**A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATOR**

Happy New Year! I hope you are as ready to kick off 2022 as I am. We are certainly ready to see our 4-H families and continue making a difference with our members! We understand the hard work you are doing and the challenges you experience as advisors. I hope our Advisor Updates, Officer Trainings and this newsletter will assist you in your endeavors. Please contact us on additional thoughts or suggestions on challenges you may be facing.

Pickaway 4-H Week is this month! We hope all of you will join us in the daily activities we have planned as well as utilizing the hashtag #pickaway4H. Please do what you can to promote the week and encourage your 4-H families to participate. Be sure to have everyone share their pictures through email or Facebook.

I encourage you to do three things with your club this month. 1. Share this newsletter with your club members (we will share our newsletters electronically to all members after enrollments are in), 2. “like” the Pickaway County, Ohio 4-H Youth Development Facebook page, and 3. Encourage your members to like our Facebook page and visit our website at [http://pickaway.osu.edu](http://pickaway.osu.edu).

Thank you for joining us for another 4-H year!

Joy E. Sharp
Joy E. Sharp, Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development

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PICKAWAY COUNTY 4-H WEEK

It’s almost here! Pickaway County 4-H week will take place on January 23-29. We appreciate all the fabulous events clubs hold to promote 4-H. Many clubs do a wonderful job with window decorating, school bulletin boards, posters and more. This is a great way to get those final new 4-H members signed up to join.

Please check out the enclosed flier for information on this year’s Pickaway County 4-H Week. It includes a theme each day and trivia questions for a fun week! Please help us by posting and sharing 4-H items that week.

4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPS

Thank you for voting for your fellow advisors who will serve on the 4-H Advisory Committee in 2022. New term committee members include:

Adult Reps:
Larry Davis Roxanne Davis
Marcia Ruff Carrie Savage
Randy Smith

Youth Reps:
Avalon Havan Lillianna Stafford
Erin Vincent

Our new members will join Heather Burke, Julie Foster, Mary Hines, Shena Justus, Jessica Mullins, Dolores Shaeffer, At-Large member Susie Hollar, and Ex Officio members Rick Lear and Bob Parker.

If you are interested in serving as an At-Large member of the Pickaway 4-H Committee, please contact Joy. We have a couple openings.

2022 4-H CLUB PACKETS, BOOKS & MORE

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your club packet. We have new green folders this year set up to better reflect what you need to keep and what you need to return to us! Remember all dues must be paid by check (club or bank check) or money order made out to Pickaway County 4-H. When you come into the office to pay for your members, we will also run a current member list for you. Your payment amount will need to match the number of members on your list that day.

4-H ONLINE DATABASE

Online 4-H enrollments have begun, but we still have a ways to go! Once enrolled, advisors will be able to see their club members who have enrolled. You received information in your club packet about enrolling through 4-H Online, and we have an entire page on our website devoted to utilizing the database. Be sure to refer your members to it or have members contact Jamie or Jennifer for assistance!

FAMILY GUIDES

Unfortunately, Family Guides did not go out as anticipated. Each returning 4-H family should still receive a Family Guide in the mail. In the meantime, be sure to check out the online version.

Want to take a look at current or new project books? Members can preview project books AND share feedback about their project experiences on Ohio 4-H Project Central. Check out the website now at www.ohio4h.org/projectcentral.

EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS

Our office is currently open Monday–Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. To better assist our volunteers with club enrollment deadlines, we will be open until 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 1 and Tuesday, February 15.
FEBRUARY HONOR CLUB POINTS

February 1 is the date for maximum Honor Club points for enrollments, Club Programs, and Club Constitution & By-laws (which should be signed by your 4-H club members annually). Additional information can be found in your green club folder.

PROJECT BOOK ORDERING

As you select and purchase 4-H project books for 2022, please keep in mind that 4-H project books are taxable items. If project books are purchased by individual members, sales tax must be added, however; any project books purchased with club monies and/or by club check are tax-free. We ask all clubs to take advantage of the Club Book Order Form and purchase your club project books as a group utilizing a club check. Please do not actually complete your check until your order is complete. We will only charge you for the items we have in stock, not any project books that may be on order. At this time, we have all continuing projects books in stock and ready to go. We expect books for new projects in late-February.

