Fair Flu: It’s Nothing to Sneeze At

– If pigs could say gesundheit, you could be hearing the German blessing as you visit fairs this summer. Andrew Bowman, veterinarian with the Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine at The Ohio State University, is in the midst of a seven-year study of 100 county fairs in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, checking for incidences of Influenza A Virus Infecting Swine (IAV-S). On average, at least one animal at 25 percent of county fairs tests positive.

“It’s like kids at preschool. If one hog comes down with it, it’s going to spread,” Bowman said. That’s likely what happened July 13 at the Clinton County Fair in Ohio, where Ohio Department of Agriculture officials discovered IAV-S and closed the Junior Fair Market Hog Show so that only exhibitors and their parents could attend. They also made the show terminal, meaning all hogs would go to slaughter. The hog barn will be sanitized.

IAV-S spreads from animals (not just swine) to humans, but is not considered any more dangerous than other flu, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says. The CDC and the National Association of Public Health Veterinarians offer the following information and tips on how fair exhibitors and visitors can stay healthy:

• IAV-S can pass from animal to animal or animal to human, and spreads like other flu – from sneezes or coughs that release droplets.

• While most people recover easily from this influenza, those under 5, over 65, pregnant or immune-compromised are most at risk. These people should avoid pigs and swine barns at fairs. Exhibitors or their family members who are at higher risk should also avoid exposure while they are at risk.

• Visitors to hog barns should not drink or eat in hog barns and should wash their hands after leaving. Keep the tiny ones out of the hog barns: strollers, pacifiers, bottles and toys should be left out of the barn.

• Exhibitors can minimize the chance of spreading the flu by keeping sick animals at home, by protecting themselves if their hogs are sick, and by disinfecting any tools or show supplies before a show. At home, sick hogs should be quarantined from healthy ones for at least seven days.

• At the show or fair, exhibitors should check their animals regularly for signs of flu – off feed, lethargic, sneezing, coughing. They should avoid sharing equipment with other exhibitors, but if they do, they should clean and disinfect it before using. If animals become sick at the fair, they need to be reported to the fair’s veterinarian or other fair staff. Besides not eating or drinking in the barn, exhibitors should not sleep in the barn.

• IAV-S does not affect meat safety or quality. People cannot get the flu by eating pork. Source: OSU CFAES News
Project Judging Results

