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FINAL FAIR TIPS ISSUE

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE FAIR

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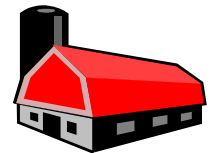
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This newsletter is prepared with the support of Billie Jagers, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development and Darlene May, Secretary, 4-H Youth Development.

Advisors, please remind your junior fair exhibitors and families who are going to be on the fairgrounds after hours to remain in their assigned areas, with their Ohio 4-H membership card, junior fair wristband, and official overnight pass. Fair security has routinely shared that they are taken away from important security issues because junior fair exhibitors are creating problems after hours on the fairgrounds. Please make it clear that parents or an otherwise assigned responsible adult, **NOT OSU Extension and the Portage County 4-H Program** are responsible for the supervision of their own junior fair youth exhibitor(s) before, during and after hours on the fairgrounds and in the campgrounds. Fair security is responsible to apprehend these youth after hours and contact their parents or assigned guardian, if they are found in an inappropriate area, or creating problems. This wastes their time and the Fair Board's money when junior fair exhibitors and families are not respectful of security's role to protect the fairgrounds, and follow the rules.

Barn Watch for All Livestock and Small Animal Areas



REMINDER: All 4-H/Junior Fair Committees are to supply a Barn Watch for each specie area (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Small Animal and Dogs; Horse Committee already has an organized Barn Watch). Any volunteers who are interested in serving their respective committees for Barn Watch during the fair should contact their species committee president.

Approximate barn watch times would be from midnight to 6:00 a.m. and would be broken into shifts designed by the committee. Questions may be directed to Stephen. **A formal schedule for each specie area must to be in place by opening day of the fair.**

A typed copy must be submitted to the Fair Board, the Extension Office and posted in the barn by opening day.

CLUB NEWS



MANDATORY JUNIOR FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT!

The Portage County Randolph Fair has issued a new mandatory code of conduct requirement for all junior fair exhibitors and volunteers effective for this year's 2006 junior fair season. All junior fair participants and volunteers were expected to sign and return the code of conduct to the Fair Board's Main Office by **August 1st**. Failure to have this new mandatory requirement on file will result in the participant being unable to participate in this year's junior fair. Copies of the code of conduct were mailed to each club's head advisor.

IMPORTANT BEHAVIOR AFTER HOURS EXPECTATIONS –All Advisors need to make junior fair participants and families involved in 4-H aware of expectations for youth on the grounds after hours.

NON-LIVESTOCK

State Fair -- Champion's Booth

All non-livestock State Fair participants are encouraged to display their projects in a special Champions Booth. Due to space, your projects may also be displayed in your booth if you wish. There will not be room for very large items EXCEPT CLOTHING in the Champions Booth. The members who have exhibits or a picture of an exhibit should have them to the Champion booth area between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21st. Entry cards will be provided; make sure that one is completed for each project entered into this booth.

Be sure to put your **NAME ON ALL RIBBONS**. Suggestion on clock trophies. Due to the disappearance in previous years of one of the clock trophies, take a 5"x7" or an 8"x10" picture of the member with the trophy.

Fashion Revue winners are asked to bring dress forms, if you have one, since we only have a limited number to use.

We are also seeking volunteers interested in assisting us with the champion's booth set-up. Please contact Darlene at the office if you are willing to help.

Fair Booth Space

ATTENTION ADVISORS THAT HAVE REQUESTED FAIR BOOTH SPACE.

Thanks to all of you that have requested a booth area. The following list shows the size that you will have. Your club's name will be posted in your booth.



8 foot booths

Camp Counselors
Frisky Shamrocks
Junior Leaders
Kritters & Kids
Pirate Patchers
Poultry Posse

Crazy Critters
Happy Harvesters
Kitchen Crew
Nosey Nibblers
PortageProjects
Windham Ordnance

16 foot booths

Creatures-N-Features (Bees)
Field Nimble Thimbles
Pygmy Kids Goat Club
Swishing Scissors
Tail Waggers & K-9 Kids

Creatures-N-Features
Joyriders and Friends
Right on Target
Rootstown Small Ones

24 foot booths

4-H All Stars
Everything Under the Sun

Edinburg Seambusters

To make life easy, when decorating your booth, bring the

supplies you need with you (TAPE, STAPLE GUN, VELCRO, PEG BOARD HOOKS, WIRE, HAMMERS, LADDER, ETC.). Don't expect other people to provide these things for you.

The following clubs have requested Baking Contest Entry Forms. They are ready for pick-up at the Extension Office.

