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Wayne County 4-H News

The Link



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Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers,

I hope your summer is off to a good start. Thank you to everyone that made our 4-H Fun Fair a success this past weekend. We had a very hard working and dedicated group of volunteers that served on the Fun Fair committee again this year as well as numerous youth, parents, and others that volunteered to help staff games, work food stations, and help with many other tasks related to the Fun Fair. We are very grateful for the support of the businesses and families in Wayne County that donated items to be auctioned and raffled off at the Fun Fair and we are especially grateful for the funds raised from the Fun Fair to be used to support 4-H programming in Wayne County.

We have also recently wrapped up several countywide 4-H events and programs in June including several clinics and Quality Assurance sessions, Cloverbud Day Camp, Beginner Sewing Camp, preparation for Junior Camp, our State Fair Qualifying Horse Show, and much more. The Junior Fair Expansion (Building Project) Committee has been meeting and researching various designs and features to be recommended to Senior Fair Board for possible construction of a new livestock barns and a large show arena at some point in the next few years. As July gets underway we continue with more Tuesday Night Horse Fun Shows and turn our attention to project judgments and Skillathon! I hope you enjoy this month's edition of The Link 4-H Newsletter. There are many great things happening in 4-H throughout Wayne County. Be sure that your club's officer team is working together to fill out the STAR Club Award application to be recognized for your club's accomplishments this fall.

Best wishes,

Doug



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4-H Calendar of Events

July

04 Independence Day –
Extension Office Closed

05 Junior Fair Board

08-12 Ohio 4-H Sea Camp

09-13 Ohio 4-H Leadership Camp

09 Dairy Clinic

11 Pleasure Horse Fun Show

13 FCS Project Judging

14 FCS Clothing Construction Judging

17 Food and Fashion Board

17 Early Still Project Judging

17 Senior Fair Board

18 Contest Horse Fun Show

18 Style Revue / State Fair Awards Program

20 Skillathon

24 Skillathon

25 Skillathon

26-Aug. 6 Ohio State Fair

27, 31 Org. Advisors Turn-In Jr. Fair Entry Forms

31 CARTEENS Class

August

01 Junior Fair Entries Due

01 Horse Youth of the Year Award Applications Due

01 Dog Health Forms Due

01 Quality Assurance (last chance, cost \$25)

01 Horse Fun Show Rain Make-up Date (if needed)

07 Junior Fair Board

08 CARTEENS Advisory Committee

08 FCS, Still Project, Small Animal, and Gardening
Project Judging

10 Beef Committee

10 Coronation Interviews

10 Turkey Blood Testing

12 Dog Fun Show

14 Horse Committee

14 Sheep Committee

15 Dairy Committee

16 Dog Committee

17 Poultry & Rabbit Committee

17 Swine Committee

21 Senior Fair Board

22 Goat Committee

24 Skillathon Committee

28 Horse Youth, Parents & Advisors Pre-Fair
Informational Meeting

28 CARTEENS Class

28 Live Beef Carcass Show

29, 31 Org. Advisors Pick Up Fair Passes & Show
Numbers

31 Beef Carcass Contest Results

Chick Pick-up
Monday July 17th
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Jr. Fair Office!

JR. FAIR UPDATES

WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
ENTRIES ARE DUE BY AUGUST 1st!

*Everyone planning to exhibit Still, FCS, Livestock
and Cloverbud projects at the fair must have them
entered by August 1, 2017.*

Marcia Brueck, Junior Fair Secretary, will accept Junior
Fair entries **at the Junior Fair office** on:

Thursday, July 27 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 31 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 1 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**THESE ARE THE ONLY TIMES AND PLACE THAT
JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES May BE TURNED IN!**

Advisors please note:

1. Members **must** put the school codes on their Junior Fair entry forms. This makes it possible for the Jr. Fair Secretary to send excused absence notices to the members' schools.
2. Sheep and Goat project members **must** put the Scrapie number on the Junior Fair Entry Form.
3. **Again this year:** Members should fill out the special penning request form and turn it in with their fair entries to let the committees know of any special penning Requests. Examples include housing Jr. Fair animals with open class animals, Market Hogs that were raised together and could be penned together, etc.