4-H’ers selected to take their project to the Ohio State Fair

- Morgan Antill Superior Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals Running Wild
- Alex Bauerbach Superior Family History Treasure Hunt - 3rd yr Backyard Gang
- Karl Bauerbach Superior Dress-up Outfit - Formalwear Backyard Gang
- Katherine Bennett Superior Self Determined - Astronomy Senior Oak Grove Explorers
- Kesselyn Bigley Superior Arcs & Sparks SL Homemakers LS Boys
- Kesselyn Bigley Superior Focus on Photography SL Homemakers LS Boys
- Dallas Bolen Superior Not Just Knots - Junior Oak Grove Explorers
- Elizabeth Burdiss Superior Family History Treasure Hunt - 2nd yr Honeysuckle Hills
- Bijou Burgardt Superior Global Gourmet Oak Grove Explorers
- Flora Burgardt Superior Beyond the Grill Oak Grove Explorers
- Madison Butler Superior Snack Attack Lowell Lively Lads & Lassies
- Morgan Cathrider Superior Measuring Up Oak Grove Explorers
- Cadence Cline Superior Basic Archery Woodfield Roadsters
- Wyatt Cline Superior Rockets Away Warren Wranglers
- Mary Estes Superior Scrapbooking Senior Warren Wranglers
- Mason Francis Superior Making the Cut Churchtown Shining Stars
- Maggie Gottfried Superior Get Started in Art Oak Grove Explorers
- Maggie Gottfried Superior My Hands to Larger Service Oak Grove Explorers
- Gabriella Grabow Superior Makeover My Space - Senior Backyard Gane
- Taylor Haines Superior Nailing it all Together Lynch Combined
- Tyler Hartline Superior Finding Your Voice Carteens
- Dylan Hartline Superior Measuring Up Lynch Combined
- John Heiss Superior Fishing for the Intermediate Running Wild
- Leigha Hendershot Superior All About Dogs Lynch Combined
- Alyssa Hitt Superior Scrapbooking - Junior Running Wild
- Alyssa Hitt Superior Star Spangled Foods Running Wild
- Grace Huck Superior How does Your Garden Grow Running Wild
- Allison Huck Superior Safe Use of Guns Running Wild
- William Huck Superior Grill Masters - Senior Running Wild
- Amelia Huck Superior Scrapbooking (8-13) 2nd year Running Wild
- Amelia Huck Superior Let's Bake Quiet Breads - Junior Running Wild
- Abby Ketchum Superior Pocket Pet (13-18) Lynch Combined
- Elizabeth Loughry Superior Sew Fun - Junior Oak Grove Explorers
- Melina Matics Superior Cake Decorating - Beginner Junior Oak Grove Explorers
- Melina Matics Superior Self Determined - Quilting Oak Grove Explorers
- Melina Matics Superior Staying Healthy Oak Grove Explorers
- Melina Matics Superior Sports Nutrition 1 Oak Grove Explorers
- Rachael Merrow Superior Self Determined - Camp Counseling Camp Counselors
- Hayden Miller Superior Making the Cut: Measuring Up Lynch Combined
- Mania Nutter Superior My Favorite Things - Junior Warren Wranglers
- Hadley Offenberger Superior Fast Break for Breakfast - Junior Running Wild
- Ethan Poultin Superior Pocket Pets (8-12) Churchtown Community Crew
- Emma Poultin Superior Family History Treasure Hunt 1st yr Churchtown Community Crew
- Grace Rinard Superior Self Determined - Jr. Soaring Eagles
- Isabella Rinard Superior Party Planner - Senior Soaring Eagles
- Maclane Roe Superior Making the Cut: Measuring Up Backyard Gang
- Jack Roe Superior Making the Cut: Measuring Up Backyard Gang
- Alisha Saffell Superior Pet Rabbit Frontier Country
- Morgan Sampson Superior Let's Start Cooking - Junior Running Wild
- Cody Schaad Superior Pistol - Shooting Sports Bull's Eye
- Sierra Sinclair Superior You're the Chef Honeysuckle Hills
- Leeann Trippett Superior Shotgun - Shooting Sports Trail Blazers
- Isaiah Tuliss Superior From Airedales to Zebras Churchtown Busy Bunch
- Katelynn Valandingham Superior You Can Quilt - Junior Churchtown Shining Stars
- Logan Wagner Superior Tractor Op:Gearing up for Safety Lowell Lively Lads & Lassies
- Madison Wells Superior Alcohol & Drug Abuse - Senior Churchtown Community Crew

4-H’ers selected as Alternates to take their project to OSF

-Adilynn Mitchell Superior Scrapbooking - Junior Running Wild
-Caroline Stollar Superior Finding your Voice Carteens
-Ruslan Strahler Superior Safe Use of Guns Churchtown Busy Bunch
-Isaiah Tuliss Superior Making the Cut Level 2 Churchtown Busy Bunch
-Isaiah Tuliss Superior My Favorite Things - Junior Churchtown Community Crew
-Mason Wells Superior Making the Cut Running Wild
-Ryee Zimmerman Superior Alcohol & Drug Abuse Backyard Gang

