

# The Link

## Wayne County 4-H Newsletter



Fall Edition

November | 2019

Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers:

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I want to share with you how grateful I am to get to work with everyone that helps to make our Wayne County 4-H program and our Jr. Fair successful. Congratulations to all our award recipients that will be honored at this year's 4-H Member and Volunteer Recognition Banquet on November 19th.

I am also thankful for how far we have come together over the last 7 fairs since I started in this position in August of 2013. From learning more about the operations of our Extension Office, 4-H and Jr. Fair programs, getting to know hundreds of volunteers, youth, parents, Fair Board members, and so many others – I am blessed to be around you each day. It is truly an amazing amount of work, progress, learning, and memories that get made each year because of the dedication of so many people to “making the best better.” Every year we have a lot to be proud of – but this year especially, I am so grateful for everyone that helped make the new buildings at the fairgrounds possible and for everyone that worked together through the planning, design, fundraising, construction, move-in / set up, fair-time operations, clean up and tear down; and now the evaluation and planning for how to make it all even better next year.



“There is always,  
always something  
to be thankful for.”

Planning for the 2020 4-H program year is well underway. We hope to share with you our 2020 4-H Calendar of Events in the next couple of weeks – likely around early December. Once it is finalized – the calendar will be emailed out, published on our website, and available in the 4-H mobile app.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Fall and Holiday Season!

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## **2019 Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events**

### **November 2019**

11	<b>Veterans Day - Extension Office Closed</b>	<b>All Day</b>	
12	CARTEENS Advisory Committee	3:00 PM	Extension Office
12	Achievement Record Workshop	6:00 PM	Buckeye Agricultural Museum & Education Center
12	Junior Leaders	7:00 PM	Buckeye Agricultural Museum & Education Center
13	Junior Fair Awards Committee	6:00 PM	Extension Office
13	Animal Science Education & Evaluation Committee	7:00 PM	Extension Office
14	Jr. Fair Liaison Committee	7:00 PM	Extension Office
18	Senior Fair Board	8:00 PM	Armstrong Building - Wayne County Fairgrounds
19	4-H Recognition Banquet	6:30 PM	Event Center – Wayne County Fairgrounds
25	CARTEENS	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Extension Office
28-29	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday - Extension Office Closed</b>	<b>All Day</b>	

### **December 2019**

2	<b>Achievement Records Due</b>	<b>By 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Extension Office</b>
2	Junior Leaders	7:00 PM	FFA Building - Wayne County Fairgrounds
4	Thinking of Starting a New 4-H Club Session	6:00 PM	Extension Office
4	Tips, Tricks, and Tools for Making Your Club's Best Better Session	7:00 PM	Extension Office
5 & 10	1st year Camp Counselor & Junior Fair Board Applicants Interviews	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Extension Office
9	4-H Advisory Committee	7:00 PM	Extension Office
21	Senior Fair Board	1:00 PM	Armstrong Building - Wayne County Fairgrounds
24-25	<b>Extension Office Closed - Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>All Day</b>	

### **Project Books are Available All Year Long**

Kids get bored during the winter? Start on your projects now. The Extension Office has project books available all year long for families to view and purchase any time! You can purchase books directly from the Extension Office and get a head start on your project book work and activities.

## Congratulations to our 2019 Wayne County Fair Royalty!

King – Briar Lehman

Queen – Kendra Marty

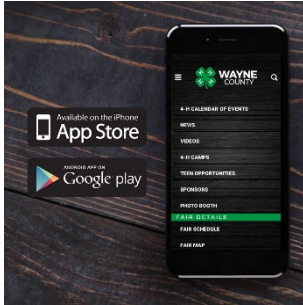
Prince – Clay Johnson

Princess – Paige Maibach

Court Attendants – Kelton Bair, Reese Barstow, Isaac Kinney,  
Peyton Mullet, Aubrey Csapo and Riley Stull.



## Download the Wayne County 4-H Mobile App Today



The new Wayne County 4-H Mobile App was launched in August and features lots of useful information and will be updated frequently going forward into next year. The App includes the Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events, the Fair Schedule, a Fair Map, Jr. Fair Book, Show Books and Auction Programs and much more. Download it today from the Apple or Google Play App Stores. Simply search “Wayne County 4-H” in your app store.

## Returning Volunteers Needing a Background Check

A letter will be sent this month to any returning volunteer needing a fingerprint background check. The state 4-H office requires volunteers to submit a background check every four years, if volunteer status has been inactive causing a break in service, and for all new volunteers. You will be fully reimbursed once a receipt is submitted to our office. If you receive a letter and feel you do not want to continue your volunteer status with us, please notify us and we will archive your record.

## Special Thanks

We would like to say a special thanks to the following individuals and organizations for their support for this year's fair!

