

The Link

July 2015



Dear 4-H Volunteers:

Summer 4-H activities are in full swing as we recently completed several livestock clinics, Horse Fun Shows, Cloverbud Day Camp, and wrapped up Junior Leaders activities until the Fall. Junior Fair Board recently elected officers and is continuing to prepare for the fair. Junior Camp is the week this edition of the Link goes out in the mail and July brings project judging, Style Revue, Quality Assurance / Skillathons, State Fair and much more.

I want to say a special thank you to our 4-H program assistant Stephen Heppe and to all of our committees, club advisors, teen leaders, Senior Fair Board, and others that put such hard work and dedication into making Wayne County 4-H the incredible program that it is.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at 4-H events coming up this summer and at the Wayne County Fair!

Best wishes,

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

Judging sheets for group projects
are available at the Extension Office.
The completed forms are due by
July 31st at 4:30 p.m.

Animal Welfare

All 4-H members with animal projects recently received information from our office about quality assurance and/or skillathons. With this information we also included a flier titled "Youth Guide on Animal Welfare for Fairs and Exhibitions". PLEASE discuss this during a club meeting. It would be a best practice to at least address the major points in the flier, but even better to spend time on the 'talking points' located on the back of the flier. Having members role play or act out potential situations which might occur at the fair would better prepare our youth for answering questions they may get about their projects during fair week.

Our youth exhibitors are considered producers and the public develops opinions based on what they see, hear and perceive at a livestock show and will relate that to the entire livestock industry. We have extra fliers should you need some. Please let us know and we can get you some.

Project Completion Guidelines

Again this year, the **completion** of a 4-H project will be considered the interview at still project judging, or the interview at FCS judging, or the skillathon at livestock judging. Completed projects are then eligible for Wayne County Junior Fair participation.

Please refer to the project book insert for guidelines on what to bring to judging and/or exhibit at the fair. ALL still and FCS project books have these inserts, which are the same as the compiled inserts that organizational advisors received in their packets.



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4-H Calendar

July

- 03 Independence Day - Office closed
- 07 Contest Horse Fun Show
- 09 Clothing and Food Project Judging
- 10 Clothing Construction Judging
- 10 Dairy Clinic
- 13 Food & Fashion Board
- 13 Early Still Project/Small Animal/
FCS Judging
- 14 Style Revue & State Fair Awards Program
- 14 Pleasure 4-H Horse Fun Show
- 15 Dog Obedience Clinic
- 16 QA / Skillathon
- 20 Junior Fair Board
- 20 Senior Fair Board
- 21 Contest Horse Fun Show
- 22 QA / Skillathon
- 28 QA / Skillathon
- 29 Ohio State Fair Begins
- 31 Wayne Co. Scholarship application due by 4:30PM
- 31 Group Project Judging Sheets Due

August

- 01 Dog project - license / health forms due
- 01 Junior Fair entries due by noon
- 03 Junior Fair Board Work Night
- 04 Contest Horse Fun Show
- 10 Junior Fair Board
- 11 FCS / Still Project / Small Animal /
Gardening Judging
- 12 Dog Committee
- 13 Coronation Interviews
- 17 Senior Fair Board
- 18 Beef Committee
- 19 Food & Fashion Board
- 20 Swine Committee
- 25 Dairy Committee
- 26 Goat Committee
- 31 Horse youth, parents, advisors meeting
- 31 Horse Committee
- 31 Beef Carcass Live Show

IMPORTANT FCS JUDGING DATES • TIMES • LOCATIONS

“Early” Judging

Tuesday, July 9

4:30—8:30 p.m.

Fisher Auditorium, OARDC

Style Revue & Awards Program

Thursday, July 14

7:00 p.m.

Fisher Auditorium, OARDC

“Last Chance” Judging

Tuesday, August 11

6:00—9:00 p.m.

Wayne County Fairgrounds

Skillathon for Members with Special Needs

This year, Skillathon night for our 4-H'ers with special needs will be held during the July 22nd Skillathon night. Our aim for this evening is to provide these 4-H members with a quieter, less stressful, more learning-friendly environment, provided by facilitators with extra training, and a Quality Assurance training session specific for their needs. Registration is required by July 18. Registration forms will be mailed directly to individuals who have already indicated additional needs on their initial 4-H enrollment form, but if your child would benefit from this type of offering, it is open to them. For more information please contact the office.

Readers and 1st year member/parent orientation will still be available at the regularly scheduled Skillathon nights.