All others who participated in Judging

- Hailey Anderson Excellent Pet Rabbit Frontier Country
- Claudia Antill Superior Pocket Pets (8-12) Oak Grove Explorers
-Mason Antill Excellent Beekeeping Running Wild
-Morgan Antill Excellent Scrapbooking Running Wild
-Jacob Ayers Excellent Science Fun with Flight SL Homemakers LS Boys
-Carly Barnes Excellent Let's Start Cooking Warren Wranglers
-Carly Barnes Good Cake Decorating Warren Wranglers
-Alex Bauerbach Superior Finding your Voice Backyard Gang
-Brett Bauerbach Excellent Crank It Up Backyard Gang
-Kari Bauerbach Excellent Global Gourmet Backyard Gang
-Morgan Beetle Superior Focus on Photography Soaring Eagles
-Kesselyn Bigley Excellent On the Cutting Edge SL Homemakers LS Boys
-Devon Bolon Excellent Fun with Clothes Oak Grove Explorers
-Sophie Boothby Superior Sew Fun Churchtown Shining Stars
-Suzanne Brightbill Superior Self Determined - Manatees SL Homemakers LS Boys
-Wade Brooker Good Fishing for the Beginner Churchtown Shining Stars
-Christopher Burdiss Superior Pet Rabbit Honeysuckle Hills
-Madison Butler Excellent Cake Decorating - Beginner Junior Oak Grove Explorers
-Kaylyn Caseday Excellent Cake Decorating SL Homemakers LS Boys
-Brandon Cline Excellent Snack Attack Warren Wranglers
-Grace Francis Good Photography Churchtown Shining Stars
-Emma Hartline Excellent Self Determined - Fairy Garden Lynch Combined
-Emma Hartline Excellent Cake Decorating Lynch Combined
-Julia Hartline Superior Sports Nutrition 1 Backyard Gang
-Lindsay Hartline Superior Self Determined Lynch Combined
-John Heiss Superior Fishing for the Intermediate Running Wild
-Lane Heiss Superior From Airedales to Zebras Running Wild
-Alexander Henke Excellent Sports Nutrition 1 Churchtown Shining Stars
-Luke Henke Excellent Snack Attack Churchtown Shining Stars
-Wes Hennes Superior Let's Start Cooking Churchtown Shining Stars
-Alyssa Hitt Good Focus on Photography Churchtown Shining Stars
-JoElla Holden Excellent Focus on Photography Churchtown Shining Stars
-Arma Holtscluh Excellent Controlling the Image Oak Grove Explorers
-Katilyn Huck Superior Finding your Voice Waterford Warriors
-Abby Ketchum Superior Finding your Voice Lynch Combined
-Molly Ketchum Superior Self Determined - Miniature garden Lynch Combined
-Steven Kidd Excellent Explore the Outdoors Fur & Feather
-Steven Kidd Excellent Fishing for the Beginner Fur & Feather
-Steven Kidd Excellent Grow Your Own Vegetables Fur & Feather
-John Knightworth Excellent Fishing for the Beginner Waterford Warriors
-Isabella Lang Superior Let's Start Cooking Churchtown Shining Stars
-Carrie Lehman Superior Self Determined - Camp Counseling Camp Counselors
-Sara McElroy Superior Dog Performance SL Homemakers LS Boys
-Amelia Miller Excellent Sports Nutrition 1 Churchtown Busy Bunch
-Halley Moore Superior Family History Treasure Hunt Backyard Gang
-Maya Nutter Excellent The Writer in You Warren Wranglers
-Austin Offenberger Superior Finding Your Voice Carteens
-Steven Pape Superior Making the Cut: Measuring Up SL Homemakers LS Boys
-Steven Pape Good Not Just Knots Waterford Warriors
-Anna Peck Good Scrapbooking Waterford Warriors
-Ariane Pollock Excellent Makeover My Space Soaring Eagles
-Ethan Rinard Excellent Safe Use of Guns Soaring Eagles
-Lily Roberts Excellent Self Determined - Babydoll Running Wild
-Laura Rodgers Superior Self Determined - Camp Counselor Oak Grove Explorers
-Madison Roesch Excellent You're the Athlete Oak Grove Explorers
-Janessa Ross Superior Focus on Photography Oak Grove Explorers
-Raeann Salamonsen Good Cake Decorating Trail Blazers
Preparing For The Fairs

Trash Can Painting Contest
Trash cans should include your group’s name and the year 2017. Trash cans will be judged on creativity, neatness, and overall appearance. This contest is open to all 4-H Clubs, FFA and FCCLA Chapters, and Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops.

Washington County Fair: Go to Washington Co. Fair Grounds after July 20 and pick up a trash can to paint. When the can is completed, please make sure you bring it, along with a completed entry form, to the Junior Fair Office by 9:00pm, Thursday, August 31.

Barlow Independent Fair: Go to the Barlow Fairgrounds and pick up a trash can in the dairy barn. Painted cans should be dropped off at the Jr. Fair Building on September 20 by 8:00 pm. Forms can picked up at the Extension Office or requested via email. Please email Jill at gerken.1@osu.edu.

Fair Pen Set Up at County Fair
All Livestock members showing animals at the Washington County Fair are required to attend Pen Set up or tear down at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Members whose last name falls between letters A to L will need to attend Pen set up on Aug. 13 at 3pm.

Members whose last name falls between letters M to Z need to attend Pen tear down on Sept. 10 at 3pm.

