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June/July 2024 Fair Newsletter



Conference Judging and Ribbons

The 4-H program uses conference judging for all non-livestock exhibits to evaluate 4-H members' projects. Conference judging is a one-on-one discussion between the 4-H member and the judge of that project area. The judge will ask the member questions about their project. For example, the judge may ask: Why did you do it this way? What did you like about what you made? What would you change next time? The judge will also ask questions about the goals the member set and how they achieved them.

Project Goal Sheets should be filled out digitally or hand written by the 4-H member. Each project 4-H members bring to the fair should have an accompanying Project Goal Sheet. The judge will also ask questions about the goals the member set and how they achieved them.

A member learns from the conference with the judge, as well as improves his/her communication skills every time they exhibit. The process of conference judging is also used at State Fair.

Judges award Ribbons based off of the quality of work that has gone into creating the project and the conference judging session. Blue Ribbons must be earned and not every Blue Ribbon will be selected for State Fair or Grand Champion.



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June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dog & Horse Ownership papers due to office Off Premise Forms due to office
2	3	4 6:30 PM Country Kids 4-H Club Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 2-4 PM Shooting Sports Club Meeting	10 Dog Obedience Class 6:30-7:30 pm	11	12 6:30 PM Enterprisers 4-H Club Meeting 6:30 PM Wayne City 4-H Club Meeting	13	14	15 7:00 PM 4-H Country Club Meeting
16	17 State Livestock Judging Contest Dog Obedience Class 6:30-7:30 pm	18	19 Office Closed Juneteenth	20	21	22
23	24 Meeting Requirements Due Dog Obedience Class 6:30-7:30 pm	25 Country Kids 4-H Club Meeting- 6:30 New Hope Lucky Clovers 4-H Club Meeting 6 PM	26 Federation Meeting-7PM	27	28	29
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Pick up entry tags for general project show 8-Noon & 1-4:30

Wayne County 4-H Fair

July 7-13, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 General Projects Times Released 6:30 PM -Dog and Cat Show	2 6:00 PM-Fairground Set Up	3 6:00 PM-General Projects Show, including Food and Clothing Show at Floral Hall	4	5	6 2:00 PM-Horse Show
7 1:00 All Animals on Fairgrounds 1:00 Poultry Testing & Rabbit and Poultry Check In 2:30 PM-Mandatory Livestock Meeting 3:00 PM-Sheep Weigh In/Check In 3:30 PM-Goat Weigh In/Check In 5:00 PM-Swine Weigh In/Check In 7:00 PM-Beef Weigh In/Check In	8 8:00 AM- 4-H & Jr Rabbit Show 1:00 PM- 4-H & Jr Goat Show	9 8:00 AM- 4-H Beef Show 10:30 AM- Jr. Beef Show 1:00 PM- 4-H & Jr Poultry Show	10 8:00 AM- 4-H Swine Show 10:30 AM- Jr. Swine Show 1:00 PM- 4-H Sheep Show 3:00 PM- Jr. Sheep Show	11 8:00 AM-Livestock Judging Contest 11 AM Round Robin Practice 11 AM-2 PM NON-SALE ANIMALS RELEASED 2:00 PM-Round Robin 3:00-7:00 All General Project Released 5:00 PM-4-H Awards 5:30 PM Auction ALL ANIMALS RELEASED 30 MINUTES AFTER THE AUCTION	12 8:00 AM-Fairground Clean Up	13

4-H ANIMAL WELFARE

During fair season, 4-H members have an opportunity to showcase our practice of ethical and humane treatment of animals and demonstrate our commitment to safe food production practices. While showing livestock, we are under the watchful eye of the public. Many people attending a local fair may have no idea how livestock is raised. Practicing these guidelines may prevent public misconceptions about livestock production.

