

# Geauga County 4-H



## News & Notes

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### 2019 Recognition Awards

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#### Volunteer Recognition Awards

Below is a general description of the awards that will be presented at the Recognition & Appreciation Ceremony. Nomination forms are available online and are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers must be in good standing and have completed their volunteer training requirements by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible. Previous award winners are not eligible to receive the same award multiple times.

- **Clover Key Award** – The KEY to 4-H growth lines in new, committed, and creative leaders. This award recognized leaders with service from 1-5 years who have provided outstanding service to 4-H and demonstrated a genuine passion towards the program and its ongoing success.
- **Leadership Development Award** – Recognizes a 4-H volunteer, with 5 or more years of service, who had demonstrated and displayed the ability to develop leadership in youth.
- **Meritorious Service Award** – This award honors an individual who has shown superior dedication to the 4-H program. Volunteers with 10 or more years of service, who have made a special contribution to or impact on the Geauga County 4-H program. The recipient of this award will have influenced the lives of 4-H members in a positive way and/or influenced the overall of the 4-H program.
- **Geauga County 4-H Hall of Fame Award** – The prestigious award honors an individual who had served in the 4-H program for a minimum of 15 years and has made significant lifetime contributions of service to the 4-H program.

#### Member Recognition Awards

Below is a general description of the awards that will be presented at the Recognition & Appreciation Ceremony. Nomination forms are available online and are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm. In addition to each award's eligibility requirements, members must have fulfilled all their 4-H project requirements to be eligible (met enrollment deadlines, completed project judging, QA [if applicable], met minimum attendance requirements, are in good standing, etc.). Awards requiring supplemental descriptions must be attached to the application – please print or type, illegible note cards will result in in disqualification. Only one member/club per application. See nomination forms for complete details.

- **Outstanding 4-H Member** (Replaces Outstanding Participation Award) - This award is to recognize youth who have exhibited outstanding participation across the 4-H program and who have worked to improve themselves and gain personal growth by learning new skills, gaining new knowledge, and participating in a variety of experiences in 4-H. Members are limited to one outstanding award. The Outstanding 4-H Member is awarded on an individual basis not on a species/project basis.
- **Gold Medal** - The Gold Medal Awards are used to recognize members who have shown outstanding effort, personal increase of knowledge and skill, and outstanding achievement in a General Awards category or project area. A 4-H member may only receive the Gold Medal award once per category or project area during their 4-H career.
- **Honor Club** - A 4-H Honor Club is one that incorporates the spirit of 4-H, as stated in the motto, pledge, and the eight elements of positive youth development, in its meetings, project work, and club activities. Honor Club recognition is a challenge to all clubs to set goals and work together to achieve those goals. It is *not* intended as a contest between clubs.

- **Cloverbud Award** – Recognize outstanding Cloverbuds at the yearly recognition ceremony. Only enrolled cloverbuds (age 5 and in kindergarten to age 8 and not yet in the third grade by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to receive this award.
- **Club Community Service Award** – This award will recognize a club(s) that demonstrated outstanding community service efforts for the year.
- **Geauga County 4-H'er of the Year** - Combines Ambassador Award and Girl/Boy of the Year. Applications should be completed by the member. Geauga County's 4-H'er of the Year is the most prestigious award given at the county level. It will be awarded to one individual, age 16 or older, who actively demonstrated their 4-H character in all of their activities and interactions. The member should be active in local 4-H activities and demonstrated leadership abilities at the local club and county level(s). Applicants should support and exhibit the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship, serve as an Ambassador to 4-H, and live to "Make the Best Better".

## **ADVISOR AREA**

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**Thank You to all the volunteers who helped make this year's project judging a success!**

**If there are any recommended changes to score sheets they must be submitted to the Extension Office by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Reminder - Volunteer Trainings**

Club Organizational Advisors have been mailed a club list of volunteer training attendance. Volunteers should contact their clubs head advisor to obtain their training status. Volunteers must complete two annuals trainings. New Volunteers must complete one training in addition to New Volunteer Orientation/Child Abuse. Deadline to complete all trainings is October 1<sup>st</sup> (all paperwork must be received by the deadline to receive credit).

### **2020 Volunteer Training Opportunities**

The Extension Office is starting to plan and schedule volunteer training opportunities for the 2020 4-H year. If you have any suggestions for training topics, events, etc. please let us know. We want to provide opportunities that will benefit our volunteers and program.

## **CLUB NEWS**

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### **Blankets for Veterans Community Service Opportunity**

Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club is looking for other 4-H Clubs to help us give every Geauga County Vietnam Veteran that attends the fair on Friday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> a new sew blanket to thank them for their service. We have been told that there are approximately 650 Vietnam Veterans in the county, please help us give every Veteran a blanket. These blankets must be turned in to the Extension Office by August 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can get them ready for the fair. Please remember if your club participates in this project it can be used on your Honor Club application. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Briggs at 440-834-1762. Thanks to all the clubs helping Sew Sew Sweet 4-H Club reach our goal.

