Greetings 4-H Families

Yes it really is true. As we start the new month, thoughts and plans turn to the Seneca County Fair happening at the end of the month. Attica Fair follows shortly after and the Ohio State Fair is mixed in there as well. I wish the best of luck to all exhibitors at these events.

A big thank you goes to the counselors, staff and campers that helped make the Color War 4-H Camp a great success. Be on the look out in the booth building for some pictures and displays of activities that took place during camp.

Pre-fair judging is also coming up. Consult the 4-H family handbook for each project’s requirements and guidelines. The schedule is on the web and set up by club. You may register anytime during your club’s time slot.

The office will be closed on Friday July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

Have a great month!

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4-H Jr Camp

The Color War themed camp was held June 12-15th at Kelly’s Island. The weather did not fully cooperate with us but fortunately there was nothing severe. Many thanks to the counselors and staff for their dedication and time to help make it happen. Counselors included:

Margaret Bowers
Shelby Bumb
Kady Elchert
Brandon Gebauer
Kyylie Hemchak
Harman Hossler
Isabelle Lewis
Hannah Miller
Wyatt Price
Trevor Slingwine
Adrianna Stock

Kristan Bowers
Kalissa Carpenter
Cate Frankart
Becky Greene
Jozie Hickman
Isaac Lewis
Ethan Marks
Rachel Miller
Josie Rumschlag
Alix Siemer
Matt Warner

Counselors included:

Staff
Andrea Cook
Becky Kimmet
Brandon Wise
Erin Mancuso

Sue Lewis
Laura Miller
Jason Sidell

for organizing and collecting all the paperwork and payments.

We have many items left over from camp in our lost and found collection. Please stop by the office if you are missing something. Any items not claimed by September 1st will be donated to Good Will.

Some of the Water Windmills and Litter sculptures will be on display at the Tiffin Library and during fair week in the booth building. Stop by and check out the creative minds and their work that we have in 4-H.

Evaluations were mailed out to each camper and counselor. Please fill those out and return them asap. We use the results to help us plan for next year. Counselor applications for next year will be available in November. The process involves a written application, personal interview and 20+ hours of training.

Grade A Banquet

Chet the boomerang guy from 4-H camp will be making a return trip just for the banquet. If you missed him at camp, be sure to attend the banquet and see him. He mixes in a good dose of humor and boomerang history. More door prizes, yearend slide show and a new caterer top the list of changes to expect. The banquet is August 23rd. Mark your calendars now.

Registration will open after the fair.
POULTRY RULES FOR 2015 ATTICA FAIR

I’m sure all of you by now have heard about the unfortunate circumstances associated with the Avian Bird Flu. Many surrounding states are dealing with the outbreak and mass destruction. Once contacted, it can wipe out total flocks of poultry in a matter of days. It is making quite an impact at the grocery stores as well as the overall economy. Ohio, however, has managed to steer clear of this mass outbreak thus far. So to protect our poultry industry here in Ohio, the ODA (Ohio Department of Agriculture) has banned all poultry exhibits at all Ohio Fairs. We are now forced to improvise our poultry shows. Having said all of that, I am sending you the outline of poultry rules for our fair for this year.

These new rules will still fall under the same rules and practices that are stated in the Jr. Fair section of the Attica Fair Book.

ABSOLUTELY NO POULTRY WILL BE BROUGHT ON THE FAIRGROUNDS!!!

1. Exhibitors will still purchase and house their poultry projects at home throughout the entirety of the fair.
2. Exhibitors will still need to fill out an entry form for each poultry project they plan to do.
3. Required to turn in hatch papers with project books.
4. Mandatory completed project books and skills test.
5. Must complete a poster of their projects with pictures and progressive stages, neat and legible. Posters will be displayed in the barn and may be used for showmanship.
6. Cages will still be put up with exhibitor cards. It will be required to creatively decorate the inside of the pens as if your poultry were in it. Examples: stuffed animals, cardboard cutouts or your poster or wherever the creativity goes.
7. All exhibitors will participate in a mandatory showmanship class. Awards will be given as usual for this. There will not be any class shows.
8. Exhibitors can still sell at the Commercial Sale, but limited to 1 pen per species. All of these requirements must be met.
9. Still required to dress and deliver to buyers and sending cards in.
10. Premiums will still be paid out as long as all requirements are met.
11. A mandatory sign-in will be required daily by the exhibitor or parent, if need be.
12. Plan to attend the barn meeting after weigh-in on Monday, August 10 around 8:00pm and to pick up dressed & delivered cards.

Help Needed

Dairy Bar
Farm Bureau reports that the dairy bar food stand still has openings for workers. The hours have already been reduced from last year due to lack of help. This is a wonderful spot for Jr Fair exhibitors to rest, cool off and get decent priced food. Thank you to those clubs that have signed up already. Call Donna at the Farm Bureau office to sign up. 419-447-3091

Milkshake Stand
One open spot remains on the schedule for the milkshake stand. Proceeds from this help fund the 4-H program all year. Thank you to those clubs that have signed up already. Call the Extension office to fill this spot.

Booth Patrol
There are two spots remaining on booth patrol. Please call the Extension Office if you are able to take another shift or split it with another club.

People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built. 
Eleanor Roosevelt
Pre-Fair Judging

July 15th and 18th are the scheduled days. The actual judging part will remain the same as in past years. Members will sit down with an adult for a brief interview about their project(s). They will receive a copy of their grade sheet indicating how they did. The two changes this year are the schedule and the check in process. The schedule is by club and you can check in anytime during that hour. It is the same schedule for both days. At check in, you will fill out the top of the 3-part grade sheet for each of your projects. Volunteers will help you fill out the correct sheet.

Jr fair passes will be available from Nicole. Green discount cards for clubs to sell are still available. Forms for the poster contest, public speaking/demonstration and educational display will be there. These contests are held during fair and entries are due by Sunday at booth set up.

If you are taking a clothing project and want to enter the Jane Barton contest, make sure to fill out the information sheet and bring it with you to judging along with a swatch of material. There will be extra ones that day. The Make it with Wool contest forms can be filled out on the day of judging.

On Saturday the 18th judging will take place in the Entertainment building on the fairgrounds. After judging, members can leave their project(s) in the booth building for safe keeping until booth set up.

For members who are on an IEP and would like assistance, please call the office ahead of time and let us know what accommodations or modifications you need.

Members enrolled in the gardening and flower projects will be called to set up a time for judging on July 25th in the Grange building on the fairgrounds.

Caption – Members waiting to get their faces and hands painted.
Jr Fair Notes

Sign up for the Sub Eating Contest on Sunday, August 2 at 5:30 PM sponsored by Subway. Our Junior Fair Fun night on Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 PM will begin at judging on July 15 and run through fair week. Please stop by and see Nicole to get your club signed up. To participate in either event you need four members from your club.

Premium pay-out will be located in the back of the youth center again and times will be:
Friday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 PM

There is a new form that will be used this year for Livestock Exhibitors at Weigh-In. According to the new 2015 Livestock Sale rule, all exhibitors will need to decide whether they are selling their animal and which commercial sale transactions will be made at the scale. The only exceptions to this will be champion animals. This new form will be a duplicate form that can be filled out prior to fair by the exhibitor or at weigh-in by fair officials. The form will state whether the animal is base bid only, commercial sale, or no sale. Please call the Junior Fair office with any questions on this form.

The Livestock Sale Committee is again asking all exhibitors with animals in the sale to please bring one case of water per family to the Junior Fair office to be passed out during the sale.

New this year to the Junior Fair - Award thank you notes need to be turned in with postage on them at the Junior Fair office before receiving your award. All trophies will be available at livestock shows for pictures but will be returning to the Junior Fair office until the thank you note for the award is turned in. At that time the exhibitor will receive their award. Our fair would not be possible without the generosity of our donors and it is very important to show our gratitude for their support.

OFFICIALS REMIND FAIR GOERS TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

COLUMBUS — As Ohio’s 2015 agricultural fair season kicks-off, the Ohio Departments of Health (ODH) and Agriculture (ODA) are reminding Ohioans to practice good hygiene when visiting livestock exhibits this summer.

“With fair season upon us, we want to remind folks that some illnesses, such as influenza viruses, are commonly carried by livestock and can be directly transmitted between animals and humans in the same way those illnesses are often transmitted between people,” said ODH Director Richard Hodges.

