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Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers.

Life Skill and Livestock Evaluations are done, and next stop is the 2015 Holmes County Fair! It is hard to believe how quickly the fair is approaching, but the Senior Fair Board, Committees, and 4-H Clubs are hard at work with last minute preparations to make sure this year's fair is one to remember.

Knowing that everyone is very busy, this newsletter is a highlight of important information related to fair-prep, fair, post-fair, and more. Please take a few minutes to read these pages so you don't miss an important deadline or requirement.



See you at the fair!

READ YOUR FAIR BOOK! ALL FAIR RULES ARE PRINTED THERE!

The Final Countdown!

This is it. The **last** year at our current fairgrounds. The *last* time to show in that showbarn. The *last* time to walk across the Stage on the Green. The *last* time for a lot of things. While I know some of you might be ready to say "good riddance" to the current grounds, what will you remember about it? Good or bad, we all have created memories on those fairgrounds.

As we approach the final fair at its current location, make sure to take a moment to reflect on the memories of previous fairs and 4-H years past. Whether it was floods, friends, or food, our current location has served the Holmes County Community well by providing a space for the entire community to come together for a week to celebrate the accomplishments of our local youth. We hope to cherish and take these memories with us as we make the transition to the Harvest Ridge location for the 2016 Holmes County Fair.

There will be some time for members and advisors to share their fair memories during the Closing Ceremony on Saturday afternoon. Please join us!

Holmes County Fair August 10-15 See you there!

Picture Placards for Market Livestock Sale Submit Your Own Picture!

Our Market Livestock buyers appreciate receiving the placard and photo of the animal they purchased and the 4-H or FFA member who raised that animal. However, we can probably all admit that some of those pictures taken of a hot day at the fair can be a little less than flattering. You now have the opportunity to submit your own photo of you and your Market Livestock Project.

Here are the Details:

- ⇒ 4" x 6" color photo on photo paper
- ⇒ Horizontal orientation
- ⇒ Photo includes both the member and their Market Livestock Project
- ⇒ Photo should be taken near Fair time, so the size of the animal(s) is close to Fair size.
- \Rightarrow Member's name, club/chapter and project written on the back of the photo
- ⇒ Turned in to the Fair Secretary's Office by Tuesday, August 11, 2015

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Life Skills County and State Fair Awards

All County Award and State Fair award winners will be recognized at the Holmes County Fair on Monday, August 10 at 4:30 p.m. on the Stage on the Green. Winners will receive their plaques that evening and will be allowed to place their awards in their 4-H booth after the ceremony. State fair award winners may bring their award to the Extension Office and we will recognize them the same evening.

4-H Booths at the Fair

Please let us know if you would like a booth or riser space. Options include:

- Large booths (approx. 15 ½ ft. wide, 6 ½ ft. deep, 8 ft. high)
- Small booths (7 ½ ft. wide, 6 ½ ft. deep, 8 ft. high)
- Display space on the 4 foot length "steps/risers"

Booth space will be assigned on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED basis by calling the OSU Extension Office.

Fair Booth Set-up Times

Many clubs are making plans to get together on the fairgrounds to set up their club display in the 4-H building and around their livestock pens. This year, the 4-H building will be open for set-up during the following hours:

Friday 8/7 5-9 p.m.
Saturday 8/8 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Sunday 8/9 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

As you make your set-up plans, please remember that there is no security on the fairgrounds until Sunday evening. All club displays in the 4-H building MUST be in place by 8:00 a.m. on Monday 8/10.

Club Packets for the Fair

Club packets will be available for pick-up on Saturday morning in the 4-H building and throughout the fair. Your packet will include:

- A club roster with project scores
- A copy of the Life Skills Recognition Event Program
- A copy of the King and Queen Coronation Program
- A Tasting Smorgasbord flyer
- A Battle of the Clubs flyer

Once again, advisors will be asked to count out the ribbons for their club.



Working in the 4-H Building

Has your club signed up to work a shift in the 4-H building during the fair? Each club is asked to man the 4-H building for a 3-hour shift.

During their shift, clubs are asked to sweep and pick-up in and around the 4-H building, answer questions from fairgoers (or leave a message for Kate to answer the question), distribute information (fair books, 4-H brochures, etc.) as needed, and watch over all of the club displays.

Fair Passes for 4-H Members & Volunteers

Tara Sheldon, Secretary of the Holmes County Senior Fair Board, will be supervising the distribution of Fair Passes this year. To receive passes, the Organizational Advisor/Committee Secretary MUST provide a list of all members/advisors/volunteers meeting the requirements below.

