



Dear 4-H Family:

I'm sending out this weekly update a day early since our office will be closed tomorrow (November 10<sup>th</sup>) in observance of Veterans' Day. We have an **IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE** to share with you – please read below!

Are you planning to exhibit a market steer, market heifer or dairy steer at the 2024 Athens County Junior Fair? If so, please note that **the date of market beef tag-in has been changed to January 13, 2024**. More details about tag-in and the 2024 junior fair carcass show will be coming soon, and this later date will allow exhibitors more time if they are thinking about registering a market beef project animal for the carcass show – stay tuned!

Planning to **enter a market beef animal in the 2024 Ohio State Junior Fair**? If so, you **must have a DNA kit on file with the state fair by January 15, 2024 (this is NOT a postmark date)**. Since our county tag-in will be only 2 days prior to that deadline, you will need to pick up DNA kits ahead of time. Please email or call to let me know how many kits you will need, and to make arrangements to pick them up at the Extension Office. Please keep in mind that these **will need to be signed by me once they have been completed and the DNA sample is sealed in the envelope**, so plan accordingly to meet that January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline!

**New for 2024 – our Athens County 4-H shooting sports club is reorganizing!** Currently the following disciplines will be offered: **Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle, and Shotgun**. The club will be meeting at the Athens Fish & Game Club (600 Robinette Ridge Rd, New Marshfield). For more information please contact the club advisors, Jim Bahl ([jbtrapper05@yahoo.com](mailto:jbtrapper05@yahoo.com)) and Matt Hensley ([athens.sharpshooters@gmail.com](mailto:athens.sharpshooters@gmail.com)). More details will be coming soon and we're happy to be offering this opportunity to Athens County 4-H youth once again!

Are you starting your holiday shopping? We have the perfect gift for every 4-H'er on your list – **4-H Camp Gift Certificates!** These gift certificates can be purchased for any amount (minimum of \$25) through the Extension Office and will guarantee the recipient a spot at our 2024 Athens County 4-H Camp!

## Upcoming Dates

- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Extension Office Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Extension Office Closed for Christmas

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I hope you have a great weekend!

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