

*Email via 4-H Online sent 3/23/2023*

Hello T-County 4-H!

We're right in the middle of 4-H enrollment season so I've got a few announcements and updates for you to take note of. \*Advisors – please make sure your new members who are not enrolled and not yet receiving emails know this information.

### **Enrollment Deadline**

Please note the enrollment deadline this year is April 14 (not the 15<sup>th</sup>). We try not to have any deadlines on weekends. If there are brand-new families in your club, those members will fill out the enrollment FORMS but all returning members and advisors need to re-enroll themselves in 4HOnline. Even if you have a member returning after being out of the program for a little while, they still have a profile in the system. We just need to unarchive them. **DO NOT - I REPEAT - DO NOT CREATE A NEW FAMILY PROFILE.** Instead, contact our office and Astra can unarchive their profile then the family can go into the profile to update the information and enroll for the year. We have a nice page on our website dedicated to 4HOnline and enrollments including a new FAQ sheet! Visit here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-parents-and-volunteers/4-h-enrollment> Let us know if you have questions!

### **Cloverbud Easter Egg Hunt**

The 4-H Junior Leaders are preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual T-County Cloverbud Easter Egg Hunt coming up on Saturday, April 1! This will take place at the fairgrounds at 10:00 a.m. and will only last until the eggs are found (which will probably happen pretty fast!). Pre-registration is required so we can be sure to have enough eggs. Please visit our website Pre-registration is required - [www.go.osu.edu/CloverbudEasterEggHunt](http://www.go.osu.edu/CloverbudEasterEggHunt) This egg hunt is for current and new 4-H Cloverbuds ONLY. Don't forget to bring your basket!

### **Create with 4-H Day**

There are still spots available for Create Day! This “project discovery day” is open to members ages 8-13 and only costs \$15. The event is sponsored and put on by the 4-H FCS Committee. Create Day will take place at Broadway Global Methodist Church (120 Church Ave SE, New Philadelphia) on Saturday, April 22. Spots are limited and registration is due by April 7. Check out our website for more details and registration info: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/events/create-4-h-day>

### **Livestock Quality Assurance**

We are two sessions in with four sessions remaining on our 2023 Livestock Quality Assurance sessions. Quality Assurance is a requirement put forth by the Ohio Department of Agriculture for youth who are exhibiting livestock at a county fair. Remaining sessions are:



- Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 PM, Port Washington Elementary
- DAIRY SPECIFIC SESSION - Sunday, April 23, 2:00 PM, Union Hill UMC (Registration begins at 1:30 PM)
- Thursday, April 27, 6:30 PM, Buckeye Career Center
- Thursday, May 11, 6:30 PM, Claymont High School

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is an online based QA and is also available to members but remember, it does cost a small fee that cannot be waived as this platform does not belong to Ohio State. More info on QA (including YQCA) can be found on our website: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/quality-assurance-qa>

### **Small Animal Clinic**

The Jr. Fair Small Animal Committee will be hosting an informational clinic for those taking goat, poultry and rabbit projects at the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity to come ask questions and receive advice and tips as you are getting started (or getting ready) to raise your animals for fair. I've heard there will even be some cool door prizes! More details will be coming out soon in the next few weeks. But mark your calendars in the meantime!

### **Market Poultry Projects**

If you are planning to exhibit a market chickens, market ducks or a market turkey at the fair this year, we need to get orders finalized for the birds placed as soon as enrollment numbers are in. Dave Miller of the Senior Fair Board is once again handling these orders (Thank you, Dave!). Because he must pay for the orders before we can receive the birds, exhibitors must pay for their birds in advance this year rather than at the time of pick-up. Dave has collected money at the first two QA sessions and will also be taking orders at the April 12 QA. Money is due by Friday, April 14 (same day as enrollments). If you are planning to attend one of the later QA sessions, you can drop off or mail payment to the Extension Office and we'll get it to Dave. As with everything else, prices of poultry at the hatcheries have also increased. Members enrolled in market turkey will receive five (5) birds for \$50, members taking market ducks will receive five (5) birds for \$45 and those enrolled in market chicken will receive 10 birds for \$35. Checks should be made payable to Dave Miller. Members taking these projects can only exhibit birds purchased through these county-wide orders. If payment has not been received on time, your bird order will be canceled. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this change!

### **Horse Reminders**

As a reminder, members taking a horse project must complete EQUISTEP annually. This state requirement must be completed before participating in any workouts or riding in other 4-H horse related activities. You can access the EquiSTEP program here: <https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/EquiSTEP-2023>

If you would prefer to take EquiSTEP in person, the 4-H Horse Committee will be offering a session on May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Broadway Global Methodist Church (120 Church Ave SE, New Philadelphia). You must complete EquiSTEP either online or in-person by May 2.

Registration is now open for the 2023 Horse Camp. The registration is part of the county horse packet and can be accessed on our website

here: [https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/Horses/Horse%20Packet%202023%20COMPLETE%20FINAL.pdf](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Horses/Horse%20Packet%202023%20COMPLETE%20FINAL.pdf)

#### **4-H Publication Orders**

As we've done the last few years, each club may decide on how to order their project books. A club order (or multiple club orders) can be placed through our office OR each family can order their own through the state website. Most books have gone up a little in cost this year (as has EVERYTHING else) so please pay attention to that part. If ordering online, be sure to take advantage of the free shipping code on orders over \$20. Advisors can access the book ordering form on our website: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-parents-and-volunteers/advisors-and-volunteers> Astra orders once a week on Thursdays so be sure to have your order form turned into the office by Noon on Thursday so be part of that week's order. Families cannot order their own books through our office but can place an order on the state website. More info can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources> and don't forget to look up our county project guidelines here! <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

#### **Update On Me (Kiersten)**

Some of you are aware as I sent out an email in February to our 4-H advisors and volunteers but some may have not heard yet, I have made the difficult decision to resign from OSU Extension. I have accepted a position with the Farm Service Agency in Zanesville and will be returning home to Muskingum County. I requested that I be permitted to start in May so that I could finish out the month of April with Tuscarawas County 4-H and leave the program in the best place possible. The past 10 years with Ohio 4-H have been quite a ride. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you and your families since I started in Tuscarawas County seven years ago. As we all know, life is full of opportunities and decisions to be made so after a lot of soul searching, I have decided to take a leap of faith and leave Ohio 4-H. The 4-H program is bigger than any one person – it is a success because of all the wonderful youth, volunteers, parents and staff who are involved. I hope that the individual chosen to take my place is as warmly accepted as I was when I arrived. This was not an easy decision to make. I love the 4-H program and what it stands for but need to start prioritizing both my mental and physical health. Thank you for allowing me to grow and develop personal connections with so many of you - I will cherish these memories as I head into my next chapter of life.

