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Dear Volunteers:

*Congratulations to everyone that received awards at our 4-H Recognition Banquet in November (you will find them listed in this newsletter). We had a great meal and a lot of fun! I also want to say a special thank you to everyone that helped set up for the banquet, serve our meal, assist with the program, and clean up afterwards.*

*The holidays are approaching and that means a busy time for most of us! Although this is a slow time of year for 4-H activities, I hope you will please take a few minutes from your schedule to call and encourage your members 14 and older to fill out the achievement record to apply for the various trips, awards, and leadership opportunities such as Jr. Fair Board, Camp Counselors, Leadership Camp, Sea Camp, etc. Junior Leaders tell us that "the little push from my advisor is what made me fill out the form and try for trips and county activities." More details about the application process and a workshop to help teens get started with the achievement record application are also included in this newsletter.*

*Please also be advised that there are some new changes in our Ohio 4-H Youth Protection Policies which are detailed further in this newsletter including the requirement to attend one of the Required Advisor Training Sessions we have scheduled for February. More details are listed in this newsletter and will be explained during the training sessions.*

Best wishes,

Douglas S. Foxx  
Extension Educator,  
4-H Youth Development

## 4-H Calendar

### December 2014

- 01 Achievement Record Workshop
- 01 Junior Leaders meeting
- 03 Beef Buyer Banquet
- 08 4-H Committee meeting
- 24-25 **Merry Christmas  
Office Closed**

### January 2015

- 02 Achievement Records Due
- 05 Junior Leaders Meeting
- 06 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 10 Junior Fair Conference, Columbus
- 12 Trip/Awards Selection Committee
- 12 Horse Committee
- 13 Goat Committee
- 13 Beef Committee
- 14 Swine Committee
- 15 Interviews for 1st year camp counselors and Junior Fair Board applicants
- 17 Mkt Steer / Mkt Heifer Tag & Weigh-In
- 19 **Martin Luther King Holiday  
Extension Office Closed**
- 20 Sheep Committee
- 21 Dog Committee
- 22 Poultry & Rabbit Committee
- 26 CARTEENS
- 27 Building 10 Committee Meeting

### 4-H Advisory Committee Minutes

The minutes from the October 4-H Advisory Committee are now available online at the following URL:

<http://go.osu.edu/wayne4hoct14min>.



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## 2014 Action Committee Election Results

The following individuals listed below were elected to serve three-year terms on the Wayne County 4-H Action Teams listed below. Congratulations to everyone that was elected and a special thank you to everyone who volunteered to run or nominated someone to run for the action committees this year!

### Dairy Committee

Anita Hershey

### Goat Committee

Jeb Beeman  
Cameron Cline  
Adam Gasser

### Poultry and Rabbit Committee

Jared Bardall  
Melissa Stoudmire  
Alicia Swires

### Horse Committee

Jennifer Frank  
Beth Harp Shisler

### Beef Committee

Josh Harley  
Bob Wirth  
Ken Wood

### Sheep Committee

Angela Shoemaker  
Ron Strock  
Laura Wood

### Swine Committee

David Devore  
Molly Rhees

**Please note:** The Building 10, Dog, Dairy, and Swine Committees will review the names of write-in candidates submitted and vote to fill any remain-

## Cloverbud Resources Available

The State 4-H Office publishes a quarterly newsletter called *Cloverbud Connections* that is full of resources, ideas, and activities that 4-H advisors can do with cloverbud members in grades K-2. Cloverbud Connections is now available on-line at <http://ohio4h.org/ohio-4-h-cloverbud-connections>.

## Nominate your Club's Best Volunteers and 4-H Supporters! - Due December 1st

Nominations are being accepted until December 1 for your outstanding volunteers, members, clubs, and supporters of 4-H for recognition at the 2015 Ohio 4-H Conference. Award categories include Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame, Friend of 4-H, Meritorious Service, Innovator, Community Service, and Salute to Excellence. Fillable nomination forms are posted on the Ohio 4-H website at :

[www.go.osu.edu/volunteerawards](http://www.go.osu.edu/volunteerawards).



