

Highlights in Fairfield County

July 2024



Master Gardener Intern Presentation
May 24, 2024

Agriculture and Natural Resources & Master Gardener Volunteer Program

The ANR Team received state recognition when they were announced as winners of the Ohio Chapter of National Association of County Agricultural Agents communications award contest for an assortment of work done in Fairfield County. Awards included:

- 1st place - 2023 Local Foods Week promotional work
- 1st place - MGV quarterly newsletter
- 2nd place - 88.9FM radio show recording on phenology
- 2nd place - Presentation on native plants

33 new Master Gardener Interns successfully completed the 7-week MGV training program this Spring and are excited to start giving back to their community!

Carrie attended the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professional (ANREP) Conference in Hershey, PA as State ANREP President. While there, she co-presented a plant & pest diagnostics workshop and exhibited a poster on small woodland management.

Carrie and Connie were invited to Wilmington College to present for the Ohio Agricultural Educators professional development conference. Topics included the OSU Phenology Calendar and how to communicate with and provide outreach to your community.

On June 27th, we held two sessions of Grill Smart, a program taught and adapted by OSU Extension Beef Field Specialist, Garth Ruff, from the Barbecue Science class that is offered annually on OSU campus. The program takes participants all the way from meat selection to properly serving a perfectly grilled masterpiece.



Carrie Brown, Woodland Management Research,



Grill Smart, June 27, 2024

Family and Consumer Sciences

Real Money Real World was conducted at five Fairfield County schools in 2024, reaching over 500 students with hands-on financial literacy program. Real Money Real World includes an interactive spending simulation that provides the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those made by 27-year-old adults. This program features partnerships of the Extension office, schools, and the business community.

Wellness programs were offered through a variety of family and consumer science topics including Winter wellness, Beating the Winter Blues, Meal Planning, Mindful Breathing, and Live Healthy Live Well with many community partners, including Young Professionals of Lancaster, Wagnalls Library, Fairfield District Library, Job and Family Services and Lancaster High School.



Real Money, Real World



4-H Youth Development

2024 Fairfield County 4-H Community Club Program Update

952 traditional members – these members are 8 & in 3rd grade to 18 years old that take individual projects on a wide variety of topics.

202 Cloverbud members – these members are 5 and in Kindergarten to 8 years old and participate in hands-on, group activities.

241 advisors - adult volunteers who are 18 years and older that complete an application process and interview as well as attend annual trainings .

55 traditional and/or specialty clubs—these clubs meet at farms, local businesses, and homes across the entire county.

Fairfield County 4-H Camp

39 members attended Day Camp at Alley Park June 4-6, 2024

62 members attended Cloverbud Camp at Alley Park on June 8, 2024

112 members attended Junior Overnight Camp at Tar Hollow

June 30–July 3, 2024

61 members attended Senior Overnight Camp at Tar Hollow July 7-10, 2024

Fairfield County 4-H Achievement Award Winners

The 2024 Ohio 4-H Achievement Awards were presented in June at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus, Ohio. Six youth from our county received state 4-H honors: Julia Luallen (State Achievement in Clothing and Textiles), Brin Leigh Hoisington (State Achievement in Leadership), Silas Kohler (State Achievement in Dairy), Evelyn Hill (State Achievement in Health & Safety), Brianna Downey (State Achievement in Horses), and Kendall Wild (State Achievement in Environmental Science). Congratulations!

4-H Summerfest is August 18, 2024, at 7pm, Liberty Center. Help us celebrate the success of our 4-H members and their project completion!

SNAP-Ed

SNAP-Ed hosted a 6 lesson *Cooking Matters* for Teens series to teach teens ages 13-17 about the basics of cooking and nutrition. Each participant received hands on opportunities to prepare food, learn about basic nutrition information, and how the food they eat impacts them now and in the future. This program was made possible by support from the George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial Fund of the Fairfield County Foundation in collaboration with the Youth Advisory Committee.

Other programs for the summer include.

- Veterans Nutrition classes at the Fairhaven Veterans Shelter
- YMCA Jr. Camp Counselors program
- Connection West
- Senior Programs at Walnut Creek Village Apartments, Mt. Pleasant Place, Windsor Apartments, and Pickfair, and Seton Senior Housing.
- Healthy Food Tasting Events at Vineyard Church Food Pantry, St. Marks Food Pantry and Salvation Army Food Pantry, and The Salvation Army Food Pantry.
- Participated in the Jobs and Family Services event in May, Family Fun Fest
- Set up display at the Lancaster Farmer's Market with an opportunity to taste veggies
- Participated in the Healthy Fairfield County Coalition – attended Healthy Communities meetings and activities to plan and promote the Community Garden.



Cloverbud Camp– June 8, 2024



Achievement Banquet



Legacy Dinner, June 13, 2024



Cooking Matters for Teens

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
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