



# 2024 Fair Queen Candidates Preview

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# Darby Ayars

**Parent's Names:** Bill and Melinda Ayars  
**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA  
**High School Attending / Attended:** Mechanicsburg High School  
**Current Year in School (if applicable):** 11th  
**Year of Graduation:** 2025  
**Name of College and Major (if applicable):** N/A  
**Special interests:** Since I was a young girl, I knew I loved agriculture and more specifically, cattle. At age two, I roamed into our beef cow pen and decided these were "my girls," and honestly, that statement is still true to this day. I started my show career with steers, and after two years and rivers of tears from selling my best friends, I switched to showing heifers. You see, heifers came home with me after the fair. Today "my girls" total 15 cows that I breed every

year and raise and sell their calves. I also show cattle in 4-H and FFA at the Ohio State Fair, North American International Livestock Expo, the BEST shows, the Southern Ohio Series, and Breed Association Shows. Through FFA I have participated in meat judging, general livestock, and public speaking. These girls and my activities in 4-H and FFA have led to my desire to pursue a career in bovine reproduction. I plan to continue meat judging at the collegiate level and hope to become a Bovine Veterinarian. I desire to continue to expand "my girls" herd in the future.  
**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** During most of my leisure time I enjoy spending time at the barn tending to my show cattle. I spend a lot of time researching bulls, analyzing national shows, and watching sales to learn what to implement into my own herd. I also enjoy spending time with my family. I like doing chores on the farm with my family. I wake up every morning at 6:00am to start my day. I meet my grandpa at the barn and begin chores. My dad also plays a crucial role in helping me with my cattle by also assisting me with chores, traveling to shows, and always supporting me from ringside. I know these times with him will always be treasured and cherished. My family also likes hiking, playing cards, taking walks with our dog Sila, and traveling. When my

two sisters are home from college I love sitting around the table for family dinners. I also enjoy hanging out with friends, going to the movies, and trying out the weekly sample of Crumbl Cookies with them. Tres Leches cake is my favorite cookie.  
**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**  
**Scholastic Distinctions or Honor**

- High Honor Roll, Mechanicsburg High School, 2021-present
- National Honor Society, 2023-present
- National Honor Society President, 2024-2025
- College Credit Plus, Clark State/ Mechanicsburg, 2023-present
- College Credit Plus, Columbus State, 2023-present
- Scholar Athlete 2021-present
- Mechanicsburg School District Student of the Month, March 2024

**Community Activities**

- 4-H member, 2012-present
- Mechanicsburg Leaders and Feeders Club Officer, 2016-present
- Mechanicsburg Leaders and Feeders President, 2021, 2024
- Oasis Of Mercy Food Pantry, Volunteer, 2021-present
- Volunteered at local food pantry in Mechanicsburg, OH
- Cattlemen's Booth, Volunteer, Champaign County Fair, 2021-present
- Volunteered to serve food and drinks
- Jr. Fair Board, Member, Champaign County Fair, 2021-present



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- ♦ Volunteer to run shows, sell tickets, assist with parking during fair
- ♦ Sell tickets, set-up, clen-up Enderle Pull
- ♦ Sell tickets, set-up, clen-up Matt Calland Memorial Pull
- Jr. Cattlemen's Council, 2019-present
- ♦ Clean beef barn, work weigh ins
- 4-H Camp Counselor, 2021-present
- ♦ Plan a 5 day overnight camp for county youth
- Mechanicsburg Christian Fellowship Church, 2023-present

#### Work Experience

- Ayars Family Farm and Vet Service
  - ♦ Assist in daily chores and farm maintenance
  - ♦ Assist in surgical procedures and health maintenance

#### High School Activities

- FFA, Mechanicsburg FFA Chapter, 2021-present
  - ♦ Chapter Assistance, 2022-2023
  - ♦ Chapter Secretary, 2023-2024
  - ♦ Chapter President, 2024-2025
- Mechanicsburg Volleyball, 2021-present
  - ♦ Team Captain, 2021, 2022, 2023
  - ♦ 2nd Team All-Conference, 2023
  - ♦ Honorable Mention All-District, 2023
  - ♦ Team Offensive Player of the Year, 2023
- Track and Field, 2024-present
- Chemistry Club
  - ♦ President, 2023-2024
- Bible Club, 2023-present

#### 4-H and FFA Activities and Projects

- 4-H
  - ♦ Beef Breeding Heifers: 2017-present
  - ♦ Champaign County Champion Breeding Heifer, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
  - ♦ Ohio State Fair Breed Champion, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
  - ♦ Champaign County Beef Showman of Showman, 2019, 2020, 2021
  - ♦ Todd Conrad Herdsman Award, 2018, 2021
- King of the Ring
  - ♦ Participant, 2019-2020
  - ♦ Champion, 2021
- Scrapbooking: 2023
  - ♦ Rosette Winner
  - ♦ State Fair Participant
- Why Trees Matter: 2016
  - ♦ Rosette Winner
  - ♦ State Fair Participant
- Champaign County Beef Princess, 2021-2022
- Champaign County Beef Queen, 2023-2024

#### FFA SAE's

- Beef Feeders, 2021-present

#### FFA CDE's

- Public Speaking, 2021-present
  - ♦ District Qualifier Creed Speaking, 2021
  - ♦ State Qualifier Advanced Prepared Public Speaking, 2024
- Meat Evaluation, 2021-present
  - ♦ Buckeye Meats Top Individual, 2022, 2023, 2024
  - ♦ Marysville Meats Top Individual, 2022, 2023
  - ♦ Ashland Meats Top Individual, 2022, 2023, 2024
  - ♦ Pioneer Meats Top Individual, 2022, 2023, 2024
  - ♦ State Contest Top Individual, 2022, 2023, 2024
  - ♦ 6th Place team and 7th overall Individual, National Western Roundup, 2023
- Livestock Judging, 2022-present
  - ♦ 2nd place State team, 2023
  - ♦ Top 25 Individual at State Contest, 2023, 2024
  - ♦ Competed at National Western Roundup, 2024
  - ♦ 6th Place Team at State Contest, Advanced to Arizona Nationals, 2024
- Degrees and Awards
  - ♦ Greenhand Degree, Star Greenhand Recipient, 2022
  - ♦ Chapter Degree, Star Chapter Recipient, 2023
  - ♦ State Degree, Outstanding Junior Recipient, 2024

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.** Of all activities I have been involved in, FFA has shaped me the most. I started out my freshman year in the fall 2022 joining the meat judging team. My dad is the meat judging coach and if you ask anyone, his expectations are high. But, I accepted the challenge and dug into the material and work necessary to do well. That year I won every contest, including the State FFA contest. Actually, I have individually won every contest in Ohio, including State, for 3 years. Meat judging is a team sport and the only way to get to Nationals is if the team wins State. My freshman year the team placed 2nd in the State and for getting 2nd we got to compete in the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo held in Denver in January 2023. Our team placed 6th and I placed 7th

at Denver. During the 2023 season, the team won every contest but fell short of State and placed 2nd...again. This was a setback for us as we planned on winning that year. So in 2024 our team dug in harder and challenged each other and won the State Contest. This was a great accomplishment for us and we will be competing for the final time together this fall at the National contest in Indianapolis. Meat Judging has taught me how to work hard for big goals, challenge each other but also support fellow teammates in their joinery too.

Another FFA activity I enjoy is public speaking. I started public speaking my freshman year with the FFA creed. I placed 1st at county, 2nd at subdistricts, and 3rd at the district level. I was just 1 place away from making it to state. This past year in 2024 I competed in the Advance Prepared speaking contest. I placed 1st at county, 1st at Sub-District, 1st at District, and 3rd in my preliminary room at the State contest. This was a huge accomplishment for me, but again I was 1 place shy of going on to the Final 4 in the State. Next year, my goal is to make it to the Final 4 at State with the hopes of winning. Public speaking is a skill that I believe will benefit me in all aspects of my future.

