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## Wayne County 4-H Newsletter March 2015

Dear 4-H members, parents, and advisors / volunteers,

Thank you to everyone that attended one of our February Required Advisor / Volunteer Training events. We really enjoyed getting to see you and hope that you gained some useful information to help you be successful as a 4-H advisor and volunteer this year.

**Coming up on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am -12 noon at the Fisher Auditorium will be our new Wayne County 4-H Project Fair and Open House hosted by the Country Acres 4-H Club.** We appreciate Marie Marty and the members, advisors, and parents of Country Acres for their work in organizing this new event and hope you will attend and promote it to others as well. This will be a great opportunity for current members to learn more about different projects and what is involved in completing them as well as an opportunity for potential new 4-H members to connect with a club.

I would also like to take this moment to thank four special 4-H teens that have helped advocate for Extension and 4-H funding recently with our state policy-makers. Adam Schuller and Hannah Miller accompanied me to our OSU Extension Legislative Luncheon at the Statehouse in Columbus a few weeks ago and Victoria Devore and Jacob Studer pictured below joined us for an in-depth 2-hour Legislative Visit with State Senator Frank LaRose and State Representative Ron Amstutz in Mid-February at our office.

**Don't forget 4-H enrollments are due to the Extension Office by April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and thanks for all you do to make the best better.**

Best wishes,



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## Check Out the Ohio 4-H Project Central Website

Have you or any of the youth in your club ever wanted to preview a project book before deciding if it would be a good project to take. Well now you can do just that!



The 4-H Project Central website just launched. Anyone can preview the 4-H project books offered by Ohio 4-H. You can also rate projects you've taken in the past to let other youth and advisors know how well you liked the project and to provide feedback to Ohio State University Extension professionals who will consider your feedback in future revisions and updates to project books.

Project Central allows users to browse projects by skill level, topic area, and to search by keyword.

To access Ohio 4-H Project Central simply scan the QR code to the left of this story or enter the following URL: [projectcentral.ohio4h.org](http://projectcentral.ohio4h.org).



Project Central also allows you to share your project ratings and comments with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!

## **Ohio 4-H Age Requirements**

Eligibility for 4-H membership (Cloverbuds) begins when a child has reached age 5 **and** is enrolled in kindergarten. Membership to the 4-H club program begins when a child is at least age 8 **and** enrolled in third grade as of January 1 of the current year. Membership ends December 31st of the year in which the youth reaches age 19.

## Cloverbud 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. Cloverbud Connections is now available on-line at <http://ohio4h.org/ohio-4-h-cloverbud-connections>.

## 4-H Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment forms must be signed by the youth, a parent/guardian, and a club advisor. Enrollment forms must be turned in to the Wayne County Extension Office no later than **April 1, 2015 at 4:30 pm**. Projects enrolled after this date will not be eligible for exhibition at the 2015 Wayne County Junior Fair!

## Project Guidelines and Updates

Remember, project updates and guidelines are included in the member project books, in the organizational advisor's club packet, and will soon be on our website: <http://wayne.osu.edu>.

## For All Potential New 4-H Advisors / Volunteers

All new 4-H advisors / volunteers will need to complete the volunteer screening process. A potential 2015 volunteer is defined as “new” if he or she was not enrolled as an advisor / volunteer in the 4-H program for 2014. **A checklist for completing this process is listed below:**

- Receive or pick up a position description / application packet from the Extension Office
- Complete the new volunteer application and return it to the Extension Office
- Submit two reference forms from non-family members to the Extension Office
- Successfully pass the criminal history fingerprint background check
- **Complete a new volunteer training session and interview with 4-H Educator Doug Foxx. These are scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup> - all at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.**
- Agree to and sign the Volunteer Standards of Behavior form.
- Receive a letter from 4-H Educator Doug Foxx indicating that they are approved to serve as an Ohio State University Extension 4-H volunteer.



