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Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

We are in full swing! Tag-ins and Weigh-ins have almost all been completed and there have been several opportunities for youth to learn more about their project. Camp is quickly approaching, and in attendance will be 55 Holmes County youth as campers or counselors. Check out the Facebook page for photos of our events this summer!

It is a great time to be a Holmes County 4-H'er!



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Please plan your summer schedules with these dates in mind. Youth must attend the scheduled evaluations in order to qualify for county and state awards.

Life Skills Judging: Thursday, July 12, 4-8 pm at WHHS (By Appt Only, See Page 2 for details)
Livestock/Skill-a-thon Judging: Tuesday, July 17, 4-8 pm at WHHS

According to State of Ohio guidelines, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those created or carried in other organizations, such as FFA, Scouts, Grange, Church or School (including Industrial Arts and Art Class, Science Fairs, and so forth).

Can't Attend the Scheduled Judging? You MUST attend a pre-judging event!

Members who are unable to attend the County Project Evaluation events will need to schedule a time for their pre-judging. Pre-judging appointments will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. The links can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Pre-judging Day 1, all projects – June 28, 4:00-7:00 pm at Baker Building
Pre-judging Day 2, all projects – July 11, 4:00-7:00 pm at Baker Building

Projects that are pre-judged will not be eligible for County awards and State Fair. For a 4-H project to be considered completed, it must be evaluated at either a pre-judging event or at the County judging event for that project.

Dress Code for Project Evaluations

Please pay close attention to the dress code below. This has been in effect since 2010. Members not meeting these guidelines at any project evaluation event (Pre-Judging, Life Skills Evaluations and Livestock Project Evaluations), WILL lose points or be marked down at least one level.

- * Clean pants, skirts or dresses that fit properly. Shorts and Capri pants are not allowed. Skirts and dresses must be fingertip length or longer.
- * Clean shirt or top that fits properly. Writing or images on shirts that may be considered offensive or inappropriate are not allowed. Tops, sundresses, etc. must have shoulder straps of 1-inch or wider.
- * No hats worn during judging. Hats that are part of an ensemble or costume should be removed when speaking with judges.
- * No flip-flops.



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Special Needs Accommodation

It is the intent of the 4-H program to make each project evaluation a positive experience for all of its **members**. Parents or guardians of 4-H members who have identified learning disabilities should contact the Extension office to arrange for any special accommodations you feel necessary. Please let our office know well in advance for a successful evaluation experience.

Be advised that we do not allow parents to accompany their child back to the evaluation area. We will have Junior Fair Board members available to assist the members when needed.

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; by April 15
- 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 to be exhibited.

Procedure for Livestock Project Evaluation & Skill-a-thon

Livestock Project Book Evaluation & Skill-a-thon will be held on Tuesday, July 17 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at West Holmes High School. Please be aware if you have multiple projects that you need to plan plenty of time.

A first year member in a livestock project, regardless of age, may be judged as a beginner if they wish (but will not qualify for Outstanding Market Award). **Please call the Extension Office if your child will be judged as a beginner, but is in the intermediate or senior age level.**

4-H and FFA members will need to register as they enter West Holmes High School. Parents/relatives must remain in the waiting area (Commons) away from the evaluation rooms. Only adult volunteers who are working the skill-a-thon and interview judging stations will be allowed

Life Skills Project Requirements

The requirements for Life Skills projects have been updated for 2018 and are now posted to the Holmes County OSU Extension website.

These requirements are listed by project category, not project number. They include information about project completion, what to bring to project evaluations, state fair opportunities and what to display at the County Fair. As always, we try to be as complete and clear as possible, but if we have missed something please let us know.

Life Skills County and State Fair Awards

All County Award, Project Excellence, and State Fair award winners will be recognized at the Holmes County Fair on Monday, August 6 at 4:30 pm on the Stage on the Green. Winners will receive their Purple Ribbon or County Award Plaque at this time.

Project Excellence—Awarded to Top 30% of projects judged by judge
County Award—Winners chosen from Project Excellence & Gold Ribbon Winners

State Fair Selection—Participants and alternates chosen from Project Excellence & Gold Ribbon recipients.