Please make sure your members are aware that **Showmanship entries need to be made for the following species: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry & Horses.** If members do not sign up for their Showmanship classes on their Jr. Fair entry forms, they will **not** be able to show in the Showmanship classes at the Fair. Members wishing to compete for overall market exhibitor must make an entry for that class as well.

PREMIUM PAYOUT

The Junior Fair office will be doing ALL premium payouts after the Fair. On Monday and Tuesday, September 26th and 27th, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Advisors can come in to the Junior Fair office to pick up premium checks. The checks will be made payable to each individual member—not to the club.

The Junior Fair office phone number is 330-264-9895 or
email is wcfair@hotmail.com
The Senior Fair office number is 330-262-8001.

NEW! Livestock Interview Judging

This year livestock exhibitors will have the option to participate in a trial project interview judging *in place of* Skillathon. Judging will take place during Still Project judging on July (17th) and August (8th) and will consist of a one-on-one interview with a knowledgeable judge and grading of the Project Record Book.

Those who wish to participate must pre-register ahead of time. The registration window is open and there is still room available. Sign up is online only by completing the form at: go.osu.edu/2017livestockinterviews

Bikes for Kids

There is still time for your club to participate in this year's bikes for kids program. Approximate cost for one bike is \$65.00 and they are given to local children around Christmas time. If your club would like to donate to bikes for kids, please make your donation to the Extension Office by September 30.



4-H "BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE"



We know school just let out for most of you, but the 4-H Advisory Committee is once again sponsoring the 4-H Back to School drive to help support our communities. Wayne County 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in this by collecting school supplies (markers, compasses, colored pencils, wide rule loose leaf paper, crayons, glue, etc.) at their summer club meetings.

Collections can be dropped off July 27th, 31st or August 1st from 3:00 pm - 7:00pm at the Jr. Fair Office. (Same time and place as Jr. Fair entries are due) All county 4-H clubs will

have their items tallied and scored based on a percentage of club enrollments. This ensures all clubs have a fair chance of winning the 4-H Back to School Drive! The winning club will get to have a pizza or ice cream party sponsored by the 4-H Committee.

4-H Families Interested in Camping at the 2017 Wayne County Fair?

You must apply for a camping permit. Camping fees are \$125 per unit for all 6 days of the fair. Forms and payment should be submitted to the Senior Fair Board office. Registration forms are due August 19, 2017. More information and the registration form is available on the fair website.



Together Everyone Achieves More!

September 19th will be a fun way to give back to our community and our fair! From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. we will be asking all club advisors, members, parents, committees and junior and senior fair board to join together at the fairgrounds to do a post fair clean-up!

We are looking for all ages as there will be jobs of all sorts! Pizza and drink will be served immediately following in the junior fair building. So please put the date on your club's calendar and plan to join the fun!

CLOVERBUD CORNER

Cloverbud Space Camp was out if this world this year! Thank you to everyone involved—we can't wait for next year!



Cloverbud Activity to try - Rainbow and Sunset Art:
Idea found in The Big Book of Cloverbud Activities.

Materials: newspaper, white construction paper, colored chalk or pastels and cotton balls.

What to do: Encourage children to think of beautiful things their eyes can see. Talk about the beauty in nature. Ask if anyone has ever enjoyed a sunset or a rainbow. Help the children create their own sunsets and rainbows with colored chalk. Show them how to tear strips of newspaper and color the edge of it with chalk. Then, instruct them to place the colored strip on top of the white construction paper. Rub the colored dust off the newspaper on to the construction paper with the cotton balls. Repeat, tearing new strips of newspaper and using different colored chalk. The jagged edges where the newspaper is torn make the color rubbed on the construction paper really look like the sky at dusk.

State Fair 4-H Handbook – Still and FCS Projects

The 4-H Handbook with non-livestock information is posted online. The handbook has 4-H exhibit information and State Fair Requirements that will be given to the 4-H member that is selected to go to State Fair in each class. This information is available at <http://go.osu.edu/OSFhandbook>

FCS and Still Project Requirements

In just over a month project judging will start! Please make sure you check out the requirements for judging and the fair before you get there! The guidelines are all available online at <http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo>.