Due to the need to complete the process (which takes approximately 6 weeks) before a volunteer begins working with the 4-H program, **new volunteers will only be accepted from November 1st through April 1st each year.**

If you have or are recruiting new volunteers for your club, please have them come to the Extension Office to pick up a packet which contains all of this information. **A packet must be picked up by April 1st by any potential new volunteer.** ***Please note: New volunteers are welcome to attend the February Advisor Trainings, but must still attend one of the new volunteer trainings in April or May.***

## Calling all 4-H Teens: Join Junior Leaders Today



County-wide Junior Leadership club meetings are held the first Monday of each month January to May, and October through December (no meetings during the summer).

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm, most in the County Administration Building, although some locations are different, depending on the program. Forty-five minutes to an hour is spent on learning a leadership skill that can be taken back to the 4-H club and taught to other members. Members also have a short business meeting, refreshments, hear from guest speakers, and learn leadership games and other team-building activities. Average attendance is 30. Please make sure your JL's (aged 13 and over) are signed up to receive the JL meeting notices and email update.

***Our April Junior Leaders Meeting will take place Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3-D Meats in Dalton. We will be learning more about 3-D Meats and careers in Meat Science, having a short business meeting, and having lots of fun with our recreation activities.***

## Celebrate 4-H Week March 8-14, 2015



March 8-14 has been designated as Ohio and Wayne County 4-H Week. 4-H Junior Leaders will be visiting local schools to recruit new members and doing radio spots.

I hope your club will take leadership in your community to promote 4-H. Please have your members make posters for local store windows, invite a new person to club meetings or talk to a community service organization! Any way you can help spread the word about 4-H is greatly needed and appreciated.

## Food Safety Certification for 4-H Advisors / Volunteers

If your club has activities which involve selling food (or giving it away for donation), or serving refreshments to large groups, at least one advisor / volunteer who is present at the event needs to be certified through the Occasional Quantity Cooks program. More information about this program is available online at the following link: <http://go.osu.edu/4hfoodsafety>. This training can



be done on-line or in-person. **The next in-person training will be offered on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Wayne County Extension Office.** The session will be taught by our Family and Consumer Sciences Educator Melinda Hill. Please contact the Extension Office at 330-264-8722 to register if you plan to attend.

## Summer 4-H Assistant Position Now Available



The Wayne County Extension Office is planning to hire a Summer 4-H Assistant. **This position will be a temporary full-time position running from Mid-May to Mid-August.** The successful candidate will assist the office in planning, preparing, and conducting summer 4-H events and programs including but not limited to Cloverbud Day Camp, Junior Camp, Teen Camp, Skillathons, and Project Judgings. The summer assistant will also assist with various office projects and preparations for the 2015 Wayne County Jr. Fair.

**Anyone interested in this position should contact 4-H Educator Doug Foxx. Resumes will be due April 1, 2015.** This will be a great opportunity for a student looking for a college internship, teachers that have time off during the summer, or anyone with a strong understanding of 4-H and time available to work during the summer. The official position description will be available soon.

## Interested in Dairy Judging?

Dairy judging practices are starting. If you would like more information, contact Dairy Committee member Lisa Gress at 330-567-3417.



## Kelleys Island 4-H Teen Camp Counselor Applications Now Available

Do you know any college students or other recent 4-H graduates? We are looking for some past camp counselors and/or other young adults (ages 19-25) that might be interested in working with 4-H teens (ages 14-18) during a weekend teen camp at **Kelleys Island 4-H Camp July 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>**. Applications are now available on our website at [wayne.osu.edu](http://wayne.osu.edu).



Look for more information about camp registration for both Jr. Camp and Teen Camp to be coming out later this spring.

