

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/>, Auglaize County 4-H Facebook or auglaize4h Instagram pages. 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. 2024 is going to be a fun and educational year - read on for more details.

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.

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. We suggest applications be submitted by March 15. Contact the office for details.

Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment deadline for our traditional 4-H clubs is April 15. All enrollment is done online, 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.**

Project Requirements

Every family will receive the project requirements for all projects by email. It can be found on 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 16 - Nutrition and Clothing Judging.

Wednesday, July 17 - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

Thursday, July 18 - Livestock Interviews.

Project Central!

You can preview project books AND share feedback about project experiences at:

ohio4h.org/projectcentral

auglaize.osu.edu



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4-H Committee News

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 - Ed Doenges

Outstanding Advisor - Jann Klopfenstein

Outstanding Youth - Natalie Bacon, Alyson Gerstner and Chloe Pax



Campers' Corner

Auglaize County 4-H Camp

4-H camp will be held June 11-15 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 soon. Registration deadline will be May 29, 4:30 p.m.

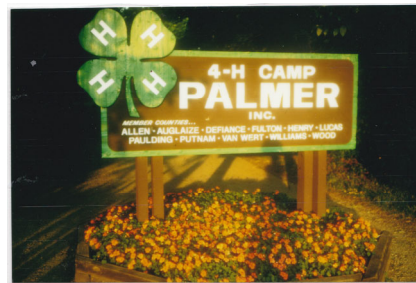
If you think you might enjoy camp, but aren't sure what it is all about, check out last year's camp on the 4-H website. You will get a great "picture" of what camp is all about! We have a lot of fun - plan to join us this year!!

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp will be held July 19-23, 2024 at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp. Participants will learn aquatic science, water recreation and safety, and so much more! Sea Camp is open to any teen ages 15-17 (as of first day of camp). 4-H membership is not a requirement to attend. Cost to 4-H members is \$400, non members \$450. Information for Sea Camp can be found at:

<https://ohio4h.org/camp/sea-camp>

Interested teens should complete the pre-registration online form by May 1. After May 1, all individuals who have completed pre-registration will receive a packet with health forms, waterfront waivers, and additional camp confirmation material. Upon receipt of completed paperwork and camp payment, registration will be considered complete.



Teen Opportunities

Scholarships Available

Jordan Berelsman 4-H Scholarship

Applicants must be current or former members of an Auglaize County 4-H club. Applicants must be graduating seniors planning to enroll or a student currently enrolled in any accredited university, college, or technical school. The scholarship must be used toward tuition fees and will be administered through the financial aid office of the recipient's school. The scholarship must be claimed within 1 year of the award, unclaimed monies will be returned to the scholarship fund. Deadline for application is April 15.

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/sites/auglaize/files/imce/Jordans%204H%20Scholarship.pdf>

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.

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/sites/auglaize/files/imce/SchaubScholarshipapplication24.pdf>



Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In
Saturday, May 4 – 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. - Fairgrounds
Maximum of 5 lambs and 5 goats per child.



Fair Updates - July 28 – August 3, 2024

Junior Fair Board Officers

President - Braiden Lee

Vice President - Rhett Chisholm

Secretary - Morgan Hesse

Treasurer - Chloe Pax

Assistant Secretary - Chloe Ott

Assistant Treasurer - Lydia Bushman

Reporter - Kate Eley

Executive Committee - Katelyn Kinsella, Kayla Myers, Jenna Orahod



Livestock Sale Committee Officers

President - Gerald Grevenkamp

Vice President - Greg Leffel

Secretary - Mindi Wilker

Treasurer - Doug Wilker

Assistant Treasurer - Joan Leffel

2024 Fair Changes & Reminders

Check your fair book for complete final details.

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. 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.