Pre-Judging & LifeSkills Evaluation Registration

Pre-Judging:

- ⇒ We will have 4 judges on hand to judge any and all projects.
- ⇒ Select 1 slot for each project taken.
- ⇒ June 28 Link: <http://signup.com/go/NYhTVsv>
- ⇒ July 11 Link: <http://signup.com/go/zEWjrPT>

LifeSkills:

- ⇒ We will have judges specifically selected to judge specific projects due to project area knowledge.
- ⇒ Identify your project number listed among the judges, and select the time slot that fits your needs. Project numbers can be found on books, in the 4-H Family Guide, or by calling our office.
- ⇒ If you do not sign-up for the correct judge, you will be asked to reschedule and may lose the appointment time you need.
- ⇒ The LifeSkills Judging link will be emailed to all Lifeskills project participants on June 10. It will also be on the website and Facebook page.

As always, if you have questions or experience difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact our office for assistance. It is encouraged that if a youth is taking multiple projects, they schedule as soon as possible in order to avoid scheduling conflicts. If you are more than 5 minutes late, you will forfeit your appointment time, and will wait until the judge is available or not be able to be judged. If you need to change your appointment time, please communicate with our office. Reservations ensure we have the appropriate number of judges and ensure a more efficient experience.

holmes.osu.edu/judging

Quality Assurance

There is one more Quality Assurance in Holmes County on June 19, 6:00 PM, Harvest Ridge, Baker Building.

All 4-H and FFA members taking market or lactating livestock animals are required to meet the Quality Assurance Education Requirement set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. There were multiple Quality Assurance (QA) opportunities in Holmes Co. this year. Youth may attend out of county QA clinics also but need to bring proof of attendance back to the OSU Extension Office.

If you or one of your 4-H/FFA members still needs to complete their QA for this year, please contact the OSU Extension Office for a list of out-of-county programs available. Please note that most out-of-county options will charge a participation fee and may require significant travel.

Members who do not meet this requirement will not be allowed to bring their animals to the Holmes County Fair.

Dropped Projects – Please tell us!

Even though the deadline of June 1 is close/has passed for adding a new project, members may drop projects at any time prior to project evaluation nights. If your child or one of your club members shares with you that they are not going to complete a project, please let us know! This will greatly help us in recruiting judges and volunteers for evaluation nights and

Livestock Resource Books

Livestock resource books are a wealth of information for 4-H project members. Resource books include color photos and diagrams; chapters on selection, feeding, housing, and animal care; and breeding and disease information. Many of the livestock requirements pages refer to information in these books. We keep a limited supply of these books on hand and the prices range from about \$10 to \$30.

No poultry resource book again this year. Please visit the following link for poultry resources: <https://holmes.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock-project-information/poultry>

Penning Assignments

The Fair Entry/Pen Assignment forms are to be entered online. Parents and advisors are encouraged to review the fair book with the youth to verify that the proper classes and information are being shared.

Entries are accepted online only at www.holmes.osu.edu/penforms.

Entries will be accepted from June 1—July 1. Late entries accepted by appointment only July 2-15 with \$50.00 Late Entry Fee per animal. Call Gail Cochran at 330-674-0225 regarding late entries.

Fair Entry/Pen Assignment forms tell the livestock committees how many animals are coming to the fair and the classes that the junior fair exhibitor plans to participate in. It is important that complete information be given.



Ohio State Fair Livestock Entry Forms and Premium Book

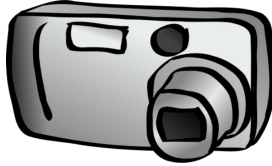
The Ohio State Fair will be July 25 - August 5 this year. Holmes County Jr. Livestock Exhibitors will need to access the electronic entry forms and Premium Book on-line at: www.ohiostatefair.com. You may register online or print/mail the paper form. If using the paper form, please bring your completed livestock entry forms to the Extension office to be signed by the 4-H Educator or County Director (you may need to leave the forms and pick them up later). Incomplete entry forms will not be signed.

Forms must be postmarked by June 20 (metered envelopes will not be accepted). The livestock exhibitors will be responsible for completing the online registration or sending their registration to the Ohio State Fair at:

Entry Department, Ohio State Fair
717 East 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211


A Huge Thank You to our 4-H Advisory Committee and an anonymous donor in the community for helping send 12 Holmes County Youth to 4-H Camp this year with full or partial scholarships! Buckeye 4-H club also fundraised to send a few of their own youth as well!

Market Livestock— Submit Your Picture!



You are expected to submit your own photo of you and your Market Livestock Project.

