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NEWSLETTER

December 2024 & **January 2025**



THIS IS THE LAST MAILED **NEWSLETTER YOU WILL** RECEIVE UNLESS YOU LET **OUR OFFICE KNOW BY** PHONE, EMAIL, OR

FACEBOOK MESSAGE THAT YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO GET A MAILED



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This change will begin with the February 2025 Newsletter.

Newsletters will still be available on our website and will continue to sent via email.

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CLUB MEETINGS:

December:

7th - Twisters party 12:00 p.m.

16th- Town & Country 6:00 p.m.

17th - Livestock Judging Club 5:30 p.m.

23rd-31st - Extension Offices Closed

REMINDER:

Returning members must re-enroll before January 1, 2025!

January:

1st - Extension Offices Closed

15th - Twisters 6:00 p.m.

15th - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.

17th - Publication order deadline

25th - Beef weigh-in time TBA

27th - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.

TBA - Hi-Flyers

OUR OFFICE HOURS WILL BE CHANGING STARTING IN JANUARY!



Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: By appointment only

Wednesday: Open 8 am - 4:30 pm, closed 12-1 pm

Thursday: Open 8 am - 4:30 pm, closed 12-1 pm

Friday: Open 8 am - 4:30 pm, closed 12-1 pm



BEEF WEIGH-IN

Watch our Facebook page for more information to come! Tentatively scheduled for January 25th at Three Rivers Veterinary Clinic in West Salem. Registration will be announced on Facebook at a later date.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

If you are interested in joining the Livestock Judging Team in 2025, there will be a meeting tentatively scheduled for December 17th at 5:30 PM at the 4-H Extension Office to talk about practice times and go over contest dates. More information to come at a later date.





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ENROLLMENT



- Returning members must be re-enrolled by <u>January 1st</u>
 - Returning members will <u>not</u> create a new account
 - You can change your projects in ZSuite after enrolling up until March 1st
- New members have until March 1st to enroll
- Instructions can be found on our Facebook page and our Website
- If you have questions while going through the enrollment process, please call our office at 618-262-5725.
- Every 4-H member will be required to attend FOUR 4-H meetings in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the Extension office hosts.

PUBLICATIONS

What are publications?

 Publications are guidebooks that allow you to gain skills on your projects. Some projects require the publication to complete your project for fair but for other projects the publications aren't really needed. If you need help making this decision please talk to your club leader or reach out to the Extension office.

Please only order the books you NEED!

 If you have books from the past couple of years that you would like to donate back to the Extension office so we can re-use them please drop them by!

To request an order:



- New this year order forms must be filled out and returned to the office. These can be found on our website or our Facebook page.
- Deadline for the 1st order will be Friday, January 17th.
 - Deadline for the 2nd order will be Friday, February 28.
- Once the publications arrive at our office we will deliver them to your club meetings or they can be picked up at our office.



Scan for form











December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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						12 pm Twisters 4-H Club Party	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	6:00 pm Town &	5:30 pm					
	Country 4-H Club Meeting	Livestock Judging Club Meeting					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
			Merry Christmas				
			Christmas				
	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed		
29	30	31					
		LAST DAY TO					
		RE-ENROLL IN ZSUITES					
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January 2025



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12	13	14	15 6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts Cloverbud Meeting		17 Publication order forms due to the Extension Office by 4:30 PM	18			
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25 Beef weigh-in at Three Rivers Vet Clinic			
26	27 6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting	28	29	30	31				
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YOUTH THE QUALITY CARE RANIMALS

YQCA is a training that is required by the state for all 4-Her's who are exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, or goats. You are required to take this training **each year.** We will schedule a few in-person trainings in early 2025, or you can take the training online. Please print a copy of your certificate for your records. Look for more information to come on dates.

QUALITY ASSURANCE and ETHIC CERTIFICATION (QAEC)

All 4-H'ers who are exhibiting horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, & cats MUST complete online QAEC to show at the fair. This is a **one-time** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and/or any members who have not taken it before must complete the certification by June 1. You can fin td the online training in ZSuite's Clover Academy. Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.



QAEC Instructions

FALL PROGRAMMING RECAP:



3rd Grade STEM programming

- Longest Paper Chain
- Tallest Spaghetti Tower
- Chemical Changes with Slime

Trick-or-Treat Enrollment Nights

Vermicomposting program at Conservation Days



Real Colors Training with club leaders



