

Email via 4-H Online sent January 15, 2021

Hello T-County Advisors!

Thank you so much for your continued patience as we move into 2021 with a lot of unknowns. Beginning Saturday, January 16, the ban on in-person 4-H activities will be lifted and we will return to following the same rules as before (limit of 50 people, wearing masks, social distancing, no banquets/potlucks, etc.).

We have been slowly and cautiously planning to get the new 4-H year started and since it does not look like the ban will be extended for now, we're going to proceed forward with annual advisor training.

We are planning for both in-person AND virtual options for advisor training this year. You must register for the session you plan to attend. We cannot have more than 50 people at each in-person session and this includes presenters.

In-person options are:

- Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 1 at 6:20 p.m. or
- Saturday, February 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Virtual options are:

- Saturday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. OR
- Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

*It is required that at least one advisor per club attend a session but strongly recommended that everyone participate so you're all updated as much as possible and receive your annual 1.50 training for the year.

Please use this link to sign up for the session you plan to attend:

<https://go.osu.edu/tuscadvisorupdate2021>

Livestock Quality Assurance Training Update

For now, we are only going to be holding virtual QA sessions since we can't have more than 50 people at a time (including parents) so that would take a TON of sessions to get through all of our members. We are also trying something a little different this year and will be holding QA sessions by specie.

QA Sessions will be held VIRTUALLY on these dates:

- Beef – Monday, January 25, 6:30 PM
- Swine Option 1 – Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 PM



- Swine Option 2 – Monday, February 22, 6:30 PM
- Sheep/Goat – Tuesday, March 23, 6:30 PM
- Rabbit/Poultry – Monday, April 12, 6:30 PM
- Dairy – Sunday, April 18, 2:00 PM
- All Species (catch-all) – Thursday, April 29, 6:30 PM
- All Species (catch-all) – Thursday, May 6, 6:30 PM

YQCA is still an option for those who want to pay the \$12 fee and complete QA at their own convenience. After completion, the member should email me their certificate.

You will find the links for the QA signups and more information

here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/quality-assurance-qa>

Adding New Advisors to Your Club?

If you are adding a new advisor this year, please contact me so they can receive their new advisor application. It is in electronic format this year and will be emailed to them. I have not yet set any New 4-H Volunteer Orientations. I will do that in the coming weeks. If someone is stepping down as an advisor, please let me know as well.

More information and updates to come at the advisor trainings!

Be well!
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent February 18, 2021

Hello all!

Thank you to the 143 advisors who attended/participated in one of the four advisor training options held over the last few weeks. We've received positive feedback at holding both in-person and virtual options and many attendees got some new community service ideas from our guest presenters and their recordings. If you need contact info for any of the three groups (United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Salvation Army), let me know and I'll be happy to send it your way.

Some good questions were asked which led to good discussion during all the trainings, so I wanted to clarify a couple points and provide an update about some things that were discussed/brought up.

Didn't Attend an In-Person Training?

If your club's representation was only through one of the virtual advisor trainings, please send someone to our office soon to pick up your officer books and your club packet to get started for the year.

1.50 Mandatory Training

If you did not attend the training and you still need to complete your annual *1.50 Recognizing and Preventing Child Abuse Training*, please follow these steps below. The link for the course is: <https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/2021-osu-policy-150-annual-training-4h-v7-00q3>

This is not through 4-H Online like the old course was. Hopefully this one is a little easier to navigate! You will need to register for the "course" first. Name and email address are required. According to the instructions I received from the state office, it's ok to enter a "0" for your phone number and "NA" for title and company. After filling out the registration form, you will receive two emails from Canvas Catalog. One email will ask you to complete your registration and the other will confirm your enrollment in the "course." You should be able to complete the 1.50 course from there. Please complete the course no later than April 15.

Jr. Fair Rules Update

The Senior Fair Board met for their monthly meeting and the species rule revision that was discussed during advisor trainings was voted on and **approved**. Though we are still seeking clarification to some of the sale-related specifics and finalizing the wording for the fair book, this revision means that an exhibitor may show any combination of animals with a maximum of five animals. Exhibitors are no longer constrained to two large animals and two small animals but please remember, *an exhibitor can only receive revenue from two animals* (that is not a change). Keep in mind that some species are required to sell! *Maximums within species are still in effect* (for example: 1 hog, 1 steer, 2 dairy as long as they are in different classes, 1 pen of broilers, 1 market rabbit, 1 breeding rabbit, etc.). We will continue to update you as we tweak the wording.



Senior Fair Board also voted that the market rabbit project will return to its original rules. Due to the COVID pandemic, the rule was revised for 2020 ONLY and allowed youth to purchase their meat pens. Exhibitors enrolled in the market rabbit project will need to breed their own does for meat pens again. We have set the date of Saturday, June 12 to check in meat does at the fairgrounds from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bunnies will be then be tattooed in August (date is yet to be determined). If any youth are exhibiting a breeding rabbit that needs tattooed, they can bring their rabbit(s) on June 12, as well. If it's a returning rabbit that has previously been tattooed, the exhibitor can submit the Registration ID form that we have used for the past couple of years to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15.

Market goats and market sheep will continue to utilize the scrapie ID form that was used in 2020 and there will not be a county-wide tag-in this summer. Forms will be due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15. Hogs will only be utilizing ONE tag this year (the EID) rather than two. Since all QA's are virtual at this time, the Market Livestock Committee has set the dates of May 1 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and May 14 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for market hog tag distribution at the fairgrounds. Registration forms with pictures of the hog (with their EID clearly shown in their ear) will be due by 4:00 p.m. on June 15 to the Extension Office.

Beginning this year, Junior Fair entries will be submitted ONLINE only! We're migrating to the new FairEntry system which will allow for online entries. There will be NO paper entries. Please note the deadline is a day earlier this year. Entries will need to be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 6, after which time the system will close and no entries will be accepted. Our understanding is that once you've submitted an entry, you will receive a confirmation email to keep for your records. We are still working on building our county's account in the system so we will continue to keep you updated.

4-H Online 2.0

As we discussed at the advisor trainings, 4-H Online has been given a facelift, so please do not panic when you log in and it looks different! You will use the same log-in information that you've used in the past. 4-H Online 2.0 resources and step-by-step guides can be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-parents-and-volunteers>. PLEASE remind your families to not create a new family profile in 4-H Online! If the family has ever been involved in 4-H, they have a profile in 4-H Online. If they do not see their profile when they log in, please contact Astra (armstrong.133@osu.edu). It may be necessary to unarchive a profile before the member can re-enroll or the email being used may not be the one that is on file.

Quality Assurance Reminder

Remind your club members to register and attend a virtual QA if they have not already done so. Dates and registration info can be found here: go.osu.edu/tusc4-hqa

2021 4-H Food & Fashion Board Shirt Fundraiser

The 4-H Food & Fashion Board is selling shirts for their bi-annual fundraiser. Payment is required when the order is placed. Shirts can be seen on display at the Extension office. Order forms and the design of the shirt can be found here:

https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4-H%20Shirt%20Order%20Form%202021%20FFB%20Fundraiser.pdf

Office Hours

We have been approved to open our office on a limited basis. We are open 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can walk in and see us! Please remember to wear a mask and peek through the door to make sure someone isn't already in our lobby. If someone is here, please wait until they exit before you come in. Our phones will also be on during those hours. We will continue to work on Mondays and Fridays but will primarily be teleworking. If you need to see one of us on a Monday or Friday, please reach out and we will make arrangements.

Thank you and stay warm!
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent April 12, 2021

Hello advisors! We are busy little bees here in the Extension Office as we enter the final days of 4-H enrollments. Please remember that enrollments are due by April 15! That's THIS THURSDAY! Those returning members and advisors will re-enroll themselves and new families can complete a new enrollment paper form to be turned into the Extension Office by April 15. We will enter the new member(s) into the database. Below are some reminders from Astra as she continues to work through all the submissions in 4-H Online 2.0 and some other important updates/news. Please be sure to share this info with your club families as I will not be sending out update emails to all families until after enrollments are completed. I have a **LOT** of information jammed into this email. Please read it carefully and pass this info on!

4HOnline Update

DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE! In all our advisor trainings, enrollment materials, and 4-H Online help sheets we've plainly stated that families and members are not to create a new profile. But why? There are several reasons and we've listed them below.

- Duplicate records interfere with the enrollment history of a member. Sometimes a duplicate record isn't caught until after the current 4-H year has ended and there is no way to merge the records into one enrollment history. This makes it difficult to run a complete enrollment history for members.
- With the new version of 4-H Online this year, it's very difficult to catch duplicate enrollments when they're submitted and then approved. It then creates difficulty in merging the duplicate record and then deleting it.
- After we delete the duplicate record, you will have to resubmit your enrollment using the correct profile. Save time and use your profile that's already in the database.

Frequently asked questions:

- ***I forgot my password, what can I do?*** After entering the family email address, click the "forgot password." A new, temporary password will be emailed to you and then you can change the password.
- ***I tried clicking "forgot password" and the system can't find me. What can I do?*** Contact the office at 330-339-2337. We can confirm that the email you are using is the one that is in the system.
- ***I've been in 4-H before but wasn't enrolled in 2020. My name isn't appearing in the family profile.*** Members who didn't enroll or dropped enrollment in 2020 were archived by the system. Contact us (or have your advisor contact us) to let us know you will be enrolling this year and we will reactive your profile.
- ***Can't I just complete a paper enrollment?*** No. With the upgrades in 4-H Online, several projects require the parent and member to sign the project consent area, which is a new area as well as the code of conduct, photo release, etc. These must be electronically signed in the new system by the member and parent.
- ***It's just easier for me to create a new profile.*** Don't. Just don't. See reasons above.
- ***I need to add/change/drop a project and I already hit submit.*** Contact the office at 330-339-2337.
- ***When I go to the website, it says I don't exist/you aren't taking enrollments/I can't access my profile.*** Make sure you are in 4HOnline 2.0. If you have saved the address in your browser, it may



automatically take you to the former system; you may need to refresh your page view. You should be using the website: oh.4honline.com

Thanks for reading this, and remember, if at any time you have questions about the enrollment process, please contact us! We'd much rather help you with your correct profile than to deal with a duplicate.

