

# News and Notes

## News from Carroll County/ 4-H Youth Development



### Happy New Year

2024 is here and I could not be more excited. Time for new beginnings and fresh starts. As I sit here looking through my busy calendar I am struck with the thought, "Busy is a Blessing." This is true. I am busy, but I am

blessed. I am blessed with a great family, loyal friends, dedicated volunteers for this program and amazing kids I get to work with! I could not be more blessed. I am sure each of you have many blessings in your life as

well. I challenge you to count those blessings and be intentional about them. Don't take them for granted. Here's to 2024!!!! Let's do this Carroll County!

~Katrina

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## Volunteer Training!

All 4-H Volunteers **MUST** complete a yearly training. This year available trainings are:

**Thursday, January 18 9-11 AM**

**Thursday, Jan. 18 6-8 PM**

**Monday, Jan. 22 7-9 PM**

**Saturday, Jan.27 8-10 AM**

**Monday, Jan. 29 7-9 PM**

Please call the office and RSVP for a training. If you do not complete your training, you will not be recognized as a Volunteer / Advisor for 2024.

## Project Clinics

### Still Project Clinic

Come join us on **Saturday, Jan. 20 10-Noon @ Ashton** and explore some still projects. We will be doing activities from the projects Workforce Readiness, Entomology I, First Aid and Magic of Electricity. There will also be other project books there for you to look through. **Please register by with the office by Jan. 19 @ Noon.**

### Livestock Project Book Clinic

Come join us as we walk through the correct way to fill out a livestock project book. We will talk about the expectations of what a livestock book should look like. Don't loose easy point in book judging! **Thursday, Jan. 25 6PM @ Ashton. RVSP by Jan. 24 by Noon.**

## Quality Assurance Dates

ODA **requires** all exhibitors who are exhibiting any and all Market, Lactating and Egg Laying animals in the state of Ohio complete Livestock Quality Assurance at least 45 days prior to the first day of exhibition. In 2024 to exhibit in the Carroll County Fair Quality Assurance needs to be **completed no later than June 1, 2024.**

County Trainings will be offered at the Ashton:

**Tuesday Feb. 13 7PM**

**Thursday March 7 7PM**

**Tuesday March 12 7PM**

**Thursday April 11 7PM**

Still Project QA will be offered on each of the above dates at 6PM @ Ashton

## Officer Training

**Thursday, Feb. 8 6PM @ Ashton.**

This year all officer trainings will be conducted simultaneously. After the individual training is complete, we will come back together to participate in an activity that will help us understand Parliamentary Procedure.

## Camp Dates

**4-H Jr. Camp Sunday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 12**  
**Cloverbud Camp Tuesday, June 25**



# Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Two 4-H Families

Carroll County 4-H Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit to benefit two 4-H families.

November 2023 was a very hard and tragic month for two families in Carroll County. On Nov. 11, 2023, the McNutt family lost their beloved son, Aiden, in a house fire. Aiden was a member of The Beef Club 4-H Club. Then, on Nov. 18, 2023 4-H Alumni, Zach Oboy, was in an ATV accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. While Zach has shown great improvement, he and his family still have a long way to go.

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024**  
**Carroll Hills School**  
**4-7PM**

The 4-H Committee is asking each club to donate a raffle basket for the Chinese auction and 4 dozen cookies/brownies.

We also need volunteers to work the dinner. There will be three 2-hour shifts that need filled. Please call the office and sign up for a shift. The shifts are 2-4, 4-6, & 6-8. Everyone can help!

All proceeds will be split between the Oboy family and a donation made to Tusky Valley Crash Victims Fund in honor of Aiden.

Please come out and support our 4-H Families!



## 4-H Kick Off Night

**Saturday, March 2**  
**5-7PM**  
**Ashton Event Center**

We are asking each club to volunteer to host a table with some type of activity that represents something 4-H and will get kids excited to join.

Then join us from:

**7-9PM**  
**Square Dance**  
**Called by Steve Moff**  
**Sponsored by 4-H Committee**

## Ohio 4-H Conference

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is invited to attend the Ohio 4-H conference. The day is filled with informational and fun sessions and workshops.

Deadline is Feb. 5 to have your registration form into the Extension Office.

If you would like a copy of the registration form and session booklet, please call the Extension Office.





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# 2024 Carroll County Jr. Fair Rule Changes

1. **CHANGE** – JR. FAIR STILL PROJECT SALES, page 40 #4 a. **CHANGE** – Add art projects, and state that the framed and matted art/photo must be ready to hang. Clarify that the actual item must be 10”x12”, and does not include matting.
2. **CHANGE** – JR. FAIR STILL PROJECT SALES a. **CHANGE** – Merge the recipe card and product label, and on the rubric list the items that need to be included.
3. **CHANGE** – JR. FAIR STILL PROJECT SALES, page 40, #5C a. **CHANGE** – Reduce the sampling quantity to 1 dozen for baked goods and 2 dozen to sell, for a total of 3 dozen minimum.
4. **CHANGE** – JR. FAIR STILL PROJECT SALES, page 41 a. **CHANGE** – Change the food judging rubric to reflect the 3 dozen minimum total of baked goods that are required.
5. **ADD** – JR. FAIR STILL PROJECT SALES a. **ADD** – Exhibitors who have sold at least 3 years and are in good standing can opt out of Quality Assurance with the understanding that if they fail the rubric judging, do not meet deadlines, or dress improperly, they will not be permitted to sell at the auction.
6. **ADD** – RABBIT DEPARTMENT a. **ADD** – No decorations on wire of cages, only on white board below cage.
7. **ADD** – ALL LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS a. **ADD** – Market animals can only show in market classes and breed animals can only show in breed classes.
8. **ADD** – HOG DEPARTMENT, page 28, #3 a. **CHANGE** – Must be farrowed after December 1, 2023.
9. **CHANGE** – SHEEP DEPARTMENT, page 30, Class #11 a. **CHANGE** – Fleece must be shorn within the past year and owned by the exhibitor. Lamb fleeces are not acceptable. Each exhibitor may enter up to 5 fleeces.
10. **CHANGE** – BEEF DEPARTMENT a. **CHANGE** – Allow dairy steers to compete in the beef steer carcass contest.
11. **ADD** – CARCASS CONTEST a. **ADD** – All carcass animals must have cut sheets prior to being allowed to unload.
12. **CHANGE** – HORSE DEPARTMENT, page 25, #2 a. **CHANGE** – Horses must be stalled by 11 AM, and the horse vet check will be at 11:30 AM.

13. **ADD** – HORSE DEPARTMENT a. **ADD** – There will be a mandatory tack change before each discipline.
  
14. **CHANGE** – HORSE DEPARTMENT a. **CHANGE** – Horses cannot cross enter between western and ranch.
  
15. **ADD** – HORSE DEPARTMENT a. **ADD** – Add a groom and clean contest, which will follow Ohio 4-H Uniform Horse Rules.
  
16. **CHANGE** – HORSE DEPARTMENT a. **CHANGE** – Modify horse classes as presented.
  
17. **ADD** – ALL DEPARTMENTS a. **ADD** – To be eligible to participate in the Carroll County Jr. Fair, exhibitors must have their project books completed