Please submit your Club Book Order Form at least one day prior to pick-up.

STATE ADVISOR HANDBOOK

Looking for a website with permission and health forms, rules of using the 4-H clover, working with officers, parents and more? Check out the Advisor Handbook at http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org. It contains tons of great information, forms and examples to assist you with your club needs.

4-H RESOURCES

Looking for 4-H resources such as flags, banners, pencils and supplies for your club? Visit the 4-H Mall at their website: https://shop4-h.org/

ADVISOR GRAB & GO MEETING TOOLKIT

Start your 4-H year with seven ready-to-go club meeting agendas detailing a family kick-off, team building, officer elections, public speaking and more. Learn how to adapt in-person activities to a virtual setting and strategies for including Cloverbuds. All resources can be found at go.osu.edu/clubmeetingtoolkit

CLUB ADVISOR UPDATE & TRAININGS

I look forward to seeing all advisors on January 12, January 20, or January 25 for our 4-H Club Advisor Updates at 7:00 pm in Heritage Hall. One additional opportunity has been added on February 3 from 10:00am-12:00noon at the Extension Office. The programs on each date will be identical. All advisors must attend county 4-H training annually.

Trainings will include county and state updates followed by Recognizing Child Abuse & Neglect Training. Our lesson for the evening will be communicating in your club and promoting the Communication Contest.

Please utilize the survey link each advisor received so we can plan our set up accordingly. Our final training at the Extension Office on February 3 will be limited to 20 people.

4-H OFFICER TRAINING

Please encourage your 4-H club officers to attend this year’s 4-H Officer Training. It will take place on February 10 at 7:00 pm at Emmett Chapel with break-outs for President and Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Reporter, Historian, Community Service, Health & Safety, Environmental/Energy and Recreation. The evening will start together then break into officer groups for the remainder of the training. Break-outs will conclude with an induction ceremony where attendees will receive, officer pins(for the constitutional offices) and certificates for all other offices. A flier is attached.

CLOVERBUD CONNECTIONS

4-H Cloverbud Connections is a website dedicated to programming and opportunities for Cloverbud members. It includes Click it, Print it, Do it activities, ideas for working with Cloverbuds and more. The site is searchable by key words and topic to help readers find content. New posts are added monthly and provide a unique blend of education, activities, and fun to build and challenge 4-H Cloverbud Volunteers teaching kindergarten through second grade youth. Follow this link to visit and enroll - http://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/
4-H AWARDS & OPPORTUNITIES

All 4-H members ages 14-18 received information in November on applying for 4-H awards and opportunities including camp counselor, county scholarships, county sponsored trips, and state awards. Application forms are available at www.pickaway.osu.edu. All teen applications except State 4-H Scholarships are due by January 18, 2022.

All 4-H members ages 9-13 will receive an email this week on applying for Junior Achievement Awards. These applications are due February 15, 2022.

Below is a brief description of the four award forms and the opportunities available through each form. All county forms should be typed, printed, signed and mailed or brought into the Extension Office.

Ohio 4-H Achievement Record
The Ohio 4-H Achievement Record is a document for 4-H members to track their 4-H career. 4-H members age 14 and older are eligible to submit this record for county and state award opportunities. Please encourage your members to take advantage of this program. Awards available include State Junior Fair Board, National 4-H Dairy Conference, OTA Local Government Award, State Achievement Awards (these are the project area awards), Heart H and Service Awards, and trips including Citizenship Washington Focus, Sea Camp, Leadership Camp, and Forestry Camp.

4-H Scholarship Applications
There are two different methods of applying for 4-H scholarships. Six county scholarships will be awarded. To apply for county 4-H scholarships simply download the form from our website, complete it and turn it in by January 18. The second method takes place on-line. It is for all State 4-H scholarships and has a deadline of February 15. Additional instructions can be found on-line. All 4-H members planning on attending an accredited college are eligible to apply for both county and state scholarships.

