

Notes from the Office

Keeping In Touch

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Dear 4-H Family:

A new 4-H year is beginning and there is much to tell you about. In spite of all of the current challenges, 2020 is going to be a fun and educational year - read on for more details.

Age Requirements

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

Cross County Membership

A reminder that youth living outside of the county must apply to be a member of the Auglaize County 4-H program. Applications must be approved before April 15. Contact the office for details.

Judging Dates

The following dates are for pre-fair judging:

Friday, July 17 - Livestock Interviews and Clothing Judging.

Monday, July 20 - Nutrition Judging

Tuesday, July 21 - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

Enrollment Deadline 2020

Enrollment deadline for our traditional 4-H clubs **for 2020 is May 15**. All enrollment is done online, please contact your club advisors or the office if you do not have that information.

Project Completion

Members have until May 15 to finalize the projects in which they enroll. After May 15, members will be given a project grade or incomplete for every project they are taking. **Remember, if you receive an incomplete on any project, you do not receive credit for the 4-H year.** Be sure you are planning to complete the projects you are taking.

****For members in two clubs, you must complete in both clubs to receive credit for the year.**

Project Requirements

Every family will receive the project requirements for all projects. We refer to it as "Section 7" - you will receive it by email and it can be found in 4-H Online or our website. Please refer to this information as you select, plan and complete your projects for judging.

Project Central!

You can preview project books AND share feedback about project experiences at:

ohio4h.org/projectcentral

auglaize.osu.edu



4-H Committee News

Outstanding Work

The 4-H Committee would like to recognize the following award recipients. Thank you for making the Auglaize County 4-H program great!

Friend of 4-H - Pastor Tim Smith

Outstanding Advisor - Joy Aufderhaar

Outstanding Youth - Taylor Lowe, Ally Ott, Tyler Swank, Liv Wuebker

4-H Committee election results

District I- Hilary Werling

District III - Donna Ankerman

District I vacancy appointment - Jeff McKenzie

Representative at Large - Betsy Seipel

District I parent representative - Drew Sutherland

Youth representative - Ella Aufderhaar

District II - Marge Luedeke

Teen Opportunities

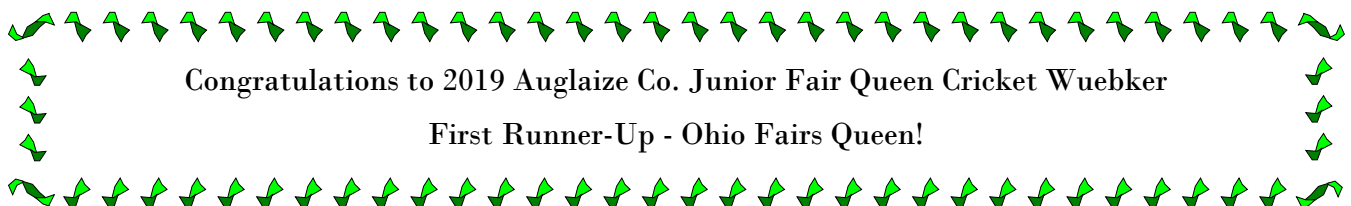
Scholarships Available

Schaub Scholarship

The Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarship Fund will again be awarding scholarship money. Current or former 4-H members may apply. Applications are due by June 1. This scholarship is available for any field of study at any accredited school. Graduating seniors or current college students are eligible. These forms are available on our website.

Junior Fair Boosters Scholarship

The Jr. Fair Boosters will be awarding scholarships again also. Applications and guidelines are available from the office. Deadline to apply is June 1st.



