



November 1, 2023

Hello 4-H Families:

Now is time to think about achievement awards, older youth opportunities, and remembering to provide thanks to our supporters. Please check out the updates below!

### **New Office Location and Project Books**

We are now fully operational in the new office at Byxbe Campus, 1610 State Route 521, Delaware. The project book room is open as well. We encourage clubs to order books as a group and use a club check (for sales tax purposes). However, we realize that some families like to get books now to work on projects over the winter. With the open floor plan at the office, we ask families to limit their time and keep sound to a minimum.

### **Trophy Thank You Notes**

If you have not yet done so, please send a note of thanks to award sponsors. I cannot say enough about the importance of thank you notes. Addresses of trophy sponsors and sale buyers are listed at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair-results>. Trophy thank you cards should be mailed directly to the donor.

### **Fair Grade Premium Checks**

Club advisors are in the process of picking up the grade premium checks for their club. Exhibitors will receive the check from their advisor. **Any exhibitor who thinks they did not get paid the right amount will have until December 8<sup>th</sup> to report the problem.** Contact Joy at [newhouse.54@osu.edu](mailto:newhouse.54@osu.edu) or 740-833-2030 with details on the premium amount and the associated department, section, and class that you think is incorrect.

Checks are good for 90 days and should be cashed within that time frame. Per the rule in the Fair book and on the entry form, premium checks not cashed within 90 days of issuance will not be reissued and funds are credited to the Junior Fair Scholarship Fund.

### **Recognition and County Awards**



The 4-H Committee host the 4-H Volunteer and Member Recognition banquet on Tuesday, January 23 at 7 PM at the Ag Center on the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Please hold the date!

County award form deadline is Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. I encourage you to start now! Full details and application forms are posted online at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/awards-and-recognition>.

Award categories for members are:

- County Achievement Awards (there are 27 categories based on project or 4-H experiences)
- Secretary and Treasurer Officer Awards
- Susan Bargar Horse Achievement Memorial Award
- Cunningham Leadership Award
- Ashley Jr. Fair Award

Award categories for adult volunteers and supporters are:

- Delaware County 4-H Hall of Fame
- Friend of Delaware County 4-H Award

Award tip: Keep a file or box to collect information and contain your project books and notes each each year of membership. Also, go to the fair results page to download details. You can get the 2023 fair results at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/fair-results>. Enter your name and you can download it as an Excel spreadsheet for your recordkeeping. We can only post one year of results, so we recommend you annually download and print a copy to put into your file or record box.

**Note to Organizational Advisors:** Now is the time to nominate youth for the Cunningham Leadership Award and the Ashley Jr. Fair Award. Nominations are due by 11:59 PM, Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at <http://go.osu.edu/awardnominations>. Details for the awards are at <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/awards-and-recognition>.

### **Upcoming Dates**

November

10 Extension Office Closed - Veteran's Day

23-24 Extension Office Closed – Thanksgiving

December

1 County Achievement Forms, Officer Books & Club Reports Due to Extension Office

1 State Volunteer Award Applications and Teen Award Applications Due to State 4-H Office

11 Livestock Committee Meetings – 7:00 PM, Ag Center Delaware County Fairgrounds

22 Delaware County Byxbe Campus Closed (building locked, although we are working)

25-26 Extension Office Closed - Holiday

January 2024

1 Extension Office Closed – Holiday

23 Delaware County 4-H Volunteer and Member Recognition Banquet

Other Important Dates to Hold

March 9 Ohio 4-H Conference at Columbus Convention Center

July 13-17 Delaware County 4-H Camp

July 24-Aug. 4 Ohio State Fair

Aug. 4-10 Hartford Independent Fair

Sep. 14-21 Delaware County Fair

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