

4-H Project Judging:

I was requested and am looking forward to assisting with two days of 4-H project judging this year for Seneca County OSU Extension. 4-H was a big part of my life growing up and I encourage youth (and adults) to become involved. It is a great way to learn more about a vast number of future career opportunities and learn about essentials to living and caring for yourself and others. If you have not checked it out recently, I would highly recommend visiting the Seneca County Fair this year, July 24-30, to talk to the youth about their projects or contacting the OSU Extension office.

23rd Annual Photo Contest



2023 Photo Contest: Michelle Hays

84 total entries were submitted for this year’s 23rd Annual Photo Contest including 61 Entries in the adult categories and 23 entries in the youth categories.

Public Viewing: Sunday, July 9 from 1-4pm, followed by entries being displayed at the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library during the month of August.

View other upcoming programs at www.SenecaCountyParks.com

PUBLIC PROGRAMS, PARTICIPATION, & PARTNERSHIP SUMMARY

Special Request Outreach Programs & Events

In addition to the regularly scheduled Park programs, listed below are other agencies who received programming opportunities from the Seneca Parks the past month(s):

- 4-H Cloverbuds (1)
- Bliss Library (1)
- Camps—Working for Wildlife (5 days)
- Adventure’s Eve (5 days)
- Pioneer Camp Lyme Village (4 days)
- ECI (1)-they cancelled air quality
- Fostoria Farmer’s Market (1)
- Grove Fest Spiegel Grove (1)
- Kaubisch Library (1)
- Tiffin Developmental Center—(2)
- Wesley Center—Fostoria (1)

Summer Camps

Summer Camps have been going well so far this summer. Three summer camps are offered through the month of July:

- Nature Camp – July 10-14 for 6-12 years
- Little One’s Nature Days – July 18-20, for 3-5 years
- Adult Nature Camp – July 31-Aug 4, for adults only

Check with Linda Rose for availability, lrose@senecacountyparks.com.

GENERAL PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS:

	June (2022)	Total
Programs	42 (30)	218 (188)
Participants	783 (496)	3465 (2084)



2023 Photo Contest: Nichole Griffin

H2OHIO PROJECT TOUR IN SENECA COUNTY:



Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) coordinated a tour of two H2Ohio Projects in Seneca County in June. Starting at the Clary-Boulee McDonald property, the Black Swamp Conservancy (current property owner) led the group through the upland portion of the preserve and down to one of the wetlands covering information relating to project background, planning, construction, and predicted impacts expected from this project.



Laura Johnson, (pictured above) Director of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University, provided additional information about the ongoing monitoring they and other agencies conduct on this and other sites.

Other monitoring partners in this area include Universities and agencies such as The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, The Ohio State University, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.



The group then drove to Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve where Linda Rose and I provided information on the H2Ohio grant process and project progression that has taken place since its' installation in 2020.



When the property was acquired in 2019, ODNR and the Water Quality Research Lab were given permission to install several wells at different depths so that long-term underground water quality could also be monitored in addition to the surface water monitoring in the wetlands. It was felt that this public site, situated around 3 miles from the landfill, made an ideal location for this long-term monitoring opportunity. The site is also an excellent location option for air quality monitoring instruments, should they become available for installation in the future.

The continued partnerships of multiple agencies conducting monitoring on this site has turned into a great resource for local environmental data collection to help other agencies in future regulation of quality-of-life aspects of this area, such as air and water quality.