Will We Have 4-H Camp?

This has been a very common question as of late because in typical years, camper registrations would already be making their way into the office. While we continue to wait for a firm answer on residential camps from the state, we have been given the green light to at least offer day camps. We have set a few day camp dates in June:

- Thursday, June 10 – This day camp will take place at the fairgrounds and will be carnival-themed.
- Wednesday, June 16 – This day will take place at the Norma Johnson Center and will be nature-based.
- Thursday, June 24 – We will be back at the fairgrounds for “Mad Scientist Camp!”

We are still in the planning phase for these dates and activities with the counselors so more information will be forthcoming. We also want to be very transparent with people, and from what we've been hearing we are not optimistic about June residential (overnight) camps. Therefore, Tuscarawas County 4-H Camp will move to **July 18-21** in hopes of being able to hold a residential camp. Again, we have not been granted permission for overnight camps, these dates are TENTATIVE. It could be mid-May before we know if we are permitted to hold residential camping in July. Please remain patient with us! As soon as we know something, we will be sure to put the word out.

Cloverbuds 101

All too often, I think the Cloverbud program gets overlooked. I'm only one person and there's SO MUCH I want to do throughout the entire program! To give the Cloverbud advisors a little extra support, Aubry Fowler, Fairfield County 4-H Educator, and I will be presenting a FREE Cloverbud advisor training on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We'll go over MANY of the resources Ohio State has just for the Cloverbud program and invite you to share cool stuff you already do in your clubs! We can always learn from one another. This session is open to any 4-H advisor. Some clubs do not have a “set” Cloverbud advisor so the volunteers within the club all share the responsibility of Cloverbuds. Please feel free to send this to anyone you think might be interested or could benefit from this Zoom! We look forward to seeing you! Once you register, you will automatically receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

Register here: go.osu.edu/cbudtraining

Hog Tag Distribution

As all Quality Assurance sessions have been virtual, the Market Livestock Committee has set a couple dates for hog tag distribution. As mentioned during both Swine QA's, hogs will only be tagged with ONE tag this year, rather than two. We will be utilizing the EID tags this year and there will not be a county-wide tag-in. You may pick up your tags on either May 1 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. OR May 14 at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. If an advisor wants to come through and pick up all the tags needed for their club, that is acceptable OR families can pick up their own. Please coordinate efforts so both do not pick up tags. If purchasing a hog from Belden Valley Farms, Brett Peters will tag your hog for you (thanks, Brett!). Both distribution dates/times will take place at the fairgrounds. Please remember that ID forms WITH pictures of the tagged hog(s) are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15.

Poultry Pick-Up Dates & Costs

Tentative poultry pick-up dates have been set and this info was shared with families during the poultry/rabbit QA on April 12. Turkeys will be picked up from Heritage Country Store on Monday, June 14. We will not know a time until they arrive. Cost for five turkeys is \$40.

Ducks will be flown in (hehehe!) from their hatchery and should arrive either August 4, 5, or 6. We will not know the exact date until we get closer. Cost will be \$30 for five ducks.

Chickens will be picked up on Thursday, August 5 and will also be distributed from Heritage Country Store. Ten chicks will be \$20.

These costs may be a little higher than usual, but every hatchery has increased their prices.

****PLEASE NOTE** that Pleasant Valley Poultry is already booked up well into fall of 2021. We managed to get a date last fall for the 2021 fair birds, but families may find it challenging to get the remaining birds processed. Families may want to start seeking alternatives now if they decide to pursue a poultry project in 2021.

Remaining Quality Assurance Sessions

There are only a few QA sessions remaining! Below are the remaining dates/times/species and registration links:

- Sunday, April 18 (dairy) To register: go.osu.edu/tuscdairyqa2021
- Thursday, April 29 (ALL remaining exhibitors, all species) To register: go.osu.edu/tuscallspeciesqa2021
- Thursday, May 6 (ALL remaining exhibitors, all species) To register: go.osu.edu/tuscallspeciesqa2021

Project Guidelines

These are being finalized and will be posted on the website in the coming days! Thank you for your patience. Remember, guidelines are not placed in project books. All project guidelines can be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Various Other 4-H Events: We continue to get questions about other well-loved and popular events. We are **TENTATIVELY** planning a public speaking contest (both for Health & Safety & Demo) on the afternoon of Saturday, June 12. More info to come! We are also hoping to hold another 4-H Fun Night at the Water Park in Uhrichsville though this will most likely be pushed off until early August. As we add additional dates to the calendar, we'll be sure to let you know!

Community Service Opportunity – STEAM Show

If a club is looking for a community service opportunity, the Steam Show will be looking for clubs to help with parking and pick up trash. If interested, please let me know and I'll point you in the right direction.

WHEEW! That was a lot. Thank you for all that you do as we continue to provide the best possible experiences for our youth despite the challenges that COVID has presented us with. As always, contact us with questions.

Take care!

Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent April 12, 2021

To all Advisors with members taking horse projects:

All horse members MUST attend a Tuscarawas County Horse update to fulfill the county portion of their Horse Safety and Ethics training requirement. There will be an in-person update on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m. and a virtual update on Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Members and any parents/advisors attending MUST register for the update they plan to attend as we can only have 50 total individuals present for the in-person training on April 26. We are sorry, but due to space limitations, members are asked to only have one parent/guardian with them and no additional siblings unless they are also taking a horse project. To register, please click on the following link: <http://go.osu.edu/tuschorseupdate2021>.

I am currently sending this email to all advisors. Once enrollment closes we will be sending this email to all youth enrolled in a horse project. If you would like to share the link above with your members prior to the April 15 deadline, you may do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Kendle at kendle.4@osu.edu.

Thank you!

Chris



Email via 4-H Online sent April 30, 2021

WELCOME BACK, T-COUNTY!

For those of you who are new to our program, my name is Kiersten Heckel and I serve as the 4-H Extension Educator for Tuscarawas County. During COVID in 2020, I switched from doing bi-monthly newsletters that were posted to our website and began writing and emailing out "Update from Kiersten" every Friday. The consensus from the advisors when I met with them in January and February was that they preferred I kept up the emails rather than the newsletters so now it's officially time for the first Update from Kiersten for the 2021 4-H program year! I try not to bombard and overwhelm you with information but sometimes, there's just a LOT going on. So, please read over this carefully. My hope is that with info going straight to your inboxes, you don't miss anything important. No, things are still not quite "back to normal" but they are far better than they were a year ago and for that, I'm very thankful. I'm thankful for seeing our 4-H volunteers and families who pop into the office and I get to hang out with the 4-H teen camp counselors and Junior Fair Board members. Read on for the first update to get our year officially kicked off!

4-H Camp Update

Yes, we ARE having 4-H Camp!! ***happy dance!*** This has been a very common question lately and the decision just came down from the university level last week. Please note that camp dates are different than normal; we will be camping Sunday, July 18-Wednesday, July 21. When we weren't sure if we would be permitted to hold a residential camp, we decided to schedule some day camping opportunities in June. Even with the decision to hold residential camp, we are still going to offer day camps, too, so that there's something for everyone! We are currently working on both registrations for day camp and registration for residential camp. We will hold three one-day day camps in June. On Thursday, June 10, we will be at the fairgrounds for a carnival themed camp. On Wednesday, June 16, we will be at the Norma Johnson Center for a nature themed camp, and we will return to the fairgrounds on Thursday, June 24 for Mad Scientist Camp! Youth may attend one, two or all three! We are planning that these day camps will last all day (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. roughly). One camp will cost \$30. If you attend two camps, your cost will be \$50 and if you attend all three, your cost will be \$60. Your registration fee will include a t-shirt, lunch, craft, and fun educational opportunities. Registration will be online and available soon! Keep an eye out on our social media pages.

As for residential camp, cost will be reduced to \$120 this year only as some activities at camp might be limited (no pool). We will be doing registration a little differently this year. It will be completely online. We will not be accepting paper forms this year. Because it will be online, you will have the option to pay by credit card! Registrations will be completed by the grade the 4-H member is currently in and will open for 7th and 8th graders (only) beginning May 6. Members in 5th grade and above will be able to register beginning on May 17, and 3rd grade and up will register from May 28 through June 7 OR UNTIL CAMP IS FULL. We ask that you please respect the way we have chosen to take registrations this year. We want to give the older campers the first chance at registration as they have fewer opportunities left to be campers.



Parents: We will be holding a virtual camp parent info meeting on Wednesday, May 5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. I will plan to record this session in case someone needs to watch it later. We will discuss what camp will look like, the differences, how registration will work, what drop-off and pick-up will look like, etc. Please join us! Once you register the Zoom link will be in your confirmation email. Please register here: <https://go.osu.edu/CampParentMeeting>

FINAL Quality Assurance Session!

If you are planning to exhibit an animal at the 2021 Tuscarawas County Fair in September and have not yet completed your annual QA requirement, there is only one session left! Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. will be held BOTH in-person and virtual! Please register regardless of whether you plan to be online or in-person using this link:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FQdL0n7JzP7BFr

If you plan to attend in-person, we will be in the poultry pavilion at the fairgrounds. Please bring your own chair, wear a mask, and be prepared to socially distance from one another!

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County Horse Update

Horse members, if you did not attend the county horse update on April 26, there is another opportunity to do so! Chris Kendle will be holding a virtual county horse update on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. Please register for this session here: <http://go.osu.edu/tuschorseupdate2021>

Project Guidelines

Project guidelines have been updated and are posted on our website. Please make sure you review these so you know you're completing your projects correctly and accurately. You can find all guidelines here: go.osu.edu/4-hguidelines.