### **Family-A-Fair**

Family-A-Fair is a community service opportunity for clubs to participate in. When a club provides a sponsorship award, the funds are used to provide a Geauga County family the opportunity to experience the Great Geauga County Fair. Club sponsorships will provide selected families with admission tickets, ride tickets, concession vouchers, and milk shake tokens. See flyer for more information.

# LIVESTOCK/HORSE

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## **Herdsmen Award**

All participants in the Jr. Swine Show at the Great Geauga County Fair and adhere to the regulations are eligible for the award. Nominations can be sent by e-mail to [rgmihalic@windstream.net](mailto:rgmihalic@windstream.net) or my mail to Ron Mihalic, P.O. Box 914 Chardon, OH, 44024. Nominations must be received by August 18, 2019.

## **BJ Wells Memorial Award**

The Auburn Swine Club began the BJ Wells Memorial Award in 2013 in honor of BJ's dedication to the 4-H Swine program. He was a member of the Auburn Swine Club for at least 13 years, he was Jr. Fair King in 2004, and became an advisor of the club. His passion was raising and showing pigs and he was willing to share this gift with his siblings, members of his club, and everyone that was interested, regardless of what club or county they were from. The award is open to all swine project members. See attached application.

## **JR. FAIR INFORMATION**

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### **Important information from Jr. Fair Coordinator Jan Jackam:**

The winner of the tee shirt drawing contest is **Lila Fink of Giggles and Stitches**. I am looking forward to seeing her picture on the back of our shirts.

I would like to thank all those advisors who attended our informational meeting about the on-line entries. I think we learned as much from you as you did from us. If you or your members are running into problems entering on-line, you can come to the Secretary's Office on the Fairgrounds Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for help. On-line entries are coming in. Remind your members that they have to check out when they are finished with their entries to actually be entered. If you have not checked out, you are only pending and have not completely entered.

**There will be a meeting for any persons interested in helping with the Junior Fair Livestock Sale on August 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building on the south end of the fairgrounds.**

Matt Dolence is still looking for 4-H youth to help with buyer registration during the livestock sale on Saturday during the Fair. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk to buyers. We need two people working half hour shifts starting at noon and going to 8 p.m. You will be helping buyers fill out their registration cards and answering questions they may have. If you are interested in helping out and meeting some buyers, email Matt at [mattrapshooting@gmail.com](mailto:mattrapshooting@gmail.com) with your preferred time. You will receive an email saying if you are confirmed or if that time slot has already been filled.

Market livestock advisors, remember that the completed buyers packets should be turned in on Saturday, August 24. Please have them in alphabetical order. There will be someone at the Sales Office from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Junior Fair Office will be manned most of the day and your packets can be dropped off either place.

**Reminder about refreshments for the Livestock Sale:** Each Junior Fair exhibitor will need to bring snacks that are to be individually wrapped. i.e. a couple cookies per bag (depending on the size), a serving of crackers. Some other suggestions are snack size bags of chips or pretzels, veggies & dip, fresh fruit or cheese.

The items can be dropped off the day of the sale at the livestock sales office starting at noon or the small animal tent.

**Drug Use Notification** forms are due Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 p.m. Turn them in at the Secretary's Office on the fairgrounds. Only 1 animal per DUNF for beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, and turkey. You may use one form for your pen of ducks and one for your pen of chickens. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Carr at: [Ccarr62@hotmail.com](mailto:Ccarr62@hotmail.com)

**Judges list is as follows:**

- Beef: Lynn Holley
- Dairy: Matt Griffith
- Dairy Goat: Judd Shearer
- Dog: Marcie Shanker, Peggy Coffman, Teresa Huddle
- Garden Produce: Craig Sirna
- Horse: Hillary McGowan, Brandy Napier, Debby Melvin
- Poultry: Tom Rieman, Larry Lokai
- Pygmy Goat: Penny Clark
- Rabbit: Nita R. Butler, Charlene Benton, Dale Boroff, Pam Nock, Jacinta Taulbee
- Sheep: Sarah Evans
- Small Animal: John Hizey
- Swine: Emily Miller

**Jr Fair King and Queen Ballot – Due August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Club’s voting ballots are due to the Secretary’s office at the fairgrounds. Please see attached ballot form and candidate biographies.

**Swine Barn Set-Up - August 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am**

Clubs must send half of their swine members to set up and the other half to tear down on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. All members must sign in with Mr. Walker.

New for 2019: No pigs will be permitted in the barn before 8am on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, they must be weighed first.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**August**

5 Camp Counselor Wrap Up Meeting

**September**

Aug 29 – Sept 2 Great Geauga County Fair  
3 Labor Day – Extension Office Closed

**October**

1 **Club Secretary & Treasurer Books Due**  
**Member & Volunteer Award Nomination Applications Due**  
*All Volunteer Training Requirements must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office*  
31 Geauga 4-H Advisory Committee Member Applications Due

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