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OSU Extension Office

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Visit us at: <http://auglaize.osu.edu/>.

Pre-fair Judging Dates:

Thursday, July 21 - Livestock Interviews and Clothing Judging.

Friday, July 22 - 4-H Special Interest Judging.

Tuesday, July 26 - Foods and Small Animals Judging.

Project Book Availability

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

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 1st.

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, 2016. 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 Change/Add/Drop

Enrolled members have until May 15th to add, change or drop projects - adjustments can be made without penalty. Projects dropped after that date will be considered incomplete and will result in an incomplete for the entire 4-H 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.

Campers' Corner

4-H Camp Registration

4-H Camp will be held June 21-25 at Camp Palmer. Cost is \$185.00 per person. Youth, ages 8 (in the third grade) to 15, are eligible to attend. Registration materials are enclosed, complete the registration form and health form. One camper per form please, contact the office or go to the website for additional forms.

You will also find information about the high ropes course and shooting sports session. The cost for these activities is \$25.00 over the camp fee.

Registration is due by June 10, 4:30 p.m. **no registrations will be accepted after that deadline.** This year's theme is "4-H Camp Adventures into the Wild". We **CANNOT** accept registrations by fax or email, payment must accompany registration.

A note on cabin mates: We cannot guarantee camper cabin mate requests after June 10. Cabins are assigned by age, so please request a cabin mate that is close in age. We will not assign a 9 year old and a 13 year old to the same cabin.

Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

4-H Sea Camp will be held July 9-13 at Kelleys Island 4-H Camp on Lake Erie. The camp is open to 4-Her's, ages 13-17, who have an interest in the Great Lakes. Activities include fishing, weather, geology, and marine biology. Applications are available at the office. Scholarships are available, contact our office for details.



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.

Auglaize Co. Equine Department Scholarship

Current and former (up to age 21) 4-H and FFA members who 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.

Auglaize Co. Cattleman's Scholarship

The Auglaize Co. Cattlemen are awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior. Requirements and application for the scholarship are available from the office. Deadline to apply is June 1.

Contact the office for these scholarship forms.

Upcoming Events

4-H Day at Cedar Point

4-H Days at Cedar Point will be Friday, June 24 and Saturday, July 30. Discount tickets are available at the 4-H window from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The tickets should be purchased by a representative of the club, proof of 4-H involvement is required.

Special Note

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.

Market Rabbit Tattooing

There is *no* pre-fair tattooing of junior fair market rabbits. Market rabbits will be tattooed at the time of the fair weigh-in. A reminder that market rabbits must be in the member's possession by June 20th.

Quality Assurance Programs

There is a QA Workshop on **Wednesday, June 29**, 7:00 p.m. at the Junior Fair Building. **PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 6:45 for registration and you must be in the building when the program starts. Late arrivals may not be certified as complete.** If you and/or your parent have not attended a quality assurance program, this session is your last chance. First year QA members, ages 8-11, must have a parent attend. Members not attending QA will not be allowed to make entry into the fair. There will be a testing session on **Monday, May 16**, 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds for members 12 and over (as of January 1) who would like to test out of attending the QA sessions.

Parents please check livestock entry cards!

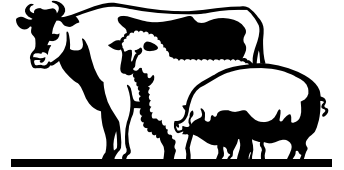
If your child is selling livestock in the junior fair livestock sale, please check that the correct mailing address is listed on their entry card. The address on the entry card is where the sale check will be sent. After the checks are mailed we have no control over what happens to the checks in the postal system. Exhibitors will be notified if checks are returned as undeliverable. While you are looking at the entry cards, please confirm that all information regarding the entry is correct and that you have all animals entered. Birth dates are critical when entering breeding animals. It saves much confusion at fair time!

Drug Use Notification Forms

Each market lamb, hog, steer, broilers, turkey, lactating goat and dairy cow will need to have a Drug Use Notification Form filled out and turned in at weigh-ins. Dairy cattle and goats will be collected during the fair. These forms will be distributed by your advisors this summer. This form certifies that your animal is free of any drug residues at the time of weigh-in, show and sale. *If you are feeding a medicated feed - check the withdrawal time! When in doubt - fill it out!!! It is better to report unnecessary information than fail to report something important.*

State Fair Entries Due

Livestock entries for the Ohio State Fair are due June 20. All entries must be postmarked by that date. All entries through 4-H must be signed by an Extension Educator (FFA by your ag teacher). Information can be found at ohiostatefair.com.



County Livestock Entries Due

All livestock projects, including horses and dogs (showing in the dog show), must complete the appropriate entry form by **July 1**. See your advisors to insure your projects are entered correctly.

A reminder regarding ownership

All junior fair animals must be owned by the member or their immediate family. Leasing is acceptable only in the dairy and horse departments. 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 if requested by the Junior Fair Board.

2017 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 2017 need to submit a vacancy appointment application. These applications are due to the Junior Fair Office by 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 6. Forms can be picked up at the Junior Fair Board Office during fair.

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

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County Extension Director

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Calendar of Events

- held at the Extension Office unless otherwise noted

MAY

- 16 - Quality Assurance Testing - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 24 - Camp Counselor Training -7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 25 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 30 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 - Schaub & Junior Fair Boosters & Horse Dept. & Cattlemen's Scholarships Due
- 2 - Camp Counselor Training -7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 10 - Camp Registration Due
- 11 - State Fair PAS Qualifying Show - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 13 - CARTEENS - 7:00 p.m. - Church of the Nazarene, St. Marys
- 14- Camp Counselor Training -10:00 a.m.
- 20 - Market Rabbit Possession Date
- 21 - 25 - 4-H Camp at Camp Palmer
- 29 - Quality Assurance -7:00 p.m.- Jr. Fair Building
- 30 - Market Broiler Possession Date

JULY

- 1 - Jr. Fair Entries, Advisor grades, nomination forms due
- 4 - Office Closed
- 7 - Junior Fair Entry Day - 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 7 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds

