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Notes from the Office - July 2015

Dear 4-H Family:

The fair is coming soon! This issue of the Gazette contains important fair and judging information, please read it carefully and put it in a safe place for future reference. I am looking forward to seeing you at the fair. Remember that the important part of junior fair is the opportunity to learn more, make friends and showcase the talents of our children. The competition and awards are a secondary part of what 4-H and junior fair is all about. The next issue of the Gazette will be sent in the fall. Until next time....

Sincerely,

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cc Ag Teachers

Address Check

Each 4-H household should receive one copy of the Gazette. If you are receiving more than one copy, please contact the office. We may have a discrepancy among family members' addresses or emails or we may not have blended families together. Also, if you know of a family who is not receiving this newsletter have them call the office.

See enclosed fair and judging schedules for important information.

Campers' Corner
A total of 138 people attended camp this summer. Thanks to all who participated, it was a very fun and successful week! We do have some items from lost and found at the office.

Grading Policy

A reminder of our grading policy for all 4-H projects. This system pertains to **all** family and consumer sciences, non-livestock and livestock projects. The advisor's and judge's grades will be averaged to determine a member's overall project grade. The two grades hold equal weight and will be averaged as follows:

A + A = A Final Grade

A + B = B Final Grade

A + C = B Final Grade

B + B = B Final Grade

B + C = C Final Grade

C + C = C Final Grade

Projects that receive B's or C's will not be eligible to compete for placings or awards in graded classes. All members are still allowed to participate in non-graded events. **The only exception to this rule on awards would be if there are no A's in a particular class; then the best of class could be selected.** This rule is exclusive per project. A lower grade on one project does not eliminate a member in another category. For example, if a member received an "A" in woodworking and a "B" in cooking; she/he could compete for awards in woodworking but not cooking.

State Fair Participation

A 4-H member may participate in State Fair as many times as they qualify. If a member chooses not to go in multiple categories, alternates will be offered the opportunity. If you are contacted to go to state fair with your project, please let the office know as quickly as possible if you will go. We usually have alternates that can be offered the opportunity if we know in time to contact them. **Members must go to state fair on the day that Auglaize County is scheduled to participate. You may not request date changes for any state fair event.**

Fair Rules

Review the rules of the departments in which you exhibit as well as the general rules at the beginning of the Junior Fair section. The fair book is online at:

http://www.auglaizecountyfair.org/sites/default/files//pdfs/2015_AuglaizeFairbook.pdf

Please note: the junior fair schedule information in the front of the fair book is incorrect, please use the junior fair schedule in the "yellow pages".

Grades for Members Not Exhibiting

Any 4-H member, who does not attend their scheduled project judging, will be assigned an advisor's grade only. This policy applies to judging prior to and during the fair. The advisor's grade will allow the child to have a completed project and receive credit for the 4-H year. Members not exhibiting at the fair do not receive fair passes.



Upcoming Events

Livestock Interview Judging

4-H livestock members, entering in the junior fair, are reminded that they will need to participate in interview judging on Thursday, July 23 beginning at 8:30 a.m. ending no later than 4:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Building. Members are assigned by club hours. If you choose to come at a different time than your club is assigned, you may experience a longer wait. Please see the enclosed information for more details.

Clothing Judging

Clothing projects will be judged on Thursday, July 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Jr. Fair Building. The judging times are enclosed. Members should bring your pattern (or instructions), a 2"x2" sample of your fabric and a 4"x6" photo (digital or print) of your project to attach to your judging sheet.

Food and Nutrition Judging

4-H food and Nutrition projects will be judged on Tuesday, July 28 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Jr. Fair Building. The judging times are enclosed.

