



HARDIN CO. 4-H



September 2023 Newsletter



FAIR EDITION



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 sent 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:

The building will be open from 9:00 to 5:00 Thursday - Saturday.

Sunday hours are 1:00 - 6z:00

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



Exhibition/Fair that I am exhibiting at:

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If this Exhibition/Fair is not where you are participating, complete this form. Contact your 4-H Educator to get the correct link for your county.

Provide exhibitor contact information:

First Name:

Last Name:

DUNF 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 must complete their forms by Saturday 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 check that their entire SCRAPIE TAG including Premise ID and Animal ID are complete on the spreadsheet. This includes ALL sheep and goats that will be on the grounds.

SHEEP - <http://go.osu.edu/hardinsheep tags>

GOATS - <http://go.osu.edu/hardingoat tags>

Please check your SCRAPIE tags at these websites by SATURDAY, SEPT. 2.



4-H GROWS HERE



MONDAY

Weigh-in Schedule



8:00 - Hogs by aisle
 1:00 - 3:00 - Market Lambs
 3:00 - 3:30 - Dairy Wether Goats
 3:30 - 4:00 - Boer Wether Goats
 4:00 - 5:00 - Market Steers
 4:30 - 5:00 - Commerical Doe Goats
 5:00 - 5:30 - Wether Dam Goats
 5:00 - 5:30 - Market Turkeys
 5:00 - 5:30 - Beef Feeders
 5:00 - 6:00 - Dairy Feeders
 5:30 - 6:30 - Market Chickens/Ducks
 5:30 - 6:00 - Market Rabbits
 6:00 - 6:30 - Dairy Steers

Daily Schedule

9:00 - 5:00 - Jr. Fair ID badge and show number pick up at Jr. Fair office
 2:00 - 3:00 - Breeding sheep purebred registration check at the wool display
 3:30 - Jr. Fair Sheep exhibitor meeting in small animal show arena
 4:30 - Jr. Fair Dairy Beef exhibitor meeting in the show arena.
 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 - Swine Show
 Noon - Dairy Goat Showmanship, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, & Dairy Wether Show
 3:30 - Beef Skill-a-thon contest
 4:00 - Market Boer Goat Show
 6:00 - Beef Educational Clinic
 6:30 - Crowning of Jr. Fair Royalty followed by Band Show

Open Class & Daily Events

8:30 - Culinary Art Judging
 10:00 - Exhibit Buildings Open
 10:30 - Youth Conservation Contest
 Noon - Fair Opening Ceremony
 12:30 - Pie Judging
 1:00 - Glass Blowing Demonstration
 4:00 - Baked Goods Auction
 5:00 - Children's Dish Day
 7:00 - Wine Judging



Wednesday



Junior Fair

- 8:00 - Rabbit Show
- 8:00 - Jr. Fair Beef Showmanship and B&R Steer Show
- 8:00 - Horse and Pony Show
- 1:00 - Boer goat showmanship, Commercial breeding, B&R goat, and wether dam show
- 4:00 - Sheep Breed Show & Showmanship, followed by Market Lamb Show

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 - Glass Blowing Demonstration
- 3:00 - Bear Hollow Wood Carvers
- 4:00 - Open class sheep show
- 4:30 - Farm Comedy Show
- 5:00 - Antique judging
- 6:30 - Youth Cutting Board Challenge
- 7:00 - Harness Racing



Thursday



Junior Fair

- 8:00 - Dairy Feeder Show
- 9:00 - Poultry Show & Poultry Pee Wee Showmanship
- 4:00 - Beef Breed and Beef Feeder show
- 6:00 - Pee Wee Goat Showmanship and Just Kidding Around show
- 7:00 - Steer Show

Open Class & Daily Events

- 10:00 - Exhibit buildings open
- 11:15 - Homemaker Dish Day judging
- Noon - Harness Racing, Bear Hollow wood carvers, Rides open
- 1:00 - Glass Blowing demonstration
- 1:00 - Homemaker Demonstrations
- 3:00 - Wood Carver Demonstration
- 5:30 - Wood Carver Demonstration
- 7:00 - Micro Wrestling



Friday



Junior Fair

- 8:00 - 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
- 2:00 - B&R Lamb Show followed by Open Class Breeding Sheep Show

Open Class & Daily Events

- 8:00 - Senior Meal Ticket distribution
- 9:00 - Draft Horse & Pony Show
- 10:00 - Exhibit Buildings open
- 11:15 - Beef Dish Day judging
- 11:30 - Antique Tractor Parade
- Noon - Rides Open
- Noon - Flower Show
- 1:00 - Glass Blowing demonstration
- 1:00 - Homemaker demonstrations
- 3:00 - Wood Carver demonstration
- 5:30 - Wood Carver demonstration
- 7:00 - Hardin Co. Truck & Tractor Pull



Saturday



Junior Fair

- 8:00 - Livestock Auction

Sale order:

- Hogs
- Poultry
- Dairy Beef Feeders
- Milk
- Lambs
- Goats
- Beef Steers
- Beef Feeders
- Dairy Steers
- Rabbits

Open Class & Daily Events

- 8:30 - Open Class Horse Show
- 9:00 - Conservation Contest
- 11:15 - Chicken Dish Day
- Noon - Rides Open
- Noon - Wood Carver Demonstration
- 1:00 - Glass Blowing Demonstration
- 2:00 - Shifferly Road Band
- 3:00 - Wood Carver Demonstration
- 5:30 - Sheep Lead Contest
- 5:30 - Wood Carver Demonstration
- 7:00 - Broken Horn Rodeo



Sunday

Junior Fair

- 1:00 - Pee Wee Swine Showmanship
- 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
- 12:30 - Cheerleading Competition
- 2:00 - Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull
- 6:00 - Demolition Derby
- 7:00 - Open Class entries released
- 8:00 - Commercial exhibits released
- 10:30 - Food Concessions released

FAIR ID BADGES

All Jr. Fair exhibitors will receive an ID badge this year instead of a wristband. This badge is YOUR TICKET INTO THE FAIR.

Badges will get you into the gate once each day. If you leave and plan to return, ask the gate attendant for a re-entry band.

We will NOT be printing or replacing ID badges if lost. Best practice is to take a photo of your ID badge to use as a backup.



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)