## Advisor Resources

Your work as a 4-H club advisor is that of a leader, mentor, role model and coach. Ohio 4-H Youth Development has created a 4-H Club Advisor Handbook to help you work with your 4-H members. This resource is divided into the following seven sections:

- ★ Welcome to 4-H
- ★ Club Management
- ★ Learning the 4-H Way
- ★ Club members
- ★ Volunteering
- ★ A Family Affair
- ★ Managing Risks

Visit <http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org> to find this valuable resource.

## 2014 Annual 4-H Club Treasury Reports Due January 31, 2015

The State 4-H Office requires all 4-H Clubs to submit their annual 4-H Club Treasury Reports electronically.

***You can access the directions and electronic form on our 4-H blog site at:***

<http://go.osu.edu/2014treasuryreport4h>.

The forms must be submitted electronically and require your club's bank name, EIN, account number, amount and itemized listing and description of all income and expenses for the year. You will want to reference your account register and/or bank statements in completing the report.

Because the State 4-H Office is requiring these forms to be submitted electronically—we are encouraging organizational advisors to complete the forms online and submit them yourself.

We recognize that the electronic form, directions, and submission process are fairly complex, especially if you do not have a lot of computer skills or have access to a computer and the internet. ***If you need help with completing this required report, please contact the Wayne County Extension Office for assistance. This form must be completed or your club will not be permitted to operate in 2015.***

## Ohio 4-H Age Requirements

Eligibility for 4-H membership (Cloverbuds) begins when a child has reached age 5 **and** is enrolled in kindergarten. Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 **and** enrolled in third grade as of January 1 of the current year. Membership ends December 31st of the year in which the youth reaches age 19.

\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*

## Required Advisor Training for all 4-H Advisors / Volunteers

In accordance with Ohio State University policy 1.50, effective January 1, 2015 all 4-H advisors and volunteers will be required to complete an annual training session focused on recognizing and reporting the signs of child abuse and neglect as well as other important details related to your responsibilities as a 4-H advisor / volunteer.

***The Wayne County Extension Office will offer 5 training sessions in 2015. All 4-H advisors / volunteers must attend one of these required sessions to be eligible to serve as a 4-H advisor / volunteer in 2015. The dates and times for the training sessions are listed below.***

In addition to the required training topics, these sessions will also feature updates about new projects, project requirements, fair rule changes, and breakout sessions on a variety of topics to help with club meetings and activities.

### Required Advisor Trainings:

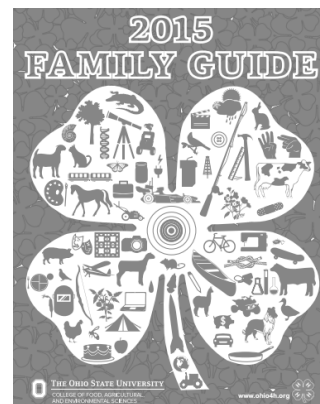
We are still finalizing a location for the Feb.

Tuesday	Feb. 3rd	7:00 pm	Fisher Auditorium
Thursday	Feb. 5th	7:00 pm	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 7th	9:00 am	Fisher Auditorium
Wednesday	Feb. 11th	7:00 pm	Fisher Auditorium
Thursday	Feb. 12th	7:00 pm	Fisher Auditorium

5th session and will announce it soon. Please RSVP for which date you plan to attend. New Advisors are welcome to attend these sessions but must still go through the application / background check / interview process.

### 2015 Distribution of Club Packets

Please call the Extension Office by January 23, 2015 with the number of Family Guides, number of youth enrollment forms, and number of volunteer enrollment forms you would like so we can have your club's materials counted out and prepared for the advisor to pick them up during the Required Advisor Training Sessions in February.



***If you would like to preview a copy of the Family Guide, feel free to check it out online at <http://go.osu.edu/XDG>.***



### Check Out the Ohio 4-H Project Central Website

Have you or any of the youth in your club ever wanted to preview a project book before deciding if it would be a good project to take. Well now you can do just that!