RAILROAD SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

The Orrville RR Heritage Society invites all Wayne County 4-H youth to participate in the 4-H Railroad Safety Poster Contest.

Remember, all posters must be turned in to the Wayne County Extension office by **July 15**. If you have any questions, please contact Roy Carmony at 330-262-5555 or 1-800-200-7966.

JR. FAIR UPDATES

WAYNE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE BY AUGUST 1st!

All Still, FCS, Livestock and Cloverbud projects coming to the fair must be entered by August 1, 2014.

Marcia Brueck, Junior Fair Secretary, will accept Junior Fair entries **at the Junior Fair office** on:

Thursday, July 30 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. ■ Friday, July 31 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 1 9AM - Noon

THESE ARE THE ONLY TIMES AND PLACE THAT JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES CAN BE TURNED IN!

Advisors please note:

1. Members **must** put the school codes on their Junior Fair entry forms. This makes it possible for the Jr. Fair Secretary to send excused absence notices to the members' schools.
2. Sheep and Goat project members **must** put the Scrapie number on the Junior Fair Entry Form.
3. **Again this year:** Members should fill out the special penning request form and turn it in with their fair entries to let the committees know of any special penning requests such as housing Jr. Fair animals with open class animals, Market Hogs that were raised together and could be penned together, etc.

Please make sure your members are aware that **Showmanship entries need to be made for the following species: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry & Horses.** If members do not sign up for their Showmanship classes on their Jr. Fair entry forms, they will **not** be able to show in the Showmanship classes at the Fair.

Pick-Up Fair Passes and Show Numbers at Jr. Fair office:

Tuesday, September 1	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 3	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, September 11	9:00 - 9:00 p.m.

An advisor or designated adult should pick up and sign for fair passes and show numbers for the entire club.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR CAMPING

Those wanting to camp at the fair must pick up registration forms at the Senior Fair office. The completed application must be returned to the Senior Fair office by **August 15th.** Last year's campers will receive preference. If you are a first time camper, please do not include payment with your application; payment will be requested when you are informed as to whether you have been assigned a camping spot.

Please, if you have families that are now done showing in 4-H, encourage them to let their space become available for those who are current exhibitors and need to stay in the camping area.

Reminder

PREMIUM PAYOUT

The Junior Fair office - will be doing **ALL premium pay-outs after the Fair.** On Monday and Tuesday, September 21st and 22nd, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., advisors can come in to the Junior Fair office to pick up premium checks. The checks will be made payable to each individual member—not to the club. Any corrections will then need to be made with the Jr. Fair Secretary. The Junior Fair office phone number is 330-264-9895; the Senior Fair office number is 330-262-8001.

Just a friendly reminder.....

The best way to contact the
Jr. Fair Secretary is by **email.**

wcjrffair@hotmail.com

Community Service Opportunities

4-H “ BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE”



The 4-H Advisory Committee is sponsoring a 4-H Back to School drive to help support our communities. Wayne County 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in this by collecting school supplies (markers, compasses, colored pencils, wide rule loose leaf paper, crayons, glue , etc.) at their summer club meetings.

Collections can be dropped off July 30th, 31st or August 1st, from 5:00-8:00pm at the Jr. Fair

Office. (Same time and place as Jr. Fair entries are due) All county 4-H clubs will have their items tallied and scored based on a percentage of club enrollments. This ensures all clubs have a fair chance of winning the 4-H Back to School Drive!. The winning club will be awarded an ice cream or pizza party, compliments of the 4-H Advisory Committee

Happy Feet:

We are also collecting socks! New, clean socks! Any size! Any color! Help make the feet in Wayne County “Happy Feet!”

4-H BLOOD DRIVE
At the Wayne County Fair



Sunday, Sept. 13
Monday, Sept. 14
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We need your help!

***For more information,
call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.***

We need:

- **3 clubs to bring 2 gallons of juice each**
- **3 clubs to bring a sandwich plate each**
- **3 clubs to bring a plate of cookies**
- **12 adult individuals to help man the bus for registration (one-hour shifts) both days.**
- **Please call the Extension office at 330-264-8722 to help.**

You may donate if you gave blood on or before 7/19/15.
Donors are now required to bring names of any medication that is currently being taken.
PLEASE BRING PHOTO I.D.