Project Judging

We have set TENTATIVE in-person judging dates! At this time, we do not have a location set but we wanted families to have these dates so please put July 12-15, 2021, on your calendars. Members enrolled in horse and hog projects will have their judging on Monday, July 12, all miscellaneous projects will be on Tuesday, July 13, small animal (rabbit, poultry, and goats) will be on Wednesday, July 14, and remaining large animal (beef, dairy, and sheep) will be on Thursday, July 15. Clothing judging will also take place on Thursday, July 15 in the afternoon with scheduled

appointment times. The Style Show will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church in New Philadelphia.

Senior Spotlights

If you will be graduating in 2021, please email me (heckel.13@osu.edu) a senior picture and a short bio (4-H club, years in 4-H, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.) We would LOVE to recognize you on our social media pages!

Have a great start to 4-H in 2021!!

Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent May 14, 2021

Hello everyone and happy Friday!

I am going to do my best to send out bi-weekly email updates so here comes the second one of the year! Read on for updates and reminders and as always, be sure to check our website and social media pages for timely updates throughout the week.

4-H Camp Update (Sunday, July 18 – Wednesday, July 21)

We were informed on Wednesday that our “re-start camp plan” for Piedmont has been approved by the University and the Belmont County Health Department which means all the counties who utilize our beloved 4-H Camp Piedmont finally have the necessary approval! Yippee!

Residential (Overnight) Camp – Registration opened for 7th and 8th graders last week. Registration for 5th grade and up will open on May 17 and those in grades 3 and up can register beginning May 28. We will run registration through June 7 **or until camp is full**. The camp counselors have decided on a theme which will be “Aloha from Camp Piedmont!” Don’t forget that there is a limited number of primitive camping spots up on the hill! If campers are interested in camping in tents, you can mark that in the online registration. Registration is \$120 so a little cheaper than past years because activities will be limited and we will not have a pool available.

New this year! The registration for camp is entirely online! We will not be collecting paper forms. You can find the link for camp registration here: <http://go.osu.edu/2021Tusc4-HCamp>. You can pay with a credit card at the time of registration OR you can submit a check or cash to the Extension office. As a reminder, campers must be active Tuscarawas County 4-H members.

We held a Camp Parent Meeting via Zoom on May 5. We gave an update as to what camp will look like this year. What will look different, the same, how registration will work, and what drop-off/pick-up will need to look like. If you were unable to join that evening and are interested in listening to the recording, please send me an email (heckel.13@osu.edu) and I will get that sent to you.

Day Camps – Registration is open for all three of the day camp options in June and can be found here: <http://go.osu.edu/TuscDayCamps2021>.

Youth can participate in both day camps and residential (overnight) camp! Registrations will need to end two weeks prior to the day camp so staff has enough time to secure supplies for the number of registrants.

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Market Goats & Market Sheep

Remember, we will not be holding a county-wide tag-in for market goats and market sheep this year. We are utilizing the same form that was put into place last year (similar to the hogs) that needs submitted with pictures of the animal(s) to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15. As market goats and sheep are required to have scrapie tags affixed to their ears, we need to clearly see the scrapie tag in the pictures of the animal(s). Forms can be found with the project guidelines on our website. See below for the link.

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We have set TENTATIVE in-person judging dates! We are unable to use Midvale Elementary this year as the facility is already in use that week, so we are working on confirming with another location. Please make sure you have the dates of July 12-15, 2021, on your calendars for judging. Horses and hogs will have their judging on Monday, July 12, all miscellaneous projects (non-livestock) will be on Tuesday, July 13, small animal (rabbit, poultry and goats) will be on Wednesday, July 14, and remaining large animal (beef, dairy and sheep) will be on Thursday, July 15. Clothing judging will also take place on Thursday, July 15 in the afternoon with scheduled appointment times. The Style Show will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church in New Philadelphia.

Pre-Judging

If you need to complete your project judging before the regularly scheduled judging week, you will have the opportunity to complete "pre-judging." This will be done virtually. As a reminder, those who complete pre-judging are not eligible to win judging awards or be selected for competition at the Ohio State Fair, but you will be able to meet your judging requirement. More information will be coming soon!

Horse Members

The Equine section of our county website has been updated and the horse packet is now available. https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/animal-sciences/equine?fbclid=IwAR1KXhXU1qqxq4_W6Jt82yvkZlth7eMRT67rhM4z_-ladY2OBsF-9aJKjeg.

For those needing to complete the Equistep program, it can be accessed at https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equine-safety-training-and-education-program-09-mz2-e41?fbclid=IwAR08Y76tU2M03GCsp71X6mDCXhiXPKBIRJyUu6WqJi-FtahrPR3_a5emlyl.

If you have questions, please contact Chris Kendle (kendle.4@osu.edu).

Senior Spotlights

If you will be graduating in 2021, please email me (heckel.13@osu.edu) a senior picture and a short bio (4-H club, years in 4-H, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.). We would LOVE to recognize you on our social media pages!

Camp Canopy (formerly known as Forestry Camp)

We just received word that Camp Canopy is on and will be held in-person at FFA Camp Muskingum June 13-18! Camp Canopy is open to students who are currently finishing 8th grade through those graduating in 2021. Cost is \$375. Registration is open through June 1. For more information and to register, visit: CampCanopy.com.

Advisors – Just as a reminder, you do not need to complete and submit your club's 990 to the IRS. I have already handled that for you. If you receive anything in the mail, please let me know!

If you are on Facebook and do not already follow the Tuscarawas County Extension page, please do so! We post a lot of quick reminders and info regularly:

<https://www.facebook.com/OSUETuscarawas>

Have a great weekend and enjoy the warmer temperatures headed our way!

Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent May 28, 2021

Hello 4-H Family!

I glanced at the calendar earlier this week and couldn't believe this was the final week of May! Where on earth has the time gone?! 4-H activities are definitely picking up and while some of our favorite and beloved activities still may not look quite the same, we're a little more on the road to "normal." Read on for some reminders and updates!

Update to the Mask Mandate

GREAT NEWS! We were just informed that beginning June 1, masks will NOT be required at 4-H camps! This is for both residential (overnight) and day camps! YIPPEE! In other good news, if your 4-H meetings are outside, the state will no longer require face masks beginning June 1 either. If you are inside, the state still requires that they be worn. However, if you're in a structure like a pole barn for your meeting and the doors are up and it's more "outside" than inside, then the mask rule will not need to be enforced. Social distancing and all other guidelines still apply. We're headed in the right direction!

Public Speaking Contests

This is a pretty quick turnaround but now that we know a little more about state judging, we need to get the ball rolling on county public speaking contests! Registration is due to the Extension Office by June 9. Both Health and Safety Speaking AND Demonstration will be on the same day this year (Saturday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.). As a reminder, you do not HAVE to do health and safety speaking at the county level. There will be TWO regional contests and state fair contestants are chosen from there. If you want to be eligible to be selected for state Communication Days, you have to be selected from the county level. Let me know if you have any questions! And if you're only interested in the regional Health and Safety Speaking info, let me know and I'll send it to you!

County Public Speaking Registration Forms can be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/public-speaking-contests?fbclid=IwAR0qHCPpq9crHMaMie1sKr4oYerA1zv0w7QFJNyh0tL790wyiBCu4J7nLVQ>

4-H Camp Reminders and Updates

- **Day Camps** - As a reminder, registration for Carnival Camp closes **TODAY**, Friday, May 28. Carnival Camp is on Thursday, June 10 at the fairgrounds. Registration for all three of the day camps can be found here: <http://go.osu.edu/TuscDayCamps2021> We are planning that these day camps will last all day (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). One camp will cost \$30. If you attend two camps, your cost will be \$50, and if you attend all three, your cost will be \$60. Your registration fee will include a t-shirt, lunch, craft, and fun educational opportunities.
- **Residential Camp** - Aloha from 4-H Camp Piedmont! (Overnight Camp) – Registration is still open for grades 5 and up and will open TODAY at **Noon** for 3rd grade and up! All residential registrations will close on June 7 OR when camp is full. Don't forget that there is a limited



number of primitive camping spots up on the hill! If campers are interested in camping in tents, you can mark that in the online registration. Registration is \$120 which is a little cheaper than past years because activities will be limited, and we will not have a pool available. Remember, camp registration is done entirely online this year. You can find the link for camp registration here: <http://go.osu.edu/2021Tusc4-HCamp> You can pay with a credit card at the time of registration OR you can submit a check or cash to the Extension Office. As a reminder, campers must be active Tuscarawas County 4-H members.

*We held a Camp Parent Meeting via Zoom earlier this month. We gave an update as to what camp will look like this year. What will look different, the same, how registration will work, and what drop-off/pick-up will need to look like. If you were unable to join that evening and are interested in listening to the recording, please send me an email (heckel.13@osu.edu) and I will get that sent to you.

Project Judging Update:

- **Project Judging (July 12-15)** We are still working on putting all the details together for this summer's project judging. We are still planning to be in-person AS LONG as the COVID situation does not go backward. As of right now, we are scheduled to be in-person at Port Washington Elementary (please note the location change from where we normally hold judging!) the week of July 12. We will keep the same schedule that we've had in the past which means Hogs and Horses (including Horseless Horse) on Monday, all Miscellaneous and Companion Animal on Tuesday, Small Animal (all rabbits, poultry and goats) on Wednesday, and all remaining Large Animal (sheep, dairy & beef) on Thursday. Clothing judging will also take place on Thursday, July 15 in the afternoon at Broadway UMC in New Philadelphia (members will be sent individual clothing judging times).
- **Zoom Option:** For those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person judging, we can offer a Zoom interview with the judge, but it must take place during regularly scheduled judging. This is especially important for miscellaneous projects as our judges volunteer their time and to keep things fair, anyone wishing to compete at state fair must all be judged and selected at the county level by the same judge. Should you need to select this option, all project materials will need to be dropped off at the Extension Office no later than Friday, July 9 and a Zoom interview time will be given to you. We must know if you are selecting this option by **July 1** so we can plan accordingly.
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 - Livestock projects – will be done only through Qualtrics (same judging format as last year). Please email me (heckel.13@osu.edu) or call the office at 330-339-2337 to be added to the makeup judging list for livestock projects. Links and info will be sent to you in the coming days. **Please inform us by July 1 if you need to participate in makeup judging.**

- Miscellaneous projects – We have secured a judge and set two dates for makeup miscellaneous project judging: Wednesday, June 23 and Monday, August 4. These dates will be held at the Extension Office. You can call the office (330-339-2337) beginning June 1 to set up an appointment for one of these dates.

