

The Link

Wayne County 4-H Newsletter



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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.



Junior Leaders recently toured the Wooster Safety Service Center – home to the Wooster Police and Fire Departments. Twelve Junior Fair Board members joined advisors Kerilynn Jagger, Sarah Boreman, and Doug Foxx to represent Wayne County at the Ohio Fair Managers Convention Jr. Fair Conference. We also recently held our first meetings of the year with Cloverbud Day Camp Counselors and Junior Camp Counselors. We are very excited about both groups of counselors and know that they will work together to plan some amazing opportunities for fun and learning for our 4-H youth who will join us later this summer at Cloverbud Day Camp and Junior Camp!



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 2020 Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events available online at <https://go.osu.edu/20204hcalendar>. 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.

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*.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Summer!

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Required February Advisor / Volunteer Trainings



Our 2020 Wayne County 4-H Kick off will be held on **February 13th at 7pm** at Fisher Auditorium. There will be a general session followed by breakout sessions. Breakout session descriptions are listed below. Letters were recently mailed out to all active 2019 volunteers inviting them to register for this important annual update.

Please register online at: <http://go.osu.edu/2020advtraining>.

Advisors / Volunteers who are not able to attend the required advisor training 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 1st, per State 4-H Office policy your volunteer status will be terminated for the 2020 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 2020.

2020 Breakout Session Descriptions

4-H Online Animal ID Focus – Learn how to better help your club with tips and tricks in this forum-style session. Michael will be presenting where to find all the information you need to make animal ID fast and easy, as well as answer any questions you may have as we move into the third year of utilizing this system.

Occasional Quantity Cooks – Does your club serve refreshments at its 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.

Growing Your Cloverbuds – Learn fun club activities to keep your Cloverbuds engaged and learning! We will go over simple crafts and games that will entertain your Cloverbuds. We will also discuss the best ways to prepare Cloverbuds for a successful transition into traditional 4-H members.

Organizational Advisors Forum – Discuss strategies, tips, and tools for keeping your club organized and working together and have a dialogue with 4-H Educator Doug Foxx about trends and issues clubs and the county 4-H program and fair are experiencing.

New 4-H Volunteer Training

All NEW 4-H advisors/volunteers will need to complete the volunteer screening process. *Potential 2020 volunteers are defined as “new” if he or she was not enrolled as an advisor/volunteer in the 2019 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 1st.
- Complete a new volunteer training session and interview with Extension 4-H Staff on March 25th or April 8th.**
- 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 31st**. 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 2020 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 1st** (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 1st** 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, such as 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>.

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 our 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.

Livestock News

2020 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, Poultry (except market), Rabbits (except market) Sheep, and Swine
- **August 1** - Deadline for all Market Poultry and Market Rabbits



2020 JR. FAIR Show / Auction Schedule now posted online at: <https://wayne.osu.edu/jrfair>

Building 10 (FCS and Still Projects) – Awards will follow a three-ribbon system instead of a two-ribbon system.

Beef Committee – New age ranges for OME and Showmanship, and new structure for Born Bred & Raised that will bring BBR and regular market classes together for an overall Top 10 and dairy steers will show first at the fair.

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

Dog Committee – Boots will be allowed to be worn when showing.

Goat Committee – Pack Goat class 4 has been removed, senior dairy doe classes 2, 3, and 4 can now show in milk or dry. Market goat exhibitors will be limited to tagging in a maximum of 4 (1 primary, 3 back up) at the June tag in. Outstanding Market Exhibitor and Outstanding Breeding Exhibitor Awards program will also be added to the Goat Department this year.

Horse Committee – Split costume class into two classes – Sr. Costume and Jr. Costume held 15 minutes after the conclusion of Sr. and Jr. Western Shows (Monday and Tuesday of the fair). Contest Show (Sunday of the fair) to start at 9 am instead of 10 am. Tack inspection will occur during Friday evening and Saturday morning Horse Check-In and for ½ hour prior to the show Sunday from 8:30 – 9 am. Fun shows will return to the 2018 format of classes offered. Whips will be allowed on a trial basis this year during Contest (gymkhana) classes at the fair.

