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