Dear 4-H Family:

As another 4-H year comes to an end, I hope that your family has shown your appreciation to the people who contribute their time and talents to our program. Some final notes for 2016.

Program Evaluation
If you would like to share ideas regarding the 4-H program, please return the form by November 10. Fair comments should be made on the fair comment form. Please return these forms by December 10.

4-H Age Policy
A reminder of the age requirements for 4-H. “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.”

The Family Guide to 4-H is now online http://www.ohio4h.org/families/family-guide You can look at project information there or check out Project Central at http://www.ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/project-central to get a closer look at project materials.

Project Changes for 2017

200 All About Dogs
383 Club Leadership 2
550 Young Engineers in Solar Energy
610GPM Climate Explorations Teacher Guide
610RI and 610RS Climate Explorations Logbook
715 My 4-H Cloverbud Year

Revised
201 Dog Project and Record Book
409 Sew Fun

Discontinued
431M Clothing Master: Design and Construction (was online only)
511 CARTEENS Member Resource

2017 Pre Fair Judging Dates
Thursday, July 20 - Clothing & Livestock Interviews
Friday, July 21 - 4-H Special Interest Judging
Tuesday, July 25 - Foods & Small Animal Judging

Fair Dates for 2017
Auglaize Co. Fair - July 30 - August 5
Ohio State Fair - July 26 - August 6

Congratulations to Courtney Prenger! She is serving as a member of the state 4-H Fashion Board for 2017.
Campers’ Corner

2017 4-H Camp
Dates for next year’s camp are June 20-24. No cost is available yet, but why not give a Christmas gift certificate for a trip to camp?

Teen Opportunities

Schaub Scholarship Winners
Congratulations to Morgan Felver, Travis Fisher, Nolan Greve, Amanda Lehmkuhl, Allison Luedeke, Morgan Miller and Brandon Turner for winning the Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarships!

Teen Opportunities Letter
All 4-H members, who will be 13 and over as of January 1, 2017 will soon be receiving a letter about teen leadership opportunities. Be sure to read the guidelines for each activity.

Ohio 4-H Scholarships
There are college scholarships available through the Ohio 4-H program. Applications will be available in December. These forms are due by January 5, 2017.

4-H Committee News

Camp Counselors
Teens, 15 and older as of January 1, 2017, who are interested in being a camp counselor or counselor in training need to apply by February 1, 2017. Please note that there is a new application. Counselor applicants will be interviewed in February. Counselors 18 and over will be required to have a BCI background check. More details will be in the teen newsletter later.

Outstanding 4-H ‘er Award
The outstanding 4-H’er youth will be recognized by the 4-H Committee. Applicants must complete the outstanding 4-H’er application which includes an advisor recommendation. Applications are due by January 5, 2017.

Honor Clubs
The 4-H Committee has awarded honor club status to the following clubs:

Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers
Junior Climbers
Minster Livestock
N.K. Cheery Sunbeams
Noble Harvesters
Noble Sodbusters
Prospects
Star Spangled Clovers
Winter Steer Weigh-in

2017 junior fair beef, carcass and dairy steers must be identified at the Winter Steer Weigh-in. The weigh-in will be **December 17, 2016** at the fairgrounds (snow date - Jan. 14, 2017). Registration materials will be sent to 4-H members with a steer project this year. Information will be sent to all ag teachers for distribution to FFA members. If you or someone you know is taking a steer project for the first time, contact the office for materials. It is especially important to help us reach any first year members. Steers not pre-registered will be placed at the bottom of the sale order.

If you are planning to show a steer at state fair next year and need information on the registration process, contact the office.

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**Eric Vogel Memorial Award**

This honor recognizes two Junior Fair Board members for their outstanding contributions and leadership to the junior fair. This year’s winners are Jonathan Vogel and Casey Steva. A sincere congratulations and thank you!

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**Thank You Notes**

It is **NOT too late** to send thank you notes to your award sponsors or sale buyers. If you have not written a thank you, please do so. We have the names and addresses of all trophy donors and sale buyers included with checks. Contact the office if you need this information. Be sure you use the correct name of the donor, spelled properly. If you won an award at the Ohio State Fair - don’t forget those notes as well. Parents, please stress the importance of these notes of appreciation. No project is complete until the thank yous are written!

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**Clean Exhibit Awards**

The following clubs are being recognized as having the cleanest/best kept exhibits in their department at the 2016 fair. Their names will be added to plaques which are displayed in the barns each year.

- **Beef** - Buckeye Hustlers
- **Dairy** - Dairy Dynasty
- **Goat** - Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers
- **Horse** - Fryburg Happy Farmers
- **Poultry** - Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers
- **Rabbit** - Prospects
- **Sheep** - Buckeye Beavers
- **Swine** - Waynesfield All Around Livestock

Congratulations on a job well done and keep showing your pride!
As Winter Approaches…
When we cancel meetings due to weather, we will announce cancellations by 4:30 p.m. on WCSM and WLIO or you can call the office before 4:30 p.m. We also post meeting cancellations on our website and our Auglaize Co. 4-H Facebook.

From all of our staff - thanks for all that you contribute as members, parents, volunteers, committee members, counselors, junior and senior fair board members.

I hope that you are enjoying this autumn weather and are looking forward to the holidays. This will be the last Gazette for 2016. Until next year....

Sincerely,
Beth Miller
Elizabeth M. Miller
Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
County Extension Director
Auglaize County, Top of Ohio EERA

cc 4-H Committee, Ag Teachers

Calendar of Events

November
9 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m.
10 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
11 - Veterans Day - Office Closed
15 - Junior Fair Board Orientation - 7:00 p.m.
21 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
24 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
25 - Columbus Day Observed - Office Closed

December
17 - Steer Weigh-in - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
23 - Presidents’ Day Observed - Office Closed
26 - Christmas Day Observed - Office Closed
29 - Junior Fair Board - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Building

January
2 - New Year’s Day Observed - Office Closed
12 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
14 - Steer Weigh-in Snow date
16 - Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
19 - Horse Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
30 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.

February
2 - Junior Fair Board - 7:30 p.m. - Jr. Fair Building

Happy Holidays