Members must:

- Have at least one project judged at a scheduled county judging day or pre-judging prior to the county evaluation day;
- 2. Exhibit a project at the fair:
- 3. Meet the minimum attendance at club meeting requirement (at least or the number required by the club's constitution).

Volunteers must:

- 1. Be an approved Holmes County 4-H volunteer
- 2. Have been actively involved with the club this year.

Fair passes will be plastic wristbands for youth and 1-week cards for volunteers. If the pass is lost or destroyed, the member/volunteer must purchase a new one at his/her own cost. A youth may only receive one fair pass, even for multiple projects. Members that are currently 10 years old and younger will NOT receive a wrist band, as fair admission is free for youth 10 and younger.

The lists of members, advisors/volunteers and your club/committee name must be emailed as soon as possible to Tara Sheldon at taras@shearerequipment.com. Tara requests an email and no phone calls please. Leaders who do not have access to email may drop their lists off at the OSU Extension Office.

Leaders may pick up passes at the fairgrounds on Friday, August 7 from 3p-8p; Saturday, August 8 from 10a-7p; and Sunday, August 9 from 10a-7p.

4th Graders at the Ohio State Fair: Ag is Cool!

The Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio State Fair and the Buckeye state's agricultural groups are again sponsoring the "Agriculture is Cool" program at the Ohio State Fair complete with exciting interactive stations like the opportunity to milk a real cow!

Students in the fourth grade during the 2014-2015 academic year and a chaperone can attend the Fair to see what makes agriculture



cool any one day for free simply by presenting their final report card at the entry gate. Better yet? Participants may enter to win a \$500 scholarship by writing an essay about what they learned. Visit www.ohioagriculture.gov/agiscool for more information.

4-H Thank You Notes

Don't forget that the Extension Office is selling 4-H Thank You note cards. The bright green 4-H clover on the front of the cards shows your 4-H spirit. They are a great way to send a thank you message to donors and supporters of the Holmes County 4-H program.

Sold in packs of 10 for only \$3.00!

Here's an added bonus: People like being appreciated, and if they feel you actually notice the nice things they do for you, they're more likely to do them again.

Safety Practices at the Fair

As clubs plan for and prepare to put up their fair booths or decorations in the livestock barns, the following safety practices will be required by local fire inspectors:

- Only UL approved extension cords with circuit breaker protection are to be used.
- Multiple extension cords are to be connected to a power strip with circuit breaker protection.
- Extension Cords used in livestock barns must be GFCI protected.
- No suspending things from the ceiling of the building. In the 4-H building, you may go only as high as the 18 inch strips above the booth.
- No stapling of electrical cords with a stapler. Insulated staples are to be used instead.



Support Junior Fair Royalty!

Join us at 5:00 p.m. on Monday August 10th at the Stage on the Green for the 2015 Homes County Junior Fair King and Queen Coronation Program. This year we have fourteen young men and women from 4-H, FFA and Jr. Fair Board vying for the honor of

being named Holmes County Junior Fair King or Queen.

The roles of the Junior Fair King and Queen extend well beyond the one week of the Holmes County Fair. These representatives of Holmes County Junior Fair will participate in many local community events and may travel to other county fairs and events across the State. We want to wish 2014 Junior Fair King Ian Gilt and Queen Jenna Stertzbach much success in their future endeavors.

Tasting Smorgasbord

Wednesday, August 12, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the 4-H Building.

Are you a creative cook or an adventurous eater? Come join the fun at the Tasting Smorgasbord. 4-H members, in **all** project areas, of **all** ages, are encouraged to prepare a recipe to share.

Food safety is very important when you are preparing and serving food for others. Please be prepared with the appropriate utensils, tongs, gloves, etc. needed to serve your recipe. As always, bring a card or tray table to serve your dish, and copies of your recipe to share.

Pen/Project Identification Cards

Please note that ALL livestock projects are REQUIRED to be identified with one of the Pen/Project Identification Cards. These cards have spaces for the member's name, club name, project and animal/pen weight. Cards come in small (index card), medium (slightly smaller than letter size) and large (letter size).

Cards are available at the OSU Extension office and will be available at the 4-H building on the fairgrounds.

PLEASE USE THE CARDS PROVIDED!

Certificates for Members/Volunteers

If your club would like membership certificates for club members and advisors, please contact our office. We need to know when you need the certificates and if you would like them for members only (or a certain sub-set of members) or members and advisors. Please allow several days turn-around time for certificate preparation.



