A note from your 4-H Educator

It's almost fair week! I'm sure most of you are making final preparations and getting excited to move in on Monday. I cannot wait to have a great fair with you!

BUT...did you know that for many fair has already started? Your fair board members, their families, and key volunteers have already been hard at work for over a week getting things ready for you. There is a lot of stress and sweat that goes into getting the fair ready for opening day.

So, as you move into fair and enjoy the week that you've worked hard to prepare for, remember that it is only possible thanks to our amazing board and volunteers. When you see them, smile. When you see them, say thank you. When they are rushed or short, give them some grace. I cannot stress enough how hard these people have been working to make the Hardin County Fair the best fair around. They do it for you, the youth of our community. Be sure to tell them how much you appreciate their work!

See you at fair!
Amanda Raines
4-H Educator
4-H APP UPDATED!

The Hardin County 4-H App is back up and running! The app will be updated throughout the week of the fair to include show bills, announcements, and other important information.

The exhibitor emails that were send last Monday are currently on the app to make it easy for you to find.

Be sure to download Hardin 4-H app on the app store or google play before Monday!

FAIR BOOTH CONTEST

It looks like we've got a great start to our 4-H Fair Booth contest. Remember: all projects must be in place by 5:00 p.m. on Monday and club grade sheets must be turned back into Amanda.

The Fair Booths will be judged on Tuesday of the fair. Good luck!

Booth Set Up Times:
September 4; 1:00 to 5:00
September 5; 8:00 to 5:00

All booth projects must be in place by 5:00 p.m. on Labor Day.
DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORMS

All market projects and lactating dairy projects must fill out a drug use notification form (DUNF) for the Ohio Department of Agriculture. It is the law!

All species EXCEPT market poultry and hogs can complete their forms by Sunday at http://go.osu.edu/dunf. Hogs and market poultry must fill it out AFTER being tagged on Monday.

SHEEP & GOAT SCRAPIE ID FORM

Sheep and Goat exhibitors must turn in a Scrapie Identification form on Monday during weigh-in. This form must include all sheep and goats brought to the fair, including breeding and market animals.

Those only bringing breeding animals must still present their form at the scales during weigh-in. This is in compliance with ODA’s requirements and Ohio Revised Code. The form was emailed to you last Monday. Hard copies of the form will be hanging by the wool display in the sheep and goat barn.
4-H AWARD CEREMONY

The 4-H Awards Ceremony and Style Review at the Hardin County Fair will be on Thursday, September 8th at 5:30 in the Community Building. Members who received a state award or best of project award will be recognized at the ceremony. All members who completed a sewing or quilting project can participate in the style review. Arrive at 5:15.

IF YOU HAVE A HARD COPY OF THE FAIR BOOK, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FAIR BOARD HAS VOTED TO USE THE DIGITAL FAIR BOOK AS THE OFFICIAL BOOK THIS YEAR. DOWNLOAD THE FAIR APP OR 4-H APP FOR A COPY OF THE DIGITAL BOOK.

MONDAY

Weigh-in Schedule
8:00 - Hogs by aisle
2:00 - 4:00 - Market Lambs
4:00 - 5:00 - Market Steers
4:00 - 4:30 - Market Dairy Goats
4:30 - 5:00 - Commercial Market Goats
5:00 - 5:30 - Market Turkeys
5:00 - 6:00 - Market Chickens/Ducks
5:00 - 5:30 - Beef Feeders
5:00 - 6:00 - Dairy Feeders
5:30 - 6:00 - Market Rabbits
6:00 - 6:30 - Dairy Steers

Daily Schedule
9:00 - 5:00 - Jr. Fair wristband and show number pick up at Jr. Fair office
5:00 - Jr. Fair Beef Exhibitor Meeting in Steak barn
6:00 - Youth judging in Arts/Crafts building
6:00 - Swine showmanship in Show Arena
OPEN CLASS - check department rules for entry times
Tuesday

Junior Fair
8:00 - Market Poultry Show
9:00 - Horse Show
9:00 - Swine Show
Noon - Goat Pee Wee showmanship, Dairy Goat, Pygmy, & Dairy Market Wether show
3:30 - Beef Skill-a-thon contest
4:00 - Market Wether Goat Show
6:00 - Beef Educational Clinic
6:30 - Crowning of Jr. Fair Royalty followed by High School Music Showcase

Open Class & Daily Events
8:30 - Culinary Art Judging
10:00 - Exhibit Buildings Open
Noon - Fair Opening Ceremony
Noon - Homemaker Dish Day Judging
Noon - Flower Show
1:00 - Blacksmith Demonstration & Pig Races
1:45 - Veterans' Program
4:00 - Baked Goods Auction
6:30 - Crowning of royalty & musical showcase
7:00 - Wine judging

Wednesday

Junior Fair
8:00 - Rabbit Show
9:00 - B&R Steer Show
9:00 - Horse and Pony Show
12:30 - Boer goat showmanship, commercial breeding and B&R goat show
4:00 - Sheep Breed Show & Showmanship, followed by Market Lamb Show
6:00 - 4-H Awards Ceremony

Open Class & Daily Events
8:00 - Open Class Beef Show
8:30 - Cultural Arts judging
10:00 - Exhibit Buildings open
11:15 - Pork Dish Day judging
Noon - Rides Open
12:30 - Open class wool show
1:00 - Homemaker Demonstrations
1:00 - Blacksmith Demonstration
3:00 - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
4:00 - Open class sheep show
4:30 - Farm Comedy Show
5:00 - Antique judging
5:30 - Farm Comedy Show
7:00 - Harness Racing
Thursday

Junior Fair
8:00 - Dairy Feeder Show
9:00 - Poultry Show & Poultry Pee Wee Showmanship
3:00 - B&R Market Lamb Show
4:00 - Beef Breed and Beef Feeder show
7:00 - Steer Show
7:00 - Just Kidding Around Goat Fun Show

Open Class & Daily Events
10:00 - Exhibit buildings open
11:00 - Dairy Dish Day judging
Noon - Harness Racing, Bear Hollow wood carvers, Rides open
1:00 - Blacksmith demonstration
1:30 - Farm Comedy Show
1:45 - Homemaker Demonstrations
2:00 - Columbus Zoo Show
3:00 - Wood Carver Demonstration
4:00 - Pig Races
4:30 - Farm Comedy Show
5:30 - Wood Carver Demonstration
7:00 - KOI Drag Racing

Friday

Junior Fair
9:00 - B&R Market Hog Show
9:00 - Draft Horse & Pony Show
10:00 - Dairy Feeder buy back auction
Noon - Dairy Show & Pee Wee Dairy Showmanship
2:00 - Dog Show

Open Class & Daily Events
9:00 - Draft Horse & Pony Show
9:00 - Senior Meal Ticket distribution
10:00 - Exhibit Buildings open
11:00 - Beef Dish Day judging
11:30 - Antique Tractor Parade
Noon - Rides Open
Noon - Flower Show
1:00 - Blacksmith Demonstration
1:00 - COSI on Wheels
1:45 - Homemaker demonstrations
3:00 - Wood Carver demonstration
4:00 - Pig Races
4:30 - Farm Comedy Show
7:00 - Hardin Co. Truck & Tractor Pull
Saturday

**Junior Fair**
8:00 - Livestock Auction

**Sale order:**
- Rabbits
- Hogs
- Poultry
- Dairy Beef Feeders
- Milk
- Lambs
- Goats
- Beef Steers
- Beef Feeders
- Dairy Steers

**Open Class & Daily Events**
8:30 - Open Class Horse Show
9:00 - Conservation Contest
10:00 - Exhibit buildings open
11:30 - Special Pie Day judging
Noon - Rides Open
1:00 - Blacksmith demo, Pig races
1:30 - Farm Comedy Show
2:30 - Special Pie Day Judging #2
3:00 - Wood Carvers presentation
4:00 - Pig Races
4:30 - Farm Comedy Show
5:30 - Sheep Lead Contest
6:30 - Farm Comedy Show
7:00 - Broken Horn Rodeo

Sunday

**Junior Fair**
1:00 - Pee Wee Swine Showmanship Contest
3:30 - Showman of Showman Contest
5:00 - Girl Scout Awards Program
7:00 - Jr. Fair projects released
9:00 - Market livestock released

**Open Class & Daily Events**
10:00 - Music starts for Hour of Inspiration
10:30 - Hour of Inspiration
11:45 - Wood Carving Auction
Noon - Exhibit Buildings open, Rides open
1:00 - Pig races
1:30 - Farm Comedy Show
2:00 - Columbus Zoo Show
2:00 - Cheerleading Competition
2:00 - Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull
4:00 - Pig Races
6:00 - Demolition Derby
7:00 - Open Class entries released
Don't forget to write your thank you notes to buys, trophy/ribbon sponsors, 4-H advisors, project helps, and our Fair Board members! Here's how:

The Seven Steps to a Great Thank-You Note

Why should you write a thank-you note?

- To show appreciation for someone supporting you
- To acknowledge a gift, donation or service
- To provide recognition to someone who has done a good deed

When should you write a thank-you note?

- After receiving any type of gift
- After attending a job interview
- After someone donates to a cause in your name
- After someone goes above and beyond the expected
- After someone writes a letter of recommendation for you
- After someone helps you with a project or endeavor
- If you want to make a good impression
- If you are unsure of whether or not to write a thank-you note (Write one!)

How should you write a thank-you note?

A good thank-you note has seven main components:

1. A greeting to the thank-you note recipient (Dear . . . )
2. The specific reason you are thanking them (Mention what they bought, gave or did. This is always important to do first.)
3. The reason why you appreciate them (They supported you, were thoughtful and gave a gift, went out of their way to help you out or other reasons.)
4. How you plan to use the gift or why the gift or act of service was important to you (You will use it to save for college; you really enjoy playing the game; you can't wait to go shopping with the gift card; you know you have a great chance at the scholarship because of the letter of recommendation — or other ways.)
5. A comment or detail about yourself, an update on your life or a positive comment (This is a great time to share news on your life or to add a positive remark about the recipient.)
6. A repeat of your thank-you (You may leave this out if you sign “with thanks” at your closing.)
7. A closing and signature of your name (With thanks, Name or Sincerely, Name)