

# 4-H Family Newsletter

Union County Fair and 4-H Information

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Dear 4-H Family:

It's Fair time in Union County! While participation in a fair is certainly not a 4-H requirement, it is an opportunity that many members look forward to all year long.

Many volunteers will work hard in the weeks ahead to help conduct Jr. Fair Activities. Please work cooperatively with them to make your fair experience a positive one. Get yourself ready by reading this newsletter and [your Junior Fair Supplement](#) carefully for information.

Please use the [Jr. Fair Schedule](#) posted on our website for reference.

Toward Making the Best Better,



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## Jr. Fair Exhibitor Passes & Advisor Passes

Junior Fair Exhibitor passes for youth exhibitors and 4-H Advisors are being provided by the Sr Fair Board this year. Advisors: you can pick up passes for your club from the OSUE Office during regular office hours, starting now. Passes will not be given to individual members; advisors, please don't tell your member to get their own passes. *Exhibitors: Please see your advisor to obtain your pass.*

## Special Interest/ Shooting Sports/ Food & Nutrition/ Clothing Projects Judging Schedules

Check your assigned judging time carefully and plan to arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to that time. If you don't find your name on the schedule, it probably means that an entry was not received. If you have changed your mind and don't plan to participate in judging, please call and cancel by noon on Tuesday, July 18 (937-644-8117). All these Judging events will take place in the Armory on the fairgrounds. Carefully review your [Project Guideline Sheets](#) that were included in your projectbook. Project Guideline Sheets can also be downloaded from the website at the link to review what you need to prepare and bring for judging. Judging schedule links are included below.

Summary of Judging Times:

- |   |                    |                 |        |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| • <a href="#">Food &amp; Nutrition Projects</a> | Wednesday, July 19 | 9am – 2 pm      | Armory |
| • <a href="#">Shooting Sports Projects</a>      | Wednesday, July 19 | 12:30 - 6:00 pm | Armory |
| • <a href="#">Clothing Projects</a>             | Thursday, July 20  | 9 am – 2 pm     | Armory |
| • <a href="#">Special Interest Projects</a>     | Thursday, July 20  | 9 am - 4:30 pm  | Armory |
| • <a href="#">Special Interest Projects</a>     | Friday July 21     | 9am – 4:30 pm   | Armory |

## Special Interest Project Awards Program

Special Interest Project Awards will be presented on **Tuesday, July 25; presentation times will be staggered:**

- 2:30 PM – Style Review and Clothing Awards
- 3:30 PM – Demo Day, Food and Nutrition, Cake Decorating, Health, Creative Arts, Photography, Quilting, Scrapbooking, Home Deco & Design, Leadership
- 4:30 PM – Project Awards will include Engineering, Natural Resources, Self-Determined, STEM, Woodworking, Small Animals, Shooting Sports

State Fair packets for those selected to take a Special Interest Project to The Ohio State Fair will be given at this Awards Program. Please try to be present to receive this information. For many projects there is a very short turnaround time between our fair and The Ohio State Fair Event for which you may be selected.

**Reminder:** The Armory will **BE CLOSED** all day on Saturday, July 22, while the Jr. Fair Board members put projects on display and place award stickers on Special Interest Projects.

## Junior Fair Premium Vouchers

Junior Fair Exhibitors will receive their premium(s) via cash, at the conclusion of their interview or Skillathon. A Jr Fair premium is given for participation in the Department Judging event (interview or Skillathon) and having the project on display for the designated time period. Exhibitors will sign for their premium money as they receive it.

## Junior Fair T-Shirts

Union County Farm Bureau and America's Trusted Insurance Group will be providing t-shirt to Union County Jr. Fair Exhibitors. Refer to the graphic for pick up times at the fair. Pickup times for Richwood Fair Exhibitors will be announced at a later date.



**Attention Union County Jr. Fair Exhibitors**

Union County Farm Bureau & America's Trusted Insurance Group will be passing out **FREE** t-shirts

MONDAY, July 24th from 10am-3pm  
& Tuesday, July 25th at 2:30pm-4:30pm

**You can find us by the Armory!**



## Information for Livestock Exhibitors

In each livestock barn, there is a bulletin board where information is posted. Every exhibitor should stop by this spot at least once a day to check for information or updates pertaining to their barn. For example: Showmanship Class lists will be posted here.

## Barn Pass Information (For Livestock Exhibitor families)

Any livestock family wishing to get a barn pass can obtain 1 Barn pass per family, in person, at the Senior Fair Office on the Fairgrounds. Family names will be checked off a list of livestock exhibitors. The Senior Fair Board will be enforcing the one (1) pass per family rule. This Barn pass sticker allows a vehicle to drive toward the barns for unloading feed/equipment **between the hours of 10 pm and 2 pm**. Each livestock family will need to sign for their own barn pass at the Sr. Fair Office; these cannot be picked up by advisors. For questions about this Barn pass privilege, ask the Senior Fair Board. SFB Office hours to pick up Barn passes are 11:00am-5:00pm starting July 19 or by appointment. Appointments can be requested by emailing [secretary@ohiounioncountyfair.com](mailto:secretary@ohiounioncountyfair.com) or by calling Sherry at 937-644-8736 to schedule.

**Livestock Arrival Times - All livestock** must enter the State Route 4 fair entrance.

Species	Arrival	Barn Meeting	Weigh In and Pictures
<b>Horses</b>	Friday, 7/21 after 3 pm	Orientation: 6:30 pm Fri. 7/21	Skillathon: Fri. July 21, 7 pm
<b>Market Goats</b>	Sat. 7/22, 6 am – 1 pm	1:30 pm Sat. 7/22	2 pm Saturday, July 22
<b>Market Lambs</b>	Sat. 7/22, 6 am – 1 pm	1:30 pm Sat. 7/22	2 pm Saturday, July 22
<b>Market Swine</b>	Sat. 7/22, 6 am – 5 pm	5:30 pm Sat. 7/22	6 pm Saturday, July 22
<b>Poultry</b>	Sun. 7/23, 4 pm – 7 pm	7:15 pm Sun. 7/23	Right after barn meeting*
* Turkeys – photos only, no weigh in; Market Broilers and Market Ducks, weigh in and photos			
<b>Dairy and Beef</b>	Sun. 7/23, 6 am–11 pm	9:30 am Mon. 7/24	10 am Monday, July 24
<b>Rabbits</b>	Sun. 7/23, 9 – 11 am	11:15 am Sun. 7/23	Right after barn meeting

### Move-In Reminders:

- All poultry exhibitors will be asked to pay \$2 for shavings at the time of check-in.
- Each Rabbit Exhibitor will pay \$5 for shavings upon check-in on Sunday.
- Beef and Dairy Exhibitors may begin bringing equipment into the barn at 9am on Saturday, July 22. Barn chart will be posted at 9am, so do not move in prior.
- Mulch will be provided for bedding for all market beef. It will be placed in your assigned stall space if requested during entries. Mulch fee will be assessed per head at quoted price.



### Drug Use Notification Forms

Drug Use Notification Forms must be completed online prior to arrival at the Fair. All market exhibitors will receive a link to complete the DUNF via email at the email address used to create the fair entries on July 13. The deadline to complete your DUNF is Noon on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>; you will not be able to move an animal(s) in if no DUNF has been completed. It will only take a few moments to complete and sign online.

Each market animal and lactating dairy cattle exhibitor will need to complete a DUNF for each animal or pen of animals they are bringing to the fair. Non-market animals, like single rabbits, horses, and breeding stock, do not need to complete a DUNF.

### Livestock Skillathons

Each exhibitor can download a Skillathon Study Guide for their specie. The Skillathon Study Guide describes each station in your Skillathon to help you prepare. Please review the Livestock Skillathon schedule on the [Fair Schedule](#).

Each livestock exhibitor should bring their Livestock Record Book and a pencil to the Skillathon. Be sure you have the record book and have it completed before the fair. (Hint: The Record Book is one of the easiest ways to earn Skillathon points because you can do it all in advance!). Skillathon Study Guides and Livestock Record Books are available on-line at: <https://union.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/study-guides-skillathon-information> Refer to the linked Jr. Fair schedule for your Skillathon time.

### Adults Needed for Skillathon Moderators

All of our Skillathons are staffed by adults who volunteer their time to help moderate a station and help the exhibitors do their best job in the Skillathon. If you are willing to help moderate a Skillathon, please volunteer to the appropriate coordinator as follows:

Horses: Jennifer Kessler  
Swine: Marti Dellinger  
Poultry: June Seymour  
Sheep: Liz Sullivan

Beef: Chris Nicol  
Dairy: Chris Sayers & Julie Zeigler  
Rabbits: Rachel Jones  
Goats: Lori Bowman/Sarah Ramge

## Dress Code Reminder

Review the dress code in the Fair Supplement. Remember that the Dress Code applies:

- ✓ For pictures
- ✓ For Showmanship
- ✓ For Show Ring
- ✓ For Livestock Sale

Let's show pride in ourselves, our projects, and our 4-H Program!

## Poultry NPIP Reminders

All poultry exhibitors must have current NPIP papers in order to cage their birds at the fair. This is state law. This includes all fancy poultry, pullets, and all market birds (broilers, turkeys and market ducks). Only pigeons, exhibition ducks and exhibition geese are exempt.

If you ordered market broilers or turkeys through Dick Cryder, he has the paperwork. If you ordered market ducks through June Seymour, she has the paperwork.

If your birds need tested, please refer to the June 7 email for complete information on July 8 Pullorum testing. (Available for both Union County Fair and Richwood Independent Fair exhibitors.)

