A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATOR

This week is the kick-off of a lot of Junior Fair items. Early Judging is June 1. King/Queen Interviews are June 9, Skillathon takes place June 10 and 13, and the Pickaway County Fair starts in just 22 days. Please read this newsletter; read the updates on the Pickaway County Fair website; read the online fairbook; and then ask questions! Of course, you need to complete your project books, work with your animals, set up your club booth, and get ready for a great week at the Pickaway County Fair!

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BOOTH PROJECT CARDS

We have booth project cards for non-livestock projects. These are NOT the same as the cards that will be used in the livestock barns. These booth cards are not required but are a nice way to label projects in your booth. Booth set up takes place from Thursday, **June 16**-Saturday, **June 18**. Items may not be delivered by vehicle to Heritage Hall on June 18 so please plan accordingly. No items may be removed from booths until Sunday, June 26 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

PEN ASSIGNMENTS BY ADVISORS****

As was shared with advisors in January, Jr. Fair specie committees will assign pens in each barn by club. New pen tags will be placed on each pen but will not have individual member assignments. Advisors are asked to make exhibitor pen assignments for their club members and put member names on the pen tags. This will assist in getting the right family members together, as well as helping families know where to set up on Thursday and Friday before fair. Club assignments will be posted by Tuesday, June 15 at noon. The livestock barns will open on Wednesday, **June 15 at noon** to advisors only so they can mark their clubs pen tags.

VISIT THE FAIR WEBSITE

The Pickaway County Fair website is your go to place for all things Junior Fair. The link below will assist you with information for each specie, pen sizes, move-in, paperwork requirements, sale information, and much more. We are including an overview of that information in this newsletter but it is each family’s responsibility to check the website and the fairbook and be familiar with their requirements. Informed exhibitors result in a fun fair Week😊. [http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org](http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org)
FAIR BOOKS ARE ON-LINE

Fair books are available on-line at the Pickaway County Fair website at www.pickawaycountyfair.org. Please read the fair book!

FAIR STUFF MOVE-IN – “EVERYTHING BUT YOUR ANIMAL”

We encourage everyone to move in everything but their animals on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17 from 8:00am-9:00pm. This results in a much more organized and quicker move in day on Saturday!

ANIMAL MOVE-IN

Animals moving in on Saturday, June 18:
- 8:00am-11:00am - Poultry & weigh
- 8:00am-11:00am – Sheep, Goats, Rabbits and Cattle
- 12:00-4:00pm – Horses, Llamas and Alpacas
- 4:00-5:00pm – Breeding Hogs

Animals moving in on Sunday, June 19:
- 8:00am-1:00pm – Market Hogs

Follow the livestock route posted on the Pickaway County Fair website (very tiny image below). Once you have unloaded your animal, you must move your trailer. Rabbits and poultry exhibitors, other than turkeys, are asked to park in the parking lot and carry your animals to their barn.

BREEDING HOGS

Registration papers for purebred gilts and weigh cards for crossbred gilts must be turned into the Sale Office by 5:15pm on Saturday, June 18. Late paperwork will not be accepted as it delays the show for all.

EXHIBITOR WRISTBANDS

Exhibitors should stop at the main ticket booth, Gate D (entrance by the horse barn), and pick up their wristband. Everyone is encouraged to do this on Saturday from 12:00-3:00pm or Sunday 1:00-4:00pm if possible. Exhibitors will need to put the wristband on before leaving the ticket booth.

LIVESTOCK MEETINGS AND WEIGH-IN

Again this year each specie will have their own barn meeting. With the exception of poultry, all barn meetings will take place 30 minutes prior to weigh-in. All exhibitors, both market and breeding are highly encouraged to attend so you are informed as we kick off fair week. All meetings and weigh-in’s except market hogs will take place on Saturday.
- Poultry–8-11:00am weigh, 11:00am meeting
- Cattle–1:30pm meeting, 2:00pm weigh
- Sheep & Goats–2:30pm meeting, 3:00pm weigh
- Rabbits–2:30pm meeting, 3:00 weigh
- Mkt Hogs–Sunday 2:30pm meeting, 3:00 weigh

No one will be allowed in the barns during weigh-in until your club is called. This includes swine, beef, goats, sheep, and rabbits.

CLOVERBUD ACTIVITIES

Please make your Cloverbud members aware of the fun Cloverbud activities that take place during the fair. This year those activities will take place at 10:00 am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

SALE COMMITTEE FORMS APP

Remember all the QR codes from last year? This year you can find all the forms and information at https://www.jotform.com/app/221504920702142. Use your phone and at the prompt add it to your home screen. This “app” will be the location for DUNF, Sale Intentions, Showbills, Sale Information and more. The Sale Committee is a group of volunteers doing great things!
SCRAPIE ID FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

All sheep and goats are required to have a scrapie ID regardless of whether they are a market or breeding animal. A representative from ODA will be at fair to check for Scrapie ID compliance. Scrapie ID was also asked for on their Junior Fair on-line registration.

