A NOTE FROM THE EDUCATOR

Happy May and Happy Spring! This Sunday and Monday are major Pickaway County deadline days. Be sure to check the calendar below to make sure you are up-to-date on all of your requirements for a successful summer.

We are sharing this newsletter with all of our 4-H families. It is full of 4-H information, opportunities, accolades, judging details and deadlines as well as lots of important Junior Fair information. Please contact us with questions and check out our Pickaway Extension website and Pickaway 4-H Facebook page for 4-H information. Also take a look at the Pickaway County Fair website and the Pickaway Fair and Sale Committee Facebook pages for fair and Junior Fair information. In early June we will share an additional update on fair and Junior Fair activities from Senior Fair Board and Livestock & Sale Committee.

Thank you for all you do!

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UPCOMING DATES

May
1 Quality Assurance Completion
2 Dog Registrations Due
2 Horse Registrations Due
2 Quality Assurance Proof of Completion (YQCA)
2 Communication Contest Entries Due
4 Livestock/Sale Committee meeting
10 Dog Work-out
10 Horse Advisor Meeting
11 4-H Communication Contest
14 Junior Fair Board Work Day
15 Market Chicken Possession
15 Market Rabbit Possession
15 Jr Fair Livestock On-Line Entries Due
18 Camp Counselor Training
24 Dog Work-out
25 Camp Registration Due
30 Holiday – Office Closed

June
1 Jr. Fair King & Queen Apps Due
1 Equine Royalty Apps Due
1 Early/Make-up Judging
7 Counselor Camp
9 King/Queen Interviews
10,13 Skillathon
11 State 4-H Awards Banquet
16 Club Booth Set-up Begins
18-25 Pickaway County Fair
18 All Animal Move-in (except mkt hogs)
19 Market Hog Move-in
20 Ohio State Fair Livestock & Dog Entries
22 4-H Special Interest Judging
23 4-H Food, Clothing & Creative Arts Judging, Style Revue
24 OSF Dog Poster Entries Postmarked

July
6-7 Pickaway 4-H Junior Camp
8-10 Pickaway 4-H Senior Camp
AWARD TRIPS & STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who turned in an Ohio 4-H Achievement Award Application and were selected for an award/recognition:

Trip Awards:
Citizenship Washington Focus: Avalon Havan, Alexandria Pontius, Makayla Robinson
Leadership Camp: Austin Clark, Anam Havan, Sylvia Mayhugh
Camp Canopy: Ava Merritt, Allison Remick
Sea Camp: Jazmyn Carrillo, Samantha Mayhugh, Kiera Scott

Achievement Awards – County Winners:
Listed below are our county winners who advanced on to the state contest.

Communications: 1. Kiera Scott, 2. Eva Merritt
Creative Arts: 1. Alexandria Pontius, 2. Kiera Scott
Environmental Science: 1. Austin Clark, 2. Kiera Scott
Family Life/Child Development: 1. Kiera Scott
Goat: 1. Makayla Robinson, 2. Samantha Mayhugh
Health/Safety: 1. Kiera Scott
Horse: 1. Alexandria Pontius, 2. Patience Murphy
Leadership: 1. Eva Merritt, 2. Mason McFarland
Personal Development: 1. Kiera Scott, 2. Allison Remick
Photography: 1. Kiera Scott
Poultry: 1. Allison Remick, 2. Jared Thomas
Rabbits: 1. Kiera Scott, 2. Samantha Mayhugh
Sheep: 1. Sylvia Mayhugh, 2. Samantha Mayhugh
Shooting Sports: 1. Eva Merritt, 2. Austin Clark
Swine: 1. Mason McFarland
Woodworking: 1. Eva Merritt, 2. Kiera Scott
Vet Science: 1. Allison Remick, 2. Makayla Robinson

Achievement Awards – State Winners:
The following members placed at the state level. This is a HUGE HONOR!! There are only 28 winners in the state. State winners and alternates will be recognized at our county 4-H banquet. State winners will also be recognized at the Ohio 4-H Awards Banquet in June and will attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in November. Congratulations!

