



# NEWSLETTER

In partnership with the Wood County 4-H Committee and Wood County Clover Legacy Foundation

## Wood County 4-H Program Update

### Top 4-H'ers Recognized as 2025 Honor Court Recipients

The Wood County 4-H Committee selects and recognizes high achieving 4-H members each summer as members of the Wood County 4-H Honor Court. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and active in their 4-H club and county activities. Each June, typed applications outlining the members accomplishments are turned in and individual interviews take place. The Honor Court ceremony is one highlight of the Celebrate 4-H Night in July. Monetary awards are gifted to each winner. This year's Top 4-H'er honors go to Grace Miller of Duke's Mixture and Drew Gase of Prime Cut Kids.

*Congratulations!*



Left to Right: Sara Britton, Dakota Rader-King, Morgan Wiechman, Grace Miller, Drew Gase, Wesley Kellermeier, Henry Strow. Not pictured: Carter Lampe.



Top: Dakota Rader-King, Wesley Kellermeier, Henry Strow, Sara Britton, Morgan Wiechman, Carter Lampe.

### -SUMMER HIGHLIGHT- WOOD COUNTY 4-H CAMP CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AT CAMP PALMER

4-H Camp, held annually, continues to be a highlight of a Wood County 4-H members' summer! This year we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> camp at 4-H Camp Palmer in Fayette, OH. "Fifty Cheers for 50 Years and Lots of Tots at 4-H Camp Palmer" had us singing our favorite camp songs, feasting on our favorite camp food - tater tots, and having a blast with returning and new camp friends.

According to historian and former 4-H Educator Dick Martin, Wood County's history of outdoor residence camping is over 100 years strong! Wood County's first 4-H camp was held in 1924. It is our hope that today's camping traditions will endure another 50 years or more!



Campers celebrating at the annual 4-H Camp water carnival.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## Madison Westgate

Wood County 4-H Advisor Maddy Westgate of the Klassy Kids 4-H Club is our Alumni Spotlight! Maddy was a 10 year 4-H member, active as a teen leader, camp counselor, and Jr. Fair Board member. Upon graduation from the 4-H program, Maddy joined her 4-H club as an advisor three years ago with no break in service! She has been a volunteer for the Holiday Craft Workshop, adult staff for Midnight Madness, 4-H Camp Night Watch, and you have definitely seen her smiling face in the Wood County Fair office each summer.

Maddy states, "Through 4-H I was able to build a confidence to carry with me the rest of my life and I'm forever grateful for my Wood County 4-H family."



Maddy Westgate

"When I was 5 years old and joined 4-H I had no idea how much it would impact my life."

## WOOD COUNTY 4-H BY THE NUMBERS

### 4-H Camp

208 campers  
44 counselors  
26 adult staff



### Interview Judging

1,507 projects interviewed in July by 43 volunteer judges

### Ohio State Fair



7 Clock Trophies (considered Grand Champion)  
29 Outstandings of the Day  
1<sup>st</sup> place Livestock Judging Senior Team

### 4-H Milkshakes



36 total milkshakes consumed by 4-H parent Brian Kiesling at the fair

24,250 total milkshakes spun at the fair and tractor pulls



## GIVING BACK IN A BIG WAY

Owners Robin and Ivan Belleville of BG's Frosty Fare have been the sole donors of our foodservice disposables at the 4-H Milkshake Barn to include cups, straws, napkins, and lids for 10+ years. This in-kind donation immensely saves on our bottom-line putting more dollars toward local 4-H programming. We couldn't be more grateful for this annual donation and to the Belleville Family for their continued support of Wood County 4-H.

THANK YOU

## Needs, Wants & Wishes

If you can help in any way (or know of someone who can), get in touch with us!

- Mark your calendars and save the date for the 2026 **Hands to Larger Service Day - Sunday, April 19.**
- If you are thinking about being a 4-H club Advisor or recruiting a new volunteer to join your club, begin that process by reaching out to Office Associate, Deb Dewese at dewese.6@osu.edu.
- Be on the lookout for a future 4-H Holiday Craft Workshop Amazon Wishlist!



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