



## AUGLAIZE County

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#### PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

- **4-H Impact**—Auglaize County 4-H served over 2,200 youth during 2013. This number reflects participation in community clubs, school enrichment, the Cloverbud program and special events. There were 275 volunteers involved in the program. Chick Embryology continues to be the most popular classroom project. Market hogs and foods and nutrition projects were among the most popular through community clubs.
- **Experiential Learning with 4-H in the Classroom**—Approximately one thousand students in 44 classrooms are learning the “4-H way” with hands-on experiences. The program offers a variety of topics including chick embryology, weather, nutrition education and tobacco risk awareness. The Cloverbud program is also conducted in kindergarten through second grade classrooms.
- **You Can Choose**—Students learned about making good choices through a 4-H in the Classroom program. You Can Choose focuses on friendship skills and conflict resolution. The 4-H educator and program assistant visited 14 classrooms twice to present the curriculum. Teachers rate the program highly and indicate that they continue to reinforce the concepts in their classrooms.
- **4-H Camp**—One hundred forty-three campers went to 4-H Camp Palmer for the five-day residential program. Highlights included canoeing, high ropes, dances, campfires and a trip to Harrison Lake. Teen counselors gained leadership skills by conducting activities and supervising campers. Counselors attended a series of training sessions to learn counseling skills and plan the program. Counselors and

counselors-in-training were selected through an application and interview process.

- **Cloverbud Day Camp**—Thirty-four 4-H Cloverbuds attended the 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp. Day Camp gives young 4-H members the opportunity to experience 4-H camping. Day campers enjoyed crafts, making nutritious snacks, story time and a nature hike. Plants were the theme for the day.
- **CARTEENS**—CARTEENS reached 130 teen drivers through October 2013. The program is taught by teens. Guest speakers include individuals who have been touched by traffic fatalities and troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Wapakoneta Post. The program is a cooperative effort between Auglaize County 4-H and the juvenile court.
- **Real Money, Real World**—Five hundred fifty youth from five area high schools and middle schools increased their knowledge of how occupation affects income, how to use a checking account and how to make real-world choices. Volunteer community partners assisted with the programs.

#### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

- **Dining with Diabetes**—The incidence of diabetes has continued to increase in Auglaize County. To address this issue, OSU Extension collaborated with the local hospital to present the Dining with Diabetes signature program. The participants reported making positive changes to manage their diabetes.
- **Choose It! Use It!**—Seventy-five third graders learned the importance of making healthy food choices, portion sizes and physical activity through a nutrition education classroom



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program. Students increased awareness of portion sizes, tried new foods and increased their physical activity.

- **Family Engagement**—A series of programs was provided for Auglaize County parents and their preschool children. Parents learned about family nutrition, social and mental development and kindergarten readiness while their preschoolers participated in educational and developmental activities.

## ADVANCING EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

- **ServSafe Food Handler Program**—There is an increased concern about the safety of our food supply. ServSafe instruction was completed by 105 food service managers, supervisors and staff representing schools, health care, food pantries and restaurants. Participants reported increased knowledge in handling food to prevent foodborne illnesses. County sanitarians reported improvements in the safe handling of food in local establishments.

## ENHANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- **Conservation Tillage and Technology (CTC) Conference 2013**—The 22nd Annual CTC was held at Ohio Northern University March 5–6, 2013. As in the 2012 conference, a special program was held for crop consultants and precision agriculture. There were a total of 917 people in attendance for the two-day program.
- **Manure Science Review (MSR)**—The 15th annual MSR was held in August 2013. There were 180 participants in the program. Showcased this year were liquid manure injected between corn rows and cover crops, and a soil injectable machine for dry manure.
- **Monitoring for Western Bean Cutworm**—Again this year, OSU Extension monitored for western bean cutworm. Many adults were found in the state. Currently in the Auglaize traps we continue to see as many as in past years. We have yet to see any economic damage.
- **Dairy Series**—The noon dairy series (one day each month) from November through March is covering many topics of interest to dairy farmers. This continues to be a very popular program and will continue to be held for 2013–2014.
- **4-H Sea Camp**—The 2011 4-H Sea Camp was held in July. The 76 youth who attended increased their knowledge of Lake Erie boating, sailing, fishing, water ecology and history. Sea Camp provides youth with experiences in decision making, getting along with others and many challenges that will better prepare them for future life.

- **Outdoor Skills Day**—The annual Family Outdoor Skills Day was held in June 2013 at the Moulton Gun Club. Sixty-eight registrants improved their safety and shooting skills with rifle, shotgun and bow and arrow.
- **4-H Shooting Sports**—Fifty-eight 4-H Shooting Sports members learned firearm and bow and arrow safety and shooting techniques this year. There are now 10 qualified advisors for the program. The 4-H Shooting Sports advisors must take continuous instruction (twice per year) to upgrade their skills and to teach 4-H Shooting Sports.