Kritters & Kids – 15 cards
Nosey Nibblers – 15 cards
Pirate Patchers – 8 cards
Pygmy Kids Goat Club – 6 cards
Rootstown Small Ones – 15 cards

Junior Fair Clothing Booth Set-Up

Junior Fair clothing booth set-up is scheduled for Monday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

Junior Fair Non-Livestock Project Booth Set-Up

Junior Fair Non-Livestock project booth set-up is scheduled for Monday, August 21st from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly. All booths must be in place and wired shut by 9:00 p.m., Monday.

LIVESTOCK

Record Books/Project Books

All 4-H junior fair market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, dairy), horse, small animal and breeding exhibitors should bring their record books and/or project books to the fair. Your project is still your responsibility until it is loaded for market or returned home. Project records should be kept with your tack/supply in case of questions about care, feeding, treatment, and to record final weights, sale price, feedings, etc.



Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) for Market Animals

Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) will need to be picked up from the Extension Office by club advisors. Advisors will then need to pass on the form to their members. The member will return the form to the advisor. Entry day of the fair the advisor will give them to the fair superintendent of their species area.

Remember to pick up your Ruminant Animal Prohibited Feed (RAPF) Form for any ruminant animals including cattle, sheep or goats. This must accompany your DUNF Form when turned in at the fair.

Forms are currently available in the Extension Office and during respective committee meetings.

Livestock Weigh-In Times

Animals may NOT start to weigh-in BEFORE the published time. Date and time for each livestock species are as follows:

Monday, August 21^s

10:00 am -6:30 pm Junior Fair Market Swine Weigh-in
6:30 p.m. Junior Fair Market Goat Weigh-In
Sheep immediately following
7:00 p.m. Junior Fair Market Steer Weigh-In
10:00 p.m. All Junior Fair Market Livestock in place

Carcass Class Entries for Beef, Sheep, and Swine

Carcass Steer Class: Sunday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Evaluation of hanging carcasses is Thursday, August 17th at Kiko Meats at 6:00 p.m.

Carcass Lamb Class: Sunday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Evaluation of hanging carcasses is Thursday, August 17th at Kiko Meats at 7:00 p.m. **All carcass lamb participants MUST submit a picture with their live carcass lamb project to Sheep Committee Secretary, Patty Shircliff, for the fair poster display.**

Carcass Hog Class: Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Evaluation of hanging carcasses is Thursday, August 17th at Kiko Meats at 7:00 p.m.

Cost for carcass hog entries is undetermined. Exhibitors should come prepared to pay at the time of entry. Estimated cost is \$10. PLEASE try to bring small bills for payment.

All beef, sheep and swine exhibitors should plan on attending Barn Clean-Up for swine on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m., sheep on Sunday, August 13th after carcass and beef on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. Your attendance is expected regardless of whether you are exhibiting a carcass project.

Ruminant Animal Protein Feed Form

Every ruminant market livestock animal (market steers, sheep, dairy) must complete the Ruminant Animal Protein Feed Form.

The form certifies that the junior fair market livestock animal has not been administered RAP (ruminant animal protein - i.e. blood meal, bone meal) through the feed. These forms will be available from the Extension Office along with the DUNF forms. Both forms should be completed and submitted with the DUNF form at weigh-

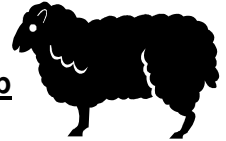
in at the start of fair. Please contact Heather with any questions.

Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Bills

It is never too early to begin searching for your sale buyers!! Advisors may begin obtaining these handbills and distributing them to their membership and potential buyers now. Handbills may be signed out from the Extension Office or at your respective committee meetings. Please do your part in ensuring a successful early marketing campaign.

SHEEP

Chapter of Champions Lamb Show



On Sunday, September 10, 2006 the Delta Theta Sigma (Wilmington College) is holding their 10th Annual Club Lamb Show. Weigh-in is from 8:00—10:30 a.m. Showmanship is at 11:00 a.m. Show after showmanship.

The fraternity is also trying to secure some sponsorship this show and hope that you will consider assisting them. If you wish to make a contribution, please make checks payable to: Delta Theta Sigma.

For more information contact the Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity at 937-382-7301.

Delta Theta Sigma (at Wilmington College) is hosting their Ninth Annual Chapter of Champions Lamb Show on Sunday, September 11th at Warren County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ohio.

For more information, contact the Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity at (937) 382-7301 or Anne McNier at (937) 462-7497.

