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Huron County 4-H Newsletter

September/October 2024

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Dear 4-H Families,

As we bid farewell to a fantastic summer, we're filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible memories we've made together. From action-packed fairs to hands-on workshops and community service projects, our 4-H members have truly shined, showcasing their skills, dedication, and enthusiasm. The summer has been a season of growth, learning, and fun, and we couldn't be more proud of all that we've accomplished.

Now, as the crisp air of fall arrives, we're excited to keep the momentum going. This new season brings fresh opportunities for learning, leadership, and community involvement. Whether it's through new projects, clubs, or events, we're eager to see what our 4-Hers will achieve next.

Thank you for being part of our 4-H family. Let's make this fall another season to remember!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Haley Palmer
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development



September

- 2 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 4 Dairy Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Rabbit Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Goat Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 8:00 p.m.
- 5 FCS Evaluation Meeting, Junior Fair Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Left-over Project Pick-up, Jr. Fair Office, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Senior Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Sale Thank You's Due
- 6 Completion & Discharged Without Penalty Letters Due
- 10 4-H Committee
- 10 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 11 Poultry Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Swine Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Beef Evaluation Meeting, Secretary's Office, 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Ohio 4-H Foundation Celebration of Youth
- 19 Senior Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 17-19 Farm Science Review
- 25 Horse Council Evaluation Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

October

- 3 Senior Fair Board, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Completion Packets Ready
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 8 CARTEENS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 14 Columbus Day, Extension Office Closed
- 27 Grade A Banquet

Completion Packets Ready By October 4

A 2024 completion packet will be prepared for all clubs. Packets will be ready Friday, October 4. 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



This is a reminder for those of you that participated in the online add-on sale, and premium sale: a pre-addressed, stamped thank-you note must be submitted for each of your buyers. Please submit your thank-you notes by **September 6** to the Extension Office. Failure to do so will result in your sale check being held.

Buyer Addresses

Lists of buyer addresses for all sales are posted on the Extension Website:

Submission Guidelines

- Notes must be turned in unsealed, as we will be checking them to ensure they meet quality standards. An example of a well-written thank-you note and instructions for addressing the envelope are attached.
- Please submit your thank-you notes by **September 6**. Failure to do so will result in your sale check being held.
- Make sure your thank-you card has a stamp, your full name on the return address (to identify you), and the buyer's full name and address.

Ways to Submit Your Thank-You Notes

- Drop them off at the Extension Office (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday).
- Bring them to the Junior Fair Office during leftover project pick-up on **Thursday, September 5** (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.).
- Mail them in a cover envelope addressed to: **OSU Extension, 180 Milan Ave. Suite 1, Norwalk, OH 44857.**

Additional Reminders

- If you received an award, we also encourage you to write a thank-you note to your award sponsors. You can find the address label to your award sponsor stuck to the bottom or back of your award. We've lost sponsors in the past because they didn't feel appreciated, so please make sure to express your gratitude.

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 6-12



National 4-H Week will be celebrated on October 6-12. 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 Friday, November 15. Clubs must apply using the Honor Club Score Sheet. Honor Club may be submitted by paper form or electronic form. Both are available on the Extension Website.

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 27 at 6:00 p.m. (Ext. Office) – Dog
- Thursday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m. (Ext. Office) – Misc.
- Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Sheep
- Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. – Dairy
- Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. – Rabbit
- Wednesday, September 4 at 8:00 p.m. – Goat
- Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. – Poultry
- Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. – Swine
- Wednesday, September 11 at 8:00 p.m. – Beef
- Thurs, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. (Jr. Fair Office) – FCS

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 Options

All projects must be evaluated to be considered complete. The deadline to report is Friday, September 6.



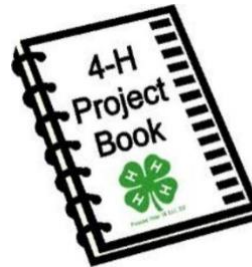
A last resort for members who have not yet participated in a project evaluation is to write a letter to the 4-H Committee asking to be dismissed from the project. The letter should be written by the member explaining why the project couldn't be completed. The committee will vote whether to dismiss or not.

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 on a case-by-case basis. All letters should be sent to the Extension Office by September 6. They can also be emailed to huron4h@osu.edu.

Project Book Updates for 2025

2025 publications that are being revised, replaced, or discontinued effective October 1, 2024.



