Summer is here and in full swing. I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to everyone that came out and joined us in our celebration and kickoff of the Homestretch Campaign for the new Junior Fair Livestock and Events Center. We are blessed to have such a strong and supportive community and we are also very grateful to the many volunteers that came forward at the end of May to help us get the mailing stuffed and sent out for this new building project.

I also want to thank everyone that has submitted their animal identification information in 4-HOnline. I know that this is a new process for everyone. Many people were able to navigate this new system very well while some struggled through various challenges. For those taking livestock projects that have animals that need to be entered by August 1st (all dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, and sheep) please don’t wait until the last minute to try submitting your information. It must be in 4-HOnline prior to making your Jr. Fair class entries at http://waynejrfair.fairentry.com which are also due by August 1st.

Finally, I also want to say congratulations and best wishes to our 4-H program assistant Stephen Heppe on accepting a position as the agriculture education teacher at Smithville High School. Stephen has been with our office since 2008 and has been an amazing colleague and friend to myself and so many others. We are really going to miss working with Stephen and the leadership he gives to our 4-H program. However, we are excited for him and grateful that we will still get to work with him in his new role.
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Reminder: QA must be complete by July 19th. If a livestock member has not yet attended, the last opportunities are at the dairy clinic on July 8th or they must attend the Last Chance Quality Assurance on July 19th and pay $25.00 or they will not be able to participate at fair.

4-H Project Deadline Reminders

- August 1st - All animal ID’s, including pictures and forms, for ALL dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit and sheep must be submitted into oh.4online.com’s animal ID tab for each member. THIS MUST BE DONE BEFORE A MEMBER MAKES FAIR ENTRIES. Visit wayne.osu.edu/help for help pages and more detailed instructions for what needs to be entered for each species.

- August 1st - All fair entries must be submitted in the fair entry system via waynejrfair.fairentry.com system. More details and instructions were given to advisors when premium books were picked up or at wayne.osu.edu/help

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**JR. FAIR UPDATES**

WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ONLINE ENTRIES ARE DUE BY AUGUST 1ST

Everyone planning to exhibit Still, FCS, Livestock and Cloverbud projects at the fair MUST have them entered by 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2018

**FairEntry Online Help Sessions**

Marcia Brueck, Junior Fair Secretary, will be available at Fisher Auditorium, OARDC, (during Skillathon) to answer questions and assist anyone with online fair entries. Bring your own laptop computer or tablet so you can login to complete your fair entries on:

- Monday, July 23  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 24  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 31  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Advisors please note:**

- Members must enter their school code in their Jr. Fair online entry. This makes it possible for the Jr. Fair Secretary to send excused absence notices to the members’ schools.
- Sheep and Goat project members must have entered the Scrapie number in the 4HOnline animal ID record which will be uploaded to the online fair entry.
- This year: members will fill out any special penning requests for their animals when making entries. Examples include: housing Jr. Fair animals with open class animals, market hogs that have been raised together and could be penned together, large rabbits that need extra pen space, etc.
- Make sure your members are aware that Showmanship entries MUST be made for all species: dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry, horses and dogs. If members do not sign up for their Showmanship classes in their online fair entry, they will not be able to show in the Showmanship classes at the Fair.
- Members wishing to compete in the Outstanding Exhibitor programs (i.e. OME and ODE) must make an entry for that class as well.

**PREMIUM PAYOUT**

The Junior Fair office will be doing ALL premium payouts after the Fair. Pre-check reports will be available on Friday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Checks will be distributed on Monday & Tuesday September 24th & 25th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. An advisor can come into the Jr. Fair office to pick up premium checks for the whole club. 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 wcjrfair@hotmail.com. The Senior Fair office number is 330-262-8001
Skillathon and Livestock Judging Letter

Information regarding Skillathon and Livestock Project Judging was sent out to all organizational advisors, FFA teachers, and enrolled 4-H families. It can also be found at wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo. Please read through the letter and share at your club meetings.

Bikes for Kids

Now is a great time for your club to talk about in what community service projects they would like to participate. Approximate cost for one bike is now $75.00 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 Families Interested in Camping at the Fair

You must apply for a camping permit. The form is available online at http://go.osu.edu/wcfaircamping. Camping fees are $125 per RV/Camper for the 6 days of the fair. If you did not have a camping permit last year – you must fill out a request form and turn it in to the Senior Fair Board Office by August 4th. Do not send money in. You will be contacted if there are available spots after August 4th.

Returning campers should submit payment and registration form to the Senior Fair Board Office by August 4th. For questions or more information contact Senior Fair Board member Joe Gress at 330-317-0398 or call the Fair Office at 330-262-8001.

Back to School Supply Drive

New dates and location for 2018 - it will be on July 23, 24 and 31st during Skillathon at Fisher Auditorium.

The 4-H Advisory Committee is challenging your club to donate school supplies such as markers, compasses, colored pencils, erasers, notebooks, crayons, glue, tissues, hand sanitizer, etc.

A grand prize will be awarded to the club with the most items donated per member in that club so that way all clubs have a fair chance of winning the 4-H Back to School Drive.

Skillathon Volunteers Needed

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far! Confirmation letters and details will be sent soon!

However, we still need some help! If you (or anyone you know) are able to help on Monday, July 23, Tuesday, July 24 or Tuesday, July 31, you can complete a survey online go.osu.edu/wayneskillathon18 or fill out a form to indicate your availability and preferences that will be mailed to you soon. If you feel you don’t have enough expertise about animals, no worries - we have simple instructions and leaders to help you!

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 at all times. 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 State or Wayne County Fair, would better prepare our youth for answering questions they may get about their projects during fair week.
**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 poster 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. Make sure to also follow the MyPlate criteria for serving sizes and categories to make a nutritious daily meal plan. To see an example of the menu or a proper table setting visit [http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo](http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo)

**E-Poster Requirements for all projects**

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.

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**Summer FCS and Still Project Dates:**

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](http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo)

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<td>Construction Judging - 9 am – Noon at the Fisher Auditorium, OARDC Campus. Members must leave their garment the night of July 12 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 16 from 7-8:30 pm.</td>
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**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](http://go.osu.edu/OSFhandbook)

**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 18th at 8:30 am.

As always, if you are selected to represent Wayne County and cannot make it to the State Fair please let Lisa Parker  (parker.1269@osu.edu) know as soon as possible! We will then contact the runner-up and get the information and ticket to them!
Sheep Carcass Update
We want to say Thank You to Boliantz Packing of Ashland for agreeing to host our 2018 Sheep Carcass Contest! The live show will take place at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 1st and the Carcass Show will be at Boliantz’s in Mansfield on Thursday, Sept. 6th.

Important Details for the contest:
- Lambs must be tagged in at the June 2nd Tag-in to be eligible to show at the carcass contest.
- Carcass lamb must be entered on a Jr. Fair entry via waynejrfair.fairentry.com by August 1st (only one lamb may compete in Carcass Contest). Make Jr Fair entry in Department 24 Section 50 Class 3.
- Only the Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Fair live lamb sale on Wednesday September 12th. All other lambs must either find their own buyer or keep the meat.
- All meat will be processed by Boliantz to a set standard retail cut order.

For more information visit [http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo](http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo)

Horse Projects
Horse Youth of the Year Awards Applications are Due to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm August 1st – scoring criteria and the application are available on our website at [wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo](http://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo) under the Horse section.

Rabbit Projects
Rabbit Tattooing - All breeding and pet rabbits must be tattooed prior to entering the fair. To help members get their rabbits tattooed, the committee members are available by appointment. Many rabbit breeders also have the equipment and you can ask them to tattoo your animals. This should be done in the animal’s LEFT ear. Market Rabbits will be tattooed during check-in at the fair.

Livestock Interview Judging
Again this year, livestock exhibitors will have the option to participate in project interview judging in place of Skillathon. Judging will take place during Still Project judging on July 16 and August 7 and will consist of a one-on-one interview with a knowledgeable judge and grading of the Project Record Book and poster.

Those who wish to participate must pre-register ahead of time. Sign up is online only by completing the form at: [go.osu.edu/2018interviews](http://go.osu.edu/2018interviews)

Please note that although you may do an interview in lieu of skillathon, your interview score will not be considered as part of the Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program scores for Swine or Beef, or Dairy. You must do skillathon in Wayne County if you’re looking to compete in these programs. Exhibitors may choose to complete skillathon for one species and an interview for another.

Animal ID Frequently Asked Questions!

**What do you mean I have to have my Animal ID done before making my fair entry?**
The new FairEntry.com has a requirement that there must be an animal ID to match up each fair entry. The animal ID’s are put into 4HOnline.com and will transfer to FairEntry.com automatically when you make your fair entry.

**How can I edit the information?**
Once the save button on the animal ID is pressed, no more edits can be made.

**Who should I contact if I have issues?**
You can contact the Extension Office at 330.264.8722. Our office hours are 8-4:30, but you may leave a voicemail at anytime or visit wayne.osu.edu/help.

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**FAIR ENTRY HELP SESSIONS**
(During Skillathon)
- Monday, July 23 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 24 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 31 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**FAIR PASS/SHOW NUMBER PICK-UP**
- Tuesday, 28 3:00 - 7:00 pm
- Thursday, August 30 3:00 - 7:00 pm
- Friday, September 7 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**PREMIUM REPORT PICK-UP**
- Friday, September 14 9:00 am - Noon

**PREMIUM CHECK PICK-UP**
- Monday, September 24 3:00 - 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 25 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Possible Skillathon Stations to Study for 2018

*Monday, July 23 7:00 – 9:00 PM Registration at 6:30 p.m.*
*Tuesday, July 24 7:00 – 9:00 PM Registration at 6:30 p.m.*
*Tuesday, July 31 7:00 – 9:00 PM Registration at 6:30 p.m.*

Fisher Auditorium - OARDC

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- Breed ID  
- Halter & Tie  
- Stomach Parts  
- Meat Cuts — Retail & Wholesale |
| Horse    | - Project Record Book  
- Feed & Hay Quality  
- Body Scoring  
- Bridle Assembly with Bits  
- Grooming Equipment—Jr  
- Saddle Parts—Int & Sr  
- Project Interview |
| Sheep    | - Project Record Book  
- Interview—Sr  
- Breed Id- Jr & Int  
- Feed ID/Nutrient Groups  
- Lamb Evaluation/Meat Cut ID/Halter  
- Tools of the Trade |
| Dairy    | - Project Record Book  
- Pedigrees  
- Digestive System  
- Mammary Anatomy  
- Feed ID  
- Evaluating your Animal  
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- Reading Pedigrees  
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- Rabbit Vocabulary  
- Breed ID  
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- Rule Book Comprehension  
- Medication Insert  
- Parts ID  
- Breed ID  
- Feed ID—Int & Sr  
- Hoof Care—Jr |
| Swine    | - Project Record Book  
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- Medication Insert & Treatment  
- Ear Notch  
- Equipment ID and DUNF Form  
- Meat Judging—Sr  
- Diseases and Biosecurity |
| Dog      | - Project Record Book  
- Breed ID  
- Internal/External Parasites  
- External Anatomy  
- Health and parasites  
- Feed Tag  
- Breed ID |
Monday, July 23 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
- County Line Clovers
- Clinton Lads & Lassies
- Cream of the Crop

Tuesday, July 24 7:00 – 9:00 PM

7:00 p.m
- Boots and Spurs
- Equitation Station
- Horses R Us
- Pegasus
- Smithie Whiz Kids
- Smithville Simmer & Sew
- Springville Country Club

8:00 p.m.
- Baughman Guys & Gals
- Creek Side Clovers
- Buckeye Show & Grow
- Country Strong
- Ida Sue Kool Kids
- Jefferson Pioneers
- Shenanigans
- Valley College

Tuesday, July 31 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
- Shear Genius
- 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 are no makeup dates. 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.
Skillathon Ages and Categories

In the last month, we have received a hand full of calls asking how the ages and categories are working this year for the books and stations at skillathon. So, if a few are asking, we know many more are wondering.

For the four skill stations, members will be scored by their years in that project. The levels are as follows: Junior 1-3 years, Intermediate 4-6 years, senior 7+ years. So if the member is a senior in high school, but it is their first year in the project, they will participate as a junior level.

Similarly, we are going to score the books based on the number of years in the project. Therefore, 1-3 year junior members should complete any and ALL pages for “beginning” in their book. 4-6 year intermediate members should complete any and ALL pages for “intermediate” in their book and 7+ year senior members should complete any and ALL pages for “advanced” in their book. Please read ALL instructions on the page as some pages may be optional for the different levels. Use the table below as a guide to completing your book.

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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.