4-H Special Interest Project Judging

4-H Special Interest projects will be judged on Friday, July 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Jr. Fair and Exhibit Buildings. The judging times are enclosed. Please follow this time schedule; it will make the day run much smoother. If there are any questions, contact the office

In addition to your project, members are asked to bring a 4"x6" photo (digital or print) of your project to judging. This picture will be attached to the judging sheet after judging. All project materials will be taken home after judging. This picture will be used for the judges to refer to when making placings. Writing project members should leave a list or summary of their works, but not the actual project. **NO other materials may be left for the judges to review.**

Small Animal Show

Small animals will be judged on Tuesday, July 28. See judging schedule enclosed. Remember pet rabbits and dog care are a part of this show.

Pet rabbit and dog care project members do not attend livestock interviews. They are interviewed at the Small Animal Show.



Fair Updates

Premium Payment

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 review. Nutrition project premiums will be paid at judging. Livestock premiums will be paid during the shows.

Projects must be in the booth by 2:00 p.m. Monday to receive premium. The only exception is a project that is being judged at state fair on Monday.

The deadline to claim premiums will be noon Thursday 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 will not receive premium money for their projects.***

Early Release from Exhibit Building

Projects going to state fair must be signed out in the Jr. Fair Board Office before leaving. Projects may not be released more than 24 hours before they are judged at state. All other early release requests must be individually approved by the board.

Fair Passes

All junior fair members, exhibiting at the fair, will receive a fair pass. Contact your advisor if you do not receive a pass.

Showmanship sign-up

All junior fair exhibitors interested in participating in showmanship must pre-register at the designated times. The times are listed below. Please be sure to sign up. Those members failing to pre-register will not be eligible to participate in showmanship.

Beef - steer weigh-in - Saturday - Show Barn 2

Dairy - Sunday - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - posted in Dairy Barn

Goats - Sunday - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - posted in Goat Barn

Rabbits - posted from market pen weigh-in until 12:00 noon Monday - Rabbit Barn

Swine - Saturday - 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. - posted in hog barns

Sheep - Sunday - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - posted in Sheep Barn

Horses & dogs must enter through entry forms by July 1st.

Arrival & Dismissal Times

FRIDAY, JULY 31

11:00 a.m. - FFA Shop & Crop Projects in place

6:00 p.m. - Livestock may start to arrive

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

11:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Livestock in place

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

2:00 P.M. - Booths in place for judging

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

11:00 P.M. - 12:00 Midnight - Rabbits Released

12:00 midnight - Junior Fair Projects released - unless located in a building which is locked at night. These projects should be picked up between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

**Market animals will be released based on times arranged with packers.

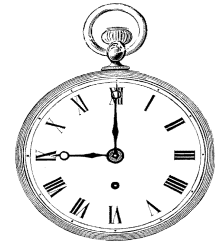
A reminder - all market livestock will be released at times arranged with the packers. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals until they are loaded on the trucks.

Junior Fair Release & Cleanup

Junior Fair exhibitors found to be in violation of arrival or release times will not receive a fair pass for the 2016 fair.

4-H and FFA exhibits may be removed from the Junior Fair Exhibit and FFA Buildings from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Rabbit exhibits will be released between 11:00 p.m. and midnight. Barns will be locked at midnight. Animals may also be picked up Sunday before 2:00 p.m.

For all departments, including livestock, please have all exhibits removed by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday so that we may clean up. Failing to clean your exhibit area will mean no fair pass in 2015.



Market Animal Fair Weigh In Schedule

Saturday, August 1 - 11:30 a.m. - Lambs, Goats, Hogs

Saturday, August 1 - 1:00 p.m. - Steers

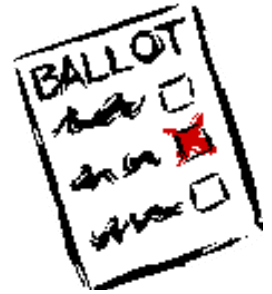
Sunday, August 2 - 12:00 noon - Rabbits

King & Queen Contest

Contestants for Junior Fair King and Queen will be interviewed on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at our office. Voting will take place at the same time as the Junior Fair Board elections. The coronation will be held Monday, August 3, 6:30 p.m. at the grandstand.

