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.

**Jr. Fair Sale Info**

Normally, we would have sent out buyers passes and a flyer to the previous year's buyers by now and while we’re still going to do that, it hasn’t gone out yet. Don’t panic! We’re making adjustments with the new FairEntry system and making sure we have the details correct before we get it sent out. Those who **purchased** an animal in 2020 will still receive a buyers’ pass and an updated sale flyer with 2021 information, but please be patient with us while we get it done! :)

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](http://go.osu.edu/2021TuscFairBuyerReg)

With the positive feedback from last year’s sale, we are sticking with the hybrid format again this year. Because it is necessary to have sale information to our partners in advance, please note that sale orders will be random once again following the Top 10 in each specie. This decision was made by the Jr. Fair Sales Committee and is also listed in the Tuscarawas County Fair book on page 48, Rule 31. All sales will take place in the Main Arena just like we did in 2020. The hog sale will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23 followed by lambs, market beef, and dairy steers (lambs will not start before 4:00 p.m.). The Dairy Products sale will take place in the Main Arena at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, and the Small Animal Sale will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25. The sale order will be ducks, rabbits, broilers, goats, and turkeys.

As a reminder, youth can only receive proceeds from TWO sales. If an exhibitor has the opportunity to receive more than two forms of revenue, the member **must declare from which two sales he/she wishes to receive proceeds from 24 hours prior to the first sale.** The proceeds from the third sale will be retained by the respective committee (Tuscarawas County Fair Book, page 48, rule 30).

**Update from the Senior Fair Office**

The Senior Fair Board office has parking passes for $20. These are valid for the entire week of the fair for parking on the grounds any time there is space available. Feed can be delivered to the barns during the hours of 9:00 p.m. through 7:30 a.m. without a parking pass. Exceptions to
these times may be necessary for the safety of the fair attendees and at the discretion of the parking personnel. Passes are available ONLY to JUNIOR and SENIOR Fair participants with a limit of 2 passes per family. All vehicles will need a parking pass to enter the parking area. Daily parking is $5 per day for those without the parking pass. Sr. Fair Board office hours are August 16 - September 11; Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF)**
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](http://go.osu.edu/2021TuscDUNF)

**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.

The scholarship was established by the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee. It is in honor of friends and fellow leaders who have been quite active in the local district 4-H programs. It was established to aid current 4-H members to continue their efforts towards obtaining a Certificate/Associate or bachelor’s degree. This is a one-time-only scholarship. Link to the scholarship: [http://go.osu.edu/Tusc4-HCommitteeScholarship](http://go.osu.edu/Tusc4-HCommitteeScholarship).

**Clover Café Still Seeking Volunteers**
There’s still 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! If you enjoyed swimming at the water park a couple weeks ago, please thank the 4-H Committee for that sponsorship that allowed us to hold that event.
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.

Link to sign up to work a shift: [www.go.osu.edu/tuscclovercafe2021](http://www.go.osu.edu/tuscclovercafe2021)

**Fairgrounds Clean-Up**
We did not schedule our normal Fairgrounds Clean Up Day in 2021 so if there are projects that clubs want to do to beautify the fairgrounds, please just let us know what you would like to do so we can keep a running list and be sure multiple clubs aren’t trying to do the same project. 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!

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