Poultry / Rabbit Committee – **Poultry Updates** Again this year we will not be doing pullorum testing at the fair – exhibitors must have current year's NPIP forms uploaded in 4-HOnline by August 1. Due to a shortage of Antigen the Ohio Department of Agriculture has also again cancelled Poultry Blood Testing for 2020. Class 1 of Poultry Production will now be a single bird class plus a dozen eggs from the hen. Outstanding Market Exhibitor program will be added to the Poultry Department this year and a county Poultry Resource book is being compiled.

Rabbit Updates – added new market rabbit specific showmanship classes. Exhibitors are limited to identifying 6 purchased market rabbits per exhibitor in the animal id system. Outstanding Market Exhibitor will be offered in this department this year and rabbits will be tattooed on August 29th.

Sheep Committee

Add a minimum live weight of 100 lbs for carcass lambs. Exhibitors not meeting this minimum weight limit will be allowed to have their lamb processed and graded but not placed. Also, to keep things consistent the committee increased the minimum weight on market lambs to also be 100 lbs. Added showmanship classes to the breeding sheep show. Outstanding Market and Breeding Exhibitor Awards have also been added to the Sheep Department for this year.

Swine Committee

Based on recommendations from the Ohio Department of Agriculture – the Wayne County Fair (and many others across the state) are banning the use of the feed additive Ractopamine commonly known as Paylean. Exhibitors will be required to sign an affidavit due to the Extension Office by June 1st stating they will not feed their swine Paylean. An additional affidavit will be signed at check-in at the Fair. Any hogs testing positive for Paylean will result in a lifetime ban from showing at the Wayne County Fair.

Animal Science Education & Evaluation Committee

Showman of Showman Contest now scheduled to begin in 2021. It will feature the top showmanship winners from 2020.

2020 Quality Assurance Requirements

We are so excited that the 2020 4-H year is here! Teaching our members to properly care for their animals, Produce a safe, high quality product for consumers, and convey a positive image of 4-H and agriculture is a top priority in our livestock program. Quality Assurance will be taught earlier in the year, as we feel that providing members with information regarding proper animal care should be done at the beginning of their project experience when they start caring for their animals.

All livestock exhibitors (including any Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects) MUST complete Quality Assurance by **July 28th** in order to meet the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) livestock exhibition requirement for the Wayne County Fair. Per guidelines from the ODA, “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.” This applies to the County Fair and the Ohio State Fair, so if you are planning to show at OSF, you are responsible for making sure you attend a QA training at least 45 days in advance of the opening day of the fair.

If you do not participate in Quality Assurance training AND Skillathon, you will NOT be permitted to exhibit livestock at the Wayne County Fair!

TEST-OUT OPTION: Members ages 12-14 and 15-18 as of January 1, 2020 have the option of taking a test in order to test out of QA. Youth 12-14 can test out of the annual QA program for up to three years, while ages 15-18 who pass the test can test out of the program permanently. There are different tests for the two age groups, as well as one for small and large animal exhibitors. If a member shows both small and large, they may pick one – they do not need to do both. You must sign up ahead of time for this option so that we know

which tests we need to print. Sign up at www.go.osu.edu/testout2020. Please note that if you do not pass this test with a 70% this year, you must take the in-person training to complete the requirement for 2020. You can try to pass the test again next year. In-person trainings are offered after each test-out date.