Sign out sheets will be provided when set up or tear down is complete. Any junior exhibitor not signing out will forfeit 5% of their total sales. See Rule number 31 in the Junior Fair Activities Guide for details.

Fair-Specific Booth Information

Waterford 4-H Club Booths
- Judging - All 4-H Club Booths will be judged on Thursday before the fair.
- Exhibit Areas - Booth exhibit area has center and wall booths. All booths are 8’ x 4’ and have a front closure, locked by the fair board. Wall booths have electrical outlets and center booths have electricity but only by using an extension cord.
- Booth Set-up and Tear Down - Booth set-up will be the Wednesday before the Waterford Fair from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All clubs must complete their decorating and have their displays in place by Wednesday at 8:00 pm. Booth tear down will be Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm. The Waterford Fair Board and/or the Extension Office are not responsible for exhibits left after 8:00 pm Sunday.

Washington County 4-H Club Booths
- Judging - All 4-H Club Booths will be judged on Friday afternoon. All 4-H Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon if they have a display in their booth. Advisors can pick up the ribbons in the Jr. Fair Building when they set-up.
- Exhibit Areas - Two types of exhibit areas are available for 4-H Clubs to choose from: 8’ x 5’ booths (with electricity, no side walls furnished, back wall is 7’3”) and 10’ x 5’ booths (without electricity, back and side walls are only solid on upper half, side and back walls are approximately 8’ high, walls are made out of pegboard).
- Booth Set-up and Tear Down - Booth set-up will be Wednesday (2:00 to 9:00 pm) and Thursday (2:00 to 9:00 pm) before the County Fair. All clubs must complete their decorating and have their displays in place by Thursday at 9:00 pm. The Jr. Fair Building will not be available for additional set-up on Friday before the County Fair. Booth tear down will be Tuesday (8:00 pm to 10:00 pm) and Wednesday (8:00 am to 12 Noon) after the fair.

Barlow 4-H Club Booths
- Judging - All 4-H Club Booths will be judged on Thursday afternoon.
- Exhibit Areas - Two types of exhibit areas are available for 4-H Clubs to choose from: 8’ x 4’ Booths (with electricity) and 8’ x 2’ Booths (without electricity). NOTE: All booths have white pegboard walls.
- Booth Set-up and Tear Down: Booth set-up will be Wednesday before the Barlow Fair from Noon to 8:00 pm. All clubs must complete their decorating and have their displays in place by Wednesday at 8:00 pm. Booth tear down will be Sunday of the Barlow Fair starting at 4:00 pm. Barlow Fair Board and/or the OSU Extension Office are not responsible for exhibits left after 6:00 pm.

Project Judging Results

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
FAIR ACTIVITIES

Cake Decorating Contest
Saturday, 4:00 pm, Jr. Fair Building

- There are categories for cupcakes, traditional cakes, and specialty cakes.
- Entries are to be made one hour before the event at the 4-H Jr. Fair Board Office.
- Complete guidelines are available in the Jr Fair Guide or by calling the OSU Extension Office.

Junior Fair Talent Show
Saturday, 6:30pm, Junior Fair Building
The junior fair talent show is open to all junior fair exhibitors. Cloverbuds will begin the show at 6:30pm and will receive participation awards for their act. Cloverbud acts must be under 2 minutes in length. All junior fair members are eligible to participate. Awards will be given in to best of show junior, best of show senior, best music, best comedy, best miscellaneous. Junior Fair acts must be under 4:30 minutes. Members must pre-register by Thursday, August 31, 2017

Style Show
Sunday, 4:00pm, Junior Fair Building
All Junior Fair members who completed a sewing project are eligible to take part in the Style Show. Exhibitors will be presented with awards at the completion of the style show. Cloverbud members may not be eligible for awards, but will be awarded a participation ribbon. There will also be an open category including: Best dressed Chicken, Best dressed Bunny, Best dressed 4-H Volunteer.

4-H Cloverbud Activities—
Monday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Jr. Fair Building
All 4-H Cloverbud members and any youth between the ages of five and seven are eligible to participate in the 4-H Cloverbud Activities. These activities are educational and exciting. 4-H Volunteers and Jr. Fair Board members will guide each activity station and encourage the youth to participate. Activities will be interactive, hands-on and free!

