Ottawa County 4-H Family Newsletter

Summer 2021 Edition

Camps and project judging and fair week, oh my!

This is quite a busy time here at the OSU Extension Office as we prep for some of our favorite 4-H summer activities. We are wrapping up camps and gearing up for project judging and the 2021 Ottawa County Fair. We look forward to returning to a bit of normalcy with all of you this summer, and we appreciate both your patience and your perseverance as we've navigated uncertain times together over the past year.

In this issue, you can find information that will be helpful to you as we prepare for pre-fair project judging, the fair, and beyond. It's packed full of information! As always, please don't hesitate to contact us at (419) 898-3631 with any questions.

Onward,
The Ottawa County 4-H Staff

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Congratulations, Rhonda!

Rhonda Mahaney recently stepped into her new position as our Office Associate. She is with us full-time now! She continues to be the point of contact for Blue Ribbon, 4-H Online, club management, and more.

The OSU Extension Ottawa County office has re-opened!

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The Extension Office has re-opened and we have returned to our normal business hours of **Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Appointments are no longer needed.

When we resumed our normal business hours, we adjusted our seating arrangement. You'll now be greeted with a smile by Tammy Myers, one of our SNAP-Ed program assistants, but please wait for Rhonda, Liz, or Autumn to assist you when visiting our office if they are not readily available. Thank you!

Camp Corner

Jr. Day Camp on Kelleys Island

We just wrapped up an awesome camping season! It was different but super fun. Thank you to everyone who came, and we'll look forward to seeing you for a (hopefully) more familiar camp in 2022!

Cloverbud Camp

2021 Pre-Fair Judging

It's that time of year again! Please see below for details about still project judging.

- **July 12**: Clothing, Food and Nutrition, Dogs
  - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., **pre-registration** required to reserve time slot
- **July 13**: All other still projects
  - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **pre-registration** required to reserve time slot

These events will be held **in-person** in the B3 Building at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds.
Need to know which day your project will be judged on? Please reference the 2021 4-H Project Grid.

NEW for 2021: Pre-Registration

In an effort to maintain social distancing and complete judging in an orderly fashion during still project judging, families will need to register for an appointment to reserve their time slot (link below). We highly encourage families with multiple youth participating on the same day to register early to secure time slots that are close in time for their convenience. **Please arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled time slot begins**.

Reserve your time slot at **go.osu.edu/ottawaprefair21** by Thursday, July 8th**.**
For help with the registration Qualtrics form, please contact Rhonda at mahaney.23@osu.edu.

Health and Safety Measures

Health and safety measures such as social distancing and sanitation will be in place to ensure everyone in attendance has the best and safest experience possible. While masks are not required, we strongly recommend that eligible but unvaccinated individuals to properly wear a face mask.

Pre-Fair Judging Contact

Autumn Converse (converse.42@osu.edu)

Horse and Livestock Skillathon

Attention horse and livestock Jr. Fair exhibitors! Please see below for information about this year's skillathon events.

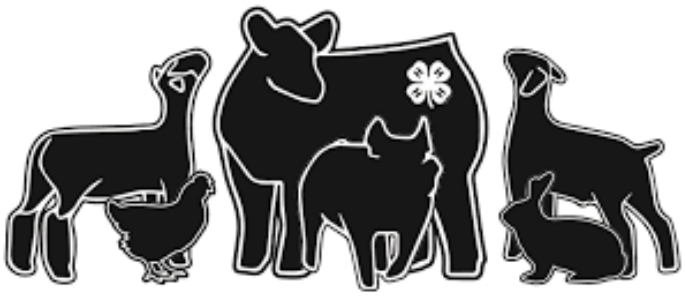
- **July 16**: Horse skillathon
  - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **July 17**: Livestock skillathon
  - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Both events will take place at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds in the B3 building. No registration is required to attend.

We will have **study skillathon kits** set up and available for practice at the Extension Office during the weeks of July 6th and July 12th.

Study guides are also available on our website: https://ottawa.osu.edu/skillathon-study-guides

Reminder that all 4-H and FFA Jr. Fair horse and livestock exhibitors are **required to complete skillathon for their species in order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.



My 4-H Cloverbud Year

Attention Cloverbuds!

Cloverbuds will have the opportunity to have their "My 4-H Cloverbud Year" project evaluated. Time slots are available for Cloverbuds to meet with a judge on **Tuesday, July 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m**.
Reserve your time slot here: go.osu.edu/ottawaprefair21

A quick reminder: Formal scoring of Cloverbuds or competition of any kind between Cloverbuds and 4-H members is not permissible. Therefore, Cloverbuds cannot submit projects other than My 4-H Cloverbud Year for evaluation as "practice."

Although this is not competitive judging, it will give them a chance to showcase what they have learned and experienced throughout their year as a Cloverbud.

If you have any questions, please contact Autumn at converse.42@osu.edu.

County Award Pick-Up

Results (including Ohio State Fair qualifiers) will be posted in the days following pre-fair judging.

If you receive an award for a still project, we invite you to join us at our **pre-fair awards ceremony**! This event will take place on **Monday, July 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the First Energy building** at the fairgrounds.

If you are unable to join us there, your award will be available to pick up at the Extension Office during our normal business hours.

Still projects will be judged on the following scale:

Superior (Dark Purple Ribbon):
Exhibitor went above and beyond the project requirements. They had superior knowledge of project and developed an extensive exhibit.

Outstanding (Light Purple Ribbon):
Exhibitor met all project requirements. They had basic knowledge of subject matter and a nice exhibit.

Good (Green Ribbon):
Exhibitor met some project requirements. They need more project knowledge and more extensive exhibit.

Needs Improvement (Light Green Ribbon):
Exhibitor did not meet project requirements.

Ottawa County Junior Fair

2021 Show Schedule

Monday, July 19th
- Poultry – 9:00 AM
- Horses – 9:00 AM
- Lambs – 1:00 PM

Tuesday, July 20th
- Swine – 8:00 AM
- Horses – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 21st
- Horses – 9:00 AM
- Beef – 5:00 PM

Thursday, July 22nd
- Goats – 9:00 AM
- Rabbits – 2:00 PM

[Click here to view the entire 2021 Ottawa County Fair schedule]

Skill-A-Thon Help

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with administering the Skill-a-thon on Saturday, July 17th from 7:30 am until noon.

Please contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845) if you are able to help!

Post-Show Clean Up

We are looking for 4-H Clubs to volunteer their time during the week of the fair to help clean up after livestock shows in the show barn. We are asking for two clubs to give their time after each livestock show to clean up trash, wipe down bleachers, and assist with setting up the show arena for the next show.

Brooms, buckets, and rags will be provided. Since the work will be somewhat dirty, we suggest you bring your own gloves for sanitary purposes. At the conclusion of the show, your club will be paged to the show barn.

Please **contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845)** to sign up for a time.

King and Queen Application Deadline July 6th

We encourage all Jr. Fair participants age 16-18 to participate in the 2021 Ottawa County Jr. Fair Royalty Contest!

The application deadline is Tuesday, July 6th with interviews taking place on Wednesday, July 14th. Any interested candidate should send their cover letter, resume, photo, and essay to Molly Avers at mshansen91@gmail.com by the July 6th deadline.

Find full details on the Ottawa County Fair website (link).

Clean Barn Policy

If pens are not kept clean, the Barn Superintendent will issue the following:

1. One verbal notice will be given.
2. A written notice will be given requiring the signature of a parent/legal guardian.
3. Then a $25.00 fee will be assessed.
    - The fee can be assessed multiple times throughout the fair and does NOT reset daily.

Remember Good Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is about playing by the rules, discipline, respect, and self-control. A good sport has fun because they enjoy participating in the activity more than the final outcome.

As we approach the judging and fair season, remember to be a good sportsman. Whether you are taking a food and nutrition project, showing a steer, or running for a position on the 2020 fair royalty court, remember to show pride in yourself and your project by playing fair and showing respect to not only yourself but to those who are competing against you.

Here are some good sportsmanship tips to remember for the next few weeks.

1. Show respect to yourself by treating others the way you want to be treated.

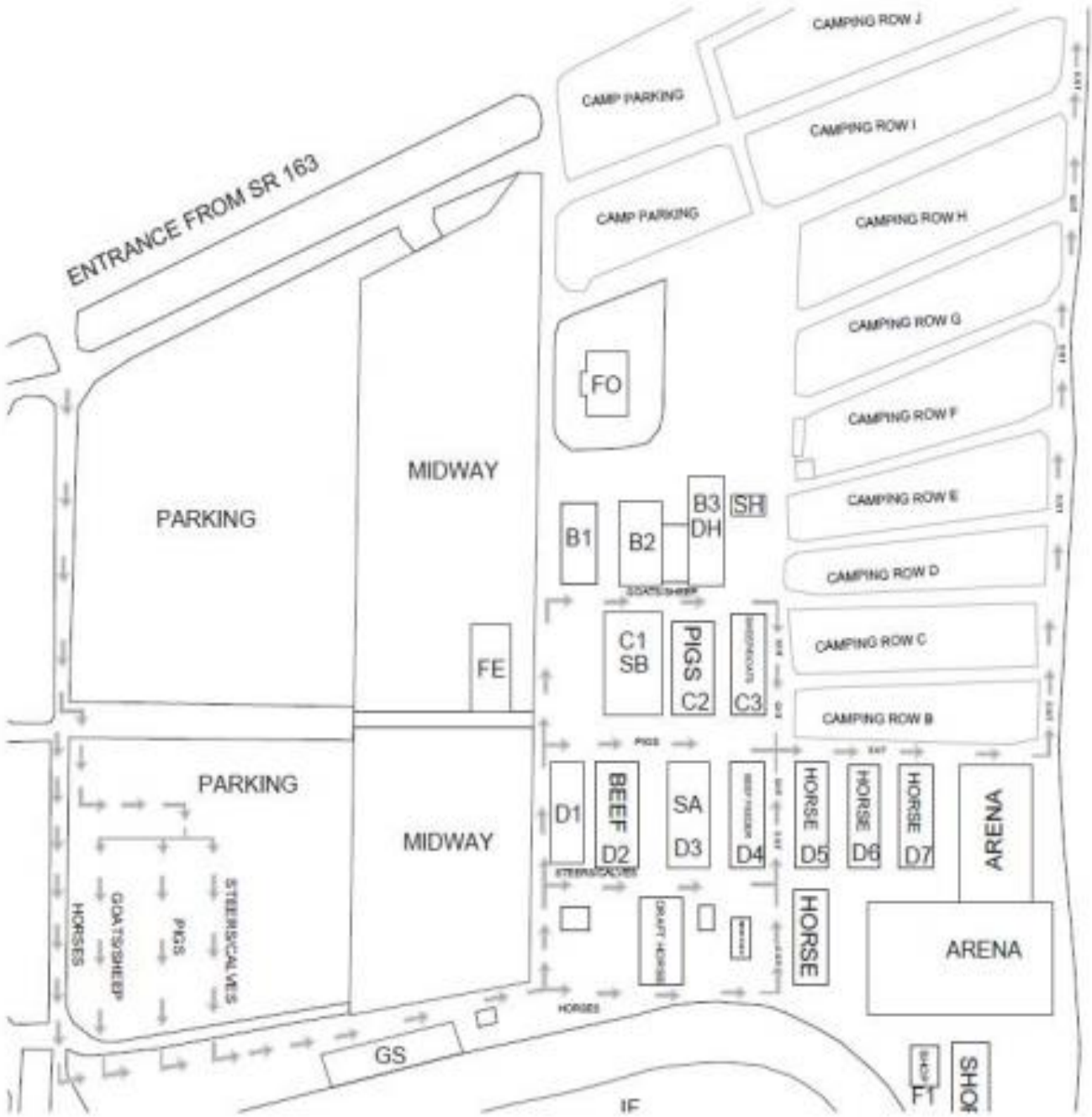
2. Respect the rules of the activity and project by always playing fair.

3. Offer encouragement to other participants, especially when they make mistakes.

4. Forgive yourself when you make a mistake and get right back in the game.

5. Lose without pouting and win without gloating.

Ottawa County Jr. Fair Check-In Traffic Flow



Horses Only
Move-In Day
July 18, 2021
8:00 AM – noon

Small Animals
Move-In Day
July 18, 2021
8:00 AM – noon

Livestock
Move-In Day
July 18, 2021
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Hogs will be the only species to weigh off the trailer. Sheep will weigh at 6:00pm. Goats will weigh at 6:45pm. Beef will weigh at 7:00pm. Weigh-ins will last one hour. Each animal will be weighed in once. A Friend can weigh in for you as long as paperwork is complete

A message from the Livestock Sale Committee….

Hello Market Livestock Exhibitors!

As you are preparing your 4-H animals for the fair, please keep in mind the livestock sale is fast approaching. To help you prepare for the sale, here are three ways you can let businesses/individuals know they can support you and the sale:

1. In Person—reach out to businesses or individuals you have relationships with and invite them to the sale to support you, your project and your fellow livestock exhibitors.
    - Send a personal invitation with a photo of you and your project.
    - Stop in to businesses and invite them in person.
    - Reach out to your 2020 buyers to thank them again and invite them to the sale this year.
2. Add Ons
    - Businesses/individuals can contribute additional money to your project via the online auction at BWFinalDrive.com
3. Buyer's Club
    - Established to help those who cannot attend the sale but still wish to support exhibitors.
    - Contributions are pooled to make premium bids at the sale.
    - Buyer's Club participants are recognized throughout the sale and after the sale with the other market buyers.
    - A letter inviting businesses/individuals to contribute to the Buyer's Club is available on the fair website.

Premium Sale: Friday, July 23th at 9:00 am, B3 Barn
Sale Order: Rabbits, Turkeys, Broilers, Meat Ducks, Market Beef, Beef Feeders, Dairy Beef Feeders, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Goats
Sale of Champions at 1:00pm (includes Grand & Reserve Champion Animals plus Grand Champion Showman winners)
Back to the Farm Feeder Calf Sale: Saturday, July 24th at 10:00 am, Showbarn

Be sure to check the sale bill ahead of time and keep an eye on the sale so you don't miss your turn to sell. If you aren't in line and miss your lot during the live sale, you will not sell your premium.

Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County 2021 Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction
Saturday, November 6, 2021
Damschroder Hall at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds

We invite you to help support the youth and the future growth of the Ottawa County 4-H Program. Your monetary donation and/or auction item would be appreciated. We also encourage you to attend our annual fund-raising event. Presale Adult tickets will be available for purchase from committee members or the OSU Extension office.
We are celebrating with a Fiesta after our Siesta last year! Doors will open at 5 p.m. with Silent Auction bidding and social hour, a dinner at 6 p.m. followed with the Live Auction. If you would like to provide a donation or purchase tickets for the auction, please see a committee member or call the Extension office at (419) 898-3631.

Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County is a non-profit organization established to provide financial support for 4-H programming, education, recognition, and participation in local, state, and national leadership activities. The annual Dinner and Auction was established to help raise funds to ensure that 4-H activities and programs will continue to be available to the youth of Ottawa County. Federal, state, and county governments support the Ottawa County 4-H program. However, public funds cannot fully support the 4-H program's needs, nor can the monies be used for 4-H member awards, incentives, or volunteer development and recognition. Thus, your support is vital to the success of the Ottawa County 4-H program as we continue to "Make the Best Better" through the following activities: 4-H School Enrichment Programs, Afterschool Programming, Advisor/Member Training and Recognition, 4-H Camps, and Scholarships for College.

Remaining Countywide Youth Meeting Dates for 2021

***all events will take place at the Extension Office, subject to change*

Junior Leadership

(1st Monday at 6:30 p.m., all meeting topics TBD)

- August 2nd
- September 13th
- October 4th
- November 1st

CARTEENS

(4th Wednesday of every other month at 6:00 p.m.)

- July 28th
- September 22nd
- November 17th

Future of 4-H

(last Tuesday of every other month at 6:30 p.m.)

- August 31st
  - End of Summer Bash
- October 26th
  - Fall Fun!
- December 28th
  - Holiday Craft Workshop

JL is open to teens age 13 and up
CARTEENS instructors should be 15 years old or older, no driver's license required
Future of 4-H is a group designed for youth ages 8-12

These groups are always accepting new members! Hope to see you there!

July Calendar | County Events & Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Location
July 1:	Advanced Project Judging	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Extension Office
July 5:	OSU Offices Closed		
July 6:	Jr. Fair Royalty Application Deadline		
July 12:	Clothing/Nutrition Project Judging	By Appointment	Fairgrounds B3
July 13:	4-H Misc. Project Judging	By Appointment	Fairgrounds B3
July 16:	Horse Skillathon	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds B3
July 17:	Livestock Skillathon	8:00 a.m. to noon	Fairgrounds B3
July 19-25:	Ottawa County Fair		
July 28:	CARTEENS	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Extension Office

August Calendar | County Events & Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Location
August 2:	Jr. Leadership	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office
August 9:	Horse Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office
August 16:	Jr. Fair Board Wrap-Up	7:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
August 18:	4-H Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office
August 30:	Extension Advisory Committee	5:30 p.m.	Extension Office
August 31:	Future of 4-H	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office

September Calendar | County Events & Meetings

Date	Event	Time	Location
September 6:	OSU Offices Closed		
September 13:	Jr. Leadership	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office
September 20:	Jr. Fair Board	7:00 p.m.	Fairgrounds
September 21:	4-H Advisory Committee	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office
September 23:	Carteens	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Extension Office

Note: Dates, times, and locations are subject to change as we continue to navigate COVID-19.

Please make sure to refer to your Ottawa County 4-H Handbook that has the entire 2021 calendar inside to know when events are coming up!

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