Sheep and Wool Family Field Day

The NW PA Sheep and Wool Growers Association are hosting a Sheep and Wool Family Field Day on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Waterford Fair Grounds. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

Contact Elaine Burkholder for event information and detailed mailer at 814-333-4386 or e-mail burkholder@alltel.net

Educational Livestock Events Calendar Opportunities

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| August 10 | State Fair Swine Skillathon State Fair Beef Skillathon State Fair Dairy Cattle Judging Clinic |
| August 9 | State Fair Poultry Skillathon |

August 11 State Fair Dairy Skillathon
State Fair Rabbit Skillathon

HORSE

Horse Calendar of Events



Sept. 8-9 State 4-H Trail Ride

Horse Stable Judging

Stable judging sheets are to be into the Fair 4-H Office no later than Tuesday, opening day of the fair, if your club wants to compete in this event. They may be turned in ahead of time to our regular office.

SMALL ANIMALS

Weigh-In Times

Animals may NOT start to weigh-in BEFORE the published time. Date and time for each small animal species are as follows:

Monday, August 21st

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Small animals are weighed-in as they enter and must be in place by 10:00 p.m.

Poultry - There will be **NO** wet birds weighed in, no matter if they are sale or show birds during check in on Monday, August 21st. It was the recommendation of Park Farms that no bluing agents or bleach be used to whiten poultry. By using these agents it could pose a health hazard to the birds and humans. It was recommended that the bird could be washed in ivory soap or cleaned with cornstarch. Whatever, **NO wet birds will be weighed.**

All Small Animal Volunteers

Be willing to help with check in. It is a long day and help is needed. The next general meeting will be August 14th at the fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m.

The Cavy Show, Cavy Showmanship and Project Judging will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

The Reptile Show and Showmanship will be held on Thursday, August 24th at 1:00 p.m.

The Pocket Pet Show, Showmanship and Project Judging will be held on Friday, August 25th at 3:00 p.m.

The Junior Fair Small Animal Auction will be held on Saturday, August 26th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

COUNTY EVENTS



County Calendar



- Aug. 14th 7:00 p.m. Small Animal Committee (Fairgrounds)
- Aug. 5:00 p.m. Sheep Carcass (Fairgrounds)
5:00 p.m. Steer Carcass (Fairgrounds)
- Aug. 8th 7:30 p.m. - Horse Committee (fairgrounds)
- Aug. 18th EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED FOR BOOTH SETUP (Fairgrounds)
- Aug. 21st EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED (moving office to fairgrounds)
- Aug. 22nd - RANDOLPH FAIR (Ravenna Office closed - 4-H Fair Office open)
27th
- Sept. 4th HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
- Sept. 7th 8:00 p.m. Beef Committee
- Sept. 11th 7:00 p.m. - Small Animal Committee (Extension Office)
- Sept. 12th 7:00 p.m. - Sheep Committee
8:00 p.m. - Sale Committee
- Sept. 21st 8:00 p.m. - Swine Committee

Attention Fairgoers and Participants

No bicycles, skateboards, or scooters will be permitted on the fairgrounds beginning Friday, August 11th. This is a high traffic time when the opportunity for accidents increases. Please respect this request and help us in keeping the fair a safe place for everyone.

4-H Benefit Baking Contest



The baking contest will be Sunday, August 27th. Entries will only be accepted between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Entertainment Center. Baking Auction -- 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Entries **WILL NOT** be accepted before 11:00 a.m. The Baking Auction **must** be finished within two hours. Rules can be gotten on-line. **Rules MUST BE followed or items will be sent to the Bake Sale table!**

Saturday Night Madness

Saturday, August 26th is the Saturday Night Madness activities for Junior Fair participants only.



For children 12 and under:

9:30 – 11:00 p.m. COOPERATIVE GAMES in Hamilton Arena. No need to pre-register. Just show up. Parents and advisors are welcome.

For all ages:

12:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE in Hamilton Arena. Music provided by Kevin Laubert of Main Attraction D.J. Service at (330) 221-0977. Wear your favorite western clothes. Refreshments (pizza, chips, pop, etc.) will be provided. Request your favorite songs. Parents and advisors are welcome to participate. Children 12 and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. No need to pre-register. Just show up.

For more information or to give a helping hand with these activities, contact Ed Werner at the Extension Office at (330) 296-6432.

Flowerbed Judging

Fair flowerbed judging will take place on Tuesday, August 22nd from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.



REMINDER – Recycling Containers

Please demonstrate good 4-H conservation practices by supporting the Fair Boards recycling program. Recycling containers can be found next to regular waste containers around the fairgrounds. Do your part to recycle!



Fair Board Meetings

All meetings are held at the fairgrounds.