FCS Judging Dates:

July 13, 2017	“Early Bird” FCS Project Judging - 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Fisher Auditorium, OARDC Campus. To be eligible for State Fair selection, members must participate in this event.
July 14, 2017	Construction Judging - 9 am – Noon at the Fisher Auditorium, OARDC Campus. Members must leave their garment the night of July 13 in the conference room to be judged the next day. (Room will be locked. No members or parents are permitted at judging) Garment Pickup will be 1 -3 pm. Member can come pick up their garments that afternoon or during Still Project Judging July 17, 2017 from 7-8:30 pm.
July 18, 2017	Style Revue & 4-H Awards Program - 7:00 p.m. at Fisher Auditorium, OARDC. Family & friends are invited to see 4-H members model their clothing projects. Construction Award winners and State Fair representatives in all FCS & Still project areas will be announced at this event. Participating members must be registered by 6:50 PM
August 8, 2017	“Last Chance” FCS Project Judging - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Wayne County Fairgrounds. For members not interested in or unable to participate in the July judging events.

Still Project Judging Dates

July 17, 2017	“Early Bird” Still Project Judging- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Fisher Auditorium, OARDC Campus. Must participate in this event to be eligible receive the ability to represent Wayne County at the State Fair.
August 8, 2017	“Last Chance” Still Project Judging – 6:00-9:00 pm at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. This event is for member not interested or unavailable to participate in the July Judging events.

E-Poster Requirements:

If you plans to create an e-poster (computer based presentation) you must supply your own laptop or tablet. The presentation can be no longer than 15 slide advancements. And for the fair display you will then take a representation of your slides and make a 22”x28” poster to be displayed.

Food and Nutrition Projects:

A common oversight for project judging is creating a meal plan for the entire day. As always you should prepare a dish/meal out of your book, additionally bring a presentation folder or E-poster, your project book, a table setting (for the meal at which your dish is served) and a menu plan. The portion that is often overlooked is the creation of a complete menu plan for 1 day.

For example if you are taking the Star Spangled Foods project and bring the Wild West Burger to judging, you must then create a list of food you will eat for an entire day. And make sure to follow the My Plate criteria for serving sizes and categories to make a nutritious daily meal pan. To see an example of the menu or a proper table setting visit <http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo>.

State Fair Participation for Building 10 Projects

For members who receive the opportunity to represent Wayne County at the Ohio State Fair, immediately following the Awards Program the state fair participants packet will be available and photos will be taken for the Daily Record article. This packet will have all the rules and information you may need to participate in the State Fair, BESIDES your ticket. Tickets must then be picked up at the Extension Office Starting July 19th at 8:30 am.



As always if you are selected to represent Wayne County and cannot make it to the State Fair please let Stephen Heppe (heppe.4@osu.edu) know as soon as possible! We will then contact the runner-up and get the information and ticket to them!

Skillathon Volunteers Needed

Your help is greatly needed to make the Skillathons successful learning experiences for the youth. If you are able to help on July 20, 24 or 25, you can complete a survey online (go.osu.edu/wayneskillathon17) or stop into the office and fill out a form to indicate your availability and preferences. If you feel you don't have enough expertise about animals, no worries - we have simple instructions and leaders to help you!

Skillathon for Members with Special Needs

This year, Skillathon night for our 4-H'ers with special needs will be held before the July 20th Skillathon night from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Our aim for this evening is to provide these 4-H members with a quieter, less stressful environment, provided by facilitators with extra training. Registration is required by July 10. Registration forms will be mailed directly to individuals who have already indicated additional needs on their initial 4-H enrollment form, but if your child would benefit from this type of offering, it is open to them. For more information, please contact the office.

Readers will still be available at the regularly scheduled Skillathon nights.

Project Completion Guidelines

Again this year, the completion of a 4-H project will be considered the interview at project judging or the skillathon. Completed projects are then eligible for Wayne County Junior Fair participation.

Please refer to the project book insert for guidelines on what to bring to judging and/or exhibit at the fair. ALL still and FCS project books have labels that link to the guidelines on the website (wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo), or they were compiled inserts that organizational advisors received in their packets.

Why do we have 4-H Judging and Skillathons?

Project judging or project skillathons should be an educational experience for the 4-H member. It is a time when members can share what they have learned in their projects, and be challenged to expand their knowledge in the future.

NO MEMBER IS A FAILURE UNLESS MADE TO FEEL AS SUCH.

