

**Notes From the Office**

**Dear 4-H Family:**

I hope you enjoying this fall weather. As another 4-H year comes to an end, here are some final notes for 2024.

**4-H Age Policy**

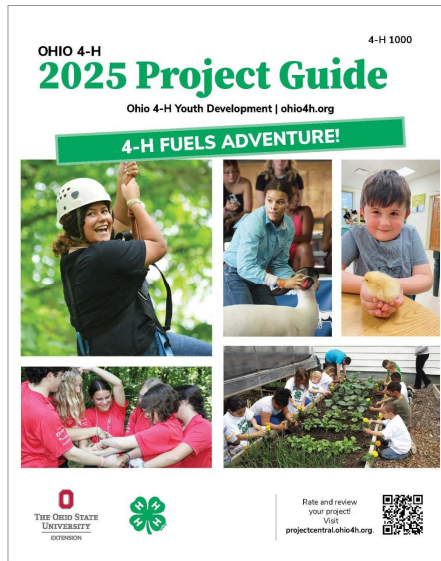
Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child’s age AND grade as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and 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.

**As Winter Approaches...**

When we cancel meetings due to weather, we will announce cancellations by 4:30 p.m. on WCSM or you can call the office before 4:30 p.m. We post meeting cancellations on our website and Auglaize Co. 4-H Facebook. Some meetings may be switched to a virtual format.

**Project Guide**

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



**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 2025**

**New**

- 365 *Idea Starters*: Aquaponics: Can I Produce My Own Food?, Digital Citizenship: Being Safe Online, Surviving in the Great Outdoors
- 385 Local Government: Answer the Call
- 489 Microscope Mysteries
- 549 Young Engineers in Space: Missions in Microgravity
- 651 Be a Sustainability Hero
- 652 Farm to Table to Career
- 716R Cloverbud Story Cubes

**Revised or Replaced**

- 140R Swine Resource Handbook
- 140 Swine Project and Record Book
- 445 Exploring Personal Finance
- 365 *Idea Starter*: Climate Change

**Discontinued**

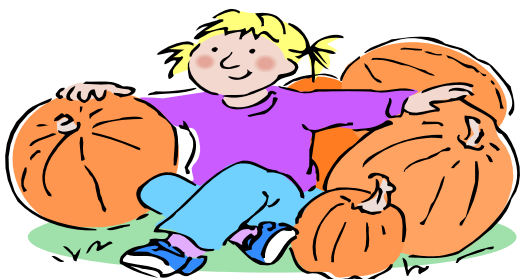
- 191R Horses, Safety, and You
- 358 The Truth About Tobacco
- 365 *Idea Starters*: Going Green, Local Foods, Stay-at-Home Project, The Work World Is Calling, Ways of Knowing Water
- 374 Teens on Board
- 495 Your First Home Away from Home



## Campers' Corner

### 2025 4-H Camp

Dates for next year's 4-H camp are June 10 -14. No cost is available yet, but why not give a Christmas gift certificate for a trip to camp?



### Teen Opportunities

**Schaub 4-H Scholarship Winners** for 2024. Congratulations!

Ava Egbert, Tyler Egbert, Chloe Pax, Ella Resor, Tyler Stueve, Renee Sweigart and Brooke Turner.

**Berelsman 4-H Scholarship** winner for 2024 was Morgan Rempfer. Congratulations!

### Teen Opportunities Letter

All 4-H members, who will be 13 and over as of January 1, 2025 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 are due by February 15. Application information can be found at:  
<https://ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/awards-scholarships/ohio-4-h-scholarships>

### Camp Counselors

Teens, 15 and older as of January 1, 2025, who are interested in being a camp counselor or counselor in training need to apply by **January 1, 2025**. 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.



### 4-H Committee News

#### Outstanding 4-H'er Award

Outstanding 4-H youth will be recognized by the 4-H Committee. Applicants should complete the outstanding 4-H'er application which includes an advisor recommendation. You must be at least 16 years old (4-H age) and have been a 4-H member for at least 6 years to apply. Applications are due by January 5, 2025.

#### Honor Clubs

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

Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers  
Auglaize Leaders of Tomorrow  
Fryburg Happy Farmers  
Maids & Gents of Kossuth  
Minster Livestock  
Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers  
New Knoxville Cheery Sunbeams  
Noble Harvesters  
Waynesfield All Around Livestock



## Fair Updates

### Fair Dates for 2025

Auglaize Co. Fair - July 27 - August 2

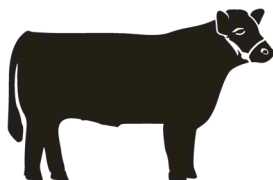
Ohio State Fair - July 23 - August 3

### 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!

### 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 Morgan Hesse and Rhett Chisholm. A sincere congratulations and thank you!



### Clean Exhibit Awards

The following clubs/chapters 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** – Buckeye Hustlers

**Dairy** – New Knoxville Livestock Boosters

**Goat** – Prospects

**Horse** – Stars & Stripes

**Poultry** – Prospects

**Rabbit** – Co. Crossroads

**Sheep** – Auglaize Co. Show Stoppers

**Swine** – Buckeye Hustlers

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



### Winter Steer Weigh-in

2025 junior fair beef, carcass and dairy steers must be identified at the Winter Steer Weigh-in. The weigh-in will be **December 21, 2024** at the fairgrounds. 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.

Market heifers will be added to the 2025 show. EID tags will be required. Detailed emails have been sent regarding these changes.

*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.*

Please cash your livestock sale 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.

## **Family Animal Rule Reminder**

### **The following rule applies to market steer, market lamb and market goat exhibitors:**

A minimum of one project animal must be registered in the individual exhibitor's name at winter/spring weigh-in to be eligible to enter and show that specie at the fair. This animal may only be entered, shown and sold in that individual's name. This animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings if substituted.

The remaining animals registered at winter/spring weigh-ins may be listed in the family's name. These "family" animals must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family member (as defined by the Ohio Administrative Code for livestock exhibition (901-19-01 | Definitions)).

**For winter/spring weigh-in:** each family may register the maximum number of animals per department rules. For example, for steers – 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 9 steers (3 youth x 3 steers per child), sheep and goat - 3 youth in a family could register a maximum of 15 lambs or goats (3 youth x 5 lambs/goats per child).

**Fair weigh-in:** the designated exhibitor of the family shared animal must be stated when the animal is weighed at the fair. After fair weigh-in, this animal could only be transferred to another exhibitor's name using the livestock substitution rule and would not be eligible for placings.

No animal can be exhibited (entered or shown) under more than one exhibitor's name.

*Remember: you can register your project animals per exhibitor as you have in the past. Use of "family animal" option is not required!*

**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 looking forward to the holidays. This will be the last Gazette for 2024. Until next year....

Sincerely,

*Beth Miller*

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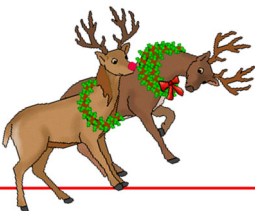
## **Calendar of Events**

### **November**

- 6 - Sale Committee - 7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds
- 11 - Veterans Day - Office Closed
- 14 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - Junior Fair Board Orientation - 7:00 p.m.
- 28-Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 29 - Columbus Day Observed - Office Closed

### **December**

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



*Happy Holidays*

