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Huron County 4-H Newsletter

September/October 2023

Dear 4-H Families,

As we say farewell to the vibrant days of the 2023 Huron County Fair and the bustling summer season, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

To our dedicated volunteers, your commitment and tireless efforts have been the bedrock of our success this year. Your hard work not only showed, but it illuminated every corner of the fairgrounds, creating an atmosphere of community and excitement that was truly unforgettable.

To the parents and supporters who stood beside our young 4-H participants, your role in nurturing their growth and guiding them through various events and challenges is truly commendable. Your encouragement and presence have been instrumental in fostering a sense of achievement and belonging among our youth.

As we transition into fall, I urge you to keep the spirit of connection alive. Stay in touch with your 4-H members, continue to be a source of encouragement, and ignite their passion for next year's adventures. Look out for exciting county and statewide 4-H programs that will continue to enrich our lives and communities.

Although the calendar pages turn, our anticipation for what's to come only grows stronger. We're already envisioning 2024, a year filled with renewed energy, fresh ideas, and unforgettable moments.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Haley Palmer
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

September

- 4 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 6 Swine Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 FCS Evaluation Meeting, Junior Fair Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Miscellaneous Evaluation Meetings, Admin Building, Basement Meeting Room, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Left-over Project Pick-up, Jr. Fair Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Senior Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Sale Thank You's Due
- 12 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 13 Completion & Discharged Without Penalty Letters Due
- 14 Celebration of Youth
- 19 4-H Committee
- 19 School Art Evaluation Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Dog Evaluation Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Senior Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 19-21 Farm Science Review
- 27 Horse Council Evaluation Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Completion Packets Ready

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 5 Senior Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Columbus Day, Extension Office Closed
- 10 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 18 Grade A Banquet
- 19 Junior Fair Board

Completion Packets Ready By September 29

A 2023 completion packet will be prepared for all clubs. Packets will be ready Friday, September 29. Packets include member certificates, member pins for 1, 4, 8, 10, 12 & 13 years and other items. Clubs should schedule recognition events after this date. Meaningful recognition can provide a positive conclusion to the 4-H year.

Writing Thank You Notes is Very Important

Congratulations to your members for the recognition they received at the fair! Now it is time to follow through by writing thank you notes. Thank you notes need to be written and sent in a timely manner. The sponsor's name and address for all trophies, plaques and silver plates is included on a sticker adhered to the award. The Extension Office still has an ample supply of thank you notes available for purchase. Each note sells for \$1.00 and includes a stamp!

Livestock exhibitors who benefitted from the premium sale will need to turn in their Thank You notes to the Extension Office by September 8th in order to receive their check.

We encourage thank you cards to be written for the back to the farm feeder calf sale and the online add-on sale, but they are not required at this time. If you need to know who your buyers were for any of the sales please contact the Extension Office.

Please take the time to confirm that your members have written thank you notes. It is very important that our members thank their benefactors. Donors need to know that the money they spent was appreciated. It is important that thank you notes be sincere and show genuine appreciation.

Thank Superintendents & Sr. Fair Board Members

Please make an effort to thank Junior Fair Superintendents and Senior Fair Board members who spent countless hours preparing for the fair. They worked tirelessly to assure that our 4-H and FFA members would have the opportunity to have their projects evaluated. We could not have had a Junior Fair without them!

National 4-H Week October 1-7

National 4-H Week will be celebrated on October 1-7. It is a great time to promote 4-H in your community and encourage others to join 4-H. 4-H Week allows us to celebrate the positive impact 4-H has across our country. If your club is trying to become an Honor Club and you have not completed at least two activities that promote 4-H and informs the public about 4-H (#10 on the Honor Score Sheet), National 4-H Week is a perfect opportunity!

Honor Club Materials Due by November 15

Honor Club status must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15. Clubs must apply using the Honor Club Score Sheet. Copies are available from the Extension Office.

Evaluation Meetings Scheduled

This is the time of year when we typically look back at our 4-H and Junior Fair programs and begin looking ahead to next year.