Eva Merritt: WINNER Citizenship & Community Service
• 2nd Alternate Woodworking
Allison Remick: WINNER Poultry
• 2nd Alternate Veterinary Science
Kiera Scott: WINNER Communications
• 2nd Alternate Creative Arts
• 2nd Alternate Photography
Avalon Havan
• 2nd Alternate State Junior Fair Board
Austin Clark
• 2nd Alternate Environmental Science
Mason McFarland
• 1st Alternate Swine
Alexandria Pontius
• 1st Alternate Creative Arts
• 2nd Alternate Horses

4-H COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

A reminder that entries for the 4-H Communication Contest are due by 4:30 pm on May 2. The 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.

DOG WORK-OUTS

We are pleased to offer dog work-outs this year to help prepare our members taking Dog Obedience and Dog Showmanship projects. Work-outs take place with 4-H Key Leader Bob Parker from 6:00-7:00pm in Heritage Hall. I hope exhibitors will take advantage of the two work-outs we have left on May 10 and May 24.
SKILLATHON & SUMMER HELP NEEDED

We are starting sign-ups for the much-needed volunteer help for Livestock Skillathon Judging! If you, an alumni, or 4-H parent is available to help on one or more shifts at Skillathon Judging, please contact the Extension Office. This year’s skillathon volunteer times are June 10 and June 13 9:30-2:30 or 2:00-7:00 pm. Skillathon Judging is at the Fairgrounds. It takes lots of volunteers to help this event run successfully! Please ask your parents and alumni to work a time slot. If every club contributed 3 adults, we would be set!! The 4-H committee sponsors lunch/dinner for all volunteers as a thank you for their assistance.

PROJECT JUDGING & SCHEDULES

All judging schedules for Skillathon, Food/Clothing/Creative Arts, and Special Interest projects can be found on our website at: http://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/pickaway-county-fair. Please review the schedules so you show up at the correct time.

Early/Make-up judging will be held on Wednesday, June 1 from 9:00-3:00 pm by appointment for those that cannot attend on their regular judging day.

Special Interest Judging–Wednesday, June 22 in Heritage Hall South Arena. Members must participate to receive awards. Project awards and State Fair selection will be announced at 4:00 pm.

Food, Clothing & Creative Arts Judging-Thursday, June 23 in Heritage Hall South Arena. Members must participate to receive awards. Project awards and State Fair selection will be announced at 3:00 pm (except clothing). For clothing projects, come dressed in your outfit ready for judging. Construction projects will be judged first with the complete outfit on, and then asked to change out of your outfit so the judge can review your outfit’s construction with you. Be sure to bring something to change into.

4-H Style Review-Thursday, June 23, 6:00 pm at the amphitheater during the Pickaway County Fair. Members must participate to place or receive awards for clothing projects. The stage will be open starting at 5:00 pm for any member who wants to practice on the stage. All members should be dressed and lined up at 5:30 pm.

SKILLATHON JUDGING

Skillathon Judging will take place on Friday, June 10 and Monday, June 13. Members should make every attempt to come during their club’s scheduled time. Early Judging will take place on June 1 by appointment. No Skillathon Judging will take place after 7:00 pm June 13.

Please remind your members that complete project books for each animal project must be brought to skillathon. Each year requires a new project book except in the case of #174 Beginning Horse Management which is a 3-year book. There are four videos on our 4-H Facebook page to assist you with your record books. Starting in 2020, we increased our emphasis on project book work. Project books make up 40% of a member’s Skillathon grade!

Looking for more information? See the attached hand-out which provides details about Skillathon Judging and read on for websites and resources to help you prepare.

Websites for practice: The following websites offer practice on lots of areas about livestock projects:

- http://www.geauga4h.org/skillathon.htm
- https://www.extension.iastate.edu/animalu/
- https://wayne.osu.edu/skillathon-study-materials

Skillathon Kits and CD’s: Skillathon kits and computer CD’s are available for check-out by clubs. As these materials are especially popular the closer we get to skillathon, we remind you to call ahead to reserve your kit(s) or CD. Items may not be checked out after May 31.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The Pickaway County 4-H Livestock Judging Team is getting a re-start! Livestock judging is an excellent way to learn more about animals and what the judge is looking for. Interested in learning more about livestock judging? Plan to attend the first open house meeting on Monday, May 9 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Koch room at the Pickaway County Library.

For additional questions contact Heather Burke at burkehd@yahoo.com or 614-571-0659.