During my sophomore year I decided to join the livestock judging team. Livestock is something I am familiar with and understood but I had never competed in a contest. I worked really hard and absorbed as much information from my coach as possible. I was part of the team that placed in the top 10 at the State Prelims. We spent a month preparing for oral reasons, which we had to give at the State contest. I have never practiced or given a set of reasons before, so it was a different experience for me. I was super nervous but gave it all I had. Our team placed 2nd at the State Livestock Finals, which meant we won a trip to Denver. (My 2nd trip to Denver). Getting to experience Denver twice was an honor. We competed at the 2024 National Western Stock Show contest earlier this year. For my junior year our team placed 6th at the State Finals. This earned us a trip to compete at Arizona Nationals in December later this year.

I believe that skills I have developed in FFA will be a foundation for my future. Willingness to try something new, hard work, perseverance, and dedication are traits that are vital to success. I wish to use these skills not only to better myself, but to contribute to the agriculture society in a positive way. **What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** Since I was a baby, my family has taken me to the Champaign County Fair. It has grown to be my favorite week of the year. I get to show my livestock, eat food, hangout with friends, and make memories with my family. I have learned over the years to make every second count and cherish every moment with those around me. In my 17 years I have learned that is not that buildings and grounds that make the fair, but the events, people, family, and friends that make the Champaign County Fair important to the community.

The Champaign County Fair has a fully packed schedule with events occurring all day and evening during the week. Large crowds of multi-generational people from all through the community fill the grandstands to watch tractor and truck pulls, concerts, scrambles, derby, and the queen contest. Our fair has an outstanding attendance on Sunday night to watch the county bands, Fair Queen Contest, and pig and calf scrambles. Families tend to sit or stand in the same posts in the grandstand and rekindle past friendships of people they may only see at the fair. I know exactly where my family will sit when I walk across the track for the Fair Queen Contest. I also know my late Grandma Betty would be sitting there with my family with pride in her eyes as I walk across the track. This pride is the same look that you see in the faces of many grandparents at the fair when they watch their grandchildren show, model, or present their project. The livestock shows, modeling contests, and project displays allow the community to come support their family and friends as they complete in events.

Our fair would not be possible without the numerous committees working together all year long. These types



of committees include Sr. Fairboard, Livestock Boards, Jr. Youth Boards, Food and Fashion Board, Police, Fire/EMS, Parking and courtesy golf carts, and many others. Many of those who contribute their time on these boards do so out of their love to the Champaign County Fair and I encourage fair-goers to thank these groups of people for their efforts. I am honored to be part of Jr. Beef Council and Jr. Fair Board both of which support events during fair week, along with numerous other events throughout the year. The Jr. Beef Council assists with beef weigh-ins in December before the fair. We pass out weigh-in cards through the line of trucks, load cattle on and off of the trailers, assist in chute work, tag the calves, and weigh the steers. At the Fair, we weigh in the steers by releasing specific areas of the barn to come check in their animals. This keeps people happier by not having them and their steer stand outside

in the hot weather. Also, the Jr. Beef Council picks a day of the fair to work the Cattlemen's Booth. This teaches us customer service skills and how to converse with different people. The Jr. Fair Board meets multiple times throughout the year to plan for truck and tractor pulls and the fair. We work two truck and tractor pulls outside of the fair: The Matt Calland Memorial in the spring and The Enderle Pull in the fall. For the fair we assist in most weigh-ins, shows, and pulls. My favorite part is working the shows and meeting new people. I am more than willing to sign up to help as many shows as possible because I love interacting with the kids and helping them get into the show ring. Also, the Jr. Fairboard is allowed to attend Sr. Fair Board meetings and sit in and listen. This is a new learning experience for me to see how a committee of people work together to plan our fair and keep it running smoothly.

An area you will see multiple generations of families working together is in the livestock barns. Frequently, grandparents and parents would show the same species of animal that their children or grandchildren do. You will see families working together whether it's rinsing a lamb or grabbing a bucket of water for a heifer. My grandpa and I do the chores together early in the morning, frequently before the sun rises. We walk the heifers, rinse them, clean the pens, and feed. My grandpa started a tradition with my sister offering free donuts and coffee to anyone who passes through the barn. I continue this tradition with him and many people know to stop by our pens to get their morning coffee and donuts. I will always cherish these early mornings with him and our time eating a donut after chores are done. With the gracious help of my family and friends in the barns during fair week and on show day, it allows me to present my animals

at the fair. For example, within my family everyone has their role on show day. My dad, grandpa, and sister Taylor all help with washing and prepping animals. Mom always makes sure my clothes are cleaned and that I remember to bring my boots and belt. And while my sister Audrey may not be as hands-on with the animals, she makes sure everyone has something to eat and drink. I know if you go into any barn you will see families of all ages helping the youth present their animals. It takes a village to raise a kid and to show animals at the fair. This year will be the 183rd Champaign County Fair. Our community has great pride in the quality, size, and history of our fair. It would not be possible to have 183 years of success without amazing events, selfless people, and dedicated families and friends. These things give our community a fair to be proud of that stand above all others in the state of Ohio.

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**Parent's Names:** Ted and Amy Bair  
**Organizations:** 4-H  
**High School Attending / Attended:** Treca Digital Academy, 2024  
**Current Year in School (if applicable):** completed January 2024  
**Year of Graduation:** 2024  
**Name of College and Major (if applicable):** N/A  
**Special interests:** Training horses, welding, working on cars and trucks, machining, and Graphic design.  
**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** Trail riding horses with friends, fishing, reading, playing with dogs, playing with nieces and nephews, and being with my family and friends.  
**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

- I earned the Presidential Education Awards from my school, chairman

## Alison Bair

of the livestock committee on the Jr. Fairboard, reporter and chairman of the Skill-a-thon committee on the 4-H youth board, President of my club for three years, 2021 Horse Ambassador.

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.** I am very involved with the horse program. Giving clinics and helping all members with their horses. I am always helping with all other livestock species. Helping other members or working the shows. The youth board is involved with many activities throughout the year. Working Fleamarkets, putting on the Easter Egg Hunt, running Skill-a-thon and many projects to having everything ready for the Jr. Fair shows. For two years I was the President of my club with 47 members, now I am President of a all horse club with 11 members.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** What Do I believe the Champaign County Fair means to the community? I believe the county fair can mean something different to each individual, but also has the same meaning to everyone. The Champaign County Fair brings together Family and friends; old or new. The fair lets kids foster new life skills such as communication, leadership, goal setting etc. There are always activities and memoirs for a person of any age at the county fair.

When I hear the word fair, I think of celebration. Not as in a party, as a celebration of families and friends being about to watch and support each other. Parents and grandparents being able to watch the kids show a project that they put their time and effort into throughout the year. Older siblings being able to watch their younger siblings accomplish one or more of their goals. Also, younger siblings get to watch their older siblings or family members and have someone to look up to. Fair is a very awarding time for a child who has put their time into an animal or non-

livestock project, and finally be able to show their hard work to everyone that is there watching.

The Champaign County Fair has many other activities than just showing your projects. There are games, fair rides, and everyone's favorite fair food! From riding on the Rockstar, to devouring a delicious Elephant Ear. Grandparents and parents watching their kids make new friends or being around old friends. The fair gives opportunities to families that have moved away or into the cities to come back to their roots and have fun in a setting for the whole family. Families can enjoy learning about projects from walking throughout buildings and viewing booths set up by club members or watching different shows throughout the week. There are grandstand events every night of the week that are fun for the whole family to enjoy.

The fair teaches exhibitors a lot of important skills they can use in the future. It teaches the kids communication skills by talking to their advisors, judges, and answering questions when people from the community are curious. Kids put their responsibilities and work ethic skills they have learned during the year to show how much they have learned. Kids get the opportunity to showcase themselves and their animals to their friends, family, and many members of the public. The hard work and skills get recognized by many people around and get to teach others about what they have learned.

The Champaign County Fair means more to the community than anyone could put into words. The fair is a celebration of bringing people together, meeting new people, and having a wonderful time. Between kids being able show their projects, riding rides with their friends, eating all the fair food they can and even winning a goldfish! Parents get to watch their kids have fun and enjoy the whole first week of August each year.

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# Myah Bandy

**Parent's Names:** Kristin and Zach Gould

**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA

**High School Attending / Attended:**

Mechanicsburg High School

**Current Year in School**

**(if applicable):** 11th

**Year of Graduation:** 2025

**Name of College and Major**

**(if applicable):** n/a

**Special interests:** My Special interests include urban soil judging livestock judging, cheerleading

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** In my leisure time I enjoy reading books, teaching younger generations cheerleading, camping, baking  
**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

## School Activities

- NHS member, student council member, high school mentor, see something, say something club, varsity cheerleading, junior pork council member

## Offices Held

- FFA Treasurer, FFA Vice-President, class officer, 4-H club secretary, 2024 Pork Queen

## Awards

- Mentor of the year, High School Student of the Month, greenhand degree, chapter degree, 2 time chapter leadership award recipient.

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups. Dur-**

ing this school year, my FFA advisors convinced me to try a new CDE which was livestock judging. I was always scared to try this CDE because it was one of the hardest CDE's to compete in, and we already had a full team of kids who were amazing at it, but I finally decided to give it a try. I can easily say that was the best decision I have ever made. I have discovered that livestock judging is my passion and is something I want to pursue in the future. This spring I was lucky enough to make it to the State livestock finals where our team placed 6th overall. While we earned this amazing accomplishment, there was another detail about that day that completely shocked me. I was recognized by one of the reasons judge for having one of the best set of reasons at the state contest. Since that day I have done a lot of college visits and my plans is to attend Ohio States ATI campus to study animal sciences while also competing on their livestock judging team. I am extremely grateful for the push and support provided by my Ag advisors. They have given me so much confidence over this year that has shaped me into the person I am today. Without them, none of this would have ever been possible.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** The Champaign County Fair is like a magical time capsule that

transports our community to a place where joy, creativity, and togetherness reign supreme. It's not just an event; the fair is a tradition that generations eagerly anticipate each year. As the fairgrounds come to life with colorful lights, the aroma of delicious treats, and the sounds of laughter and excitement, it's a reminder of the simple pleasures that unite us all. From the youngest children experiencing their first fair to the elders reminiscing about fairs long past, there is a sense of nostalgia and connection that transcends age and background.

Moreover, the county fair serves as a platform for showcasing the incredible talents and hard work of our community members. Whether it's the farmers proudly presenting their prize-winning livestock, the artisans displaying their handcrafted goods, or the performers captivating audiences with their skills, the Champaign County Fair is a stage where creativity flourished, where innovation is celebrated, and where the spirit of entrepreneurship thrives. The fair not only entertains but also educates, offering valuable insights into the rich tapestry of skills and expertise that exists within our community.

Beyond the entrainment and exhibitions, the county fair fosters a sense of unity and camaraderie that is truly heartwarming. It is a time when neighbors come together and



volunteer, when businesses sponsor events to give back, and when families create long lasting memories that will be cherished for years to come. The fair is a symbol of community spirit, resilience, and cooperation, showcasing the best of what we can achieve when we work together towards a common goal. In essence, the Champaign County Fair is more than just a temporary event; it's a reflection of the values, passions, and aspirations that bind us as a community, making it a cherished and integral part of our collective identity.







**Parent's Names:** Lee and Heather Chamberlain

**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA

**High School Attending / Attended:** West Liberty-Salem

**Current Year in School (if applicable):** 11th

**Year of Graduation:** 2025

**Name of College and Major (if applicable):** N/A

**Special interests:** My Special interests include music, dancing, reading, playing chess, gardening, photography, volunteering, biking and participating in school clubs and sports.

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** In my leisure time, I enjoy a variety of activities. I love to learn songs on my piano, drawing and reading books. I also appreciate spending quality time with family, whether that be family dinner or traveling! As life is bust, I too cherish the time I spend with my friends. I spend a lot of time outside as well. This includes playing with my dog Murphy, working in my garden and playing in the yard. When the opportunity arises, I also enjoy volunteering in my community.

Serving and connecting with others is very exciting to me!

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

#### FFA

- Greenhand Degree
- Chapter Degree
- Recruitment Committee

#### 4-H

- 4-H Camp Camper of the Year
- Secreatry
- Sub-Committee Leader
- Numerous Class Wins
- 3 Divison Wins
- 2021 4th Overall Champaign County Born and Raised Gilt
- 2021 5th Overall Market Gilt
- 2022 Reserve Champion Market Gilt
- 2021 4th Overall Intermediate Showmanship
- 2022 4th Overall Senior Showmanship

#### Former Girls Scout

##### Cheer

- Community event volunteer
- Little Tiger Cheer Volunteer
- 6 Varsity Seasons
- Sprit award winner
- Hard working award winner
- Most Valuable Cheerleader award winner
- 3 time Scholar award winner
- UCA All-American Cheerleader
- Athlete of the month

#### Youth Cheer advisor

##### Show Choir

- Outstanding Freshman award

##### Choir

- Section Leader
- Solo and ensemble competition Class A Superior Solo rating
- Champaign County Youth Choir
- Ohio All-State Choir
- OHC Honors Choir
- FFA State Choir

##### Musical

- 3 leading roles, 1 supporting role and ensemble member

##### Community theatre

- Holland Theater
- Gloria Theater

# Ava Chamberlain

#### Choreographer

- Nancy Anderson Dance Studio
- West Liberty Salem Jr. Show Choir

#### Youth Group Member

#### VBS Leader at Grave Chapel

- Song and Dance Leader
- Classroom Helper

#### Dance

- Ballet
- Tap
- Thumbling
- Pre-professional company performances

#### National Honors Society

#### Highest Honors Student

#### Student of the Month

#### Link crew

- Freshman group leader

#### Where everyone belongs group leader

#### Student council

#### Class Officer

#### Chess Club

- President

#### Spanish Club

#### Science Olympiad

#### Key Club

- Community Volunteer
- Caring Kitchen Volunteer
- Roadside trash cleanup

#### Theresa's Gingerbread House Volunteer

- Field trip advisor
- Bake Sale advisor
- Classroom Volunteer

#### Champaign County Holiday Hostess

#### Peters Photography Ambassador

#### Dorcey's Flowers spokesmodel

#### Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.

In my time participating in the above groups, I have discovered many new

interests. 4-H and FFA have allowed me an involvement in agriculture, our community, and leadership among my peers. I hold great passion for each of these, and I have greatly enjoyed participating in 4-H and FFA activities. During my time in choir and school sports, I have found gratification in my time connecting with others, and volunteering for countless community events. The opportunity to serve is my favorite among those listen. While I find each of these groups to be very important, my education has taken precedence. I have been blessed with a valuable education, sparking an interest an passion to learn.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** I believe the Champaign County Fair creates meaningful experiences, provides educational opportunities, and fosters a sense of belonging while reflecting the morals and spirit of our community. In my time attending the Champaign County Fair, I have gained a true sense of self and developed many valuable connections. This week-long event symbolizes the core values of our community and showcases the work of the diligent individuals who organize it.

A decade ago, I was strolling through there barns, a core memory of mine. After a long and hot day of exploration, I made the decision to participate in 4-H the following year, and eventually had 2 pigs, Lucky and Charm. Joining 4-H gave a once shy little girl a newfound sense of purpose and confidence. That same summer, I learned to swim, ride my bike, and spent my first night away from home attending 4-H camp. I gained independence and learned responsibility for something other than myself. I have acquired a remarkable education through 4-H because of the opportunities provided at our incredible fair.