Departments will have evaluation meetings. Changes we make for the next year will come out of these meetings. Superintendents and committee members receive invitations to the meetings, but they are open to the public. All meetings will be held in the Secretary's Office at the Fairgrounds unless otherwise specified. The evaluation meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. – Turkey/Poultry
- Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Sheep
- Tuesday, August 29 at 8:00 p.m. – Dairy
- Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m. – Goat
- Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. – Rabbit
- Wednesday, August 30 at 8:00 p.m. – Beef
- Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. – Swine
- Thurs, September 7 at 6:00pm, (HCAB Basement) – Misc.
- Thurs, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. (Jr. Fair Office) – FCS
- Tuesday, September 19 at 4:00pm, (Norwalk HS) - School Art
- Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:00pm, (Extension Office) – Dog

Input Welcomed on Other Department Evaluations

Departments/programs that do not hold evaluation meetings, still welcome your input. If you have comments or suggestions for Floriculture, Crops, FFA, Cloverbuds, Llama/Alpaca, Showman of Showmen, Pet Care, Livestock Judging Contest, Junior Fair King & Queen Contest or the Best Dressed Animal Contest, please contact a superintendent or the Extension Office by September 14.

Ohio 4-H Project Central Needs Evaluations

Ohio 4-H Project Central is posted online at www.ohio4h.org under Books & Resources. Project Central allows one to preview project books, but also allows members to rate the project books they used in their projects. This is the perfect time of year to encourage your members to rate their project books. Feedback from the ratings will be used in determining which project books need revised or dropped. The rating system focuses on the project book layout and content, not the total project experience. Members with concerns about project requirements in Huron County should contact the Extension Office.

Incomplete Projects Still Have Completion Options

All projects must be evaluated to be considered complete. The deadline to report is Wednesday, September 13.

A last resort for members who have not yet participated in a project evaluation is to write a letter to the 4-H Committee. The 4-H Committee has the power to grant completion grades due to extenuating circumstances.

The 4-H Committee may also grant “Members Discharged Without Penalty”. This category is for members who just “disappear” or do not complete their project work, despite the best efforts of the club advisors. Advisors write a letter to the 4-H Committee explaining the situation and requesting that the member be discharged without penalty.

The 4-H Committee will review requests for completion and discharge without penalty on a case-by-case basis. All letters should be sent to the Extension Office by September 13.

Project book Updates for 2024

2024 publications that are being revised, replaced, or discontinued effective October 1, 2023.

To Be Revised or Replaced

179R Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows
201R Dog Resource Handbook
228R Rabbit Resource Handbook

To Be Discontinued

185 Equine Reproduction and Genetics
352 Keeping Fit
486 Dashboard Dining
529 Wired for Power, Level 3
530 Entering Electronics, Level 4

4-H Projects Which Should be Started This Winter

Some 4-H projects are difficult for members to accomplish if they do not start until spring enrollment. Members who purchase books early will need to enroll in the projects in the spring but will not order books.

- You're the Athlete: Extensive training records need to be kept. Members who participate in fall, winter or spring sports should purchase their book now and maintain current records.
- Trapping Muskrat in Ohio: Records need to be started when preparing for trapping season and throughout the trapping season.
- Family History Treasure Hunt: Winter is a perfect time for working on a genealogy project. Call the Extension Office for contact information for a member of the Huron County Genealogical Society.
- Mentoring: Leadership in Action: A mentoring project that pairs an older 4-H member with a young protégé. The older member helps the protégé learn about 4-H, feel comfortable in the club, select projects, etc. All leadership projects would make good wintertime work.

Foods, clothing, quilting, writing, robotics, welding, woodworking, home decorating, scrapbooking & cake decorating projects also provide good wintertime activities.

Sweet Treats, Yeast Breads on the Rise and Cookies, Cookies, Cookies have lots of recipes for good cold weather eating!

Pilot Puppy Program Makes Good 4-H Project

The pilot puppy program provides the socialization and basic training of a puppy before it is sent back for evaluation and additional training. Anyone thinking about raising a pilot puppy next year should make their initial contact now. Pilot Dogs, Inc. is located in Columbus. They may be contacted at (614) 221-6367 or www.pilotdogs.org. Other organizations provide other types of working dogs.

Open Class Home Arts Welcomes Jr. Fair

Many Junior Fair still projects may be entered in open class the following year. Members may not enter the same exhibit in Jr. Fair and Open Class the same year. Sewing, quilting, beekeeping & photography are some areas 4-H members could enter.

