu.edu](http://www.4hengineering.osu.edu)

Questions? Contact Kathy Mann: (614) 292-0622 or [mann.167@osu.edu](mailto:mann.167@osu.edu)

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## **4-H Dairy Events**

On Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a dairy judging clinic here on campus with 3 lead out classes. We would like to encourage all 4-Hers that have been judging to attend and gain some hands-on experiences and lessons led by professionals within the dairy industry. For further details, contact Bonnie Ayars, [ayars.5@osu.edu](mailto:ayars.5@osu.edu)

The Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> during Spring Dairy Expo. There is a Showmanship contest on Friday evening March 29<sup>th</sup> and dairy 4-Hers could consider a week-end outing of showing and judging. Details are also available at [www.4hansci.osu.edu/dairy](http://www.4hansci.osu.edu/dairy) and [www.springdairyexpo.com](http://www.springdairyexpo.com).

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## **Save The Date!**

The 2013 Achievement Awards and Scholarships Banquet will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This year close to 30 scholarships will be awarded to 4-H youth in recognition for their leadership, community service and personal development. In addition, approximately two dozen 4-H State Achievement Award winners will travel to Atlanta, Georgia to represent Ohio at the National 4-H Congress. Please join us in celebration of their accomplishments!

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## **Northeast Ohio's #1 Family Springtime Event**

March 22 – April 14, 2013

Great NEW features have been added and have also rolled back the general admission price! Regular General Admission is \$21.99 and the discount ticket price for your 4-H members and their family and friends is \$18.99. It is easy for families - take the coupon right to the I-X Center on the day they wish to attend. This great family destination event will include the following features:

- NEW! Mutts Gone Nuts - a fun, family-friendly animal show
- Roberto the Magnificent - comedy stunt show
- Kidzville area filled with more than 25 pint-sized rides for the little ones
- Thrill City - filled with more than 25 high-powered rides including NEW White Water Ride
- NEW! Soaring Eagles Zipline

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## **Buck-I-SERV Advisor Needed: Liberty Hall Livestock Rescue Farm**

Buck-I-SERV is looking for an interested adult who would like to volunteer doing community service with students for a week and interacting with them outside of the traditional university environment, in particular, a trip traveling to Falls Church, Virginia to volunteer with Liberty Hall Livestock Rescue Farm. This organization works to provide shelter and care for animals when farmers are financially unable to take care of them properly, among other efforts to do organic farming and emphasize self-sustainability.

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)** or contact: Vian Barwari at [barwari.3@osu.edu](mailto:barwari.3@osu.edu)