Take care!

Kiersten

**Email via 4-H Online sent 4/27/2023**

Hello friends! It's time for me to close my chapter as a 4-H professional but I wanted to leave you with a few final reminders and updates from our office before I go:

**Small Animal Clinic**

The Jr. Fair Small Animal Committee will be hosting an informational clinic for those taking goat, poultry and rabbit projects at the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity to come ask questions and receive advice and tips as you are getting started (or getting ready) to raise your animals for fair. I've heard there will even be some cool door prizes! This event will take place at the fairgrounds. Please do not bring your animals – this will be informational only.

**NewsyMom** is hosting a NewsyZoo at the New Towne Mall on June 17. If there are any clubs interested in assisting with the event, please contact Chris Kendle at [kendle.4@osu.edu](mailto:kendle.4@osu.edu) the event will run 12-5 p.m.

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**Market Poultry Payments**

An email was sent out yesterday from Michelle as we are still missing payments for several exhibitors. If you have placed your order and made payment - we thank you for doing so!

Starting this year, market poultry projects must be paid for prior to receiving your chicks, poults, and ducklings. Just as we have seen prices increase in many areas of our economy, prices in poultry have increased and we can no longer absorb the cost of birds that are not picked up.

If you have not paid for your project birds, you absolutely **MUST** have them paid for no later than Saturday, April 29. Dave will also be collecting payments tonight at QA. Orders and money can be delivered to the Extension office, through Friday, April 28, BEFORE 4pm or can be brought to the Small Animal Clinic being held at the Fairgrounds, Saturday, April 29. Dave Miller is our Sr. Fair Representative who does such a wonderful job getting the orders filled every year. Please feel free to call or text Dave if you have questions or concerns. His number is 330-340-2720

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Please check with your friends and family to make sure that they have taken care of their orders!

### **Food and Fashion Board T-Shirt Fundraiser**

The Food and Fashion Board is selling shirts for their bi-annual fundraiser. Anyone can order! The design will be printed on the front of heather gray Gildan Soft Style shirts (50% cotton, 50% polyester). Available styles are t-shirts, long sleeve tees, crewneck and hooded sweatshirts. Sizes range from youth small through adult 3XL. Prices vary according to type and size ordered. Shirts can be personalized with club name for an additional \$3 per shirt. Clubs submitting forms as a group with 10 or more orders will be eligible for an alternate color; contact Chris Kendle about this option. Payment is required when order is placed. Shirts can be seen at the Extension office. Please contact Chris with any questions. Order form can be found here: [https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/4-H%20Shirt%20Order%20Form%202023-24%20Fundraiser.pdf](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4-H%20Shirt%20Order%20Form%202023-24%20Fundraiser.pdf)

Orders will be placed on the following dates ONLY:

- May 5 for pick up after June 2
- June 16 for pick up after July 10
- August 7 for pick up after September 1

### **Livestock Quality Assurance**

Reminder that we're down to TWO Quality Assurance sessions! We have one tonight at Buckeye Career Center and the final option is May 11 at Claymont High School. We'll start both sessions promptly at 6:30. No admittance after 6:40 p.m. If you need to complete YQCA to meet your QA requirement this year, you can go to our website for the details here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/quality-assurance-qa#YQCA>

\*An email was sent out this morning to those who have not attended a QA yet as a reminder and we've had a few phone calls from folks who received the email but have already attended a session. There was some type of glitch with our QA report in 4HOnline so if you received that email from Astra and you've attended QA, just call in and she'll double check the sign-in sheets from that session.

### **4-H Camp Registration**

A question we've been getting a lot lately is "when will 4-H camp registration be open?!" Michelle promises to have it open no later than this coming Monday. Thanks for your patience!

Well, I think that's it from me. Thank you for the past seven years – it's been a wild ride! Being a 4-H Educator is an amazing job – one that is fun and rewarding, but it's also a hard job. It requires a lot of dedication, a lot of tough decisions, a lot of leadership, focus on the big picture, mastery of thousands of details and tasks, and extremely long hours. I'm looking forward to slowing things down a little, spending more time on the farm and a lot more time with my Dad back home in Muskingum. I'll be sure to visit though so this isn't goodbye. It's simply a "see you later." Take care, T-County and be sure to keep making the best better. Signing off one last time – over and out!

Yours in 4-H,

Kiersten

*Email via 4-H Online sent May 18, 2023*

Hello All!

May has been a fast and furious month! I hope you are having an opportunity to enjoy all those end of the year activities while you are also looking forward to the many summertime activities waiting just around the corner. Below are some updates. Please read completely!

#### **Junior Leader Rummage Sale**

Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. All items are by donation and all proceeds benefit the Tuscarawas County Junior Leader Club. If you have any items you would like to contribute, we will be there all day today (until 7 p.m.) or you can drop them off Friday morning. There are many items you may be able to use for fair booths and club activities, so check it out!

#### **Horse Registration, Horse Camp, and OSF Forms**

Horse forms are due Friday, May 26 by 4 p.m. All horse forms are available in the county horse packets. Links to all horse forms and information can be found at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/animal-sciences/equine>.

#### **Public Speaking Contest**

The public speaking contest will be held on Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. at the St. Peters Lutheran Church (3640 Oldtown Valley Rd. SW, New Philadelphia). This will include both the Health and Safety Speaking Contest and the Demonstration Contest. Forms for the Tuscarawas County Public Speaking Contest will be available Tuesday, May 23 and will be due Monday, June 5.

Information about Ohio State Fair guidelines for the Demonstration Contest guidelines can be found at [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state\\_fair/Communication%20Days\\_15.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/Communication%20Days_15.pdf). We will be using these guidelines at our county competition.

Please note there will not be a Health and Safety Speaking Contest at the Ohio State Fair in 2023; this is a county only event.

#### **4-H Fun Day at the Uhrichsville Waterpark**

Our annual 4-H Fun Night at the Uhrichsville Waterpark will be on June 14 from 6-8 p.m.. Admission is free for all 4-H families. The 4-H Committee will be providing light refreshments (pizza, chips, and water); however, outside refreshments may be brought in also (no bottles or cans).

