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# FYF: For Your Fridge

June 2021 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families,

After wrapping up a successful week of camp yesterday, it was the best feeling to see camper's smiles and activity again around at Harbor Point 4-H Camp. Counselors were eager to plan and make new memories and share in many traditional camp traditions with campers. We are thankful we were able to hold camp this year – and are already looking forward to camp in 2022!

The office schedule is getting packed with judging events, booth set up, and other familiar 4-H events. Thanks for your patience and willingness to try different formats as we navigated restrictions and guidelines these last several months.

Our partial teleworking agreements have been lifted, so all Extension Office staff have returned to the office for our normal office hours of 8:00-4:30 M-F.

This newsletter shares lots of information and link for upcoming events. Please take time to read and sign up before the deadlines.

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## HOT TOPICS!

Have you checked out your Project judging and Skillathon information yet? Refer to your email or visit:

<https://mercer.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/judging-schedules>



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## 2021 CAMP DISCOVER

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR – MERCER COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Looking for another great camp opportunity this summer? Check out Camp Discover!

This series of camps is open for any youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade – join us for one day or come to all the sessions. Non-4-H Members are welcome too!

**Come join in on the fun!**

For registration information and more details:

<https://mercer.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/program-and-events>

- Alayna Ahlers
- Nathan Albers
- Keara Alig
- Abby Ashbaugh
- Makena Boeckman
- Derek Broering
- Christian Browning
- Lindsey Bruggeman
- Dylan Bruns
- Janel Bruns
- Keaton Bruns
- Preston Crist
- Sarah Diller
- Brendon Doner
- Nicole Fennig
- Brooklyn Fiely
- Natalie Fortkamp
- Benjamin Greber
- Shelby Hart
- Lauren Hartings
- Maria Hartings
- Kacey Holdheide

*Congratulations to our Class of 2021  
Senior 4-H Members!*



- Evan Homan
- Benjamin Knapke
- Karlee Knapke
- Samantha Knapke
- Mallory Kremer
- Katie Larkin
- Courtney May
- Grant Meier
- Hannah Meier
- Cheyenne Meyer
- Nathan Meyer
- Claire Puthoff
- Cami Ross
- Cynthia Sheets
- Sarah Siefing
- Sidney Stewart
- Braden Topp
- Lauren Vagedes
- Jenna Walterbusch
- Caitlin Weigel
- Kendra Wendel
- Jesica Westgerdes

### Royalty Applications Available!

Royalty Applications for the following areas are now available on our website - <https://go.osu.edu/mcfair>

- Jr. Fair King & Queen Scholarship Contest
- Special Interest Princess
- Livestock Royalty
- Dog Royalty

**The deadline to apply for all royalty is July 30, 2021.**

### Auction Update - Partial Non-Terminal Auction

Starting in 2021, The Mercer County Jr. Fair Livestock Auction will be a partial non-terminal auction - except for Grand and Reserve Champions of each species. This change was voted on by the Mercer County Senior Fair Board. The auction and loading out process is the same as previous years – unless you want a different option for your own processing choice. Please see those details below.

As in years past - exhibitors will have the option to send their animals to market on the packers trailer or Winners/Greens trailers (if a harvest date is scheduled with them for that day). If you have a later harvest date, a different processor or plan to butcher at home you will be responsible for the transportation of the animal(s) off the fairgrounds.

There will be time frames set up for each load out option during the fair. The logistics of timing and informing the auction committee of your decision will be announced closer to the fair.

## Dress Your Animal Contest



**Wednesday, August 18, 2021 @ 1:00 PM**

Entry form for 4-H members and more information available [mercer.osu.edu](https://mercer.osu.edu)

## Livestock Fair Entry

4-H and FFA livestock entries for the fair will be completed online again this year via Fair Entry. **The online entries must be completed by Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Poultry, Rabbit and Dog exhibitors will complete paper entries – and they will be emailed directly to those respective members and posted on our website. Check your email for Fair Entry directions – or view them at:

<https://mercer.osu.edu/sites/mercer/files/imce/Program/Pages/4H/2021FairEntryDirections.pdf>



## Jr. Fair Premiums

Premiums will be paid out to 4H and FFA students during the week of the fair. A staff member will be in the Junior Fair Office, located in the Kenn-Feld Community Center, Saturday, August 14, through Wednesday, August 18, from 9-11 AM, and then again from 4-6pm. Premiums will be paid out in the form of cash and will **ONLY** be distributed during these time frames. **Premiums will only be distributed to the exhibitors or a legal guardian.**

Every member completing (virtually or in-person) a Livestock Skillathon session, all Special Interest/Food& Clothing and FFA projects will receive \$5 for each item or Skillathon session with a cap of \$25 for Junior Fair and FFA exhibitors. This means- if you complete a dairy skillathon, you will earn \$5. It does not matter the number of entries for dairy classes or if you are selling in the auction. If you complete a Dairy Skillathon, Market Swine, and Woodworking judging then you will earn \$15. You can pick up all \$15 during any of the assigned times.

**2021 Modeling Revue**  
**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM**

**To register -**

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0ev0ZdhSm4IZG86](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ev0ZdhSm4IZG86)

**Deadline to register is July 30, 2021**

## Outstanding Senior Scholarship Recipients

The Mercer County 4-H Committee recently awarded four senior 4-H members \$500 each. These students have shown exemplary service in their communities, leadership in their clubs, and have proven they will use their skills gained through 4-H in their future careers.

2021 award recipients are: Derek Broering, Janel Bruns, Karlee Knapke and Lauren Vagedes:

