

Weekly 4-H Word

July 12, 2021

PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER. There is important information throughout.

BE SURE NOT TO MISS IN THIS MONDAY MINUTE

- *Information about Judging Days and Skill-a-Thon*
- *Information about Sheep Stall Assignments*

Look for a special Fair edition newsletter soon with specific information you will need to know.

EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Beginning June 1, we will be returning to our normal summer hours. We will be open from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The office will be open Wednesday from noon—4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

You can contact us using email, the numbers below or the office number at 937-456-8174. We will be answering the phone as we are able but may be taking messages and returning calls at the beginning or end of the day. E-mail is our primary choice right now for questions. When it is busy like this time of year, it is easier for us to work through answering questions that way.

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(Christy's phone is not allowing her to answer the number above but you can still leave a voice mail or a text)

Our office will be moving locations in the near future and we are in the midst of packing up things and working out details of the move. On Wednesday, July 14, we are going to be in and out of the office picking up furniture we are acquiring from other offices in town and will be working on packing in the office. We will not be answering the phone on Wednesday so please reach out to us other days this week or email up so we can touch base with you after Wednesday,

PROJECT JUDGING INFORMATION

We apologize for the delay getting this information out.

FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT JUDGING

Helpful information about food and nutrition judging can be found on the project completion page on preble.osu.edu.

PRE-FAIR

Pre-Fair project judging will be on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at the First Church of God. Specific time schedules will be posted by July 6.

Pre-Fair project judging is optional and is only required for those who are interested in competing to represent Preble County at the Ohio State Fair. Members only need to bring their completed project books and portfolios to pre-fair judging. No grades are given at pre-fair food judging. Please email us if you will not be attending pre-fair judging.

FOOD SHOW

The Food Show is held at the Preble County Fair in the Toney Building on Monday, August 2 and is required for project completion. Members need to bring a food from their project book (or something using similar skills), a table setting, a menu for the day that includes the food brought, completed project book and portfolio.

CLOTHING JUDGING

PRE-FAIR JUDGING

Pre-Fair Clothing Judging will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at the Eaton First Church of God. Participants will meet with judges who will evaluate the member's project book and completed garment. Grades will be given at Pre-Fair judging and representative for the Ohio State Fair selected. A specific schedule will be posted by July 6.

FAIR STYLE REVUE

The Fair Style Revue will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 2 p.m. in the Toney Building. The line up will be created after pre-fair judging.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECT EVALUATION

Project evaluations for special interest projects will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at the Eaton First Church of God.

A specific schedule will be posted by July 6.

SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS

JULY 19, 2021 1:00 pm—8:00 pm Eaton First Church of God

Use the link below to schedule a time for your skill a thon. If you are competing in the skill a thon **DO NOT** schedule an additional time for your livestock book evaluation. Members are asked to bring livestock project books to be evaluated at the same time that he or she completes a skill a thon. A reminder that members **MUST** complete a livestock book evaluation to be eligible to compete as a 4-H member at the Preble County Fair.

[2021 Preble County Livestock Skillathon Appointment Times](#)

Skill a thons will again be conducted using computers. Accommodations will be made according to Winning 4-H Plans, as necessary.

Members who are competing at the Ohio State Fair on July 21 should contact the Extension Office to schedule a time for your skill a thon to be proctored via ZOOM. You will need to be able to have access to internet and provide your own device to complete the skill a thon on.

LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS ONLY

JULY 19, 2021 1:00 pm—8:00 pm Eaton First Church of God

Use the link below to schedule a time to have your livestock book evaluated. A reminder that members **MUST** complete a livestock book evaluation to be eligible to compete as a 4-H member at the Preble County Fair.

[2021 Preble County 4-H Livestock Project Evaluation Appointment Times](#)

Project Books should have been purchased through the Extension Office or through Extension Pubs in Columbus.

For those members in the 2nd year of a project or beyond our livestock supplement can be found on the project completion page at preble.osu.edu. This can be used instead of purchasing a new project book.

***We will also be evaluating project books on July 22 from 2—7 p.m. We will be sending out a link soon to register.

MAKE_UP PROJECT BOOK EVALUATIONS

We will be doing an additional project book make up day on July 26. Please email Nancy at Tilton.47@osu.edu to schedule a time.

