Monday 4-H Minute

December 10, 2018

EXTENSION OFFICE — Thanks to the hard work of our county maintenance staff, we are back in our building.

COOKIES FOR WHISPERING CHRISTMAS—Each year the 4-H Committee volunteers at Whispering Christmas. This is a great way for 4-H to involved in a special community event. Each year we are asked to bring cookies to share with visitors who stop in the log cabin. We need to help to fulfill our cookie quota. If you would be willing to donate a couple dozen cookies (can be homemade or store bought), please let Christy or Nancy know. We are volunteering this year on December 18. We would like to have the cookies dropped off at the office by December 17.

SEND A CAMPER TO CAMP—This year we are making available gift certificates that can be purchased for 4-H Camp. Consider purchasing one as a holiday gift this year. You can purchase one for any amount just contact our office. Also, if you are considering end of the year donations, consider contributing to a camper or counselor scholarship.

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD RUMAGE SALE—The JFB is responsible for raising funds for awards and other Junior Fair related expenses. We will continue to solicit donations for awards but it is usually necessary to raise a few additional funds to help with expenses such as attending the Junior Fair Convention and office needs.

We are going to try a rummage sale in the spring. We are asking that over the winter you look around and see what you might have to donate for a sale. We will have more details after the first of the year but we wanted to get everyone thinking about what you might have to donate.

Also, if Santa brings you new tools for Christmas and you are wondering what to do with the old ones, we would like to gather some basic tools to restock our JFB tool box. If you have hammers, screw drivers, pliers or even extra nails and screws, we can put those to good use.

NEW FAIR SCHEDULE—After a group of about 35 people, during 3 different public meetings, considered the fair schedule, a revised schedule was proposed to and accepted by the Senior Fair Board. You can find this new schedule with the changes highlighted on the Junior Fair page of our website and the Preble County Fair website. During those meetings, the State Fair schedule was considered and much input was given about show times and other issues related to the schedule.

Just to clarify the major schedule changes in the swine department...Our State Veterinarian with the ODA, has been strongly encouraging fairs to only have pigs on the grounds for 72 hours. Our SFB, is being proactive along with many other fairs across the state, and adopting this time period change now. Hogs may arrive at the Fairgrounds beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday night through 5 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Weigh in will be on Tuesday morning. Hogs will be leaving the fairgrounds after the showman of showmen contest on Thursday night. Hog exhibitors will still take part in the sale—just without their animals. Specific details will be shared at a later time.

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4-H ENROLLMENT—Our 4honline enrollment system is ready for members to enroll for the new 4-H year. Enrollments are still not due until the spring but you can log into your account and begin the process at any time now. It is also a great time to update any information in your profile that may have changed. Advisors—we would love for you to go ahead and enroll yourselves for the new year as soon as possible.

PROJECT BOOKS—This is a great time of the year to start thinking about projects for 2019!. We have some books in stock and would be happy to order any that you might need that we do not have. The holiday break can be a great time to get a head start on projects!