#### **Project Judging**

Project judging dates will be as follows:

- July 10 – Horse (Including Horseless Horse) and Hog at Midvale Elementary School
- July 11 – Miscellaneous (Including You and Your Dog and All About Dogs), Nutrition, and Cake Decorating at Midvale Elementary School
- July 12 – Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit at Midvale Elementary School



- July 13 – Beef, Dairy, and Sheep at Midvale Elementary School
- July 20 – Clothing Judging at Broadway Global Methodist Church

Those who are taking animal projects and are unable to attend regular judging will complete an online skill-a-thon. Members must contact the office between June 1 and July 7 to make arrangements for make-up judging for animal projects.

Those who are taking miscellaneous, nutrition, cake decorating, or clothing projects will need to schedule for an in-person make up judging appointment. Make up judging will be held on Wednesday, July 19. Registration opens June 1. Individuals must be registered for their make-up judging appointment by July 7. Those not registering for make-up judging by July 7 will be counted as an incomplete project.

### **Junior Fair Awards**

We are transitioning to a mix of banners, trophies, plaques, and signs for the 2023 Tuscarawas County Fair and have also transitioned to per-item pricing. If you or your club is interested in sponsoring awards this year, you can submit your form online at <https://go.osu.edu/tuscjrfairawardssponsorship> or print a paper version of the form at

[https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/JrFair/2022%20Jr%20Fair%20Awards%20Sponsorship%20Request%20Form.pdf](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/JrFair/2022%20Jr%20Fair%20Awards%20Sponsorship%20Request%20Form.pdf).

Please note, we are closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

*Email via 4-H Online sent June 2, 2023*

Hello Tuscarawas County 4-H Family!

We have a lot of updates – please read to the end.

**Square Dance** - The Tuscarawas County Horse Committee is sponsoring a square dance, free and open to all, on **Saturday, June 3 beginning at 7 pm at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds**. Donations accepted. Dan Kirk will be calling square dancing and teaching line dances. Bring your friends and have a great evening!

**Calling All Seniors** - We would like to highlight our seniors with weekly Senior Spotlights. Please send a picture of your senior along with the following information to [Armstrong.133@osu.edu](mailto:Armstrong.133@osu.edu): name, school, future plans, and favorite 4-H memory. We will post a senior spotlight each week on our Facebook page.

**Public Speaking Contest** - The public speaking contest will be held on Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. at the St. Peters Lutheran Church (3640 Oldtown Valley Rd. SW, New Philadelphia). This will include both the Health and Safety Speaking Contest and the Demonstration Contest. Please see the attached form to enter. **Forms are due Wednesday, June 7**. Information about 2023 Ohio State Fair Demonstration Contest guidelines can be found at [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state\\_fair/Communication%20Days\\_15.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/Communication%20Days_15.pdf). We will be using these guidelines at our county competition. Please note there will not be a Health and Safety Speaking Contest at the Ohio State Fair in 2023; the Health and Safety portion of the contest is a county only event.

**Day Camp** - Our camp counselors are planning a fantastic day for our members in grades 3-8 at the Tuscarawas County Day Camp, Monday, June 12. Come and join the fun! **Day camp registration is due Monday, June 5**. Go to <http://go.osu.edu/TuscDayCamp> to register.

**4-H Fun Night at the Uhrichsville Water Park** - Our annual 4-H Fun Night will take place on June 14 from 6-8 p.m.. Admission is free for all 4-H families. The 4-H Committee will be providing light refreshments (pizza, chips, and water). You may bring in additional items for your club members (no bottles or cans). **Please contact the office (330-339-2337) by Monday, June 12 to let us know how many to expect from your club.**

**Addendum June 13, 2023: Fun Night postponed to rain date of Wednesday, Jun 21, 6-8 PM.**

**Animal Registrations** - If you plan to take your project animal to the fair, **you must submit your animal registration form by Thursday, June 15 at 4 pm**. This includes beef breeding, feeder calf, dairy cow/calf/heifer, market hog, market lamb, sheep breeding, dairy goat, market goat,





pack/harness goat, pygmy goat, all fancy poultry, breeding rabbit. Registration information is included in the project guidelines for all projects and can be found at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects#Animal%20Sciences>.

**Project Judging** - All members must attend project interview judging as a requirement for project completion.

Project judging dates will be as follows:

- July 10 – Horse (Including Horseless Horse) and Hog at Midvale Elementary
- July 11 – Miscellaneous (Including You and Your Dog and All About Dogs), Nutrition, and Cake Decorating at Midvale Elementary
- July 12 – Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit at Midvale Elementary
- July 13 – Beef, Dairy, and Sheep at Midvale Elementary
- July 20 – Clothing Judging at Broadway Global Methodist Church

Judging schedules will be released the week of June 5. Clothing members will receive their assigned project judging time in a direct mailing. Members should come during their club's assigned time unless they have contacted the Extension Office and made alternate arrangements.

**Make Up Judging – ANIMAL PROJECTS** - Those who are taking animal projects and are unable to attend regular, in-person judging will complete an online skillathon. The link to register for make-up Livestock Judging is now live: <http://go.osu.edu/tusclivestockmakeup>

### **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**

Here are the guidelines for utilizing the online make-up judging

- Online skillathon is available to all youth who are unable to attend in-person interview judging.
- Members must have a legitimate reason they are unable to attend in-person interview judging.
- Members who do not attend in-person judging are not eligible for OME or Top Interview Awards.
- Registration for online, make up judging MUST be completed by July, 7, 2023, at noon.
- Those not registered for online, make up project judging by July 7 and who do not attend regular, in-person project judging will be counted as incomplete and will not be eligible to show at the Tuscarawas County Fair.
- A separate registration MUST be completed for each 4-H member in your household who will be taking the on-line version.

- Members who register for online make-up judging will receive a link to complete judging on Monday, July 10. You will have until July 24 at noon to complete the skillathon.

**Make Up Judging – ALL OTHER PROJECTS -** Those who are taking miscellaneous, nutrition, cake decorating, or clothing projects will need to schedule for an in-person make up judging appointment. Make up judging will be held on Wednesday, July 19. The link to register for a make-up judging appointment is now live: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaad29a2fbc61-2023#/Individuals>. Members must be registered for their make-up judging appointment by July 7. Those not registering for make-up judging by July 7 will be counted as an incomplete project.

