A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATOR

Dear 4-H Advisor, Member and Family,

Welcome! Enrollments are complete and project changes end today! This is the first newsletter of the year that 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. Be sure to 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 your club advisors or contact us! It is through the questions that we receive that we determine where we can improve and make the best better. Happy Spring!

Joy E. Sharp
Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development

UPCOMING DATES

March
1 Deadline project changes
2 Livestock/Sale committee
7 4-H Advisory Committee
8 Horse Advisors meeting
9 Camp Counselor Training
12 Ohio 4-H Conference
13 Jr. Fair Board meeting
22 First Year Exhibitor QA
23 Dog Work-out
26 Camp Counselor Training
30 New Advisor Orientation

April
1 Calf Scramble Apps Due to Fair Office
4 4-H Advisory Committee
10 Jr. Fair Board meeting
12 Dog Work-out
15 Animal Possession Deadline* (see Requirements Book for Exceptions)
16 Jr. Fair Spring Tagging
20 Honor Club Points for QA Completion
26 Dog Work-out
27 Camp Counselor Training

May
1 QA Completion Deadline
1 Horse EquiStep Completion Deadline
2 QA Certificates Due to Extension
2 Communication Contest Entries Due
2 Dog Registrations Due
2 Horse Registrations Due
11 Communication Contest
WELCOME JESSICA LOWE!!

We are happy to introduce our new Family Consumer Science Educator, Jessica Lowe. Jessica fills the position vacated by Michelle Treber when she retired in December. Jessica worked at the Pickaway County Extension Office previously and is excited to be back! Jessica received her degree in education and has worked for many years with youth in the community. She enjoys knitting, gardening, and baking in her spare time. Please help us make sure Jessica feels welcome!

STYLE REVIEW COMMITTEE

The past couple of years we have had a wonderful group of parents and advisors serve on the Style Review Committee. This group will work with Jessica to plan the theme, decorations, set-up and run the event. If you are interested in serving on the Style Review committee this year, please call or email Jessica at Lowe.495@osu.edu

OFFICE ADDRESS REMINDER

Our mailing address was updated last summer. If you mail an item to us, be sure to use 110 Island Road, Suite B, Circleville OH 43113. Do not send to the old P.O. Box. Please be sure to include the suite to ensure delivery!

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 6:00-7:00 pm on March 23, April 12 and 26, May 10 and 24. 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.

4-H CAMP AND COUNSELORS

Counselors for 2022 have been selected! Counselor training will take place on March 9 and 26, April 27 and May 18. Additional trainings will take place in June and July. Congrats to the following 4-H members:

- Jenna Barr
- Samuel Daum
- Brockton Eveland
- Brinley Gygi
- Keegan Kidd
- Steven Layton
- Quincy Lowery
- Eva Merritt
- Alex Pontius
- Macie Radcliff
- Blayton Reid
- Addyson Siders
- Sawyer White
- Devin Willoughby
- Maggie Wilson
- Xander Bauman
- Austin Eitel
- Lawson Eveland
- Bridget Hartley
- Evie Layton
- Aiden Liston
- Samantha Mayhugh
- Sterlin Mullins
- Marissa Purcell
- Bailey Reid
- Kiera Scott
- Nathan Videkovich
- Brody Williams
- Clara Wilson

Camp letters will be mailed to 4-H members May 1. Registrations will be taken through May 25 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 Jessica at the Extension Office by April 1 if your club is interested.
4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The 4-H Communication Contest will take place on Wednesday, **May 11** 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 **May 2**.

SKILLATHON KIT CHECK-OUT AND CD’S

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 for your club to borrow livestock kits.

Alternatively, each club received a Skillathon CD a few years ago. The purpose of these CD’s was to assist kids in preparing for skillathon and help us manage kits being checked out. These CD’s are very expensive and cost $600 to replace! Please be sure you locate your club’s CD and utilize it with your members. If a club disbands, the CD is to be returned to the Extension Office as it was purchased by Pickaway County 4-H.

4-H AND JR FAIR SPONSORSHIPS

If you, your family, or a business is interested in sponsoring an award or supporting a 4-H trip or the banquet, please contact Dolores Shaeffer at dolores.shaeffer@yahoo.com to see what is currently not sponsored. As we add projects or the Senior Fair Board adds fair classes and awards, additional sponsors are needed to support these opportunities. Thank you!

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RESOURCES

Looking for 4-H animal resources? Go to ohio4h.org for tons of information. We will highlight the poultry area but see below for direct links to information on many animal areas.