4-H Camp Counselor Application
Open to all 4-H members who are at least high school freshman and ages 14-18. Pickaway County 4-H Camps will be held at Tar Hollow on July 6-10. Counselor Training will take place monthly starting in March. Required Counselor Training Camps at Tar Hollow will take place on June 7 and July 5. Complete the Pickaway County Counselor application form and request two adult recommendations to be eligible for this opportunity.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

Applications are due February 15. This opportunity is for 4-H members younger than 14 who have taken a 4-H project for at least one year. The Pickaway County Junior Achievement Award is our way to reward you for your hard work in 2021. It is also a great way to track your 4-H involvement, so you are ready to fill out the Ohio Achievement Award form when you are 14 years old. Here are the award categories:

- **White Clover Award**: Members who have completed 4-H projects for 1-2 years.
- **Green Clover Award**: Members who have completed 4-H projects for 3-4 years.
- **Gold Clover Award**: Members who have completed 4-H projects for 5-6 years.

To apply for Junior Achievement awards, you will need to download and type into the form. Every applicant who meets the point requirements will receive the award which consists of a certificate and a gift card. Winners are recognized on-stage during the Pickaway County Fair. *Point categories were updated last year so make sure you use the most up to date form.*

TAR HOLLOW CAMP POSITIONS

Looking for a summer job that includes 4-H fun, memories, and a great team? Please consider working at Tar Hollow 4-H Camp. Applications are now being accepted for the following positions: Canteen, Crafts, Recreation, Naturalist, Lifeguards and Kitchen staff. Applications are available at https://u.osu.edu/tarhollow Applications are due by March 1. Note these are five-week positions and the salary for each position has increased this year. Please share this opportunity with your 4-H alumni!
4-H AND JUNIOR FAIR SPONSORSHIPS

It’s time for recruitment of junior fair and 4-H sponsors. Past sponsors should receive a letter this week from Awards Coordinator, Dolores Shaeffer to renew their sponsorship. If your club, a family, individual, or a business you know would like to become a sponsor, contact Dolores at dolores.shaeffer@yahoo.com. Sponsorship options can be to give a set dollar amount and the money will be used where it is needed, or to sponsor a specific award or award area and pay the amount for that award. Many awards have an annual sponsor, so contact Dolores for availability if you have a specific area you want to sponsor. Award trips, annual banquet, public speaking program and Style Review are sponsored through a dollar amount. All sponsorship checks should be made payable to the “Pickaway County 4-H Committee”.

PICKAWAY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE

Please be sure to have your 4-H families “Like” our Facebook page, Pickaway County, Ohio 4-H Youth Development. We post updates and important items there.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Pickaway County 4-H website: www.pickaway.osu.edu

The Ohio 4-H website: http://www.ohio4h.org

Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences website: http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences

Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Connections http://cloverbudconnections.osu.edu

4-H Advisors Handbook: http://advisorshandbook.ohio4h.org

STATE INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES

OHIO 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

All 4-H members ages 14-18 received information in November on applying for 4-H awards and opportunities including camp counselor, county scholarships, county sponsored trips, and state awards. Most apps were due January 18 by 4:30 pm. High School Seniors have the additional option to submit an Ohio 4-H Scholarship application which is due February 15. This is an online application. All 4-H members planning on attending an accredited college are eligible to apply.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

- Ohio Farm Bureau has many scholarships available with most due February 28. Visit https://ofbf.org/foundation/scholarships/

- Ohio State Fair offers scholarships for Junior Fair exhibitors active at the state level. Applications are typically due April 15 and will soon be posted at: https://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/

- The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District is offering three $1000 scholarships to a Pickaway County high school senior who will be majoring in Agriculture or Natural Resources. Applications are due April 15. Visit www.pickawayswcd.org/scholarships

MAKING EXTREME COUNSELORS (MXC)

Youth age 14 to 18 who have served as a 4-H camp counselor are invited to Making eXtreme Counselors (MXC)—an interactive and quick-paced training that offers camp ideas to new and veteran camp counselors. MXC participants will leave with skills that will enable them to assist in their county’s camp program and prepare them for a great camp program.