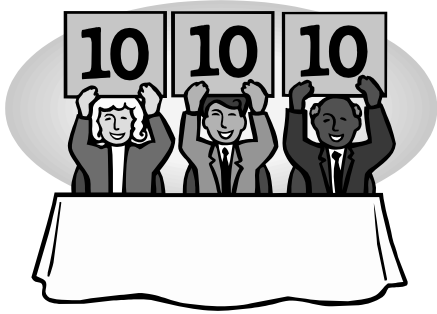
2015 BIKES FOR KIDS UPDATE

The Wayne County 4-H Advisory Committee is continuing the “Bikes for Kids” service project and is encouraging all clubs to again take part. Our Junior Leaders have consented to build the bicycles and are challenging each 4-H Club to raise or donate enough money to purchase at least one bike (at an approximate cost of \$65.00). If each of our 4-H clubs raised or donated enough money to buy one bike, we would have 45. Some clubs may want to do two or three bikes, which would provide even more!

Money can be given at any time of the year, but **MUST** be turned in to the Extension office by September 19th.



Note: Those that are 16 years old will need parental consent to donate.



Why do we have **4-H Judging and Skillathons?**

Project judging or project skillathons should be an educational experience for the 4-H member. It is a time when members can share what they have learned in their projects, and be challenged to expand their knowledge in the future.

NO MEMBER IS A FAILURE UNLESS MADE TO FEEL AS SUCH.

Members may be given scores or rankings to let them know where their strengths and weaknesses lie. That score or ranking is for that member only and his/her parents; **perhaps** the advisor, but only if the member is comfortable with sharing it. Recording and comparing scores or rankings is discouraged.

“Outstanding” ratings are given when members reach a determined standard. Any member who reaches this standard is awarded an “outstanding.” In judging and skillathons, members are never compared to one another.

EVERYONE WHO GOES THROUGH COUNTY JUDGING OR SKILLATHONS IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAIR.

There is no minimum score required or expected.

Tips for Participants

- Read and complete your project book and explore other sources of information.
- Dress appropriately (no halter tops, short shorts, cut-offs, etc.)
- Have a positive attitude—you need to be there, and you might as well make the best of it.
- Follow polite etiquette: show respect to judges, facilitators and helpers.
- Realize that the judge or facilitator is volunteering time from his/her busy schedule to **HELP YOU LEARN.**

Tips for Parents

Your role as parent/guardian providing support and encouragement for your child is **VERY IMPORTANT!** However, at judging/skillathon events, your presence may make your 4-H'er somewhat nervous and tends to add to the congestion, noise and confusion at the judging site. We encourage you to drop off your 4-H'er and take advantage of the waiting areas provided at Fisher Auditorium and roped-off grassy area at the fairgrounds (bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you'd like).

Thoughts from the Wayne County 4-H Committee in regard to common questions about judging and skillathons:

1. Why are “outstanding” awards given in front of all members? Only participation awards should be given at the event, and the “outstanding” awards at a later time.

Research shows that the most appropriate recognition a youth can receive is *immediate* recognition. In other words, recognition means more to a young person if it is done directly after the member has earned that recognition. Also, it is important for young people to learn that, as much as they want others to congratulate them when they do well, it is important for the young person to congratulate others when they do well.

2. How are stations chosen for the skillathons or questions chosen for judging?

Stations for the skillathons are recommended by the Wayne County 4-H Action committees. The committees choose stations that are from the skillathon kits or relevant topics which the committee has noticed that a large number of members need to learn. Questions for judging are taken from the project books, a possible “list of questions” for each project, and the judge may choose to ask his/her own questions that he/she feels are relevant.

3. What can we do for young (first-year) members who are scared or intimidated by judging and skillathons?

Junior Fair Board members are available to read to young members or just to go with them for moral support. Remember, 4-H alumni have identified their experiences of one-on-one interviews, public speaking, getting up in front of others, and meeting/talking with adults as one of the most important skills that 4-H teaches!

One of our own Junior Leaders who served on the Wayne County 4-H Committee said it well: “I was one of those shy, quiet, scared 9-year-olds, but because of 4-H and going through judging and skillathons, I have learned to speak out and get up in front of others, just like when I did the welcome and invocation for the advisor banquet this year.”

4. Why do project books need to be completed every year?

Ohio 4-H recognizes that an important part of the project experience is keeping records. Therefore, it is expected state-wide that project books be purchased and completed every year. Again, this is a skill that is developed through 4-H and utilized to complete college applications, scholarship applications, and job applications.

The Wayne County 4-H Advisory Committee strives to provide positive youth development experiences through all of our events and activities. Learning, developing life skills, and being exposed to the “greater picture” are our goals.