POULTRY PULLORUM REQUIREMENTS

All Poultry must arrive and check in on Saturday, June 18 from 8:00–11:00 am at the Small Animal Barn. Market birds weigh as they arrive. All exhibitors with market or breeding chickens and market or breeding turkeys must have Pullorum paperwork to turn in. Pullorum papers must have the exhibitor’s name written clearly on the top of the paper. We have two local testers, Lisa and Samantha. Please let us know if you need their contact info. We are nearing the deadline for them getting to you.

RABBITS

Breeding Rabbits must be tattooed prior to fair. Market Rabbits are marked during fair weigh-in with a permanent marker.

Please have a carrier for your rabbit on show day. A wire rabbit carrier is the correct choice and is highly recommended! This will help keep your rabbit clean and as cool as possible. Please do not use a bucket as a carrier!

DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORMS

Drug Use Notification Forms are required for:
- Market steers, goats, swine, sheep, poultry
- Lactating dairy cows and goats.

DUNF’s are completed on-line. You must complete a DUNF for each market or lactating animal you are bringing to fair (except market rabbits). Because DUNF’s are about certifying your animal is drug free at the fair, the form will not go live until Thursday, June 16. The form must be complete at least one hour before your animal is weighed-in at the fair. Use the Pickaway Sale Committee “App” link to access the form:
https://www.jotform.com/app/221504920702142

CLEAN PENS/ AISLES

Clean your pens and sweep the barn aisles! We are so very proud of our fair facility, and we serve as a representative for agriculture while we are at the fair. PLEASE keep your livestock pen clean. In addition, we ask that clubs and families make it a point to sweep the barn aisleways and help us present a great image! All pens must be cleaned daily by 9:00am.

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD UPDATES

This group has worked hard to prepare for this year’s fair. We hope you will support them by attending their events such as the King/Queen contest, showman of showmen contest, Cloverbud Day, and Junior Fair Night.

Applications for the 2023 Junior Fair Board will be available starting fair week. Applications are due by September 1.

FAIR OPENING AND JR. FAIR ROYALTY

Kick off fair right by joining us on Sunday, June 19 at 6:30 pm. The evening will kick off at the Amphitheater with the official opening of the Pickaway County Fair followed by the cake/pie auction and the Junior Fair King and Queen Contest.

JUNIOR FAIR NIGHT

The Junior and Senior Fair Boards have an entire fun night planned for teams from local schools on Monday, June 20. The evening will end with the popular Jr Fair Outhouse Race! To take part in the fun, be sure to register for the Outhouse Race by June 18. Forms and information can be found here: http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/fair/grandstand.html

HORSE PATTERNS

Horse patterns are now posted on the Pickaway Extension website under 4-H and then horses. Go to: https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/horse-project-information
FAIR T-SHIRTS ARE BACK!

Free Pickaway County Junior Fair t-shirts for all 4-H and FFA members and advisors are back! A huge thank you to the Pickaway County Farm Bureau for organizing this. Farm Bureau will be in the sponsor tent on Wednesday of fair and will distribute the shirts to all current members and advisors. Be sure to stop by their tent and pick up your shirt. This year any shirts not picked up on Wednesday will be available for pick up on Thursday and Friday in the Junior Fair Office.

FOOD DRIVE AT THE FAIR

Farm Credit Mid-America is hosting "Fight the Hunger. Stock The Trailer" food drive at the 2022 Pickaway County Fair to benefit local food pantries. To promote the most successful food drive possible Farm Credit Mid-America is generously offering prize money to the top 3 fairs that collect the most non-perishable food items during their fair week (determined by weight). Pickaway County 4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters can win a portion of the prize money for their club when they are one of the top 5 Pickaway County groups to collect non-perishable food items during fair week. *Note: whatever cash prize amount is earned will be split evenly between the top 5 collecting clubs/chapters.

Ways for clubs/chapters to participate:
- Encourage friends & family attending fair to bring donated items with them and designate by putting them in a bag and labeling them with the club or chapter name that they want to get credit
- Clubs & chapters can collect items from friends & family and bring them to fair throughout the week to put in their designated collection bin
- Clubs & chapters can sign up for a 2 hour shift of 2-4 working members (1 must be an adult 21 years or older designated by club/chapter) during fair week to collect items from fair attendees. Any items collected during that shift that are not designated to a club or chapter will count toward the working group’s collection total. Use this form to sign your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter up for a 2 hour shift during fair week: https://forms.gle/kCdV57DiF1BNQoAM8

Follow Pickaway County Fair’s website and Facebook page for more information.