## Market Livestock Pictures

For exhibitors of Market Livestock Projects, a picture will be taken of you and your animal by the Livestock Committee and given to the buyer of your animal during the Livestock Sale. These are the pictures you see hanging in area businesses, often for years. **Therefore, it is important that you be dressed appropriately at picture time.** You do not have to be in "show clothes" for pictures, but you must be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed. (No torn clothing, no hats, no undergarments showing, etc.)



Use the Show Dress Code as a guide. This means no T-shirts, no hats, etc. If it's not possible to be dressed appropriately for pictures, it may not be possible for you to participate in the sale.

If you are not going to be present at weigh-in (someone else is weighing your animal for you), it is **your responsibility** to submit a 4x6, vertical picture of yourself with your animal to the JuniorFair Office by Noon on Wednesday, July 26, in order for you to participate in the Livestock Sale.

## Jr. Fair Livestock Sale – July 29 Reminders and Updates

### Animal Destination Forms

To consign your market livestock project to be sold in the Livestock Sale you must complete an Animal Destination Form (ADF). It is due immediately following your show. Animals ARE NOT automatically consigned to the sale. If you do not turn in a ADF, you will not sell.

**Parents: Please make absolutely sure this task is completed before your child leaves the barn after the show.** Please indicate the status of ALL market animals on the Animal Destination Form. For example: Going through sale, Going Home, or Going on Packer Truck.

### **Sale Order:**

The Junior Fair Livestock Sale will begin on Saturday, July 29 at 10 am, in the Poultry and Rabbit Barn. Species will sell in the following order: Dairy Products, Market Ducks, Hogs, Market Turkeys, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Pen of 3 Market Rabbits, Market Beef, Pen of 4 Broilers, Dairy Feeders. The only animals that will be taken to the sale ring will be Grand and Reserve Champions and Premier Exhibitor. All other exhibitors must be present and walk through the sale ring without their animals.

### **Buyer Information**

If you would like a Buyer Information Packet to invite a potential buyer to the sale, contact any member of the Livestock Committee or email committee chair, Sara Quick at [s.quick114@gmail.com](mailto:s.quick114@gmail.com).

### **Updates for this year**

To participate in the Livestock sale: Except for Rabbits and Poultry, the exhibitor must put the animal designated for sale on the resale truck. The animal designated for the sale cannot be released before the sale because of illness or other reasons.

Because the sale will be in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn, rabbits and birds will be released Thursday at 7 pm so the barn can be cleaned and then set up for the sale.

The option to have an animal processed is very limited - Jenkins Meats will not be able to accept appointments on the day of the sale.

The Sale will be clerked this year by Final Drive Youth Auctions.

### **Two Community Service Opportunities at the Union County Fair**

- ✓ **Clover Corner** hosted by the 4-H Council, is located in the Armory. Clover Corner is to promote and answer questions about getting involved in 4-H! Adult and teen Volunteers are needed to help staff Clover Corner from 4-8 pm, Tuesday – Saturday. Contact Megan Taylor (Taylor4411@osu.edu) if you'd like to be a Clover Corner Volunteer. This could be a good role for Club Presidents and Vice Presidents to share their 4-H experience!
  
- ✓ **Show Ring Bleacher Cleaning**  
Help is needed to clean up trash from under the bleachers after each livestock show. Volunteers will gather the trash from under the bleachers and place it near the driveway trash barrels where it can be collected. The sign-up list will be posted on the bulletin board in the Junior Fair Board Office at the fairgrounds.

### **Review the Rules!**

For those of you who are new to fair participation, be aware that fair participation is an option, and that youth and families who choose to participate must educate themselves about the rules and procedures which govern each exhibition. When you choose to become a fair exhibitor, you have moved beyond the realm of 4-H, and into the arena governed by our Agricultural Societies (Fair Boards).

It is your responsibility to read and know the rules pertaining to exhibiting. It is not somebody's job "to tell you". Make sure to read the overall rules and the rules for the Department you are entered in from the [2023 Junior Fair Supplement](#).

## **Richwood Independent Fair News**

Richwood Jr. Fair Entry Cards are available now. Completed entries are due Tuesday, August 1. We will take entries at the Extension Office until 4 pm on August 1. Fair Queen and King Applications are also due August 1.

Tattooing (mandatory) for Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits for the Richwood Fair will be held Saturday, August 5, at 9 am at the Richwood Fairgrounds. Each exhibitor may tattoo a maximum total of 6 rabbits.

Special Interest, Food and Nutrition, and Clothing judging will be on Sunday, August 27. The Richwood Fair is from August 30 – September 4.

Additional information related to the Richwood Independent Fair can be found here:

<https://richwoodfair.com/junior-fair/> .

## **4-H Camp Lost and Found**

Items that were lost and found at 4-H Camp are here at the Extension Office. We will keep lost and found items until August 1. This year we have lots of sweatshirts in Lost & Found because camp was surprising cool!