

# County Educators

## County Extension Agents, Agriculture

M.D. Miller	February 1918 – December 1919
P. H. Teal	April 1920 – January 1923
Jesse Whonsetler	January 1923 – April 1926
Carl W. Vandervort	May 1926 – May 1927
R. R. Clymer	February 1928 – December 1957
Frederic C. Wise	January 1958 – June 1979
William Rohrs	July 1979 – June 1987
Jonathan Peacock	November 1987 – March 1989
Jim Hoorman	April 1989 – August 1993
Wm. Bruce Clevenger	March 1994 – current

## County Extension Agents, Home Economics

Bernice Vandemark Tompkins	July 1950 – March 1952
Mildred Simerl	June 1952 – September 1956
Gladys S. Garrow	October 1957 – December 1959
Pauline H. Vetter	September 1960 – October 1982
Dona Schaffner	April 1985 – 1989
Debbie Barrow	May 1989 – September 1990
Marily Sachs	February 1991 – December 1994
Barbara Rohrs	March 1990 – November 2011

## County Extension Agents, 4-H

Gerald R. Lightle	July 1961 – May 1966
William F. Rohs	July 1967 – June 1979
Richard Poling	July 1979 – December 1984
Dona Schaffner	April 1985 – October 1995
Dusty Sonnenberg	January 1996 – July 1997
Cathy Deppe	January 1998 – November 1999
Amy Zirkle	June 2000 – July 2003
Teresa Johnson	March 2004 - current

1918 - 2018

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# What Happened in the 1910's...

- ℓ Farmers Organized a Defiance County Farm Bureau
  - ℓ 500 Members
  - ℓ Assured a County Farm Agent
- ℓ Myron D. Miller
  - ℓ First Defiance County Farm Agent
  - ℓ Combated Oat Smut
  - ℓ Introduced soybeans in demonstration fields
  - ℓ Farm Bureau family membership \$1
    - ℓ Included Women's Auxiliary
- ℓ First Boys and Girls Club
  - ℓ Four members participated
- ℓ 12 Boys and Girls Clubs
  - ℓ 176 members participated



1918 - 1919

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# What Happened in the 1920's...

- ℓ **Extension Office in Court House**
- ℓ **Farm Bureau membership is 1058**
  
- ℓ **Agriculture**
  - ℓ Chinch Bug control was main agricultural concern
  - ℓ Defiance County Wool Growers' Association
  - ℓ Farm Bureau in Defiance and Rott & Hitt's Garage in Hicksville collection sites for first soil test days
  - ℓ Ohio's first Cooperative Poultry and Egg Marketing Association
  - ℓ Combats European Corn Borer
  - ℓ 81 beekeepers in county
  - ℓ Treated Oat Smut by mixing formaldehyde with water, and spraying each shovelful of grain
  - ℓ 16-Ton Sugar Beet Club sponsored by the Extension service
  - ℓ Some farmers trucking sweet corn to Detroit, they were paid 50 and 60 cents per dozen ears
  
- ℓ **Defiance County Farm Women's Clubs**
  - ℓ Fly eradication campaign conducted by setting 200 fly traps and clean up done to destroy the breeding places
  - ℓ Dress form demonstrations - 257 dress forms made
  - ℓ Health Project - "Home Care of the Sick", 30 medicine cabinets were installed in farm homes
  - ℓ Women's Camp cost \$3 per woman
  
- ℓ **4-H**
  - ℓ Boys and Girls Clubs become 4-H Clubs and offered specific clubs:  
Corn Club, Pig Club, Calf Club, Poultry Club, Food Clubs
  - ℓ Happy Workers of Delaware Township represented Defiance County at State Fair for the best canning demonstration team, local contest held in Weston Hall, Defiance College
  - ℓ Over 1,000 cans of fruits and vegetables were displayed by food club members
  - ℓ W.H. Palmer, State Director of Boy's and Girl's Club work, visited Defiance County to check records, to determine clubs' standards before granting charters by the Ohio State University.
  - ℓ Leading club project locally and statewide is clothing construction
  - ℓ Record books on production costs and methods of handling were added to judging in pig, beef, and dairy calf club exhibits
  - ℓ Club Camp was held at Horsey Grove, west of Defiance. 57 girls, 23 boys, and 14 local leaders attended the one week camp
  - ℓ Three classes of grades were established for the fair – A's, B's, C's
  
- ℓ **Advisory Committee formed for Extension**
- ℓ **"The Farmer's Elevators and the Farm Bureau have clashed over the cooperative buying and selling of the Farm Bureau in direct competition with the elevators."**
- ℓ **County Extension lost local funding from June 1 - December 31 (1927)**
- ℓ **Farm Bureau membership drops to around 100**

1920 - 1929

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# What Happened in the 1930's...