The 4-H Project Central website just launched. Anyone can preview the 4-H project books offered by Ohio 4-H. You can also rate projects you've taken in the past to let other youth and advisors know how well you liked the project and to provide feedback to Ohio State University Extension professionals who will consider your feedback in future revisions and updates to project books.

Project Central allows users to browse projects by skill level, topic area, and to search by keyword.



To access Ohio 4-H Project Central simply scan the QR code to the left of this story or enter the following URL: [projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org).

Project Central also allows you to share your project ratings and comments with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!

## 4-H Recognition Banquet Highlights

Congratulations goes out to all of our award winners at this year's 4-H Recognition Banquet that was held on November 6th at the Orrville Christian Church!

### *Excellence in 4-H Meritorious Service Award*

Ellie Kauffman  
Zach Kinney  
Hannah Miller  
Geoffrey Norris  
Bryce Payne

Beth Hamman  
Jesse Hamman  
Kim Mumaw  
Gene Mumaw

### *Outstanding Junior Leaders Award*

Molly Baltic

Mack Donley



### *County Award Medal Recipients*

#### **Achievement**

Olivia Fearon  
Delaney Schoenbine  
Katie Stull

#### **Clothing & Textiles**

Hannah Miller  
Macy Payne  
Laurel Sidle  
Hannah Watson

Thomas Gress  
Adam Wolf

#### **Entomology & Bees**

Aaron Zavesky

Jordan Melegari  
Gabrielle Thomas

#### **Leadership**

Victoria Devore  
Becca Ebert  
Madison Hardin  
Nathaniel Kinney  
Hannah Miller  
Elise Yacapraro

#### **Rabbit**

Olivia Fearon  
Adam Schuller

#### **Agriculture**

Katie Stull

#### **Community Service**

Gabrielle Thomas

#### **Fashion Revue**

Courtney Dunn  
Becca Ebert  
Leeann King

#### **Sheep**

Cody Curren  
Halle Miller  
Kierstyn Wood

#### **Beef**

Andrea Esselburn  
Austen Wood

#### **Dairy**

Adam Wolf  
Denice Wolf

#### **Food & Nutrition**

Logan Meier

#### **Pets**

Andrew Pittman

#### **Swine**

Victoria Devore  
Elise Yacapraro

#### **Bicycle**

Nate Hofstetter

#### **Dog**

Olivia Daley

#### **Goat**

Madison Hardin  
Tristen Stoll  
Riley Stull

#### **Photography**

Denice Wolf

#### **Technology & Engineering**

Thomas Gress

#### **Citizenship**

Cheyenne Musselman  
Austen Wood

#### **Engines, Tractors, &**

#### **Equipment**

Luke Daley

#### **Horse**

Leeann King

#### **Public Speaking**

Cheyenne Musselman

#### **Veterinary Science**

Sara Wolf

### *4-H Volunteers Recognized for Years of Service*

#### **First Year**

Jared Akin  
Jera Akin  
Jill Amos  
Christina Aylsworth  
Milan Baltic  
Angela Bonewitz  
Jason Booth  
Valerie Booth  
Randy Brillhart  
Mindy Browning  
Anna Bucher  
Keith Burt  
Monica Click  
Lisa Elett  
Nathan Elett  
Tiffany Firebaugh  
Joellen Fone  
Janelle Geiger  
Dave Geitgey  
Ed Gill  
Carli Gump

Amy Haas  
Katherine Harmon  
Michelle Hiner  
Nicole Holman  
Lindsey Hoover  
David Howman  
Dara Jackwood  
Tammy Johnson  
Kimberli Koch  
Abigail Lavy  
Paige Moore  
James Morlock  
Kellie Mullet  
Bill O'Loughlin  
Jessica O'Laughlin  
Ashley Pado  
Connie Shy  
Doug Stout  
Kaylynn Stout  
Marcy Warren  
Heather Wickens