Junior Fair Board Elections

The elections for Jr. Fair board will be held on **July 23, 24, 28, 31, August 2 & 3**. Each Junior Fair member should plan to cast a ballot for your township representative. Members writing a letter of interest for appointment to the board need to submit the letter by noon, Saturday, August 8 to the Junior Fair Board Office.



Livestock Sale Participants

Market animals, will be shipped to one packer. The only exceptions will be if the bidder at the sale specifies another destination. *Excess market animals will be shipped to the packer unless you specify another harvest destination, see fair book for available destinations. Exhibitors must notify the Sale Committee by 12:00 noon on Tuesday of the fair about excess animals. DO NOT wait until sale time to try to dispose of excess animals! Remember that you are responsible for your livestock until it is loaded on the truck.*

—► **Also, remember you must be present to sell your animal unless you have been granted prior permission by the Junior Fair Board. If you are not present and no one else has permission to sell your animal, then your animal will NOT go through the sale ring. You will simply receive the packer bid, no premium.**

Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)

Please fill out your Drug Use Notification Forms completely. The form requires both member and parent signatures. The following animals must complete a DUNF: market steer, market hog, market lamb, market goat, lactating goat and lactating dairy cow.

Health Papers

Please refer to the fair book for requirements. The fair books were distributed through local newspapers in May and is online at http://www.auglaizecountyfair.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/2015_AuglaizeFairbook.pdf *Dog and cat members* are reminded that their required vaccinations need to be up to date. *Goat and sheep members* are reminded to have scrapie tags and their completed forms.

Thank You Letters

Every year, many people donate their time and money to support the Junior Fair. Please send a letter of thanks to those people who donated your trophy or purchased your animal at the sale. You also want to thank the contending bidder on your livestock. Without that second bidder, there is no sale. These letters make a difference to these supporters. Do your part to help insure this kind of support in the future. We have the addresses of all trophy donors and buyers at the Extension Office. Call us if you need help locating your donor. **A SPECIAL NOTE TO ADVISORS AND PARENTS** - please see that your children follow through on these thank yous. With your help, we hope to increase the number of thank yous being written. We seem to get more comments year by year from buyers and donors that they never receive a thank you. **No project is complete until the thank you is written!!** The strongest three words for securing and maintaining support are Please and Thank You.

A note to sale participants—please do not approach the auctioneer's stand or the sale committee office to find out who your buyer was. Interruptions can create incorrect information on sale records. As stated above, the information will be available after the fair at the Extension Office.

Gracias! Merci!! Mahalo!!!

IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK SALE INFORMATION

Market Animals

A reminder that we have completely terminal shows and sales. What does this mean? Any animal that is shown in a market animal class will be sent to harvest at the end of the fair. No market animals may return home. All market animals will be harvested by a packer or through custom harvest for the freezer. See fair book sale rules for specific details.

Livestock Sale Buyer Pre-registration

As you invite local businesses to attend the sale and support all junior fair livestock exhibitors, please mention that they can pre-register for the sale on Thursday, August 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Junior Fair Building. Many buyers appreciate this opportunity so they do not have to wait in line on sale days.

Multiple Bidder Forms

The Sale Committee gives the buyers a form to use if they have multiple bidders for one animal. These forms are for ***bidder use only***, members may not use these to recruit bids! Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 14 - King and Queen Interviews - 7 p.m. - Extension Office
- 15 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 22 - Jr. Fair Work Day - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 23 - 4-H Livestock Interview Judging - 8:30 a.m. - Exhibit Building
- 23 - 4-H Clothing Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Building
- 24 - 4-H Special Interest Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair & Exhibit Buildings
- 27 - Jr. Fair Work Day - Fairgrounds - 1:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 28 - 4-H Food and Nutrition Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 28 - 4-H Small Animal Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- July 29-August 9 - Ohio State Fair
- 31 - Junior Fair Board Meeting - 4:00 p.m.- Fairgrounds
- August 2 - 8 - Auglaize Co. Fair

AUGUST

- 12 - Carcass Review - 7:00 p.m. - Kah Meats