ℓ Farm Bureau membership 100

ℓ Grange membership 300-400

## ℓ Agriculture

ℓ Farmland selling for \$100-\$180/acre

ℓ Soybeans planted widely in Ohio, and has much to offer farmers, who want either the seed or roughage

ℓ Sow two bushels of a large seed variety like Manchu per acre for highest yield

ℓ Smaller seed varieties such as Wilson Peking and Virginia were sown from 5 to 6 pecks per acre

ℓ A tomato canning factory was established in Defiance and farmers were called to grow tomatoes

ℓ County Agent promotes hybrid seed corn

## ℓ 4-H

ℓ 277 members, 22 clubs, and 29 advisors in 1930

ℓ Some club names: Highland Appetizers food club, Jewell Handicraft, Ney Engineering, Anti-Can't Clothing Club of Ayersville

ℓ Started face-to-face judging prior to county fair

ℓ Camp at Clear Lake, IN, 56 boys and girls attended

ℓ Ten campers represented the first attendance of CITY girls at a 4-H club camp

ℓ The county exposition (fair) was changed to a month earlier than customary this year, traditionally it was the third week of September

ℓ Extension office moved to Pixler building over the Pixler Clothing Store

1930 - 1939

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# What Happened in the 1940's...

- ℓ **Major extension projects during War Times**
- ℓ **"Food for Defense"**
- ℓ **Agriculture**
  - ℓ Soybean seed became scarce. Agent urged testing bin run seed & organized available supply
  - ℓ War Selective Service and the Defense Plants depleted farm help
  - ℓ Agent Clymer sat on Rationing Board
    - ℓ Gas was being rationed
  - ℓ Blower type hay finishers shown at 3 tours: Cletus Vetter, Glenn L. Miller, and E. A. Riehle Farms
  - ℓ Farmers requested blue prints for farm buildings
  - ℓ Considerable interest in electric power and water systems in the home
  - ℓ Construction of grain elevators
  - ℓ Raising dairy cattle is the main Extension program, time given to artificial breeding
  - ℓ Defiance County Labor Wage Board set farm wages
    - ℓ General labor 50 cents/hour
    - ℓ Farm labor per month - without board \$75, with board \$60
- ℓ **Women's Clubs**
  - ℓ Mattress making program - 12 bails of cotton ordered
- ℓ **4-H**
  - ℓ War time: food exhibits at fair limited to save food
  - ℓ Posters were used for project completion
  - ℓ First Queen - Mary Jane Brown
  - ℓ First King chosen - 1947
  - ℓ 4-H Camp Palmer Purchased for \$40,000
    - ℓ Defiance, Williams, Henry, Lucas, Fulton, Paulding, and Van Wert Counties
    - ℓ County share \$4,500; clubs raised funds at \$5 per member
    - ℓ Defiance courthouse fund raising rally for 4-H Camp Palmer. Ayersville high school band led the parade of 4-H boys and girls
    - ℓ Fair grandstand collection plate netted \$126
    - ℓ 373 girls, 21 girls clubs; 112 boys, 8 boys clubs
  - ℓ 75 boys slept in livestock barns every night
  - ℓ Junior Fair livestock up from 73 head to 136 head; cattle, sheep, hogs, roosters, rabbits
  - ℓ 4-H Tour to Coney Island near Cincinnati
    - ℓ 150 Defiance County 4-H'ers joined 1,150 members, from six other NW Ohio counties
    - ℓ They traveled by rail, inspected the city, and visited the amusement park
  - ℓ Advisors allow members under 10 years of age
  - ℓ Camp Palmer dedication attended by 2,000 supporters
  - ℓ 30+ boys signed up for calf scramble and the greased pig catch during the county fair
  - ℓ Organized 5-H group for boys and girls, unmarried and out of school
- ℓ **War time issues:**
  - ℓ Governor requested discontinuing county fairs, county clubs thought this meant discontinuation of 4-H club work which caused lower enrollment for the year
  - ℓ 4-H held a scrap drive
    - ℓ 21,139# of scrap collected
    - ℓ Silver Spoon & Thimble Club topped 11,596#
  - ℓ Prisoners of War were used to pick tomatoes, dig potatoes, cut and shuck corn
  - ℓ Gas rationing stopped immediately following the surrender of Japan

