



4-H News and Notes



March/April 2021

A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATOR

Dear 4-H Advisor, Member and Family,

This letter is definitely delayed as we decided to tackle horse and dog packets, welcome family email's and targeted livestock emails first. This newsletter is going out to all 4-H families through e-mail. We will do the same with our May/June newsletter to help members learn about the many resources and opportunities available to them in Pickaway and Ohio 4-H, and to share all information we have on Junior Fair related events. Please let us know of additional ideas you have that can improve our 4-H members' experiences.

Remember to "like" the Pickaway County, Ohio 4-H Youth Development Facebook page. That's where we post information about new and upcoming opportunities and deadlines, and visit our website at <http://pickaway.osu.edu> for more 4-H resources. Finally, 4-H families if you have a question or request, please ask us! It is through the questions that we receive that we determine where we can improve and make the best better. Happy Spring!

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Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development

UPCOMING DATES

March

- 27 **Camp Counselor Training**
- 28-4/2 **Spring Dairy Expo**

April

- 1 **Communication Contest Entries Due**
- 1 **Calf Scramble Apps Due to Fair Office**
- 8 **Communication Contest**
- 11 **Jr. Fair Board meeting**
- 13 **Dog Work-out**
- 15 **Animal Possession Deadline***
(see Requirements Book for Exceptions)
- 17 **Jr. Fair Spring Tagging**
- 19 **4-H Advisory Committee**
- 20 **Honor Club Points for QA Completion**
- 21 **Camp Counselor Training**
- 27 **Dog Work-out**

May

- 1 **QA Completion Deadline**
- 3 **QA Certificates Due to Extension**
- 3 **Dog Registrations Due**
- 3 **Horse Registrations Due**
- 8 **Junior Fair Board Work Day**
- 11 **Dog Work-out**
- 11 **Horse Advisors meeting**
- 12 **Camp Counselor Training**
- 15 **Junior Fair Livestock Entries Due**
- 17 **Livestock/Sale Committee meeting**
- 20 **Camp Registrations Due**
- 20 **Camp Scholarship Applications Due**



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COUNTY INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

The Extension Office continues to be open from 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday. While our office door remains locked, simply call us before coming into the building.

OFFICE ADDRESS

With the updates to our building, we now have our own mailbox. Our mailing address is changing from the PO Box to 110 Island Road, Suite B. Please be sure to include the suite to ensure delivery!

4-H CAMP AND COUNSELORS

Counselors for 2021 have been selected! Counselor training will take place on **March 3 and 27, April 21 and May 12**. Additional trainings will take place in June and July. Congrats to the following 4-H members:

Jenna Barr	Aubrey Colburn
Ally Cotton	Bryson Dudgeon
Abigail Elward	Brockton Eveland
Grace Forrest	Landon Garrett-Kelley
Durke Greene	Michael Greene
Jozie Hammond	Bridget Hartley
Braden Jonson	Keegan Kidd
Evie Layton	Steven Layton
Quincy Lowery	Samantha Mayhugh
Eva Merritt	Riley Minor
Sterlin Mullins	Josiah Paul
Alex Pontius	BJ Reid
Blayton Reid	Delaney Sark
Kiera Scott	Skyla Smith
Lillianna Stafford	John Stiver
Carson Summers	Garret Summers
Nathan Videkovich	Sawyer White
Devin Willoughby	Clara Wilson

At this time, we are waiting on the decision and requirements from OSU on the status of camp. Following that, we will share details with you. If we are able to have camp, expect a letter with registration information around May 1. Registrations will be taken through May 20 or until our camp capacity is reached, whichever comes first. Full-time participation is expected. Camp is open to members currently in third through eighth grade.

4-H CLOVERBUD RESOURCES

Looking for Cloverbud resources? Visit our website at <https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/cloverbuds> to find a list of resources available for check-out from our office, the Cloverbud Connections newsletter, more than a dozen Cloverbud video activities, and Click it, Print it, Do it! pages ready to go for your next Cloverbud meeting.

CLOVERBUD ACTIVITIES AT FAIR

Each year Extension and Jr. Fair Board plan a Cloverbud activity at 10:00am each weekday of fair. This year we are looking for 4-H clubs interested in hosting one of the events. Each interested club would need to plan and run a one-hour activity appropriate for 5-8 year old children. Cloverbud participation ribbons would be supplied for all participants. Please contact the Extension Office if your club is interested.

4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The 4-H Communication Contest will take place on Thursday, **April 8** at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to practice public speaking or show off their club demonstration. Winners receive cash awards and are recognized at the fair! Our members are already preparing a demonstration for their club, let's have a little fun, reward and recognition with them! See the attached flier for contest categories and additional information. A complete list of rules can be found on our website. Entries are due by 4:30 pm on **April 1**. Depending on number of entries received, the competition may be broken into time slots so that our number in attendance remains under 50.