## Dairy Palooza Bus Trip Registration Deadline Extended to April 1st



The Wayne County 4-H and FFA Dairy Committee invites all Dairy youth to participate in the Dairy Palooza Bus Trip to the Ohio 4-H Dairy Palooza East event on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The bus trip will allow Wayne County youth to travel together from Wooster to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds where Dairy Palooza 2015 is being held and will include their Dairy Palooza registration, meals, and snacks. More details including registration forms, health forms, and other important information is available on-line at: <http://go.osu.edu/2015dairybustrip>. Be sure to download the registration forms and turn them into the Extension Office by the new extended deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## New Volunteer Orientation / Interviews and Required Advisor Training

Nearly 300 4-H Advisors / Volunteers completed the new required training sessions on Recognizing and Reporting the Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect that our office offered in February! To assist those who were unable to attend in February we are offering three more opportunities to complete this state-required training.

Anyone that did not attend one of the February required trainings, should attend Part 1 of the New Volunteer Orientation which will cover the training on Recognizing and Reporting the Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect. **Part 1 will be offered from 6-7 pm on the evenings of April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Wayne County Extension Office. **Please call the Extension Office to pre-register.** All individuals that are in the process of completing the 2015 New Advisor / Volunteer application process should plan to attend **Part 2 of the New Volunteer Orientation / Interviews which will be held from 7-8:30 pm on the evenings of April 15<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>**. Again, please call the Extension Office to pre-register.



## **2015 Junior Fair Rule Changes**

**Beef:** Steers will not be measured for hip height. They will be broken into classes by weight.

**Dairy:** Rule #7 will now read: Only high grade or purebred animals may be shown at the fair. Animals showing mixed breed characteristics may not be shown. Final decision is at the discretion of the committee.

**Horse:** Walk Trot classes will now be open to 2<sup>nd</sup> year members automatically without having to complete the special request process. 2<sup>nd</sup> year members that are ready to move up are welcome to move up to beginner canter.

Any horse exhibitor that “scratches” more than 3 classes without a doctor’s note or veterinarian’s certificate may lose their Jr. Fair excused school absence unless otherwise approved by the committee.

**Goat:** When making a fair entry – the age of the goat is determined as of September 1 of the current year.

**Poultry:** Only Jr. Fair animals are permitted to be caged in the Jr. Fair section of the barn.

Turkeys under 15 lbs will not be exhibited and will be sent home.

**Rabbits:** Meat pens with any rabbit under 3 lbs (individual weight) will not be able to exhibit and the pen will be sent home.

Meat Rabbits: Exhibitor must own or lease the mother(s) of pen and be in the care and possession of the Jr. Fair member prior to June 1.

**Sheep:** Registration papers on purebred breeding sheep must be provided to a sheep committee member at weigh-in Saturday September 12. Members who do not comply will be unable to exhibit their animals and animals will be dismissed from the fairgrounds, unless slick shorn and weighed for the slick shorn ewe lamb or yearling class.

**Swine:** Hogs displaying any condition that would deem them unfit by the committee and fair vet for show or sale will be immediately removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor.

## **Turkey / Poultry Orders**

**NEW** – Since that last newsletter was sent out, the process to order Jr Fair turkeys and chicks has changed!

To order your Turkey and Chicks you must go online to <http://go.osu.edu/WaynePoultry> (CaSe SEnsiTIvE link). 4-H and FFA members can order 6 turkey and/or 12 chicks as long as they have enrolled in the project. Online there is an option for individual club member or clubs/chapter to order the poultry as a group. If you have further questions call the Extension Office at 330-264-8722.

## Wayne County 4-H Junior Leaders Bob Evans Fundraiser

Please support our Junior Leaders by dining to donate at Bob Evans during the week of March 23 – 27, 2015. Simply show the flyer below and our 4-H Junior Leaders Club will earn 15% of your bill. Junior Leaders is open to all Wayne County 4-H teens 13 and older. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help support club activities, field trips, refreshments, and much more. This special promotion is available at both Wooster Bob Evans locations and is good all day from 6 am – 10 pm on all dine-in and carryout orders. Just be sure to give the flyer below to your server! Please feel free to copy this page and give it to everyone in your 4-H club, family, and friends that might be interested in supporting our Wayne County 4-H Junior Leaders!

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