1940 - 1949

# What Happened in the 1950's...

## ℓ **Agriculture**

- ℓ Defiance County Air Tour
  - ℓ Agent chosen as general chairman. West and east tour. Each route 60 miles. \$3 per ride with 140 rides taken.
  - ℓ 500 different people at airport throughout the day.
- ℓ Cereal grains seeded by airplane. Field demos with wheat into soybeans. Results were excellent.
- ℓ Radio programming being used
- ℓ Demonstration on side dressing with Nitrogen
  - ℓ 100# - 4-16-10.....86.9 bu
  - ℓ 100# - 0-20-20.....90.1 bu
  - ℓ 100# - 10-10-10.....94.6 bu
  - ℓ Check.....87.1 bu
- ℓ Governor's Tree Planting Program 1953, the agent rallied 16 organizations. Planted 500 trees
- ℓ Defiance is a county of general farming -
  - ℓ 20% of farm income from dairying and dairy products; 15% Soybeans; 15% hogs; 15% Poultry; 14% Wheat; 8% Corn; 13% Other
- ℓ Corn Drying Tour
  - ℓ Old furnace blower, and false slatted floor in a haymow, and drying hay in the mow to drying corn by simply opening closing proper doors
- ℓ Extension Dairy Program held three meetings
  - ℓ Use of roughages, field cured, chopped hay, haymow cured, corn silage, & grass silage
  - ℓ "The Rating of Calves and Feeding for Production"
  - ℓ "Marketing Dairy Products and the Dairy Outlook"
- ℓ Crops Tour
  - ℓ 1st stop; Crib constructed for drying early harvested corn and anhydrous applicator
  - ℓ 2nd stop; Seeding's of alfalfa, brome, ladino, and breeding herd of 80 Herefords
  - ℓ 3rd stop; Results of crossing Holstein cows with Angus bulls
  - ℓ 4th stop; Dan Singer Farm, the most modern station dairy milking parlor in the county
  - ℓ 5th stop; A mature Multiflora Rose Fence

## ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**

- ℓ First Home Demonstration Agent Hired, Bernice Vandemark Tompkins.
- ℓ Programs: Time and Energy Management, Short Cuts in Food Preparation, Dress Forms, and Sewing Machine Clinics
- ℓ Long time goal is "To create happier, more livable homes in Defiance County thru home demonstration work."
- ℓ Women's Camp was held at Camp Palmer - members impersonated a United Nations meeting with "Ways of Having Peace"

## ℓ **4-H**

- ℓ 6-H Club similar to 5-H Club but for those that are married is established
- ℓ 5-H and 6-H programs disbanded
- ℓ Junior Leadership Club started in fall of 1951
- ℓ Fairboard asked 4-H to extend over two days next year at the county fair. 4-H used to have to fight for a place in fair activities.
- ℓ Combined junior and senior 4-H Camp; enrollment doubled
  - ℓ Seniors claimed they preferred a separate camp, but more of them attended camp
- ℓ Camp is developing its own traditions
- ℓ 654 4-H members enrolled
- ℓ 87 head of beef cattle, 79 dairy, 35 swine, 24 sheep, 19 rabbits, 17 poultry exhibits
- ℓ Assisting the Boy Scout Program and urging them to exhibit a Boy Scout Booth at the county fair. Same for Girls Scouts. County Agent serves as the recreation councilor for Girl Scouts
- ℓ The County Agent assists in recreational programs with children whose parents belong to recreational organizations in the city.

1950 - 1959

# What Happened in the 1960's...

## ℓ **Agriculture**

- ℓ OSU releases new soybean varieties: Henry, Madison, and Ross. Dale Friday, Extension Service Agronomist, suggests trying the varieties if the seed is available.
- ℓ OSU Herbicide Research:
  - ℓ Post-emergence applications of 2, 4-D
    - ℓ good control of annual broadleaf weeds.
  - ℓ Pre-emergence treatment of 2, 4-D
    - ℓ good, economical control of most annual grasses.
  - ℓ Simazine - has given perfect full season control of annual weeds when applied 2-3# per acre.
  - ℓ Atrazine - appears promising as a pre-emergence.
- ℓ Fred Wise, County Extension Agent, urges farmers to see the Farm Science Show.
  - ℓ 1965 is the third year for the annual Ohio Farm Science Review.
  - ℓ There will be a \$3,000,000 display of new farm machinery.
- ℓ Corn is planted in 30 inch rows instead of the conventional 40 inch row.

## ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**

- ℓ Trends in Home Economics Program was toward better family living with time spent on family economics.
- ℓ "Selection and Care of Wash and Wear Clothing" was main clothing project in early 1960's.

## ℓ **4-H**

- ℓ Jerry Lightle, County 4-H Agent
- ℓ 43 4-H members in Defiance County take photography projects
- ℓ 4-H Camp at Camp Palmer in 1969
  - ℓ 202 4-H club members, ages 14 and under
- ℓ There are 930 4-Hers in 1969
- ℓ The Defiance County Historical Society purchased some land to establish a farm and requested help of Junior Leadership to assist in establishing the Farm Museum.
- ℓ Older youth started giving demonstrations in their local clubs. They trained 4-H members and advisors on how to give a demonstration. Forty-eight girls and six boys participated in county Demonstration Contest. Members have gained self-confidence, poise and public speaking experience.

1960 - 1969

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# What Happened in the 1970's...

## ℓ **Agriculture**

- ℓ Farmers are installing Animal Waste Disposal facilities after a meeting held in 1971.
- ℓ Ag Agent Wise, met with 670 high school and college students and teachers on agriculture efforts to control pollution
- ℓ Farm drainage major factor for productive cropland, Surface drainage most economical method
- ℓ In 1974 the Extension office received many questions on lawn care and lawn establishment due to more leisure time and better incomes
- ℓ 1976 was the 20<sup>th</sup> year of conducting the High School Conservation Field Day.
  - ℓ Joint effort with the Defiance County SWCD
  - ℓ Held at a conservation farm on the west side of the county
- ℓ Farmers who were using “restricted pesticides” must be certified by October 1, 1977
- ℓ Ag Agent assists farmers due to changes in EPA regulations, cost of feeds, prices, and uncertain crop yields for livestock production
- ℓ Hot topics: High cost of energy and threat of government control about tillage
- ℓ Reduced tillage practices adoption due to research proved fields losing valuable topsoil from wind and water erosion.
- ℓ 1978 the Ag Agent knew of no one, five years ago, owning a no-till planter in the county, and now there are at least 12. Most office visits are how to reduce the tillage necessary to plant corn
- ℓ Assisted Defiance City Water Pollution Control Department with land application of sewage sludge
- ℓ 10 beef and dairy producers participating in ration evaluation program. Swine producers get feed analyzed
- ℓ NW Ohio Potato Day was held with over 30 participants to tour the local potato storage facility

## ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**

- ℓ Many working homemakers request assistance for ways of preparing efficient and nutritious meals for family members.
- ℓ Home Economics Program focuses on:
  - ℓ Pressure Canner Testing Clinics; Microwave Cookery; Learning the Worth of an Antique; How Safe is Your Food?; Broiler and Skillet Meals; The Art of a Creative Woman; Selection and Care of Microwave Ovens; Creative Home Sewing; Me, In The Middle Years; Women Managing Alone
- ℓ Over 1,000 Home Economics projects were judged on July 25, 31, and August 6,8,9,12
- ℓ Women are becoming more involved in legal affairs and want to learn more about women's rights and the law.
- ℓ Inflationary food prices cause more families to have gardens and to preserve food.
- ℓ Young mothers and parents lack knowledge and experience in effective parenting.
- ℓ 135 men & women attended 1979 special interest meeting: Selection & Care of Microwave Ovens

## ℓ **4-H**

- ℓ Horse Barn and Arena built in 1970. Saddle Club exhibits will be housed in a barn instead of a tent for the first time. Outside riding arena 136' x 240'. These were built due to cooperative efforts with commissioners and Junior Fair Board.
- ℓ 1971 was the first year for the Junior Fair Sweepstakes Showmanship award.
- ℓ Camp becomes for 9-14 year olds
- ℓ Growing Junior Fair program leads to animals housed in permanent structures, and permanent bleachers were installed in the Livestock Show Arena and the Riding Arena
- ℓ 1974 Defiance Urban Day Camp started for low income youth ages 8-12, 190 youth participating
  - ℓ Three Spanish American Junior Leaders took charge and achieved 42 Spanish America and Caucasian campers to attend the entire camp experience
- ℓ New 4-H programs:
  - ℓ Voter education; Mulligan Stew; 4-H clubs in target areas; Youth program; Village park system
- ℓ 38 members make up Defiance County Junior Fair Board
- ℓ 75 youth were members of the Anthony Wayne Junior Leadership Club
- ℓ A new multipurpose building at the county fairgrounds
  - ℓ costing over \$200,000
  - ℓ completed for the 1977 Defiance County Fair for Junior Fair exhibits
- ℓ A new show building was constructed for 1978 use, and was paid off in one year
- ℓ The 4-H Dog Care and Obedience project was experienced
  - ℓ members used their skills to conduct a 10 week Dog Care and Obedience Class
  - ℓ 20 beginner members

# 1970 - 1979



# What Happened in the 1980's...

- ℓ In 1984 the Holiday Plaza, Inc., 1655 N. Clinton St., Defiance, was the office space for the county extension office.
- ℓ **Agriculture**
  - ℓ An Agronomy Club was formed for the crop year 1981. Elected officers of the club were John Hoshock, Ayersville, and Cletus Vetter, Hicksville.
  - ℓ A Farmers Market was started in Defiance City in 1982
  - ℓ Low crop prices resulted in farms having trouble meeting principle and interest demands. Number of farms have been decreasing at the rate of 20 per year. In the 1980s, that number became 30-40 farms per year.
  - ℓ 1981 the Pork Producers Club began
  - ℓ In 1988, spider mites devastated soybean fields.
  - ℓ The lack of rainfall in 1988 caused many herbicides not to work as effectively as usual. It also resulted in herbicide carryover concerns.
- ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**
  - ℓ In 1980 special interest meetings were held in the areas of “Fashions that Flatter You”, “Car Clinic for Homemakers”, and “Accessories for Old & New Furniture”.
  - ℓ Persons throughout the county were assisted with information on Food Preservation and canner testing.
  - ℓ Home Agent Co-directed Northwest Ohio Homemakers Camp at which 150 homemakers attended 4-H Camp Palmer.
  - ℓ Family members often cannot escape stress of varying degree.
    - ℓ Emotional, mental and physical stresses all have some impact upon health.
    - ℓ Homemakers need to learn of ways to cope with stress individually and how to assist family members.
  - ℓ 375 women attended Women's Day at the 1985 county fair. Topics: “Stress and the Family”, “In the Know with Beef”, “Dolls Both Old and New”, “The Magic of Herbs” and “Create a Gift”.
  - ℓ Four lunch hour nutrition programs were presented to Zeller Corporation’s 60 employees.
- ℓ **4-H**
  - ℓ McDonald’s Restaurant & Defiance County 4-Hers in 1982 raised funds with coupon booklets.
  - ℓ In 1983, Extension and the Office of Litter Control started “Ohio 4-H Club Litter Control Program”.
  - ℓ There were 1308 4-H youth and 184 adult 4-H leaders in 65 4-H organized groups in 1984.
  - ℓ A 4-H Theatre club was formed by a music teacher.
  - ℓ The 4-H Pig Catch and Pig Catch Show was restarted in 1980 to promote pork production and was assisted by the Fairview Young Farmers Chapter. Over 100 youth participated in the pig catch with 52 of them winning pigs.
  - ℓ The Junior Leadership Club continues to be an active group in the county. The club members constructed an enclosed wood building to house the milkshake stand at the fair.
  - ℓ Twelve Junior Leader members participated in an exchange trip to Noble County, Ohio.
  - ℓ A 4-H Endowment Fund was started with \$5200 during the summer of 1986.

1980 - 1989

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# What Happened in the 1990's...