You may also complete Quality Assurance training at other events throughout the state, or through your FFA advisor, if available. If you participate outside of Wayne County, you must submit proof of completion (either by mail, fax, email, or bringing in a copy) to the Extension Office by **4:30 PM on August 1st, the date that your fair entry is due.**

If you have any questions about Quality Assurance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Extension Office. Please see the Quality Assurance training dates below:

Wednesday, February 26 at Northwestern High School	Test-out: 5:00-6:00 pm, QA: 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday, March 11 at Norwayne High School	Test-out: 5:00-6:00 pm, QA: 6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday, March 31 at Wayne County Event Center	Test-out: 5:00-6:00 pm, QA: 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday, April 15 at Green Local High School	Test-out: 5:00-6:00 pm, QA: 6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday, July 28 at Buckeye Ag Museum	Last Chance QA 6:00 PM **\$25.00 Fee**

Please Note: All clinics will also offer QA! The first hour of all clinics is Quality Assurance; the rest of the time is spent on clinic topics. *QA will only be offered at the first dog clinic.*

Feeder Calf Tags Now Available for Pick Up

Feeder Calf Tags can now be picked up and signed out from the Extension Office. All Feeder Calves must be tagged at home and information uploaded to 4-H Online Animals section by June 1st.

County & State Opportunities

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 13th and 23rd from 6-8 pm** both nights.

4-H Scholarship Applications Due February 15th

Both Wayne County and Ohio 4-H Scholarship Applications are coming due on February 15th. 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/wayne4hscholarship2020> 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/2020oh4hscholarships>.



2020 Ohio 4-H Conference Set For March 14th – Registration Due February 12th

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/2020oh4c>.

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 2020. Applications are **due by February 14, 2020**. Please check out our website at: go.osu.edu/OMK to see all of the updates and share them with military families. If you have any questions or to request an application, please feel free to contact Kayla Oberstadt, OMK Program Manager, at oberstadt.1@osu.edu.

Making eXtreme Counselors Workshop Registration Due Jan. 27th

The 2020 Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC) workshop will be held February 22 – 23 in Columbus at the 4-H Center. Registration is now open. If you are a 2020 Wayne County Camp Counselor and are interested in attending, please contact 4-H program assistant Michael Goard at goard.7@osu.edu or at the Wayne County Extension Office to register prior to January 27th.

2019 Wayne County Rural Youth Square and Line Dances

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| • Saturday Feb. 8 | Wayne County Event Center | 7-10 pm – Lessons at 6:45pm |
| • Saturday April 11 | Smithville High School | 7-10 pm – Lessons at 6:45pm |
| • Saturday June 13 | Wayne County Fairgrounds | 7-10 pm – Lessons at 6:45pm |
| • Sunday Sept. 13 | Wayne County Fair *Free Admission* | Time TBD (Normally at 7:30) |
| • Saturday Nov. 14 | Location TBD | 7-10 pm – Lessons at 6:45pm |

Admission is \$5. All ages welcome and the public is invited. No experience necessary. Free lessons for square AND line dancing begin at 6:45pm. Refreshments served. Stocksdale Band providing music. Bring the whole family and come join the fun. Further information can be found at www.waynecountyruralyouth.org

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 by email at elucci@certifiedangusbeef.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 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.

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, 2020**.

Outstanding Dairy Youth Award (\$250) nominations are also due February 15, 2020. 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/dsu2020>.

2020 Wayne County 4-H Legacy Dinner is March 26th - RSVP's due March 6th.

All 4-H parents, volunteers, and friends 21 and over are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Wayne County 4-H Legacy Dinner. This year's Legacy Dinner will be held on March 26th at the Wayne County Fair Event Center. A cocktail reception will begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm and then a short speaking program and auction. All proceeds from this event will benefit Wayne County 4-H.

The Legacy Dinner is a great opportunity to re-connect with other 4-H alumni, friends, and business leaders from the area all while supporting Wayne County 4-H. Funds from the Legacy Dinner have been used for a variety of programming efforts and projects including providing camp scholarships, support for the Livestock and Meats Judging Teams, Junior Fair Board Bus Trips and leadership development activities, camp counselor training, Real Colors training for teens, Club Star Awards, and many other program enhancements over the last three years.

If you are interested in attending the Legacy Dinner, becoming a sponsor, or donating an item for the live or silent auction – please contact 4-H Educator Doug Foxx or visit our website at wayne.osu.edu for more information.