4-H became a significant part of my childhood nine years ago, but prior to my time in barn, I was still a denizen of the Champaign County Fair. I anticipated the warm August week each year, eager to hop on a ride or attend the Sunday evening festivities with an elephant ear in hand. As a small child, the fair held a different meaning than it does now, as I wasn't yet in 4-H. Despite that, I still experienced the strong sense of community our fair cultivates. I think back on my time spent at the Champaign County Fair with our community with deep fondness. The fair is open to people of all walks of life, thus creating

friendships with individuals from various backgrounds; friendships that I will hold dear today.

The people of Champaign County share many interests, values and goals, which I feel our fair embodies. Through my 4-H experience, I have been enveloped by our community member. As a first generation 4-H member, I have been uplifted, supported and guided by the more experienced individuals in our community, and their efforts have shaped my character. I am proud to day I have gained many connections with remarkable people through the fair, and I believe those connections are a direct

result of our community spirit. The impression The Champaign County Fair has made on my life is substantial, and one for which I feel and abundance of gratitude. I believe that same impact is felt by all of our county.

The Champaign County Fair is a true celebration of our community, while offering a wonderful sense of pride and togetherness. The unique experiences and valuable education provided are something I hold in high esteem. Through my own participation, I have flourished as an individual, and feel such honor to be from Champaign County and a member of our fair.



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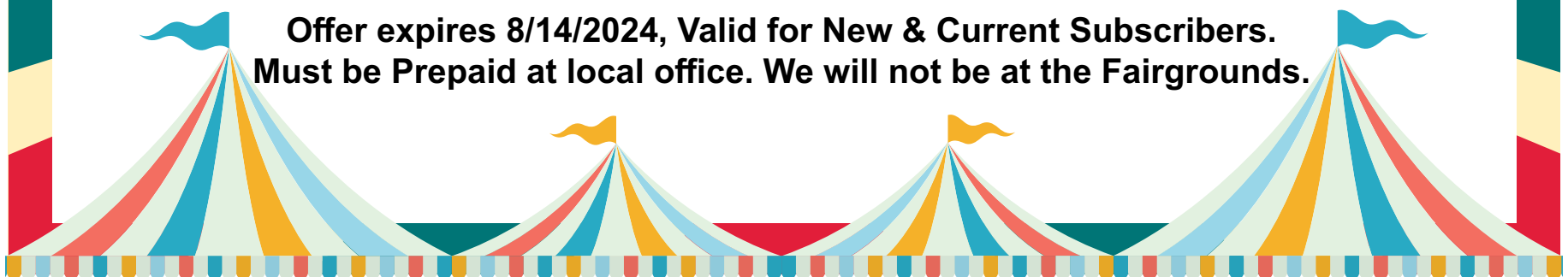
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# Hannah Dingleline

**Parent's Names:** Randy and Amy Dingleline

**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA

**High School Attending / Attended:** Mechanicsburg High School, Class of 2024

**Current Year in School**

**(if applicable):** 12th

**Year of Graduation:** 2024

**Name of College and Major**

**(if applicable):** I will be attending Wright State University in the fall to major in biology with an emphasis on pre-veterinary coursework.

**Special interests:** My special interests include cheerleading, bowling, playing guitar and piano, working with my livestock projects, cooking, sewing, scrapbooking, fishing, hunting, and harness racing.

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** In my leisure time, I enjoy spending time around animals. In 4-H, I have shown sheep, goats, rabbits, ducks, and horses. For my senior year, I decided to venture out and show a new species, market pigs. I have also participated in livestock judging through FFA. This past January, I got the opportunity to go to Denver, Colorado to judge livestock which was an amazing opportunity that I will always be grateful for. I will also get to travel to Phoenix, Arizona for livestock judging in December, 2024. Showing livestock and participating in livestock judging have taught me valuable skills such as responsibility, diligence, and determination. I have enjoyed my time and experiences with animals so much that I have decided to study veterinary medicine in college.

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities.**

**Include honors won, held, Awards received, etc.**

- **2024:** FFA - President, 6th place team State Livestock Judging Contest, 3rd place individual Wilmington Aggies Livestock Judging Invitational Contest, 4th place individual Indian

Lake Livestock Judging Invitational Contest, 2nd place individual Ashland Alumni Livestock Judging Invitational Contest, 2nd place individual Buckeye Nation Classic Livestock Judging Contest, 5th place team District 6 Rural Soils Judging Contest, Veterinary Science CDE Team, Animal Management CDE Team, Job Interview Team, Outstanding Senior Award, Mack Hartley Scholarship, Ohio FFA Foundation Ohio State Fair Endowment Scholarship, Bayer-Grow Ag Leaders National FFA Foundation Scholarship, The Perry Family Scholarship, 4-H - Pens, Pans, and Needles Club (President), 4-H Youth Board (President), Food, Fashion, and Creative Arts Board, Junior Rabbit Council, 4-H Camp Counselor, Matt Calland Memorial Scholarship, A.B. Graham Memorial Center Scholarship, FCS Committee Scholarship, School Activities - Student Council (President), National Honor Society (President), Mechanicsburg Senior Class Officer Team (President), Mechanicsburg Mentor Group, Bowling - Varsity, 1st team All-OHC, 1st team All-Central District, Division 2 Kick-Off Classic All-Tournament Team, Division 2 State Runner-Up Team, Football/Basketball Cheerleading - Varsity, OHC Scholar Athlete Award, OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award, High Honor Roll, Bible Club, American Red Cross Scholarship, USBC State Bowling Scholarship, Randy Eastman Memorial Scholarship, Love Family Foundation Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship, Class of 2024 Valedictorian

- **2023:** FFA - Secretary, 2nd place team State Livestock Judging Contest, 1st place individual Miami Trace Livestock Judging Contest, 1st place individual County Soil Judging Contest, Job Interview Team, Parliamentary Procedure Team, Outstanding Junior Award, Junior Leadership Award, State FFA Degree, 4-H - Pens, Pans, and Needles Club (President), Barn Bratz Club (Secretary), 4-H Youth Board (President), Food, Fashion, and Creative Arts Board (Secretary), Junior Rabbit Council, Junior Horse Council, Ohio State Fair 4th Overall Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor, Ohio State Fair 16-year-old Goat Skillathon

Winner, Ohio State Fair Veterinary Science Outstanding of the Day Award, Champaign County Fair King of the Ring Champion, Champaign County Fair Goat, Rabbit, Horse, and Poultry Skillathon Winner, Grand Champion Market Duck Pen, Gold Extreme 4-Her Award, School Activities - Student Council (Vice President), National Honor Society (President), Mechanicsburg Junior Class Officer Team (President), Bowling - Varsity, 1st team All-OHC, 1st team All-Central District, 11th place Ohio High School National Tournament, Football/Basketball Cheerleading - Varsity, High Honor Roll, Bible Club

- **2022:** FFA - Assistant Officer, 9th place team State Livestock Judging, Soil Judging State Qualifier, Job Interview team, Sophomore Leadership Award, Chapter Degree, 4-H - Pens, Pans, and Needles Club (Secretary), Barn Bratz Club (Vice-President), 4-H Youth Board (Secretary), Food, Fashion, and Creative Arts Board, Junior Rabbit Council, Junior Goat Council, Veterinary Science State Fair Clock Trophy Winner, Champaign County Fair Rabbit Queen, Silver Extreme 4-Her Award, School Activities - Student Council - Secretary, National Honor Society - Secretary, Bowling - Varsity, 1st team All-OHC, Football/Basketball Cheerleading - Varsity, Golf, High Honor Roll, Bible Club
- **2021:** FFA - Livestock Judging team, Job Interview team, Creed Speaking Contest, Outstanding Greenhand, Freshman Leadership Award, Greenhand Degree, 4-H - Pens, Pans, and Needles Club (Secretary), Barn Bratz Club, 4-H Youth Board (Secretary), Food, Fashion, and Creative Arts Board, Junior Rabbit Council, Junior Goat Council, Champaign County Born and Raised Reserve Champion Market Lamb, School Activities - Student Council, Bowling - Varsity, 2nd team OHC, Football/Basketball Cheerleading - Varsity, High Honor Roll, Bible Club

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.** One group that I really enjoy volunteering for is the 4-H Youth Board.



I have been a member of the 4-H Youth Board for four years and have been the President for two years. As a member of the 4-H Youth Board, I volunteer time to help with the Urbana Flea Market and Antique Show, the 4-H Recruitment Program, and skillathons. Each month, I devote several hours to working at the flea market. I help with marking vendor spots, communicating with vendors, and maintaining records in the office. In January, I will also travel to all the schools in our county to talk to 3rd-5th graders about why and how to join 4-H. This experience, in particular, is one that I always enjoy because I know that there is a chance that I am influencing younger members to join 4-H when they tell me at fairs or project judgments that they recognize me from presenting at their school. Another thing that I do through the 4-H Youth Board as President is bring reports and requests from the board to the Champaign County Fair Board. This experience has helped me improve my communication skills. Another interest that I really

enjoyed this year was being a 4-H Camp Counselor. This was my first year as a camp counselor. I was a bit nervous going to camp for the first time since I didn't know any of the traditions or activities that they did at camp. I can't say that I have ever been a shy person, but I definitely was not fond of singing or dancing in front of other people.

However, I made several great friendships through this activity, and these people made me feel comfortable and made my first time at camp feel like home. The short amount of time that I spent as a camp counselor helped me develop into a better leader and showed me that it does not always hurt to be outgoing and try something new.

An additional activity that I enjoy is showing goats. I have been showing goats since my first year in 4-H when I was eight years old. Since then, I have gained more experience and guidance with my project. Because of

this, I have experienced many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that I will always be grateful for. Every year, I show in jackpot shows throughout the summer to prepare myself and my goats for the county fair. I spend countless hours throughout the summer making sure that my goats are well cared for and trained properly. Last year was the first year that I was able to show goats at the Ohio State Fair. I went into the state fair just hoping for a good experience since it was my first year. However, I placed well in showmanship and in my market classes, and I won the skillathon for sixteen-year-olds. Because of this, I was the Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor for sixteen-year-olds and the 4th Overall Market Goat Exhibitor. As if this was not already a highly rewarding experience, I also got to walk through the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair to receive a banner.

One last interest that I enjoy is Standardbred horses. My family has always been heavily involved in the harness racing industry. Whether it's owning, training, driving, or just helping in the barns, everybody in my family has experience with the horses. However, I did not become involved until about five years ago. I remember flipping through the 4-H Project Catalog looking for projects to take that year and finding a Standardbred horse project. When I inquired about it to our county extension office, I learned that nobody had ever taken the project before. That's when I decided that I was going to find a group of people to start the project with. With the help of my aunt and my father, we started the harness racing project in Champaign County. In the project, we learn about the equipment used in racing, the proper care of the horses, how to train the horses, and we even get to train a mile during the races at the county fair. Ever since that first year, we have had about five people in the project every year. I also became involved at the major tracks, such as Scioto Downs and Miami Valley. I have helped with Charity Nights at the Races, and I have even dressed as the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association's mascot, Willie Winit.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** The Champaign County Fair is an experience that has a different meaning for many people. For some people, the Champaign County Fair is a way to exhibit their livestock projects and their showmanship skills. Other exhibitors enjoy seeing their hard work exhibited in the 4-H Activities Building. People who are not affiliated with 4-H or FFA use the Champaign County Fair as a way to display their businesses and sell their products. Others just see it as a way to connect with their friends and have fun by eating fair food and riding rides. However, I think that several 4-H and FFA members and alumni, including myself, would say that the

Champaign County Fair is home for one week out of the year. Ever since I first started showing at eight years old, I have always found it very important that I spend every second that I possibly can at the Champaign County Fair. Over the past ten years, I have chosen my participation in fall activities based on how they will affect my fair week schedule. I did not want to miss a single moment of my fair experience. Last year, I was fortunate enough to make it to the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair as an Outstanding Market Goat Exhibitor. Unfortunately, this meant that I had to leave during our county fair. Even though it was only for one day, it was very hard to leave knowing that I would miss out on valuable memories in the time that I was gone. I did not want to miss activities like gathering with family and friends for meals at our campsite or the opportunity to see friends who may come to the fair during the time I would be gone. Some of my favorite annual traditions are when my Dad and I go to the Rotary barn daily for a chocolate milkshake or eating an early breakfast with family and friends at the church tent. I will always treasure the memory of livestock shows and that adrenaline rush you feel when getting ready to show your animal in the ring or when trying to show two animal species on the same morning.

Of course, I will also remember the panic I have felt during the times where I could not locate the showbox keys or find a halter or other equipment, too. The Champaign County Fair will always be like a home to me because of the memories, friendships, and accomplishments I have made. Every year, I see the alumni and community members that come to the fair to continue to make memories, and I hope that this will continue to happen for many years to come. I can confidently say that traditions are strong at the Champaign County Fair, and I am sure that many other exhibitors, alumni, and community members view the fair as a home, just as I do.

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# Madalynn Dunham

participating in FFA activities with other members, planning for 4-H camp, finding different ways to prepare for judging contest, showing goats and cattle, relaxing in the barn, and finding opportunities to row my leadership skills.

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

#### 4-H

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary
- Treasure
- Gold level 4-H member
- Ohio 4-H TLC
- Junior Goat Council president
- Junior Goat Council vice president
- Junior Goat Council secretary
- 4-H camp counselor

#### FFA

- MS president
- MS vice president
- HS secretary
- 3rd place State finalist begging prepared public speaking
- 2 Gold Star AET Records
- State Finalist Ag communications (team)
- Animal science certification
- General Livestock certification

#### Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.

A large same of what I do and what I involve myself in is youth organizations that tie back to agriculture. FFA is an organization I find myself falling particularly fond of because

of its overall purpose to build strong leaders, good agriculturist, friendship, and a wide variety of life long skills. FFA is so much more than just cows and plows so much so that FFA changed its meaning from Future Farmer of America to The National FFA Organization in 1988. FFA still holds true to its Roots in the field and achievers, and well rounded community members. FFA never stays the exact same it grows and evolves just like the livestock industry and all those around it.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** I have had the opportunities to write essays like this one when applying to represent species or breeds I show, never once have I encountered an essay question with so many layers to it. When you ask someone from outside of the community what they enjoy about the fair their answers are the food, the rides, or the games. However, when you ask a community member they will answer the kids, the industries, or the passion. To those who truly know the fair or those around it they understand that it's not just one week a year it's months, years, and lived that are spent around that one week a year. The amount of people that Champaign County Fair impacts is absolutely astonishing, from the judges, the 4-H and FFA members, the councils,

boards, and the breeders all the way to the spectators and anyone that visits the Champaign County Fair and witness the atmosphere of scramble night, wednesday night steer show Grand drive, or even the non-livestock project judging days they all walk away with something that will impact the rest of their lives. I have had the opportunity through the stock show industry to visit different county fairs across the state of Ohio, Indiana, and North Carolina. Not a single one compared to what we have. The amount of sponsorship from local businesses is enormous, most dream of having a fraction of it. Support in Champaign County always comes in large amounts and in many different ways. We have so many members of the community that donate their time to species or committees for events and shows that help make everything that happens at the fair so great. The fair isn't just the shows and the rides. It's a second home to the livestock exhibitors, it's an opportunity to showcase and widen life long skills, it's the core and sole of Champaign County and the entire community around it. I am beyond blessed to have been raise in such an exceptional community that has created an amazing place and atmosphere for me and others to grow, learn, and serve. The Champaign County Fair is more than a fair; it is a second home and constant support system to all.