- ℓ Office moved to current location on Evansport Road fall of 1999.
- ℓ **Agriculture**
  - ℓ DARA (Defiance Agricultural Research Association) formed as a 501c3
  - ℓ Sprayer calibration and Anhydrous Ammonia Safety class
  - ℓ Corn rootworm beetle activity in soybean fields indicates a change in behavior.
  - ℓ Livestock producers participated in swine mortality composting certification.
  - ℓ C.O.R.N. (Crop Observation & Recommendation Network) weekly email newsletter, reaches over 650 homes in county.
  - ℓ No-till farming operations reached 70% in 1993.
  - ℓ 10% of the farm ground acres in 1993 sat idle due to the USDA Set-Aside Program in which farmers are paid not to plant to avoid a surplus.
  - ℓ Ag Educator Clevenger assisted Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District in winning the Tinora FFA Chapter's Donkey Basketball Game. The chapter raised \$1200.
  - ℓ Defiance County Farmers Market was re-established in 1999.
  - ℓ 350 Pork producers/supporters gathered at Founder's Hall in Archbold for the annual Northwest Ohio Pork Banquet.
- ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**
  - ℓ 1200 laid off auto and industry workers received information to help stretch their personal budgets
  - ℓ Women in Ag Conference attended by 156 locally.
  - ℓ Parent enrichment programs: "Discipline that Works," "Logical and Natural Consequences," "Communicating With Your Child," and "How to Parent Based on Birth Order Personality Traits."
  - ℓ "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" is a program helping families making decisions distributing family heirlooms.
- ℓ **4-H**
  - ℓ 21 area families hosted international participants from Costa Rica in 1991
  - ℓ The fourth grade class at Slocum Elementary School in Defiance participated in the chick embryology program and incubated eggs for three weeks and hatched 15 young chicks.
  - ℓ Defiance County 4-H Club members sold Ohio grown Red Delicious Apples with proceeds going toward 4-H Camp and a trip to Nebraska.
  - ℓ Defiance 4-H Council sponsored a Wilson Zero Foods, frozen food sale. 4-H members selling food can earn scholarships for 4-H Camp, plus Council and clubs split 12% of the total amount sold.
  - ℓ Fifty 4-Hers from five counties participated in 4-H Career Congress at Defiance College.
  - ℓ SOAR (Summer Outings, Activities and Recreation) conducted by 4-H Teen Leaders and Jr. Fair Board members for county youth 5-8 grades.
  - ℓ 4-H United Way Day Camps conducted at eight locations
  - ℓ Defiance County Juvenile Probation Office teamed with Extension in offering a Juvenile Diversion Program for first time offenders. The recidivism rate for the county is 22%, state average is 66%.
  - ℓ H.O.P.E. (Helping Others with Positive Experiences) program for families experiencing difficulties.

1990 - 1999

# What Happened in the 2000's...

ℓ Website unveiled at [www.defiance.osu.edu](http://www.defiance.osu.edu)

## ℓ **Agriculture**

- ℓ Defiance County Master Gardener classes started in 2001
- ℓ Investigating new technology of Bt-Rootworm Corn at DARA site.
- ℓ Defiance County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed.
- ℓ All Defiance County Jr. fair livestock exhibitors required to complete quality assurance; learned about caring for animals to ensure quality assurance.
- ℓ Satellite agronomy broadcasts by OSU called the Crop Profit Game for area farmers.
- ℓ Soybean Aphid information was in high demand in 2003
- ℓ New research plot established at DARA site to study controlled drainage in crops in 2005.
- ℓ The Pork Stand is now The Barn and Grill at the County Fair.
- ℓ Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast program held with Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce.
- ℓ OSU Extension Report on TV 26 included: 4-H Career Day, Wind Energy, Bankruptcy and Family Finances, and Area Produce Farmers and Community Supported Agriculture.
- ℓ Local research finds Camelina a potentially viable oil seed crop for NW Ohio.
- ℓ On-Farm Stored Grain Management workshop held. Participants gained knowledge in grain aeration, energy cost, safety and pest identification.
- ℓ Farm Safety Day Camp at Camp Palmer.
- ℓ A Horse Health and Forages Workshop educating owners about feeding and nutrition for horses and West Nile virus.

## ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**

- ℓ ServSafe, a six hour training for food service workers offered.
- ℓ Sun safe practices. Derma Scan machine available for participants to view skin damage.
- ℓ Family Nutrition Program presented Germs A Glow, Be a Model Mom, Using Less Salt, Put a Rainbow in Your Diet.
- ℓ Money in Motion program helping people set a workable spending plan.
- ℓ New Home Development participants, first time home buyers participated in Habitat for Humanity money management classes.
- ℓ Diabetes diagnosis on the rise: OSU teaches Dining with Diabetes
- ℓ Occasional Quantity Cooking training helps church groups and service clubs with safe meal prep.
- ℓ Identity Theft is a growing problem even in rural communities
- ℓ Annie's Project: risk management program for farm wives.
- ℓ Parenting 1,2,3,4 for Young Children.
- ℓ Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, and living well is part of a national campaign of Family and Consumer Science educators.

