



October 2015

Notes From the Office

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 2015.

Program Evaluation

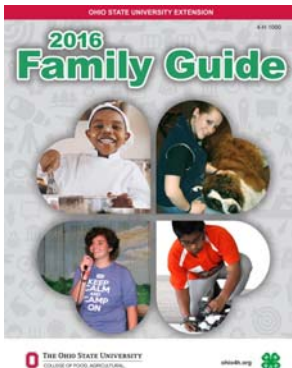
If you would like to share ideas regarding the 4-H program, please return the form by November 10. Fair comments should be made on the fair comment form. Please return these forms by December 10.

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."

Family Guide to 4-H

The Family Guide to 4-H is now online at <http://www.ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/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 2016

New

- 150R Poultry Resources Handbook
- 365.12 Miniature Gardens
- 365.26 Hedgehogs
- 365.27 Ferrets
- 365.28 Chinchillas
- 365.29 Water Quality: Field to Faucet
- 508 Robotics 2: EV3N More
- 617 Exploring Ponds
- 645 Teaming with Insects, Level 2
- 646 Teaming With Insects, Level 3

To Be Revised or Replaced

- 201R Dog Resource Handbook
(Members who already own 201R Dog Resource Handbook will not have to buy the new edition)
- 357 Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- 358 The Truth About Tobacco
- 420 Outerwear for Anywhere (Outer Layers)
- 469 Global Gourmet
- 540 Not Just Knots (Rope)
- 558 The Writer In You (Creative Writing)
- 644 Teaming with Insects, Level 1 (Exploring Our Insect World 1)
- 691 Grow Your Own Vegetables (Vegetable Gardening)
- 710GPM Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum (Program Series I & II)

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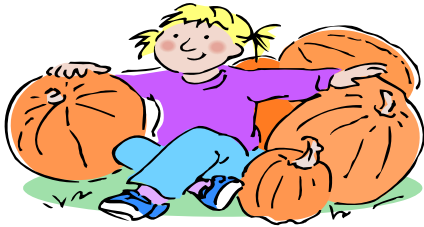
- 379 Get in the Act
- 380 Project Citizen, Level 1
- 381 Project Citizen, Level 2
- 422R Clue Yourself Into Modeling
- 446 Money Fundamentals
- 447 Money Moves
- 489GPM Breads of the Harvest
- 509 Robotics 1: NeXT Technology
- 510 Robotics 2: NeXT Steps
- 970R Tools for Public Speaking
- 997 Camp Counseling Handbook



Campers' Corner

2016 4-H Camp

Dates for next year's camp are June 21-25. 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 Nathan Brown, Bayleigh Clark, Shelby Fischer, Jessica Fisher, Taylor Hager, Anna Paul and Julia Pepple for winning the Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarships!

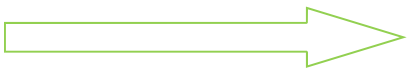
Teen Opportunities Letter

All 4-H members, who will be 13 and over as of January 1, 2016 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, 2016.

Save the dates!



Camp Counselors

Teens, 15 and older as of January 1, 2016, who are interested in being a camp counselor or counselor in training need to apply by February 1, 2016. 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 this fall.

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, 2016.

Honor Clubs

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

Minster Livestock

N.K. Cheery Sunbeams

Noble Harvesters

Noble Sodbusters

Prospects

2016 Pre Fair Judging Dates

Thursday, July 21 - Clothing & Livestock Interviews

Friday, July 22 - 4-H Special Interest Judging

Tuesday, July 26 - Foods & Small Animal Judging

Fair Dates for 2016

Auglaize Co. Fair - July 31 - August 6

Ohio State Fair - July 27 - August 7

Fair Updates

Winter Steer Weigh-in

2016 junior fair beef, carcass and dairy steers must be identified at the Winter Steer Weigh-in. The weigh-in will be **December 19, 2015** at the fairgrounds (snow date - Jan. 16, 2016). 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.



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 Jessica Fisher and Amanda Lehmkuhl. A sincere congratulations and thank you!

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 were included with your check. 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!

Clean Exhibit Awards

The following clubs are being recognized as having the cleanest/best kept exhibits in their department at the 2015 fair. Their names will be added to plaques which will be displayed in the barns next year.

Beef - Fryburg Happy Farmers

Dairy - Cowabunga

Goat - Moulton Lucky Livestock Raisers

Horse - Fryburg Happy Farmers

Rabbit - Fryburg Happy Farmers

Sheep - Prospects

Swine - New Knoxville Livestock Boosters

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 2015. Until next year....

Sincerely,

Beth Miller

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County Extension Director
Auglaize County, Top of Ohio EERA



Calendar of Events

November

- 12 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - Junior Fair Board Orientation - 7:00 p. m.
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 27 - Columbus Day Observed - Office Closed

December

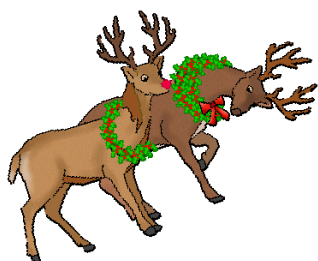
- 19 - Steer Weigh-in - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. -
Fairgrounds
- 24 - Presidents' Day Observed - Office Closed
- 25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed
- 29 - Junior Fair Board - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. Fair Building

January

- 1 - New Year's Day - Office Closed
- 14 - 4-H Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - Steer Weigh-in Snow date
- 18 - Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 21 - Horse Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 - Extension Advisory Committee - 7:00 p.m.

February

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



Happy Holidays