CLOVERBUD RESOURCES

Cloverbud Advisors, we have many kits available for check-out to assist you with some great activities and lessons. Also, the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud website and blog is filled with ideas and activities for you to utilize with your Cloverbuds: https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/cloverbud-leaders

HELPFUL JUDGING WEBSITES & MATERIALS

As you and your 4-H members prepare for judging there are several websites that may be helpful:

Beef, Dog, Goat & Sheep Exhibitors: Check out our resource to help you prepare your animal for fair. “So You Are Taking a (livestock) Project” is located on our website at: http://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock-information

Dog Exhibitors: Members with dog projects should visit either the Ohio 4-H Animal Science website or the Pickaway County Extension website for interview questions, forms and updates on dog projects, state dog poster contest, dog forms and more. Go to http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences or www.pickaway.osu.edu.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

We are finalizing the judging of all Junior Achievement Award applications. Members will receive an email with the results. Recognition will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of fair.

CHANGES TO OUR MAILING ADDRESS

A quick reminder that our mailing address no longer includes a P.O. Box. Next time you mail something our way, be sure to use the following address: OSU Extension, 110 Island Road Suite B, Circleville, OH 43113

PICKAWAY COUNTY 4-H CAMP

CAMP LETTERS ARE IN THE MAIL! This year’s theme is Take a Walk on the Wild Side, and our counselors are planning a lot of fun safari activities! We are excited to continue offering two camps this year and have added a day back to our older camp. Campers must attend the camp for their current grade.

- Junior Camp – grades 3-4 on July 6-7
- Senior Camp – grades 5-8 on July 8-10

Families were sent a direct mailing this week with all the information they need for their children to participate. Please encourage your 4-H members to join in the fun of 4-H camp. Registrations will be taken until camp is full or May 25.

4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS & DISCOUNTS

Thanks to the Pickaway County Foundation and the Gary Family, we offer 4-H camp scholarships in memory of Chris Gary. Twenty scholarships covering half of camp feeds are being offered. Any 4-H family that qualifies for public assistance is eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Extension Office or on-line at www.pickaway.osu.edu. To be considered, applications must be complete with all supporting documentation attached. Attach the applications to the Camp Registration form and return by May 25.

First Time Camper: Money from the TSC Paper Clover Campaign is utilized to support camp. This year all first time campers to 4-H camp will receive a $20 discount!

If you are the recipient of any of these grants or scholarships, please send a thank you note to the sponsor(s)! We appreciate their support!

Congrats to our 2022 4-H Seniors. We are proud of you!
We will be sending a Junior Fair update in early June with fair specific information from Senior Fair Board and the Livestock/Sale committee. Please read on for Junior Fair information you need to plan for or act on now.

**HORSE AND DOG ENTRIES**

Horse and dog exhibitors received their registration packets in March. Complete horse and dog entries are due in paper format by May 2. Time is running out……

**PAS HORSE SHOW**

Pickaway County horse exhibitors who wish to show at the Ohio State Fair must qualify through a Performance Against the Standard, PAS show. Pickaway County will offer a show for its members on the last day of fair! Pickaway youth wishing to try out must turn in their PAS forms by May 2. Youth may try out at two PAS shows. PAS information is posted at [www.pickaway.osu.edu](http://www.pickaway.osu.edu). An Out-Of-County form pre-signed by Joy, animal ID papers, and color photos are required for out-of-county shows.

**SCRAPIE ID FOR SHEEP AND GOATS**

ALL sheep and goats coming to the Pickaway County Fair are required to have a scrapie ID regardless of whether they are a male or female, market or breeding animal.

Scrapie ID can be a tag for sheep and a tag or tattoo for goats. The ID must come from the breeder as it identifies the animal back to its original herd. A representative from ODA will be at fair to check for Scrapie ID compliance. Scrapie ID is also asked for on their Junior Fair entry which is due May 15.

**FAIR BOOKS**

Fair books, fair information and more are available online on the Pickaway County Fair website at: [http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/](http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/) Specie questions should be directed to the show committee listed at the top of each specie section.

**JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES**

All Livestock Exhibitors except those showing horses and dogs received instructions on entering their animals for fair through the Livestock/Sale committee’s On-Line Fair Registration Program. Each exhibitor must submit their entries on-line at: [https://pickaway.fairwire.com/](https://pickaway.fairwire.com/) for the following specie areas: beef, sheep, goats, hogs, dairy, poultry, rabbits, and llamas. This includes market and breeding animals and showmanship classes. The showmanship entry is available in the dropdown within each specie area. Entries are due by 7:00 pm on May 15. Each animal must have its own entry unless the animal exhibits as a pen of 2 (some poultry projects).