Clean pens/stalls/exhibits: Exhibits must be kept clean. Periodic checks will be made by superintendent in charge. All feeding and cleaning is to be done by 10:00 a.m. daily. Cleaning cannot be done during shows and sales. Dirty pens will be tagged, and conditions corrected. Exhibitors having their pens tagged three (3) or more times during fair week, will be fined \$50.00, payable in cash by December 1 of the current year. Each pen left unclean after the conclusion of the fair on Sunday by 12:00 p.m. will be assigned a \$50 fine to the corresponding exhibitor. If an exhibitor fails to pay any of these fines, they will be ineligible for placings the following year.

Sale declarations: Each animal crossing the scale must be declared terminal or nonterminal at the fair weigh-in. All declarations are final at weigh-in. If an animal is not declared terminal/nonterminal at the weigh-in, it will be considered terminal. An animal's declaration (sale, terminal or nonterminal) at the fair weigh-in may not be changed unless it is chosen as a grand or reserve champion or under the guidance of the fair veterinarian. Grand or reserve champions will be designated as terminal. If an exhibitor has other animals, their designation will not be changed, regardless of specie.

Sale bids: An exhibitor will not receive any proceeds from the sale (in ring, online or add ons) if their animal does not go through the sale ring.

Winter/spring weigh in changes: any corrections to information sent after the winter or spring weigh-ins must be made within 30 days of the event.

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).

Voting hours: voting for junior fair board and king & queen will be during all prefair judging days. There will be no voting during style review or Monday of the fair.

Department Changes: No rule changes for the following departments: Clothing, Dairy, King and Queen, Sheep, Showmanship Sweepstakes, Special Interest, Swine.

Beef: showmanship classes will start at 10:00 a.m., breeding/feeder show at 1:00 p.m. and steer show at 7:00 p.m.

Goats: There is a limit of eight (8) breeding goat entries per exhibitor. This limit does not include showmanship, mother/offspring or market goat entries. Mother/offspring classes - offspring can be any age/gender from an individual class. Clarification of premium payment for cart class.

Horses: clarifications have been added to the fairbook based on Uniform Rules new class restrictions. Ground driving is now driving reinsmanship. All English classes will follow the Hunter/Hunt Seat class requirements.

Nutrition: only 1 achievement award will be given.

Rabbit: Exhibitors are *highly encouraged* to tattoo all breeding rabbits with a personal individual tattoo. Exhibitors will be able to enter that tattoo as part of fair entry for each rabbit. These tattoos are to help identify and return rabbits if they should be mixed with other rabbits. *Advisors please note this change from earlier correspondence!*

ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES INCLUDING SHOWMANSHIP:

All livestock entries, including showmanship sign up, will be done as part of Fairentry online. Entries will be due July 1. **Entries after July 1 will be handled as follows:**

If entries are submitted between July 2 and July 8, there will be a \$10.00 cash late fee per entry, regardless of reasons or lateness. If entries are submitted between July 9 and July 16, the late fee is \$25.00 cash per entry, regardless of reason or lateness. **NO entries will be accepted after July 16 for any reason.** This rule also applies to showmanship entries. Late entries will not be official until the fine is paid in full in cash. Late entry fee information will be submitted to the Junior Fair Board along with the cash fee.



Showmanship reminder: Entries can be scratched after July 1 (as with any entry) but will face a late entry penalty if added after July 1. Best advice - sign up for showmanship by July 1!

Entry corrections: all entry corrections must be done by noon Saturday before the opening day of the fair. This rule *does not allow for adding additional late entries*, but correction of an entry if for example a wrong breed was entered accidentally, or perhaps a pen of pullets was entered as bantam, but are really production standard. All entries are final in all departments as of this deadline. **Breeding rabbit exhibitors should especially note this rule.**

Leasing of breeding animals: The state allows breeding animals to be leased. Market animals (including feeder calves) **CANNOT** be leased, they must be owned. Lease agreements and other paperwork must be turned in by the **May 1** possession date for livestock. The paperwork must include the cover sheet, pictures **and an actual lease** agreement written and signed by both the owner and the exhibitor/parent. Horse leases will use the same forms as in the past. Dairy lease information has been updated. Lease information is available at:

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/junior-fair-information>

Late submission of lease agreements may result in junior fair penalty!