**Nutrition Portfolios and Recipe Completion Charts -** All members taking nutrition projects, please note!! You must prepare a nutrition portfolio as part of your required judging materials. Portfolio specifics can be found at [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state\\_fair/Food%20and%20Nutrition%20Activity\\_14.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/Food%20and%20Nutrition%20Activity_14.pdf) and required portfolio sections can be found at [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state\\_fair/2023%20State%20Fair%20Interest%20Areas.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/2023%20State%20Fair%20Interest%20Areas.pdf). Locally, we have created recipe completion charts to help members know what recipes need to be made for their project. Those can be found at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects#FCS%20and%20Related>; scroll down to “Recipe Completion Charts”.

**Swine Clinic -** Our summer intern, Emma Leggett is coordinating a Swine Clinic to prepare members for showing at the fair. Please see attached flyer below and help spread the word!

**Fair Booth Request Forms -** Need a fair booth? Don't need a fair booth? Regardless, please let us know by completing the Fair Booth Request Form at [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_etCByZXuBhcgAlg](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etCByZXuBhcgAlg). You can also find updated information about fair booth exhibit requirements and fire code regulations at <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/tuscarawas-county-junior-fair>; scroll down to “4-H Fair Booths”.

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Hello Tuscarawas County 4-H Family!

June and July always bring a flurry of 4-H activity! Please contact our office if you have any questions.

### **4-H Fun Night at Uhrichsville Water Park**

We can't wait to see everyone tomorrow evening at the Uhrichsville Water Park! As a reminder, we will be at the water park tomorrow, June 21 from 6-8 p.m. Admission is free for all 4-H families. The 4-H Committee will be providing light refreshments (pizza, chips, and water). You may bring in additional items for your club members (no bottles or cans).

### **4-H Camp Piedmont**

For those attending residential camp at 4-H Camp Piedmont Sunday, June 25 – Wednesday, June 28, we are excited for camp and we hope you are, too! As a reminder, the gates will open for drop off at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. There are no early drop offs. Parents are not permitted in cabins but have no fear . . . your child's counselors and adult staff will be available to assist in carrying items to cabins and helping them to get settled into camp. Dismissal will be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 with gates opening at that time for pick up.

### **Project Guidelines**

Unsure what your project requires for interview judging, state fair, and your county fair booth? Check out our handy project guideline summary available at [https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/Guidelines/2023%20Project%20Completion%20and%20Fair%20Requirements%20Chart%20v2%20Apr2023.pdf](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Guidelines/2023%20Project%20Completion%20and%20Fair%20Requirements%20Chart%20v2%20Apr2023.pdf).

### **Project Judging**

Project judging is right around the corner! All members must attend project interview judging as a requirement for project completion. Please make sure to check your club's judging time noting that it may be different each day. It is very important that you come at your club's assigned time unless other arrangements have been made.

Project judging dates will be as follows:

- July 10 – Horse (Including #173 Horseless Horse) and Hog at Midvale Elementary
- July 11 – Miscellaneous (Including #201D You and Your Dog and #200 All About Dogs), Nutrition, and Cake Decorating at Midvale Elementary
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Judging times can be found at: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-interview-judging>

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### **The Writer in You Project**

Members taking #588 The Writer in You project, those projects are due to the Tuscarawas County Extension office in hard copy form by Friday, June 30 at noon. See the guidelines for specifics.

### **Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>!**

Please note that the Tuscarawas County Office of OSU Extension will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day. As always, our secured drop box is available 24/7 if you need to drop anything off.

*Email via 4-H Online sent June 30, 2023.*

Hello Tuscarawas County 4-H Family!

This past week during camp drop off, a parent told me it isn't summer until 4-H camp. Well, summer is officially in full swing! Thank you to the many campers, counselors, and adult staff who came together to make 2023 4-H Camp great! And now we are hours away from turning the calendar page to July . . .

### **Camp Lost and Found**

There were a number of items left at 4-H Camp. Lost and Found items will be washed, returned to the Tuscarawas County Extension Office, and ready for you to claim beginning Wednesday, July 5. We will take the camp lost and found items to judging at Midvale Elementary as well. Items not claimed by July 31 will be discarded.

### **Camp T-shirts**

Those who ordered youth sized Camp Piedmont shirts, thank you for your patience! Those shirts did not arrive in time for us to distribute them at camp. We will have them for you to pick up at judging. Day camp shirts will also be available for pick up at judging. If you have decided you would like to order either the Camp Piedmont or the Tuscarawas County (Survivor Island) shirt (or both!!), please let Michelle know ([moon.317@osu.edu](mailto:moon.317@osu.edu)) by Monday, July 3. Camp Piedmont shirts are \$15 each. County shirts are \$12 each.

### **Project Judging**

All members must attend project interview judging as a requirement for project completion. Please make sure to check your club's judging time noting that it may be different each day. It is very important that you come at your club's assigned time unless other arrangements have been made.

Project judging dates will be as follows:

- July 10 – Horse (Including Horseless Horse) and Hog at Midvale Elementary
- July 11 – Miscellaneous (Including You and Your Dog and All About Dogs), Nutrition, and Cake Decorating at Midvale Elementary
- July 12 – Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit at Midvale Elementary
- July 13 – Beef, Dairy, and Sheep at Midvale Elementary
- July 20 – Clothing Judging at Broadway Global Methodist Church

Judging times can be found at: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-interview-judging>



### **Make Up Judging – ANIMAL PROJECTS**

Those who are taking animal projects and are unable to attend regular, in-person judging will need to complete an online skillathon. Register at <http://go.osu.edu/tusclivestockmakeup>

### **Make Up Judging – ALL OTHER PROJECTS**

Those who are taking miscellaneous, nutrition, cake decorating, or clothing projects will need to schedule for an in-person make up judging appointment. Make up judging will be held on Wednesday, July 19. The link to register for a make-up judging appointment is now live: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaad29a2fbc61-2023#/Individuals>. Members must be registered for their make-up judging appointment by July 7. Those not registering for make-up judging by July 7 will be counted as an incomplete project.

