

4-H Clover Chronicle

Belmont County Newsletter / 2023 Fair Edition



Ten Commandments for 4-H Parents

1. THOU SHALT NOT FEED, TRAIN, MAKE OR BAKE EXHIBITS FOR THOU ARE TRYING TO TEACH THE CHILD RESPONSIBILITY.
2. THOU SHALT FORGIVE A CHILD FOR MAKING MISTAKES WHILE SHOWING FOR THOU HATH MADE MISTAKES TOO.
3. THOU SHALT NOT GET MAD WHEN THY CHILD FORGETS ITEMS FOR THY PROJECT, FOR ONE DAY THOU MAY FORGET SOMETHING TOO.
4. THOU SHALT HELP THE FAIR BOARD FOR THEY ARE DOING A JOB THAT THOU WOULD NOT WANT TO DO.
5. THOU SHALT SEE THAT THY CHILD IS ON TIME FOR ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THOU SHALT NOT WANT TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER.
6. THOU SHALT ENSURE THAT THY SPACES ARE CLEAN FOR THOU ARE SHARING THE FAIRGROUNDS WITH MANY OTHERS.
7. THOU SHALT TEACH THY CHILD THAT WINNING A BLUE RIBBON IS A DESIRABLE GOAL, BUT MAKING FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY IS A MORE WORTHY GOAL.
8. THOU SHALT NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE JUDGE FOR IT IS HIS/HER OPINION THAT HAS BEEN SOUGHT.
9. THOU SHALT NOT FORGET THAT ALL EXHIBITS ARE A PART OF A TEACHING PROJECT, NOT MONEYMAKING.
10. THOU SHALT REMEMBER THAT A 4-H PROJECT IS A FAMILY PROJECT THAT SHALL BE ENJOYED & SUPPORTED BY THE ENTIRE FAMILY ALL YEAR LONG.

It's Almost Time for the Belmont County Fair!

The fair is often the most exciting culmination of a member's hard work for a project they have spent their time, work, and money on for most of the year. It is a time of challenge and a time of success. As we all finish our preparations, I hope this silly reminder keeps things in perspective for all of our families this year. Remember to be kind, just because you can, and remember that learning comes from doing, not from winning.

We encourage you to keep these wise words in mind and remember the reason for this and every fair season - to make the best better!

Yours in 4-H,
Megan Watson

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUGUST

30th - 5:00pm-8:00pm, Fairgrounds, Booth Set up
31st - 5:00pm-8:00pm, Fairgrounds, Booth Set Up

SEPTEMBER

1st - All Day, Extension Office moved to Fairgrounds, Office Closed
3rd - 10:00am-5:00pm, Fairgrounds, Booth Set Up
4th - 10:00am-12pm, Fairgrounds, Booth Set Up (must be done by 12p)
4th-10th - Belmont County Fair
4th - 12pm, Fairgrounds Flagpole, Opening Ceremonies
4th - 1:00pm, Fairgrounds Robinson Stage Building, Jr. Fair Awards
Followed by Royalty Coronation
4th - 5:00pm, Fairgrounds, Livestock Weigh-in begins
***See Fair Tab for full schedule

BELMONT COUNTY JR. FAIR ROYALTY COURT

Congratulations to our 2023 Belmont County Jr. Fair Royalty Court! Please join us as we crown our winning candidates after the Junior Fair Awards on Monday, September 4th beginning at 1pm in the Robinson Stage Building on the Belmont County Fairgrounds.

2023 Candidates:

Queen - Kimberly Dallas, Jenna Duvall, Hayley Hull

Duke - Gage Phillips

Duchess - Cheyenne Burley, Alexandria Dornon, Madison Tingler

Prince - Bruce Dornon, Wyatt Mowery, William Smutney

Princess - Maryn Lucas, Eva Smutney, Maggie Schnegg



Back Row (Left to Right): Kimberly Dallas, Hayley Hull, Jenna Duvall Madison Tingler.

Middle Row (Left to Right): William Smutney, Wyatt Mowery, Bruce Dornon, Gage Phillips.

Front Row (Left to Right): Cheyenne Burley, Eva Smutney, Maryn Lucas, Maggie Schnegg, Alexandria Dornon.

BELMONT COUNTY REVERSE RAFFLE

Reminder to Advisors!

Belmont County 4-H Reverse Raffle Committee is holding the Reverse Raffle fundraiser event on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the James E. Carnes Center to benefit Belmont County 4-H programming. Your clubs can help make this fundraiser even more successful for the youth by providing a theme basket, one per club, to be offered at the Silent Auction that evening. The ideas are many and the choices are yours! Be creative! Each basket should be valued at least \$50.00. Identify the items in your basket and your club's name on a small card to be placed with the basket on the Silent Auction table. Each participating club will receive an equal amount of the total proceeds from the Silent Auction. Baskets can be brought to the Carnes Center on Mon. 10/23 or Tues. 10/24 after 5p each day. Please contact Tracey Dickerson at 740-391-1153 with any questions.



JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Reminder - Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) ONLINE

It is time to get your DUNFs done! Continuing from last year, the State is requiring all Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNFs) be completed and submitted online. Paper forms will no longer be accepted. On Friday, August 25th, all Jr. Fair 4-H livestock exhibitors were emailed a DUNF survey to their family email address through the 4-H Online system. All club and FFA chapter advisors will also be emailed the link with instructions to share with their members, and it was posted on the Belmont County 4-H Facebook page. We ask that you complete it as soon as possible to give us time to review each one prior to weigh-ins. Exhibitors and their parent/guardian will be required to sign off on the form when submitting. A DUNF must be completed for every Jr. Fair market animal and lactating dairy cow and lactating dairy goat (regardless of current status of lactation), and egg production chicken prior to weigh-in and showing at the county fair. Animals will not be weighed without a completed DUNF submission. [DUNF SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST.](#)

GROOMING RULES: From page 58 of the Fair Tab under General Livestock Rules: All clipping, grooming, and shearing must be done prior to animal's arrival at the fairgrounds. No artificial color, adhesive, enhancers, etc. may be used in preparing market animals for the fair. Market animals should be washed and brushed only. NO sleeves, blankets, ice packs, ice, wet towels and drenching is permitted. If anyone is found guilty of this offense, he/she will be penalized by being ineligible to show (including showmanship) and sell that species of animal the present year and will be ineligible to bring any animal to the fair the following year. 4-H/FFA members preparing for Breeding Classes will not be restricted from grooming or clipping their animals. It is required that the member be present and actively participating in preparing project animal(s) they are going to show. For clarification, see specific rules that pertain to your species. (from page 56 of Belmont County Fair Tab under General Livestock Rules)

WEIGH-INS: All Jr. Fair market animals, excluding poultry and rabbits, must be in place by 4:00pm on Monday, September 4th. Weigh-in begins at 5:00pm, hogs will be in the hog barn and all other large animal species will be in the scale building behind the Junior Fair Board Office.

Sheep and goats will go first, then steers and feeder calves. All other Jr. Fair animals must be in place by 7:00p.m., Tuesday, September 5th. Rabbit weigh-in begins at 7:30p.m, immediately followed by poultry weigh-in.

LIVESTOCK SALE RULES: Market exhibitors with an animal going through the livestock sale must let the Sale Committee know of their animals being sold by the conclusion of the beef show or 8:00pm Wednesday night. Animals will not go through the sale if it is not reported to the committee. Continuing from last year, there is a system for reporting "Will Sell" animals. Exhibitors must pick up their "Will Sell" card from the Jr. Fair office to complete, sign, and return it to the Junior Fair office by Wednesday night after the beef show. We will no longer accept a name written on a list at the office window. If you do not turn your "Will Sell" card back into the office, your animal will not be on the sale bill and will not be sold.



BELMONT COUNTY FAIR NEWS & NOTES

Fair Booths

Club booth exhibits must be in place by 12pm on Monday, September 4th. The Jr. Fair Building will be open for booth set up and decorating for the following dates and times:

Wednesday 8/30 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 8/31 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday 9/3 from 10:00am-5:00pm

Monday 9/4 from 10:00am-12:00pm

Cloverbud News

All Cloverbud fair exhibits will be displayed in a county-wide Cloverbud Booth in the Jr. Fair Booth Building. All Cloverbuds are to bring one craft item they made with their club to display in the county booth. Exhibits may be brought during booth decorating hours.

The Cloverbud advancement ceremony will take place during the Jr. Fair Awards Ceremony at the fair on September 4th, beginning at 1:00pm in the Robinson Stage Building. Invitations were mailed out to all Cloverbud members who will be aging up into traditional 4-H membership status at the completion of this program year.