General rule: Animals housed in the barns must be entered in the junior fair, no extra animals may be housed. Companion/support animals are not permitted in the barns. All other junior fair rules regarding entry, exhibition and sale apply.

Two changes coming for the 2025 junior fair:

Beef - market heifers will be added to the market show. These animals will show in the market classes with the steers by weight. It will not be a separate show. Only beef breeds may participate as a market heifer, no dairy breeds.

Swine - minimum weight for market hogs to be eligible for competition will be 240 pounds. Any hogs under 240 pounds will be considered lightweights. There will be no upper weight limit.

**2025
Preview!**

Quality Assurance

First year QA project members, ages 8-11, (as of Jan. 1) must attend an in person QA program with a parent. There is no testing or online training option for this group. 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.

REMINDER: All QA must be completed by June 10, 2024 to meet our county and state fair dates. There can be no exceptions. State fair exhibitors need to be sure they meet the 45 day deadline for OSF shows that occur before the state fair opens.

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.

YQCA Online: we will offer the national online QA program this year. There is a cost for this program, per child. Many national livestock shows require this certification. Families who are interested in this option should contact the office for more information. The YQCA online testing is NOT an option for Auglaize County junior fair exhibitors.

There are several dates on the calendar for Quality Assurance programs and testing.
No additional dates will be added.

Preregistration is not required for QA programs or tests. For programs, please be in line for registration no later than 6:45 p.m. so that we can start on time. *If you arrive after the program has started, we have the option to NOT certify you at that program.*



Fair Weigh In Information

All fair weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, July 27 at the following times:

8:00 a.m. – Market Rabbit Weigh-in

8:30 a.m. – Market Chicken Weigh-in (followed by pullorum testing)

10:00 a.m. - Market Hog Weigh-in (West, Miller, East)

10:00 a.m. – Market Lamb and Market Goat Weigh-in

11:00 a.m. – Market Steer Weigh-in

Hogs will be weighed in the hog arena. Lambs and goats will be weighed on a different scale in Piehl Arena.

Family Rule Reminder

The following rule applies to market steer, market lamb and market goat exhibitors only.

A minimum of one project animal must be registered in the individual exhibitor's name at winter/spring weigh-in to be eligible to enter and show that specie at the fair. This animal may only be entered, shown and sold in that individual's name. This animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

The remaining animals registered at winter/spring weigh-in may be listed in the family's name. These "family" animals must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family member as defined by Ohio Administrative Code: Rule 901-19-01 | Definitions.

For winter/spring weigh-in: each family may register the maximum number of animals per department rules. For example, for steers – 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 9 steers (3 youth x 3 steers per child), sheep and goat - 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 15 lambs or goats (3 youth x 5 lambs/goats per child).

Fair weigh-in: the designated exhibitor of the family shared animal must be stated when the animal is weighed at the fair. After fair weigh-in, this animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

No animal can be exhibited under more than one exhibitor's name. Leasing is not permitted for market animals.

I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities being offered. The next Gazette will be sent in May. Until next time...

Sincerely,

Beth Miller

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OSU Extension, Auglaize County

cc Ag Teachers



Calendar Of Events

* held at the Extension Office unless noted



- 21 - Cloverbud Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 25 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 26 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



- 1 - QA Testing - 9:30 a.m. OR 3:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 1 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 2 - Volunteer Training - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 11- Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 15 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 15 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 17 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 25 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 30 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds



- 1 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 4 - Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in - 7:30 -10:30 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 6 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 9 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 20 - QA Testing - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 22 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds - LAST CHANCE!
- 23 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 27 - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 29 - Last Day for Camp Registration