**Parent's Names:** Adam & Stephaine Dunham  
**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA  
**High School Attending / Attended:** Graham High School  
**Current Year in School (if applicable):** 10th  
**Year of Graduation:** 2026  
**Name of College and Major (if applicable):** N/A  
**Special interests:** My special interest include: 4-H, FFA, Junior Fair Board, Junior Goat Council, Junior Beef Council, Ohio Best Series, Midwest Wether Goat Series, fitting livestock, public speaking, livestock judging, and running High Standard SC.  
**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** In my leisure time I most enjoy working livestock, working with kids in the stock show industry,



# Taryn Prince

**Parent's Names:** Steven & Susan Prince

**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA

**High School Attending / Attended:** Graham High School

**Current Year in School (if applicable):** 11th

**Year of Graduation:** 2025

**Name of College and Major (if applicable):** N/A

**Special interests:** I have a lot of special interests but my favorite is spending time with my animals. I Love building trust and strong bonds with all my animals.

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** I like to be outdoors camping, swimming, fishing, hiking or just sitting around a camp fire enjoying time with my family.

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

- I have been in Prime Times 4-H Club since I was a cloverbud. I have held the offices of secretary, treasurer, and reporter. In FFA I am currently the treasurer for my chapter. I participate in card board city every year to help raise money for the homeless. I've gotten my Discovery Degree, Greenhand degree, and chapter degrees while in FFA. I also am in the Graham Marching Band. I have been section leader and dance commander.

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.**

I love being a part of 4-H and FFA but my favorite thing has been 4-H camp. From being awarded outstanding camper of the year to now being a counselor has been of the best parts of 4-H camp. Seeing all the younger 4-H members and getting the chance to teach them everything that I was taught and how I grew into the person I am brings me so much joy.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** The Champaign

County Fair is a staple in our community. Families from all walks of life come to our fair to make memories. From being in 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, to just coming with their families. Everyone that comes to our fair is there to make memories and have fun.

Walking through the bars and seeing your friends next to their animal projects that they all have worked so hard on brings so much joy and excitement to everyone. Some of these people you may only see during the fair. Just like that you pick up your friendship and enjoy each other all week long.

People come to watch the animal shows to see who has the best animals or just to hold you breath for the winner to be announced. Moms, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents all sit there watching their favorite showman in the ring. Friends offering their congratulations and hugs to their friends who just won their class or maybe even got champion. There are even hugs if you didn't win. For people that know how much work that goes into every animal that is being housed in the barns. They are looking at those kids and supporting them just by being there.

When the Grand Stands are packed full of people all there to see the bands from the local schools to the pig and calf scramble excitement fills the air. There are cheers of excitement from the community when they see that young man that has been wrestling that calf for twenty minutes finally get that stubborn thing into that white circle.

Even for the families that are just coming to let their kids experience the fair. Let them ride the fair rides and eat some awesome fair food. The Champaign County Fair is the greatest fair in the state of Ohio. Everyone wants to bring their family and make those memories.

Everyone in the community that comes to the fair is all there for one thing to be a part of a timeless tradition in our county. They are there to see old friends and make new ones. From gathering at the church tent for some watermelon to standing room only on Wednesday night waiting to hear who has that Grand Champion Market Steer. We all are there to enjoy everything that the fair brings with it and to celebrate those moments with our families.

Strangers become friends and friends become family during the fair. All making those memories and creating bonds to be carried throughout the year. All of them looking forward to the next year where they can build on those relationships and keep building those memories.



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# Liliana Printz

**Parent's Names:** Todd and Melissa Printz

**Organizations:** 4-H

**High School Attending / Attended:** Calvary Christian

**Current Year in School**

**(if applicable):** 12th

**Year of Graduation:** 2024

**Name of College and Major**

**(if applicable):** Cedarville University, AYA English (Language Arts) Education.

**Special interests:** Studying foreign languages, learning about American government and its functions, Agriculture and its importance in American society.

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** In my leisure time I enjoy... reading, practicing calligraphy, playing volleyball, going on

runs and walks with my dog, baking for my family, singings, getting coffee with friends, listening to music, and writing poetry.

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities.**

**Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

- 4H member (11 yrs)
- 4H club secretary (2020-2023)
- 4H club President (2024)
- Jr Goat Ambassador (2020)
- Sr. Goat Ambassador (2022)
- Key Club member (4 yrs)
- Key Club President (2022-2023)
- ASB Secretary (2022-2023)
- ASB President (2023-2024)
- YG President of the Senate (2023, 2024)
- NHS member
- Buckeye Girls State delegate / Governor's Director of Legislative Affairs (2023)
- Honor Roll Student (4 yrs) (4.16 GPA)
- Volleyball (4 yrs)

- Student Worship Band (3 yrs)
- Drama Club (5 yrs)
- Spanish (3 yrs)
- Senior of the month (January 2024)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes member (2023-2024)
- Bellefontaine PD service + community Award ( Wall of Fame 2023)
- Class Salutatorian (2024)
- CCS Joshua Award (2024)

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.**

Key Club is an international student-led organization dedicated to service. The goal of the key club is to grow leaders by serving others. My key club chapter organizes various service projects in school and for the community. These projects include a teacher giving tree, fundraiser for students in Burkina Faso, food drives, Pastor Appreciation Break-



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fast, visiting nursing homes, and free babysitting for parents.

ASB stands for Associated Student Body and is my school's student government. As secretary, my job was to take notes at meetings and prepare an agenda. This year I served as president. I was in charge of managing all of the directorships and ensuring the members on my team had what they needed to succeed. I also oversaw events such as bonding day, the talent show, school dances, spirit weeks, pep rallies, and worship nights. In this office, I was able to create a Club request program where students can request to start clubs based on their interests. Alongside my advisor, I also helped to find a scholarship which will allow my school to start its first FFA chapter.

YG stands for Youth in Government and is an annual event held at the Ohio Statehouse by the Youth Leadership Association. At this event, delegates present bills they've written to other delegates. Students "run the statehouse" for three days by presenting, amending, and voting on legislation. As President of the Senate, I presided over the Senate and regulated discussion on the floor. I was also in charge of ensuring committees had everything they needed. 4H is a national organization that teaches leadership, responsibility, and service through teaching young people important life skills. In my 4H club we discuss upcoming events, our projects, and prepare for events

like skillathon. As president, I monitor discussion and ensure our club meets requirements.

The CCS Joshua Award is presented to one graduation student at Calvary Christian school. It is presented in recognition of consistently displaying positive participation and leadership in student activities and student government.

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** A community is defined by Merriam-Webster as "an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location." While this description may be accurately applied to Champaign County, it cannot explain the depth to which our community services and impacts its members, and the opportunities the Champaign County Fair provides not only encourage the development of young servant leaders but also fosters the continued development of experienced community leaders through volunteer and mentorship roles. The County Fair unites our community by celebrating local talent, nurturing young minds, preserving our heritage, and addressing the needs of our community.

The County Fair is many things, but at its core, it represents what our community values. Since the 1850s, the people of Champaign County have gathered to showcase their produce and livestock. Our community was founded and has continued through agriculture. It is a part of

who we are. Every person in Champaign County has some connection to agriculture whether that be direct or indirect (through family, friends, or consumer relationships). The fair highlights this connection while prioritizing our community's value for investing in its members through youth programs such as 4H and community open events.

