

The Link

Wayne County 4-H Newsletter



Fair Edition

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Dear 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers:

This issue of *THE LINK* contains **important information** about the Wayne County Junior Fair. Every 4-H family and FFA livestock exhibitor is receiving this letter.

Please note: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY FAMILY READ THE WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BOOK. This is a complete list of rules, guidelines, show dates and times, sale requirements, etc. It was printed for every family this year and is also available online at <https://go.osu.edu/wcjrffbook23>. Please also note that the Jr. Fair Book was published in June and any changes since then have and will continue to be communicated through 4-H email updates and/or the Wayne County 4-H Mobile App.

Rules, show times, and other fair details can change from year to year so be sure to read all information in the general rules and under your respective applicable departments.

The County Fair is very important to all of us. The youth that have worked hard preparing their animals and projects. The Action Committee Members, Senior Fair Board, Extension Staff, we have all been working very hard to bring all those little details together to put on one of the biggest county fairs in the state of Ohio. Putting this fair together takes months, it takes a lot of people and a lot of time. This is bigger than one person. If it takes a village to raise a child, it will take a community for our fair to come to life! Working together and being mindful that we are all a bit tired and stressed even before the fair gates open on Saturday September 9th, will make our fair run smoother. Making sure at the end of fair on Thursday or really Friday morning at 2:00-3:00 AM, that we can still smile at each other shake hands and walk off the fairgrounds together with our youth beside us filled with pride from all their accomplishments. That is what the county fair is about! Let us keep this in mind as we move forward into a stressful and crazy busy time of year for Wayne County!

Here is to a great fair!

Diane Johnson
4-H Program Assistant
And Jr. Fair Superintendent

NOTE: - Please check your e-mail and/or the 4-H mobile app regularly for updates from now through the end of this year's fair!



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2023 Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events

August 2023			
15	Beef, Building 10, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry / Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine Committees	7:00 PM	Shishler Conference Center, OSU Campus
21	Senior Fair Board	8:00 PM	Armstrong Building – Wayne Co Fairground
24	Beef Carcass Live Show	6:00 PM Weigh-in 7:00 PM Show	Coliseum – Wayne County Fairgrounds
26	Market Rabbit Tattooing	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Event Center - Wayne County Fairgrounds
26	Goat & Lamb Carcass Live Show	8:00 8:45 AM Weigh-in 9:00 AM Show	Goat/Sheep Arena - Wayne Co Fairgrounds
28	Beef Carcass Results Show	6:00 PM	Heffelfinger Meats, Jeromesville, OH
29	Organizational Advisors – Pick Up Fair Passes/Show Numbers	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne Co Fairgrounds
29	Junior Fair Royal Court Interviews	6:00 PM	Extension Office
30	Lamb Carcass Results Show	6:00 PM	3-D Meats, Dalton
31	Organizational Advisors – Pick Up Fair Passes/Show Numbers	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne Co Fairgrounds
September 2023			
1	Excellence in 4-H Award Nominations Due	By 4:30 PM	Extension Office
2	Junior Fair Board Work Day	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne Co Fairgrounds
4	Junior Fair Board Work Day	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Junior Fair Office – Wayne Co Fairgrounds
4	Food and Fashion Board Work Day	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Building 10 - Wayne County Fairgrounds
4	Labor Day Holiday	All Day	Extension Office Closed
5	Livestock Sale Staff/Committees Tech Training	7:00 – 8:00 PM	Extension Office
6	Junior Fair Board Meeting & Work Night	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Junior Fair Office – Wayne County Fairgrounds
7	Junior Fair Board Meeting & Work Night	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne County Fairgrounds
8	Organizational Advisors - Pick Up Fair Passes / Show Numbers	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne County Fairgrounds
9-14	Wayne County Fair	All Day	Wayne County Fairgrounds
15	Building 10 Tear Down	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Building 10 - Wayne County Fairgrounds
19	TEAM Fair Clean Up Night 1	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne Co Fairgrounds
25	Organizational Advisors – Pick Up Premium Checks	3:00 - 7:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne Co Fairgrounds
25	TEAM FAIR Clean Up Night 2	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Junior Fair Office – Wayne County Fairgrounds
26	Organizational Advisors – Pick Up Premium Checks	3:00 - 7:00 PM	Junior Fair Office - Wayne Co Fairgrounds

