



March 2016

**Notes from the Office***Keeping In Touch*

**A reminder of our phone number and fax number.**

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Visit us on the web at <http://auglaize.osu.edu/> or the Auglaize County 4-H Facebook page. You may find the information you need there. Meeting cancellations will be posted there.

**Dear 4-H Family:**

**A new 4-H year is beginning and there is much to tell you about. 2016 is going to be a fun and educational year - read on for more details.**

Age Requirements

Eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child has reached age 5 and is enrolled in kindergarten as of January 1 of the current year (Cloverbuds); membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of January 1 of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

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 the April 15 enrollment deadline. Contact the office for details.

Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment deadline for our traditional 4-H clubs is April 15.

Project Completion

Members have until May 15 to finalize the projects in which they enroll. They may drop or change projects without penalty between April 15 and May 15. 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 receives a copy of the project requirements for all projects. We refer to it as "Section 7" - you will receive it by email or from your advisor in the next few weeks. Please refer to this information as you select, plan and complete your projects for judging. Section 7 is also posted on our website.

Judging Dates

The following dates are for pre-fair judging:

**Thursday, July 21** - Live-stock Interviews and Clothing Judging.

**Friday, July 22** - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

**Tuesday, July 26** - Nutrition Judging and Small Animal



## 4-H Committee News

### Election results

Congratulations to the new representatives to the 4-H Committee:

**District I** - Steve Turner

**District II** - Lois Baumer

**District III** - Gwen Imwalle

**Rep. at large** - Robin Felver

**Youth representative** - Courtney Prenger

**District III parent rep** - Amy Hesse

### **The officers for the committee are:**

President - Bill Moellenkamp

Vice President - Lois Baumer

Secretary - Diane Sutherland

Assistant Secretary - Laura Wattercutter

Treasurer - Amy Hesse

### 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** – Fred Piehl - Auglaize Co. Fair Secretary/Manager

**Outstanding Advisor** - Ron & Deb Wilker of Buckeye Beavers

Outstanding Youth - Amanda Lehmkuhl, Buckeye Beavers; Kyle Prenger, Minster Livestock and Kelly Wilker, Buckeye Beavers

## Upcoming Events



### National Volunteer Week

Our volunteers give countless hours of time, talent and dedication. To celebrate the good work of volunteers, National Volunteer Week will be held April 10-16. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our leaders for their outstanding commitment to young people. Please be sure to say thanks during their special week and throughout the year. A little thanks means a lot!! It's the only "pay" volunteers receive!

### Kick Butts Day

On March 16, youth across America are being asked to stand up against tobacco use. "Kick Butts Day" is a national initiative of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids©. ***4-H members - if you know someone who smokes (or chews) - this is the perfect opportunity to ask them to quit! One of the four "H"s is Health!***

### Corriedale Ewes

The Ohio Corriedale Club is offering a pair of ewes to a 4-H or FFA member interested in starting their own flock. Details of the program and application are available from the Extension Office. Applications are due by April 1, 2016.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Equine Department Scholarship

Current and former 4-H and FFA members (up to age 21) who were enrolled in horse projects for a minimum of 5 years are eligible. Two \$200 scholarships will be awarded. Deadline to apply is June 1. Contact the office for applications and eligibility details.

#### Soil & Water District Scholarship

The Auglaize Soil & Water Conservation District is offering one \$500 scholarship to any high school senior or student currently enrolled in a college or university for the fall of 2016 whose parent(s)/guardian reside in Auglaize County. The applicant should be pursuing a degree in a natural resource or an agricultural related program. Applications can be requested from the District office located at 110 Industrial Drive in Wapakoneta or found online at [ww.auglaizeswcd.org](http://ww.auglaizeswcd.org). The completed applications and transcripts are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4th.

#### Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp will be July 9-13 at Kelley's Island 4-H Camp. Youth ages 13 to 18 may attend. Scholarship monies are available through our local Endowment Funds. Contact our office for more information.



### Campers' Corner



#### 4-H Camp

4-H camp will be held June 21 - 25 at 4-H Camp Palmer near Fayette. 4-H members, ages 8 - 15, are eligible to attend camp as campers. Registration materials will be available in April. Cost is as follows:

★ Early Bird 4-H Registration (April 15-May 15) - \$180.00.

★ On Time Otter 4-H Registration (May 15-June 10) - \$185.00.

★ Tardy Turtle 4-H Registration (after June 10) - \$190.00.

★ Non 4-H members - \$195.00 regardless of registration date.

★ *If you think you might enjoy camp, but aren't sure what it is all about, check out last year's slide show on our 4-H website. You will get a great "picture" of what camp is all about! We have a lot of fun - plan to join us this year!!*



### Project Notes

#### Ohio 4-H Project Central!

You can preview project books AND share feedback about project experiences at [www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral](http://www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral).

#### Poultry Resource Book

The poultry resource book will not be available in 2016. Members should continue to use online resources provided in 2015. Contact the office if you need that information.

## Fair Updates - July 31 - August 6, 2016

### 2016 Fair Changes

Check your fair book for complete details.