Fair Updates - August 2-8, 2020

Junior Fair Board Officers

President - Howie Spencer

Vice President - Ally Ott

Secretary - Lucy Spencer

Treasurer - Amanda Schultz

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Zach Hesse

Reporters - Ethan Aufderhaar & Courtney Nuss

Executive Committee - Hannah Kramer, Morgan Leffel, Sam Wagner

Livestock Sale Committee Officers



President - Gerald Grevenkamp

Vice President - Greg Leffel

Secretary - Mindi Wilker

Treasurer - Abby Homan

Assistant Treasurer - Joan Leffel

Livestock Possession Date: for the majority of livestock will be **May 15, 2020** instead of May 1. This possession date rule will read:

All livestock projects exhibited must have been owned and cared for by the individual exhibitor on and after **May 15** of the current year. Exceptions:

Steers – ownership date is the original scheduled date of winter weigh-in

Yearling horses - ownership date is January 1 of current year

Market rabbits - ownership date is June 20 of current year

Broilers - ownership date is June 30 of the current year



ATTENTION - MARKET LAMB AND MARKET GOAT MEMBERS

Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In - cancelled

There will be no rate of gain contests for market lambs or market goats in 2020.



4-H members taking goat/lamb projects will need a Scrapie ID tag form. (We have always sent this form out prior to weigh in so that people could turn it in completed at weigh-in, so this is no different than previous years.) Link to Scrapie form:

https://auglaize.osu.edu/sites/auglaize/files/imce/Junior%20Fair%20Scrapie%20Identification18_0.pdf

Market lamb/goat exhibitors will be required to return their completed Scrapie ID form to the Extension office by **May 20, 2020**.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND BREEDING ANIMAL INFORMATION AT THIS TIME!

Members may still identify a maximum of 5 lambs and 5 goats per child. Each member will need to submit their form individually, animals may not be registered under a family name. Please do not put more than 1 child per form. If registering both goats and lambs for one child, please use separate forms.

Exhibitors failing to return their Scrapie ID form by May 20, 2020 will not be eligible to enter or exhibit their market lambs or market goats at the 2020 Auglaize Co. Junior Fair. Completed Scrapie ID forms can be returned to the Extension Office in person (when open), through the mail or by email. miller.465@osu.edu

Market lambs and goats will be tagged at the fair with market tags. Animals will be checked to verify that the Scrapie tag in the animal matches the pre-registered animals on the Scrapie ID form submitted in May for each exhibitor.

All other rules on fair entry, ownership rules, livestock substitution and exhibition will remain the same.

2020 Fair Changes & Reminders

Check your fair book for complete final details.

Livestock Entries Online: livestock entries, including ALL showmanship, will be done online through the Fair Entry Online program, no exceptions. There will be no paper entry cards. Members will receive information regarding how to make your entries online. All entries will be due by July 1 as in the past. Please see late entry rule.

Late Entry Rule Revision: All entries are to be submitted by July 1. If entries are submitted between July 2 and July 8, there will be a \$10.00 cash fee per entry, regardless of reasons or lateness. If entries are submitted between on July 9 or after, there late \$25.00 cash fee per entry, regardless of reason or lateness. The entry will not be official until the fine is paid in full in cash. Late entry fee information will be submitted to the Junior Fair Board along with the cash fee.

The late entry rule also applies to showmanship entries with the addition that no showmanship entries will be accepted during the fair.

SHOWMANSHIP CHANGE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK SPECIES:

Livestock showmanship sign up for all species will be done as part of FairEntry online beginning in 2020. Exhibitors must enter their showmanship class online by July 1. Entries can be scratched after July 1 (as with any entry) but will face a late entry penalty is added after July 1. No showmanship entries will be accepted during the fair. **Best advice - sign up for showmanship by July 1!**

Department Changes: No rule changes for the following departments: Dairy, Demonstrations

Beef: carcass fee matches carcass processing fee. Add 3-5 overall ribbons to carcass awards. Carcass results and rate of gain winners will be announced at the beginning of the steer show.

Clothing: there will be 1 modeling award per age category. Two achievement awards will be given. The style review will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run continuously, there will not be set times given per project. Members must attend judging and style review to receive a premium.