BEFORE THE FAIR

Check-In Times for Livestock & Tack Drop-Off

Animals **must** arrive and be checked in during or by the following times. **Please note: For 2023, all major tack must be in place by 11:59 PM on Friday Sept. 8. Tack can be brought to the fairgrounds beginning at 5:00 PM on Monday, Sept. 5 – however, please note there is no security on the grounds until Friday evening.** DO NOT BRING ANY ANIMALS TO THE FAIR PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN DATES LISTED BELOW! Thanks for your cooperation.

More information regarding your species-specific fair information can be found under each species page of the 4-H website at <https://wayne.osu.edu/projectinfo>.

- BEEF** Market steers and heifers must arrive by 10:00 AM Friday. Breeding beef and feeder calves must arrive by 5:00 PM Friday. Feeder calves will be weighed following steers (5:30pm). Check in for breeding beef is Friday from 4-5:30 pm in the Coliseum (**Do not bring animal**).
- DAIRY** Check in Friday 4:00-10:00 PM
- GOATS & SHEEP** Check in Thursday 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- POULTRY** Check in **Friday Only** 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- RABBITS** Check in **Thursday Only** 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- HORSE** Check in Friday 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- SWINE** Check in Thursday 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
***Note:** Member, family member, or authorized person must be present to pen the pig after the pig is weighed.
- DOGS** Check in Thursday, Sept. 14, with health checks beginning at 8:00 AM. If you are not participating in showmanship, you may check your dog in at a later time.

Overweight and Underweight Animals

- Market hogs underweight and overweight hogs will not stay on fairgrounds, they will be leave immediately.
- Market lambs, market goats, market poultry underweight animals will not show or sell and be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
- Market chickens and market rabbits that are underweight the whole pen will not be able to exhibit.
- ❖ See Jr. Fair Book for the underweight / overweight rules for each specie.

Distribution of Wristbands, Vehicle Passes, and Show Numbers

This year, we will once again use wristbands in place of paper tickets for entry to the fair. Each livestock exhibitor and 4-H volunteer will receive one wristband to allow them entry to the fair.

Show numbers, wristbands, and vehicle passes on the following dates at the Junior Fair office:

Tuesday, Aug. 29 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, Aug 31 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, Sept. 8 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

An advisor or designated adult should pick up and sign for fair passes and show numbers for the entire club. **NO WRISTBANDS or SHOW NUMBERS WILL BE MAILED OR HANDED OUT INDIVIDUALLY BY THE JUNIOR FAIR OFFICE!**

Vehicle Pass

Members with beef, sheep, goat, dairy, swine, rabbit, poultry, or saddle horse projects will be issued a vehicle pass (ONE per family). It will permit a vehicle on the grounds for feed delivery or feeding **between 10:00 PM and 9:00 AM.** Gates 1, 3, and 4 will be open for vehicle drive-in.

Pen and Stall Assignments

Stall cards and pen assignments will be posted by the evening of Monday, Sept. 4. We ask that advisors, members, or parents do not come to the Junior Fair office to look at barn charts before this date. Do not come to decorate prior to this as stall charts may not be available. Members are not permitted to change stall assignments. If there is a serious issue, please contact your department's committee members present in the barn to help you find your department's committee chair.

Fair Decoration Requirements

The following guidelines are provided by the office of the State Fire Marshal for use in connection with fire safety decoration activities at the fair:

- We are requesting that barn decorations be minimal, and that they are tightly secured.
- Paper or cloth suspended or shown in any manner for use in decorations or other purpose shall be specially treated materials to render them flame-resistant. Commercial flame retardants are suggested. Flame-resistant treated crepe paper may be obtained through reputable paper dealers, although it is not recommended.
- Decorative materials such as cotton batting, straw, dry vines, leaves, trees, artificial flowers or shrubbery and foam plastic materials shall not be used for decorative purposes in a building in such a quantity as to constitute a fire hazard. Per 1301:7-703(G)F-305.1OFC
- Decoration Flame-Resistant Solution: 7 oz. Borax + 3 oz. boric acid + 2 quarts hot water. Dissolve the boric acid by making a paste with a small quantity of water. Add this and the Borax to the hot water. Stir until solution is clear. Warm the solution if it becomes cloudy or jelly-like from standing.

