



4-H NEWS BLAST

September 14, 2020



Champaign County 4-H volunteers, members, parents, fair board and Extension. WE DID IT!! Teamwork, patience, flexibility, communication, and cooperation allowed us to be able to let our 4-H members have a fair and finish their projects. Great Job everyone!! I am truly grateful to live in a community like ours. When times get challenging, everyone comes together. THANK YOU FOR MAKING 2020 4-H The Best that it could be and looking forward to making 2021 Better.

GOOD NEWS for Non-Livestock Projects

Many of you were disappointed that we were unable to judge projects this year. The quick change in judging made it difficult to find judges. Many felt that they could not fairly judge projects without seeing projects in person, especially the clothing and quilting projects. It was not an easy decision nor desired to do how we had to do things, but under the circumstances, everyone did a great job!!

The good news. The State is allowing anyone who did a non-livestock project in 2020 can carry that project forward to 2021. All of your hard work will be judged and have an opportunity to go to State Fair in 2021.

When you sign up for projects for 2021 in 4-H on-line, be sure to leave 2020 project listed and simply add your new projects for 2021. This will allow you to have both year's projects eligible for judging next summer.

Senior Livestock Specie Councils

The University is requiring we still meet virtually at least until January as of now. The following links are for the meetings. You can use the same link each month. The meetings are open to Champaign County 4-H Advisors and parents of 4-H members interested in being involved in a particular specie group to assist in running events, working to make the program better and focusing on what is best for youth and their projects. The specie groups are part of the OSU Extension 4-H Program and we always welcome new attendees, ideas, and extra hands.

4-H Committee – Next Meeting September 14, 2020 5pm If you wish or know of someone who would like to be part of the 4-H Committee, contact Melinda Ryan with your nomination for 2021.

[4-H Committee Members Click Here for Meetings](#)

Dairy Council – Next Meeting September 14, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Dairy Meetings](#)

Rabbit and Cavy Council – Next Meeting September 15, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Rabbit and Cavy Meetings](#)

Poultry Council – Next Meeting October 13, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Poultry Meetings](#)

Goat Council – Next Meeting October 14, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Goat Council Meetings](#)

Horse Council – Next Meeting October 7, 2020 7pm

[Click Here for Horse Advisor Meetings](#)

Pork Council and Cattlemen's are separate entities not under the OSU 4-H Umbrella. We will announce their meetings when we receive information.

Cattlemen's Meeting will be September 15, 2020 beginning at 7pm at Heritage Cooperative Meeting Room.

The Livestock Checks Have Been Mailed

The fairboard mailed the livestock premium checks. Enclosed on the check stub is a list of your buyers. Be sure to send out thank you notes to the buyers for their support. There are some nice creative ways to include a picture and a thank you, but if you go that route, be sure to at very minimum put a personal handwritten signature on it. Here is some information to get you started on your thank you notes. If you need addresses, please contact the Extension Office.

Thank You Notes

Who should write thank you notes?

All 4-H members should write at least one or multiple thank you notes at the end of their project year.

Why should you write one?

Thank you notes show that you appreciate what someone has done for you. This could be giving you money, donating their time to help you or did something to encourage or support you in your efforts.

Buyers of projects and people who sponsor awards especially like to receive thank you notes because it acknowledges that the person who received the award is grateful.

When should I write one?

Thank you notes should be written and received by recipient within two weeks of the award, sale or end of project.

Where should I send the note?

Most awards given at the fair have a tag attached by string or taped on the bottom the sponsor and the sponsors address.

Buyers' addresses can be found on-line if they are a business or you can contact the Extension Office and we can give you a list of all your buyers and their addresses.

What should you write?

Writing a note can be very simple. Most important words to use are THANK YOU.

Write in your note the donation that you are thanking them for.

Write a sentence of how the donation benefited you.

You can include a picture of you and your project.

Encourage for the person to be supportive in the future.

Sample phrases to use:

grateful that you....

touched by your generous gift...

thank you for...

thank you for taking the time to attend the Champaign County Fair..

I really appreciate....

thank you again for....

..greatly appreciated...

I will use the money for

I will use the money to help with my project next year.

You are a great supporter of the fair and I hope you will continue.

Thank you so much for all you have done....

Samples for a trophy letter:

Dear Company XYZ,

Thank you for sponsoring the Champion Market Lamb trophy. I was so excited to win this year. I put a lot of hard work and long hours into my project. Receiving the trophy you sponsored made me feel like my hard work paid off. Thank you for supporting the 4-H program and the Champaign County fair.

*Sincerely,
Jane Doe*

Dear Company XYZ,

Thank you for supporting 4-H and Fair by sponsoring the trophy I received for my Champion Market Lamb. I was excited to receive it and will enjoy seeing it sitting in my room.

Regards,

Jane Doe

Sample Buyer letter:

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for supporting me in the dairy sale this year at the fair. I will use the money to help with my project next year.

Sincerely,

Jane Doe

Dear Mr. Smith,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for supporting me and many during the goat sale at Champaign County Fair. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and I will use the money to pay my feed bill that my parents helped me with and use the rest to help buy my project next year.

I hope you will continue to support the fair and kids like me in the future.

Regards,

Jane Doe

Sample letter to advisor or someone who helped you with your project:

Dear Adam,

Thank you so much for the help you gave me with my project this year. You made my first year fun and I am excited to do it again next year. You taught me a lot.

*Thanks again,
Jane Doe*

Easier Access to 4-H Website

Many have told us that the website is often difficult to navigate. A couple new ways to keep up with 4-H Events is to download our App from your smartphone or type

go.osu.edu/champ4h

This new address will take you directly to the 4-H pages then you can look on the left hand side to navigate to the areas you choose to find information.

End of Year Paperwork and Club Dues

There are some clubs that have not turned in your end of year paperwork or paid membership dues. Please do so immediately if you wish your club to be eligible for 2021. Club Advisors will be contacted this week, if you are missing something.

New In 2021

There will be a new version of 4-Honline rolling out in November. There will be trainings held on how to do enrollments so we can better serve you when correct and additional information is entered. There will be trainings for advisors and families. We will also be having a new 4-H family or member information session for all 1st and 2nd year members in 4-H. This is to help them know what to expect from their clubs, club meetings and advisors.

HOPING YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!!

Your 4-H County Extension team,

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