Iron Chef Contest
Sunday, September 3, 5:00pm, Junior Fair Building
Pre – registration required by August 31st.
This is a new Contest that will allow 4-H members (ages 8-19) to show off their culinary skills. This contest is a spin off of the TV show. 4-H members will be given an ingredient and they must make a food item with that ingredient. All ingredients will be provided, however teams can bring serving dishes, tableware, etc for presentation. There will be 3 different categories: Category one – Sweet, Category two – Savory, Category three - Spicy. Teams will make 12 servings of each recipe. Teams are limited to one entry per category, but may enter each category. Each team may consist of 2-3 junior fair members. Teams must pre-register by Thursday, August 31, 2017. The contest will be scored based on appearance, taste, creativity, and interview.

BARLOW FAIR ACTIVITIES

Barnyard Battle
Barnyard Battle at the 146th Barlow Independent Fair. Requirements are to be a member of a young people’s organization which could be 4-H, FFA, Girl or Boy Scouts, or Fair Bureau. Teams will consist of four members and more than one team from each club/chapter is allowed. The teams will compete in agriculture related events with prizes on the line. Will be held Wednesday. Sept 27 at 6:00 pm

Animal Beauty Contest
On Sunday, October 1 after the pedal pull there will be an animal beauty contest. This event is open to all Barlow Fair Exhibitors. Categories include: Best Twinning with Your Animal, Best Talent, Best Hair, Most Adorable, and Best Dressed. Entry forms will be available at the fair.

Barlow Jr. Fair Livestock Sale
Saturday, September 30 at 5:30 p.m.
Sale Order: Market Ducks, Market Dairy Goats, Feeder Heifers, Feeder Calf Steers

Washington County Ohio 4-H
Market Livestock

PLEASE BE SURE to review carefully the reminders and updates as well as the 2017 JUNIOR FAIR ACTIVITIES GUIDE. There are several updates/changes for each of the fairs.

2017 SKILLATHONS
Project judging and skillathons allow youth to demonstrate and review what they have worked on and learned throughout their project year.

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn.

ALL livestock (market, dairy, breeding, fancy, and/or horse) project members are required to participate in skillathons for each specie project they have enrolled in. Skillathons are required for all livestock and horse project participants in order to remain 4-H members in good standing and be eligible to exhibit, participate, show and/or sell their project animals at all three fairs. FFA youth taking hogs and/or Feeder calves should contact their FFA teacher for project requirements and eligibility.

FFA Youth are Required to participate in skillathons for all animals sold at the Washington County Fair. To help this process and coordinate efforts of youth and volunteers

ALL Skillathons will be offered:

Saturday August 5, 2017

*NOTE TIMES*

8:30—3:00 - hogs (lunch break 12 –1)
8:30—11:30 - goats, lambs, rabbits (except pet rabbit)
1:00—3:00 - beef, dairy, poultry, horse (except horseless horse)

Make-up days: August 7 and 8 at the Extension Office (9 am—5 pm)

*(limited space, calling to reserve an appointment is required--no make-up times will be available before August 7)*

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON STUDY GUIDES can be found on the web at: go.osu.edu/washjudging or pick up a copy from the Extension Office. The study guide provides all the information you will need for the skillathon.

Rabbit Tattooing
◊ Market Rabbit Exhibitors—Tattooing will be Saturday August 5 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in the grass by the old sheep barn (across from Multi-Purpose Bldg.), 8-10 a.m. A maximum of 9 market rabbits can be tattooed.

Barlow Independent Fair
◊ Market Duck Projects. Poultry show (junior/open) Friday, 9 am, beginning with senior showmanship
◊ Market Dairy Goats Show Friday 4pm beginning with senior showmanship.

Thank You
Livestock Clinic Presenters

OSU Extension recently hosted a livestock showing clinic for exhibitors taking beef, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry and rabbits. Topics included showmanship tips, fair preparation, grooming help, proper tack & equipment and live animal demonstrations. Vendors Buckeye Bunny Supply and Broken Wheel Tack were on hand with a variety of items. Special thanks to our presenters: Morgan & Andy Smith, Brady Campbell, Taylor Carr, The McPherson Family, Rustina Taylor and Raymond Bailey for sharing their expertise!
Inviting buyers and bidders

