



NEWSLETTER

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

Wood County 4-H Program Update

4-H FAMILY INFO. NIGHT

"Our own members are our best salespeople," claims Avers, "their 4-H excitement overflows! How could you resist?!"



4-H Family Info. Night is an initiative started by 4-H Educator, Liz Avers, as a way for prospective 4-H members to explore 4-H as a potential new interest. It is also an opportunity for current members to showcase their projects and tell their "4-H story." To be held annually in February, Info. Night is open house style, with an expert panel question/answer discussion held part way through the evening. The goal of the night is for prospective families to fully understand the 'learn by doing' model and ask questions pertinent to them. Studies show, first year member retention increases with organization understanding.

-SPRING HIGHLIGHT- ALUMNI & FRIENDS SOCIAL

The recently formed Wood County 4-H Alumni & Friends Volunteer Committee, held their first annual Spring Social at Juniper Brewing in April. Over 50 alumni and loyal supporters enjoyed food, drinks, and even better company! More to come from this enthusiastic group.



4-H Alumni & Supporters enjoy a festive evening of fellowship. Dollars raised will support the local Wood County 4-H program. **This event was sponsored in part by AgCredit ACA.**

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Jessica (Kroust) Williams

This quarter's spotlight is on alumna, Jessica Williams. Jessica was a member of Dowling Stitch, Stir and Stock 4-H club. She was a graduate of Eastwood High School in 1997 and is currently a School Support Administrator in Los Angeles.

Jessica was a 4-H member for 15 years and participated in textile and nutrition projects. She was an active Junior Fair Board member and camp counselor for multiple local camps in the 1990's.

One of the most important skills that Jessica learned in 4-H is creative problem solving. "Every day, I employ creative problem solving techniques to confront challenges and find effective solutions."

Please view Jessica's 4-H transcript [here](#) or at the QR code below.



4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

A coveted tradition in Wood County 4-H



2024 camp counselors...Kiera Buchman, Trever Shaffer, Kennedy Ameling

Planning is well underway for the 2024 Wood County 4-H Camp! With recorded camp themes back to 1969, camp counselors continue the rich tradition of "theming" in preparation for a thoroughly creative five days of camp fun!

June 15-19

This year's theme...

"There's no place you Wood rather be!"



FRIENDS of 4-H GIVE BACK

Alumni & Friends
Spring Social
***AgCredit ACA**

4-H Camp
Program
and Scholarship
Donors



Toledo Community
Foundation Donors to the
Wood County 4-H Program

SAVE THE DATE

PRESENTED BY THE WOOD COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI & FRIENDS

4-H ICE CREAM Social

Sunday, June 23rd | 4:30-6:45pm

SERVING SHREDDED CHICKEN SANDWICHES, HOTDOGS
ICE CREAM AND COOKIES

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

MUSIC BY WOOD COUNTY'S OWN DJ DOUG MICHAELIS
INTERACTIVE YOUTH GAMES SPONSORED BY AREA 4-H CLUBS
SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS BY
THE BG FIRE DEPT. AND HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC

Wood County Junior Fair Building



Needs, Wants & Wishes

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

- **We now have an Amazon Wishlist!** Check out our needs [here](#) or this QR code
- Donors for "Grab & Go" 4-H Club Activity Kits in a bag \$30 (an up & coming resource for advisors)
- Honor Member & Distinguished Club Award Sponsors for Spirit Night 2024 (by September 1)



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