

Notes from the Office

Dear 4-H Family:

The fair is coming soon! 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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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' 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.

Campers' Corner
A total of 161 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.

See enclosed fair schedule.



Grading Policy

A reminder of our grading policy for all 4-H projects. This system pertains to all clothing, nutrition, special interest 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.

Remember that project judging and fair participation are always optional! Your advisor grade makes your project and 4-H year complete.

State Fair Participation

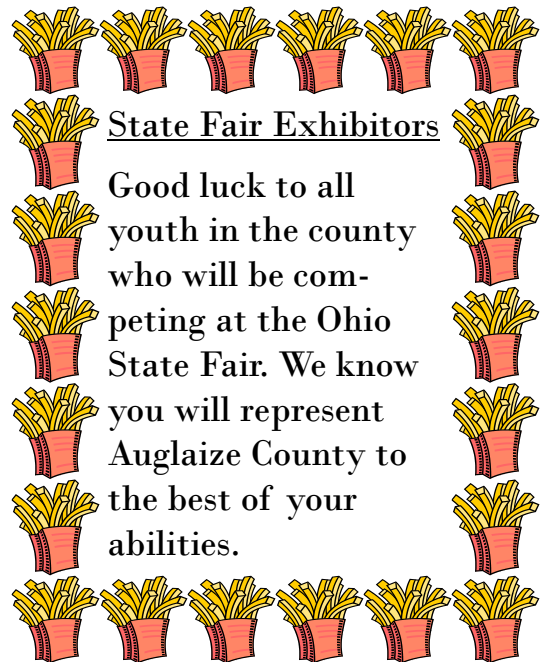
A 4-H member may participate in state project judging as many times as they qualify and state fair guidelines allow. If a member chooses not to go to state judging, eligible alternates will be offered the opportunity. If you are contacted to go to state with your project, please let the office know as quickly as possible if you will go. Members must go to state fair on the day and time that Auglaize County is scheduled to participate. **We will not request time changes for any state fair event.**

4-H CLOVER AWARD

Each judge will be given the opportunity to award a 4-H Clover Award. This award will be a judge's choice award – given to the 4-H member that he/she felt had the best interview about their project. In other words – “the kid that got the JUDGE excited about the project”! They may not be a state fair qualifier or even a county award winner. They may not be the most knowledgeable or have the best project book or display. This winner made the judge want to listen all day about their project!

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

**Every member must preregister for a specific judging time for their project(s) by July 11, 4:30 P.M. Please read details below and see sign up links on the judging schedules.**

### 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 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. ending no later than 4:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Building. Please see the previously sent information for more details. You must sign up for a judging time, no walk ins are accepted. General will sign up for one time slot for all projects. If you are taking multiple projects within a specie (such as more than one poultry project, you sign up for one time slot. Again, each member should only be signed up for one time slot.

### Clothing Judging

Clothing projects will be judged on Tuesday, July 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Jr. Fair Building. 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. Please see the previously sent information for more details. You must sign up for a judging time, no walk ins are accepted.

### Nutrition Judging

4-H Nutrition projects will be judged on Tuesday, July 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Exhibit Building. Please see the previously sent information for more details. You must sign up for a judging time, no walk ins are accepted.

### 4-H Special Interest Project Judging

4-H Special Interest projects will be judged on Wednesday, July 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Jr. Fair and Exhibit Buildings. Please see the previously sent information for more details. You must sign up for a judging time, no walk ins are accepted.

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.**

### Virtual Judging Option

Members are expected to attend project judging in person. See specific schedules for each judging for details on how to register for your judging time. **IF you are unable to attend your in person project judging, you can create a 5 to 7 minute video sharing what you have learned through your project and submit it as outlined in the information included with this letter. All videos must be submitted by Thursday July 11. This will allow us to have your videos ready for the judges on judging day. No late videos will be accepted. See detailed information.**



## Fair Updates

### Premium Payment

Premiums will be paid on Saturday, July 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for 4-H Special Interest and Nutrition 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. 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 judging 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, ages 13 and over by fair, **exhibiting at the fair**, will receive a fair pass. You will need to register online for your electronic pass when information is sent. We have no ability to issue passes.

Livestock Arrival/Dismissal Time Violations

Livestock arriving late or leaving early without prior permission will be fined \$50.00 per exhibitor, payable in cash by December 1 of the year of the rule violation. If the fine is not paid by that date, the exhibitor will be ineligible for placings the following year. Junior Fair Board reserves the right to check with the other exhibition to confirm animal's arrival or departure at their show. In addition: Animals arriving late from other shows (including state fair) will have 24 hours to be on grounds after they are dismissed from the other show. Proof of participation at the other show must be provided. The junior fair board reserves the right to confirm show dismissal times at other shows. Requests for early/late arrivals should be made to the junior fair board by July 15.