- Marcia Breuck for her work as Junior Fair Secretary prior to, during, and after the fair
- Dave and Sharon Emler, Cheryl Gordon, Stephen Heppe and Bonnie Krueger for working in the Junior Fair Office this year. We appreciate their warm smiles and helpfulness to all of our Junior Fair exhibitors and families!
- Richland County Fair Board for allowing us to borrow their auction / show arena wagon for use in the new Event Center.
- Certified Angus Beef – for sandwiches at the Junior Fair Beef Sale.
- Herdmark Media – for making our Livestock Auction Promotional Videos.
- Tractor Supply Company for donating buckets again this year for the Caught Being Awesome Awards.

## Bikes for Kids Update

This year, we collected enough to purchase 40 bikes!! ***All members 13 years old and older, are welcome to attend Junior leaders on December 2nd at 7 pm at the fairgrounds to put together the bikes.*** Thank you to the following clubs for donating bikes for the Bikes for Kids program.

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| • Apple Creek Wide Awake | • Dalton Kidron Big 4    | • Smithie Whiz Kids         |
| • Burbank Livestock      | • Food and Fashion Board | • Springville Country Club  |
| • Canaan Country Cousins | • Jefferson Pioneers     | • Springville Cowpokes      |
| • Congress 4-H Power     | • Madisonburg Pioneers   | • Sugar Creek Gang          |
| • Country Strong         | • Milton Country Clovers | • Wayne County Hoof N Hide  |
| • County Line Clovers    | • Northwestern Neighbors | • Wayne County Trailblazers |

## Volunteer Liability Insurance for Registered 4-H Volunteers

OSU Extension provides personal liability insurance coverage for ALL Extension volunteers, including 4-H volunteers. The cost of the liability insurance is paid for you. The insurance provides coverage of \$1 million per occurrence or \$3 million maximum per policy per year. This coverage is in excess of any personal liability insurance coverage you may have. The insurance is through CIMA Inc. For more information please visit: [go.osu.edu/CIMAInc](https://go.osu.edu/CIMAInc).

## Thinking of Starting a New 4-H Club

Last year, we had a few new clubs start up, but we are always looking for more. We are consistently trying to grow the program, and we feel more clubs would help us get some new members and lessen the burden on our current clubs and Organizational Advisors.

If you have ever wondered what's involved in starting a new 4-H club and/or are possibly considering starting one – please join us for a fun discussion and presentation about things you should consider before starting a club and a step by step guide for how to go about starting a new 4-H club in Wayne County! ***This session will be held on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Extension Office. Please register online at <https://go.osu.edu/wc4hfallclubsessions> or call the office at 330-264-8722 to RSVP so we may prepare enough materials and handouts for everyone. Refreshments will also be provided!***

To help out our new clubs, we have again created a new club packet that we will give to any new clubs created for 2020 that submit enrollments on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Included within this club packet is a set of desktop US and 4-H Flags, 4-H Pledge banner, a gavel and a few other things. We also hope to have a handful of meetings to help these advisors get started on the right foot! If you are interested in starting a new club up or just have questions on the subject call or email Doug Foxx at the Extension Office!

## Tips, Tricks, and Tools for Making Your 4-H Club's Best Better

All current 4-H volunteers, parents, or other potential club leaders are invited to a session where we will cover a variety of Tips, Tricks, and Tools for simple things you can do to help improve your 4-H club. This session will go over a variety of resources and include plenty of time for idea sharing and discussion. ***This session will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office*** (immediately following the Thinking of Starting a New 4-H Club session). ***Please register online at <https://go.osu.edu/wc4hfallclubsessions> or call the Extension Office at 330-264-8722 so we may prepare enough materials and handouts for everyone. Refreshments will also be provided!***

## Join Junior Leaders...

If you are a 4-H member, 13 and older, you are invited to join the Wayne County 4-H Junior Leaders Club.

Our first fall meeting was in October. We elected officers, and brainstormed ideas for this year's season. ***Our next meetings will be November 12<sup>th</sup> (Buckeye Ag. Museum) and December 2<sup>nd</sup> (FFA Building at the Fairgrounds) from 7-8:30 pm.*** We always have lots of fun at Junior Leaders meetings! Please encourage your teens to come. It is a great opportunity to meet other 4-H members from across the county and prepare for other leadership activities such as Junior Fair Board and Camp Counselors.

We are still working on our plans for this year, but our December meeting will again be the time when we assemble bikes with the Senior Fair Board members for the Bikes for Kids Christmas Project!

## Achievement Record Workshop Planned

Filling out the achievement record can look like a daunting task, however, we are here to help! ***Come to the workshop on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Ag. Museum*** (before the Jr. Leaders Meeting) and we will go over some tips and tricks to help you be successful. If you are interested but unable to attend, contact us anytime and we will assist you! **Achievement Records are due by 4:30 pm December 2nd to the Extension Office.**

## **Advisors – Encourage your Teens to fill out the achievement record to apply for the following activities:**

CARTEENS: be a peer instructor for the CARTEENS program and lead driving and distraction activities to other teens typically on the last Monday of the month. We might even provide you dinner and some awesome gifts!