Members may be given scores or rankings to let them know where their strengths and weaknesses lie. That score or ranking is for that member only and his/her parents; **perhaps** the advisor, but only if the member is comfortable with sharing it. Recording and comparing scores or rankings is discouraged.

“Outstanding” ratings are given when members reach a determined standard. Any member who reaches this standard is awarded an “outstanding.” At project judging and skillathons, members are never compared to one another.

EVERYONE WHO GOES THROUGH THE COUNTY JUDGING OR AN ELIGIBLE SKILLATHON IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAIR.

There is no minimum score required or expected.

Tips for Participants

- Read and complete your project book and explore other sources of information such as resource books or wayne.osu.edu/skillathon-study-materials
- Dress appropriately—school appropriate clothing is required (no halter tops, short shorts, cut-offs, etc.)
- Have a positive attitude and try your best
- Follow polite etiquette: show respect to judges, facilitators and helpers.
- Realize that the judge or facilitator is volunteering time from his/her busy schedule to help you learn.

Tips for Parents

Your role as parent/guardian providing support and encouragement for your child is VERY IMPORTANT! However, at judging/skillathon events, your presence may make your 4-Her somewhat nervous and tends to add to the congestion, noise and confusion at the judging site. We encourage you to drop off your 4-H'er and take advantage of the waiting areas provided at Fisher Auditorium and roped-off grassy area at the fairgrounds (bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you'd like).

Thoughts from the Wayne County 4-H Committee in regard to common questions about judging and skillathons:

1. *Why are “outstanding” awards given in front of all members? Only participation awards should be given at the event, and the “outstanding” awards at a later time.*

Research shows that the most appropriate recognition a youth can receive is *immediate* recognition. In other words, recognition means more to a young person if it is done directly after the member has earned that recognition. Also, it is important for young people to learn that, as much as they want others to congratulate them when they do well, it is important for the young person to congratulate others when they do well.

2. *How are stations chosen for the skillathons or questions chosen for judging?*

Stations for the skillathons are recommended by the Wayne County 4-H Action committees. The committees choose stations that are from the skillathon kits or relevant topics which the committee has noticed that a large number of members need to learn. Questions for judging are taken from the project books, a possible “list of questions” for each project, and the judge may choose to ask his/her own questions that he/she feels are relevant.

3. *What can we do for young (first-year) members who are scared or intimidated by judging and skillathons?*

Junior Fair Board members are available to read to young members or just to go with them for moral support. Remember, 4-H alumni have identified their experiences of one-on-one interviews, public speaking, getting up in front of others, and meeting/talking with adults as one of the most important skills that 4-H teaches!

One of our own Junior Leaders who served on the Wayne County 4-H Committee said it well: “I was one of those shy, quiet, scared 9-year-olds, but because of 4-H and going through judging and skillathons, I have learned to speak out and get up in front of others.”

4. *Why do project books need to be completed every year?*

Ohio 4-H recognizes that an important part of the project experience and proper quality assurance is keeping records. Therefore, it is expected state-wide that project books be purchased and completed every year. Again, this is a skill that is developed through 4-H and utilized to complete college applications, scholarship applications, and job applications.

Animal Welfare

Our youth exhibitors are considered producers and the public develops opinions based on what they see, hear and perceive at a livestock show and will relate that to the entire livestock industry. It is important all of our livestock exhibitors are responsible and represent it properly. Remember to follow the 10 Good Production Practices (GPPs), reviewed during the Quality Assurance trainings to ensure proper care and handling of animals.

PLEASE discuss this during a club meeting. Having members role play or act out potential situations which might occur at the fair would better prepare our youth for answering questions they may get about their projects during fair week.



Possible Skillathon Stations to Study for 2017

Thursday, July 20 7:00 – 9:00 PM Registration at 6:30 p.m.

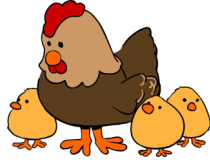
Monday, July 24 7:00 – 9:00 PM Registration at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25 7:00 – 9:00 PM Registration at 6:30 p.m.