Save the Date – 2015 Volunteer Recognition Banquet

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 8th for the 2015 Volunteer Recognition Banquet. The banquet, sponsored by the Senior Fair Board, will again be held at the Carlisle Inn, Walnut Creek at 7:00 p.m.



Buyer Thank You Posters

If you sold a market animal last year it is a nice gesture to hang a poster with this year's animal and thank your 2014 buyer.

Buyers like to see that we appreciate their support, and it shows potential buyers that Holmes County exhibitors support the Market Livestock Sale buyers. Posters can be neatly handwritten or typed on 8 1/2 by 11 paper or on poster board (depending on space availability). These thank you posters should be hanging where buyers can see them (animals can't eat them) and should be legible.

Livestock Requirements for Fair Exhibition

Enrollment in livestock projects includes several steps if an animal will be taken to the fair:

- Enrollment in a 4-H club or FFA Chapter;
- * Attending Quality Assurance (for market or lactating animals);
- * Having the animal identified according to county rules;
- * Turning in the proper paperwork per species requirements to the Extension Office;
- * Turning in Pen Assignment Forms for each animal
- * Attending a pre-evaluation or project-specific evaluation.
- * Completing DUNF forms for all Market livestock.

Care of Animals at the Fair

Humane care (or lack of care) of animals of all types has been in the news many times in the past year. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical. Please remember that the County Fair is a place where many people will be seeing the animals on display and the care our 4-H and FFA youth are providing for these animals. We know you all take excellent care of your animals, let's make sure our fair visitors know it too!



Market Livestock Sale Letters

Youth enrolled in Market Livestock projects should be communicating to potential buyers. This is a great way to let area businesses know who you are and what you will be selling in our market livestock sale. There is a list of last year's Jr. Fair Buyers in the Holmes County Fair Book. Feel free to send letters to potential buyers that are not on the list.

Letters should include your name, age, club info and what projects you are taking at the fair (you can include your life skills and non-marketable projects also). Buyers like any information you feel comfortable providing about yourself and family. They also enjoy pictures of you and your animal. There will be flyers available at the Skill-a-thon with information about our market sale events. Please include these with your letters. Please send neat legible letters and remember you are representing Holmes County and 4-H.

Grooming Assistance

Please see the Fairbook under Jr. Fair Rules (VII), Member/Adult Involvement (4) for information about who is allowed to assist a member in the care, grooming and preparation of their animals. Specifically, Paragraph C specifies "Any exhibitor using a person not specified in paragraph B of this rule who provides assistance to a junior livestock show exhibitor shall register in writing with the Fairboard secretary by July 31."

Letters may be addressed to Tara Sheldon, PO Box 232, Millersburg, OH 44654.

Carcass Contest

Believe it or not, fair competition doesn't end on Saturday night at the end of the fair. The final competition is the Carcass contest held for the top 10 Beef Market Steers and new this year, the top 5 Dairy Market Steers. Please join us Thursday, August 20 at 5pm at Sugar Valley Meats in Sugarcreek for the contest.

DUNF Forms

DUNF (Drug Use Notification Form). Every market and lactating animal must be drug free the day of showing, selling, and harvest. This includes rabbit fryers, broilers, market ducks, meat goats, turkeys, market lambs, dairy feeder calves, market steers, market hogs, lactating dairy cows and goats. The DUNF is a report of the medications that are prescribed by a vet or are Over the Counter (OTC) whose withdrawal time is not finished at the start of the fair. Check the labels of medications and medicated feeds for withdrawal time to make sure the market and/or lactating animal is drug free prior to the fair. DUNF Forms will be given out at Livestock Project Evaluations. If a 4-H member is being judged prior to this, he/she must obtain the form at the OSU Extension Office.

The DUNF must be turned in at the time of unloading your animal at the fair on August 9. Please use a pen to fill out the form completely and write with sufficient pressure that all parts of the triplicate copy are readable.

HELP BUILD THE NEW FAIRGROUNDS!

JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FORM

Construction on the new Holmes County Fairgrounds at Harvest Ridge is moving along! The fact that the Holmes County Fair will have a new location is both necessary and exciting; from the fair visitors to the kids that make it a Junior Fair; and to those that will utilize the facilities at various times throughout the year. The Holmes County Fair has been at its current location since the 1940's. The opportunity to take part in the construction of the new fairgrounds is once in a lifetime.

Livestock sale participants can help raise money for the construction of the new fairgrounds by choosing to donate a specific amount or a percentage of the proceeds from their Market Livestock project(s).