Goat: add dairy market goat does not compete for Best Doe in Show. This is not new rule, clarifying how show is run. See market goat changes for 2020 shared in this newsletter.

Horses: added Ranch Riding (8-13, 14-18) to pleasure show and Speed and Control (8-13, 14-18) to contesting show. Contesting show will start at 6:00 p.m.

Notes: Members need to follow uniform rules about what classes they can/cannot enter such as Western and Ranch Pleasure classes. Members should review showmanship entry rules and also not enter two horses in some riding classes. All entries (member and horse) will be final on July 1.

King and Queen: coronation will be held Monday, 6:00 p.m. in the Gospel Tent.

Nutrition: Two achievement awards will be given.

Poultry: barn supervision will be added. Supervision will not be scheduled on show days.

According to the Ohio Poultry Association there is not enough antigen to test exhibition poultry for this year's fair season. Antigen will not be available until this fall or early winter, so testing is suspended again this year. There will not be any testing for turkeys required either.



Rabbit: show will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Sheep: see market lamb changes for 2020 shared in this newsletter.

Showmanship Sweepstakes: only the winner is announced, scores are not revealed. This is not new rule, just clarifying how contest is run.

Special Interest: add vet science trophy.

Swine: The Auglaize County Senior Fair Board along side with the Sale Committee have agreed to be Ractopamine (Paylean) FREE for the 2020 fair season. This decision has been made final. The following are the proper steps to going Ractopamine Free for the fair.

- During online fair entry (mandatory) there will be a box to check stating that your hogs are Ractopamine free
- At the time of weigh ins the Saturday prior to fair, an affidavit will be signed ensuring your hogs have been Ractopamine free from time of acquisition to harvest
- If the affidavit is not signed you WILL NOT be eligible to show Open, Born & Raised, or Junior show at the fair and your hogs will leave the premises Sunday night with the open class hogs

This is a one year ruling and will be re-evaluated for next year. It should be noted that we are doing this in order to keep up with the standards of the U.S. pork industry.

Hogs will be released on Thursday to the livestock dealers, time to be determined. Hog Barn pen cleaning/tack removal - pens may not be cleaned nor may tack be removed during buyer registration (begins at 7:30 a.m. Friday/Saturday in the Piehl Arena) or while the sale is being conducted.

Premiums: will be paid on Saturday, August 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for 4-H Special Interest projects. Premium will be paid when the project has been delivered to the Exhibit Building for display in the booth. Clothing project premiums will be paid at the style revue. Nutrition project premiums will be paid at judging. Livestock premiums will be paid during the shows. The deadline to claim premiums will be noon on Wednesday of the fair. Members not receiving their payment at the designated times above must request the premium payment by completing a form. The form is submitted to the Junior Fair office. Members will be responsible for picking this premium up later in the week. Requested premiums that are unclaimed will be put in the 4-H club packets the last day of fair. ***Members not picking up premiums at the designated time or requesting them by noon Wednesday of fair will not receive premium money for their projects.***

Livestock Sale: With the early removal of the market poultry and market hogs, only the exhibitor will enter the sale arena, no live animals will be used. Grand and reserve champion hogs will be walked through the sale ring. Market poultry and hog exhibitors are highly encouraged to carry a poster/picture of their project animals into the sale ring.

Exhibitors are required to be present and sell at their assigned time in the sale order (with or without animal depending on the specie). If you miss your sale time without permission, you will receive the packer bid only, no premium.

As in the past, if you cannot be present to sell you must receive permission from the junior fair board to have someone else sell for you. If you are selling a specie without live animals, you will need to have another Auglaize Co. Junior Fair member stand in the ring for you. Please provide them a picture of you and your project animal to hold.

The 2020 Junior Fair Livestock Sales will be:

Friday, August 7, 9:00 a.m., Piehl Arena – Hogs, Sheep, Poultry

Saturday, August 8, 9:00 a.m., Piehl Arena – Rabbits, Goats, Steers, Dairy Milk

Quality Assurance

FOR 2020 - ALL QUALITY ASSURANCE MUST BE COMPLETED BY OPENING DAY OF THE FAIR.