1. Provide fresh, clean water to animals at all times. Feed animals on schedule.
2. Keep your pens clean and dry with good bedding at all times.
3. Take extra care on days of extreme weather or activity.
4. Sort and load animals safely and with concern for them.
5. Train animals to lead or be handled at a young age long before the fair.
6. Arrange for veterinary care in case of an animal emergency.
7. Handle animals in a very humane way.
8. Adhere to all antibiotic, drug, and feed additive withdrawal times.
9. Avoid stressing the animal.
10. Keep animals clean; a clean animal is viewed as a healthy animal.
11. Use show sticks, whips, and canes for showing only and never forcefully hit an animal.
12. Review your 4-H project manual and follow the care recommendations.
13. Have a plan of action should a problem arise, and know which fair official or 4-H leader to contact to help solve it or answer questions.
14. Some words, such as “slaughter” or “killed,” may cause a negative reaction from people unfamiliar with food production. IF ASKED what happens to your market animal after the fair, consider using words such as “harvested” or “sold to packing company.”
15. If questioned or challenged by a stranger or group:
 - a. Remain calm, be polite, and answer any question the best you can. If you do not know an answer, tell them you will find an adult to explain more.
 - b. Do not argue or confront an individual or group who may have a different view about livestock production. Individuals may try to initiate a confrontation and use video of the incident on social media. If confronted, walk away, find an adult in authority, or call 911 if you feel threatened.
 - c. It is natural to think that giving people information will change their minds, but in some extreme cases, people may not want to learn; they want to confront to gain media attention. It is best to walk away without engaging in these situations.

Following these recommendations will reflect a positive image of our livestock industry and the 4-H program, as well as demonstrate the solid animal stewardship practices that are our 4-H tradition.

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Wayne County 4-H Foundation Auction



Many of the livestock exhibitors look forward to the livestock auction every year. As in years past, no ceiling limits have been placed on the animals sold at the auction, but 20 percent of the total sale will go to the Wayne County 4-H Foundation to support auction expenses, 4-H scholarships and fairground improvements.

Also, the best way to have buyers come to the auction and bid on your animal is a personal visit from you. If you stop by the extension office, we will be glad to provide you with auction flyers.

Auction Participants

If you are selling in the Foundation Livestock Auction, you must have your animal signed up by Wednesday, July 10 at 4 p.m. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board between the bathroom doors in the 4-H Building!

NO EXCEPTION TO THE RULE

All 4-H members must wait 30 minutes after the auction to clean out pens and load animals.

This rule is not intended to keep you at the fairgrounds longer than you want to be. This is to allow the sellers time to visit with and tell their buyers thank you, and it also allows time for the buyers to leave the fairgrounds before trucks and trailers start moving.

This is intended for common courtesy.



4-H Awards Ceremony



Thursday July 11, 2024 5 PM

All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions, Showmanship Winners, 4-H Ambassador Applicants, 4-H Club Livestock Members and 4-H Completion Members should plan to arrive at 4:45 PM for the Awards Ceremony.

Remember to say - THANK YOU!

If you receive an award you will have a sponsor card attached. Please write a Thank You note to them and if you have an Auction Buyer!

First-Time 4-H Member

Are you new to 4-H?

If you are a first time member and have questions or problems, be sure to ask your leader or call the extension office. It is better to do things correctly, ahead of time, and show up prepared, than try to do paperwork on show day.

We are here to help you!!

Also, be sure to bring your goal sheets to the food, clothing, and general project shows and your livestock records to check-in.



Federation Grill

The Federation Team will be in charge of the grill, the night of the youth auction, on Thursday, July 11. Our menu will consist of pork chops cooked by Federation Members. Please help us spread the word so we can have a successful night. This is the only fundraiser the Federation Team will do.

Remember:

The Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI or Health Papers) must accompany your livestock records at check in.

Dr. Loy Hosselton will offer FREE health inspections to ALL 4-H members by appointment only.

All dog and cat shot records must accompany your pet at the Dog and Cat show.

Horse exhibitors must have a current Coggins records.



NEW for the 2024 FAIR

All Livestock Trailers will need to be parked in the designated Trailer Parking Area or taken home.

**BE SURE TO INVITE
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO THE 2024 FAIR!**

**All county 4-H shows are open to the public.
We want you to show off what you have worked for all year.**

RULE FOR HORSE EXHIBITORS

NEW in 2016: All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse and pony events, shows, activities, or practices. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Helmet policies apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. The Wayne County Fair Board does have a limited amount of helmets to be borrowed throughout the show if your child would like to borrow/share one.