The event will take place at the Ohio 4-H Center on February 19-20. Cost is $55. Registration is due to Pickaway County office by January 28. Contact the Extension Office for more information.
OHIO 4-H CONFERENCE

The Ohio 4-H Conference will take place on Saturday, March 12 at the Columbus Convention Center. Registration is due no later than Friday, February 11. Class choices fill up quickly, so turn in your registration well in advance of the deadline!

The conference is designed for both teens and adults. It offers 4-H teens, ages 14-18 opportunities to explore leadership, conduct community service, meet teens from across the state and have fun. It offers 4-H Volunteers from across Ohio the chance to learn together and from each other. Nearly 150 sessions are offered as well as separate luncheons for the volunteers and the teens.

Cost is $40 (payable to Pickaway County 4-H) and includes your lunch. The registration form and session booklet is available at the Extension Office and at [http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference](http://www.ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference). Complete the registration form and return it to the Extension Office with payment.

**Pickaway County advisors receive a discount through the 4-H committee so contact the Extension office before making your payment to find out the actual cost. The first 8 advisors to register will attend for free! In addition, 4-H teens who register for the conference will be refunded their registration after they attend.

SPIN CLUBS

A new item we are seeing a lot of, are 4-H SPIN clubs. SPIN stands for Special Interest Club and is typically an opportunity open statewide. SPIN clubs are not a stand-alone county 4-H membership. You should think of SPIN clubs as a great way for members to learn more about a particular project or topic area from someone who specializes in that topic. Their length of time is typically six virtual meetings or workshops. As we are made aware of SPIN club opportunities taking place, we will share them on our 4-H Facebook page.

OHIO BEEF EXPO & JUDGING CONTEST

The 2022 Ohio Beef Expo will take place on March 16-20 with the judging contest and Quality Assurance training on Friday, March 18. More details can be found at: [https://www.ohiobeefexpo.com/schedule-events](https://www.ohiobeefexpo.com/schedule-events).

OHIO STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK INFO

Ohio State Fair has its own rules for each specie area. The only place to find those is on the State Fair website. Here are a few general tips to know if you are interested in exhibiting a market animal at state fair:

- Ownership rules for animals exhibited at OSF:
  - Market beef – January 1
  - Market swine – May 26
  - Market lambs – May 26
  - Market goats – May 26
  - Market rabbits – June 1
  - Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch
  - Breeding animals – June 1

- All livestock entries for OSF must be made online by June 20.
- All horse entries will be made by the exhibitor this year and must be made on-line by July 1. They include a negative Coggins test by the registration deadline.

Finally, a reminder about Junior Fair livestock. In order to exhibit a junior show animal at the state fair, a member must first take and complete that project at the county level. The animal itself does not have to be exhibited at the county fair but all other project requirements must be met. For example, if a member wishes to exhibit a breeding hog at the state fair, they must first enroll in the project at the county level, fill out a book, complete QA and Skillathon for that project.
QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Quality Assurance training is required annually for all Junior Fair exhibitors with market animals or lactating animals including dairy cows and dairy goats. No other breeding animal exhibitors need to complete this training. Pickaway County utilizes online YQCA training for all members’ QA requirements. To complete the training and quiz go to: http://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login (sign in using your 4-H online credentials). Each member must be individually registered and must complete the module and quiz that is for their current age as of January 1, 2022. Cost is $12 per member. If you utilize your 4-H online credentials, the Extension Office will be able to see your completion. If you use the “FFA or Other” log in, you must email your completion certificate to sharp.5@osu.edu.

As an alternative, some livestock shows and clinics also offer QA. Check with Joy to be sure if it meets the requirements of an approved QA program. ALL QA must be completed by May 1 for members to show at county or state fair. ODA rules do not allow for an extension of the May 1 date.

FAIR BOOTHs

Fair Booths will be located inside Heritage Hall. Booths must be free-standing, 8 feet wide and 4 feet deep with a height of 6-8 feet. Booths must be set up by Saturday, June 18 at 9:00pm and remain set up until June 26. Each club must have a booth. Please plan a 4-H club booth that shows off your 4-H members’ hard work!