1. These guidelines are for all three fairs (Waterford, Washington County and Barlow).
2. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to ask area businesses to bid on their market livestock projects.
3. Exhibitors need to visit and ask area businesses to bid on their projects for EACH fair where they will be selling an animal.
4. When visiting area businesses, youth should be accompanied by an adult. The exhibitor should introduce themselves, their project and why the business should attend an auction at an area fair.
5. Free tickets are available for potential bidders.
   A. All 2015 and 2016 buyers are listed in the Jr Fair Guide.
   B. All of the 2015 and 2016 buyers get passes to the 2017 sales for all three area fairs. Passes are mailed in July.
   C. If an exhibitor would like to invite a bidder/buyer who is not on this list, they need to call the OSU Extension office to request a buyer packet be sent to the new potential bidder. Exhibitors and parents cannot pick up the packets themselves, at the request of the cooperating fair boards.

Thanking Buyers

1. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly thank the business or individual who buys their project.
2. The minimum thank you at the fair should be finding the buyer and shaking their hand in appreciation, along with giving them a picture of the exhibitor and the project animal. It is not necessary to provide a token of appreciation at the fair.
3. Personally visit the business/individual after the fair for a proper thank you.
4. Each year, the fair boards and committees purchase a full page ad in the Thanksgiving Day edition of the Marietta Times. Exhibitors are encouraged to take a copy or mail a copy of this ad to their buyers.

Thank You Posters

Exhibitors must make a Thank You poster for their previous buyer.

**Size/Shape**—Minimum of 11x17; maximum of 22x28; maximum depth of 2 inches; maximum weight of 1 pound; must be able to be hung from a wire. (This is simply to allow all posters to be hung on the wires).

**New or first year exhibitors** are to make a poster thanking all previous year’s buyers.

**Judging** based on originality, neatness and creativity in relaying a “Thank You” message to last year’s livestock buyers. **Exhibitor’s name and age must appear on the front of the poster.**

**Hog & Feeder Calf**: In place by Thursday of the fair.
**Market Beef, DFS, Lambs & Goats**: In place by 9 pm Friday of the fair. Check-in

2017 Buyer Appreciation Receptions

1. Exhibitors should be ready for the sale and have their animal ready before the receptions begin.
2. Exhibitors need to greet buyers and invite them to register for a buyer number and enjoy the reception.
3. Hog Sale Reception Saturday, Aug. 19 at 3:30 pm. Sale at 3:30
4. County Fair Market Livestock Reception, Tuesday, September 5 at 4:00. Sale at 5:00. Order: Chickens, Turkeys, Rabbits, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Feeder Steers, Market Beef
5. Barlow Livestock Reception Saturday, Sept. 30, at 4:30 pm. Sale at 5:30 pm. Order: Ducks, Goats, Feeder Calf Heifers, Feeder Calf Steers
6. All of the receptions are sponsored by Washington Electric Cooperative.

Preparing For The Fairs

**Waterford FAIR Activities**

**Pee Wee Hog Showmanship**
Must be under 9 years old and not exhibiting a market hog and must have permission from hog exhibitor to borrow hog. Register at www.waterfordfair.com under the participate tab.

**Jackpot Show**
Any Jr Fair exhibitor may show their project in any open class breed show held at the Waterford Community Fair. Entry form can be found at www.waterfordfair.com under the participate tab.

Contact Melissa Antill at 740-525-9932 if you have questions.
Market Livestock

Market Animal Picture Times

- Waterford – Hogs: Thursday 9 – 11 a.m.
- County – Market Beef, Dairy Feeders, Lambs, Goats: 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday in the Multipurpose Building
- County – Chickens, Turkeys, Rabbits: 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday in the Rabbit/Poultry Building
- Barlow – Market Ducks: Friday during poultry show
- Barlow – Feeder Calves & Market Dairy Goats: Saturday morning during the feeder calf show

Picture Tips for the Fairs

- Pictures with your market animal are mandatory!
- Be on time and know when you need to get your picture taken
- You must be in show dress
- Look clean, neat, crisp and ready to smile!
- Your animal must be clean
- Bring the proper show equipment: halter, show stick, etc.
- Be prepared to setup your animal
- Cost of pictures will be deducted from your sale check

Prior to the sale you will receive two 5 X 7 photos, one for you and one to present to your buyer at the livestock sale. You may want to consider purchasing a frame to mount the photo for your buyer. There will also be 8 ½ X 11 picture cards available to mount the photo on if you wish.

The 2018 Washington County 4-H Endowment Dinner/Auction will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 7. Mark your calendars!