Fisher Auditorium - OARDC

Poultry

- Project Record Book
- Parts ID
- Feed ID
- Meat Cuts
- Medication Label & Insert
- Project Interview
- Brooder Management



Beef

- Project Record Book
- Parts ID
- Feed ID
- Feet and Leg Structure
- Halter & Tie
- Stomach Parts
- Meat Cuts — Retail, Wholesale



Horse

- Project Record Book
- Feed & Hay ID
- Body Scoring
- Bridle Assembly with Bits
- Project Interview
- Hoof Care

Sheep

- Project Record Book
- Feet & Leg Structure/Hoof Care
- Interview
- Feed ID/Nutrient Groups
- Breed ID
- Lamb Evaluation/Meat Cut ID/Halter
- Medication Insert

Dairy

- Project Record Book
- Sire Directories and Selection
- Parts ID
- Mammary Health
- Feed ID
- Reproductive Management
- Evaluating your Animal
- **BRING PICTURE OF YOUR PROJECT ANIMAL!**
- Project Interview
- Halter & Tie

Rabbit

- Project Record Book
- Parts ID
- Reading Pedigrees
- Body Types and Breeds
- Health Conditions
- Rabbit Vocabulary
- Breed ID
- Market Questions/Meat Cut ID
- Medication Label



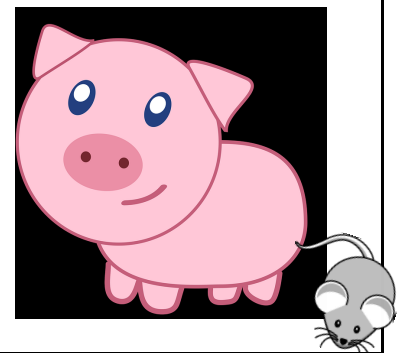
Goats

- Project Record Book
- Health Conditions
- Medication Insert
- Parts ID
- Breed ID
- Feed ID
- Hoof Care



Swine

- Project Record Book
- Wholesale Meat Cuts
- Medication Insert
- Breed ID
- Feed ID/Nutrient Groups
- Swine Health Situations
- Retail Meat Cuts
- Ear Notch
- Project Interview



Dog

- Project Record Book - Jr./Int./Sr.
- Breed ID - Jr./Int./Sr.
- Internal Parasites- Jr./Int./Sr.
- External Anatomy - Jr./Int./Sr.
- Health and parasites - Jr./Int./Sr.
- Feed Tag - Jr./Int./Sr.

**2017 LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CLUB SCHEDULE
FISHER AUDITORIUM - OARDC**

Thursday, July 20 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00 p.m.

Carhart Kids
Country Acres
Dalton Equestrians
Hoof Beats
Madisonburg Pioneers
Milton Country Clovers
Northwestern Neighbors
Sugar Creek Gang
Wayne County Cousins

8:00 p.m.

Apple Creek Wide Awake
Basically Bovine
Bounty Hunters
Canaan Country Cousins
Canaan Hoof 'n' Hide
City Kidz
Clinton Lads & Lassies
Cream of the Crop

Monday, July 24 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00 p.m.

Equitation Station
Horses R Us
Pegasus
Smithie Whiz Kids
Smithville Simmer & Sew
Springville Country Club

8:00 p.m.

Baughman Guys & Gals
Buckeye Show & Grow
Country Strong
Jefferson Pioneers
Shenanigans
Valley College

Tuesday, July 25 7:00 - 9:00 PM

7:00 p.m.

Buckeye Bunch
Horseman's Hangout
Milton Shamrocks
Springville Cowpokes
Sterling 604 Rangers
Wayne County Hoof 'n' Hide
West End Rowdy Ranglers
Wrangler Kids

8:00 p.m.

Burbank Livestock
Congress 4-H Power
Dalton-Kidron Big 4
Ewenique Critters
Hearts and Hooves
Howling Coyotes
Wayne Aces

SKILLATHON INFO

- Skillathon must be completed at the Ohio State Fair **OR** the Wayne county events above to be eligible to show at the Wayne County Fair.
- ***There is no makeup date. Members must participate in one of the three dates listed above.***
- If a family or member cannot come on the club's scheduled date, they may come on one of the other dates.
- **If participating in the Ohio State Fair, you must bring documentation of completion into the office no later than 3 days after the event at the Ohio State Fair.**
- *There will be a reader available for those children who are more comfortable having assistance. Please let us know at registration.*
- *There will be a Skillathon session for those with special needs—contact the office for more information.*