#### **Fifth Year**

Ruth Bachman  
Eric Bower  
Laura Brown  
Melinda Cline  
Deeanne Daughtery  
Karrie Foster  
Timothy Frye  
Nicholas Gasser  
Julie Glass  
Jennifer Greathouse-Fenton  
Lisa Gwin  
Molly Johnson  
Brian Moeller  
Magan Raber  
Dwight Roseler  
Jenna Rupp  
Jennie Schonfeld  
John Scott  
Veronica Styer  
Adam Swinehart

Alicia Swires  
Jessica Winchell  
Sarah Zimmerly

#### **Tenth Year**

Caroline Bedlion  
Jessica Boling  
Angie Chapman  
Shane Hostetler  
Allen Johnson  
Marcus Ladrach  
Amber Madden  
Karri Murray  
Linda Orr  
Lisa Stoll  
Laura Wood

#### **Fifteenth Year**

Don Castella  
Richard Derksen  
Ron Hartzler  
Marla Hines

Janelle Hofstetter  
Matt Kendle  
Diana Miley  
Julie Renner  
Richard Woodland

#### **Twentieth Year**

Julie Dull  
Pearl Gasser  
Marla Miller  
Beth Murphy  
Dan Wirth

#### **Twenty-fifth Year**

Beth Eikelberry  
Beth Zimmerman

#### **Thirtieth Year**

Fred Shiffer

#### **Forty-plus Years**

David Emler

41 Years

Shirly Pittenger  
41 Years

Sharon Emler  
43 Years

Priscilla Sprang  
45 Years

Sandra Gordon  
47 Years

James Badger  
50 Years



## Encourage Teens to Apply for Junior Fair Board, to be a Camp Counselor, and for Trips & Awards

4-H youth age 14 and older are encouraged to apply to be on the Wayne County Junior Fair Board, to be a camp counselor, and for other trips and awards by submitting an Ohio 4-H Achievement Record to the Wayne County Extension Office no later than

**4:30 p.m. on Friday January 2, 2015.**

The achievement record application form is now available at <http://go.osu.edu/achievementrecord>. All eligible teens will receive a post card with information about the achievement record application in the mail.

4-H Educator Doug Foxx will be hosting a workshop on **Monday December 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** at the FFA Building at the Fairgrounds for any teens interested in some help with getting started on filling out the achievement record. Doug will be sharing ideas, helpful tips, and examples of past successfully completed achievement records.

Club advisors and parents are also welcome to attend if you are interested in learning more about ways to coach youth on how to effectively complete the achievement record.

## Next Junior Leaders Meeting is December 1st at the Wayne County Fairgrounds—FFA Building



The December Junior Leaders meeting will be very festive and exciting as we work together with Senior Fair Board members to assemble more than 50 bikes to be

donated to the People to People, Salvation Army, and Wayne County Children's Services holiday programs for children in Wayne County.

After we finish assembling bikes we will be having a Gingerbread House Building Contest!

All Wayne County 4-H youth 13 and older are welcome and encouraged to join us at Junior Leaders meetings. **The December 1st Junior Leaders meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and should conclude around 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the FFA Building at the fairgrounds.**

## Wayne County 4-H Bikes for Christmas Project

Congratulations and many thanks to the following clubs for their generosity in raising and donating dollars to the "Bikes for Christmas" project. 55 youth will receive a new bike for Christmas because of you! Jr. Leaders and Sr. Fair Board will be assembling the bikes on December 1st!

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ★ Applecreek Wide Awake       | ★ Jefferson Pioneers        |
| ★ Basically Bovine            | ★ Madisonburg Pioneers      |
| ★ Baughman Guys and Gals      | ★ Milton Country Clovers    |
| ★ Burbank Livestock           | ★ Northwestern Neighbors    |
| ★ City Kids                   | ★ Pegasus                   |
| ★ Cannan Country Cousins      | ★ Smithie Whiz Kids         |
| ★ Clinton Lads & Lassies      | ★ Smithville Simmer and Sew |
| ★ Congress 4-H Power          | ★ Springville Country Club  |
| ★ Cream of the Crop           | ★ Sterling 604 Rangers      |
| ★ Dalton Equestrians and More | ★ Valley College            |
| ★ Dalton Kidron Big 4         | ★ Wayne Co. Hoof and Hide   |
| ★ Equitation Station          | ★ Wrangler Kids             |
| ★ Ewenique Critters           |                             |

## OSU Extension / 4-H Volunteer Policies Update

As you begin to recruit volunteers for your club for 2015, please be reminded of the OSU Extension Volunteer Policy.