ASSISTANCE WITH QUESTIONS

Should you have a question or need a clarification on a rule, tagging or project, I encourage you to contact the appropriate person. Here are a few numbers/emails to assist you:
Joy Sharp – 4-H and Quality Assurance questions sharp.5@osu.edu or 740-474-7534
Von Cremeans – Senior Fair Board questions president@pickawaycountyfair.org
Jeff Wippel – Livestock/Sale questions oink.berks@gmail.com

FAIR UPDATES

There are a lot of good discussions within our Senior Fair Board and Livestock/Sale Committee. As changes happen, 4-H will strive to update our advisors. I encourage all advisors and 4-H families to “Like” both our Pickaway County 4-H Facebook page and the Pickaway Fairgrounds Facebook page! Please check these places often and help share the information with your 4-H members! More information will be shared at our Advisor Update but here are a few updates to note:

• Ractopamine is allowed for Market Hogs at Pickaway County Fair in 2022.
• YQCA on-line program and quiz will be our primary source of QA training in 2022. Exhibitors of market and lactating animals must meet all requirements, pay fee and submit certificate by May 1.
• Both 4-H and FFA exhibitors must attend Skillathon Judging on June 10 or 13.
• Pickaway County will have a PAS show for its horse exhibitors on June 25. Exhibitors may attend any one other PAS show of their choice as long as it does not fall during fair. Proper paperwork is required for Out-of-County PAS shows.
• There is a slightly updated show schedule.
• Breeding hog show remains on Saturday. Gilts will show off trailer with limited barn space available.
• Pullorum testing or NPIP certification is required for all chickens and turkeys.
• A Calf Scramble program will continue this year. The application is available at: http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/
• Breeding rabbits will have age breaks are:
  o Jr Class – 3-6 months old (must be weaned)
  o Sr Class – over 6 months of age. No top age but may only be shown two years in this class.
• Fair release times:
  o Take Home Hogs - Wednesday 6:30-8:00am
  o Breeding and Take-Home Market - Friday 6:00-9:00am
  o Horses, Lamas, Alpacas - Sunday 6:00-10:00am
Pickaway County Officer Training

Thursday, February 10, 2022
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Emmett Chapel – 318 Tarlton Rd, Circleville

Break-out Sessions will be held for each of the following offices:

- President & Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurers
- News Reporters
- Health & Safety Officers
- Historians
- Community Service
- Recreation Officers
- Environmental/Energy

Come learn about your officer role and responsibilities as a leader in your club. Receive information and resources to help you complete your duties. Parents and Advisors are invited to attend with their 4-H members. An Officer Induction Ceremony will take place at the end of the evening with officer pins (for the constitutional offices) and certificates sent to those that participate for the whole evening.
Club Advisor Update

* Meets State-Required Annual Advisor Training Requirements.
All Advisors Must Attend one *

Choose One:

- Wednesday, January 12
- Thursday, January 20
- Tuesday, January 25

or

- Thursday, February 3 (new addition-20 advisors max)
  10:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Extension Office

Our annual 4-H Club Advisor Update will focus on county and state updates, Recognizing Child Abuse training, good club communication and the county Communications Contest. All advisors must attend one training annually.

To help us plan, please RSVP through the survey link each advisor received. If you need to change your reservation date, please contact the Extension Office.
Pickaway 4-H week is an opportunity for us to recognize the history of 4-H in Pickaway County, sing the praises of our current members, and encourage new members to join. Use #pickaway4H and join us throughout the week.

**Pickaway 4-H Week Themes**

**Make it Monday** – Share something you made in 4-H.

**4-H T-Shirt Tuesday** – Wear a 4-H shirt to school or work.

**Welcome Wednesday** – Decorate a business window, put up posters or signs to welcome new members to 4-H. Share pictures of your work.

**Throwback Thursday** – Post pictures of a past 4-H or junior fair event.

**Fair Day Friday** – Wear what you would wear to fair or post a fair pic.

Watch our Pickaway County 4-H Youth Development Facebook page each day for a trivia question. Post your answer. Correct answers each day will be put into a drawing for a 4-H prize.

Please have your club, parents and alumni join us in celebrating our 4-H program!