Horse Barn Decorations

The Horse Committee and Senior Fair Board would like everyone to work together to keep the horse barns clean and looking nice! Also, please see the Jr. Fair rule book for tack box dimensions.

Please follow these rules:

1. Use ROPE and PLASTIC ZIP-TIES ONLY for hanging decorations, stall cards and pictures, etc. Hooks will be provided for use in stalls. These hooks are not to be removed, nor additional hooks added.
2. No staples, nails, tack, screws, or tape of any kind are to be used.
3. No painting of the stall or anything else in the horse barns.
4. No painting of hooves on the concrete.

Still/FCS Project Drop-Off

If your club is not planning to have a display booth at this year's fair, you may still display your members' still and FCS projects in the center aisle of Building 10. Drop-off for those projects will be Aug. 26 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at the Event Center on the Fairgrounds.

Cloverbud Participation

Per state guidelines, Cloverbuds are permitted to participate in the Junior Fair for exhibit only. Participation ribbons will be given to each Cloverbud who made an entry and has an exhibit. *Advisors will find Cloverbud and Group Project ribbons in their fair booth beginning Sept. 4th or they can be picked up at the Junior Fair office.*

Pre-Fair Traffic

On Thursday and Friday prior to fair opening, all traffic will be one way!!!! Traffic must enter through the Vanover Street gate and exit through the back gate. Everyone (including Junior Fair Board) must park in the track infield or back parking lot. Do not park on grounds where tents, booths and trailers are moving in. Please unload large items at the Junior Fair building or your livestock barn, then park.

We ask that owners of trailers and large trucks **DO NOT PARK VEHICLES JUST OUTSIDE THE WEST GATE** during the fair. Please Park in the designated areas. **NO EXHIBITOR PARKING AROUND 4-H HORSE BARNs.** ONLY AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED IN THAT AREA. The parking lot behind the Coliseum is for handicapped parking only.

Pre-Fair Work Days

Junior Fair Board members and anyone – youth, parents, or club leaders are invited to help out with any of the following Pre-Fair Workdays. Junior and Senior Fair Board members will be around and able to give instructions and help people get started with various jobs and tasks that need to be completed. Please stop at the Jr. Fair Office to sign in and get instructions for where help is needed. Note we will not be setting up show rings and animal pens in the Event Center on August 26th as originally planned but will have a variety of other jobs to do that day.

- Saturday, Aug. 26 9 am – 12 noon - Help with various tasks
- Saturday, Sept. 2 9 am – 12 noon- Help set up Event Center Show Rings, animal pens & much more!
- Monday, Sept. 4 9 am – 12 noon - Help with various tasks

DUNF Forms

Again this year, we will be utilizing electronic DUNF forms. **Please fill out the electronic DUNF between Monday, Sept 4th and Wednesday, Sept. 6th by 5:00pm.** You will receive a confirmation email with the details of your DUNF after it is submitted. If any information on the DUNF form changes between the time the form was submitted and fair check-in, the committee will ask you to complete a new DUNF on the computer provided. If nothing has changed you may proceed to the next step in the check-in line. A few notes: please use your animals **FULL** ID/scrapie ID. Market poultry and rabbit exhibitors will complete their DUNF forms at fair check-in. The electronic DUNF form is available at <https://go.osu.edu/2023waynedunf>.

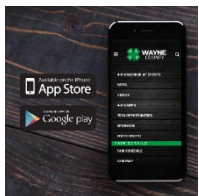
DUNF forms are required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture for all market animals, lactating dairy cows, and lactating dairy goats.

Ractopamine Affidavits and Testing

This year, we will be using electronic Ractopamine affidavits for all swine projects. **Please fill out the electronic affidavit between Monday, Sept 4th and Wednesday, Sept. 6th by 5:00pm.** You will receive a confirmation email after it is submitted. You will not be permitted to unload your swine project until the form is completed. The electronic Ractopamine affidavit is available at <https://go.osu.edu/wayneswine23>.

Additionally, Senior Fair Board voted to test the Grand and Reserve Champions and the Wayne County Bred and Born Champions as well as for possible additional random testing of hogs for Ractopamine. Results are expected to be known within a few weeks of the fair.

Download the Wayne County 4-H Mobile App Today



The Wayne County 4-H Mobile App features lots of useful information and will be updated frequently throughout the fair and going forward into next year. The app includes the 2023 Wayne County 4-H Calendar of Events, the 2023 Fair Schedule, a fair map, Jr. Fair Book, and we will be posting the Show Books and Auction Programs throughout the fair in the app as well. Download it today from the Apple or Google Play App Stores. Simply search “Wayne County 4-H” in your app store.

Stalls and Bedding Requirements

The type of bedding at the fair is determined by each department. You need to provide your own bedding unless otherwise indicated below. **Note – 1st bedding of straw is NOT being provided by the Fair Board this year.**

Barns & Preferred Bedding:

- Beef Steers and Breeding Beef – mulch (provided by Beef Committee)
- Dairy Beef – sawdust (provided by Beef Committee)
- Dairy – straw (if using sawdust under straw, follow Sr. Fair rule; maximum of 6 inches deep)
- Goats – straw or shavings (provide your own)
- Horse – straw or shavings (provide your own)
- Market Lambs – shavings or mulch (provide your own)
- Breeding Sheep – shavings, mulch, or straw (provide your own - wool breeds may prefer straw)
- Poultry – shavings, no cedar shavings (provide your own)
- Rabbits – shavings, no cedar shavings (provide your own)

Please note: all types of bedding may go on manure wagons. You may still use straw in a barn that is designated above as shavings, but you must provide your own. However, mulch must be used in the beef barns.

Rabbit Tattooing

All breeding, pet, and market rabbits must be tattooed prior to being penned at the Fair. To help members get their rabbits tattooed, the committee members are offering a tattoo day on **Saturday Aug. 26** from 9 am to 12 pm in the Event Center at the Fairgrounds. **All purchased market rabbits must be tattooed on this date.** The committee will also be tattooing pet, breeding, and Born Bred and Raised market rabbits on this date.

Beef Carcass Contest

The 2023 live beef carcass show will be held in the Coliseum on August 24. Check-in will begin at 6 pm and the show will start at 7 pm. The results show will be held at Heffelfinger Meats in Jeromesville on Monday, August 28th beginning at 6:00 PM.

Goat and Sheep Carcass Contests

We want to say thank you to 3-D Meats for hosting our 2023 Goat and Sheep Carcass Contests! **The live show will take place at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 9 am in the Sheep Arena. Weigh in will be from 8 - 8:45am.**

Important Details for the Goat and Sheep Carcass Contests:

- Only the Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Fair auction on Wednesday, September 13th. All other carcass exhibitors must either find their own buyer or keep the meat.
- All meat will be processed by 3-D Meats to a set standard retail cut order.

For more information visit <https://wayne.osu.edu/goats> and <https://wayne.osu.edu/sheep>

Excellence in 4-H Award Nominations Due September 1

The Excellence in 4-H award is the most prestigious award given to youth at the county level. We ask that 4-H advisors nominate outstanding 4-H members 17 years of age and older. Nomination forms are available at <https://go.osu.edu/wc23excellence>. Nominations are due to the Extension office by September 1.

School Absences

The Junior Fair will request excused absences for day(s) members show and/or sell their animal(s). Check with your school to determine proper absentee procedures.

Buyer Invitations and the 1-2-3 of Marketing Your Project

A buyer invitation to use with prospective buyers and other resources including the 1-2-3's of Marketing Your Livestock Project(s) are available for members with market animals or dairy cows and heifers on our website at wayne.osu.edu/jrfair. If you have serious potential buyers, have them contact the Extension Office for a pass to enter the fair on sale days. If you are selling a market animal or showing a dairy animal, it is your responsibility to help promote the market or dairy products sales.

DURING THE FAIR

Junior Fair Show Schedule

There have been no changes to our Junior Fair Livestock Show schedule per what was published at the beginning of the year. The Show Arena schedule is available on our website at <https://wayne.osu.edu/jrfair> and a listing of the Junior Fair schedule is available in the 4-H mobile app and the Jr. Fair Book.

Live Streaming of Livestock Shows

This year, due to staffing and volunteer challenges we are not planning to livestream the livestock shows however some selected moments such as champion drives may be livestreamed to Facebook if possible.

2023 Wayne County Junior Fair Royal Court

Congratulations go out to the following youth who were selected by their Junior Fair Board peers to serve on the 2023 Wayne County Junior Fair Royal Court. We wish you well and look forward to seeing you out and about at the shows and events throughout this year's fair! Be sure to see the crowning of the new King, Queen, Prince, and Princess in the Event Center at 8 pm on Saturday Sept. 9th.

Candidates for King:

- Mason Johnson
- Gavin Snyder
- Garrett Troyer

Candidates for Queen:

- Jo Bailey
- Lilee Mullen
- Kailynn Wickens

Jr Fair Baking Contest

The Wayne Co. Junior Fair Board and Food & Fashion board are again sponsoring the annual Baking Contest and Auction on Sunday, Sept. 10th. The contest is open to any Wayne County youth ages 8 – 18. Rules and entries are available at <https://go.osu.edu/waynebaking23>. **Entry deadline is Friday, Sept. 8th at 4:30 PM.** Prizes will be awarded to the top three placings in each category. Proceeds from the auction will be used for scholarships and board activities.

Cornhole Tournament

This year's cornhole tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the west-end of the track infield near the Coliseum. Entries are due Saturday, Sept 9th by 10:00pm.

Rural Youth Square Dance

Wayne County Rural Youth will be holding their annual fair square dance at the Coliseum on Sunday, Sept. 10th from 7:30-11:00 PM. Lessons will be available immediately before the dance at 7 pm.

Pen Cleaning Policy For Beef, Goats, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit & Swine

Animals are to be fed and watered and pens cleaned at least once a day! (more often if necessary)

Inspection:

- A) Shall be completed by a minimum of two beef, goat, horse, poultry/rabbit, or swine committee members.
- B) Inspection shall take place twice a day.
- C) A written log must be kept and include the following information: exhibitor's name, aisle, pen #, date of first, second, and third warning.
- D) A list will be maintained on the bulletin boards of the respective barns showing who is in violation and where they stand on warnings (first, second, etc.)
- E) During inspection, any pen found to be wet, have excessive manure, or be emitting foul odor will be considered in violation and receive a warning. (Horse: a violation is also considered if the project animal is not being properly fed and watered EACH DAY).
- F) When a warning is issued, the pen will be posted with a card advising of such and which warning it is (first, second, etc.).
- G) Goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine project exhibitors must clean their animal's pens after they leave or are sold.

Discipline:

- A) First offense: Pen will be tagged advising first warning - clean pen now.
- B) Second offense: Pen will be tagged advising second warning - clean pen now.
- C) Third offense: Pen will be tagged advising third and final warning.
- D) If pen is still found to be in violation on the inspection following the third warning, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show or sell his or her project at the fair. The exhibitor also will not be allowed to exhibit that same project the year following the violation at the Wayne County Fair. (Horse: if stall has not been cleaned or the animal has not been fed or watered).

Fan Use in the Barns

Steers are limited to one 24-inch fan per animal. Ice bottles are a great alternative to keep poultry and rabbits cool.

Beef Projects

On steer and breeding beef and dairy show days, members may bring their grooming chutes into the barn area. Chutes **must be taken home at the end of show day.** During fair week, the two beef champions and the two dairy champions may leave their chutes in the barn area. Up to three more chutes (total of seven) may be brought into the barn area; however, all beef exhibitors are to use these seven chutes throughout the week. Members wanting to bring in their own chutes for the week must get permission from the beef committee.

Junior Fair Dairy Products and Livestock Auction

If a buyer is unable to attend the Dairy Products and/or Livestock Auction they can participate in pre-arranged bidding, they will simply need to contact the Junior Fair office to make those arrangements before the auction. Custom processing spots will be offered on a first-come, first served basis during the auction.

Sale Programs

Sale programs are only printed for the buyers (each buyer receives one program). Members and parents must refer to posted programs in the barn to determine final sale order. Sale programs will also be posted online again this year at the Extension Office website <https://wayne.osu.edu/jrfair> and in the 4-H mobile app.