Ohio 4-H Foundation's Celebration of Youth

The Ohio 4-H Foundation's annual Celebration of Youth is fast approaching! All adults aged 21 and over are invited to join us at Leeds Farm in Ostrander, Ohio on Thursday, September 14 for an evening of fall fun on the farm. The event will begin at 5 p.m. and will include a delicious dinner, a variety of fun farm activities, and both a silent and live auction. The kids are away so the adults can play! For more information and to purchase tickets go to go.osu.edu/COY

2023 Huron Soil & Water Memorial Scholarship

Applications are available upon request from Huron Soil & Water Conservation District office and are available on our website: www.HURONSWCD.COM
Applications must be submitted to our office located at 8 Fair Road; Norwalk, Ohio. Office hours are 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. M-F **Deadline for submission is September 8, 2023.**

Farm Science Review is September 19-21

The annual Farm Science Review will be held September 19-21. Tickets are available for purchase in the Extension Office for \$10.00. Otherwise, they are \$15 at the gate. Visit fsr.osu.edu for ongoing updates.

Huron County 4-H Member's Selected for Teen Leadership Council

We had many outstanding candidates apply for the Teen Leadership Council (TLC) this year! Please help us in congratulating the new members to this council, whose term will be September 1, 2023- August 31, 2024!

- JP Lawson - Committee Member
- Madilyn Lawson - Officer

For more information about TLC, visit go.osu.edu/TLC.

Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

This is a workshop to train Ohio 4-H volunteers who are interested in serving as shooting sports discipline instructors in their county 4-H programs. Participants must be approved 4-H volunteers in order to participate in workshops. Full participation in the workshop is required.

October 20-22
4-H Camp Palmer
Workshop Fee: \$110

Please contact the Extension Office for registration details.

OHIO MILITARY KIDS WINTER WONDERLAND

Military families may join the Ohio Military Kids program for a FREE Winter Wonderland as we offer crafts, snacks, family activities, and a special visit from Santa in the North Pole! It is Saturday, December 9th, 2023, 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Central Ohio (specific location will be shared once registered).

Please register by November 30th for the event at <https://go.osu.edu/OMKEvents>

HEALTH HEROES

The **Ohio 4-H Health HEROES** program is back! This statewide teen healthy living advocacy group are called HEROES because they serve as Health Education Resources for Outreach, Engagement, and Service. Youth will learn about current issues and topics in healthy living, will be tasked to create an action plan to create change in their local community, and will be a part of a statewide cohort who cares about the health and well-being of Ohio youth.

Benefits of becoming a 4-H Health Hero are:

- Learning about a variety of healthy living topics
- Gaining valuable leadership and communication skills
- Meeting other 4-H youth from across Ohio who are invested in healthy living
- Leaving a positive impact on your family, friends, and community
- Promoting the 4th H!

In previous years we have had youth focus on making change in health topics such as; mental health, vaping, opioids, and more.

Youth who are passionate about health and in **grades 9 through 12 may apply!** For more information, important dates, and expectations, you may check out <https://ohio4h.org/healthheroes>. Application is due **Sunday, September 10th, 2023 by 11:59 pm.**

Any questions, you may contact Justin Bower, State 4-H Healthy Living and Ohio Military Kids Educator at bower.183@osu.edu or at 614-247-1979

Excellence in State Level Skillathons

Several Huron County 4-H and FFA members participated in state level skillathons.

Dairy:

- Lauren Albright, Opportunities Unlimited, 1st Place, Age 13
- Luke Albright, Opportunities Unlimited, 3rd Place, Age 11
- Eli Arp, Opportunities Unlimited, 5th Place, Age 8/9

Beef:

- Sophia Clemons, On Target, 9th Place, Age 11
- Morgan Neill, Lyme Producers, 2nd Place, Age 14
- Tyler Neill, Lyme Producers, 3rd Place, Age 14
- Mason Kinney, Rumblin' Riders, 2nd Place, Age 16

Beef Breeding:

- Ethan Linder, Busy Needles, 4th Place, Age 12
- Morgan Neill, Lyme Producers, 2nd Place, Age 14
- Hannah French, Shining Clovers, 9th Place, Age 15

Sheep Breeding Skillathon:

- Tate Stevens, On Target, 6th Place, Age 10
- Brett Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch, 6th Place, Age 15
- Blake Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch, 3rd Place, Age 17
- Emily Stevens, New London FFA, 2nd Place, Age 18

Sheep:

- Sydney Wilson, Huron County JR Dairy, 4th Place, Age 8/9
- Brett Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch, 2nd Place, Age 15
- Reaganne Wilson, Huron County JR Dairy, 7th Place, Age 17
- Blake Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch, 8th Place, Age 17

Poultry:

- Annaka Ruggles, Ridgefield Country Kids, 10th Place, Age 10
- Anita Ruggles, Ridgefield Country Kids, 8th Place, Age 17
- Isabella Lucha, South Central FFA, 1st Place, Age 14

Outstanding Record Book Winners

Sheep:

- Brett Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch, Age 15

State Fair Outstanding Breeding Exhibitors

- Morgan Neill, Beef Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor Age 14 Division Champion, 7th Place overall Champion

State Fair Outstanding Market Exhibitors

- Blake Neill, Beef Outstanding Market Exhibitor Age 10 Division Champion & Overall Champion
- Tyler Neill, Beef Outstanding Market Exhibitor Age 14 Division Champion
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State Fair Still Project Excellence

- Madison Schafer, Get Started in Art JR, Outstanding
- Lindsey Webb, 2nd Year Scrapbooking JR, Outstanding
- Nora Whaley, Cake Decorating B Jr, Outstanding
- Jennifer Schwan, Cake Decorating I JR, Outstanding
- Anessa Ruggles, Shopping Savvy Sr, Trophy
- Lauren Albright, Loungewear Jr, Trophy
- Xavier Sanders, Grill Master Jr, Outstanding
- Sydney Wurzel, Star Spangled Foods Jr, Outstanding
- Madilyn Lawson, Teens on Board, Trophy
- Viola Culler, You Can Quilt Jr, Outstanding
- Audrey Sanders, You're The Athlete Sr, Outstanding



2023 Junior Fair Royalty Court

Congratulations to the 2023 Jr. Fair Royal Court:

Queen –

Reaganne Wilson, Huron County Junior Dairy

1st Attendant –

Lydia McQuillen, Ridgefield Country Kids

Court –

Anita Ruggles, Ridgefield Country Kids &
Monroeville FFA

Makena Calame – Tri Community Bits & Pieces

King – Gage Carroll, Classy Clovers

Congratulations to Premier Livestock Exhibitors

Dairy – Genevieve Adams, Opportunities Unlimited

Beef – Sophia Clemons, On Target

Swine – Jenna Rathburn, Richmond Community Helpers

Sheep – Brett Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch

Rabbits – Aria Beard, Opportunities Unlimited

Poultry – Sydney Bess, Horseshoe Clovers

Turkey – Sydney Bess, Horseshoe Clovers

Goats – Brooke Wuensch, New London County Line Kids

Meat Goats – Levi Brooks, County Kids

Showman of Showmen Contestants

The following showmen represented their species in the Showman of Showmen Contest at the fair:

Dairy – Lauren Albright

Dairy Goats – Nancy Kramer

Meat Goats – Drew Clemons

Dairy Beef – Lucas Dalton

Beef – Mason Kinney

Swine – Polly Anne Wolf

Sheep – Brett Martin

Rabbits – Travis Hinckley

Poultry – Sydney Bess

Turkeys – Luke Stein

The winners were:

1st Place – Mason Kinney

2nd Place – Brett Martin

3rd Place – Sydney Bess

Junior Fair Board's Stock the Trailer

The Huron County Junior Fair Board was able to collect nonperishable goods during the fair. The goods were donated to Salvation Army in Norwalk. Thank you to everyone who donated! County Placings will come out after all the fairs are finished in the Northeast region.

Battle of the Barns

Congratulations to the Rabbit Barn for winning the Battle of the Barns food drive competition. The Rabbit Barn was able to collect over 400 lbs. to donate to the Stock the Trailer food drive. They received a pizza party on Saturday night and will be displaying the rotating banner in their barn at the 2024 Huron County Fair.

Make Appointments Now for 2024 Processing

Local livestock processing facilities are already fully booked for most of next year. Anyone planning to raise market livestock for their freezer next year should try to schedule appointments.





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