Here are the Details:

- ⇒ 4" x 6" color photo .
- ⇒ Horizontal orientation, example: 
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Member's name, club/chapter, and project included in email.
- ⇒ Dress Code for Photos (per page 15 of Fair Book):
 - Clean pants, skirts, or dresses that fit properly. Shorts and Capri pants are not allowed. Skirts and dresses must be fingertip length or longer.
 - Clean shirt or top that fits properly. Writing or images on shirts that may be considered offensive or inappropriate are not allowed. Tops, sundresses, etc. must have shoulder straps of 1-inch or wider.
 - No hats or flip flops may be worn.
- ⇒ Due to HCLivestockphotos@gmail.com by Monday, August 1, 2018.
- ⇒ If your photo does not meet requirements, a new one will be requested.



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.

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 2017 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.

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

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 the July 17 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 Sunday, August 5. Please use a pen to fill out the form completely and write with sufficient pressure that all parts of the triplicate copy are readable. **Holmes County Fair Code: 54**



Dairy Clinic

The Dairy Committee will be hosting a clinic for members taking dairy cows, heifers, feeders, and steers this year. The clinic will be on Tuesday, June 14 at the Harvest Ridge from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

In addition to covering showmanship and fitting, the committee will also have Skillathon kits available for review and there will be an opportunity to work on project record books.



Goat Showmanship Clinic

The Goat Showmanship is scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 at Harvest Ridge.

Youth are encouraged to bring their animals so they can practice proper showmanship practices.



Rabbit Tattooing

All rabbits that will be at the Holmes County Fair in August must have a number tattooed in one ear for identification purposes. The mandatory tattooing of market rabbits will be done at 8-10AM on Saturday July 14 at the Baker Building for free. You may bring up to six fryers to be tattooed.

Breeding and pet rabbits will be tattooed from 10-11 AM that same morning.

2018 Holmes County Jr Fair Horse Project High Point Awards Selection

This year instead of selecting an Outstanding Horse Member in each age division, the Holmes County 4-H Horse Committee has opted to instead honor a High Point and Reserve High Point member in each of the following divisions: Tenderfoot, Junior & Senior.

Points will be accumulated at our county PAS shows as well as at the shows at the Holmes County Fair. Each member may select 3 classes in which to accumulate points.

Class selection must be completed by June 1. No exceptions. Members taking multiple horse projects must designate ONE animal for high-point consideration.

High Point Awards Link

JUNE

HORSE CLINIC INFO

6/3 GROUND WORK & SHOWMANSHIP 2PM HARVEST RIDGE
 6/10 HORSE CLINIC 2PM HARVEST RIDGE
 6/16 PAS SHOW 10AM HARVEST RIDGE
 6/24 INTRO TO WESTERN DRESSAGE 2PM HARVEST RIDGE
 7/4 PAS SHOW 10 AM HARVEST RIDGE

6/14 AT 6:00PM HARVEST RIDGE

LLAMA LEARN DAY

Dog Classes For June

6/4
 6/11
 6/18
 6/25

All from 6:30-7:30 at Harvest Ridge Livestock Building

Skill-a-thon Kits

Due to the high replacement cost of a skill-a-thon kit, the following policy outlines the conditions for use:

- Individuals (non-advisors) who wish to use the skill-a-thon kits are to:
- Schedule an appointment for when they want to use the skill-a-thon kit during Extension Office hours, Monday—Friday 8:00-5:00. Kit(s) can be reviewed in the upstairs meeting room.
- Advisors: Schedule with the Extension Office when they want to borrow a kit.
- Borrow the kit(s) for a total of three days: one day for pickup, one day to use, one day to return or pickup on Friday and return on Monday. Advisors will need to return the kits earlier if someone else already scheduled to review it before the third day.

Kits are to be returned to the Extension Office by noon.

Note to Advisors: You may have a parent or member pick up the kit for you, but you must contact the office or send a note with the person who is picking up the kit(s), and please specify what kit(s) they will be picking up. The kit(s) will be signed out in your name and you are responsible for them.

SKILL-A-THON kits may NOT be borrowed after July 5 so the committees can get them ready for skill-a-thon.



Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Best Wishes from the OSU Extension Staff in your future endeavors (and don't forget about 4-H!)



Jr. Fair King/Queen Contest

All 4-H Clubs, FFA and FCCLA Chapters in Holmes County are encouraged to nominate members to represent their club/chapter in the annual Holmes County Fair King/Queen Contest.

- Members must be 16 years of age as of January 1, 2018.
- Application forms are available [online](http://holmes.osu.edu) at <http://holmes.osu.edu>.
- Nominees must complete and return applications to the Extension Office by July 1.