Selling Your Market Animal?

Please consider donating to the Wayne Co. 4-H Scholarship Fund, the Event Center Building Fund, or Beef

Committee Scholarship Fund! Pick up a green donation card at the buyer registration table, complete it, and give it to the auctioneer as you sell your animal.

Gifts for Livestock Buyers are Discouraged

Please do not give your livestock buyer a perishable item after selling your animal. Remember buyers sit at the sales for many hours and there can be food safety issues with perishable food items not kept at proper temperatures. We strongly recommend **NO GIFTS TO BUYERS AT ALL DURING THE FAIR!** Although appreciated, some buyers prefer not to carry these items with them the rest of the day / evening. Please consider delivering gifts after the fair or sending a holiday card or some other creative idea as an alternative. Just a tip, most buyers appreciate a spoken “thank you” accompanied by a firm handshake and a look in the eye rather than a gift.

Check Out Times

Please be sure to review the Junior Fair Animals / Livestock Check Out Times and Policy in the Junior Fair Book and on our website at <https://wayne.osu.edu/jrfair>. Senior Fair Board has enacted very strong penalties that apply to both the exhibitor and his/her entire immediate family if an animal leaves the barn early without a Veterinarian's Certificate.

AFTER THE FAIR

Wayne County Junior Fair Clean-up Night

Calling our Wayne County 4-H TEAM (Together Each Accomplishes Much)! All members, advisors, parents, committee members and friends are encouraged to come join the fun on **Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Monday Sept. 25 from 6 - 8 pm** at the Jr Fair Office. Senior Fair Board members will lead work teams to accomplish jobs at all skill levels. Pizza and drink will be provided at 8 pm on Sept. 20th for all the workers. Bring gloves, screwdrivers, pliers, trucks, and your enthusiasm!

2023 4-H Action Committee and Advisory Committee Applications

Have you ever considered serving on a committee? 4-H Action Committee and Advisory Committee applications are available online at <https://go.osu.edu/20234hcommapplication>. Applications are due October 4th by 4:30p to the Extension Office.

Buyer Thank You Notes

All exhibitors selling their animal(s) at the Junior Fair livestock sales **MUST** send a thank you note to the buyer(s) before they receive checks. This thank you note is to be delivered to the Extension Office **in a stamped, sealed and completely addressed envelope beginning the Monday after the Fair and no later than one (1) week after the sales!**

Checks for the sale of market animals will be sent to members only after a thank you note is presented to the Extension Office. To help you find your buyer's name and address, the results of the 2023 auction will be posted on our web site at <https://wayne.osu.edu/jrfair>. We will **try** to get that list posted on Friday, the day after the auction, or as soon thereafter as possible. The list will be posted by 4-H/FFA members' names, alphabetically, followed by the member's project(s), the buyer, and the buyer's address. **The thank you note must be brought into the Extension Office to be checked off and will be mailed by Extension staff.**

Award Thank You Notes

All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other awards sponsored by a donor are expected to send a thank you note the sponsor(s). Thank you cards will be provided with your award - please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office or to a special box designated by your livestock committee by the end of the fair. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. If you cannot find it, contact the Jr. Fair Office.

While you're at it.....Thank your Club Leaders!

Have you thanked your club's advisors and officers for the guidance they have given you in completing your project this year? And what about your parents? Have you expressed appreciation for the time, money and effort they have put into supporting you through the 4-H year? The Junior and Senior Fair Boards, the 4-H committees, trophy sponsors, the folks at the Extension Office—all of these people have contributed to your success in 4-H. Give them a call or write them a note. They'll love it!

Save the Date – 2023 4-H Recognition Banquet Set for November 9

We are planning our annual 4-H member and volunteer recognition banquet to be held at the Wayne County Fair Event Center on Thursday Nov. 9 starting at 6 pm. Again, this year we will be recognizing all winners of the various Livestock Outstanding Exhibitor Contests during the banquet. In addition, we will recognize 4, 8, and last year 4-H members, volunteers with 1, 5, 10, etc. years of service, our Star Club Award winners, Meritorious Service, and Excellence in 4-H Award recipients. Look for more details to be sent out in the 4-H news and notes email updates this Fall after the fair.