SKILLATHON KIT CHECK-OUT

To help with livestock education and to prepare kids for Livestock Skillathon Judging, each year we allow clubs to check-out Skillathon Kits. As each kit runs \$500-\$1000 to replace, we do not loan them to individuals. This year we will again check out kits for a 24 hour period. Clubs must schedule the loan ahead of time and agree to wipe down all posters and pieces utilized within the kits before returning them. Please contact the Extension Office to schedule a day to borrow livestock kits.

DOG WORK-OUTS

We are fortunate to have 4-H Key Leader Bob Parker working with our members taking dog projects. Bob will host Dog Work-outs in Heritage Hall from 6-7:00 pm on **April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25**. These work-outs instruct 4-H members on how to show their dogs in obedience and showmanship. Remember all dogs must be at least 6 months of age by time of show and must be owned by the exhibitor or their immediate family. For work-outs, parents are asked to be present or close by. Exhibitors should bring treats or a dog toy, and dogs should have a properly fitted slip chain and leather lead. For proper fitting, measure the dog's neck and add 2 inches. We hope our dog exhibitors take advantage of as many work-outs as possible.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tar Hollow: We are at about 80% of our goal for the shelter house at 4-H camp. Donations can be made through the Extension Office or online at <https://go.osu.edu/givetotarhollow>. Please share this opportunity with your club and 4-H families.

Fairgrounds Renovations: The Pickaway County Ag and Event Center (new fairgrounds) is amazing! There are lots of great opportunities for our members taking place there. This was an expensive endeavor, and it is not yet all paid for. Please encourage your club and families to continue making donations. For more information or to donate contact the Pickaway County Community Foundation at yourpccf.org or 740-477-6207.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Is your club looking for a community service? The Pickaway County Welcome Center is looking for someone to do landscape and clean-up work. For more information, please contact Jenny Rhoades at 740-474-3636.

INTERNATIONAL HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

In place of hosting and traveling opportunities, the Ohio 4-H International Program is offering an International Pen Pal Program. The next chance to join is for the June 15-September 15 Summer Program. If interested, watch for the information to be posted in April via Facebook, and act quickly as the Winter program filled up fast! Additional details can be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/international-program> or contact Pickaway County 4-H International Coordinator, Mary Hines.

RESOURCES FOR SHEEP PROJECTS

Interesting in learning more about sheep? Ohio 4-H has developed a series of videos to help. Topics include:

- Selection and Basic Nutrition
- Management Practices including ID, docking and castration
- Small Flock Facilities and Handling
- Hoof Trimming
- Administering Medications and VFD's
- Advanced Nutrition
- Showmanship
- Shearing
- Clipping

The videos can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/sheepcare>

RESOURCES FOR POULTRY PROJECTS

We may not have a poultry resource book, but there is a TON of great poultry information located on the Ohio 4-H website. Videos and factsheets include information for all types of poultry around the topics of selection, anatomy, poultry production, management, housing, nutrition, health, breeding, showing and more. Go to <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources> to find what you need.



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JUNIOR FAIR

SCRAPIE ID FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

All sheep and goats that are sexually intact are required to have a scrapie ID. This means ewes and bucks for sheep and does and bucks for goats. Scrapie ID is not required for wethers at the county level, but is required at the Ohio State Fair and many jackpot shows.

Scrapie ID can be a tag for sheep and a tag or tattoo for goats. The ID must come from the breeder who has approved their scrapie ID method with USDA as it identifies the animal back to its original herd. Remind your members about this requirement so they may be sure their animals have ID's before they take possession.

POULTRY PULLORUM REQUIREMENTS

The following applies to all poultry with the exception of ducks/geese: Poultry must be pullorum free. It is recommended that poultry comes from a pullorum free flock and accompanied by a 9-2 or 9-3 NPIP form that certifies that. If ordering birds, either in-state or out-of-state, but sure to get this form so you do not have to pay for testing. Local businesses do have the form available, but you must ask for it! Certification is good for one year so if you have older poultry, they will need to be re-tested each year. Exhibitors must submit a copy of the required paperwork at fair check-in. Be sure the exhibitor's name is included on the forms.