Adults who desire to volunteer their time, energy and talents to Ohio State University Extension with the potential to serve members of a vulnerable population (minors, elderly and/or disabled) must complete a volunteer selection process.

Adults serving members of a vulnerable population in an unsupervised capacity with potential for ongoing / sustained contact with clientele and / or opportunities for financial, overnight, and transportation responsibilities will:

- 1) Receive, at the time of application or change of position, a written volunteer position description outlining the responsibilities
- 2) Read, agree to, and sign the OSU Extension Volunteer Standards of Behavior Form
- 3) Complete a volunteer application, in it's entirety, and submit to the appropriate OSU Extension Office
- 4) At minimum, have two references returned that are non-relatives, either in writing, over the telephone, or face-to-face
- 5) Complete a new volunteer training with OSU Extension representative
- 6) Submit to a criminal history fingerprint background check

**New Volunteer Packets are Now Available at the Extension Office and must be picked up by May 1st!**



## **MKT. BEEF PROJECTS TAGGING & WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE!!**

**All Dairy Steers, Beef Steers/Heifers and Carcass Steers/Heifers must be TAGGED and WEIGHED at county check-in on  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015 at  
Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster  
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

In case of inclement weather, listen to WQKT for cancellation. The back-up check-in date will be January 24th.

**Calves must be tagged and weighed on January 17th.** Members need not be present, however calves not tagged and weighed at the county check-in will not be eligible for Wayne County Junior Fair participation.

Rate of gain will be figured accordingly. NO BULL calves will be tagged. ALL calves must be castrated prior to weigh-in or will be ineligible for participation. If steers are clamped, this should be done prior to early November. Calves should be dehorned and haltered for check-in.

Each member may tag and weigh-in (2) beef steers, (2) market beef heifers, (2) dairy steers, and (2) carcass evaluation steers or heifers for a total of eight (8) animals. **DAIRY STEERS MUST BE PURE DAIRY BREEDS.** Beef steers may be purebred or crossbred beef breeds. Beef steers/heifers that were born at a Wayne County residence and raised by a 4-H/FFA member in Wayne County are also eligible to be entered in the "Wayne County Born & Raised" class at the fair (must complete form at January weigh-in). Recommended weight is 400-600 pounds in the fall.

Each member must identify one market animal in his/her name. Extra (backup) animals may be signed up / weighed in under one family for all siblings in that family. All backup animals must be added onto each child's weigh-in form.

A beef or dairy steer may be tagged and weighed as both a fair show steer and as a carcass steer. If during the year the animal loses its ear tag, the member must contact the Extension Office immediately.

**Please get new member addresses to the Extension office and we will mail them a weigh-in information letter directly.**



## **Beef Pre-Fair Show Options**

All market beef and dairy market beef exhibitors will be required to once again show/exhibit during one of the following options prior to the Wayne County Fair.

- **OPTION 1:** During the January check-in, the member can show his/her animal. If the animal is not calmly lead several times around the 'show area' then the committee will expect that the member return to one of the following options prior to the Wayne County Fair.
- **OPTION 2:** Showing at any winter/spring preview or jackpot show (including OCA BEST show). Member must get a paid entry receipt to the extension office by August 1st.
- **OPTION 3:** Showing at the spring show held in April at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Member can show during the regular show OR at the end of the show there will be a beef showmanship class and a dairy beef showmanship class. There is no entry fee and no pre-registration.
- **OPTION 4:** Exhibit a steer at the OSF. Member must get proof of exhibition to the Extension office by August 10.

Members who want to exhibit a dairy beef AND a market beef animal will need to show BOTH prior to the Wayne County Fair. Show means to lead the animal(s) several times around the arena and set up as would be expected in an actual show. Back up animals do not need to be shown.