***Please remember that should you participate in makeup judging, you will not be eligible to be selected for state fair or any project judging awards**

Project Guidelines

Project guidelines are all posted on our website. Please make sure you review these so you know you're completing your projects correctly and accurately. You can find all guidelines here:

<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Ohio State Fair Competition

The guidebook for all non-livestock OSF competition materials was updated on the state website and can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/nonlivestockguidebook>

If you are planning to exhibit livestock at OSF, entries must be made and submitted by June 20. If you are planning to exhibit market swine and have not reached out to me to get the updated swine department info, please do so ASAP!

Upcoming Deadlines (Items are due to the Extension Office)

June 1: Self-Determined Project Plans Due

June 15: Member Evaluations (for those who need special accommodations for judging)

June 15: Registration/ID forms (with pictures and ear tags visible) for market hogs, market lambs, and market goats due by 4:00 p.m.

June 15: Registration/ID forms (some with pictures) for all non-market poultry, dairy goats, pack/utility goats, pygmy goats, all dairy cattle, beef breeding, beef feeders, breeding sheep, breeding rabbits (that are already tattooed) – all due by 4:00 p.m.

Poultry Reminders

- As a reminder, turkeys will need to be picked up and paid for at Heritage Country Store in New Philadelphia on June 14.
- Ducks will arrive on either August 4, 5 or 6 and will also be picked up and paid for at Heritage.
- Broilers will need to be picked up and paid for at Heritage on August 5.

Rabbit Reminders

- Breeding Rabbits – If your rabbit(s) are already tattooed, please turn in the Registration ID form to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15. If your rabbit(s) need tattooed, please plan to bring them to the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Market Rabbits – Market does will need to be checked in/tattooed on Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds and the meat pens will need to be tattooed on Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. There is no market rabbit ID form.

That was a LOT of information! Please make sure to read through carefully and reach out if you have questions!

Have a nice, relaxing Memorial Day weekend,
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent June 11, 2021

Oh hey, it's June! 2021 is ZOOMING (no pun intended!), how are we already nearly halfway through the calendar year? Unbelievable. 4-H activities are really ramping up now that summer is here, and schools are out for break. Read on for some updated info.

Livestock Registration Forms – Due Tuesday, June 15 by 4:00 p.m.

The most frequently asked question I'm getting lately is "where do I find the project registration forms for livestock?" These forms are found with the project guidelines packets for each project, so all your info is in one place! I've referenced the guidelines link in the past couple update emails but in case you missed it, here's the direct link: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects> Just scroll down to Animal Sciences.

Hog Exhibitors We were informed that we missed one spot in the guidelines where it still says we're collecting DNA on the hogs. We are NOT collecting DNA! We apologize for the confusion! Hogs only need the one EID tag in their ear and pictures turned in on their registration form.

Goat & Sheep Exhibitors Only the scrapie tag number needs to be visible in the picture even if your animal has other tags in its ear. 😊

Project Judging

As a reminder:

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Nutrition Project Portfolio and Recipe Completion Charts

We have received several questions about the required portfolio for nutrition projects. Information for setting up your portfolio can be found at https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/Food%20and%20Nutrition%20C.pdf (scroll to page 3).

Your recipe completion sheets can be found at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects#FCS%20and%20Related>.

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Poultry Reminders

- Turkeys need to be picked up and paid for at Heritage Country Store in New Philadelphia on **June 14, 2-4 pm**. That's coming up on Monday! Be sure that your brooder has the light on and ready for the poults.
- Ducks will arrive on either August 4, 5, or 6 and will also be picked up and paid for at Heritage.
- Broilers will need to be picked up and paid for at Heritage on August 5.

Rabbit Reminders

- Breeding Rabbits – If your rabbit(s) are already tattooed, please turn in the Registration ID form to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. on June 15. If your rabbit(s) need tattooed, please plan to bring them to the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. You can access the form here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects> and scroll down to Animal Sciences

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I think that's all for now.

Have a great weekend!

Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent June 25, 2021

Hello 4-H Family!

For the first time in YEARS, I am taking an actual vacation! It's rare that I take more than a day or two off at a time but since we will not be at 4-H camp at the end of June like we normally are and I had the entire week set aside for that, this was the perfect time to finally enjoy some "me time." Like many of you, I'm feeling the itch to travel after being cooped up so long in 2020 so I am heading out West to visit a few states and spend some quality time with my Dad. I will not be checking my email regularly so if you require immediate assistance while I'm gone, please call the Extension Office at 330-339-2337. We're open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. I am leaving TODAY (Friday, June 25) and will return to the office on Tuesday, July 6. The Extension Office is closed on Monday, July 5 for the holiday. I hope that many of you are also able to take some time with your families. July will be a VERY busy month so get ready! As soon as I'm back, I'll be switching into Project Judging and 4-H Camp mode. Read on for some more updates that pertain to the next few busy months!

Camps, Camps, and More Camps!

We're so thrilled that our participants have enjoyed our three days' worth of day camps this month! They were exhausting, but so much fun. Now, our staff and counselors turn their full attention to preparing for residential camp in July!

We also have Cloverbud Day Camp coming up on Monday, August 9! Registration is available and due by July 30:

https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Camps/Cloverbud%20Camp%20Flyer%202021.pdf

Project Judging (July 12-15)

The majority of this info has been in my last two updates but the only new thing I have to announce is that I will be sending out the Qualtrics information for make-up judging as soon as I'm back from vacation so be looking for that email by July 6. If you still need added to the list for makeup livestock judging, please let us know by July 1.

We are scheduled to be in-person at Port Washington Elementary for our regular week of judging (please note the location change from where we normally hold judging!). Beginning July 12: Monday - Hogs and Horses (including Horseless Horse); Tuesday - all Miscellaneous and Companion Animals; Wednesday - Small Animals (all rabbits, poultry, and goats); Thursday - Large Animals (sheep, dairy, and beef). Clothing judging will also take place on Thursday, July 15 in the afternoon at Broadway UMC in New Philadelphia (members will be sent individual clothing judging times).

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 - Miscellaneous projects – There is one makeup judging date left which will be Wednesday, August 4. This will take place at the Extension Office. If you need to sign up for a slot, please use this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaad29a2fbc61-2021>

Nutrition Project Portfolio and Recipe Completion Charts

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Fair Entries – Due by August 6 (VIRTUAL ONLY!)

It's already the time to start thinking about submitting your fair entries! As discussed during all the virtual QA sessions, this year's deadline is a day earlier because the 7th falls on a Saturday. Entries will be entirely online this year which means you don't have to physically bring us a form! Yippee! We plan to open the new fair entry system on July 6 and it will remain open until the August 6 deadline.

****The Tuscarawas County Sr Fair Board, OSU Extension, and all Jr. Fair Committees are excited to announce a transition to the FairEntry online fair management system for the 2021 Tuscarawas County Jr Fair. Beginning July 6, exhibitors can log on to <http://tuscjrfair.fairentry.com> from your computer or any mobile device (including smartphones) to submit your entries to the fair. The new online entry system will streamline the entry process so check-ins, show programs, and results can be processed and posted quickly and efficiently at the fair.**

Online entries will be required for all exhibitors. The deadline for online entries is August 6, 2021. This deadline will be strictly enforced since the system will close entries at 11:59 p.m. CT on this date. Late entries will not be accepted after this time. We will be getting instructions for the entry process to you shortly. If you do not have internet access or need assistance with the entry process, the Extension Office will arrange times for exhibitors to come in and get help with entries. We look forward to making your fair experience the best yet!

I look forward to seeing many of you in person in the coming weeks!

Take care,
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent July 9, 2021

Hello T-County 4-H!

After traveling over 4,000 miles in six days last week (my tailbone wasn't very happy with me!), I returned to Tuscarawas County and hit the ground running at the beginning of the week! We've got a LOT coming up and we're working diligently in the Extension Office to get everything ready for judging and fair entries. I have packed a LOT of info into this email so please be sure to read it all!

4-H Project Judging

Next week is a super busy week with judging! Schedules were released last week on what time each club should have their members attend judging. Remember, we are at Port Washington Elementary this year (not Midvale!). PLEASE try to come at your club's schedule time. We carefully construct these schedules so that an even number of youth should be there each hour so as not to overwhelm the judges and cause a major back-up.

If you need to view the schedule, you can find them here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-interview-judging>. Please note that some days finish up earlier than others, so be sure to come during the designated time.

*Dog Projects – As a reminder, youth enrolled in Obedience and Showmanship will have their book judging at the Clover Café on Monday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. You do not need to bring your dog. Just bring yourself, your completed book, your educational display, and a smile! Those enrolled in All About Dogs and You and Your Dog attend judging during Miscellaneous day at Port Washington Elementary on Tuesday, July 13 during your club's designated judging time.

Pet Rabbit Show & Small Animal Clinic

As a reminder, the pet rabbit show will take place on Saturday, July 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the fairgrounds. As the pet rabbit do not attend county fair, this is their "fair" show. There will also be a small animal clinic for all goats, rabbits, and poultry exhibitors on Saturday, July 31 at 9:00 a.m. This will also take place at the fairgrounds. Topics will include washing, fitting, showmanship, and general care for all species. There will also be a pack goat workout. Feel free to bring your animals for some one-on-one attention! There's no pre-registration or fee. Just come out to learn!