Special thanks to our Judges and everyone who helped to make the 2017 Project Judging a Success!
**County 4-H Award Applications Now Available**

The *County 4-H Awards Program* recognizes and rewards members for outstanding work throughout this 4-H year and the member’s 4-H career. Members are encouraged to apply for these awards.

The County 4-H Awards Program consist of three categories: *project pin awards*, *special pin awards* and *trip awards*. A list of the objectives or a description for each award is listed on the application. Members may win a total of four awards - two projects, one special and one trip. Trip opportunities include: Carving New Ideas, State 4-H Leadership Camp, Buckeye Leadership Workshop, 4-H Citizenship-Washington Focus, Ohio 4-H Sea Camp, Ohio 4-H Senior Shooting Education Camp, Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Education Camp, Space Adventure Camp, Leadership Washington Focus.

In order to be considered for awards, members must complete and submit an Award Application which includes writing an essay about their accomplishments.

Members from the pool of applicants will also be selected to complete the Ohio 4-H Achievement Award Application for 2018. In 2017 Washington County had 3 first alternate winners:

- Maggie Gottfried—Photography
- Caroline Stollar—Personal Development
- Austin Offenberger—Carteens

**Members must apply to win!!**

**Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council Applications Due**

The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council" (TLC) is open to youth 14-18. Teens are encouraged to apply for this opportunity! Applications and more information for this group are now available online at: go.osu.edu/TLC. Please note applications (and other materials, including letters of recommendation) are due to the State 4-H Office Friday, August 11, 2017. Members participate in community service, fundraising, teen luncheon, state fair, Ohio 4-H Conference, etc. The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a statewide group of 4-H teens and young 4-H alumni that provides a youth stakeholder perspective in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Ohio 4-H programming.

**Timeline for County 4-H Awards:**

August – Club advisors have applications for members. Also, members can download an award application from www.washington.osu.edu

October 16 – Member’s application due to Extension Office.

October 26 – Awards Selection Committee reviews applications and selects 4-H Project Pin and Special Pin Award Winners.

October 26 – Trip Committee interviews applicants and selects winners for 4-H Trips and Margaret Meredith award.

November 16 – 4-H Year Celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington County Career Center. Award Applications are returned to all applicants.

**Ohio State Fair Info**

[www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com)

- July 26 – August 6
- $10 – Adults 13-59
- $8 – Seniors 60+
- $8 – Children 5-12
- Free – Children under 5
- $6 Advance sale ticket (participating Kroger & AAA)
- $25 Ride-al-day wristband
- $5 Parking

**Blennerhassett Rabbit show**

October 14 at the Washington Co Jr Fair Building. Come show or just watch and visit with the breeders. Contact Rustina Taylor for more information 304-483-2831

**Having a Car Wash in Marietta?**

Before you plan a car wash in Marietta you might want to contact Kathy Davis at the SWCD Office 740-373-1387. There are new guidelines on the disposal of wastewater from car washes.
Hervida Happenings

GET YOUR TICKETS!!
250 Club tickets are still on sale for the 2017-18 drawings. The present drawings (dark green tickets) will finish in August with the big winners. Tickets can be purchased from a board member, or call 740-568-8044. The $52 ticket puts you into 52 weekly drawings for $100, and final drawings for: $125, $250 and $500.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Building Fund Dinner Drawing and Silent Auction, November 12. Tickets will go on sale in September.

Lemonade Shake Stand Time!
The Ohio River Sternwheel Festival will happen the weekend after the county fair, September 8 - 10. We are currently seeking volunteers for 9-11 pm Friday evening. Hervida 4-H Camp runs a lemonade shake stand at this event as a fundraiser for facility improvements. 4-H'ers, advisors, and alumni are asked to support this fundraiser by being workers at the stand as a community service project. Workers can be lemon cutters and squeezers; sugar, ice and water measurers; shaker-uppers; and sellers during two-hour shifts. This is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to develop their leadership, communication and teamwork skills. We prefer that workers be older 4-H'ers (over 10 years old). For more information, please check with your advisor or call Jane Lennox at 740-568-8044.

Another way to contribute is by donating bags of sugar, boxes of 16 oz. foam cups, boxes of straw-slotted lids for the 16 oz. cups, rolls of paper towels and/or boxes of sugar substitute packets. Please let Jane know by August 10 (before the shopping begins!), if you plan to donate any of these items. We hope everyone will stop by the stand and support the fundraiser by puckering up with a tart but sweet refreshing drink!

Did your camper come home from camp with fewer items that what they left with? Come to the Extension Office and take a look at the lost and found!
The Wonderful World of Worms

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Objectives
- Increase awareness of the natural environment
- Become aware of the role earthworms play in plant and soil health
- Learn about the behavior characteristics of worms
- Learn the basics of composting with red wiggler worms

Group Size
6-8 children per adult volunteer

Time Frame
This lesson is designed for a group meeting between 30 and 60 minutes. It can be used with youth or adults in a variety of settings.

Background
There are over 2,000 species of earthworms worldwide. They can live in the water or in the soil. Earthworms play a vital role in the environment by helping to improve soil conditions.

Soil-dwelling nightcrawlers burrow extensively in the ground and perform many useful functions. They aerate the soil by making tunnels. This loosening of the soil allows room for plant roots to grow. Worm tunnels permit water to flow more freely throughout the soil, enhancing plant growth. Nightcrawlers move organic materials (leaves, plant matter) deeper into the soil which helps to fertilize the soil. While nightcrawlers thrive in the outdoor environment, they are not suitable for worm bins or composting.

For purposes of this lesson, we use red wigglers. Red wigglers are readily available through the mail or you may find them at your local bait shop. In addition, check in your area to see if there is a “worm farmer” who raises red wiggles and would be willing to donate a pound or so to your group.

Composting with Worms
The best type of worms to use in a composting bin is the red wiggler (Eisenia fetida). Red wiggles like to live in small, compact areas and do not burrow deeply into the ground. They do not mind being handled and will tolerate a variety of living conditions. Red wiggles eat about half of their body weight each day and will consume a variety of organic materials.

Your worm bin can be a simple plastic bin or something more elaborate. You can create a bin by drilling holes in a plastic bin and covering it with dark paper or fabric or putting it in a box. Drill very tiny holes along the sides to allow for air circulation. Or, you can purchase a specially made commercial worm bin.
Washington County Junior Fair Talent Show

September 2nd, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Name: __________________________

Age: _______ Grade: _________

Primary Phone Number: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Rules:
- Each performer(s) have 4:30 minutes at the most for their talent.
- No vulgar or inappropriate words or gestures. If you aren’t sure if it is not appropriate just be safe and
  not include it.
- A performer can do 1 solo act at most. A performer can do no more than 2 acts.
- Be creative! We want to see talents from singing to snapping your fingers, dancing, comedy to a song.
  Don’t be afraid to be you!

*Every performer will be entered into a drawing for gift cards or coupons from businesses of the Mid-Ohio Valley.

*Please turn in this form by August 25th, 2017. You can turn this form in at the OSU Extension Office Washington County or
  email it to bartline.24@osu.edu. More information to follow after registration forms are received.

Washington County Iron Chef Entry Form

Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 @ 5:00 PM ~ Entry form due: Aug 31

Team Name: __________________________

Team Members: (1) ____________________ (2) ____________________ (3) ____________________

Contact Phone Number: __________________________

Our team will have an entry in the following categories (check all that apply)

___ Sweet ___ Savory ___ Spicy

Rules:
- Open to Jf Fair members ages 8-19 to show off their culinary skills.
- Each team must have 2 – 3 members.
- The main ingredient for 2017 will be crackers. The main ingredient (crackers of your choice) must be brought by
  the teams.
- All sub-ingredients are provided including: Vanilla yogurt, apricot preserves, raspberry preserves, chocolate icing,
  cream cheese icing, vanilla icing, cream cheese, green olives, minced green pepper, minced red pepper, canned
  chicken, canned tuna, pepperoni, shredded mozzarella cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, chocolate chips, M &
  M’s, sprinkles Nutella, salt, pepper, cinnamon, chili powder, taco seasoning, onion powder, garlic powder.
- A microwave will be provided.
- Teams can bring serving dishes, tableware, mixing bowls, spoons, measuring spoons, recipe, etc for presentation
- Teams are limited to one entry per category, but may enter each category
- Teams will make 12 servings of each recipe
- The contest will be scored based on appearance, taste, creativity, and interview.
- Teams will have 20 minutes to gather ingredients and prepare recipes.
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