**If you do not show your animal(s) during any of the above opportunities, YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT YOUR ANIMAL(S) AT THE WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR.**

This is an effort to get youth more involved with their projects and create more interest and time spent with the projects to help ensure a quality experience at the fair and to improve the quality of our show.

## **A REMINDER FROM OSU EXTENSION STATE 4-H OFFICE:**

All 3 of the following requirements must be met in order to organize a 4-H club:

- 1) Club Charter
- 2) EIN (Tax number)
- 3) Financial Report.

### **WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO MANAGE YOUR CLUB'S FUNDS?**

Accurate financial management is critical for 4-H clubs regardless of the amount of money your club raises or spends. Establish a checking account for your 4-H Club, if you plan to collect money or pay bills.

#### **Follow these simple steps in managing club funds:**

- Open the checking account (suggested rather than a savings) in the club's name, not an individual's name. You will need to obtain an EIN (employer identification number) by completing the SS-4 form. Do not use a personal social security number instead of obtaining and EIN.
- **DO NOT** run club funds (cash) through personal checking accounts!
- Require two signatures on all checks written. The treasurer and another officer or a club advisor (not to be in same family) could serve in this role. (Recommend at least one be a club advisor)
- Send bank statements to a non-check signer. After review, give statements to the treasurer to include with financial records.
- Approve all expenditures at a club meeting, before writing a check.
- Keep receipts and invoices with financial records.
- Document all income. File a carbon receipt of cash and list all checks and cash in the Treasurer Book. (ie, receipts for dues, project book \$, etc.)
- Keep accurate records and give a treasurer's report at each meeting.
- Audit treasury records and club's account annually. Use Recommended Audit Procedures provided by OSU Extension. (2 Advisors, 2 Parents, Treasurer).
- Complete and return the Annual Treasury Report by Jan. 31st of the following calendar year. Club equipment inventory should be attached annually with quantity of each estimated value. (club flags, banners, shooting sports equipment, etc.)
- Spend money raised for intended purposes to limit carryover funds.
- File IRS Form 990, if gross receipts exceed \$25,000 or 990N if gross annual receipts are less than \$25,000.

**Wayne County 4-H Committee Ballot**  
**District Advisor Representative**

*Due in Extension Office by December 19, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.*



The major purpose of this committee is to work with the County Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development and other members of the Extension staff in helping to determine the 4-H program needs and direction. Use the ballot below to vote for new members.

Directions: Vote only for a candidate who comes from your geographical district, by marking an X next to the name of your choice. If you have two voting members in the same household, use the extra blank next to the nominee's name—one for each voting member.

The nominees have been nominated by fellow advisors. They will be contacted after December 20th as to their availability to serve.

**District 1—Northwest: (Congress, Canaan, Chester, and Wayne Townships)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Kellie Mullet

**District 2—Northeast: (Milton, Chippewa, Baughman and Green Townships)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-In)

**District 4—Northeast: (Franklin, Wooster, Plain, Clinton and Killbuck Townships)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Kim Mumaw

**Please return completed ballots by December 19th at 4:30 p.m. to the Wayne County Extension Office.**

**Thinking about Year-End Charitable Tax Contributions?**

***Please Consider Supporting Wayne County 4-H***

Financial contributions to the Hugh Kline Endowment Fund and our new Wayne County 4-H Youth Development Fund help support numerous Wayne County 4-H programs throughout the year including camp scholarships, grants for innovative projects proposed by Wayne County 4-H clubs, and support for youth participating in various statewide camps, trips, and other leadership opportunities.

*All gifts to the Wayne County 4-H Hugh Kline Endowment Fund and to the Youth Development Fund are tax deductible. **No amount is too small or too large—we appreciate any support you can provide! For more information, please contact 4-H Educator Doug Foxx.***

**Please choose a Fund and Gift Amount:**

☐ **Hugh Kline Endowment Fund**    ☐ **Youth Development Fund**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ \$250    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500    \_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with check enclosed to Wayne County Extension Office 428 W. Liberty Street Wooster, OH 44691.

**All checks should be made payable to: The Ohio State University**