Dairy Clinic & Update

The Dairy Committee is hosting a FREE dairy clinic on Saturday, July 10 at the fairgrounds! An email was sent on Thursday afternoon to all dairy exhibitors with information on the clinic and updated information regarding next week's judging. Please make sure to read that email.

Online Fair Entry Submissions – Due by 11:59 p.m. CENTRAL TIME on Friday, August 6

Fair Entry is now LIVE! Attached to this email are two very important documents that you will need to help you make your fair entries. Please remember that when you go to make your fair entries that you are making them in the **JUNIOR** Fair section, not the Senior Fair (that is only for open class entries). One of the attached documents is a letter to exhibitors and the other document are the step-by-step instructions for submitting entries. We were not able to customize the deadline time so the deadline for fair entry submission is 11:59 p.m. CENTRAL TIME as the



Fair Entry server is in that time zone. We would strongly suggest that you still get it done by 4:00 p.m. so that the office is open with staff to assist you should you hit a snag. The Extension Office will close at 4:00 p.m. that day and staff will no longer be available to help. You will need to know tag numbers (if your animal has tags) and be ready to upload your Buyers Board picture for your market animal entry (see info regarding extended timeline for broilers, market ducks and market rabbits). If you cannot open the attachments, please get in touch with us ASAP.

The 2021 Tuscarawas County Fair Book is also available and can be found here: <https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com/fair-books.html>. Some specie classes will need to be looked up in the fair book while working on your entry.

Have a nice weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you next week at project judging!

Take care,
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent July 23, 2021

Greetings, T-County 4-H!

WHEEW! What a whirlwind the past two weeks have been! Four days of project judging and moving into 4-H camp three days later was rough, but we did it! I really enjoyed all the pictures on Facebook of campers conked out in the car on the drive home from camp – hopefully, that means they had a blast! We're still pretty tired too but getting things unpacked and organized so that we can begin focusing on FAIR in the coming weeks. I don't have a huge update for you, but a few items and reminders are below:

Clover Café Needs Volunteers

It's time to sign up to work a shift (or two!) in the Clover Café during fair. The Clover Café is the main fundraiser that we do as a county and proceeds benefit the entire 4-H program from awards/recognition pins, older youth trips/scholarships, advisor training materials, our annual 4-H family fun night, and so much more! Please use the link below to sign up to work a shift. You can sign up as a club OR as an individual. If you're interested in serving as a shift supervisor, please contact Diane Glazer. A shift supervisor training will take place prior to fair.

Link to sign up to work a shift: www.go.osu.edu/tuscclovercafe2021

Cloverbud Camp – Suess on the Loose!

Cloverbud Camp is coming up on Monday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Registration can be found here:

https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Camps/Cloverbud%20Camp%20Flyer%202021.pdf and is due by next Friday, July 30.

Market Duck and Market Chicken Pick-Up

As a reminder, market ducks will be arriving August 4, 5, or 6 (they're flying in, literally!) so please be watching our Facebook page for us to announce when they've arrived. They will be picked up at Heritage Country Store and the cost is \$30. Broilers will be ready to be picked up on August 5 and will cost \$20. **Please note, the location for broiler pick-up needs to be changed.** When I have the new location, we will send out a notification!

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TROUBLESHOOT! There are hundreds of entries and only three of us in the office working with the system. Please remember that when you go to make your fair entries that you are making them in the JUNIOR Fair section, not the Senior Fair (that is only for open class entries). One of the attached documents is a letter to exhibitors and the other document are the step-by-step instructions for submitting entries. We were not able to customize the deadline time so the deadline for Fair Entry submission is 11:59 p.m. CENTRAL TIME as the Fair Entry server is in that time zone. We would strongly suggest that you still get it done by 4:00 p.m. so that the office is open with staff to assist you should you hit a snag. The Extension Office will close at 4:00 p.m. that day and staff will no longer be available to help. You will need to know tag numbers (if your animal has tags) and be ready to upload your Buyers Board picture for your market animal entry (see info regarding extended timeline for broilers, market ducks and market rabbits). If you cannot open the attachments, please get in touch with us ASAP.

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Email via 4-H Online sent August 6, 2021

Hello T-County!

It's DEADLINE DAY! All Jr. Fair Entries must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. CENTRAL TIME this evening, Friday, August 6. We have been diligently working on fair entries all week and email reminders went out late yesterday afternoon to those who had not submitted at all, to those who had not entered showmanship, and those who had ONLY entered for showmanship and not conformation class. We have less than half a dozen that have not turned in so – yippee! I know switching to the FairEntry system was a big change but for the most part, I think things went smoothly! Of course, there's going to be bumps in the road as we learn to navigate a new system. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

CONGRATULATIONS to the many youth who represented Tuscarawas County at the Ohio State Fair over the last couple of weeks. We've had many awards in both the livestock areas and the miscellaneous projects. I'll be compiling a list of the livestock awards to post on Facebook next week after the livestock competitions wrap up. We are so proud of our youth and their many accomplishments.

News from the Tuscarawas County Cattle Association (TCCA)

The 2021 TCCA scholarship is now available. Youth must have taken beef projects to be eligible. Applications are due to Donnie Himes by August 30. There are hard copies available in the Extension Office OR we can email it to you.

Message to Advisors: The TCCA are looking for volunteers to help in the trailer during the fair. Preferably beef exhibitors but anyone is welcome to help! Even if it's for just one hour, they would appreciate the help. Stop by the trailer and the little barn to sign up. Also, this year, the TCCA are doing something new regarding coupons and vouchers. The TCCA will be making coupons that can be purchased for \$5 and \$1 that can be sold to 4-H clubs. TCCA will not accept any other coupons. Coupons must be bought by Saturday, September 18 at closing (approximately 4-5 p.m.) Coupons will be ready to be purchased by September 1. Thank you!

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Link to sign up to work a shift: www.go.osu.edu/tuscclovercafe2021

I think I'll end on that note and keep things short and sweet J Don't forget about the 4-H Family



Fun Night at the Uhrichsville Water Park this coming Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. This event is free and sponsored by the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee. If the weather is poor, the rain date is Thursday, August 12.

Have a great weekend!
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent August 20, 2021

Hello T-County 4-H!

I've been enjoying all the back-to-school pictures that I've been seeing on Facebook this week! I hope that everyone is off to a terrific start to the new school year. We are officially within a month of the Tuscarawas County Fair and here in the Extension Office, we are BUSY with all the pre-fair prep work. Junior Fair Board has also begun to work on cleaning up the barns, working on stall cards, 2020 buyers' PowerPoint slideshows, and planning details to make the 2021 T-County Fair another success. Our office is also in the process of sending out attendance letters/show schedules to school administrators. I am going to be sending out a special fair edition newsletter to all 4-H families in the next couple of weeks which will include more important details, but in the meantime, here's some updated info as well as some reminders.

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In the meantime, if you or a buyer you are working with would like to pre-register as a buyer for the sale, we have an online option to do so. It is very quick to complete and will save them a significant amount of time when they arrive at the fairgrounds.

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Buyers' Board Pictures for Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks, and Rabbits

If you're exhibiting a market chicken, turkey, duck, or meat pen of rabbits, you probably noticed that we did not require that you turn in a picture of you with your animal(s) for the buyers' board with your fair entry. It's about time to start collecting these pictures though! Please submit your buyers' board picture (HORIZONTALLY), to tuscjrfair@gmail.com by September 3. **Attached to the bottom of this email** is the Tusky the Husky graphic our office put together to explain how pictures need to be taken. If your photo is not correct, we will not accept them and will ask you to resubmit them.

Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee Scholarship

The 4-H Committee's annual scholarship application has been updated and posted on our website. The Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee is sponsoring scholarships for 2021 in the amount of \$250 each. Individuals who are high school seniors, in their final year of 4-H, are currently enrolled or will begin their studies at an accredited post-secondary institution in any course of study may apply. Applicants must also have been in the Tuscarawas County 4-H Program for the last 5 consecutive years. Applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on September 10.

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Money to do those types of activities come from the money we raise in the Clover Café. Please use the link below to sign up to work a shift. You can sign up as a club OR as an individual.

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Several clubs have already volunteered for jobs so please make sure to touch base with me first in case another club has already completed a specific task. There are a few projects that the 4-H Committee identified that could be done: weed-eating/pulling weeds around the Jr. Fair side of the grounds, painting the man door on the open class beef barn, touching up the green paint on the Clover Café, and touching up the mural on the 4-H horse barn.

Stalling Update

If you haven't heard, our hog, beef, and chicken numbers are UP this year! It's a good problem to have but please be patient while Jr. Fair and Sr. Fair staff work on plans to accommodate and house everyone comfortably. Yes, you can go back to decorating your pens/stalls again, but I would caution you to wait until you know where/how animals are going to be penned and stalled as things may need to look a little different.

As always, those of us in the background are working as diligently as possible to ensure that we have an enjoyable and efficiently run fair. We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation!

Take care!

Kiersten

4-H Clover Buzzz

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My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My health to better living for
my club, my community, my
country, and my world.

2021 Tuscarawas County Fair—September 20-26

Dear 4-H Volunteers, Parents, and Members:

We congratulate everyone who participated at the Ohio State Fair! County offices no longer receive county-specific results, but official results by category can be found at the following sites:

- Non-livestock: <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/ohio-state-fair>
- 4-H Livestock events (livestock, horse, dog, and skillathons): <http://www.ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences>
- 2021 Competition Results: <https://ohiostatefair.com/competition-results/>

Important details are included in this newsletter to help ensure a smooth fair. Whether this is your 1st or 14th fair as a Jr. Fair participant, please read this information carefully and contact us with any questions. **Also note changes to the 2021 schedule as listed in the [Tuscarawas County Fair Book](#).**

Fairgrounds Beautification – though there is no “official” Fairgrounds Work Day this year, there are still projects around the grounds that clubs can help with to spruce things up for fair. If you have a project in mind, please contact Kiersten (heckel.13@osu.edu), beforehand. She is keeping a running list of projects that clubs are doing.

Don't forget to stop at the **Clover Café** during the fair for a great meal! This is our **only** fundraiser and supports the county 4-H program in many ways. If you or someone you know has four hours to volunteer with the Café during fair week, call Diane Glazer at 330-260-0760 for available shift times and to sign up. Members and parents can sign up without an entire club if wanted. High school students can use working in the Café to fulfill their community service credit for graduation.

If you are exhibiting an animal at the fair, make sure to read the [Tuscarawas County Fair Book](#) and review the **Junior Fair Rules** (beginning on page 44). Several questions can be answered on those pages, but don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. The Jr. Fair Office number *during fair week only* is 330-364-9383.

The fair is the best 4-H marketing tool we have. Please remember that everyone needs to have a welcoming exhibit area and politely answer any questions. This is your chance to showcase your project. We need to work together fair week “To Make the Best Better” for 4-H'ers, advisors, families, friends, and fair attendees.

See you at the fair!

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General Junior Fair Information

Project Completion Guidelines

In order to have completed a project all members must:

1. Have completed all local club guidelines and be in good standing;
2. Followed the club constitution;
3. Have attended an Interview Judging process.

Members should check with advisor regarding their status. If you have an incomplete project, you are not eligible to exhibit at the county fair.



Club Completion Sheets

Organizational Advisors are asked to verify members' project(s) and club completion. This form specifies if members are exhibiting their project(s) and have completed everything necessary for the club in order to receive a fair wristband. **These sheets determine wristband distribution and need to be completed by Monday, September 13** (as stated in the fair book on page 44); the sooner the better! This allows us enough time to get these ready for wristband distribution so no members are left waiting for an advisor to verify their enrollment.

Wristband Distribution

No wristbands will be distributed until Club Completion Sheets are returned by the advisor to the Extension office.

Wristbands will be given **only** at the times listed. We only have them available to us at those times. Members/advisors/committee members must pick up their own wristband.

Friday, September 17
3 - 5 PM
Clover Café

Saturday, September 18
10 AM - 2 PM
Clover Café

Sunday, September 19
Noon - 5 PM
Clover Café

- Please remember that in order to receive a wristband a member (including Cloverbuds) must have met completion requirements and have an exhibit. **Exhibiting at the fair means that members must either be taking an animal to the fair or have an educational display in a booth. Livestock posters in the barn or only a project book in a booth do not constitute a display.**
- All advisors and committee members must be actively participating in the program in order to receive a wristband.
- Special arrangements must be made with the Extension office prior to September 13 if an animal is unable to be taken and a member needs booth space to set up a display (if their club doesn't have a fair booth).

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We recommend those individuals needing to bring feed onto the fairgrounds during the week do so in the morning. There is a greater chance of finding an infield parking space in the morning than later in the day.

Royalty Contest, Jr. Leader Award, 4-H Committee Scholarship, and Project Recognition Winners Announced

The Tuscarawas County Fair Royalty (king and queen), the *Sandy Wardell Outstanding Jr. Leader Award* recipient, and the 4-H Committee Scholarship winners will be announced September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Livestock Arena.

Individuals winning first place in their 4-H Miscellaneous, FCS winners, and Food & Nutrition projects as well as State Fair Clothing delegates, public speaking contest winners, and Companion Animal/Dog Show champions will receive their plaques at an awards ceremony on September 19 at 7 p.m. Those wishing to include their plaque with their project in a booth will have until 9 p.m. to do so without the club receiving a penalty.

Quilts of Valor

Any clubs that have completed a Quilts of Valor project must contact Chris Kendle to be part of the Quilts of Valor presentation on Sunday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Clover Café Vouchers

Similar to our county commodity groups, the 4-H Committee is selling pre-paid Clover Café vouchers. \$5 vouchers can be purchased beginning at 12 noon on Friday, September 17 in the Clover Café and will also be available during wristband distribution. Checks for vouchers should be made payable to the *Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee*.

General Junior Fair Information, cont.

Cloverbud Club

Join us for fun Cloverbud fun activities on Saturday, September 25, at 10 a.m. in front of the Grandstand. **Pre-registration is required.** Forms will be available at wristband distributions. This event is for currently enrolled Cloverbuds. Registration forms are due no later than September 22 to the Jr. Fair Office.

Sponsor Thank You Notes

Individuals and businesses have been gracious to purchase plaques and trophies for our members. A great way to show our appreciation is by writing a thank you.

- **Plaque winners** will receive a thank you along with their plaque packet. These should be returned to the Jr. Fair office by September 26.
- **Trophy winners** must complete and return a thank you note prior to receiving their trophy. Exhibitors will be provided with a card, sponsor's address, and envelope. Postage will be paid. Return the card to the Jr. Fair office following the show, at which time the exhibitor will receive their trophy.

Jr Fair T-Shirts

The Jr. Fair Board will be selling 2021 Jr. Fair t-shirts. Pre-order for pick up at fair or order at the fair for pick up at check distribution. Order forms available on the Older Youth Facebook page and at the Jr. Fair Board office.

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Want to Raise Some Money for Next Year's Camp Fees?

The Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee offer the opportunity to receive a \$20 voucher to be applied toward camp cost. Members must work and complete a full 4-hour shift in the Clover Café during fair week in order to receive the voucher. Members will have a form to fill out at the Clover Café which must be signed by the shift supervisor and another adult working with the child. This will be kept on file at the Extension office.

Fair Booth Information

Helpers Needed for Set-Up & Tear Down

Volunteers are needed to set up the fair booth structures on **September 8** at 6 p.m. We will begin work in the Commercial Building. The more help we have, the quicker the job will go! Tear down is **September 29** at 6 p.m. **All help is appreciated!**

Booth Assignments

The Fair Booth Assignment maps will be distributed to Organizational Advisors as well as being posted on our [web site](#). There will be no booth guarding this year. Please do not put valuable items in fair booths.

Booth Decorating

All Fair Booth information regarding regulations and decorating are on our [web site](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/tuscarawas-county-junior-fair) (<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/tuscarawas-county-junior-fair>). Please carefully review this information while planning and setting up your club's booth. A timer switch must be used to turn lights and electronic items off at 10 p.m. and on at 9 a.m.

It is recommended that booths be set up **September 18 and September 19 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Booths must be in place by 6 p.m. on Sunday (plaques for 1st place winners may be placed until 9 p.m.). **Please note that pictures with names attached and full names of members are not required.**

4-H Miscellaneous Booth—If a club has three or fewer educational exhibits and has made prior arrangements for those to be displayed, those exhibits must be brought to the Jr. Fair Board office by 6 p.m. September 18.

Educational Fair Exhibits

Booths are to be a cooperative effort of both advisors and members. **The main purpose for 4-H booths is to display non-livestock educational exhibits and promote 4-H in a creative, educational way. Those not bringing an animal to the fair should also have an educational display.** Members exhibiting a livestock project are also permitted to have an educational booth display. 4-H livestock projects can be acknowledged, but should not be the main emphasis of a booth.

As a reminder: An **educational exhibit** illustrates or describes some aspect of the project (see individual project guidelines). Observers should learn something about the members' project work by viewing their exhibit.

Fair premiums will only be awarded to those members who have an educational exhibit **OR** animal on display.

Community Service Booth

We would like to highlight the service clubs provide to the community. Showcase your community service pictures on a 12x12 sheet of paper (preferably solid colored) and bring them to the Jr. Fair office to be included in the booth. Clubs can submit multiple activities. One page per activity please.

Fair Ribbons

Advisors can pick up ribbons for club booths at the Jr. Fair office on:

September 17: 4 - 6 p.m.
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School Absences

Letters will be sent to the exhibitor's school listed on their Jr. Fair Livestock Entry. We ask that the schools grant excused absence for the day of show. The other days members request must be arranged between the school and the member.

Back Numbers

The new FairEntry system generates the back numbers for exhibitors. Each exhibitor will have one back number regardless of the number of species shown. Back numbers will be available for pick-up beginning Saturday, September 18 at the Junior Fair Board Office. Exhibitors must keep this back number for the entire week of fair.

Pen Assignments

If you haven't heard, beef, hog, and poultry numbers are up this year. Please be patient while junior and senior fair staff work on plans to accommodate and house everyone comfortably.

Pen assignments will be posted the Wednesday evening before fair. We encourage you to know where your pen is and have it ready before you check in your animal. This will help make check in less stressful for everyone.

DO NOT switch pens without approval from an Extension professional.

Livestock Bedding

Each exhibitor is responsible for the proper bedding of their livestock project. Check the [Tuscarawas County Fair Book](#) for species specific guidelines. There will be no stock piling of bedding and several vendors will have baled shavings for sale on the grounds. It is suggested that each exhibitor take all steps to ensure that clean bedding is under their animal at all times throughout the week. In some cases, it is necessary to spread livestock lime, then shavings, and then straw or mulch to absorb the urine and the ammonia odor. Cleaning of pens is essential!

Clean Barns

Keeping the pen and area around it clean and dry is very important. Sweeping is an essential part of your animal project care. This process needs to be done more than once a day and is **everyone's** responsibility. We want to send a positive message regarding the care of animals to all fair-goers and prospective buyers. **Large crowds view the barns in the evening, so keep the pens clean.**

Another part of care is to have the animals' feed and water in containers that won't spill or tip. **Cleanliness and care is a constant job while your animal is at the fair.**

Because of congestion and the number of hogs in the aisle, **please DO NOT clean out hog pens during the shows on Tuesday or Wednesday, or the sale on Thursday. The Sr. Fair Board recommends that clubs limit the number of wheel barrows in the hog barn due to limited space.**

ALL pens for rabbits, goats, sheep, and hogs must be completely cleaned out by 8:00 p.m. Sunday, September 26 or immediately following the loading out of your market livestock. 24 inches of bedding must be pulled away and cleaned between bedding and back wall for beef and dairy cattle. It is recommended that horse stalls be cleaned out Monday or Tuesday following fair. **DO NOT** clean out the pen while the animal is still in it!