4-H PROJECT JUDGING SCHEDULES

4-H project judging takes place on Wednesday and Thursday of fair with Style Review on Thursday evening. Each project and club is assigned a specific time. Please review the schedules at: https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/pickaway-county-fair

CHANGE TO ROCKET LAUNCH

Members exhibiting Rocket projects will now be judged in Heritage Hall from 9:00-11:00 am according to the schedule posted. All members with rocket projects will then meet on the track in front of the Grandstand at 1:00 pm for the Rocket Launch.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Join us in Heritage Hall at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 23 for one of my favorite activities! Livestock Judging gives youth the opportunity to experience the other side of the show ring. All youth age 9-18 are welcome. Sign up will take place at 3:30 with results at 6:00 pm. Cost and additional information will be posted at the fair.

A FEW IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Anytime we are around animals and lots of people, we are encouraged to wash our hands often and use hand sanitizer.
- Only zip ties may be used to hang signs and other items. No tape is permitted.
- NO PETS on the fairgrounds in the barns or arenas. This includes set up days.
- Helpful websites:
  o Pickaway County Fair Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Pickaway-County-Fair-159406370753299/
  o Pickaway County Fair website: http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/
- Both Pee Wee and Over-the-Hill Hog Showmanship will take place on Friday starting at approximately 1:00 pm.
BUYER INVITATION COMPETITION

The Pickaway County Sale committee is hosting a Buyer Invitation Competition for Junior Fair Exhibitors. The club with the most letters inviting buyers to the 2022 Pickaway County Fair Livestock Sale will win a pizza party at their next meeting. Enter the contest by meeting the following:

Details:
Exhibitors must bring invitations to Skillathon on June 10 & 13 for them to count towards their club’s number. There is no limit to how many invitations each exhibitor writes. Envelopes must be complete with buyer’s address. The sale committee will pay for postage.

Some things to include in invitations to buyers:
Include info about exhibitor (name, age, club), info about club and project, and Fair and sale dates. (2022 Junior Livestock Sale will be on Saturday, June 25th at 10am in Heritage Hall) Also include info on how they can participate as a buyer: http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/fair/livestock-4.html. Remember to thank them for previous participation if they are a buyer from a previous year! Personalize letters, such as a photo of the exhibitor and animal can be a nice addition.

ANIMAL RELEASE TIMES

Never take an animal out at a time other than its official release time! Market animals and dairy beef feeders that do not have proper Take Home paperwork must go on a packer truck.
- Take Home hogs - released Wed. 6:30-8:00am
- Breeding animals and all other Take Home animals – released Friday 6-9:00am
- Horses, llamas and alpacas - released Sunday, June 26 from 6-10:00am

FINAL PEN CLEAN-OUT

In addition to pens being cleaned daily, all pens must be cleaned out at the end of fair. Pens not cleaned out will be assessed a $50 fine per pen.
- Cattle: June 26 by noon
- Goats: June 26 by noon
- Horses: June 26 by 9:00pm
- Llama/Alpacas: June 26 by 6:00pm
- Poultry: June 26 by noon
- Rabbits: June 26 by noon
- Sheep: June 26 by noon
- Swine: June 26 at 5:00 pm

LIVESTOCK SALE

The complete Livestock Sale rules and official wording is in the fairbook but here is a synopsis:
- Take Home Market Animals: If an exhibitor wishes to take a market animal home and not sell it through the sale ring, they must complete a Take Home form on Sunday, June 19 from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm in Heritage Hall. Cost is $25 per animal.
- Sale Intentions: A sale intention lets the Sale Committee know which market animal you will be selling through the ring. Exhibitors can sell one animal through the ring. Even if you have just one animal, you must make a sale intention for that animal. Sale intentions are made online no later than 10:00pm Thursday, June 23. The link to make intentions will be on the Sale Committee App.
- Market shows are “partial terminal”. This means Grand and Reserve animals MUST SELL. The sale is a terminal sale.
- Animals go through the sale ring with exhibitors.
- Buyers walk through the barns before the sale. Be sure your pens and animals are clean and show all the work you have put into your project!
- Sale placards are given to buyers as recognition of purchasing an animal. One placard per animal is provided free of charge. Each club should pick up and distribute their club’s placards to their members on Thursday or Friday of fair. Members then give the placard to their buyer after they go through the sale ring. Exhibitors may purchase additional placards if needed.

SOUTH CENTRAL POWER

South Central Power is offering an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members with market animals. Families who are members of SCP Coop can go to https://www.southcentralpower.com/4-h-support/ to complete a request form.

SALE CHECK DISTRIBUTION

This year checks for the sale of livestock will be mailed. Your buyer must have paid in order for your check to be mailed. Be patient! Processing of checks, fees, add-on’s, and check-off fees takes time! It is anticipated that the first round of checks will be mailed in early August.