**Please let us know if your child has decided not to complete their project!**

### **Helpful Resources from the State**

Our Extension/4-H Animal Sciences team has released several helpful resources for livestock participants. There is a new Extension factsheet entitled “Over the Counter Medication Moving to Prescription (OTC – Rx)” which covers what is happening with the move from OTC to Rx medications for animals, which medications are impacted, and steps to take to ensure you have access to antibiotics commonly used. <https://ansci.osu.edu/extension/factsheets-0>

Specific to poultry, the USDA has released a Poultry Biosecurity Toolkit for YOUTH. This resource is available at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/flock-defender/flock-defender>.

### **Hog Clinic**

Plan to attend the beginner showmanship hog clinic on Wednesday, July 19. Registration opens at 6:30pm and clinic begins at 7:00pm at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds. Guest speaker will be Garrit Sproull! Lots of door prizes! This event is open to all 4-H'ers. Help spread the word!

### **Office Closure**

Please note, the Tuscarawas County Office of Ohio State University Extension will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day. As always, our secured drop box is available to you 24/7.

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*Email via 4-H Online sent July 8, 2023*

Hello Tuscarawas County 4-H Family!

Judging week is upon us! Good luck to everyone as you finish up projects and showcase the things you have learned!

### **Cloverbud Camp**

Registration is now OPEN for this year's Cloverbud Camp!

Details: **Friday, July 21, 2023, 10 AM - 3 PM at the Clover Cafe, Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds**

**Cost: \$10**

**Register at:** <http://go.osu.edu/cloverbudcampreg> by noon on Monday, July 17.

### **Project Judging Reminders**

All members must take part in project interview judging as a requirement for project completion. Please make sure to check your club's judging time(s) which can be found at: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-interview-judging>.

Project judging dates will be as follows:

- July 10 – Horse (Including Horseless Horse, horse judging is 9 a.m. – noon only) and Hog at Midvale Elementary.
- July 10 – Dog Obedience, Showmanship, and Performance at the Fairgrounds at 6 p.m.
- July 11 – Miscellaneous (Including You and Your Dog and All About Dogs), Nutrition, and Cake Decorating at Midvale Elementary. NOTE: Miscellaneous judging only takes place 9 a.m. until noon. **You MUST be checked in for judging by 11:15.**
- July 12 – Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit at Midvale Elementary.
- July 13 – Beef, Dairy, and Sheep (sheep judging is 9 a.m. – noon only) at Midvale Elementary.
- July 20 – Clothing Judging at Broadway Global Methodist Church (letters with individual judging times were mailed directly to members)



### 4-H Food Stand Available at Judging

There will be a food stand available at Midvale Elementary. Beverages (pop, water, coffee, tea) and snacks (candy bars, chips, granola bars, and donuts) will be available. We can only accept cash for food stand purchases. Food stand proceeds help support the Junior Leaders and 4-H FCS Committee to make educational activities possible.

### Make-Up Judging – ANIMAL PROJECTS

Those who registered for make-up judging for animal projects will receive an email (sent to the email provided in the Qualtrics) with the link to complete their online judging by July 10. Those who signed up for multiple species will receive a separate email/link for EACH SPECIES. Online Skillathon judging MUST be completed by noon on July 24.

### Camp Lost and Found

Lost and Found items will be available at Midvale Elementary during judging. Items not claimed by July 31 will be discarded.

### Fair Entry

The online fair entry portal is scheduled to open at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023. All fair entries must be submitted through the online entry system by 11:59 p.m. on August 7, 2023.

Please use this link to access the portal: <https://tuscjrfair.fairentry.com/>. The link is NOT correct in the Fair Book. **You will log in using your 4-H Online username and password.** Please contact Astra ([armstrong.133@osu.edu](mailto:armstrong.133@osu.edu)) or Amy ([vargo.201@osu.edu](mailto:vargo.201@osu.edu)) if you need your 4-H Online log-in information. The FairEntry system is linked to 4-H Online, so ALL YOUTH ALREADY HAVE FAIR ENTRY PROFILES. Do NOT create a “new” exhibitor!

### A few reminders regarding fair entries:

- Youth MUST **register for SHOWMANSHIP** when making their entries. Members may decide to drop showmanship without penalty, but no showmanship entries will be taken after the August 7 deadline.
- You'll need your animal **tag numbers** to make your entries!
- All market animals (market poultry and rabbits, see below) will need to **include the picture** for the buyers' boards. They must be in a landscape (horizontal) format.
- For those exhibiting **market rabbits or market poultry/ducks**, your pictures are due by September 1 and should be emailed to [tuscjrfair@gmail.com](mailto:tuscjrfair@gmail.com).
- Beef exhibitors: if you are planning to exhibit in **Bred, Born and Raised**, that must be included on your entry as well.

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on file in the 4-H Online/FairEntry system. Once you have received this confirmation/approval, you will be able to go *back into* the FairEntry program and make changes.

OSU Extension staff are unable to make changes to fair entries over the phone. **All changes must be requested in writing.** You can email requests to [tuscjrfair@gmail.com](mailto:tuscjrfair@gmail.com). You will receive an email confirmation of changes from the FairEntry system.

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### Poultry Pick Up Reminders

Market poultry are shipped to us. At this time, we are anticipating market ducks will arrive the week of July 23 and market chicken (broilers) will arrive the week of July 30. The supplier will provide us with confirmation dates when the birds are shipped and we will provide exact pick-up details on to members taking those projects via email and text (if you opted into text messaging when you enrolled).

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*Email via 4-H Online sent July 21, 2023*

Hello T-County 4-H Family!

It has been great to see so many of you over the past two weeks as we have been together for various judging activities, a fantastic hog clinic, duck pick up, and the fashion review! A few reminders as we head toward the last week of July!

### Ohio State Fair

Good luck to those competing at the Ohio State Fair! If you were selected to represent Tuscarawas County with your miscellaneous or FCS-related project and have not picked up your packet yet, please do so very soon! The packets contain your participant letter, guidelines, parking pass, and entry ticket. Those going with animal projects should have received all tickets and information directly from the OSF.

### Virtual Skillathon

Thank you to those who have already completed your virtual skillathon! **As a reminder, all virtual skillathons must be completed by Monday, July 24.** A follow-up email with skillathon links and information went out earlier today; the email goes to the entire group, so apologies to those who have completed the skillathon and still received the email. If you have not received an email with skillathon links, please check your junk/spam mail, particularly if you have a Yahoo account. For privacy purposes, those emails go out to the group with participant emails concealed, which sometimes triggers spam filters. Contact Chris Kendle ([kendle.4@osu.edu](mailto:kendle.4@osu.edu)) ASAP if you have not received your link.