Aug. 16th 8:00 p.m. Sept. 6th 8:00 p.m.

Overnight Passes

Overnight passes will again be color-coded by specie area. The pass will again include additional information needed by the Sheriff's security officers when they apprehend youth after hours on the fairgrounds during the fair.

Overnight passes remain a requirement for any 4-H member spending the night at the fairgrounds or in a designated barn. 4-H members **MUST** carry the

overnight pass at night and/or when not accompanied by an adult.

Arrange to get your pass from your club advisor. The pass is free of charge, but **MAY NOT** be transferred to another person. Passes are to be signed each day by the responsible adult staying on the fairgrounds that night. This requirement is strictly for security purposes and for the safety of those 4-H members and families who are authorized to be there.

Advisors, please note that you will need to know what area your club members will be staying in when you obtain overnight passes. Each specie area is color-coded. An alphabetical list of 4-H members by species area for each day will be submitted to the Sheriff's Department.

Water At The Fair

The Senior Fair Board has asked that those clubs, who need to wash animals at the fair, be considerate of the amount of water they use in doing so. While in the wash rack, please **DO NOT** leave hoses running. Turn the water off between wetting the animal down, washing and rinsing. Water is a very valuable resource; please do your part not to waste it! Also, all hoses **must** have nozzles!



FAIR BOARD CORNER

Member and Volunteer Fair Admission Passes



ONE advisor for each club may pick up all the passes for advisors and members at the Fair Board Office on Thursday, August 17th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, August 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 20th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **THESE ARE THE ONLY TIMES THAT THE PASSES WILL BE GIVEN OUT.** Please make arrangements for everyone to get their arm band (for youth) or name tag (for advisors) from that designated advisor prior to their first trip to the fair.

Remind everyone that these passes are the **ONLY** pass into the fair. You will not be admitted without them. **Committee people need to pick up their own name badge during the same pick up time as advisors. Ask for a member of promotions committee to assist you when picking up your passes.**

Behavior Standards

As a representative of the 4-H program, all 4-H members, parents and volunteers are expected to model

teamwork, good sportsmanship, and clean language and behavior during ALL 4-H events, including the fair. Respect the property and feelings of others. 4-H families and volunteers will not tolerate vandalism. Any 4-H volunteer may ask you to “behave” if you are observed doing something wrong. You are to listen to **ANY** advisor, **NOT JUST YOUR PARTICULAR ADVISOR**. Have fun while respecting those around you!

Veterinary Services at the Fair



In case of an emergency, contact the secretary in the Fair Board Office. There will be a charge for any drugs, plus a professional service fee for each call. The professional service fee may be waived at the veterinarian’s discretion if the call is a bona fide emergency needing immediate attention. If you need the services of your vet tell them to use Gate #7 to enter.

NEEDLE DISPOSAL: If animals receive shots during the fair, needles must be clipped and/or bent and enclosed in glass or plastic before being placed in the trash. Otherwise, trash haulers cannot legally remove fairground waste to landfills.

ADULTS--PLEASE oversee this situation!

Randolph Fair Feed Delivery Passes

In order to obtain a delivery sticker for getting feed inside the gate Tuesday through Saturday of the fair, stickers are to be picked up from your livestock superintendent.

They are:

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| Beef - Tim Wise | Dairy - Fred Fear |
| Dogs - Chet Wiley | Goats – Bonnie Schuck |
| Horse - Rod Hoskin | Rabbits - Kevin Wise |
| Sheep - Dave Tomlinson | Swine – Jeff Kisamore |
| Small Animals - Harold Mansfield | |

If your superintendent is not available, contact the secretary at the Fair Office.

All deliveries must be made before noon and must enter through the front gate. Deliveries must be unloaded immediately and vehicles moved. Any vehicle parked inside the fair grounds will be towed at the owner’s expense. This will be strictly enforced due to the necessity of keeping all fire lanes and other traffic areas open.

Randolph Fair Participation Awards

Fair participation awards sponsored by the Fair Board are given to members who display or show projects at the fair. These are to be picked up at the Fair Board Office **AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FAIR PASSES**. Remember: A member must exhibit in some way at the fair to receive a pass and award from the Fair Board.

