

# Geauga County 4-H

## News & Notes



June | 2020

### All 2020 Project Judging will be completed virtually.

The safety of our members, volunteers, and families is our top priority. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and recommendations from OSU and Governor DeWine, we will not be conducting 4-H project judging in the capacity that we have in the past. For this year, all 4-H project judging will be virtual. Method of completion depends on the project. Complete guidelines have been outlined.

Members will have from July 1 through July 31 to complete their project judging. All project judging must be completed by July 31<sup>st</sup> to complete their 4-H year and be eligible for Jr. Fair participation as a 4-H member.

Project Areas	Method of Completion	Notes:
Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goats (all), Horses, Poultry (all), Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine	Ohio 4-H Skillathon Tests	Study Guides will be available. Tests will <b>not</b> follow county species score sheets. Club Advisors should check members project books. Tests are not timed. Members can take the test from any computer or smartphone.
All Other Project: Cavy, Small Animals, Pocket Pets, Idea Starters, Self-Determined, Miscellaneous, Clothing & Textiles, etc.	Video Based Presentation	Videos submitted to secure OSU site. Judges will only have access to the project videos they are judging. Score sheet provided in guidelines. Videos can be uploaded directly from a smartphone. Follows the 2020 Miscellaneous Judging Guidelines

Please refer to the 2020 Project Judging Guidelines for complete details on tests, video content requirements, and submission instructions. We understand that our 4-H year is not that of a typical year and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work to Make the Best Better.

**We are still working on finalizing the Skillathon Test Study Guides. An email will be sent as soon as they are available.**

**Message from the Ohio 4-H State Office:**

*Due to COVID-19 and in alignment with the cancellation of the Ohio State Fair, there will be no 4-H state fair project judging this year. However, we know how important it is to recognize 4-H members for the time and effort in completing their projects. While we are still working on the details, we are excited to announce there will be an Ohio 4-H Project Showcase. All members will be invited to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project. These photos will be added to a gallery page on the state 4-H website and we're working on plans to highlight members in additional ways. We'll share the information about posting photos by June 15.*

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## CLUB NEWS

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### **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](mailto:christine_belliveau@yahoo.com) or 440-313-2864. Because of COVID 19 and the suspension of community service activities through 4-H that prohibit food collections through July 6, 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! Our help will be needed this year more than ever.

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## 4-H MEMBERS

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to **MOLLY PERCIC** who has been selected as the winner of our Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest. Molly video submission has won her club, Ride with Pride, a club pizza party!!! All members will receive a Public Speaking Certificate.

### **4-H Senior Recognition**

We all know this isn't the senior year you were expecting. The challenges you are facing and have overcome are unprecedented. Your 4-H family is always here to support you! Geauga 4-H would like to showcase and recognize our outstanding seniors. We will be featuring senior bio's on the Geauga County 4-H Facebook page and may include them in the 4-H Recognition program this fall. If you would like to participate, please complete the following questionnaire and upload your photo(s) (First year in 4-H photo and current photo). To complete the senior bio, visit [Gauga 4-H Senior Recognition](#).

### **Virtual Opportunities**

Be sure to "LIKE" the Geauga County 4-H Facebook Page for the latest virtual opportunities.

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

### **4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship**

The Geauga County 4-H Advisory Committee Scholarship may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships for the 2020 year. See application for details and requirements. Deadline to apply is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **4-H Horse Committee Scholarship**

The Geauga County 4-H Horse Committee may award up to two \$500 academic scholarships. See application for details. Deadline to apply is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Geauga County Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Committee Inc. Scholarship**

4-H youth participating in the Geauga County Junior Fair Livestock Auction, that have graduated from High School and will be attending either a vocational, two or four year college are eligible to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the Geauga County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee Inc. Applications due July 1. See application for complete details.

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## **LIVESTOCK/HORSE**

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### **Virtual Quality Assurance 2020**

Youth must pre-register at [Geauga Quality Assurance](#)

***Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, this year's Quality Assurance Training will be online.***

Multiple QA sessions are being offered via Zoom. Youth must preregister for their session. Each session is limited to 50 families. Families only need to register once if all members will be participating at the same time. All participants must have video capabilities to participate in this virtual option. Participants must also actively engage in the anonymous poll questions thought. This serves as the "hands on" component for QA. Each virtual training will be monitored for participant attendance and engagement.

Below are the QA session dates and times. Youth must at least 48 hours before their desired session. If a session is not listed on the registration site, it is full. Please register early. One registration per family/household. Please list all siblings who will be in attendance.

Session 1: Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 pm  
Session 2: Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 am  
Session 3: Thursday, June 18 at 10:00 am

Session 4: Monday, June 22 at 7:00 pm  
Session 5: Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 pm  
Session 6: Saturday, June 27 at 9:00am

After registering, you will receive a Zoom link to connect to the webinar from Alisha Faudie at [faudie.2@osu.edu](mailto:faudie.2@osu.edu). Participants will NOT receive reminders about their virtual QA training. Please be mindful of the date you selected and check your junk/spam folders for the login information email.

*Youth may still elect to complete the online YQCA option. Please send a copy of your certificate to [ward.714@osu.edu](mailto:ward.714@osu.edu) or [Faudie.2@osu.edu](mailto:Faudie.2@osu.edu)*

# JUNIOR FAIR

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## A Message from Jr. Fair...

Fair is on! At this time, we are planning on having a fair for 2020. This may change as we get closer to the fair due to COVID-19, the re-opening of businesses and what that does to our state numbers, but as of now, there will be a 2020 Great Geauga County Fair. It will be a little different this year with possible schedule changes, so watch for updates and changes that are necessary for social distancing and safety measures.

Remember that Junior Fair exhibitors must enter their projects online. The website for online entry will be available July 1. If you wish to look at this year's fairbook, go to [www.geaugafair.com](http://www.geaugafair.com), choose PARTICIPATE, then ONLINE FAIRBOOK 2020. Scroll down to "2020 Fairbook by Department." Under that you will find "Other Sections of the Fairbook." Choose Junior Fair Department. That will give you the entire Junior Fair rules, departments, and classes. Use this to sign up for those classes you want to enter.

There were eleven candidates who applied for king and queen this year. The interviews will be held July 11<sup>th</sup> and your ballot will be sent shortly after that.

Expected week for duck delivery is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Chicks are due to arrive the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>. If for some reason you can't pick up your project, make sure you have made arrangements with someone who can. Details for pick up will be released closer to the arrival dates.

The market animal assessments are due on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be at the Junior Fair office on the fairgrounds from 9:00 until noon that day to collect them and pass out the materials for your buyer's packets. The assessment is the same as last year, \$5.00 per lot through the sale. Please provide a list of your exhibitors, their projects, and their assessment amount with your check. Write one check per club for all the market animals going through the sale.

The Junior Fair Livestock Sale Scholarship application is available with the newsletter and can be accessed on the Fair website ([www.geaugafair.com](http://www.geaugafair.com) under PARTICIPATE, JR FAIR).

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