### Market Chicken Pick Up

Market chickens will arrive the week of July 30. As soon as we have delivery confirmation, an email and text message will be sent to members with pick up details.

### Fair Entry

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- Please do not wait until the last minute to make your entries in case you have any problems.

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### Fairgrounds Clean Up

In lieu of a large fairgrounds clean up event, we are asking clubs to select projects at the fairgrounds and coordinate dates/times within their club. We have already had several clubs contact us to let us know what projects they will be working on between now and fair. The Senior Fair Board will also be putting together a fairgrounds clean up wish list for us. **Please contact the office to let us know what your club will be working on so we do not have duplication of tasks and/or clubs allocating resources to tasks that are already done.**

### Fair Parking Passes

We would like to give a huge shout out to TMK Valley Propane and TMK Bakersville as they are sponsoring one parking pass for each family with animals at the fair. The passes provided by TMK will be available (free of charge) during wristband distribution. Those requiring an additional parking pass can purchase the pass at the Senior Fair Board Office beginning in early August. There is a limit of parking passes 2 per family.

Have a great weekend!  
Chris

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*Email via 4-H Online sent August 18, 2023*

Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H!

We are a month away from the start of the Tuscarawas County Fair, September 18 – 24, 2023! Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out a weekly email with important fair-related updates and information. Please take time to read these updates and share them with others in our 4-H Community.

**URGENT! Clover Café Help Needed!** The Clover Café is the Tuscarawas County 4-H Program's only fundraiser. Due to the revenue generated by the Clover Café, our county has not had to require county participation fees, additional project-based fees, or other county-wide fundraising events throughout the year. At the same time, we have been able to support many valuable projects and services to our 4-H Community. Please see the attached flyer for how these funds supported our youth and volunteers last year. We challenge every club to send at least 5 people to work in the café at some point during fair week to ensure that our schedule is completely covered – this could be 4-H'ers, parents, advisors, friends of the 4-H program. You could even split a shift with a friend! Please sign up today! [www.go.osu.edu/clovercafesignup](http://www.go.osu.edu/clovercafesignup).

**Fair Schedule Changes** As was noted at the Advisor Updates and QA sessions early in the year, there have been significant changes to the 2023 fair schedule. The 2023 schedule can be found at <https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com/fair-information-2023.html> and the complete Fair book including 2023 fair rules and policies can be found at <https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com/fair-books.html>.

**Fairgrounds Clean Up** Numerous clubs assist with beautifying our county fairgrounds every year. We have recognized the benefits of clubs selecting their own clean up times/projects rather than having a single clean up event, thus we are continuing this system in 2023. To reduce duplication of efforts and increase efficiency, **if your club intends to participate in a fairgrounds cleanup project, please contact Michelle ([moon.317@osu.edu](mailto:moon.317@osu.edu)) to see what projects are still available and what supplies may be needed.**

**Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee Scholarship** The Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee is sponsoring scholarships for 2022. Individuals who are high school seniors or in their final year of 4-H and are currently in any course of study at an accredited post-secondary institution (or will be enrolled by August 2024) may apply. Applicants must have been a Tuscarawas County 4-H program member for at least 5 consecutive years. Applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on September 8. Recipients will be recognized on Sunday, September 17 at the 4-H Awards Recognition Ceremony. This is a one-time only scholarship.  
[https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/2023%204-H%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf](https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/sites/tuscarawas/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2023%204-H%20Committee%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf)



**Buyers Packets and Sale Information** Flyers & passes will be mailed to all 2022 buyers who purchased an animal/product at last year's sales. If packets were requested for a new buyer, those will also be mailed out. If you know of a potential new buyer, please stop into the Extension Office to pick up a packet for them; that will need delivered to the individual or business. We will not mail any other packets at this point.

We will continue to use a hybrid format for the sale with help from Kaufman's. The Livestock Sale will be on Thursday, September 21 with hogs beginning at 12 noon and market beef/lambs beginning at 4 p.m. The Dairy Sale will be on Friday, September 22 at 4 p.m. The Small Animal Sale will be Saturday, September 23 beginning at 3 p.m.; sale order will be Goat, Turkey, Duck, Rabbit, Broiler.

**Small Animal Clinic** The Small Animal Committee is sponsoring a showmanship clinic on **Wednesday, August 23 at 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**. Those showing rabbits and goats are welcome to bring their animals to practice. Those showing poultry projects should NOT bring your birds.

**Market Rabbit Tattooing** All market rabbit bunnies must be tattooed on Saturday, August 26 at 9-10 a.m. at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds.

**Pet Rabbit Show** Sunday, August 27, at 2 p.m. at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds. A Costume Contest has been added to the day! Bring a costume for your rabbit and join in on this "just for fun" opportunity.

**Buyers Board Pictures – Market Poultry and Rabbits** For those exhibiting market rabbits or market poultry/ducks, your pictures are due by September 1 and should be emailed to [tuscjrfair@gmail.com](mailto:tuscjrfair@gmail.com).

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Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H!

We are less than a month away from the start of the fair, September 18 – 24! Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out a weekly email with important fair-related updates and information. Please take time to read these updates and share them with others in our 4-H community.

### **Buyers Board Pictures – Market Poultry and Market Rabbits**

Buyers' pictures for all market poultry (broilers, ducks, and turkeys) as well as market rabbits are **due by Friday, September 1**. They can be emailed to [tuscjrfair@gmail.com](mailto:tuscjrfair@gmail.com). Photos must be in a landscape format (long-way horizontal, turning your phone on its side to take the picture). Please upload the highest resolution picture you can.

### **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 club requirements to receive a fair wristband. These sheets determine wristband distribution and need to be **completed by Monday, September 11. The sooner the better!** This allows us enough time to verify all members prior to wristband distribution.

### **Project Completion Guidelines**

To have completed a project all members must:

1. Have completed all local club guidelines and be in good standing;
2. Followed their 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.

### **Booth Assignments**

Fair booth assignment maps have been posted at: [go.osu.edu/tuscjrfair](http://go.osu.edu/tuscjrfair). There will be no booth guarding this year. Please do not put valuable items in fair booths.

