



GALLIA County

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STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

- **4-H Community Service**—Pledging “Our Hands to Larger Service” is one of the four Hs of 4-H. Gallia County 4-H Clubs provided over \$7,000 in donated food, clothing, Christmas gifts and pet supplies to families and shelters in Gallia County through club service projects. Clubs also donate time, providing support for local road and river cleanups and helping with beautification projects.
- **Real Money, Real World**—Youth need a clear understanding to manage their finances. Real Money, Real World is a school enrichment program that provides financial education to eighth through twelfth graders through hands-on simulations. This unique program was provided to 100 teen participants in the 2013 Transitions Fair.
- **High School Involvement Fair**—Over 150 high school students, teachers and volunteers participated in the 2013 Community Involvement Fair. Gallia County Extension presented an interactive educational booth that provided students with information on how to get involved in community service, 4-H and agriculture projects in the county.
- **Gallia County 4-H**—This is one of the largest youth organizations in the county, with 908 of the county’s youth ages 5–18 enrolled in the program. The county offers 54 4-H Clubs including specialty clubs such as horse, dog and after school clubs. 4-H Clubs provide positive adult-youth interactions focused on educational project experiences. Projects include the development of life skills, leadership development, healthy living skills and effective communication.

PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

- **4-H Workforce Preparation and Higher Education**—Pledging “Our Head to Clearer Thinking” is also one of the Hs in 4-H. According to U.S. Department of Commerce statistics, about 14% of Gallia County’s 30,970 residents currently possess a bachelor’s degree or higher. One mission of Gallia County 4-H is to introduce students in grades 8–12 to the opportunities provided by higher education. Gallia County currently has 45 trained Teen Leaders who take part in county and state leadership opportunities; they provided 3,366 leadership and teaching hours to the county’s 4-H programming in 2013. In addition to the skills these teens received, the county’s local 4-H program also provided over \$24,500 in college scholarships to graduating seniors enrolled in 4-H. Another \$2,070 was provided to Gallia County teens to attend state and national 4-H trips including Washington Focus, Sea Camp and State Shooting Sports Camp.
- **4-H Camp**—Studies show 4-H Camp builds crucial life skills for both campers and counselors. In 2013, Gallia County had 165 children attend seven different summer camps, and 23 teens participated as counselors. Counselors attend a two-day 4-H Camp Counselor Training directed by Gallia County; a total of 131 teens from 12 counties participated in this year’s training. The training is part of an award-winning workforce prep program that has been shared nationally. Gallia County 4-H also received \$4,360 in camp scholarships, which helped 43 children attend camp.
- **4-H CARTEENS**—According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Gallia County had 519 crash reports in 2012, with



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one of them being fatal. Reports also indicated that fatal crashes have dropped in Gallia County from three in 2010, to two in 2011 to one in 2012. Playing a part in this is Gallia County's 4-H CARTEENS program, a teen-facilitated driver's safety program presented bimonthly in partnership with the juvenile court and Ohio State Highway Patrol. Gallia County currently has 16 trained presenters, who presented the program to over 100 teen traffic offenders in 2013. The program has been awarded over \$6,000 in grants over the past three years. The success of the program has been noticed statewide.

ENHANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- **Gallia County Junior Fair**—In 2013, over 1,300 4-H projects were successfully completed; of these projects, 395 were market projects, which sold for a total of \$410,659 (\$274,350 above market value). 4-H exhibitors also earned over \$24,000 in fair premiums and prize money from Holzer Health Systems and other community sponsors. Monies from the sale of market projects, fair premiums and awards go directly to the 4-H and FFA families involved in the fair.
- **Earth Day, Arbor Day and Ag Awareness Educational Programs**—Over 682 elementary school children, teachers and adult volunteers participated in environmental educational programs provided by Gallia County Extension.
- **Forage and Beef Field Night**—The Ohio Valley EERA educators in partnership with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Jackson presented a summer meeting to 110 clients on profitable beef management. Participants heard talks on forage management, heifer selection and development.
- **Pesticide Applicator Recertification**—Forty-one clients attended Gallia County's training on sprayer calibration, personal protective equipment and the latest research in pesticide application and safety.
- **Home and Garden**—Gallia County Extension conducted a range of educational outreach including appearances on WSAZ's *The Saturday Report*. Topics included home and garden, the Gallia County Farmer's Market, the local produce auction, natural resources and pest control. The broadcast has a viewing area that includes southern Ohio, West Virginia and northern Kentucky.

ADVANCING EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

- **Gallia County Farmer's Market and Produce Auction**—The Gallia County Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources educator worked with the Gallia County Commissioners

and the Gallia County Economic Development Office to support the Gallia County Farmer's Market, which provides fresh produce to residents of Gallia County. In addition to making a marketing opportunity for produce, meat and egg producers in the area, the market received a \$3,516 grant from the Central Appalachian Network to help promote the market and offer educational workshops for the vendors.

- **Fifth Annual Gallia County BEST Preview Show**—Gallia County Extension in partnership with the Ohio Cattleman Association hosted the Fifth Annual Gallia County BEST Preview Show. Numerous steers and heifers were exhibited by youth from several surrounding states. Local businesses such as hotels and restaurants benefited from the event.