Official Release Time

The official release time for all exhibits, animals and displays (except auctioned market animals) is 9:00 p.m. Sunday. Your cooperation is important! **No decorations, exhibits, tack boxes or animals should be removed before 9:00 p.m.** Things that may be removed in the animal area excluding tack boxes, decorations and/or exhibits are: extra equipment (saddles, bridles, feed pans, carts, extra hay or feed). **ONLY THINGS THAT DO NOT HAVE TO DO WITH THE OVER-ALL LOOK OF THE DISPLAY.** This should be done throughout the day, not at 8:30 p.m. **PLEASE RESPECT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO TAKE DOWN AND LOAD UP AT 9:00 P.M.** You may also wait until Monday to take down barn decorations and you may stay over until Monday. Security will be on the fairgrounds until 8:00 a.m. Monday. **PLEASE BE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS BY FOLLOWING THIS RULE!** It is a poor reflection upon 4-H when people pay admission to see the fair only to discover that the displays are gone! A Fair Board rule is in place dealing with early removal. Breaking this rule can result in being banned from the fair for one year.

Exhibitors may remove their articles from 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday night or from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday the day after the close of the fair.

Remember – Required Junior Fair Code of Conduct

Code of Conducts were due on June 1st to the Fair Board. They need to be turned in as soon as possible or clubs will not be allowed to participate in the fair. The following clubs have not turned in their forms.

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| Crestwood Cavaliers | Portage Projects |
| K-9 Kids | Portage Pygmy Goats |
| Kritters & Kids | Royal Equestrians |
| Midnight Riders | Steakmakers |
| Outlaws | Windham Ordnance |
| Portage County Pets | Young Riders |
| Portage Explorers | |

VOLUNTEER INFO

Volunteers for the 4-H Office and Exhibit Area

Adults are still needed to patrol the exhibit area, answer questions, and visit with the public during the fair. We will need assistance in both the 4-H office and the 4-H exhibit area. Please call the Extension Office to offer help from your club. There will be no supervision of the exhibits if no one signs up!

Club Completion Reports

No job is ever complete until all the paperwork is done. It is the advisor's responsibility to carry through on the following: PROJECT COMPLETION: On **Monday** of the fair, please stop into the 4-H office to tell Darlene which members have completed their projects and are entitled to completion awards. You will then receive your club's completion packet. Each packet will contain certificates, pins, and ribbons for your members. The items in the packet can be distributed whenever you choose. It is recommended that you hold some sort of special club achievement program or party. Remember that pins are now given only for 1st, 5th, and 10th year members.

Only Active Volunteers Will Receive Passes

This means that only volunteers currently serving as club advisors, committee volunteers, key leaders or registered parent volunteers (per state enrollment as of June 1st) will be administered a 2006 fair admission pass.

You have been considered an inactive volunteer and will NOT receive a fair pass for this season if:

- 1) Your club did not submit an enrollment report containing at least five (5) members and listed adult advisors by the June 1st deadline.
- 2) You returned a volunteer status postcard saying you were still interested in serving as a 4-H volunteer, but currently DO NOT serve as a club advisor, committee representative, key leader or registered parent representative.
- 3) You resigned or chose inactive status via letter or a volunteer status postcard.

If you have any questions regarding your status as a volunteer, please contact Heather at the Extension Office.

Midnight Madness Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed to help with Midnight Madness at the fairgrounds on Saturday evening, August 26th. Midnight Madness consists of cooperative games for junior fair participants ages 12 and under and a country western dance for all ages.

Contact Ed at the Extension Office for additional information at 330-296-6432.

Rocket Launch Volunteer Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help youth build and launch their own rockets. Rockets will be built in the Hubbard Building on Tuesday, August 22nd - Friday, August 25th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contact Ed at the Extension Office for more information.

The rockets will be launched on Saturday, August 26th starting at 8:00 a.m. from the Randolph Fair parking lot.

All materials are supplied **free** of charge. Prizes will be awarded. Open to all youth aged 5 - 15.

North Central Region Volunteer Forum Information

The North Central Region Volunteer Forum is scheduled for October 13-14, 2006 in Rochester, Minnesota. Early bird registration deadline for the Forum is August 1, 2006. There are lower registration fees if folks register on-line. Regular registration is September 1, 2006 and later registration is September 15—October 1, 2006. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2006.

For more information contact the Extension Office or go on-line at www.fourh.umn.edu/ncr-vf.



Calendar

State

- Aug. 2nd - 13th Ohio State Fair (Expo Center, Columbus)
- Aug. 10th Registration deadline for State 4-H Trail Ride to Dr. Robert Kline
- Sept. 8th Registration for State Groom & Clean Contest due to Sheila Bushong
- Sept. 8th - 9th State 4-H Trail Ride (Bob Evans Farms, Rio Grande, Ohio)

Keith L. Smith, Associate Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Director, OSU Extension TDD No. 800-589-8292 (Ohio only) or 614-292-1868