Please carefully review information regarding regulations and decorating 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 16 and September 17 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Booths must be in place by 6 p.m. on Sunday (plaques for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners may be placed until 9 p.m.). Please note that pictures with names attached and full names of members are not required.



### **Helpers Needed for Booth Set-Up & Tear Down**

Volunteers are needed to set up the fair booth structures in the Commercial Building on Thursday, September 7 at 6 p.m. Tear down is Wednesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. All help is appreciated!

### **Parking passes**

TMK has generously sponsored one fair parking pass per family. Those can be picked up during wristband distribution. Individuals wishing to purchase an additional parking pass may do so at the Senior Fair Board for \$20. Parking passes 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 a parking pass.

### **DUNF Forms**

Exhibitors with market animals or animals in lactation (during exhibition) are required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to fill out a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF). DUNF's will be online *only*. DUNF's will need to be completed between September 6 and 13. A 4-H Online notification with DUNF specific information will be sent out to all members taking market and dairy projects.

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Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H!

We are less than two weeks away from the start of fair – September 18! Please take time to read this update and share with others in our 4-H community.

### **DUNF Forms**

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### **Wristband Distribution**

Members/advisors/committee members may pick up their wristbands at the Clover Café during the following times:

- Friday, September 15, 3 - 5 PM
- Saturday, September 16, 10 AM - 2 PM
- Sunday, September 18, Noon - 5 PM
  - Please remember that 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.
  - Members/advisors/committee members must pick up their own wristband.
  - All advisors and committee members must be actively participating in the program to receive a wristband.

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### **Dropped Exhibits**

Please let the Extension Office know if you are no longer bringing an animal to the fair.

Please note – if you have an animal project and are not bringing the animal to the fair, you must have an educational display in place to serve as your exhibit. If your club does not have a fair booth, that exhibit can be taken to the Jr. Fair Board Office by 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 17 and we will display it in the county miscellaneous booth.





### **Farm Bureau Study Area**

The Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau will be sponsoring a “Homework Tent” for our 4-H members to utilize during the fair. The tent will be located behind the Jr. Dairy Barn.

### **Animal and Me Mentors Needed**

The Animal and Me show continues to draw a growing number of participants. Now we need mentors! If you are showing a rabbit, lamb, or poultry, please consider serving as a mentor. The show will be held on Friday, September 22 at 7 p.m. in the Main Arena. Contact Michala Sprowl at [mmetzcar95@gmail.com](mailto:mmetzcar95@gmail.com) or 330-691-0796 for more information.

### **URGENT! Clover Café Help Needed!**

We need volunteers to make our Clover Café fundraiser a success! You do not have to work with your club – members, parents, siblings, grandparents, advisors, everyone is welcome!! Please sign up today! [www.go.osu.edu/clovercafesignup](http://www.go.osu.edu/clovercafesignup).

### **Pen Assignments**

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. 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. 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 always under their animal 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!

### **Grooming Shoots**

Grooming shoots can be marked beginning next Wednesday, September 13.

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Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H!

Just a few more days until the 2023 Tuscarawas County Fair! Please read this newsletter in its entirety as it includes important reminders as we head into fair this weekend and during the fair next week. Good luck to all our 4-H members!

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### **Cloverbud Graduation**

The Tuscarawas County Junior Leaders Club will be recognizing our 61 Cloverbuds that will be “graduating” into the 4-H program. This would be **current Cloverbuds** that are now at least 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this school year.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 12:30 p.m. following the Super Showmanship Competition. Included in the ceremony will be a “cap ceremony” congratulating them for making their commitment to the program.

If your club would like to make a donation, please contact Michelle Moon ([moon.317@osu.edu](mailto:moon.317@osu.edu)). Checks can be made payable to Tusc. Jr. Leaders. Donations may also be dropped off at the Extension office.

Please register your “graduating” Cloverbud here:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_72hRgyH26xZWsiG](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72hRgyH26xZWsiG)

### **Pullorum Testing**

Pullorum testing for broilers and fancy poultry is **Wednesday, September 13, 6-7 p.m. beside the 4-way Horse Barn (across from the Junior Fair Board Office)**. (As there is a lot going on at the fairgrounds, there is a possibility it may get moved. If you have any problems finding them, just stop at the Junior Fair Board Office and someone can direct you.) This is only necessary if you have birds other than your 4-H project birds on your property. Bring a bird other than your fair bird for testing. See pages 64-65 of the Tuscarawas County Fair Book for more information.



### **Wristband Distribution**

Members/advisors/committee members may pick up their wristbands at the Clover Café during the following times:

- Friday, September 15, 3 - 5 PM
- Saturday, September 16, 10 AM - 2 PM
- Sunday, September 17, Noon - 5 PM

### **Clover Café Vouchers**

The 4-H Committee is selling pre-paid Clover Café vouchers at the café. \$5 vouchers can be purchased during wristband distribution times September 15, 16, and 17.

### **Pre-Fair Parking**

The Senior Fair Board would like to remind everyone that during the week before fair, while set-up is taking place, there should be NO parking around the horse arena, midway, or the barns. Items can be dropped off in those locations but vehicles must be parked in the in-field.

### **Royalty Contest, Wardell Leadership 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 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Livestock Arena.

Individuals winning first place in their 4-H Miscellaneous, FCS, 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 17 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.

### **Back Numbers**

The 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 16 at the Junior Fair Board Office. Exhibitors must keep this back number for the entire week of fair.

### **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 Junior Fair Board Office by September 24.

Class, Division, Championship, Top Interview, and Showmanship winners must complete and return a thank you note prior to receiving their award. Exhibitors will be provided with a card,

sponsor's address, and envelope. Postage will be paid. Return the card to the Junior Fair Board Office following the show, at which time the exhibitor will receive their award.

### **Cloverbud Activities**

Join us for fun Cloverbud activities on Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m. This event is for currently enrolled Cloverbuds.

### **Clean Barns**

Keeping your animal's pen and area around it clean is very important and it is **your** 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.

A special thank you to Bennington Propane for purchasing 1 bale of sawdust for each hog exhibitor. Those will be in your hog pens ready to get you started on a clean pen for the fair!

### **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer Campaign**

Once again, we've been challenged to participate in Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1'st's Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer Campaign! We will be accepting food donations as well as monetary donations.

Canned foods can be dropped off at hog check in (all hog exhibitors who turn in canned goods will receive a porkburger compliments of the Tuscarawas County Pork Producers). They can also be dropped off at wristband distribution or the Junior Fair Board Office during the week. Thank you for your helping a worthy cause!

