

Ohio 4-H News and Notes

April 21, 2013

Hi,

I think “change” is one of the most paradoxical words in our vocabulary. Many people embrace “change”. Many people also are upset by “change”. Sometimes, these are the same people.

Those who embrace change are those who have the newest cell phone or electronic gadget or app; they enjoy jet travel, use microwaves and pre-packaged food, tweet, and enjoy their home geo-thermal HVAC. Today, those who become upset with change are those who are comfortable using a desktop computer, would rather travel by car, actually use a phone as a phone, and like home-cooked meals.

I often think back what it must have been like in our part of Ohio during the early to mid-nineteenth century (or pick any other historic time period). If you wanted hot water, you heated it in a kettle over an open flame. Your log house probably was not as comfortable as one of our barns today. Your neighbors would just as likely to have been bears or bobcats. If you traveled over 20 miles, you were planning on staying at least one overnight. Had it not been for change, and those who created and embraced change, we would not be enjoying the comforts of running water, central air, TVs with their remotes, and communication devices that travel with us.

On a side note, I also often think that workers in today’s generation are not the only ones who can be labeled as “stressed”. As a matter of fact, it seems that if you were living in the middle of the 19th century, even in Ohio, there would have been stressors of disease, varmints, long working hours, hunger and so on, that would more than equally compare with the stressors that we highlight today. But I digress.

Like the saying goes, “...the only thing constant is change.” We need change and those who embrace change. But we also need those who are upset by change. Being skeptical about new directions or resistant to different approaches slows the pace, and insures that innovation is practical, safe and ethical. The number of people along the continuum from resisting to embracing change probably looks like a bell curve distribution, with most of us in the middle two-thirds, and that is good. Let’s not criticize those on either end of that distribution – we need all of us.

Thanks,

Tom

What Questions do You Have?

We are planning a Spring 4-H Assessment Survey to be distributed to all 4-H Professionals in Ohio sometime in early May. If you have concerns, issues or questions that you would like to be a part of the questionnaire, please send those ideas to Tom Archer at archer.3@osu.edu by Friday, May 26th.

Few Slots Remain for WAW

The 2013 Watersports Adventure Weekend at 4-H Camp Piedmont has been well received by 4-H youth registrants from across the state, and few participant openings remain unfilled. If you know of any 4-H youth in grades 6 through 9 who would enjoy a weekend of kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and aquatic life skill development and exploration, please encourage them to visit the event Web page at www.ohio4h.org/waw. The WAW (pronounced “wow!”) will be held at 4-H Camp Piedmont in Belmont County from May 31 to June 2. Registration and payment is due to Jenny Cherry at the Coshocton County Extension Office before 5:00 PM on April 30, 2013 (see registration documents on event Web page). The 2013 WAW leadership team—Tim Tanner, Jenny Cherry, and Josh Kirby—appreciate your promotion and support of our unique event. Printable brochures are also available on our WAW Web page.

Leadership Camp Nominations Due April 30

County nominations of participants for the 2013 Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp are due April 30. Forms and information for county 4-H professionals is available on the Leadership Camp Web page at www.ohio4h.org/leadershipcamp. Payment is not due at this time—counties will be invoiced for final payments during the month of May 2013. Questions may be directed to 4HLeadershipCamp@osu.edu.

Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

On March 30th during Spring Dairy Expo, an overwhelming crowd of aspiring judges stepped onto the tanbark to test their skills. The finest dairy animals that breeders and exhibitors could offer were on parade. Also registered for the contest were teams from three neighboring states who were welcome to participate in an open division.

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\$5,000 Barron Prize for Young Environmental Heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2013 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron, celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people or the planet. Ten winners each receive \$5,000 to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment. Nomination deadline is April 30. For more information and to nominate, visit <http://www.barronprize.org>.

Commit To Our Communities

OSUToday is launching a new feature, Commit To Our Communities, to highlight the many outreach activities the university is involved in. Send items to be considered for publication to gammage.2@osu.edu. Limit text to 125 words and include contact information, a web link and a photo if applicable.

Only Two Weeks Left to Submit a Video to the Teens Take on Health Video Challenge!

Calling on all teens to show us your plan on how to tackle health challenges in your family, school or community. Submit a 90-second video or vote on your favorite.

- \$1000.00 Grand Prize
- Be featured in a National Video
- \$2,500.00 For your youth program or classroom
- Plus, the top 5 finalists win \$500.00 cash.

Videos must be submitted by May 3 to be eligible. Voting on the top 5 videos is open to the public May 3-17. The winner will be announced on May 17!

To view the Official Rules visit [Facebook.com/4H](https://www.facebook.com/4H) and click on “Rules”.

Parent Engagement Education Program

PIQE’s signature program is its “Parent Engagement Education Program.” The goal of the program is to educate parents on how to foster a positive educational environment for their children both at home and at school, in an effort to increase academic success. Parents learn how to navigate the school system, how to access relevant information, understand college admission requirements, and obtain other information that is vital to the academic success of their children. PIQE graduates understand the importance of providing a home environment that supports education and communicates high expectations about post-secondary education.

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