Award and Trophy Winners

All trophy/award winners are required to write a thank you note to the sponsor of their award. Thank You notes are located in the Jr. Fair Board Office which is located behind the Livestock Show Arena on the Fairgrounds. These are available for all still projects and livestock project awards. Any trophies or t-shirts that are won by members can be picked up at the Jr. Fair Board Office after the awards ceremony and during fair week upon completion of the Thank You note. Livestock awards are awarded at the show, but are returned to the Jr. Fair display in the Livestock Show Arena. These awards will be released on Saturday at 8:30am, provided the thank you note has been completed. Congratulations to our winners!

4-H Teen Ambassador Applications

Wanting to get more involved in leadership opportunities with Ohio 4-H? Consider joining Teen Ambassadors! Any youth between the ages of 14-18 (as of January 1, 2024) is invited to become part of the Belmont County 4-H Teen Ambassadors group. These teens help promote the 4-H program through various activities and community service projects. We will have applications available at the Junior Fair Office during fair week and at the OSU Extension Office following fair. Application deadline is October 1st, 2023. For more information, about this exciting teen opportunity, please call the OSU Extension Office.

Junior Fair Board Applications

Teens 13 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2024 who are interested in serving on the 2024 Jr. Fair Board should complete a Jr. Fair Board application and return it to the OSU Extension Office by 4:30pm on October 1st, 2023. Applications will be available at the Junior Fair Board Office during the week of fair and will be available at the OSU Extension Office following fair. Jr. Fair Board terms will run from November 2023 through October 2024.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE FAIR

Penny Wars

Join us in raising money to support a family in our community with Penny Wars! Each barn will have a jar to drop money into at the Jr. Fair Board Office. Barns can sabotage each other and try to deduct points by dropping any silver coins or dollar bills into other glass jars. Earn points by having the most pennies and the least deductions! The penny war will run from Monday September 4th - Saturday September 9th.

Mullet Contest

Have a totally rad mullet? Think you have what it takes to win it all? Join the Belmont County Jr. Fair Board for their annual Mullet Contest on September 9th at 3:30pm in the Livestock Show Arena. There will be three age divisions: 6 years of age and under, 7 to 15 years old, and 16 years of age and older. There is a \$5 entry fee. See the Junior Fair Board Office for more information.

Champion In Me Livestock Show

NEW IN 2023 - The Champion In Me Livestock Show believes that all people should have the chance to show livestock, regardless of their abilities. This show pairs individuals with disabilities (mentees) with a junior fair exhibitor (mentors) and helps them show an animal at the fair. This year, mentees will be able to show a rabbit, goat, or lamb on Saturday September 9th at 4pm in the Livestock Show Arena. We encourage all guests to come and support these individuals as they try something new with the support of their community. For more information, to sign up a participant, or to see how you can help, please see the supplemental flyers included with this newsletter.

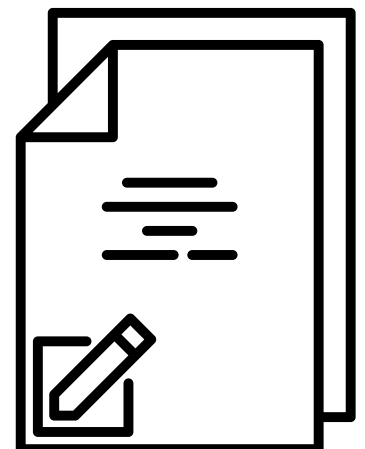


Know Someone in the Community Who Wants to Receive Our Newsletter?

We would love to send it to them! Please have them fill out the survey at the link below!

LINK: go.osu.edu/belmont4hnewsletter

***Note: If you are enrolled in 4HOnline with Belmont County, you will already receive this newsletter via email and DO NOT need to fill out the link to be added to our mailing list!





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Good Luck

To all of our
members
competing in the
2023 Belmont
County Fair!

The Clover Chronicle is published quarterly, with a special fair edition in August. Due to rising costs of postal rates, the newsletter is offered electronically via email, unless other arrangements have been made through the 4-H office. In between newsletters, additional information will be shared through the 4HOnline email system. These emails will have "Belmont County" in the subject line. Information is also shared on the Belmont County 4-H Facebook page and through the Belmont County 4-H website.