



March 2018

## Notes from the Office

### *Keeping In Touch*

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

**Phone - 419-739-6580**

**Fax - 419-739-6581**

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. 2018 is going to be a fun and educational year - read on for more details.

### Updated 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.

### 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.

### Judging Dates

The following dates are for pre-fair judging:

**Tuesday, July 17** - Nutrition Judging and Small Animal Judging

**Thursday, July 19** - Livestock Interviews and Clothing Judging.

**Friday, July 20** - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

### 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. All enrollment is being done online this year, 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. 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.**



## 4-H Committee News

### Election results

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

**District I** - vacant

**District II** - vacant

**District III** - Joni Leffel

**Rep. at large** - Donna Ankerman

**Youth representative** - Evan Aufderhaar

**District II parent rep** - Jill Baumer

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

President - Lois Baumer

Vice President - Kathie Johnson

Secretary - Joni Leffel

Assistant Secretary - Mindi Wilker

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** – Bob Saum

**Outstanding Advisor** - Judy Taylor

**Outstanding Youth** - Rebecca Lehmkuhl, Courtney Prenger, Danielle Schneider, Cricket Wuebker

**Ohio 4-H Project Central!**

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

## 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 15-21. 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 21, 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, 2018.

## 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 2018 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 Friday, March 30.

#### Auglaize Co. Farm Bureau Scholarship

Farm Bureau is offering multiple scholarships of \$250 to \$750 for high school seniors planning to attend college. Parents/Guardian of the applicant must be members of the Auglaize Co. Farm Bureau in good standing. This scholarship is given for expenses during the freshman year of college and is funded by the Auglaize Co. Farm Bureau and is open to all fields of study. Students may request application information from the county office at 877-775-7642. The scholarship is based upon scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, and a personal interview. Application deadline - April 1.

### Campers' Corner

#### 4-H Camp

4-H camp will be held June 19 - 23 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!!*

#### Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp will be July 7-11 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.



## Fair Updates - July 29 - August 4, 2018

### 2018 Fair Changes

Check your fair book for complete details.

#### Junior Fair Board Officers

President - Rebecca Lehmkuhl  
Vice President - Michaelia Fisher  
Secretary - Faith Hagelberger  
Treasurer - Brooke Yahl  
Assistant Secretary - Joanna Frankenberg  
Reporters - Claire McClurg & Mallory Rager  
Executive Committee - Laura Wilker, Bryce Barker, Austin Albers



#### Livestock Sale Committee Officers

President - Gerald Grevenkamp  
Vice President - Greg Leffel  
Secretary - Angie Wellman  
Treasurer - Bill Lehmkuhl  
Assistant Treasurer - Joan Leffel  
Treasurer (in 2019) - Abby Homan

**REMINDER FOR LIVESTOCK:** Exhibitors must care for their animals until they 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!!

**Late arrival/early dismissal 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.

**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.

#### Department Changes:

**Beef:** all feeder calves will be identified at fair weigh-in.

**Booth:** clubs must provide their own fronts to their booths, no rope will be provided. Projects must be displayed in the booth to receive premiums.

**Clothing:** members must wear the items made for their projects for modeling contests. Exception would be Sewing for Others.

**Goat:** add Dam and Daughter trophy for Boer goats. Drop the Miniature Goat Grand and Reserve award and trophies.

All blankets, coats and tubes must be removed for vet inspections. The right is reserved to request removal of these items at any time throughout fair week for inspection.

**Nutrition:** project requirements for nutrition for 2018. Members will be given information to help prepare them for their MyPlate activity. Please note and stress to your members - place settings are no longer a part of the judging process, leave those items at home. Members will bring a family size dish and serving utensil along with their project book and portfolio. Plates, forks, napkins, etc. will be provided.

1. Bring one prepared food (family size, not individual) representing knowledge gained in the project book. (Written daily menu plan eliminated.)
2. NO table setting will be needed/permitted. Members will bring only the family size dish and utensil to serve the food to the judge. Small plates, bowls, forks and spoons will be provided to serve food to the judge.
3. Members will complete a MyPLate activity for their appropriate project level (beginner, intermediate or advanced). This activity will be completed prior to being interviewed by the judge.
4. Completed project book and portfolio - a three pronged folder that includes 8 ½ x 11 pages. The participant will create a maximum of one page (one-sided only) per "activity area" or "interest area" as designated in the front of their project book. The page could be in collage, journaling, timeline, photo, or any other format that would illustrate the work and the knowledge of the participant. Each page could be different or could be a combination of styles allowing the 4-Her to reflect on their learning experience. There will be no points for scrapbooking style.
5. Advanced level projects - a breakdown of the cost of the exhibit recipe by ingredients and cost per serving.

**Poultry:** best rooster will become a class in the show, judged by the show judge. Entries required by July 1. No premium for this class since the rooster will already have received premiums in another class.

**Sheep:** All blankets, coats and tubes must be removed for vet inspections. The right is reserved to request removal of these items at any time throughout fair week for inspection.

**Premiums:** will be paid on Saturday, July 28 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 Entries Online:** livestock entries 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. There will still a fee of \$25.00 for late entries. More details to be sent later this spring.

**Showmanship:** sign up for showmanship classes will be done at the fair (not online). 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 sign up 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.

## Special Notes for Livestock Members

### Quality Assurance

**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.

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

**Program** - 7:00 p.m. - Thursday, March 22 and Wednesday, May 30. (Be in registration line by 6:45 p.m.)

**Testing** - Friday, April 6, 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 17 - 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. There is no testing option for members ages 8 to 11.

**ALL QUALITY ASSURANCE MUST BE COMPLETED BU JUNE 10. No exceptions can be granted.**



Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In  
Saturday, May 5 — 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.

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





## Calendar Of Events

\* held at the Extension Office unless noted



- 20 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 22 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 26 - Advisor Child Protection Training - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds



- 2 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 6 - QA Testing - 4:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 9 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 11 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 15 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 17 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 30 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



- 3 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 5 - Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in - 8:00 -11:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 10 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 15 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 17 - QA Testing - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 30 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 31 - 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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