

# The Link

## Wayne County 4-H Newsletter



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*Our 4-H Junior Leaders visited Certified Angus Beef Culinary Education Center in January where they learned about various careers in agribusiness, how to properly season and grill a steak, as well as Meats Judging and Livestock Judging Team Opportunities. We are grateful to our friends at Certified Angus Beef that coach our Meats and Livestock Judging Teams and for all of their support throughout the year!*

Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a safe and joyous holiday season. Now that kids are back in school, it's time to begin getting organized for the upcoming 4-H year. Our committees are hard at work this month welcoming new members that were elected in the fall, finalizing Jr. Fair book rules and project guidelines, identifying judges for the shows later this year, and working on other plans to ensure a smooth and fun filled 4-H and Jr. Fair year.

Now is a great time to plan a meeting with your club's advisors and officers to start planning out your club activities for the year as well. I also encourage you to review the 2019 Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events available on-line at <http://go.osu.edu/20194hcalendar>. You may wish to reference this calendar when planning out your club's activities to try and avoid planning a club activity or meeting that conflicts with any major countywide 4-H events.

You probably have noticed the progress made on preparing the site for the new Junior Fair Livestock and Events Center at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. 2019 is definitely going to be an exciting year as construction will start up again in earnest this spring. Be sure to follow our 4-H Facebook page for photos and construction updates as the year goes on. There will also undoubtedly be many new things for everyone to figure out as the year goes on and the buildings are finished. On behalf of the Fair Board and the 4-H Team, we appreciate in advance your cooperation and support as we all work together to figure out things with the new buildings. We will do our best to keep you informed and updated along the way through *The Link*, e-mail updates, social media, and various committee meetings. When you have questions, always feel free to reach out through e-mail, calling, or stopping by the Extension Office.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 4-H Kickoff Required Advisor/Volunteer meetings in February! More information about these events are enclosed in this edition of *The Link*.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Foxx  
Extension Educator,  
4-H Youth Development



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AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

## Required February Advisor / Volunteer Trainings

Our 2019 Wayne County 4-H Kick off dates are **February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am** both at Fisher Auditorium. There will be a General Session followed by breakout sessions on both dates. Breakout session descriptions are listed below. Letters were recently mailed out to all active 2018 volunteers inviting them to register for these important annual updates.



Please register online at <http://go.osu.edu/2019advtraining>.

Advisors / Volunteers who are not able to attend the required advisor trainings in February, will be sent an e-mail with instructions about how to make up this requirement. If you do not complete this requirement by April 1<sup>st</sup>, per State 4-H Office policy your volunteer status will be terminated for the 2019 4-H year.

*The General Session will feature training on OSU Policy 1.50 Child Abuse Recognition and Prevention and Wayne County 4-H Program Updates, Announcements and Changes for 2019.*

### **2019 Breakout Session Descriptions**

(note we are planning to offer all of the sessions listed below on both dates)

**4-H Online For Club Leaders** – Learn about how you can help your 4-H families through the enrollment and animal ID processes in 4-H Online and how to run various reports that will help you better manage your club such as a club directory, project reports, and more.

**Occasional Quantity Cooks** – Does your club serve refreshments at it's meetings, have a year-end potluck banquet, host a bake sale or do anything where you are serving food to a group. This session covers important food safety information to keep you, your 4-H families, and others safe and healthy. At least one club advisor from every club is required to attend this session.

**4-H Shooting Sports Opportunities** – Shooting Sports are one of the fastest growing 4-H project areas across the country. Come learn about our Wayne County 4-H Shooting Sports Club and opportunities for both youth and adults to engage in our county and Ohio Shooting Sports programs.

**You and Your Team** – Learn about how you and your team members' personalities can work together to make a stronger team and the processes a team goes through to grow and evolve. This is a great session for committee members as well as advisors to learn about how to work with everybody and their strengths.

**Fun Club Activities** – Discuss ideas and activities that will help jazz up your club meetings and activities to keep your members engaged and having fun all year long. This session will also teach you a variety of quick, easy, and fun recreation and teambuilding games and mixers that you can easily help lead with your club members.

## New 4-H Volunteer Training

All NEW 4-H advisors/volunteers will need to complete the volunteer screening process. *Potential 2019 volunteers are defined as “new” if he or she was not enrolled as an advisor/volunteer in the 2018 4-H year.*

### **To complete this process:**

- ❑ Complete the new volunteer application (found on our website or you may pick up a copy from our office) and return it to the Extension Office by April 1st.
- ❑ Successfully pass the criminal history fingerprint background check
- ❑ Complete online enrollment in 4-H Online by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❑ **Complete a new volunteer training session and interview with Extension 4-H Staff on April 9<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ❑ Receive a letter from 4-H Educator Doug Foxx indicating approval to serve as an Ohio State University Extension 4-H volunteer.

### **Financial Information for Organizational Advisors & Committee Treasurers**

## Annual Club Requirements

The following documents are required each year by the State 4-H Office. We will keep record of these documents and will review them annually. Please turn them in per the deadlines listed below.

**Club Financial Summary** – Each club or committee must turn in a Yearly Financial Summary by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. The summary is required for us to complete the 990N IRS filing. The form can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/4Hforms>. *Your 2019 club packet will not be distributed until this form is submitted!*

**Constitution** – Each year we must receive a new copy of your club’s constitution by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** (the enrollment deadline). The constitution must follow the university approved template which is found online at <http://go.osu.edu/Constitution>.

**By-laws** – Due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** each year. The by-laws do not have to follow the university approved template, but a template can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/Bylaws>. This is the document that you **must** utilize to require attendance, community service, club rules, guidelines, expectations or policies not listed in the constitution like dues, committees, achievement requirements, record books, project exhibition, fund raising, club trip, etc. Items and rules included in your by-laws cannot conflict with the required club constitution.

**Club Charter Checklist** – Due **April 1** each year. 4-H National Headquarters and the Ohio 4-H Office requires that all clubs be chartered. The charter checklist must be reviewed annually to assure a club’s continued compliance with the 4-H club criteria. Only chartered 4-H clubs are permitted to use the 4-H name and emblem according to 4-H National Headquarters guidelines. Clubs that meet these minimum requirements will be granted/continued a charter. The Ohio 4-H Club Charter Checklist can be found online at <http://go.osu.edu/ClubCharter>.

## Annual Club Requirements (Continued)

### Procedures for IRS Filing

The Extension Office will file ALL 4-H Clubs and Committees 990N ePostcards. Do not file a 990N for your club! The State 4-H Office is requiring each office to follow strict guidelines and file for the 4-H clubs because of the many issues within the system over the year. Just in our county, we have record of multiple 4-H Clubs that have had their Tax Exempt Status revoked. It is the hope that if we follow these strict guidelines that we can fix and alleviate these issues.

If your club received a notice from the IRS that states your club's tax-exempt status has been revoked, scan and email Doug Foxx (foxx.2@osu.edu) the form or drop it off at the Extension Office. The State 4-H office is working to fix these problems. These problems have happened all around the state and there is no rhyme or reason we have found at this point. So if you receive a letter, make sure the Extension Office has a record of it!

**Auto Revoked EIN's** – Some clubs are receiving messages, etc. from private businesses who guarantee to get the EIN reinstated for a fee. Please ignore these as the club will still have to pay a fine, file additional forms and pay the private business \$200-500 for their help.

## Is your club looking for a place to have a fundraiser?

PBS Animal Health is looking to host fundraisers! If your club is looking for a venue to have a fundraiser, PBS would be happy to host it! Try a bake sale or selling other handmade items your members make. They love supporting 4-H and teaching kids life skills. Keep them in mind and call (330) 262-1596.

## Clothing Project Pattern Selection Nights

The 4-H Building 10 Committee will again host Clothing Project Pattern Selection Nights this year at JOANN Fabrics in Wooster. They will be held **April 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm** both nights.

## 4-H Scholarship Applications Due February 15<sup>th</sup>

Both Wayne County and Ohio 4-H Scholarship Applications are coming due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Graduating Seniors and recent 4-H alums are encouraged to apply. Wayne County 4-H awarded \$7,000 last year to 12 4-H members / recent alums. The Wayne County 4-H Scholarship Application is posted on our website at <http://go.osu.edu/wayne4hscholarship2019> and the Ohio 4-H Scholarship is an online application process.



Ohio 4-H currently offers approximately 36 scholarships. You can learn more about the Ohio 4-H Scholarship application process at <http://go.osu.edu/2019oh4hscholarships>.

## Livestock News

### 2019 Jr. Fair Rule Changes / Updates

The Jr Fair will continue to utilize the online software system called FairEntry.com. This will be used to complete the exhibitors online Fair Class Entries (Jr Fair entry will be done online again this year), check in, show results, premium reports and livestock auction.

Again this year all animals that may show at the fair will have an animal ID submitted online. This is a requirement of the Fair Entry system. The species below must complete the Animal ID and submit any forms through oh.4honline.com

- **June 1** - Deadline for all Beef (including Breeding), Dairy, Dogs, Goats, Horses Sheep, and Swine
- **August 1** - Deadline for all, Poultry and Rabbits



**NEW JR. FAIR Show / Auction Schedule now posted online at: <https://wayne.osu.edu/jrfair>**

**Building 10 (FCS and Still Projects)** –minor grammar updates to the Jr. Fair Book.

**Beef Committee** – no major changes; published a set of Beef Project Guidelines that are now available on the Extension Office website.

**Dairy Committee** – minor grammar updates to the Jr. Fair Book.

**Goat Committee** – Separating the dairy and market goat shows. Both shows will run side by side with two separate judges in the new Jr. Fair Events Center Building. Both shows will start at 8 am on Saturday of the fair. Also, will change Market Dairy Goat top awards from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Grand and Reserve Champion Market Dairy Goats.

**Horse Committee** – New rule to be added to the Junior Fair Book just for clarification and reminder that “trailer in for show days is only permitted with approval of the Senior Fair Board. The committee also changed the name of Freestyle Reining class to Freestyle performance to allow for more styles of riding and maneuvers in this class. Western show will combine all Pony Only classes (except Walk Trot) into Horse/Pony classes. The Costume Class will be added as an official class to be entered when making Fair Class Entries online by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Revised the class order for Contest Day and changed the name of Beginner Canter Working Hunter Under Saddle H/P to Beginner Canter English Pleasure.

**Poultry / Rabbit Committee** – will allow exhibitors to wear a collared shirt through the sale ring instead of the previously required white shirt.

#### Poultry Update

Will no longer be doing Pullorum Testing at the fair - Must have current year's NPIP forms OR Come to Poultry Blood Testing on July 30 (ALL turkeys must still come) Paperwork must be submitted by August 1 with fair entry.

### **Rabbit Rule Changes**

The rule of “exhibitor must breed and raise their market pen of rabbits” is being removed. Now an exhibitor can purchase their market rabbits to compete. Exhibitors must have possession no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. There will not be a class to separate the exhibitor born and raised from the purchased animals, but in the sale book the breed born and raised animals will be labeled as born and raised. To obtain the Born and Raised title the exhibitor must fill out the Born and Raised form that will be available on the Extension Office website later this year.

### **Sheep Committee**

All Market Lambs will be required to go across the scale at June Tag-In.

Sheep will weigh in Friday Night September 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 4pm to 6pm and 8pm to 10 pm  
*ALL underweight lambs will now be sent home after weigh-in*

### **Swine Committee**

Hogs Must be **tagged prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**, there will be a letter sent to all swine exhibitors and 4-H advisors about swine tagging instructions. Each swine exhibitor will be permitted to identify a maximum of four hogs (one primary animal and upto three backups). ½ inch hair length for the day of show is highly recommended by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

### **Animal Science Education & Evaluation Committee**

Has received Senior Fair Board approval to add a livestock judging contest to the fair schedule beginning in 2019 and a Show of Showman Contest to the fair schedule in 2020.

### **Jr. Fair Awards Committee**

All exhibitors will be required to turn in Thank You Notes for all awards received before receiving their premium check.

## **2019 Quality Assurance Requirements**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture has rules for completing QA:

- Junior fair exhibitors ages 8 to 11 shall annually participate in a face-to-face education session that is taught by an authorized instructor.
- Junior fair exhibitors ages 12 to 19 shall either annually complete an educational session or successfully complete the test-out option.
- “Regardless of age, junior fair exhibitors shall successfully complete the educational program not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate.” Thus, QA training and certification must be completed not less than 45 days prior to the opening day of your county fair. Also, exhibitors need to know that this includes the Ohio State Fair, so if they plan to show at OSF and they have a later fair they will need to complete QA 45 days before the opening day of the Ohio State Fair, regardless of what day they show.

### **2019 Quality Assurance Dates in Wayne County are:**

March 20 - Quality Assurance Test Out

April 23 - Quality Assurance

May 22 - Quality Assurance

July 18 - Last Chance QA

Additionally several species clinics will also offer Quality Assurance, look for more information coming in the spring as to which clinics will offer QA credit.

## County & State Opportunities

### 2019 Ohio 4-H Conference Set For March 9<sup>th</sup> – Registration Due February 8<sup>th</sup>

4-H members, parents, advisors and volunteers are welcome to attend this year's Ohio 4-H Conference and Plowboy Prom on March 9th! Enjoy the day at the conference by attending sessions, a luncheon and then cap the night off with line/square dancing and other fun activities at the Plowboy Prom. Registration forms can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/2019oh4c>.

### Ohio Military Kids Camp

Any camp counselors who are looking for another opportunity to serve? The OMK Program is looking for qualified candidates for Camp Kelleys Island in August of 2019. Applications are available on our website and are **due by February 15, 2019**. Please check out our website at: [go.osu.edu/OMK](http://go.osu.edu/OMK) to see all of the updates and share them with military families. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Kayla Oberstadt, OMK Program Manager, at [oberstadt.1@osu.edu](mailto:oberstadt.1@osu.edu).

### Making eXtreme Counselors Workshop Registration Due Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

The 2019 Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC) workshop will be held February 23-24<sup>th</sup> in Columbus at the 4-H Center. Registration is now open. If you are a 2019 Wayne County Camp Counselor and are interested in attending – please contact 4-H program assistant Michael Goad at the Wayne County Extension Office to register prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 2019 Wayne County Rural Youth Square and Line Dances

- Saturday Feb 9th 7-10 pm lessons @ 6:45 Smithville high school cafeteria
- Sunday **Mar 17th** 7-10 pm lessons @ 6:30 Kidron Community Center (Kendra Bowman, John Workman wedding) This dance is FREE admission
- Saturday **April 13th** 7-10 pm lessons @ 6:45 Smithville high school cafeteria
- Saturday **June 8th** 7-10 pm lessons @ 6:45 @ The Gathering Barn 2532 Armstrong Rd. Wooster
- Sunday **September 8th** Wayne County Fair time TBD Normally 7:30 pm trying for 7 pm
- Saturday **Nov 9th** 7-10 pm lessons @ 6:45 location TBD

Admission is \$5. All ages welcome and the public is invited. No experience necessary. Free lessons for square AND line dancing begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments served. Stocksdale Band providing music. Bring the whole family and come join the fun. Questions? Contact Dave [kick6519@centurylin.net](mailto:kick6519@centurylin.net) or by phone at 330-988-4175

### Wayne County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

All ages and experience levels are welcome and encouraged to participate! Don't hesitate to reach out to coaches Erin or Chad Lucci ([chad.lucci@yahoo.com](mailto:chad.lucci@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

## Horse Judging, Bowl and Hippology Team

If you are interested in being on one of the horse teams, contact Janelle Geiger (330-234-3386) or designs by [janelle2016@gmail.com](mailto:janelle2016@gmail.com) for more information.

## Meats Judging Team

If you are interested in joining the Meats Judging Team Contact Clint Walenciak by e-mail at [walenciakc@gmail.com](mailto:walenciakc@gmail.com).

## Dairy Quiz Bowl Team Takes 8<sup>th</sup>!

David Miley, Sara Wolf, Denice Wolf and Thomas Gress participated in the 2018 National Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest held at the NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky on November 2 & 3. Of the 19 teams that participated, our Wayne County youth came in 8<sup>th</sup>! We also had Sarah Lehrner and JD Nelson on our team. Way to go!

## Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarships

We're excited to announce that Farm Credit Mid-America will again offer college scholarships exclusively to the children and grandchildren of customers. The \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded based on academic record, leadership qualities and community involvement. Education is one way to make a difference in our rural communities and agriculture. We can think of no better way to provide that support than investing in young adults who choose to remain at the forefront of the agriculture industry.

The scholarship application deadline is the last day of January. Scholarships will be awarded in June. You can access the application online at [e-farmcredit.com](http://e-farmcredit.com) (Click on Community, then Scholarships). Scholarships help make higher education possible for many. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity.

## Dairy Service Unit Scholarship & Outstanding Dairy Youth Award

The Wayne/Ashland Dairy Service Unit (DSU) offers a scholarship to provide financial assistance to students in Wayne County that intend to go on to post-high school education in the field of agriculture, with a special interest in the dairy industry. At least one scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants. Special consideration is given to those applicants with a dairy background, involvement in a 4-H or FFA dairy project or having employment in a dairy based business. Applications for the scholarship are due to the Wayne County Extension office by **February 15, 2018**.

Outstanding Dairy Youth Award (\$250) nominations are also due February 15, 2019. The nomination forms and more information about this award and scholarship applications are available on the Wayne County Extension web site at: <http://go.osu.edu/dsu2019>.



## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL WAYNE COUNTY FAIR CAMPERS**

The procedure for camping at this years Fair has been changed by the Senior Fair Board camping committee. All 2018 campers will be receiving a letter in March with your camping form and instructions included. These instructions will contain everything you need to know to to be eligible to camp at the 2019 fair. PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY.

No online submissions will be accepted. The deadline for Camping form submissions will remain August 1st. We will be using a lottery system to assign open spots to new campers. You will need to obtain a camping form at the Senior Fair Board office. Please fill it out and make sure to write New camper on the form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Joe Gress, Superintendent of the Camping Committee. 330-317-0398.