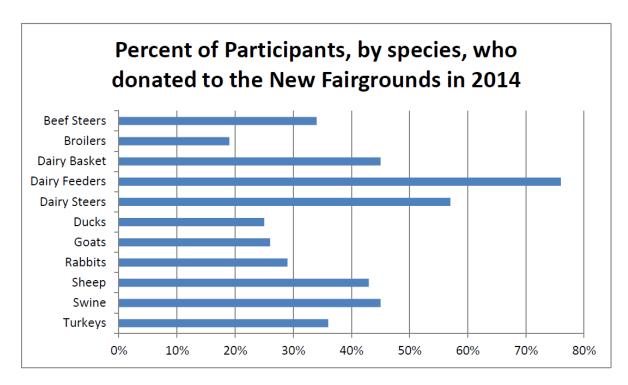
Community leaders take notice and respect your contributions. In fact a livestock buyer in 2012 was so impressed by the youth support it served as the foundation that resulted in a \$50,000 donation to the new grounds.

Donations are on a voluntary basis and no one is under any obligation to make a contribution.

You must complete a form for EACH project from which you wish to donate.

Please return form to the Secretary's Office by Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Parent/Guardian Signature	 Date	Club Name	
Printed Name of Sale Participant	Date	Project – One form for each project	
Only your name will be announced amount donated. A marking will also a	-	to recognize your contribution, not the le program to indicate a dontation.	e
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Contribution Options:			



Species	Ave. 2014 Price	Weight	Total	5% Donation	10% Donation	15% Donation
Beef Steer	\$3.47	1,300	\$4,511.00	\$225.55	\$451.10	\$676.65
Broilers	\$407.93	N/A	\$407.93	\$20.40	\$40.79	\$61.19
Dairy Baskets	\$653.07	N/A	\$653.07	\$32.65	\$65.31	\$97.96
Dairy Feeders	\$2.86	700	\$2,002.00	\$100.10	\$200.20	\$300.30
Dairy Steers	\$1.90	1,300	\$2,470.00	\$123.50	\$247.00	\$370.50
Ducks	\$207.69	N/A	\$207.69	\$10.38	\$20.77	\$31.15
Goats	\$5.82	90	\$523.80	\$26.19	\$52.38	\$78.57
Rabbits	\$386.36	N/A	\$386.36	\$19.32	\$38.64	\$57.95
Sheep	\$4.18	125	\$522.50	\$26.13	\$52.25	\$78.38
Swine	\$5.41	260	\$1,406.60	\$70.33	\$140.66	\$210.99
Turkeys	\$609.62	N/A	\$609.62	\$30.48	\$60.96	\$91.44

^{**} These are 2014 averages and show what a 5%, 10% and 15% sale donations would be to the new fairgrounds.

By filling out a donation sheet for any/all of your Market Livestock Sale Animals and turning it in to the Secretary's Office, your greatly appreciated donation will be noted with an asterisk* in the sale bill. Donations may be flat amounts or percentages.

2015 HOLMES COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
7:00 - 10:00 AM OFFICIAL Swine Weigh-In (Hog Barn-1st session)
Noon - 8:00 PM Set-up Booths and Decorate Pens
Noon - 3:00 PM Home Arts Exhibits Accepted
3:00 PM Flower Exhibit Judging Begins
3:00 PM Home Arts Exhibit Judging Begins
4:00 - 6:00 PM OFFICIAL Rabbit Weigh-In (Rabbit Barn)
5:00 - 7:00 PM OFFICIAL Poultry Weigh-In (Poultry Tent)
7:00 - 9:00 PM OFFICIAL Swine Weigh-In (Hog Barn-2 nd session)
7:00 - 9:00 PM OFFICIAL Beef/Dairy Feeder Calf Weigh-In (Steer

7:00 - 9:00 PM OFFICIAL Sheep/Goat Weigh-In (Sheep Barn)

9:00 PM..... OFFICIAL Steer Weigh-In (Steer Barn)

9:00 PM...... All Market Projects in Place

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM	FAIR OPENS
8:00 AM	All Jr. Fair Projects in Place
8:00 AM	All Drug Use Notification Forms MUST be turned into Sec
(Office
8:00 AM	4-H Booth Judging (4-H Building Closed)
8:00 AM	Swine Pictures (Swine Barn)
9:30 AMI	Poultry Judging (L)
4:00 PM	Rides Open
4:30 PM	4-H Life Skills Project Recognition (S)
5:00 PM	Coronation of King and Queen (S)
6:00 PM	Swine Showmanship (L)
7:00 PM	Full Rodeo (G)
For rules and re	gistration information email raftermrodeo@yahoo.com
8:00 pm Holm	es County's Got Talent (S)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

\$3.00 'till 3PM - reduced admission day!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

KIDS DAY!

