

**OSU Extension Office**

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<http://auglaize.osu.edu/>**Notes from the Office****Dear 4-H Family:**

Welcome to our new 4-H families! Welcome back to our families who are continuing with us! The 4-H Gazette will help to keep you informed of upcoming events and activities. Be sure to read this and every issue of the Gazette carefully for important news about the 4H program.

**Orientation Booklet**

Each new 4-H member will receive an orientation booklet. Please let us know if you have not received one by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Pre-fair Judging Dates:**

**Tuesday, July 16** - Nutrition and Clothing

**Wednesday, July 17** - 4-H Special Interest

**Thursday, July 18** - Livestock Interviews

**4-H Age Reminder**

A reminder that most events and opportunities available through 4-H are based on "4-H age". 4-H age is the age that the member was on January 1, 2024. Please check this when applying for or participating in 4-H activities. One notable exception - *Junior Fair Board* nominees must be 15 as of *August 1* of the current year.

**Project Completion Policy**

A member must complete all projects to receive credit for the year. Therefore, if a member is given an incomplete for even one project, they do not receive credit for this 4-H year. If a member belongs to two clubs and does not complete in one club, they are incomplete for the year. Completion occurs when an advisor's grade is assigned. Participation in judging or the fair is not required for completion. Advisors will assign a grade for effort based on project work, club participation and any requirements within the club. By July 1, every member will receive an A,B,C or incomplete for every project taken.

The next issue of the 4-H Gazette will be mailed in July. It will contain important judging and fair information. Until then -

Sincerely,

*Beth Miller*

Elizabeth M. Miller

Extension Educator,

4-H Youth Development

**Project Book Availability**

We do not maintain a large inventory of project books at the office. Books are ordered as needed. Orders have about a 3 week turnaround. Please plan accordingly for project judging. Please do not expect to purchase books the week before judging!

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## Teen Opportunities

### Schaub Scholarships

The Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarship Fund will award college scholarships to current or former Auglaize Co. 4-H members. Applications and guidelines are available from the office. Deadline is June 1.

### Junior Fair Boosters Scholarship

The Auglaize Co. Junior Fair Boosters will be awarding scholarships. Applicants must be members of a Jr. Fair organization. Applications are available from the Extension Office. Deadline to apply is June 1.

### 2025 Junior Fair Board

Members, interested in being elected to the Junior Fair Board, are reminded that nominations for the ballots are due by July 1. Members interested in being appointed to the Junior Fair Board for 2025 need to submit a vacancy appointment application. These applications are due to the Junior Fair Office by 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 3. Forms can be picked up at the Junior Fair Board Office during fair.

## Reusing Project Books

Many families ask about reusing project books. Many projects are designed to be multi year projects. Here are guidelines if you do not purchase a new book every year:

1. Records must be current, old project records pulled out and dusted off are not acceptable.
2. All records, required to be completed in the book, must be completed every year. If you cannot place the information in the book, it must be inserted using other paper.
3. Member must show how they have expanded their knowledge from year to year. You must find a way to designate this fact in your books - by entering a date, using a different color ink, etc.
4. Member should be prepared to show their judge how they have expanded this project and explain their current records.
5. Remember, sloppy project books, recycled answers and old records could be counted against you when your project is evaluated! Economizing on your book purchase is not an excuse for poor record keeping or failing to expand your project knowledge!!

## Fair Updates

*See the enclosed junior fair schedule*

The fair book will be available at: <https://auglaizecountyfair.org/auglaize-county-fair/>

### Quality Assurance Programs

A reminder that all QA must be complete by June 10. QA information and dates can be found at:

<https://auglaize.osu.edu/sites/auglaize/files/imce/2024%20QA%20Chart.pdf>



### Fair Entry Online

All livestock entries, including showmanship, will be submitted through fair entry online. Information regarding how to complete entries is available on our website. We have recently sent the information by email. Each family will submit their own entries. There are links to videos and help sheets provided as well. **All entries are due by July 1. You will receive an email when your entries have been submitted and when they have been approved or rejected. Rejected entries need to be corrected and resubmitted by July 1 also. If you do not receive these emails you are not entered!** Please note that you cannot enter open class shows through the junior fair link. They are 2 separate entry processes.

### Drug Use Notification Forms

Each market lamb, goat, hog, steer, pen of rabbits, pen of market chickens, lactating goat and dairy cow will need to have a Drug Use Notification Form completed online, stay tuned for details when the forms are available.

**A reminder regarding ownership**

All junior fair animals must be owned by the member or their immediate family. Leasing is acceptable only in for breeding animals. Borrowing animals is a violation of junior fair rules and could lead to disqualification. You must be able to show proof of ownership through registration and/or a bill of sale or have submitted a lease agreement by May 1. The Junior Fair Board reserves the right to request proof of ownership at any time during the project year.



**State Fair Entries Due**

Livestock entries for the Ohio State Fair are due June 21. All entries must be submitted online. Information can be found at [ohiostatefair.com](http://ohiostatefair.com).

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**Calendar of Events**

**JUNE**

- 1 - Schaub & Junior Fair Boosters Scholarships Due
- 4 - Camp Counselor Training - 10:00 a.m.
- 6 - Cloverbud Day Camp
- 8 - State Fair PAS Qualifying Show - 8:00 a.m. - Allen Co. Fairgrounds
- 10 - CARTEENS - 7:00 p.m. - Church of the Nazarene, St. Marys
- 11 - 15 - 4-H Camp at Camp Palmer
- 19 - Juneteenth - Office Closed
- 20 - King & Queen Applications Due
- 20 - Market Rabbit Possession Date
- 30 - Market Chicken Possession Date

**JULY**

- 1 - Jr. Fair Entries, Advisor grades, nomination forms due
- 2 - King & Queen Interviews - schedule will be sent
- 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed
- 9 - Junior Fair Entry Day - 9:00 a.m.
- 9 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m.