I have personally reaped the life-changing benefits of participating in these youth programs. 4H was the first servant leadership organization I have been involved in, and I know that without this organization, I wouldn't have pushed myself out of my comfort zone and become the service-based leader and citizen I am today. 4H placed mentors in my life who pushed me to study for skillathon, work my animal, and apply for service positions beyond our club. They taught me the importance of developing responsibility from a young age and being intentional in all areas of my life. 4H has helped shape my character and grow my desire to learn more, do more, and become more than I thought possible. Through this organization, I have had the opportunity to visit nursing home residents in our community, clean public grounds, and bless local food drives with donations. Not only did I impact and bless others through this service, but I was also deeply affected. I saw how much a simple dedication of time and effort could brighten someone's day

and leave a lasting impact. This is a testimony to what Champaign County Fair means to me and who it was developed me into a leader, but there are thousands of others in our community who have been molded in this same way since the institution of the County Fair. I am not an exception; I am one of many young people who have been shaped into leaders by the Fair's programs and volunteers.

Champaign County Fair has instilled the values of service, leadership, and responsibility into the youth of our community for 183 years. It is more than just an event; it is a tradition that links us together. The County Fair is an important pillar in our community because it holds great meaning in the hearts of many people. It has the ability to raise up the next generation of community leaders and care for the leaders that came before us. It gives our community a unified purpose in serving each other and provides an exciting way to celebrate all we have worked hard to raise in Champaign County. This celebration reaches beyond agriculture, encompassing the arts and sciences while promoting culinary talent and local businesses. The Fair addresses community needs by organizing charity events, demonstrating our community's spirit and generosity. Champaign County Fair embodies the heart of unity, servant leadership, and tradition that defines and propels our community.



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# Shelby Ritchie

**Parent's Names:** John and Kerri Ritchie

**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA

**High School Attending / Attended:** Mechanicsburg

**Current Year in School**

**(if applicable):** n/a

**Year of Graduation:** 2023

**Name of College and Major**

**(if applicable):** Clark State Community College majoring in nursing

**Special interests:** Some of my special interests include playing volleyball, cooking, baking, crafts, giving back to my community and working with my swine project.

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** I tend to keep myself busy, but I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, working in the barn, going to get iced coffee, and watching movies/

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, etc.**

## 4-H 2013-2024

- Rookie Swine showmanship winner - 2014
- County Born and Raised class winner - 2014
- 4-H gilt Division winner - 2014
- 3rd overall 4-H Junior Showmanship winner - 2015
- Performance class winner - 2015
- 3rd overall performance - 2015
- County Born and Raised class winner - 2015
- County Born and Raised class winner - 2016
- 4-H Gilt Division winner - 2016
- Scrapbooking Honorable mention - 2016
- Reserve Champion Performance - 2017
- Performance Class winner - 2017
- 1st overall Junior Showmanship winner - 2017
- 1st Junior Herdsman award winner - 2017
- Scrapbooking Honorable Mention - 2017
- 4-H Division gilt winner - 2018
- 4-H Reserve division gilt winner - 2018
- Performance class winner - 2018
- Performance champion - 2018
- Reserve Champion Born and Raised - 2018
- 2nd overall intermediate swine showmanship - 2018

- Market gilt champion - 2018
- Grand Champion overall Market gilt - 2018
- News reporter - 2018
- Purebred champion gilt - 2019
- Performance 4th overall - 2019
- 4-H Division gilt winner - 2019
- Purebred gilt class winner - 2019
- Performance class winner - 2019
- Pork princess - 2019
- Junior pork council member 2019-2021
- Treasurer - 2019
- Purebred champion gilt - 2020
- Born and Raised class winner - 2020
- Secretary - 2020
- Highest Rate of Gain Champion - 2021
- Breeding gilt class winner - 2021
- 4-H Reserve Division gilt winner - 2021
- Purebred gilt class winner - 2021
- 5th overall market gilt - 2021
- 3rd overall Senior division swine showmanship - 2021
- 4th overall performance - 2021
- 5th overall breeding gilt - 2021
- Champion Tamworth at North American International Livestock Exposition - 2021
- Vice President - 2021
- 3rd overall scramble pig - 2022
- Senior division showmanship champion - 2022
- President - 2022
- Pork queen - 2023
- 4th senior division swine herdsman - 2023
- Showman of showman final drive - 2023
- President - 2023
- Wrote cards to senior citizens to brighten their day - 2024
- President - 2024

## FFA 2019-2023

- General Livestock judging team - 2019
- Parliamentary procedure - 2019
- Greenhand Quiz CDE - 2019
- Delivered food boxes to local people in need - 2021-2023
- Job interview CDE - 2022
- Agriculture Sales CDE - 2023
- State Degree - 2023
- Second highest fruit salesman - 2023

## High School 2019-2023

- Volleyball 2019-2023
- Wrestling stats 2019-2023
- Student council - 2019
- Tutored middle and elementary students 2019-2023
- Honor roll 2019-2023
- National Honor Society 2022-2023

- Mentored middle school students 2022-2023
- Class secretary 2022-2023
- Voted student of the month December 2022
- Ran many fundraisers for the class of 2023, along with planning the 2022 prom
- Received portrait of a Graduate Cord - 2023
- Citizenship, science, student Engagement, and community service seals - 2023

## Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.

Being around 4-H and FFA when I was younger, while also growing up in an agricultural family. I have a particular passion and love for animals. My love for the swine industry began when I was 3 years old and would visit my family's farm and help with catching the baby pigs in farrowing crates to give shots. Once they were weaned, I would get in the pens and play with them. As I grew older, I was taught how to give shots myself and learned that not all shots were for sick pigs some of them were vaccines to help prevent sickness. Helping nurture and care for the pigs played a role in my decision to become a nurse, I have always wanted to help. While I have been fortunate to bring my breeding home to the family farm and show their offspring in future years. One of the most memorable highlights from my breeding project was when my breeding gilt four years prior produced some of my success. My greatest accomplishment since showing is winning Grand Champion Overall Market Gilt in 2018. 4-H and FFA has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. As well as has helped shape me into a leader.

## What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?

The Champaign County Fair is much more than a yearly carnival ride, it is a chance for the community to come together and connect with



old and new friends, colleagues, and relatives. Often many people only see these friends once a year at the fair. It is a wonderful place and time to catch up with old and new friends. I know from my personal experience my great grandfather lived for the Champaign County Fair, it was his favorite time of the year to get to watch his kids, grandkids, and great grandkid show and display their projects. My great grandfather used the county fair as his vacation every year and could hardly wait for his Rotary chocolate milkshake. The County Fair is a yearly tradition for most and excites people of all ages in our community. It is a place where friends and family gather. Some attend for the food, livestock, entertainment, carnival rides and games, or open class entries. The fair is a chance to showcase the 4-H and FFA kids' hard work throughout the year while everyone wants to win there are more values than winning that are being taught such as dedication, responsibility, leadership, and teamwork. Without our community our fair would not be one of the best fairs in the state.



**Parent's Names:** Nick and Megan Tyler

**Organizations:** 4-H & FFA

**High School Attending / Attended:**

Graham High School

**Current Year in School (if applicable):** n/a

**Year of Graduation:** 2024

**Name of College and Major (if applicable):** Wittenberg University, special education

**Special interests:** My special interests include golfing, cooking, baking, and reading. Giving back to the community is something I also find important. I try doing this by babysitting and planting flowers at my church.

**What do you most like to do in your leisure time:** My activities keep me very busy the majority of time, but when I have free time I enjoy an assortment of activities. My favorite things to do is spend quality time with my family and friends. I also enjoy staying active by going on runs with my dog or my brother. When I have a moment alone I like spending it reading or baking.

