Notes from the Office

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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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.

See enclosed fair and judging schedules for important information.

Campers' Corner

A total of 163 people attended camp this summer. Thanks to all who participated, it was a very fun and successful week - in spite of the rain! We do have some items from lost and found at the office.

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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.

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.

State Fair Exhibitors

Good luck to all youth in the county who will be competing at the Ohio State Fair. We know you will represent Auglaize County to the best of your abilities. Enjoy the fair while you are there!

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 and time that Auglaize County is scheduled to participate. **We will not request date or time changes for any state fair event.**

NEW FOR 2019 - 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!

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 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. ending no later than 4:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Building. Members are assigned by club hours. Please plan to come during your club's scheduled time. Please see the enclosed information for more details.

Clothing Judging

Clothing projects will be judged on Thursday, July 18 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.

Nutrition Judging

4-H Nutrition projects will be judged on Tuesday, July 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Jr. Fair Building. The judging times are enclosed. Remember to review the new judging requirements.

4-H Special Interest Project Judging

4-H Special Interest projects will be judged on Friday, July 19 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 Projects

Small animals are judged as part of 4-H Special Interest judging on Friday, July 19. See judging schedule enclosed. Remember pet rabbits and dog care are a part of this judging. *Pet rabbit and dog care project* members do not attend livestock interviews. No live animals may be brought to judging.

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 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, ages 13 and over, exhibiting at the fair, will receive a fair pass. Contact your advisor if you do not receive a pass.

Showmanship sign-up

Sign up for showmanship classes will be done at the fair. Be sure to sign up when the signs are posted. Sign up sheets will be taken down at 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the department's showmanship classes. Any exhibitor requesting to sign up after 3:00 p.m. will be pay a $25.00 late fee for entry. Late entries will be accepted until the Junior Fair Board office closes the day prior to the show. NO signup will be allowed on the day of the show in any department. Members failing to pre-register will not be eligible for showmanship classes at the current year's fair.

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

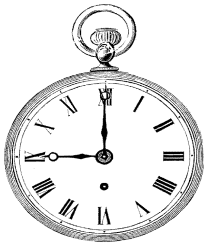
SATURDAY, JULY 27

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 - Rabbits and Poultry Released. All rabbits and poultry must be removed by 12:00 noon on Sunday.

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

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.

**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. Exhibitors are asked not to be in barns during load out.

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 - 9:00 a.m. - Lambs, Goats, Hogs

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

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

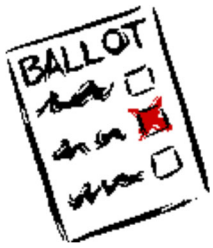
Saturday, July 27 - 11:00 a.m. - Steers

Sunday, July 28 - 12:00 noon - Rabbits

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.

Junior Fair Board Elections



The elections for Jr. Fair board will be held on July 16, 18, 19, 26, 28 & July 29. 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 4 to the Junior Fair Board Office.

Livestock Sale Participants

Market hogs, including excess hogs, will be shipped to one packer. The only exceptions will be if the buyer at the sale specifies another destination. *Excess steers and lambs will also 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. No custom harvest for hogs available.*

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

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, market turkey, pen of broilers*, market rabbits, lactating goat and lactating dairy cow. For broilers, one form can be completed for the pen of three, **UNLESS** an individual bird has been treated, then a separate form is required for that bird. Please keep track of your DUNF when you receive them from your advisors. We have a limited supply available each year based on the number of project animals we have.

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.

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.

Gracias! Merci!! Mahalo!!!

IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK SALE INFORMATION

A note to sale participants: after you have been through the sale ring, please pick up your buyer list next to the auctioneer's stand. Add on buyers; will not be on this list. Add on information will be available after the fair at the Extension Office.

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 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Piehl Arena. Many buyers appreciate this opportunity so they do not have to wait in line on sale days.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

9 - King and Queen Interviews - 7 p.m. - Extension Office

15 - Jr. Fair Work Day - 10:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds

16 - 4-H Nutrition Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds

17 - Jr. Fair Work Day - Fairgrounds - 10:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds

18 - 4-H Livestock Interview Judging - 8:30 a.m. - Exhibit Building

18 - 4-H Clothing Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Building

19 - 4-H Special Interest Judging - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair & Exhibit Buildings

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