### **Junior Fair Sales**

We will continue to use a hybrid format for the sale with help from Kaufman's. The Livestock Sale will be on Thursday, September 21 with hogs beginning at 12 noon and market beef/lambs beginning at 4 p.m. The Dairy Sale will be on Friday, September 22 at 4 p.m. The Small Animal Sale will be Saturday, September 23 beginning at 3 p.m.; sale order will be goat, turkey, duck, rabbit, broiler.

As a reminder, youth can only receive proceeds from TWO sales. If a member is exhibiting more than two animals and eligible for more than two revenue generating sales, 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, rule 30).

### **Market Animal Non-Sale Forms**

Any market steer, market lamb, market rabbit, or market goat exhibitor who does not wish to sell their animal must turn in a Non-Sale Form to the Junior Fair Board Office following the completion of their respective show and at least 24 hours prior to their respective sale. Forms

will be available at the Junior Fair Board Office. All market poultry (ducks, broilers, turkeys), and market hogs must go through the auction. All Grand and Reserve champion animals must be slaughtered.

### **End of Fair Pen Clean Up**

ALL pens for rabbits, goats, sheep, and hogs must be completely cleaned out by 8 p.m. Sunday, September 24 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!

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*Email via 4-H Online sent October 12, 2023*

Hello Tuscarawas County 4-H Family!

It is beginning to feel more and more like fall! I know this is the quiet time of the 4-H year for many but there are still several activities and events taking place. The fall is also a great time of the year for community service opportunities. As always, please contact us with any questions.

### **Buyers Boards for Online Buyers**

Members whose animal(s) were purchased online are encouraged to stop by the Tuscarawas County Extension Office to pick up their buyer's board and deliver it to their buyer.

### **Miscellaneous Project Exhibits**

Members who turned in exhibits for display in the county miscellaneous booth at the county fair can pick up your exhibits at the Tuscarawas County Extension Office. Any exhibits not picked up by December 1, 2023, will be discarded.

### **Livestock Check Distribution**

Checks from the Market Livestock Auction and Small Animal Auction can be picked up on Friday, November 3, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. or Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Broadway Global Methodist Church. Members must have their completed record book and a thank you card for their buyer to receive their check. Thank you's should be properly addressed with the buyer's address (available at check distribution), the member's return address, and must have a postage stamp. Thank you cards and stamps will be available for purchase at check distribution (\$2/card, \$1/stamp).

### **Dairy Check Distribution**

Checks for dairy exhibitors can be picked up on Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Broadway Global Methodist Church. This is the only time dairy checks will be distributed! Members must have their completed dairy record book and 10 thank you cards.

### **Older Youth Opportunities**

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### **Volunteer Banquet**

Advisors and Key Leaders should have received an invitation to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet to be held on Thursday, November 9. RSVP by 4:00 p.m. October 27. Invitations were mailed and emailed October 10. If you feel you should have received an invitation and did not, please contact our office.

### **New Advisors and New Clubs**

We have received a few inquiries regarding becoming a new advisor and/or starting a new club. We will have information available in mid-December regarding the necessary steps for becoming an advisor and/or starting a club.

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*Email via 4-H Online sent October 26, 2023*

Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H Family! Happy fall and a few timely reminders!

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Checks for those who sold animals at the Market Livestock Sale and the Small Animal sale can be picked up on Friday, November 3, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. or Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Broadway Global Methodist Church. Members must have their completed record book and a thank you card for their buyer to receive their check. Thank you's should be properly addressed with the buyer's address (available at check distribution), the member's return address, and must have a postage stamp. Thank you cards and stamps will be available for purchase at check distribution (\$2/card, \$1/stamp).

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*Email via 4-H Online sent December 6, 2023*

*Hello, Tuscarawas County 4-H Family! The holidays are upon us, which often means a lot of busyness. We hope you will take time to enjoy friends and family this season and come back refreshed for an exciting 2024!*

#### **Market Beef Tag In**

Market beef tag-in will be December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Main Show Arena at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds. For those with unavoidable scheduling conflicts, we have set aside December 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. You must pre-register for the 11<sup>th</sup> by calling our office (330-339-2337) by December 8.

#### **Older Youth Holiday Party**

The annual Older Youth Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 14 at 6 p.m. at Broadway Global Methodist Church. This is for all youth who were involved in Older Youth in 2023 (Camp Counselors, Junior Fair Board, Food and Fashion Board, Junior Leaders) as well as for those who plan to be involved in 2024. We will have a gingerbread house decorating contest (gingerbread houses provided), cookie decorating, pizza, and an optional (\$5) gift exchange. Youth need to use the QR code on the flyer if they plan to attend.

#### **Older Youth Opportunities Selection Letters**

Letters for selection of Camp Counselors, Junior Fair Board, and Food and Fashion Board went out in the mail earlier this week. All youth who applied for older youth opportunities will receive a letter regarding their selections.

#### **Club Premium Checks and Miscellaneous Items**

Advisors - If you have not picked up your club's premium check, you must do so ASAP! Those need to be cashed in the next few days and premiums must be distributed to members. Also, there are lingering fair awards, fair booth posters, buyer's boards, Cloverbud graduation bags/certificates, and other miscellaneous items. If you are unsure if you/your club has items for pick up, please call or email ([kendle.4@osu.edu](mailto:kendle.4@osu.edu)) to inquire. Any exhibits/buyer's boards not picked up by December 29, 2023, will be discarded.

#### **Changes to Our County Office Staffing**



Chris Zoller has been asked to serve as the OSU Extension Interim Assistant Director of Ag and Natural Resources. This transition was effective December 1. We will miss Chris's presence in our county office, but we know he will do great things in serving our state, and we still get to keep him for Quality Assurance trainings this spring!



Michelle Moon will be taking on more 4-H responsibilities in her current role as 4-H Program Assistant beginning January 1, 2024.

As many of you may have heard, I will be transitioning to the county 4-H Youth Development Educator on January 1, 2024. I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to grow our county program and look forward to a great year with our 4-H community! The Tuscarawas County Family and Consumer Sciences Educator position will be posted soon with the goal of filling that position by early February.

#### **Office Closure**

Our office – as well as all Extension offices – will be closed Monday, December 25; Tuesday, December 26; and Monday, January 1, 2024. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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