Arrival & Dismissal Times

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

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

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

8:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Livestock in place

**MONDAY, July 29**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

11:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight - Rabbit and poultry projects\* are released

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

12:00 a.m. (midnight) - Junior Fair Projects Released\*

All breeding and nonterminal animals will observe the 12:00 a.m. (midnight) through 2:00 p.m. release time.

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Booths and FFA Shop and Crop exhibits available for tear down (FFA & Exhibit Buildings)

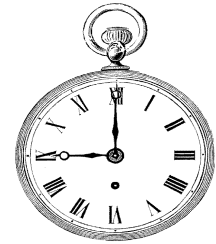
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Rabbits and Poultry exhibits available for removal (Rabbit & Poultry Barns)

Animals sold through the sale or being shipped directly to the packers will be released based on arrangements made with the packers. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals until they are loaded.

Junior Fair Release & Cleanup

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 and poultry 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 12:00 noon.

Please have all exhibits removed by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday so that we may clean up. Failure to clean livestock pens - exhibitors not cleaning their pens during or after the fair will be fined \$50.00, payable in cash by December 1 of the current year. If an exhibitor fails to pay their fine, they will be ineligible for placings the following year.



Market Animal Fair Weigh In Schedule

Saturday, July 27 - 8:00 a.m. - Rabbits

Saturday, July 27 - 8:30 a.m. - Poultry

Saturday, July 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Hogs

Saturday, July 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Lambs & Goats

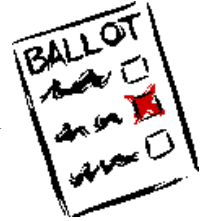
Saturday, July 27 - 11:00 a.m. - Steers

### Fair Rules

Review the rules of the departments in which you exhibit as well as the general rules and showmanship rules at the beginning of the Junior Fair section.

### Junior Fair Board Elections

The elections for Jr. Fair board will be held on July 16, 17, 18 and 26. Each Junior Fair member should plan to cast a ballot for your township representative. Members wishing to be considered to fill a vacancy appointment need to submit the application by noon, Saturday, August 3 to the Junior Fair Board Office. Applications will be available in the office during the fair.



### Livestock Sale Participants

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. This applies to poultry and hogs also - even though your project animals will not be present.

### Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)

DUNF will be completed online again in 2024. More details will be coming soon!

### Health Papers

Please refer to the fair book or the Auglaize Co. Fair website for requirements. *Goat and sheep members* are reminded to have scrapie tags and their completed forms.

### Grand & Reserve Champions

Grand and reserve champion market animals (excluding broilers and rabbits) will be reviewed at the carcass review on Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 p.m. at Kah's Meats.

### Thank You Letters\*

Every year, many people donate their time and money to support the Junior Fair. Please send a thank you to your award donor 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. **A SPECIAL NOTE TO ADVISORS AND PARENTS** - please see that members 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 every 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.

*\*Sadly we lost several award donors this year who said they had not received thank you notes for several years and no longer wished to support the junior fair program.*

***Gracias! Merci!! Mahalo!!!***

## **IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK INFORMATION**

### Market Animals

A reminder to review the rules regarding terminal and nonterminal sale animals. You will need to designate the destination of each animal as it goes across the scale at weigh-in, no exceptions.

### Multiple Buyer Forms

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

### ***Livestock Exhibitors - not rules but:***

The Junior Fair Board requests that entry scratches be made at least 24 hours prior to the start of the show (exception would be illness/animal emergency scratches can be done as they occur).

The board also requests that requests made for another exhibitor to show or sell be made at least 24 hours prior to the start of the show/sale (exception would be illness/emergency requests can be done as they occur).



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JULY**

- 9 - Jr. Fair Work Day - 10:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 9 - Junior Fair Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 16 - 4-H Nutrition Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 16 - 4-H Clothing Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Building
- 17 - 4-H Special Interest Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair & Exhibit Buildings
- 18 - 4-H Livestock Interview Judging - 8:30 a.m. - Jr. Fair & Exhibit Building
- July 24-August 4 - Ohio State Fair
- 26 - Junior Fair Board Meeting - 4:00 p.m.- Fairgrounds
- July 28 - August 3 - Auglaize Co. Fair

### **AUGUST**

- 5 - Jr. Fair Work Day - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 7 - Carcass Review - 7:00 p.m. - Kah Meats