4-H Show Attire

The 4-H Show can be so much fun that sometimes we forget how important it is to look our best when exhibiting our project(s). This does not mean that you need to be in new or dressy clothing. This means:

Be neat and clean

Take hats off while showing projects (Judges like to see faces when they are speaking to you)

Have your hair combed

Have your shirts tucked in and shoestrings tied

Have hands washed

Livestock exhibitors, wear jeans or khakis (no shorts)

Wear shirts with sleeves (no tank or spaghetti tops)

Neat appearance will not only make you feel better, it will impress the judges too. Let's try to look our best, learn all you can and have fun when showing your projects.

General projects will remain on display until Thursday July 11. 4-H Members MUST pick up their projects from 3 PM to 7 PM in the Floral Hall. Extension Staff are not responsible for projects that are not picked up in this time. If you cannot be there, make arrangements for someone to pick up your project for you!



Kincaids will once again be giving a free 5 gallon bucket to all 4-H members. During fair week just drop by and pick one up.

There's No Place Like 4-H

2024 Wayne County 4-H Fair

Federation Fun Events for ALL 4-H Members!

Monday

Dorothy Day

Giant Twister

6 PM

4-H Arena

Wednesday

Tin Man Day

**Apple Bobbing
Contest**

6 PM

4-H Arena

Tuesday

Scarecrow Day

Corn Hole

All Day

Near 4-H Building

Thursday

Lion Day

**Lions, Tigers and
Bears Scavenger**

Hunt at 11 AM

4-H Building

Federation encourages 4-H members to dress like the characters from the Wizard of Oz when participating in the events!



Wayne County 4-H Livestock Judging Team



Livestock Judging Contest!

Thursday July 11, 2024

8:00 AM

Registration 7:30 AM

Join the judging team for a fun introduction to a Livestock Judging Contest for all 4-H members 8-18. It is free to participate and we encourage anyone who has a interest in Livestock Judging to come and try it out!



General Projects Show Information

How does this Show Work?

June 24-June 28 from 8 AM-12 PM and 1 PM-4:30 PM

4-H members must come to the office and pick up their Entry Cards and tell us what projects they will be bringing. Judging times will be assigned based off which of your entry cards are picked up. Please attach your entry card to the project.

July 1, 2024

Judging times will be released by email and on Facebook at 12 PM for the show on July 3rd at 6 PM.

July 3, 2024

6 PM General Projects Show (including Food and Clothing Show)

When you come for the General Project show you will want to show up 10 minutes before your assigned time with your project, entry tag attached to your project and completed project records in hand. You do not need to arrive before the show to check in.

NEW FOR 2024

At approximately 8:45 PM we will have an awards presentation where the State Fair Delegates, Alternate State Fair Delegates and the Grand Champion and Reserve Champions will be announced. Please plan to attend!

Ribbons will be handed to the 4-H member and not attached to the Projects. We will have the Ribbon Information on the 4-H Project Entry Card for the Public to see. General Projects will be on display in the Floral Hall through July 11. Projects MUST be picked up on July 11 from 3 PM to 7 PM.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON GENERAL PROJECT SHOW DAY

When you arrive, you will go to the Floral Hall. You will tell the Federation Members sitting at the show area entrance your name and they will direct you to where your judge is and where to sit. Your exhibit tag will have a number on it, all the judging tables also have numbers on them, that is where you will be judged.

Once you are finished with judging, you will take your project and place it on the table behind the judge. Once judging is complete, the judges will make state fair selections and Grand Champion selections. Then we will have the awards ceremony.

If you were selected for state fair, you will have a piece of paper telling you what your next step is. You will need to let the office know by Friday, July 12 if you plan to attend State Fair. If you were selected as a Grand Champion, you will need to attend the 4-H awards Ceremony on July 11.

If you have questions please find Ryan, Jessica or a Federation member and ask for help.

Livestock Check In

A Mandatory Livestock Meeting will be held on Sunday July 7, 2024 at 2:30 PM. Every exhibitor showing (Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) and one parent must be present in order to show. In the meeting we will be discussing Fair Week information on changes and the Check In/Weigh In Process.

Pig Penning T-Shirts

Illinois Farm Business Farm Management will be making shirts for Wayne County 4-H Club members who participate in the Pig Penning Contest. For more information or to order your teams shirts please contact Amanda Hutchcraft at 618-516-8977 or amanda.hutchcraft@fbfm.org