Reminder: First year QA members ages 8 to 11 as of January 1, must have a parent attend a quality assurance program. First year QA members 12 and over are not required to have a parent attend and may choose the test out option or program attendance.

*If a parent is required to attend a quality assurance with their first year member and they attend an out of county program - written proof from the sponsor must be submitted by the parent as proof of attendance.

With the restriction of no face to face meetings until after May 15, currently we still have the following program date set: **Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m., Junior Fair Building.** (Be in registration line by 6:45 p.m.)

Once we get a clearer picture of the status of our restrictions, we will be setting an additional program and testing dates.

Test Out Option: Members, ages 12-14, can test out of Quality Assurance for up to three years. This means a child who passes the QA test would not have to take the test again until they reach the 15-18 age division. Members, ages 15-18, can test out of QA permanently. A member must take the test at the scheduled time and achieve a score of 70% or higher to test out of the program. Members failing to test out of QA participation will be required to attend a QA program for that year. They may attempt to test out of the program again the following year. There is no testing option for members ages 8 to 11.

Pen requests: members must submit all pen assignment requests through fair entry online. The number of pens needed by goat & sheep exhibitors should be submitted also. All requests must be made by July 1. Clubs **MAY NOT** request to be assigned to a specific barn or area.

Attention: Market Animal Exhibitors

If a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper authorization, the following penalties will apply: the exhibitor will be banned from further competition for the next 2 years of their junior fair eligibility. If removed after the sale, in addition to the above penalty, the exhibitor will forfeit all premium monies. The premium monies will be returned to the sale buyer with a letter of explanation.

If a market animal is sent home from the fair for any reason, the exhibitor will not receive any payment for the value of the market animal. If sent home after the sale, the exhibitor will receive the premium amount from the sale only.

The Senior Fair, Junior Fair, and Sale Committee will take every precaution for the safe keeping of livestock on exhibition after their arrival on the grounds but will not be responsible for any animal loss that may occur. Exhibitors are requested to give every attention to their animals. Animals are the property of the exhibitor until the animals are loaded to the packer or custom processor.

Custom Harvest:

Locations for the custom processing of large animals will be limited to Kah Meats and Winner's Meats. Exhibitors must notify the Sale Committee at weigh-in about the animal's destination. Custom harvest for small animals will be done at a processor approved by the Sale Committee. All animals will be handled by the Sale Committee, not the exhibitor.

Custom harvest for hogs will be available from Winner's Meats and Kah Meats. These hogs will be hauled by the Sale Committee on Thursday afternoon of fair after the Born & Raised Show. Exhibitors will need to make their own appointment at Winner's Meats or Kah Meats by July 1 and notify sale committee at fair weigh-in.

Who doesn't love a free t shirt?? There are 50 ways to win a free 4-H t shirt in 2020. In fact, some of you have already won a t shirt and don't even know it! Thanks to our local endowment funds, we will be giving away 50 4-H t shirts! There are many ways to win – random draw, enrollment information, nominations and by watching our social media and accepting our challenges. Only one winner per category, only one shirt per person. Winners must be a member or advisor in good standing in 2020. All winners will be notified by email after the fair. Winners will need to return their shirt order form with style and size by the designated date on the order form. Shirts will be distributed this fall. We hope you will play along and try to win a shirt!



Calendar Of Events



- 7 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - virtual
- 23 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - virtual



- 5 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - virtual
- 7 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - TBD - virtual if held
- 14 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m. - TBD - virtual if held
- 15 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 21 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 27 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds

The next Gazette will be sent in May. Please stay in touch with your club advisors and review information sent from our office. It is critically important that you are aware of what is happening, if it is happening and how it is happening during these challenging times. Stay well and stay tuned. Until next time...

Sincerely,

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