

Notes From the Office

Dear 4-H Family:

As another 4-H year comes to an end. What a year it has been! 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 2020.

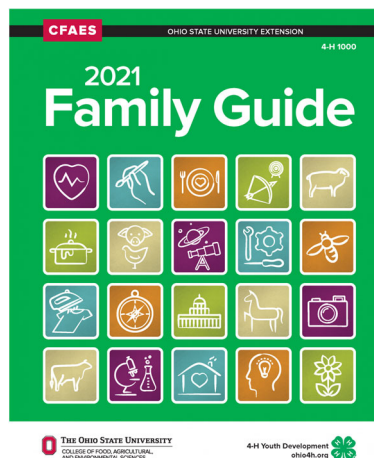
4-H Age Policy

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.

Family Guide to 4-H

The Family Guide to 4-H is now online:
<https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>

You can look at project information there or check out Project Central at:
<https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>



Program Evaluation

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

Project Changes for 2021

New

- 354 Medicine Science and Safety
- 355 Tracking Your Health and Fitness
- 365.00 Amateur Radio Idea Starter
- 365.04 Get Started with Composting Idea Starter
- 365.04 Paddle Water Sports Idea Starter
- 387 Here, There, Ag Careers are Everywhere
- 613 Exploring the Poles
- 673 Edible Landscapes

Revised

- 179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
- 412 Sew for Others
- 584 Focus on Photography, Level 1
- 585 Controlling the Image, Level 2
- 586 Mastering Photography, Level 3
- 752 Shotgun Record Book
- 755 Muzzleloader Record Book
- 756 Living History Record Book

Discontinued

- 365.09 Canoeing Idea Starter
- 504 Electric Radio-Controlled Vehicles

Self Determined Idea Starters are now categorized into broader topic areas. They are: General, Companion Animal, Creative Arts, Family Life, Natural Resources, Quilt and Workforce Preparation. See Family Guide for more details.

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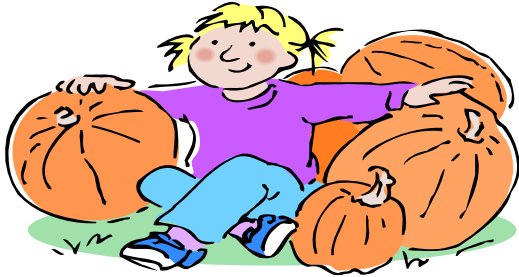


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Campers' Corner

2021 4-H Camp

Dates for next year's 4-H camp are June 15 - 19. 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 Jenna Heitkamp, Morgan Henschen, Zach Hesse, Olivia Jones, Megan Jurosic, Rachel Kitzmiller, Nathan Knatz, Claire Kohler, Hannah Kramer, Trent Lehman, Mallory Liles, Taylor Lowe, Ally Ott, Ashton Ritter, Gavin Schneider, Amanda Schultz, Jaelyn Schultz, Ellie Settlege, Riley Thobe, Taylor Watercutter, Alli Wilker, Brooke Yahl, Liv Wuebker and Jalyssa Zwiebel 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, 2021 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. Application information can be found at: <https://students.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/money-matters/scholarships/4-h-scholarships>

Camp Counselors

Teens, 15 and older as of January 1, 2021, who are interested in being a camp counselor or counselor in training need to apply by **January 4, 2021**. Counselor applicants will be interviewed in January. Counselors 18 and over will be required to have a BCI background check. More details will be in the teen newsletter to be sent later this fall. Application at:



<https://auglaize.osu.edu/node/353>

4-H Committee News

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, 2021.

Honor Clubs

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

Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers
Junior Climbers
Maids & Gents of Kossuth
Minster Livestock
Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers
New Knoxville Cheery Sunbeams
Noble Harvesters
Prospects
Young Riders



Fair Updates

Proposed Fair Dates for 2021

Auglaize Co. Fair - August 1-7

Ohio State Fair - July 28 - August 8

Thank You Notes

It is **NOT** too late to send thank you notes to your award sponsors or sale donors. If you have not written a thank you, please do so. We have the names and addresses of all trophy donors. A list of sale donors is 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. No project is complete until the thank yous are written!

Winter Steer Weigh-in

2021 junior fair beef, carcass and dairy steers must be identified at the Winter Steer Weigh-in. The weigh-in will be **December 12, 2020** at the fairgrounds (snow date - Jan. 11, 2021). Registration materials will be sent to 4-H members with a steer or feeder calf 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. If you are planning to show a steer at state fair next year and need information on the registration process, contact the office.

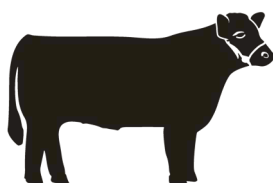
Important reminders: Steers must be dehorned and castrated at the time of the winter weigh-in. A veterinarian's certificate must accompany any steers which may be considered "questionable". Steers must be halter broken for winter weigh-in.

The Junior Fair Board and Sale Committee reserves the right to refuse to register, identify and weigh any steer considered to be unruly or uncontrollable at the winter weigh-in. Steers that are refused at the winter weigh-in will be ineligible for the fair.



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 Howie Spencer and Ally Ott. A sincere congratulations and thank you!



Clean Exhibit Awards

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

Beef - Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers

Dairy - Dairy Dynasty

Goat - Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers

Horse - Auglaize Co. Mavericks

Poultry - Prospects

Rabbit - Waynesfield All Around Livestock

Sheep - Buckeye Hustlers

Swine - New Knoxville Livestock Boosters

Congratulations on a job well done and keep showing your pride!



Livestock sale participant checks

were mailed October 6. Please cash your checks. All sale checks are **VOID AFTER 90 DAYS**. If the sale committee treasurer has to reprint a check, there will be a \$35.00 reissue fee. If a check is lost, the exhibitor will be charged \$45.00 for stop payment. All checks not cashed after 90 days will become a donation to the Auglaize Co. Junior Fair.

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. Some meetings may be switched to a virtual format.



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 2020. Until next year....

Sincerely,

Beth Miller

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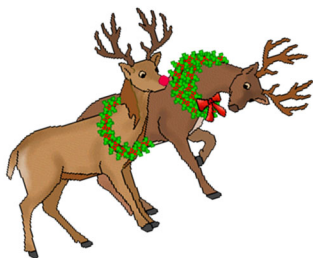
Calendar of Events

November

- 11 - Veterans Day Observed - Office Closed
- 12 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 - Junior Fair Board Orientation - 7:00 p. m.
- 18 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 27 - Columbus Day Observed - Office Closed

December

- 12 - Steer Weigh-in - 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.- Fairgrounds
- 24 - Presidents' Day Observed - Office Closed
- 25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed
- 29 - Junior Fair Board - 9:00 a.m. - Exhibit Building



Happy Holidays