Junior Fair Board: If you love your experience at the fair and want to do more, this is for you! Plan, organize and help run the Wayne County Fair, as well as, develop leadership skills, communication skills and meet other members from around the county. For members 13 years old and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older as of January 1st.

Camp Counselor: Did you enjoy your time at camp? Want to help plan and lead cloverbud and junior camp? Never been to camp? - you can still join the fun! Also, develop leadership skills in a fun atmosphere. For members 14 years and older as of January 1st.

Awareness Team: visit 3rd graders throughout the county schools and share your 4-H story and “props.” It is a great way to give back to 4-H, make new friends, and market Wayne County 4-H.

Junior Leaders: meet other 4-H members, have lots of fun, do some really awesome activities all while exploring Wayne County typically every first Monday of the month. Can't come to all? - just come when you can! For all members 13 years and older. (no application necessary)

Food and Fashion Board: meet throughout the year to assist with various projects such as Style Revue, FCS project judging, and take field trips to learn more about the food and fashion industries.

Trips and Camps: there are many state led trips and camps members can attend to meet new peers across the state and grow their leadership and communication skills.

Wayne County has lots of opportunities for teens to help them build their resumes and scholarship applications as well as life skills and learning experiences. Plus, they get to meet other youth from around the county!

## **Junior Fair Board and Rural Youth Invites You to Square Dance the Night Away**

***Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm at the new Wayne County Fair Event Center*** come join our Junior Fair Board members and Rural Youth in a fun and exciting Square Dance. All ages are welcome and the public is invited. No experience necessary. Refreshments served. Stocksdale Band providing music. Bring the whole family and come join the fun. Questions? Call Doug Foxx at the Extension Office.

## **JoAnn Fabric Rewards Card**

Current 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with the new 4-H Rewards card. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming when the card is used at check out. To receive a card visit: <http://www.joann.com/4-h/>.

## **Plan your Cloverbud Activities now... Resources Available**

The State 4-H Office publishes a quarterly newsletter called *Cloverbud Connections* that is full of resources, ideas, and activities that 4-H advisors can do with cloverbud members in grades K-2. The current issue of *Cloverbud Connections* is now available on-line at [go.osu.edu/CBC](http://go.osu.edu/CBC). The Click-it, Print-it, Do-it Activities are great fast, last-minute, and easy activities to do with the cloverbuds in your club.

## **2020 Ohio 4-H Family Guide**

The guide is now available to view online at: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>.



# Achievement Record Tips and Tricks

## Why fill out the form?

- Gateway to county, state, and national 4-H awards, trips, and opportunities
- Showcase your 4-H and school accomplishments
- Improve your writing skills
- Enhance your record keeping skills
- Helps prepare you for creating future applications and resumes for scholarships, college or other post-high school jobs and activities

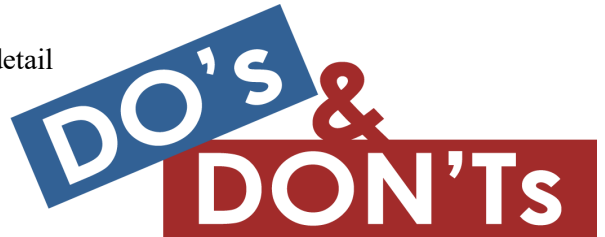
## Getting Started

- Keep records from year to year starting your first year in 4-H.—Don't forget about the small events
- **START EARLY!!!!** - Applications are due December 2, 2019!
- Review your records you have kept from each year
- Make a rough draft
- Break it down into sections
- Brainstorm
- Ask for help - advisors, other members, adults, extension office...
- Match up items from your list to appropriate sections



## Do's...

- Do look for better ways to describe listed items (use Action words - [go.osu.edu/actionverbs](http://go.osu.edu/actionverbs))
- Do use state designed report form - [go.osu.edu/achievementrecord20](http://go.osu.edu/achievementrecord20)
- Do use Arial 11 point font
- Be as neat as possible
- Do use spacing and tab to make things easier to read
- Do use most significant or memorable if space is limited
- Do, where appropriate, use hours, dollars and numbers to show detail
- Do avoid the overuse of **BOLD**
- Do type your application if possible
- Do save your application to add to next year!



## And Don'ts.

- Don't list items more than once
- Don't add additional pages, except for 4-H story and photos
- Do not go outside of set lines and margins
- Do not use clip art or drawings
- Don't ignore the guidelines - this would get you disqualified for state awards and trips
- Don't add FFA experiences under 4-H activities

## 4-H Story

- Find a memorable experience from your achievement record and focus on that
- Share your story of Community Service
- Utilize emotion in your story
- Create an outline for story flow
- Conclude with a "future plan"
- This is not a repeat of your record form
- **MAKE IT UNIQUE**—Don't start with "growing up I always wanted to be in 4-H"



## Before you submit

- Proof read your application
- Have someone else proof read your application
- Save it in multiple places and keep a printed copy

**ASK FOR HELP OR FIND MORE INFORMATION AT:**

<https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships>