Guernsey County 4-H Week Recap

Thank you to each of you who were able to attend or help with any of our 4-H Week activities last week, especially 4-H Kick-Off!! With approximately 200 people in attendance that evening, we were so excited how the interest in the new format for 4-H Kick Off is working out. A special thanks to the 4-H Council members and the over 30 youth presenters at 4-H Kick-Off that helped make the event possible! From the glowing courthouse to the window and school displays to the 400+ youth reached by the “Reading Makes the Best Better” program to the thousands reached on social media throughout the week, I would say Guernsey County 4-H Week 2019 was a huge success!

Left: Junior Leaders, Hannah Jirles and Carson Clouse, read to Kindergarteners at Pike Elementary School during the “Reading Makes the Best Better” program. Right: Junior Leader members, Tiffany Milligan and Levi Mercer talk with Jeremy Scott on the 96FM morning show!

Ohio 4-H Conference Honors

4-H Volunteer, Debbie Larrick, was recognized during a special recognition ceremony for 45 years of 4-H Volunteer service during the Ohio 4-H Conference on March 9th. Pictured are Kirk Blair, Interim State 4-H Leader, Larrick, and Roger Rennekamp, OSU Extension Director.

4-H Volunteers, Virgil Quillin and Jeff Stevens, were also recognized for 40 years of 4-H Volunteer service, but were unable to attend the recognition ceremony.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- You can always stop by or call our office with questions.
- Office hours are Monday - Friday, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are open during the lunch hour.
- All documents due to the Extension Office must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline to be accepted. Deadlines landing on a weekend day will be accepted the following Monday.
4-H Enrollment Deadline
The Guernsey County Extension Office is excited to announce that we will transition all 4-H enrollments to the 4HOnline enrollment system beginning February 1, 2019. Beginning this year, please log on to ohio.4honline.com to enroll in 4-H. Follow the attached instructions to set up your account. All member and volunteer enrollments must be submitted through 4HOnline and approved by your 4-H Club Data Manager by April 1, 2019!

No paper enrollments will be accepted! All 4-H families will need a family email to access their family profile for enrollments. This email will also enable the Extension Office to provide your family with timelier 4-H information delivery and reminders to help you and your family have a positive 4-H experience.

4-H Club Charter Checklist
The 4-H Club Charter Application is due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st. You must use the Ohio 4-H Club Checklist available online in a fillable pdf or the copy provided in New Year Club Packet. Your club’s charter must be renewed each year in order for a 4-H club to remain active and be permitted to use the 4-H name and emblem.

Club Information Sheet
The Club Information Sheet is due by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st. This form is available online and in New Year Club Packet. Please make sure each component of the form is complete! Every club must have the email address of one volunteer listed under the Club Email to ensure each club is getting the information we share via email and passing it along to the appropriate 4-H members and volunteers in their club.

Constitution & By-Laws
Reminder to Organizational Volunteers that a current signed copy of your club’s Constitution is due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st. You must use the Ohio 4-H Club Constitution available online in a fillable pdf or the copy provided in New Year Club Packet. The By-Laws are optional, but provide your club the opportunity to make specific policies for your club. A sample template is available online. If you have By-Laws, a copy must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st. The Constitution and By-Laws are to be reviewed annually by the club membership.

Club Equipment Inventory
4-H Clubs who own equipment or supplies that have a value of $50 or greater need to complete and submit

4-H Week Window Display Awards
Thank you to the 4-H Clubs who took the time to create beautiful window and school displays across Guernsey County for 4-H Week!

Thank you to those 4-H Kick-Off participants who voted on our top window displays in 2019!

1st Place ($60): Wild Things
2nd place ($40): Shady Valley Shamrocks
3rd place ($25): Guernsey Co. Saddle Club

Volunteer Information

Left: Makenzie Smith, talks to 4-Hers about beef projects. Center: Camp Counselors, Kyle Clevenger and Taylor Hlad, promote 4-H camp and sign potential campers up for a camp scholarship drawing. Right: Dairy Goat Jr. Ambassador, Ben Wolf, shares his knowledge of dairy goats with those walking through the 4-H Project Fair.

4-H Kick-Off Review
Volunteer News

a 4-H Club Equipment Inventory and submit it to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st. This form is available online and in New Year Club Packet.

4-H Member and Volunteer Handbooks
Each 4-H family should receive one handbook from their club volunteer. This year the cover is yellow! If you are uncertain about something you find in the handbook, feel free to call or email a question.

Dog Forms
The Dog Permission to Participate Form is due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st. It is available online and at the Extension Office.

Deadline Reminder
When a deadline lands on a weekend, all documents will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. the following Monday. Deadlines for documents being submitted to the Extension Office are always due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m., prior to the office closing. Please do not bring items to meetings later in the evening on the day they are due as they will be late!

Youth Information and Opportunities

Guernsey County 4-H Scholarship
Applications are currently available online and at the Extension Office for up to $3,000 of Guernsey County 4-H Scholarship money. Eligibility requirements include: Guernsey County 4-H member; entering college freshman or sophomore; enrolled in an accredited four-year college or two-year technical college with proof of acceptance; and must carry a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st.

4-H Junior Leadership Club Scholarship
Applications are currently available online and at the Extension Office for the $1,000 of 4-H Junior Leadership Scholarship money. A total of 5 scholarships, $200 each, can be awarded each year. Eligibility requirements include: current or former Guernsey County 4-H Junior Leader member who has completed the requirements for J.L. membership; entering college freshman or sophomore; planning to enroll or already enrolled in college at an accredited post-secondary institution in any course of study; must attach high school or college (if applicable) grade transcripts. Applicants may receive the scholarship twice. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st.

Guernsey County Boer Goat Committee Scholarship
The Boer Goat Committee is once again offering up to $1,000 in scholarship money to be divided among qualified applicants at the discretion of the committee. Eligibility requirements include: exhibiting a boer goat at least three consecutive years at the Guernsey County Fair; entering college freshman or sophomore; enrolled in an accredited four-year college or two-year technical college with proof of acceptance; high school or college transcripts; minimum 2.5 grade point average; participated in Goat Skillathon at least two years; and assisted with Goat Committee sponsored activities. Youth can receive this scholarship twice. Applications are available online or at the Extension Office. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st.

Guernsey County Equine Council Scholarship
Applications are currently available online and at the Extension Office for the Guernsey County Equine Scholarship. A total of $1,000 will be divided between a maximum of four recipients. Eligibility requirements include: current Guernsey County equine project participant who has exhibited equine at least two consecutive previous years at the Guernsey County Fair; entering college freshman or sophomore; enrolled in an accredited college with proof of acceptance; and must carry a 2.5 grade point average or higher. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on August 1st.

Guernsey County Jr. Fair Livestock Scholarship Funds
The Guernsey County Jr. Fair Livestock Committee is currently accepting applications for the Paul Ramsey Scholarship which is a $1,000 scholarship with a maximum of $6,000 awarded to qualified applicants. Applications are available online and at the Extension Office. Eligibility requirements include: applicants must have exhibited at least one market project or dairy breeding project for the previous two years; entering college freshman or sophomore; enrolled in an accredited four-year college or two-year technical college with proof of acceptance; attach a copy of high school or college transcript; and must carry a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Applicants may receive this scholarship twice. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 1st.
Quality Assurance
Remember to check out page 34 of the 4-H Member and Volunteer Handbook for QA program and test-out opportunities. Youth interested in testing out should contact the office to pre-register and can check out the QA Study Guide online. Questions on the test will include information from the QA Study Guide, but is not limited to the Study Guide Information. The first QA Program and Test-Out Opportunity is scheduled for March 28th at Mid-East Career Center.

Youth are permitted to attend approved QA programs outside Guernsey County to receive their QA certification. However, the program must be an approved QA program, so please check with Michelle before attending an out of county program. Youth attending an out of county program are responsible for making sure they provide proof of attendance to the Extension Office prior to July 1, 2019.

Beef Quality Assurance
Youth exhibiting a beef project are required to have Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification. Approved QA programs and tests offered by OSU Extension are accepted for youth needing BQA certification. However, BQA tests are not accepted for LQA certification. We understand this is a little confusing, so please contact Michelle if you have any questions.

Livestock Committee Meetings
Livestock Committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Mid-East Career Center. Livestock Committees include: Beef, Dairy, Boer Goat, Dairy Goat, Equine, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine.

Junior Fair Livestock Rules
Rule changes for 2019 can be found on pages 5–7 of this newsletter. Be sure to take some time to review the complete list of Junior Fair Livestock Rules. We are currently revising the full list of rules for all species, livestock sale and general livestock rules. We will send an email out when the updated rules are available for viewing online.

Rabbit Quiz Bowl Team
Guernsey County is once again organizing a Rabbit Quiz Bowl Team. The primary purpose of the Rabbit Quiz Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate their knowledge of rabbit-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

We are currently looking for youth interested in participating on this year’s team. The team will practice once a month until it gets closer to quiz time, then they will be practice every 2 weeks. Attendance at practice is mandatory. All quiz material comes from the Rabbit Resource Handbook, the Standard of Perfection book (all participants are required to purchase), and the Raising Rabbits and Cavys book. Team members are required to do independent study between team practices.

The team will compete at the 2019 Rabbit Quiz Bowl on July 13th at the Ohio 4-H Center in Columbus.

Anyone interested in learning more about the contest or joining the team must contact Coach Courtney Gray at 740-510-0560 by April 1!

Facebook Groups to Join
Stay in touch with your Jr. Fair Committees, ask to join their group:
- Guernsey County Jr Fair Boer Goat Committee
- Guernsey County Poultry Committee

Show Your 4-H Support!

4-H Partners with JOANN for ‘Clovers for Kids’ Campaign
Between March 1 – April 30, 2019 visit your local JOANN store and purchase a clover tear away at the register for either $1 or $4. $4 purchases come with a $4 off coupon for a later purchase. 100% of the funds donated go back to 4-H with 70% going back to the Ohio 4-H program. In addition, JOANN wants to support individual 4-H’ers involvement by providing a rewards card for 4-H members, leaders, staff, and parents. The rewards card gives holders 15% off their purchase every day. To sign up go to https://www.joann.com/4-h/

Tractor Supply Clover Campaign
Each spring and fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4-H programs through the sale of Paper Clovers in their stores. Funds raised go back to support scholarships for camp and leadership activities. In Ohio, each county gets 80% of every $1.00 donated! The 2019 Spring Campaign are March 27 – April 7!
2019 Guernsey County Junior Fair Rule and Procedure Changes
(Reviewed & Approved by Senior Fair Board)

**Beef**
1. Beef Breeding will show in alphabetical order by breed each year.

2. Bred & Owned class will show first in the Market Steer Show.

**Dairy**
1. An exhibitor must complete two of three events, which include Skillathon, Dairy Fitting & Showing Demonstration and Dairy Meeting at the fair, and exhibit their project animal at the fair to receive their share of the Dairy Basket proceeds. Amount of proceeds to be determined by the Dairy Committee.

**Dog**
1. Due to decreased enrollment by youth in dog projects, there will no longer be a Dog Show at the Guernsey County Fair. The Junior Fair Dog Committee will be disbanding as well.

**Equine**
1. Hardship cases - *(No leases will be considered)* – All hardship applications should be turned in and approved, by Equine Council officers, and in place by Noon on Monday of the fair. The only hardship cases that will be considered by Council will be project animals that have been previously signed up as a back-up horse by the member.

**Boer Goat**
1. Pre-registration paperwork for does with picture, location of housing and scrapie or registration tags due by June 1.

**Dairy Goat**
1. Pack goats can only be shown in Pack Goat class.

2. Pack goats can have horns.

3. Harness goats can only be shown in Harness Goat class.

4. Make all showmanship classes consistent for dairy, angora and pygmy goats.
   a. 1st Year Beginner, ages 8-9
   b. Junior, ages 9-11
   c. Intermediate, ages 12-14
   d. Senior, ages 15 and older
5. The Dairy Goat Committee will refund pen fees from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Sunday of the fair.

6. All market goats will weigh-in with the collar on.

7. Dairy goats are to be out of the eight breeds recognized by the American Dairy Association, American Goat Society or Canadian Goat Society. These breeds are Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sables, and Toggenburg. Crossbred dairy animals from these eight breeds may be exhibited in the Dairy Goat Show.

8. LaMancha goats will be tattooed in their tail with county ID number.

9. Dairy Market Goat Fair Weigh-in will be Sunday prior to the fair in Sheep Barn beginning at 2:00 p.m.

**Poultry**

1. To split the current duck classes from Large Ducks and Bantum Ducks into the following duck classes:
   a) Large hen ducks
   b) Large drake ducks
   c) Bantam hen ducks
   d) Bantam drake ducks

2. To split the current turkey class into two classes:
   a) Market type turkey
   b) Breed type turkey

**Rabbit**

1. Any lock on a rabbit pen will be removed by a committee officer, if a rabbit needs immediate care.

2. Any rabbit that needs replaced from June 2 to the 60 days prior to fair is not eligible for the Best Overall award.

**Sheep**

1. Market Lamb Weigh-in is Monday of fair at 12:00 p.m.

**Swine**

1. All swine will be in and weighed on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
General
1. All livestock must arrive on the fairgrounds to be housed in their assigned location from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, unless a specific check-in time is listed in the specie rules. Exceptions include goat, poultry, sheep, and swine.

2. There must be a minimum of five exhibitors per class in order to offer the class. Class refers to the first breakdown of exhibition offerings by type in a specie department (ex. Showmanship, Market, Breeding, Agility, Contest, etc.).

3. Withdrawal time must be complete on all market animals prior to fair weigh-in for the animal to eligible for show or sale. Do not bring animals to the fair that have a withdrawal time that is not complete. Animals treated at the fair must be treated under the supervision of the designated fair veterinarian. It will be at the discretion of the fair veterinarian to determine if the treated animal will remain on the fairgrounds or be required to leave the fairgrounds.

Sale
1. All Market Projects sold at the Market Animal Sale, except Poultry, will be either Turned or Kept and there will be No Give Backs.

2. Dairy Beef Feeders not selling will be an optional Market Project in the two-market project limit and be included with the exception already made for Beef Feeders.

3. Dairy Goat Sale Order to be determined randomly by the computer with the exception of the following places: a) Grand Champion, b) Reserve Grand Champion, c) Champion Bred & Owned, d) Reserve Champion Bred & Owned, e) Grand Champion Rate of Gain, f) Reserve Grand Champion Rate Gain, g) All 1st place class winners sorted randomly by computer, h) All 2nd place winners sorted randomly by computer, i) At least one goat per exhibitor sorted randomly by the computer until all exhibitors have sold their 1st goat, with the exception of all of the above, j) all remaining goats sorted randomly by the computer.
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