## ℓ **4-H**

- ℓ 4-H ROCKS (Reading Outside of Class Kids Succeed) program at Slocum School and Sherwood Branch Library
- ℓ 4-H Career Development Programs: Creating a First Impression, Teamwork in the Workforce, and Welcome to the Real World of Finances.
- ℓ Super Hero Camp was 2006 theme. Campers dressed as favorite super hero. Self Defense Class held with a demonstration on mixed martial arts. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Marines – Weapon Company presented flag folding ceremony.
- ℓ Kid's Central ran for 5 weeks at two locations in summer.
- ℓ 2007 The Endowment Committee reached a milestone by increasing Columbus fund to \$100,000.
- ℓ Team building and Leadership Development programs conducted.
- ℓ Real Money, Real World is an active hands-on experience making lifestyle and budget choices similar as those of an adult for high school youth.
- ℓ 4-H Robotics program started in county in 2008 with LEGO Kits.
- ℓ Shooting Sports program started in Defiance County.

# 2000 - 2009

# What Happened in the 2010's...

## ℓ **Agriculture**

- ℓ Community Garden Plots offered by Master Gardeners.
- ℓ 2014 Farm Bill meetings were held by OSU Extension and Farm Service Agency
- ℓ Ohio Law passed in 2014 requires fertilizer applicators to be certified by September 2017. OSU Extension provides Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training.
- ℓ Bok Jersey Farm hosted a Dairy Calf Workshop to 50 area dairy and beef calf producers. The workshop showcased a state-of-the-art calf barn.
- ℓ Ag Educator taught farm safety to 450 youth at the Defiance County Public Safety/EMA Annual Open House.
- ℓ OSU Extension Defiance housed a Nutrient Management Plan Writer. Jessie Schulze completed Nutrient Management Plans and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans within Western Lake Erie Basin with approximately 7,900 acres.
- ℓ OSU Extension trains field crop agronomists to be Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) which is the benchmark of agronomy professionalism.
- ℓ Farmers will remember 2012 as the worst drought in recent history. Corn Silage and Forages: 2012 Drought Management and Economics meeting held.
- ℓ County Agriculture Hall of Fame started in 2012 at Ag Appreciation and Farmers Share Breakfast.
- ℓ OSU is teaching via the internet. Clevenger taught a program titled: Returns to Drainage: Calculating the Payback Period. Participants in Ohio and the Midwest listened live with a recording posted.
- ℓ Extension Educator helped in creating series of Solar Electric Fact Sheets.
- ℓ Identified new weed. Waterhemp which is a member of pigweed family.

## ℓ **Home Demonstration/Family Consumer Sciences**

- ℓ FNP (Family Nutrition Program) is now SNAPEd Program.
- ℓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP Ed) presented 72 educational sessions with 1000 people participating. A variety of nutrition lessons encourage hand washing, selecting healthy food options, being active, portion control, and shopping on a budget.

## ℓ **4-H**

- ℓ 4-H Princess Camp is for youth in 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade offering programs and activities on Manners and Etiquette, Royal Tea Party, Your Inner Beauty and How to Make a Tutu.
- ℓ Poultry exhibitors were not allowed to exhibit at the 2015 fair due to a ban of poultry exhibits at all Ohio fairs because of the Avian Influenza.
- ℓ In 2016, 715 Defiance County students participated in Real Money, Real World. The program offers hands-on experience, and the opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those of an adult.
- ℓ 4-H Educator Johnson, worked with the Senior Fair Livestock Committee in raising funds for a new swine barn and poultry annex.
- ℓ With the juvenile courts of Defiance, Williams, Fulton and Henry County, the Defiance County 4-H program coordinated and hosted the Ohio 4-H CARTEENS program in 2016.
- ℓ 42 young Ogres and Princesses attended Shrektacular. The program focuses on these main lessons: Everyone has layers, Nothing is handed to you, No one is better off alone, Friends are family, and Heroes come in all shapes and sizes.
- ℓ The 4-H Kid's Day Program at the fair included; "Cool Science" activities, Marshmallow Fun, Art Bots, Lego Robot Demonstrations, Corny Polymer Balls, and a stick horse relay.
- ℓ After school Robotics program at Holy Cross Catholic School began in 2010.

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