Once you have registered you will receive an e-mail receipt. Please review and keep that email. Make any corrections immediately. All corrections and additions made from June 1 through the first Saturday of fair will result in a charge of $25 per class.

Org Advisors should have a club password and the ability to review their members’ entries. Livestock/Sale committee ask advisors to please do this, and email corrections or concerns to picksalesoffice2@gmail.com before June 1. If you have members in your club who later drop a project or lose an animal, please let us know by June 8 so we can be as prepared going into fair as possible. Thank you!
RABBIT REMINDERS

**Breeding Rabbits must be tattooed prior to fair.** Breeding Rabbits should be tattooed early enough for exhibitors to list the tattoo on their on-line fair entries that are due **May 15**. Market Rabbits are marked during fair weigh-in with a permanent marker.

As you prepare for the rabbit show you are encouraged to have a carrier for your rabbit on show day. This can be a crate with very small openings in the bottom or an actual rabbit carrier. This will help keep your rabbit clean and as cool as possible. Please do NOT use a bucket as a carrier.

**JR. FAIR KING & QUEEN APPLICATIONS**

Any youth organization participating in the Pickaway County Junior Fair is eligible to have participants in the Junior Fair King and Queen Contest. Contestants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1st and not married.

Completed applications are due to the Pickaway County Extension Office by **June 1**. Interviews will take place on Thursday evening **June 9 in Heritage Hall**. This year’s contest at the fair will take place on Sunday, **June 19** at 6:30 pm at the Amphitheater. Information and applications can be found on our website.

**EQUINE KING & QUEEN APPLICATIONS**

Junior Fair Horse exhibitors age 14 and older are eligible to complete for the Equine Royalty. Applications and information were included in the horse packets and can also be found online at: https://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/horse-project-information

**CLUB BOOTHS**

Club Booths will be located in Heritage Hall South. Booth set up is 8:00 am to 9:00 pm on Thursday, **June 16** through Saturday, **June 18**. All booths must be 8 feet wide by 4 feet deep and free-standing/self-supporting. Booths receiving 1-5th place will receive a monetary award!

Booth tear-down is permitted Sunday, **June 26** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please make sure your families know that no items may be removed from your booth prior to June 26.

**DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORMS**

Drug Use Notification Forms are required for all exhibitors with market steers, goats, swine, sheep, poultry and lactating dairy cows and goats. This year DUNF’s will be completed on-line. They cannot be completed until just prior to weigh-in. Information on the link to the survey form will be shared in June.

**POULTRY PULLORUM REQUIREMENTS**

Poultry must arrive and check in on Saturday, **June 18 from 8:00–11:00 am** at the Small Animal Barn. Market birds will weigh as they arrive.

**NOTE:** all chickens and turkeys coming to fair must have NPIP paperwork. If you received a Pullorum (NPIP) certificate when you purchased your birds, make a copy, write the exhibitors name on it and turn it in before the birds enter the barn. If you do not have the paperwork, you must have your birds tested. A veterinarian must test the turkeys and the results can take up to two weeks. A vet or certified tester can test chickens. Please contact us if you need assistance finding a tester.

Just a note, project books are 4-H’s form of record keeping. You are encouraged to have your pullorum papers in your project book at skillathon.

Looking for more information on poultry? Check out “Poultry Resources for Ohio 4-H” on our website at: http://pickaway.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock-information

**FAIR OPENING NIGHT**

Kick off fair right by joining 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 Junior Fair King and Queen Contest. We hope to see everyone there!
JUNIOR FAIR BOARD UPDATES

The Junior Fair Board is a group of teens that represents youth organizations that participate in the Pickaway County Junior Fair. They meet monthly to plan and give leadership to many Junior Fair events.

The Junior Fair Board has been actively preparing for fair including planning Jr. Fair events like the King/Queen contest, showman of showmen contest, Cloverbud Day, a service day and the Junior Fair Fun event for everyone to enjoy. We hope you will encourage your club to participate in the opportunities they have developed.