King/Queen interviews will be held at the Baker Building on Monday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. and all nominees must attend this interview.

Coronation of the King and Queen will be held at the Holmes County Fair on Monday, August 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Stage on the Green.

Commissioners' Award For Outstanding 4-H Members

The Holmes County Commissioners annually sponsor four [awards](#) to recognize outstanding 4-H members in the areas of Citizenship and Leadership. Members may be nominated by parents, volunteers, or they may nominate themselves! The categories and age groups are:

- Junior Citizenship: 4-H members in grades 7-9 as of January 1
- Junior Leadership: 4-H members in grades 7-9 as of January 1
- Senior Citizenship: 4-H members in grade 10-12 as of January 1
- Senior Leadership: 4-H members in grade 10-12 as of January 1

Those selected will receive a \$50 cash award and a plaque which will be presented prior to the Coronation of the King and Queen at the Holmes County Fair on Monday, August 6, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stage on the Green. Applications must be submitted to the Extension Office by July 15. Note: July 15th is a Sunday, so applications will be accepted through the next business day for 2018, which is July 16.

4-H Booths at the Fair

Time to think of the 4-H club booth for this year's fair! Please let us know if you would like booth or riser space as well as preferred size. Options include:

- XL booths (approx. 10 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep, 6 ft. high) - Max 4
- Large booths (approx. 8 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep, 6 ft. high)
- Small booths (6 ½ ft. wide, 4 ft. deep, 6 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. Call today 330-674-3015. More information will be dispersed as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's requests.

Please also sign up for a time to host. Each club is asked to host at least one time-slot whether they have a booth or not.

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. Fair passes will be plastic wristbands for youth and 1-week cards for volunteers.

To receive passes:

The Organizational Advisor/Committee Secretary MUST provide a list of all members/advisors/volunteers meeting the requirements below.

Members must:

1. 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 requirement for club meetings (at least 4 or the number required by the club's constitution).

Volunteers must:

1. Be an approved Holmes County 4-H volunteer
 - A. Completed 2018 Enrollment Form
 - B. Current or up to date on Background Check & Fingerprinting
 - C. Completed necessary steps to become volunteer
2. Have been actively involved with the club or committee this year.

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 to Tara Sheldon at taras@shearerequipment.com by Monday, July 27. 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.

NEW
in
2018

STEEL VENGEANCE
CEDAR POINT

TALLEST
FASTEST
WILDEST

ERIE COUNTY 4-H DAYS

June 29th and July 21st

\$43 Per Person

*Includes admission to Dinosaurs Alive!
Save \$29 off of the Gate Price*

Tickets available for purchase day of at Cedar Point from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Please look for the indicated 4-H window.

Proceeds benefit the Erie County 4-H Committee
Please have a representative purchase tickets for a club or group.
Representatives should have a membership card or something representing 4-H membership.



Kentucky Kingdom & Hurricane Bay: Special 4-H Offer!

Kentucky Kingdom & Hurricane Bay is offering the special below for Ohio 4-H Families:

2 Parks. 2 Days. FREE Drinks.
Regular \$49.95, Your Price \$19.95

Visit:
<http://www.kentuckykingdom.com/ohio4-H>
To PURCHASE!



Not valid with other offers. Must be purchased online in advance of visit. Good any day during the regular operating season, except Kentucky State Fair (8/16/17—8/26/17). Price subject to change. Purchase at your convenience with your personal debit/credit card.

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**Dates to Remember!
June**

6/1- Online Penning Assignment Forms Open

6/1 - Lease Forms DUE

6/1- CSB Mini Grants Due

6/3- Horse Clinic— Ground work & Showmanship

6/6-6/10 - Knolmes 4-H Camp

6/14 - Dairy Clinic—Cows, Heifers and Feeders

6/14 - Llama Learn Day

6/19 - Last Chance Holmes County QA

6/20 - State Fair entry forms due (postmarked)

6/28 4-H Project Pre-Judging All Projects

July

7/1- Jr. Fair King and Queen Applications Due

7/1- Livestock Penning Assignment Forms Close at 11:59 p.m.

7/4 - Horse PAS Show

7/10 - Goat Showmanship Clinic

7/11- 4-H project Pre-Judging— All projects

7/12- 4-H Life Skills Project Evaluations

7/15 - Commissioners Award Applications Due

7/14 Rabbit Tattooing

7/17- 4-H/FFA Livestock Project Evaluations and Skill-a-thon**7/23—Jr. Fair King and Queen Interviews**