**Livestock:** [https://ohio4h.org/livestock](https://ohio4h.org/livestock)
- **Dairy:** [https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dairy](https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dairy)
- **Poultry:** [https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/poultry](https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/poultry)
  - Also, OPA has some great resources: [https://www.ohiopoultry.org/Backyard-Flocks/index.cfm](https://www.ohiopoultry.org/Backyard-Flocks/index.cfm)
  - **Livestock Judging:** [https://ohio4h.org/livestock/ohio-4-h-livestock-judging-team](https://ohio4h.org/livestock/ohio-4-h-livestock-judging-team)

**Horses:** [https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/horse](https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/horse)

**Companion Animals:** [https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/companion-animals](https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/companion-animals)
- **Dog:** [https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog](https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/dog)
- **4-H PetPals:** [https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-petpals](https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-petpals)
- **Rabbits:** [https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/rabbit](https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/rabbit)

**Meat Science:** [https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-meats-judging](https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-meats-judging)

**Ohio 4-H Skillathons:** [https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons](https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons)

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](https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources).
QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS – NEW LOG IN!!

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 2022. 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 2.**

**NEW: The YQCA platform is changing effective March 23!** Instructions for YQCA until March 20 can still be found at: https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock-information/yqca-information. **If you complete your training before March 20, be sure to email your completion certificate** to sharp.5@osu.edu or submit it to the Extension Office. You will not be able to access your certificate after that date.

When the new YQCA platform is up and running after March 23, we will update our log in instructions and send them out to all livestock exhibitors.

SAFETY & ETHICS FOR HORSE EXHIBITORS

If you have first year horse members, they must complete the equine safety and ethics program EquiStep by **May 1.** Instructions will be included in the horse packet or parents can contact the Extension office to learn how to complete the online EquiStep program. All horse registration forms will ask the member and their parent to sign, certifying that they have completed the program. Again, this requirement is for all first year horse members in 2022. Beginning next year, all horse members will be required to complete the EquiStep online program annually.

DOG PACKETS

Information for dog projects and fair will be mailed to all dog exhibitors late this month. Registration is due in paper format by 4:30 pm on **May 2.** 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.
HORSE REGISTRATION FORMS

Late this month all horse exhibitors will receive a registration packet from their club advisor or in the mail. 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 2**.

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 are included in the registration packet and are due by **May 2**. Classes may not be changed or added after May 2. Horse exhibitors may try out at one additional single-judged show with proper paperwork. We recommend this takes place prior to Pickaway Fair as all state fair horse entries must be made by July 1.

RABBIT REMINDERS

Breeding Rabbits must be tattooed **prior** to fair and should be tattooed by **May 15**. 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**.

SCRAPIE ID FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

**New this year**, ALL sheep and goats coming to the Pickaway County Fair are required to have a scrapie ID. This includes all breeding and all market sheep and goats regardless of gender.

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 to write the exhibitor’s name on the form.

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. We have certified testers in our county, so give us a call if you need their contact information.

- **For poultry born out-of-state** – the hatchery is required to provide the forms in order to ship across state lines.

JUNIOR FAIR NIGHT!

This fun event was new last year and featured a contest between students from local high schools, as well as an outhouse race and activities for Jr. Fair exhibitors. Pickaway County Fair will hold Junior Fair Night on Monday, **June 20** at 7:00 pm. Our Senior and Junior Fair Boards are still finalizing details for this event. Watch for more information soon!

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"Be Sure to Like us on Facebook:

4-H:
Pickaway County, Ohio 4-H Youth Development

Junior Fair:
Pickaway County Fair
Pickaway County Sales Committee"
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 26 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you have parents in charge of your fair booth, please be sure they are aware of this!

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

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#
- Beef Feeder 350-650#
- 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 just a few updates. A full schedule was included with club packets and is located online.

- ALL ANIMALS MOVE IN ON SATURDAY except market hogs
- Saturday: Animals weigh in, Swine Breeding show
- Sunday: Market Hogs arrive & weigh, 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, Dairy & Beef show
- Thursday: Rabbit show, 4-H Food, Clothing & Creative Arts Judging, Horse show, Style Review, Livestock Judging Contest
- Friday: Showman of Showmen, Open Swine PeeWee Showmanship, Open Old Timers Show
- Saturday: PAS Horse Show, Livestock Sale

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 Home market.
- Horses, Llamas, and Alpacas release Sunday 6/26 6:00-10:00am
This contest includes speeches, demonstrations, and marketing entries. The contest will take place on **Wednesday, May 11** 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](https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/forms-and-documents)
2. Completed entry forms are due by **May 2**.
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 **May 2**.

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