#### Junior Fair Board Officers

President - Amanda Lehmkuhl

Vice President - Jessica Fisher

Secretary - Kelly Wilker

Treasurer - Kyle Prenger

Assistant Secretary - Morgan Felver

Reporters - Adam Vogel & Jonathan Vogel

Executive Committee - Travis Fisher, Mallory Rager, Laura Wilker



#### Livestock Sale Committee Officers

President - Gerald Grevenkamp

Vice President - Greg Leffel

Secretary - Angie Baumer

Treasurer - Bill Lehmkuhl

Assistant Treasurer - Joan Leffel

**No rule changes for:** Nutrition, Poultry, Sheep, Showmanship Sweepstakes, Small Animals, Special Interest

**Reminders for livestock:** all livestock must be housed in their assigned pens at all times, including overnight. Beef animals may be housed overnight in the designated tie out area. *Market animals must be in their correct pens at tagging and load out, if not in the assigned pen a \$25.00 fine will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.*

Also, no livestock are permitted on the midway or in the campgrounds.

#### **NEW GENERAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK:**

Exhibitors must care for their animals until the animals are loaded off the fairgrounds. For market animals, if it is determined at load out that the animal has lacked food and/or water, a penalty will be deducted from the value of the animal: \$25.00 for steers, lambs, goats and hogs, \$10.00 for rabbits and poultry. This decision will be made by the packer and representatives from the Sale Committee. For breeding animals, if it is determined that the animal has lacked food and/or water, the exhibitor will not receive a fair pass the following year. This will be the decision of the Junior and Senior Fair Board superintendents of the department. *Care of your animals is never optional!!*

**Bedding rules:** when wood products are required, no dyed products may be used. If unacceptable products are used, the exhibitor will be given one notification by the Junior Fair Board to replace the bedding with acceptable materials. If the problem is not corrected after 24 hours, the exhibitor will be fined \$25 per day per pen. See department rules for specifics.

There are new rules from ODA regarding grooming practices including the use of adhesives and on drenching. Refer to fair book for details.

**Beef :** carcass entry fee will be \$60.00 on or before July 1. After July 1, the entry fee increases to \$85.00. Payment must accompany entry card.

Unruly animals will be dismissed from the class at the discretion of the Junior and Senior Fair Board department superintendents.

**Clothing:** no additional stand alone props may be used during judging or style review.

**Dairy:** show will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of the fair.

**Dog:** a minimum of five dogs must be entered in Rally classes by July 1 for the classes to be held at the fair.

**Goat:** market goats without ears are required to have their eartag secured around the goat's neck for fair weigh-in and for load out. This can be done by any means that is safe to the goat.

**Horse:** added rule from Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows regarding body condition and lameness.

Horses entered in walk trot with a veterinarian's certificate for multiple years will have their certificate reviewed by the fair veterinarian. It is not acceptable to enter a horse in walk trot multiple years due to a chronic condition.

Project grades will be assigned in the following manner: if an exhibitor is showing in a showmanship class, their project grade will be assigned in that class. Exhibitors not participating in showmanship and second horses not shown in showmanship will be graded in the presentation class. Any scratch from a showmanship class must be done by 8:00 a.m. Monday morning so that the exhibitor can be added to a presentation class. A horse must be shown in either showmanship or presentation to be eligible for premiums and entry into all other classes for the rest of fair.

**Rabbits:** If a market rabbit dies after fair weigh-in, the remaining rabbit in the pen can be sold as a single. Every pen (breeding and market) will be assigned a number, that number will be placed in the rabbit's ear with permanent marker. Rabbits will be checked as they enter the show for the correct pen number. Rabbits having the incorrect number for that class will not be allowed to place.

Rabbit Barn will be closed during market rabbit load out, all hours remain the same as in the past with this exception.

**Swine:** 3rd through 5th overall in market gilts and market barrows championship drives will receive a plaque.

**Premiums:** will be paid on Saturday, July 30 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 will not receive premium money for their projects.***

## Special Notes for Livestock Members

Quality Assurance - some requirements have been changed. NEW: 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.

The following dates and times have been set for the Junior Fair Building:

Sessions - all at 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday, March 29, Wednesday, June 29. **Please plan to arrive no later than 6:45 to register. We will begin promptly at 7:00.**

Testing - Saturday, Friday, April 8, 4:30 p.m. and Monday, May 16 - 7:00 p.m.

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.

Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In  
Saturday, May 7 - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds  
Maximum of 5 lambs and 5 goats per child.

### 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.

The locations for the custom processing of large animals (swine, beef, sheep and goats) will be limited to the following: Kah Meats, Keystone Meats, Curley's Meats and Winner's Meats. Exhibitors must notify the Sale Committee at weigh-in about the animal's destination. Custom harvest for small animals (rabbits, broilers and turkeys) will be done at a processor approved by the Sale Committee. All animals will be handled by the Sale Committee, not the exhibitor.

**Attention livestock sale participants - \*If a member simply fails to show up to sell their animal, the sale will not be delayed, the member will be skipped and receive the packer value of the animal only. Members need to anticipate when their animal may be sold and be ready to sell!**



## Calendar Of Events

\* held at the Extension Office unless noted



- 15 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 17 - Organizational Advisor Meeting - 7:00 p.m. -  
Administration Building
- 21 - Advisor Child Protection Training - 7:00 p.m. -  
Noble Community Center
- 29 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 31 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



- 4 - Advisor Child protection Training - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 7 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 8 - QA Testing - 4:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 11 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 15 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 18 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 28 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



- 5 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 7 - Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in - 8:00 -11:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 9 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 10 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 12 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities being offered. The next Gazette will be sent in May. Look for camp registration materials in that issue. Until next time....

Sincerely,

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