There are some simple precautions individuals should take when visiting the fairs:
- Always wash hands with soap and water before and after petting or touching any animal
- Never eat, drink, or put anything in your mouth in animal areas
- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to leave strollers outside the animal exhibits and carry small children
- Older adults, pregnant women, young children, and people with weakened immune systems should consider avoiding animal areas

“With Ohio being home to 94 county and independent agricultural fairs, we are fortunate enough to have plenty of access to some of the most fun, safe and wholesome educational activities for the whole family. These commonsense precautions we can all take will work to ensure the fairs remain that way for all Ohioans,” said ODA Director David T. Daniels.

Fair season in Ohio lasts from mid-June through October. ODA has worked closely with fair boards, youth organizations and fair veterinarians to increase access to hand sanitizers and hand washing stations. In addition, ODA will make materials available to fair organizers to post reminders about good hygiene in animal areas to help protect the health of fairgoers this year.

Fair Books

We have Seneca County Jr Fair and Sr Fair books at the Extension office. The Sr Fair office will be open for entries July 6th – 11th. Office hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm each day.
Club Opportunity

4-H has been contacted by the Tiffin Farmer's Market. They are looking for more vendors and family friendly activities to provide to their customers. This could be a great opportunity to showcase your club just like at the Kick-Off and possibly get a head start on raising money for next year. The club would need to provide everything for that day. You wouldn’t need to sell anything to participate but are most welcome to. The dates are July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, September 12th and 26th and October 10th. The market is open from 9am-1pm and is held in downtown Tiffin.

Call the Extension office if your club is interested and we will let the organizers of the farmer’s market know when to expect you. Jason will be there on July 11th with the commodity carnival. Stop by to try your luck at raising and marketing a pig. There will be free stuff to hand out.

Senior 4-H Members
Attention Class of 2015: We would like to recognize your and your achievements at this year’s fair. Senior members should look for a post card in the mail, if you do not receive one please stop in or call the office. We would like to hang a 4x6 picture in the senior booth along with a description stating the school you graduated from and your future plans. Please have items to the Extension office no later than Friday July 17th. If we do not receive a picture your name will still be listed in the booth.

4-H Alumni and Friends
The state 4-H office is working on compiling a database of alumni and friends of 4-H who want to stay involved with the program. To do this, they are sponsoring a contest from now until October. It is very simple for you. Fill out a survey and return it to our office. There are hard copies and online copies. The winning county with the highest percentage turned in will receive either 1000 dollars for the local 4-H program or a tour of several prominent OSU campus landmarks and lunch for 25 people. Second place receives 500 dollars or tour and lunch for 10 people. If Seneca County should win, the lucky people who completed the survey will be entered into a random drawing for the tour. Paper surveys will be available at pre-fair judging and other events. The online survey will be posted to Facebook and our county site.

State Fair Poultry
Youth enrolled in poultry projects will have an opportunity to represent poultry in the Sale of Champions at the Ohio State Fair by winning their Poultry Skill-a-thon age division. This year, the winner of each skill-a-thon age division, regardless of the poultry projects taken, will be featured in the Sale of Champions. This is a great opportunity for our poultry project members.

1. Skill-a-thon (Wed. August 5, 10am – 1 pm; awards ceremony at 4 pm) Note time change
   a. Open to all junior market and breeding chicken, turkey and waterfowl exhibitors in the state of Ohio
   b. In the absence of a traditional poultry show, all poultry skill-a-thon premiums will be increased for 2015 only. The winner of each age group will receive the following premiums.
      i. First place winner - $225
      ii. Second place winner - $175
      iii. Third place - $155
   c. The top winner in each age group will be invited to represent the poultry industry in the Sale of Champions on Sunday, August 9 at 2 p.m. In addition, each winner will receive a belt buckle and an additional $100 premium above and beyond their winning skill-a-thon premium.
   d. For 2015 only, skill-a-thon participants who register in advance will receive free admission for themselves and a parent or guardian, for a total of 2 free admission tickets. The deadline to register at ohiostatefair.com is July 13. Walk-ins are welcome, but complimentary admission tickets will not be provided. Registration is now open.