Champions of Animal Care & 4-H Booth Awards

The Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau will again be sponsoring the Champions of Animal Care and 4-H Booth Exhibit awards at the fair. A rotating sign will be presented each day in each specie class. The club earning the most points for the week will receive a \$50 Club Award.

One outstanding booth will be chosen and winning sign will be displayed during the fair. The winning club will receive a \$50 Club Award.

Fight the Hunter, Stock the Trailer Campaign

We've been challenged to participate in Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1'st's Fight the Hunter, Stock the Trailer Campaign! There are 13 counties participating in this competition. The top three counties will win monetary prizes that go to support their junior fair.

T-County is in it to win it! We are inviting all clubs to participate and will be providing prizes to the club that donates the most items as determined by weight in each of three club size levels. Level 1: 5-10 members, Level 2: 11-20 members, and Level 3: 21-40 members. We will also be accepting monetary donations. Cash conversion will be \$1=1 item or 1lb. There will be a trailer at fair to collect all of the canned goods and it will be weighed at fair with a Farm Credit representative in attendance. Prizes will be awarded based on total pound of food donated and all items will be donated to the Twin City Christian Service Center. If you have questions, please reach out to Jackie Schupp at 330-407-9095 or to Senior Fair Board Director, Doug Wills. Thank you for your consideration of helping out for a worthy cause!



Sale and Buyer Information

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Livestock Sale

Thursday, September 23

Livestock Arena

12 PM—Hogs

4 PM—Lambs, Steers, Dairy Steers

Dairy Products Sale

Friday, September 24, 3 PM

Livestock Arena

Small Animal Sale

Saturday, September 25, 3 PM

Livestock Arena

Ducks, Rabbits, Broilers, Goats,
Turkeys

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Market Animal Non-Sale Forms

Any market steer, market lamb, or market goat exhibitor who does not wish to sell their animal must turn in a Non-Sale Form to the Jr. Fair office following the completion of their respective show and at least 24 hours prior to their respective sale. Forms will be available at the Jr. Fair office. **All market poultry (ducks, broilers, turkeys), market rabbits, and market hogs must go through the auction. All Grand and Reserve champion animals must be slaughtered.**

Tips for Approaching Buyers

When talking to potential buyers, let them know what order the animals will sell (see above). Let them know that you are a Jr. Fair exhibitor and ask them for their support. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when contacting buyers.

1. **Be polite!** If you are visiting in person, introduce yourself and give your reason for visiting. If the potential buyer does not appear interested, thank them and leave. Do not interrupt them while they are waiting on a customer or if they appear busy.
2. Remember, you are **inviting** them to the sale and inviting them to **consider purchasing** an animal/product. Let the potential buyers know that you are a 4-H or FFA member, and that you hope they will consider supporting the Jr. Fair Sales. It is **not appropriate** to pressure a potential buyer into buying your animal.
3. Please remember that potential buyers receive several letters and visits and cannot buy everyone's animal.
4. Give the potential buyer the time and date of the sales. Let them know they will be recognized through advertisements in the newspaper and at the fair.
5. If you are writing to potential buyers, keep in mind that neatly written letters are a must!
6. If someone purchased your animal the previous year, please give them a call or note and invite them to the sale again.
7. Sale orders will be random following the Top 10 in each specie. Sale catalogs will be posted online by Wednesday, Sept. 22.
8. When a buyer purchases your animal/product, please tell them "thank you" personally as soon as possible. When considering a token of appreciation for your buyers, please keep in mind that they often buy multiple animals and do have to walk to their cars. Delivering something at their business after the fair might be more convenient for everyone.

Sale Check Pick Up

Check pick up will be **November 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or November 6 from 10:00 a.m.—Noon at Broadway United Methodist Church**. Checks will be distributed for small livestock, market livestock, and dairy (**November 6 only**). **Thank yous are due along with completed record books**. All envelopes must be properly addressed, have a return address, and proper postage affixed.

Email via 4-H Online sent September 3, 2021

Hello T-County 4-H!

It's officially September which means it's COUNTY FAIR month! A special *Clover Buzzz* (our 4-H newsletter) went out in the mail to every 4-H family on Wednesday and it contains a LOT of fair information so if it hasn't hit your mailbox yet, it should soon! A few items to take note of:

Buyers Board Pictures – Market Rabbits and Market Poultry/Waterfowl

Those exhibiting market chickens, ducks, turkeys, and rabbits need to submit their buyers board picture to tuscjrfair@gmail.com by this coming Monday, September 7! Originally, I asked that they be in today and while I've got over 50 turned in, I'm still missing quite a few so please get those LANDSCAPE pictures sent in by Monday!

Clover Café Pre-Paid Vouchers

Like our county commodity groups, the 4-H Committee is selling pre-paid Clover Café vouchers. \$5 vouchers can be purchased beginning at noon on Friday, September 17 in the Clover Café and will also be available during wristband distribution. Checks for vouchers should be made payable to the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee.

The Clover Cafe is also still in need of workers for the following shifts. You do not need to sign up with your club, individuals can sign up too! 4-H members will again receive a \$20 camp vouchers for next year if they work an entire shift! Here's the link to sign up for a shift:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaad29a2fbc61-clover>

Tuesday, September 21

9 a.m.-1 p.m.- 13 more helpers needed
1 p.m. -5 p.m. - 13 more helpers needed

Wednesday, September 22

9 a.m. -1 p.m. - 10 more helpers needed
1 p.m. -5 p.m. - 16 more helpers needed

Thursday, September 23

9 am.-1 p.m. - 6 more helpers needed

Saturday, September 25

6 am. -9 a.m. - 13 more helpers needed
9 a.m. -1 p.m. - 4 more helpers needed
1 p.m.-5 p.m. - 4 more helpers needed
5 p.m. -9 p.m. - 8 more helpers needed

Sunday, September 26

1 p.m. -4 p.m. - 7 more helpers needed
4 p.m. -7 p.m. - 12 more helpers needed

Drug Use Notification Forms

Every year, our exhibitors with market animals or animals in lactation (during exhibition) are required to fill out a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. This year, ODA has requested that instead of using paper forms as we've done in the past that we switch to the online



DUNF's. Several counties pilot tested this version last year and we heard a lot of positive feedback. DUNF's should be filled out PRIOR to your animal stepping foot on the grounds to exhibit but it's not necessary to do it just yet! We just want you to be aware of this change and how to access the online DUNF. With the DUNF now moving online, this should make the process of collecting and submitting this information to ODA much more efficient. As a reminder, your animal must be drug-free before it steps onto the fairgrounds for exhibition. You can access the online DUNF here:
<http://go.osu.edu/2021TuscDUNF>

DUNF's should be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 15 so that if something needs corrected, it can be done prior to the animal arriving at fair.

Poultry Pavilion Clean-Out

Jr. Fair and Sr. Fair staff continue to work on plans to accommodate and house everyone comfortably. If you've been over to the fairgrounds, you might have noticed that there are hog pens in the small arena. Yep! We're going to use that arena to house some of the hogs, so we have fewer that need to be double penned. A tent will be put up to hold some of the small livestock shows. Market birds will be heading to the processor early on Wednesday morning. Those with market birds should be prepared to clean out your cages and remove your belongings on Wednesday morning instead of watering and feeding your birds. We plan to utilize the poultry pavilion for other small animal shows during the second half of the week. Thank you for your cooperation!

Jr. Fair Sale Info Update

We're finalizing the last few details to our buyers' packets and they should be heading into the mail early next week! Thank you for your patience with this while we learn the ins and outs of the new FairEntry system. Those who **purchased** an animal in 2020 will receive a buyers' pass and an updated sale flyer with 2021 information, along with a print-out from FairEntry containing their information for them to correct/add to, as needed.

In the meantime....if you or a buyer you are working with would like to pre-register as a buyer for the sale, we have an online option to do so. It is very quick to complete and will save them a significant amount of time when they arrive at the fairgrounds.

Link: <http://go.osu.edu/2021TuscFairBuyerReg>

*If you would like a buyers' mailing to be sent to a prospective new buyer, please email their business name, contact name, business mailing address and phone number to Astra at armstrong.133@osu.edu no later than this coming Tuesday, September 7. After that date, any new buyers' packets will need to be picked up from the Extension Office and delivered to the prospective buyer.

More fair-related information can be found in the *Clover Buzzz* newsletter found here:

https://tuscawawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscawawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/NewsLetters/2021/2021%204-H%20Fair%20News%20Letter%20CK%20Edits%208-30.pdf

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!

Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent September 14, 2021

Final Update Before Fair...we hope!

It's almost time to move into fair! There's a LOT going on behind the scenes right now and we're doing our absolute best to make sure that things are ready so that the 171st Tuscarawas County Jr. Fair runs smoothly!

Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)

These are due by WEDNESDAY (September 15) which is tomorrow and is completely online this year! You won't have to juggle those forms while trying to get your animals weighed in this year, but your DUNF must be completed and submitted by Wednesday so if something is incorrect, we have time to get it fixed before the animal steps onto the fairgrounds this weekend. For those who are going to be showing market chickens, I'm frequently getting the question of what to put for the ID. Please list something to the effect of "three white birds." The link for the DUNF is:

<http://go.osu.edu/2021TuscDUNF>

Penning Assignments

Penning/stalling assignments will be posted by this Wednesday EXCEPT for poultry. We had to wait for the poultry pavilion to be cleared of campers and will be putting up the poultry crates up Wednesday evening. We will get assignments drawn up and posted as quickly as we can once the cages are up! Thanks for your patience!

