

Geauga County 4-H



News & Notes

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Retirement Announcement

Nancy Jevnikar has officially retired after 31 years of service with OSU Extension on August 1. We are unable to have a farewell celebration for her so we thought, if you would like to participate, we would have a card shower for her. You can mail the cards to Nancy Jevnikar, OSU Extension, P.O. Box 387, Burton, OH 44021 and we will see that she gets them. We are hoping to have something for her when things get a little normal. Thank you for your participation in honoring her. She will be missed!!

4-H Information Distribution

Effective January 1, 2021, all Geauga 4-H mass correspondences including newsletters, event flyers, etc. will be sent from our 4-H Online System, using the emails families and volunteers entered during their enrollment. This transition will be occurring over the next few months, communications will be sent through 4-H Online and directly from the Extension Office. Please check your email spam/junk files. The correspondences will come from oh-geauga@4honline.com. Families will also directly receive newsletters and other information through 4-H Online as well.

CLUB NEWS

In-Person Meeting Guidelines

Please read over the Ohio 4-H Guidelines for Return to In-Person meetings. Clubs should continue to meet virtually if possible. Social distancing and mask guidelines should be followed.

Geauga Hunger Task Force Food Drive

Greener Fields 4-H Club, in partnership with all of Geauga County 4-H and Dr. Augustine Kellis, will again be running a food drive for the Geauga Hunger Task Force. Our drive this year is being led by our club secretary, Jayme O'Neill. The GHTF supports six local food pantries in Geauga County, as well as provides support to NextStep, to groups that deliver home based meals, to provide lunch meals to Seniors at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, financial support to local churches providing community meals, and financial support to Claridon Cares which provides summer lunches to students.

All donations and money from 4-H clubs and businesses who give through the 4-H drive, will be matched up to \$25,000. In 2019, the Geauga 4-H and business donations, plus the match from Dr. Kellis, totaled over \$36,000! If any club wants to send a financial donation, please mail it to the Geauga Hunger Task Force (check made out to them), Attn: Claudia Toth, 209 Center St., Chardon, OH 44024. Please indicate in the memo line that it's for the 4-H food drive. If it's not a club check, please also include the club name so your club's participation can be noted. If possible, also let Christine Belliveau know of the donation by email at christine_belliveau@yahoo.com or 440-313-2864. Because of COVID 19, Dr. Kellis will also match personal donations made through the drive. If a personal donation of food items is made, please contact Christine or Jayme at 216-346-5027 so that club participation and the match can be recorded. Thank you all for your past help and participation! Your help is needed this year more than ever. **Please note the last day to donate food or financial gifts is August 20.**

2020 Enrollments & Officer Books – Due October 1st by 4:30pm

Clubs are asked to submit their 2020 enrollment paperwork (member/volunteer forms, club charter, inventory log, etc.) along with their Secretary and Treasurer books by October 1st. We do not need club calendars. The Secretary books should contain minutes and attendance from your virtual meetings and Treasurer's book should have meeting financial reports. There will be a drop box in the foyer at the Extension Office for submissions. If clubs wish to submit enrollment materials sooner, please contact the office to set up a drop off appointment.

4-H MEMBERS

4-H Photography Contest

Here is a chance to show off your photography skills. All pictures must be taken between Fair 2019 and August 15, 2020. Members are not required to take a 4-H Photography Project to enter contest. Entry deadline is 4:30pm on August 15th. All eligible entries and winners will be displayed in the Jr. Fair Building during fair. See flyer for complete contest details.

The Safety Poster Contest will not be held this year.

Cloverbud Show & Tell

Wednesday, August 19 @ 6pm via ZOOM

4-H Cloverbud Members are invited to share what they have learned in 4-H. They can show something they made, share a poster of what they have learned, do a demonstration or skit, and more...the possibilities are endless. Be creative. Cloverbuds are limited to 10 mins each. Only families who registered and Geauga 4-H volunteers requesting permission to watch will have access to watch the event. *We must have at least five Cloverbuds interested to hold the ZOOM Show & Tell. Registered families will be sent a ZOOM link one day prior. Please register by 4:30 pm on Friday, August 14th at [Gauga 4-H Cloverbud Show & Tell Registration](#)

Careers in Fashion Virtual SPIN Club

A SPIN club is a Special Interests club that is open to any youth (regardless of 4-H membership). The Fashion SPIN Club is open to all Middle and High School youth interested in learning more about career opportunities in the fashion industry. The club will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays August 17-31 from 4:00-5:15pm. No cost. Register by August 14th at <https://go.osu.edu/fashiondesignspin>

LIVESTOCK/HORSE

Equine Experience Day – Lake Erie College

October 2, 9:00am-2:00pm

EQ Experience Day 2.0 is being held at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center in Mentor. It is open to all individuals interested in pursuing a degree with Lake Erie College's School of Equine Studies. The event includes tours of campus and the stables, opportunity to attend short equine based classes, information on intercollegiate teams, and more. For more information, visit <https://pages.akerolabs.com/x2tj9/lake-erie-college/eq-experience-day>

JUNIOR FAIR

Thank you to all the artists who submitted drawings for this year's tee shirt back. The winner of this year's tee shirt drawing contest is Tatumn Poff. Congratulations Tatumn!

The Junior Fair information you find in this newsletter is only as current as when it was written. With everything changing so quickly you should monitor the geaugafair.com website for the most accurate current information regarding updates for Junior Fair. This includes the drop off schedule for your animals and any other important information.

If you are having problems entering your animals online, please contact Jan Jackam at jjackam@gmail.com for help. NOTE: Cloverbuds, due to the COVID-19, MUST use a sibling's animal to show. They cannot handle an animal that does not belong to their family per the governor.

Buyer's "We Support" boards – For all the small animals the boards will be delivered to the buyer by the seller, when they deliver the birds/rabbits. For the large animals (beef, goat, sheep, and swine), please return the buyer's boards to the sales office by August 22.

Judges List

Beef: Sarah Evans
Dairy: Matt Griffith
Goat: Nolan Frey
Dog: James Ehrman, Connie Luoma, Leesa Thomas
Horse: Amber Wise, Brandy Napier, Debby Melvin
Poultry: Tom Rieman, Larry Lokai
Pygmy Goat: Tara Winters
Rabbit: Stacey Groncki, Danny Long, Kristi Adeleke
Sheep: Sarah Evans
Small Animal: Anna Hartge
Swine: Matt Lawson

DUNFs online. The form can be found on the Geauga Fair website. Click on PARTICIPATE then on JR FAIR. Go to the bottom of the page and click on the DUNF button. This will take you to a page of instructions. Be sure to read these before you start your form. REMEMBER, ONCE YOU SIGN AND CLICK, YOUR FORM IS SUBMITTED. You cannot go back and edit your answers. So check over your answers before you sign and click.

All animals must have an ID or tag number that was assigned to you for your DUNF. Make sure you have all the information you might need (tag number, vet information, medicine, etc.) before you start filling out the form.

Swine Pen Set-Up

August 22 @ 8am

Swine pen set up is Sat. Aug. 22 at 8am, for this year I would like 2 adults and 2 older kids from each club only. Weigh in is Wed. Sept. 2 from 6am-1pm, NO OVERNIGHT!! Masks must be worn per Governor's order. For load out on Mon. SEPT. 7, I need 1 adult or older kid from each club to stay until ALL hogs are loaded. Thanks Kirk 440-679-4207

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