



March 2017

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. 2017 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 3rd 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 20 - Live-stock Interviews and Clothing Judging.

Friday, July 21 - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

Tuesday, July 25 - Nutrition Judging and Small Animal



4-H Committee News

Election results

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

District I - Kathie Johnson

District II - Mark Tangeman

District III - Mindi Wilker

Rep. at large - Emily Spangler

Youth representative - Tyler Swank

District I parent rep - Annette Butcher

The officers for the committee are:

President - Lois Baumer

Vice President - Kathie Johnson

Secretary - Laura Watercutter

Assistant Secretary - Annette Butcher

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 – Karen Semple - for her work in starting the Real Money. Real World. program.

Outstanding Advisor - Cathy Richard of Minster Livestock

Outstanding Youth - Xavier Pax, Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers; Amanda Winner, Minster Livestock and Laura 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 23-29. 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 17, 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, 2017.

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 1st.

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 2017 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 www.auglaizeswcd.org. The completed applications and transcripts are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

Sea Camp

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp will be July 8-12 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 20 - 24 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.

Poultry Resource Book

The poultry resource book will not be available in 2017. Members should continue to use online resources provided. Contact the office if you need that information.

Fair Updates - July 30 - August 5, 2017

2017 Fair Changes

Check your fair book for complete details.

Junior Fair Board Officers

President - Kyle Prenger

Vice President - Kelly Wilker

Secretary - Laura Wilker

Treasurer - Rebecca Lehmkuhl

Assistant Secretary - Joanna Frankenberg

Reporters - Adam Vogel & Evan Vogel

Executive Committee - Mallory Rager, Bryce Barker, Maddie Altherr



Livestock Sale Committee Officers

President - Gerald Grevenkamp

Vice President - Greg Leffel

Secretary - Angie Baumer

Treasurer - Bill Lehmkuhl

Assistant Treasurer - Joan Leffel

Livestock rules changes for all species:

Market animal weight limits: there will be no upper weight limits for show for any market species. Minimum weight limits are still in place for all species to be eligible for placings. No weight limits for sale purposes.

Sale order: sale order for all species will be determined by the random sort of the computer, not by tag number.

Arrival time: livestock must arrive on the fairgrounds between 6:00 p.m. Friday and **8:00 a.m. Saturday.**

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!!

Department Changes:

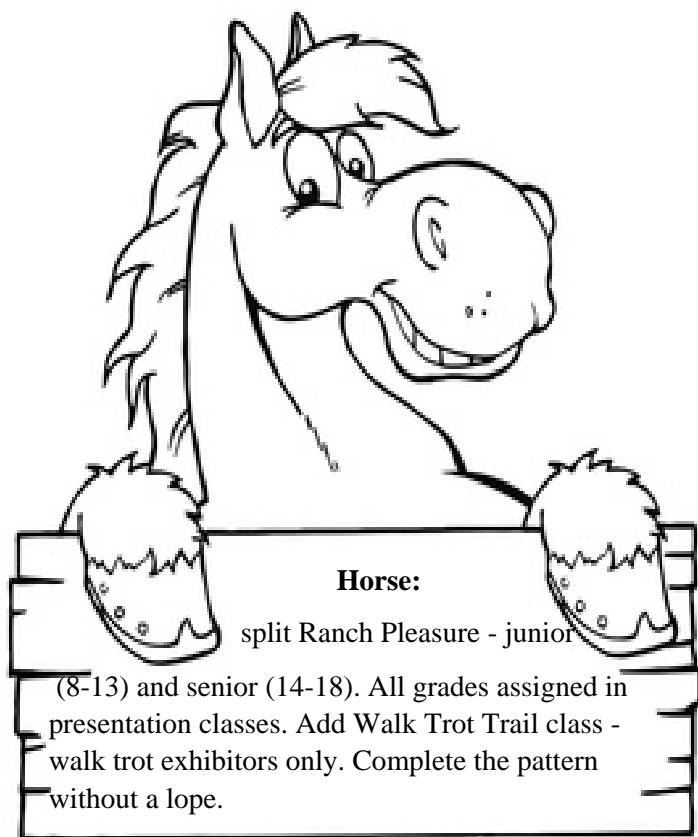
Beef : added plaques for 3 - 5 overall champion dairy steers.

Booth release: projects and booth decorations may be removed from the Exhibit Building on Sunday after the fair between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. only. The Exhibit Building will close at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, last night of fair. No projects may be removed on Saturday. *This release time was reviewed by the Ag Society recently and stands as the policy, no exceptions.*

Clothing: discontinue judging circles - members will be judged individually by a number system (similar to special interest judging). Members will attach fabric samples and a picture of themselves in their clothing project to their judging sheet.

Dog: rally classes discontinued. Class winners will receive medals rather than trophies.

Goat: market show will be held on Monday of fair beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the new show arena. Discontinued kinder classes (show in other breed category). Wire cannot be used for securing tags on goats without ears.



Nutrition: cost per serving will be required for advanced level projects only. Exploring moving to skillathons rather than food preparation for **2018** project year.

Poultry: one show day only - Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Show order: Showmanship, Market and Breeding.

Rabbits: add Polish and Florida White classes.

Sheep: shavings only may be used, no mulch. Straw may be used if prior permission given by sheep dept. chair.

Show order: breeding, showmanship, market lambs.

Swine: weight divisions will be done on a ten pound break (not 5 pounds as in the past). No light weight division plaque will be given.

Premiums: will be paid on Saturday, July 29 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

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.

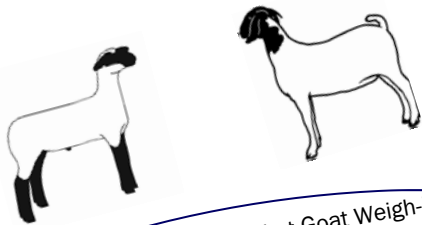
*If a parent is required to attend a quality assurance with their first year member and they attend an out of county program - written proof from the sponsor must be submitted by the parent as proof of attendance.

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

Sessions - all at 7:00 p.m. - Thursday, March 23, Thursday, Thursday, June 29.

Testing - Friday, April 7, 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 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. There is no testing option for members ages 8 to 11.



Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In
Saturday, May 6 – 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.



Calendar Of Events

* held at the Extension Office unless noted



- 14 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 16 - Organizational Advisor Meeting - 7:00 p.m. -
Administration Building
- 21 - Advisor Child Protection Training - 10:00 a.m.
- 21 - Advisor Child Protection Training - 7:00 p.m. -
Fairgrounds
- 23 - QA Program - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds



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



- 4 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 6 - Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 8 - Carteens - 7:00 p.m. - Nazarene Church, St. Marys
- 9 - Counselor Training - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 11 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - QA Testing - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 23 - 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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