To Be Revised or Replaced

- 134R Swine Resource Handbook
- 139 Market Hog Project and Record Book
- 140 Swine Breeding Project and Record Book
- 445 Becoming Money Wise

To Be Discontinued

- 191R Horses, Safety, and You
- 358 The Truth About Tobacco
- 374 Teens on Board
- 495 Your First Home Away from Home
- 551 Getting to Know Your Tractor
- *712GPM Connect to College

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.

- 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 12 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

2024 Huron Soil & Water Memorial Scholarship

Applications are available upon request from Huron Soil & Water Conservation District office and are available on the website <http://www.huronswcd.com/> **Applications must be submitted to the 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 12, 2024.**

Farm Science Review is September 17-19



The annual Farm Science Review will be held September 17-19. 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.

Excellence in State Level Skillathons

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

Dairy:

- Dalton Knoll, Tri Community Bits & Pieces, 7th Place, Age 12

Beef:

- Blake Neill, Lyme Producers, 3rd Place, Age 11
- Sophia Clemons, On Target, 3rd Place, Age 12
- Morgan Neill, Lyme Producers, 3rd Place, Age 15
- Tyler Neill, Lyme Producers, 6th Place, Age 15
- Mason Kinney, Rumblin' Riders, 6th Place, Age 17

Sheep:

- Reaganne Wilson, Huron County Junior Dairy, 2nd Place, Age 18
- Blake Martin, Seneca East FFA, 9th Place, Age 18

Poultry:

- Matthew Seaman, Huron County Junior Dairy, 5th Place, Age 9
- Chris Seaman, Huron County Junior Dairy, 1st Place, Age 10
- Abecka Ruggles, Ridgfield County Kids, 8th Place, Age 14
- Isabella Lucha, Flashes, 3rd Place, 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 11, 3rd Place overall
- Tyler Neill, Beef Outstanding Market Exhibitor, Age 15, 7th Place overall

State Fair Still Project Excellence

- Anita Ruggles, Shopping Savy Sr., Outstanding
- Madison Schafer, Get Started in Art Jr., Outstanding
- Evelyn Welschenbach, Get Started in Art Sr., Outstanding
- Nora Whaley, Seeing Through Graphic Design, Outstanding
- Isabella Lucha, Family History Treasure Hunt (3+ years), Trophy
- Sydney Wurzel, The Global Gourmet, Outstanding

State Fair Communication Day Excellence

- Alanah Purdy, Senior Individual, Outstanding



2024 Junior Fair Royalty Court

Congratulations to the 2024 Jr. Fair Royal Court:
Queen – Annessa Ruggles, Ridgefield Country Kids & Monroeville FFA
1st Attendant – Renee Miller, Hartland New Horizon Court –
Ella Gates, Norwich Fun Bunch
Jenna Shepherd, South Central FFA

Congratulations to Premier Livestock Exhibitors

Dairy – Genevieve Adams, Opportunities Unlimited
Beef – Lucas Dalton, Shining Clovers
Swine – Isabella Kimberlin, South Central FFA
Sheep – Hayley Spoerr, New London FFA
Rabbits – Travis Hickley, Classy Clovers
Poultry – Isabella Lucha, South Central FFA
Turkey – Riley Major, South Central FFA
Goats – Bryan Chaffee, South Central FFA
Meat Goat – Isabella Ocheltree, Rough Riders

Showman of Showmen Contestants

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

Dairy – Eli Arp, Opportunities Unlimited
Goat - Kaylee Altomare, Shinning Clovers
Meat Goat– Madison Cummings, Willard FFA
Dairy Beef – Eva Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch
Beef – Mason Kinney, Rumbly Riders
Swine – Addyson Riley, Norwich Fun Bunch
Sheep – Brett Martin, Norwich Fun Bunch
Rabbits – Audrey Sanders, Hartland New Horizon
Poultry – Anita Ruggles, Ridgefield Country Kids
Turkeys – Riley Major, Huron County Junior Dairy

The winners were:

1st Place – Riley Major
2nd Place – Brett Martin
3rd Place – Madison Cummings

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 Sheep Barn for winning the Battle of the Barns food drive competition. They received a pizza party on Saturday night and will be displaying the rotating banner in their barn at the 2025 Huron County Fair.

Make Appointments Now for 2025 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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