Livestock Check-In/Weigh-In Times

You must be sure to bring your animal(s) to check-in during the designated times listed on page 45 of the Tuscarawas County Fair Book. Weigh-in times for certain species may be different from the check-in time.

- **Hog Check-In** – the racehorses have rights to the track until 8 a.m. and we CANNOT block traffic on Tuscarawas Avenue. All hog exhibitors should enter through the Tusc. Ave gate. If horses are on the track and the road is already full, you will need to find a place to park off the road, so we are not blocking Tusc. Ave. By 8:30 a.m., the road should be clear and easy to enter, and we can wrap the track with the trucks and trailers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

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Wristband Distribution

Remember that fair wristband distribution will take place this Friday, September 17; 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, September 18; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and Sunday, September 19; 12-5 p.m. Remember that those who want to purchase pre-paid Clover Café vouchers will also be available during this time!

Jr. Fair Sale Info Update

Passes and updated flyers were mailed out last week to those who purchased animals in 2020. A slight snafu was discovered over the weekend where a few of our 2020 rabbit buyers were left off the flyer due a glitch in the computer system. To make things right, we fixed the flyer and re-mailed the small animal packet to buyers with our apologies. If any exhibitor has a new buyer they would like to give passes and information to, those items can be picked up from the Extension Office until the end of the week.

In the meantime, if you or a buyer you are working with would like to pre-register as a buyer for the sale, we have an online option to do so. It is very quick to complete and will save them a significant amount of time when they arrive at the fairgrounds.

Link: <http://go.osu.edu/2021TuscFairBuyerReg>

This link will close at midnight on Friday. Buyers can always pre-register at the fair.

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Have a fun and safe 171st Tuscarawas County Fair!

Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent October 15, 2021

Hello T-County 4-H!

I sincerely apologize that it's taken me awhile to get this update out. Right after fair concluded, my father tested positive for COVID. I went home to help care for him, so I've been playing catch-up this week. Many of you followed Dad's progress through my Facebook updates and I want to thank you for your words of encouragement, prayers, and good vibes. He is slowly making a recovery, thank goodness! I don't have a super long update but just a few things I need to make everyone aware of.

Market Livestock Check Distribution

Check distribution will take place on Friday, November 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the **Fairgrounds** (not the church as was originally planned). After some consultation with the Jr. Fair committees this week, it has been decided that the drive-thru process we utilized last year worked well and with COVID numbers still fairly high, it's best that we do the same thing again this year. This also means that project books will **NOT** be required for check distribution so we can limit the amount of contact. **HOWEVER, thank-you cards that are addressed and stamped** will be required. If you're not sure of the address of your buyer, we will have a list at check distribution for you to look that information up. I will have extra stamps and thank-you cards **for sale** if you need one (or two!).

*Please note that dairy share checks will only be distributed on Saturday, November 6. If you are unable to pick up on the 5th or 6th, remaining checks will be held at the Extension Office until someone can swing by the drop off the thank-you card for the buyer and pick up the check.

**As announced earlier, there will not be share checks this year for non-market animals. Proceeds from the wooden products sale during the small animal sale will be utilized to benefit Jr. Fair small animal projects and upkeep.

Ohio 4-H Achievement Award Workshop

For those interested in learning more about the Ohio 4-H Achievement Award application process, I will be holding an in-person workshop next Thursday, October 21 at the Extension Office at 6:00 p.m. Every year in Ohio, youth are selected to represent our great state in 27 different project categories at National 4-H Congress. This year, our own Emma Leggett (Boots & Chutes 4-H Club) and Adeline Kendle (Above & Beyond 4-H Club) were selected in the swine and sheep categories, respectively. They will be traveling to Atlanta, GA with the rest of the Ohio delegation in November. Applicants must be 14 as of January 1 or older in the year they are applying. I would LOVE to see more participation with Achievement Awards! If you would like to read up more about the application and process, you can find more information here: <https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships> or you can reach out to me with questions. For those who would like to attend the workshop, please let me know by Wednesday, October 20 so I can have enough materials available.

2022 Older Youth Applications and Interviews

The Older Youth page of our website has recently been updated with a few items that will be of interest, but of most importance - the 2022 Older Youth Application packets are now available! Please note the deadline; all applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2021, to the



Extension Office. You can pick up a hard copy from the office or you can download them at go.osu.edu/olderyouth.

*Applicants are responsible for signing up for their interview slot once their application has been turned in. Interviews will be held on November 15, 17, and 18. You can sign up for your interview here: go.osu.edu/2022OlderYouthInterview.

2021 Advisor and Volunteer Banquet

This year's Advisor and Volunteer Banquet will be held on Monday, November 8 at the Harvest Barn in Sugarcreek. An invitation will be going out in the next few days.

If you are an advisor who wants to run for a term on the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee, please let me know by next Wednesday, October 20 so the final ballot can be put together. Committee members serve 3 years per term and help with a lot of the behind-the-scenes work for the 4-H program.

2022 Market Beef Tag-In

For those planning to exhibit a market beef animal at the county fair in 2022, the Market Livestock Committee has set Saturday, December 11 as the day of tag-in. Tag-in will take place at the fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m.- Noon. The AGR Holiday Classic will also be taking place that weekend so the back-up date for county tag-in will be on Monday, December 13, 6-7 p.m. You MUST call the Extension Office at 330-339-2337 to make an appointment if you cannot tag your animal in on the 11th.

4-H Camp Piedmont Benefit

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 4-H Camp Piedmont Benefit on March 26, 2022, at Buckeye Career Center! We ask that clubs donate items for the raffles and auctions. We'll need large donation items, baskets, whatever clubs can give! The other counties who utilize Camp Piedmont will also be participating in the benefit. Thank you in advance!

I hope everyone had a good fair week and are enjoying these warm Autumn temperatures. Before we know it, it will be time to start 4-H activities in 2022!

Take care,
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent October 29, 2021

Happy Halloween, everyone!

It's finally starting to feel like fall around here and I'm enjoying the autumn colors immensely. Just a few things I wanted to remind or update everyone on, please read on!

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COMING IN 2022 FOR TEENS: A 4-H Junior Leadership Club is in the works! The teens that attended the Teen Leadership Retreat we held in January 2020 will know what I'm talking about. We brainstormed ideas during the retreat for Jr. Leader projects/trips/activities and then COVID hit, and we couldn't get it off the ground but we're working on it again! I plan to have details to share with the teens at our Older Youth Christmas party in December. Teens, be on the lookout for an invite to the Christmas party as well as a 2022 Teen Leader Retreat again in January!

2021 Advisor & Volunteer Banquet

This year's advisor and volunteer banquet will be held on Monday, November 8 at the Harvest Barn in Sugarcreek. Invitations were mailed/emailed out to volunteers and committee members.



TODAY (October 29) is the final day to RSVP so we can get final numbers turned in to the caterer.

*An email was sent to advisors this morning with the ballot for the 4-H Committee election. Voting will end the evening of the banquet (November 8). Only advisors are permitted to vote for our representatives to the 4-H Committee.

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Have a great weekend!
Kiersten

Email via 4-H Online sent November 24, 2021

Hello T-County!

As we approach Thanksgiving this week, I look back on the past year of 4-H activities. No, they may not have always looked “normal” but we’re ending the year a little more positive than we started it. I’m grateful to be in this position where I can see what a tremendous impact the 4-H program has on the youth of our communities. I don’t have a long update, but I wanted to send out a few reminders to you as we approach the holiday season.

Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Checks

If you have not yet picked up your sale check(s) and turned in your thank-you cards, please do so as soon as possible. Checks must be cashed within 90 days and these checks were issued on November 10. A new addition to the fair rules this year is that if a committee has to re-issue a sale check, a \$50 processing and re-issuance fee will be assessed (Tuscarawas County Fair Book, page 48, rule #37). So please make sure to get your checks picked up and deposited into the bank in a timely manner! We have a list in the Extension Office of buyers and their addresses if you aren’t sure where to send your thank-you card. Please make sure your card is stamped! The OSU Extension Office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Coming in 2022: 4-H Jr. Leadership Club

This is a project I’ve been working on for a couple of years now! If you talk to some of our parents and advisors who were in 4-H, they may have been part of Jr. Leaders. At some point along the way, Jr. Leaders just became “Older Youth” who only met a few times a year, typically January-March. WELL, we’re bringing it back and it will be YEAR-ROUND! This is a completely separate club from the 4-H clubs. Jr. Leaders (JL) will not take 4-H projects. Instead, JL’s will meet monthly and will focus on leadership, community service, socialization, career exploration/workforce prep, etc. I was a JL in my home county of Muskingum and it was a great time so I would like to provide similar experiences in Tuscarawas. Teens will not need to apply and interview for this opportunity, it is just an additional club to join and be a part of! Officers will be elected and those individuals will help advisors plan out the year. We’ll kick things off with a Teen Leadership Retreat in January! Similar to what we did in 2020, we’ll hold a leadership retreat Friday, January 14-Saturday, January 15, 2022. We are still nailing down a location. More details will be announced soon! This retreat is open to all teens who are in 9th grade and up. We brainstormed ideas at the first retreat for activities to do with the JL’s and then of course....COVID hit. But we’re on track to get things kicked off (FINALLY) in 2022! Look for the details and registration soon but in the meantime, mark your calendars!



Camp Piedmont Benefit

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https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1BR6FKUECHWZ0?ref_=wl_share This link has also been shared with the other counties. If you purchase something from the wish list, just have it shipped to the registry address and it will go straight to one of our benefit planning members! Don't forget that the benefit also has a Facebook page and it's a public group! Just search for: Save Camp Piedmont Benefit.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy Thanksgiving. I will be out of the office beginning Wednesday, November 24 through Wednesday, December 1. I will be one of the four chaperones taking 45 Ohio 4-H teens to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia! Our own Addy Kendle (Above & Beyond) and Emma Leggett (Boots & Chutes) will be part of the group representing our state. We're looking forward to a great time in GA!

With a grateful heart,
Kiersten