VETERAN'S DAY - Free Admission for Active Military or past Veterans with proper ID 8:00 AM FAIR OPENS

9:30 AM........... Rabbit Judging (Small Arena)
9:30 AM........... Showmanship, Beef Breeding, Market Steer, Holmes Co.
Bred, Beef Feeder Calf Showmanship and Show (L)

10:30 AM...... Tasting Smorgasbord (4-H Building)

NOON Rides Open

NOON THRU 4:00 PM KIDS DAY ACTIVITIES - Reduced Ride Passes, Vendor Specials & Giveaways, and Activities in the 4-H Buildings

SPONSORED BY: THE BARGAIN HUNTER

2:00 PM.......... Dairy Goat Showmanship & Judging; Pack Goat, Supreme Dairy Goat Showmanship (Small Arena)
2:00 PM......... Horse Contest Show (Horse Arena)

5:00 PM..... Hiland Marching Band (S)

6:00 PM....... Beef Feeder, Beef Breeding, Market Steer Show (L)
6:00 PM Antique Tractor Pull / V-8 Modified / 4-Wheel Drive / Hot
Farm / Local Street Stock Semi(G)

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For rules and registration information visit www.holmescountyfair.com
8:00 PM Amish Country Theatre – Skit Comedy & Bluegrass Band (S)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

\$3.00 'till 3PM - reduced admission day!

Sponsored by Home Owned, Home Grown, Holmes County Businesses 8:00 AM FAIR OPENS
9:00 AM Dairy Steer, Dairy Feeder Calf Showmanship and Show (L)
9:30 AM Pygmy Goat Showmanship and Show (Small Arena)
NOON Rides Open - \$10 ride pass until 3pm
(purchase by 3pm, good all day and night
2:00 PM Horse Versatility Show (Horse Arena)
5:00 PM Motocross Practice (G)
5:30 PM Livestock Sale (L)
Sale Order: Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Lambs, Hogs
7:00 PM Motocross (G)
For rules and registration information visit: oma.net
8:00 PM SOBOS – Variety of music from 60's thru today (S)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

\$3.00 'till 3PM - reduced admission day!

Sponsored by Home Owned, Home Grown, Holmes County Businesses
8:00 AM FAIR OPENS
9:00 AM Dairy Showmanship and Show (L)
10:00 AM Llama Show Judging (Small Arena)
NOON Rides Open - \$10 ride pass until 3pm
(purchase by 3pm, good all day and night
2:00 PM Horse Fun Show (Horse Arena)
5:30 PM Livestock Sale (L)
Sale Order: Ducks, Broilers, Dairy Feeder, Turkeys, Rabbits
Dairy Products, Beef Steers, Dairy Steers
7:00 PM OSTPA Truck & Tractor Pull
For rules and information visit www.ostpa.com
Featuring a "Run What Ya Brung" Hot Semi Class!
SPONSORED BY: SHEARER EQUIPMENT & MILLERSBURG TIRE SERVICE

9:00 PM Autumn Burning - Modern Rock with original music (S)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM F	AIR OPENS
10:00 AM G	arden Tractor Pull (G)
For rules and info	ormation visit www.strasburgpullers.com
10:00 AM SI	howman of Showmen Contest (L)
NOONR	ides Open
2:00 PM Po	edal Tractor Pull (4-H Building)
3:00 PM Ba	attle of the Clubs (L)
3:30 PM C	losing Ceremony
5:00 PM M	oney Scramble (TBA)
6:00 PM Po	ee Wee Swine Show (L)
7:00 PM D	emolition Derby – Open (G)
For rules, classes	and information visit the Demo tab at
w	ww.holmescountyfair.com
9:00 PM TI	nunderstruck - AC/DC Tribute Band (S)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 AM Dairy Projects Released.
All Market Livestock Will Be Released to the Buyer.
9:00 AM All Other Exhibits Released
4:00 PM ALL EXHIBITS MUST HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Grandstand (G), Stage on the Green (S), Large Arena (L)

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Dates to Remember!

July

7/29-8/9 - Ohio State Fair

August

8/8 – Open Horse Show 8/9 – Official Fair Livestock Weigh-In 8/10-8/15 – Holmes County Fair 8/20 – Beef Steer and Dairy Steer Carcass Show

September

9/1 – Honor Club Forms Due Today 9/1 – Secretary & Treasurer Books Due Today

October

10/8 - Holmes County Volunteer Recognition Banquet