**List 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA, FCCLA, and School Activities. Include honors won, held, Awards received, ect.**

Graham High School Track and Field 2024, Graham High School Gold, 2021-2023, 2021-2023 Varsity Member, 2022 Gold Sportsmanship Award, 2022 Coaches Award, 2023 Most Improved, 2023 Student Athlete of the Month, CBC Champions 2023 and 2024, Graham High School Bowling 2020-2024, 2021-2024 Varsity Member, 1st in Districts 2022, 2023 6th Man Award, 2024 Sportsmanship Award, CBC Champions 2022-2024, Girl Scouts Bronze Award, Student Senate Sophomore Treasurer 2021-2022 and Junior Treasurer 2022-2023, A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point FFA Member, Discovery Degree 2019, Greenhand Degree 2021, 3rd place in State Agriscience Fair 2021, Food Science and Technology CDE 2021-2023, Dairy Cattle CDE 2021-2024, Chapter Degree 2022, Animal Health Credential 2022, 4th place in County Soils 2023, 4th place in District Soils 2023, Plant Science Credential 2023, Food Science Credential 2024, Committee Chairman 2023-2024, 4-H 3-US Club member, 4-h Member for 9 years, Club Oresident 2019, 2020, 2023, current President, Vice-President 2018, Secretary 2022, 2021 Scramble Pig Winner, Camp Counselor 2020-Present, Youth Board Member 2022-Present

**Describe any particular interest or activities of the above groups.**

Particular interest in the above groups include; spending time with the girls golf team and getting to know all of them better, while also developing friendships. Also strengthening skills together and individually, which I am grateful to get to continue as the new assistant coach. Being in 4-H has also given me many opportunities to strengthen my leadership skills during club meetings as president and also a 4-H camp as a counselor. I enjoy helping the younger members in my club with their projects or helping them study for skillathon. I have also been given the opportunity to volunteer in the 4-H extension office

## Grace Tyler

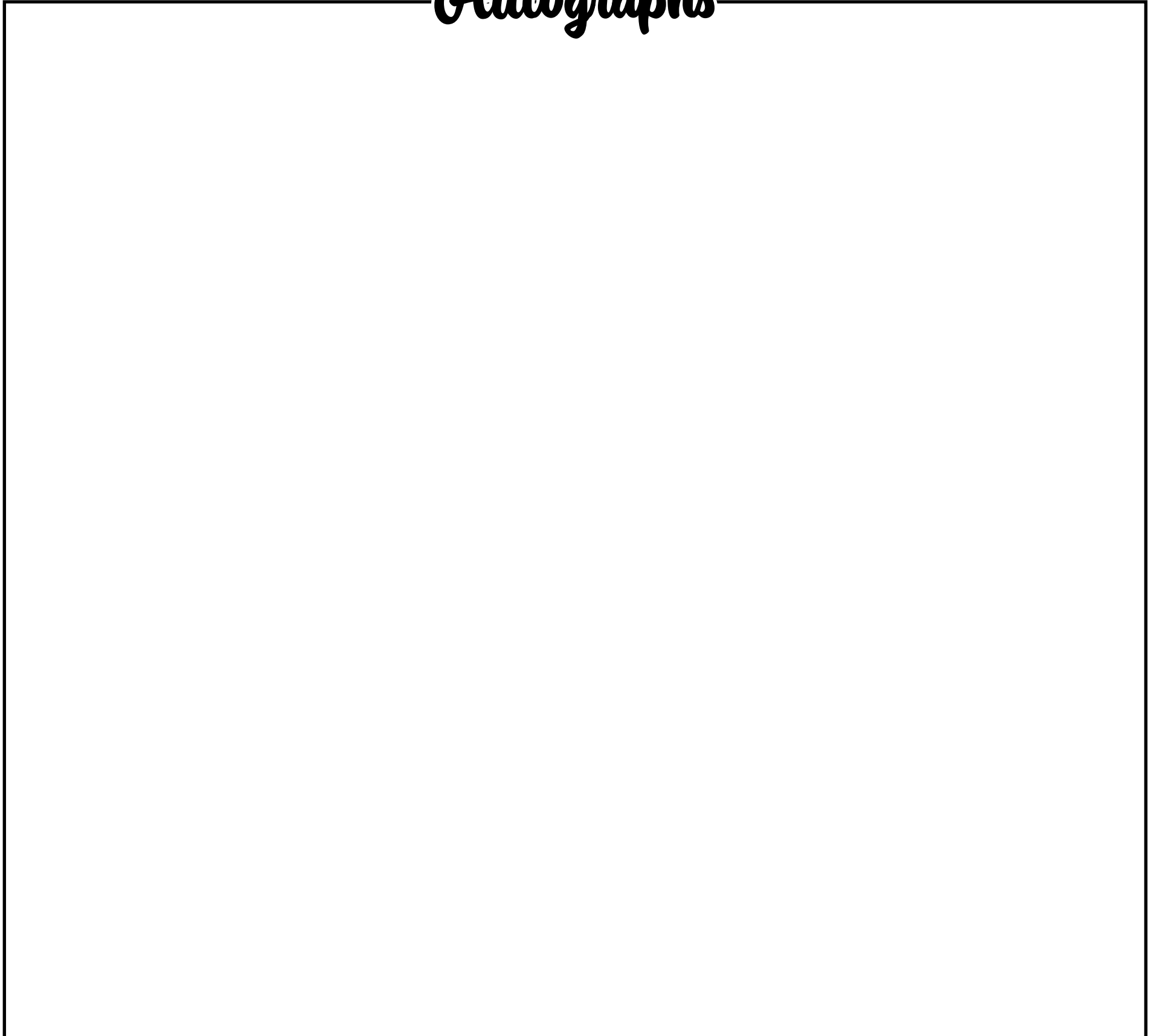
helping prepare items for upcoming events. This opportunity has given me time management skills, along with helping me strengthen my teamwork and communication skills. Along with being a camp counselor, I am also on the youth board. Youth board has helped me become a more patient person from working the flea market each month. As a youth board member I also get to help recruit 4-H members by travelling to Champaign County Elementary schools. Being a part of the Graham girls bowling team has given me so many amazing memories that I am grateful for. One of my favorite memories is getting to stay in a hotel with the whole team before the state tournament each year. The bowling team is like a second family; we are all very close as we spend many hours working together to perfect our skills. I am thankful that my bowling family is close and that they will continue to motivate and support me in my future endeavors. The bowling team have brought me some of my closest friends,

**What do you believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community?** What do I believe the Champaign County Fair means to our community? I believe the county fair means many different things to each person as the fair means many different things to me. The county fair symbolizes tradition; it's a gathering where we can come together and celebrate our hard work in agriculture and arts; show talent and enjoy entertainment as a community. For some community members, the fair represents a deep-rooted family legacy that spans generations. It's a time-honored tradition where families come together to reminisce about past fairs and share stories of triumphs, and memorable moments. Many families have long-standing connections to the fairgrounds from being on the

fair bored to winning big shows. Like family, the fair allows friends to gather and create lasting memories. It served as a dynamic meeting point where longtime residents and newcomers alike come together, forging new friendships and strengthening community ties. The fair also offers a unique environment where people from diverse backgrounds can interact. Beyond socializing, the fair acts as an incentive for meaningful connections that might not otherwise occur and promotes introductions between individuals who many share common interests or aspirations. The fair also strengthens the community by teaching about agriculture and friendly competition. Learning about agriculture at the fair can help inspire interest in agriculture. Furthermore, the county fair serves as a powerful platform for local businesses to gain more exposure and expand their customer base. It provides them with a unique opportunity to showcase their products and services to a larger audience. Moreover, the fair holds profound meaning for members of the Champaign County Community who volunteer their time and effort. Whether they're working at the ticket gate or helping run booths like the Pepsi booth, these volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring the fair's success. Their dedication not only supports the smooth operation of the event but also directly benefits community initiatives, such as supporting athletes in the Graham district when working in the Pepsi booth. Volunteering demonstrates a commitment to giving back and a willingness to help strengthen our community. Overall, the county fair is not just an event but a cornerstone of community life. It reflects the community's values, traditions, and resilience, uniting residents in celebration while upholding cultural heritage for future generations to cherish.



# Autographs



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