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

JUNIOR FAIR NIGHT

Junior Fair Night kicked off last year with tons of fun! We hope you will join us this year for Junior Fair Night on Monday, June 20 at 7:00 pm. The evening will include the Calf Scramble drawing, events for high school groups, and the popular Outhouse Race! Read on for more information on how to enter the Outhouse Race. All other competitions will be outlined and detailed both online at pickawaycountyfair.org and in the June Jr. Fair update.

OUTHOUSE RACES - The Senior Fair Board will once again host the Outhouse Races! Registration is due to the Senior Fair Board office by 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 18 with a required inspection at 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 18. Go to: http://www.pickawaycountyfair.org/fair/grandstand.html for rules, complete details and the registration form. Cash awards of $100, $75 and $50 will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. All participants must be Pickaway County 4-H or FFA members. No Cloverbuds are permitted to participate.

CLOVERBUD ACTIVITIES

Cloverbud members are invited to participate in Cloverbud activities from 10:00-11:00 am on Monday-Friday of the Pickaway County Fair in the Youth Tent (just behind Heritage Hall). A different local group will provide a fun hands on activity each day. Cloverbuds will receive a ribbon each day that they participate. No registration is required.

Additional youth activities will be available all week from Pickaway Soil & Water and Parks & Rec in that same location. We hope to have Cloverbuds participate!

OHIO STATE JR. FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES

Ohio State Fair Livestock and Dog entries (everything except horses) have a due date of June 20. Exhibitors must be enrolled and complete the project at the county level in order to exhibit in a Junior Fair class at State Fair.

All entries are made on-line! Entry forms are located on the State Fair website at www.ohiostatefair.com Please be sure to check the State Fair website as dates of many shows are changing from their original days, and shows such as dogs and horses actually take place earlier in July.

Once you have made your entry, the State Fair will have Joy verify all 4-H entries and the Ag Teachers verify all FFA entries to ensure you have met all county requirements.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Pickaway County 4-H website: www.pickaway.osu.edu
The Ohio 4-H website: http://www.ohio4h.org
Ohio 4-H Cloverbud website: https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/cloverbud-leaders
Pickaway County Fair: http://pickawaycountyfair.org/
SKILLATHON JUDGING

What is a Skillathon?
All 4-H projects require an interview style judging to complete the project. Skillathon is the name of that judging for livestock, llama, horse and dog projects that will be shown at the county or state level. (It does not include Pet Rabbit, Pygmy Goats, Horseless Horse, or You & Your Dog). You will complete a Skillathon Judging for each specie area you are taking.

Skillathon Judging takes place at least one week prior to fair and consists of 2 parts: 1. A series of three short on-line quizzes, and 2. An interview with a judge that includes a project book review. Advisors, parents, alumni and community members serve as judges.

How do I prepare for Skillathon?
Most projects have a Resource Handbook with lots of great information to help you with your project. You are not expected to know everything in your Handbooks! Skillathon stations rotate every other year but for the most part you can expect to see three of the following stations most years:

- Parts/Anatomy (not skeletal!)
- Breeds
- Conformation/Structure (like feet/legs or ears/tails for rabbits)
- Medication Insert or Medication Label
- Equipment (Dogs & Horses)
- Ailments & Disorders (Rabbits)
- Ear notching or Wholesale cuts (Hogs)
- Mammary Structure (Dairy)

These interview stations appear on a rotating basis:

- Feed Tag
- Feed Identification

Project Books – A new project book is required each year and must be complete through the week of judging. Members with incomplete books may be asked to complete their books before exhibiting at the fair will be permitted. Horse members should review their project book requirements for which books to complete and bring.

Each 4-H club has been given a very expensive Skillathon CD for their members to practice with. It allows members to both study and take the quizzes. Alternatively, clubs can check out Skillathon kits to utilize at their meetings. Because of cost and availability, we do not check out CD’s or kits to individual families.

What should I bring with me?
On Skillathon day, dress appropriately, bring your completed project book(s), and arrive at your scheduled time. Allow up to an hour to complete your judging.

When is Skillathon Judging?
Two dates in June and an Early Judging date in late May are publicized in November. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are scheduled for a time and day. Judging schedules are posted on May 1. If you need to attend Early Judging instead, you must contact the Extension Office for an appointment. We recommend that children with extreme special needs attend the Early Judging day so we can prepare for a more 1-on-1 experience.