If you are unable to get a 9-2 or 9-3 form, you must do the following:

- For poultry born in-state – For market and breeding chickens, contact a certified pullorum tester to have your birds tested. For turkeys contact a veterinarian to have your turkeys blood tested. For turkeys, do not wait until the last minute to have this done as the results take 2 weeks. Amanda Animal Hospital is a local vet who will blood test turkeys.
- For poultry born out-of-state – the hatchery is required to provide the forms in order to ship across state lines.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Quality Assurance training is required annually for all Junior Fair exhibitors with market animals or lactating animals including dairy cows and dairy goats. On-line YQCA training is the preferred method for 2021. Some livestock clinics also offer QA. Check with Joy to be sure it meets the requirement. **ALL QA training must be complete by May 1.** If you completed on-line or attended QA outside the county, you are responsible to submit your certification to the Extension Office by **May 3.**

Instructions for YQCA have been emailed out to each 4-H livestock family and are included here:

- Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> and sign in as a 4-H member or an independent
- Follow the steps to register. Cost is \$12 per member. Each member must have their own account. The account name will be the name on the certificate.
- Complete the module and quiz that is the correct age as of Jan 1 for the youth.
- Email completion certificate to sharp.5@osu.edu or submit it to the Extension Office.

UPDATES LIVESTOCK/SALE COMMITTEE, AND SENIOR FAIR BOARD MEETINGS

Items of note:

- Reminder: "No leasing of market animals or breeding swine" is permitted in Junior Fair.
- Reminder: DUNF is required for all market animals (except rabbits)
- Spring Tagging will take place **April 17 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon** for market hogs, market lambs, market goats, and **9:00-11:00 am** for dairy beef feeders. Information will be emailed directly to these members.
- Each member will register their livestock (except horses and dogs) for Pickaway County Junior Fair on-line by **May 15.** Instructions will be emailed out next month.
- Market Exhibitors who win their Showmanship age division will move up in the sale order.
- Animals will go through the sale with the exhibitors this year.

HORSE REGISTRATION FORMS

All horse exhibitors should have received registration packet by now. As part of the registration, class choices are due. In addition, COLOR photos are required. Please submit 4 photos; one of each side, one front, and one of the rear of the horse. When possible the exhibitor should be visible in the photo with their horse. Without these photos we are unable to verify the horse as is required of us by the state. Please remind your parents and members to take and turn in color photos with their registration forms. Horse registrations are due in a printed format by 4:30 pm on **May 3**.

Horse exhibitors who would like to try-out for State Fair will have the opportunity to qualify on the last day of Pickaway fair. Exhibitors may select a maximum of 6 classes at a cost of \$5 per class. Forms for PAS were included in the registration packet and are due by **May 3**. Classes may not be changed or added after May 3. Horse exhibitors may try out at one additional single-judged show with proper paperwork. Because of the dates this year, we recommend this takes place prior to Pickaway Fair.

SAFETY AND ETHICS FOR HORSE EXHIBITORS

If you have first year horse members, please make sure you show them and a parent the two required videos: *Every Ride Every Time* and *Horse Safety & Ethics* by **May 1**. Each horse club received a copy of these two videos in 2015, and copies are also available for check-out from the Extension Office. Another option to meet the requirement is for exhibitors to complete the online Equistep program. Contact the Extension Office for information on this choice. All horse registration forms will ask the member and their parent to sign, certifying that they have viewed the two videos or completed the program. It is a good idea to show the videos to all of your horse exhibitors to make sure everyone is compliant.

RABBIT REMINDERS

Breeding Rabbits must be tattooed prior to fair. This can be done by the member, breeder, an advisor, veterinarian, etc. Breeding Rabbit tattoo ID is required for on-line fair entries that are due **May 15**.

DOG PACKETS

Information for dog projects and fair has been mailed to all dog exhibitors. Registration is due in paper format by 4:30 pm on May 3. Please note that all vaccinations must be completed by an accredited veterinarian. Only dogs being shown in a 4-H class or Junior Fair show are permitted on the fairgrounds and then only for that event.

HOGS MUST BE RACTOPAMINE FREE

Again this year, Pickaway County Junior Fair and the Ohio State Fair are requiring that all hogs must be ractopamine-free. What does that mean? It means hogs may not be fed ractopamine (commonly known as Paylean) at any time. An affidavit signed by the parents and exhibitor is required and due at fair weigh-in. This affidavit and additional information about this issue can be found on the Pickaway County Fair website at: <http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/fair/livestock-1.html>

FAIR BOOTHS

All 4-H clubs must have a fair booth. Fair booths will be located in Heritage Hall. All booths must be free-standing and self-supporting. All booths must be 8' wide x 4' deep with a recommended height of 6'-8.

Each club may develop their own booth theme. Non-livestock projects must be represented in the booth. Livestock projects may also be represented but are not required.

Security of club booths will be at the discretion of each individual club. This could be done by assigning a rotation for adults to monitor the booth, enclosing your booth front (such as with lattice), or using decorations that serve as a deterrent to curious onlookers.

Fair booths are not to be taken down before Sunday, June 27 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Fair booths will be judged with awards given for 1st through 5th place. See page 5 of the Requirements book for specific judging information.

FAIR BOOKS

Final rules on all fair related items are listed each year in the fair book. Books will be available on-line this year at <http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/> It is the responsibility of each exhibitor and their family to be familiar with the ODA, Junior Fair, Livestock Sale, and Specie rules. Classes and rules listed in the fairbook will also assist exhibitors with their on-line Junior Fair registrations which are due by May 15.

FAIR WEIGHT REMINDERS/UPDATES

Dairy Beef Feeder	350-650#	
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Market Steer	min 1000#	
Market Goats	min 50#	
Market Hogs	215-300#	
Market Lambs	min 90#	
Market Chickens	10-18# (pen of 2)	
Market Ducks	min 13# (pen of 2)	
Market Turkeys	min 20# toms, min 16# hens	
Market Rabbits	3-6#	

FAIR SCHEDULE

The Junior Fair show schedule has many updates. A full schedule was included in the January/February News & Notes and is located online. A few items of note:

- ALL ANIMALS MOVE IN ON SATURDAY except market hogs
- Saturday: Animals weigh in, Swine Breeding show
- Sunday: Market Hogs arrive & weigh, Dairy show, Fair Opening & King/Queen contest
- Monday: Hog showmanship, Horse Show, Dog show, Goat show, Jr. Fair Night
- Tuesday: Market Hog show, Horse show, Sheep show
- Wednesday: Poultry show, Llama show, Rocket Launch, 4-H Special Interest Judging, Beef show
- Thursday: Rabbit show, 4-H Food, Clothing & Creative Arts Judging, Horse show, Style Review
- Friday: Showman of Showmen, Livestock Judging Contest
- Saturday: PAS Horse Show, Livestock Sale

JUNIOR FAIR NIGHT!

Pickaway County Fair will host Junior Fair Night on Monday, **June 21** at 7:00 pm. The evening will include the new Calf Scramble. The Senior and Junior Fair Boards are still finalizing details for this event. Watch for that information soon!

CALF SCRAMBLE

Pickaway County Senior Fair Board is hosting a Calf Scramble opportunity for members interested in taking a steer project in 2022. The application is available at <http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/docs/2021%20alf%20Scramble.pdf> and is due by 4:00 pm on **April 1.**

ANIMAL RELEASE TIMES

Please take note. There has been confusion on this in previous years. If you are unsure, it is your responsibility to ask. For animals NOT going through the sale and/or to packer/market:

- Take Home Hogs release Wednesday 6:30-8:00am *paperwork required
- Breeding Animals & Take Home Market (not hogs) Friday 6:00-9:00am *paperwork required for Take Homes
- Horses release Sunday 6/27 6:00-10:00am

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 Pickaway County, Ohio 4-H Youth Development



Junior Fair:
 Pickaway County Fair
 Pickaway County Sales Committee

PICKAWAY 4-H COMMUNICATION CONTEST

This contest includes speeches, demonstrations, and marketing entries. The contest will take place on Thursday, **April 8** at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds. Depending on the number of entries, the evening may be split up into categories with contestants only present for their category. **Be sure to read the rules** on what is allowed and what is not allowed for each class which includes no large animals over 20 pounds, no firearms, bows, etc.

Classes Include:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk – without technology

- Junior Individual: Ages 8 & 3rd grade–10, 5-7 minutes
- Junior Team: Ages 8 & 3rd grade-10, 5-7 minutes

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk – with or without technology

- Intermediate Individual: Ages 11-13, 8-10 minutes
- Senior Individual: Age 14 and up, 8-10 minutes
- Intermediate Team: Ages 11-13, 8-10 minutes
- Senior Team: 8-10 minutes: Age 14 and up, 8-10 minutes

Health & Safety Speaking:

- Junior Speech: Ages 8 & 3rd grade-13, 2.5-3.5 minutes
- Senior Speech: Ages 14 and up, 4-5.5 minutes
- Team Skit: 2-5 members (no Cloverbuds), 5-8 minutes

Marketing Division:

- Junior Thank You Card without computer or scrapbooking tools: Age 8-10
- Junior Thank You Card with computer or scrapbooking tools: Age 8-10
- Intermediate Holiday Card without computer or scrapbooking tools: Age 11-13
- Intermediate Holiday Card with computer or scrapbooking tools: Age 11-13
- Senior 2-4 minute 4-H Infomercial promoting 4-H: Age 14 and up

To Enter:

1. Rules and entry forms may be found at: <https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-documents>
2. Completed entry forms are due by **April 1**.
3. For Marketing entries, please mail or deliver them to OSU Extension, 110 Island Road, Suite B, Circleville, OH 43113. Marketing entries must be received by **April 1**.

**Rosettes, certificates, and cash prizes will be given to the top winners in each category.
Good luck!**