FAIR RELATED NEWS

SHEEP STALL ASSIGNMENT SELECTION — Sheep pen assignments are being done differently this year... 4-H Club advisors and FFA Advisors are asked to come to the fairgrounds on July 24 from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. to select sheep pens. Advisors should come with the number of pens needed. Sheep will be penned 2 lambs per pen with no tack pens. If an advisor from the club cannot come on July 24, individual exhibitors may come instead.

MULCH FOR BEEF AND DAIRY— new — Thank you to Brubaker Grain who is donating the mulch for the Beef Barn. Please contact Brad Johnson as soon as possible and let him know how many animals you are bringing so that he can get the correct amount of mulch. You can contact him at 937-533-6382.

POULTRY DOUBLE COOP REQUESTS—After looking at fair entries, it is not possible for the poultry department to fulfill all the requests for double coops. Those exhibitors with Bantam Phoenix Cock Birds, Large Fowl Ancona Cock Birds and Large Fowl Sumatra Cock Birds will given double coops. This is because those are the only breeds that required a double coop due to the length of the particular breed's tail.

BOOTH AND PARADE ENTRIES — These activities are set up in a department called Special Events. If you do not already have an account in Fair Entry or are in 4honline, then you will need to create one.

EXHIBITOR MEAL AT THE FAIR — Butler and Darke Rural Electric Cooperatives will again be providing a meal for exhibitors and families on move in day at the Fair—Friday, July 30. Look for them at Rotary Junction. Thank you to them for caring for our exhibitors during this busy time.

OHIO STATE FAIR— A reminder about the OSF...To protect Ohioans and the long-term financial viability of the [#ohiostatefair](#), this year's event will be limited to livestock and educational competitions for exhibitors, their families, and guests. Concerts, entertainment, and your favorite traditions will resume in 2022. Those competing in our Ohio 4-H project evaluations will have protocols to follow.

FAIRBOOK UPDATES—Fair books are available at the Fairgrounds. Here are a couple updates.

- Page 139 Swine Department - Rule #6 - Tag 4 hogs and you can show 4 hogs
- All Swine need to be on the fairgrounds by Saturday, July 31st at 5 am
- Swine Born & Bred Show is Tuesday, August 3rd at 5 pm
- Goat divisions for Junior Fair goat show
 - Division 1: 45 – 59 lbs.
 - Division 2: 60 – 69 lbs.
 - Division 3: 70 – 79 lbs.
 - Division 4: 80 – 89 lbs.
 - Division 5: 90 and up

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PORK FESTIVAL ICE CREAM STAND—SEPTEMBER 18—19, 2021—The Pork Festival committee is planning a festival for 2021 and will be celebrating 50 years of the festival. Preble County 4-H has been thankful for the ability to hold our annual Ice Cream Stand as a fundraiser. Funds raised from the stand are used to support 4-H members through sponsorship of awards, camp scholarships, trip sponsorships and much more.

Many counties in Ohio charge per member county fees and/or hold county level fundraisers. Preble County is lucky to be able to raise enough dollars at our 2 day Ice Cream Stand that we do not have to hold additional fundraisers or charge county fees.

In order to be successful, we rely on 4-H members and their families to work 2 hour shifts scooping ice cream at the Festival. This is a great way to support this fundraising effort and also to do community service. ALL 4-H MEMBERS are encouraged to help. We will be looking for additional help on Saturday evening due to special events that will be held as part of the 50th year celebration.

In order to reward those who help, the Preble County 4-H Committee is offering incentives.

For individuals who help, there will be a drawing for \$50 gift cards—one for those who help on Saturday and one for those who help on Sunday.

There will be a \$100 gift card for 1 4-H Club. To be eligible a club must have 5 people work (members, parents, friends etc.) on either Saturday or Sunday. Clubs are only eligible for 1 entry. The drawing will be on Sunday.

A sign up schedule will be available later this summer.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DURING THE PORK FESTIVAL— Preble County Solid Waste is looking for a few 4H clubs that might be interested in a community/ volunteer service project during the Pork Festival. They need a few 4H groups that would be willing to make a round or two during Pork Festival, emptying and relining the recycling bins and putting the full bags in the main trailer that would be located on the fair grounds. If your club is interested, please let us know and we will pass your contact information on.

4-H AND FFA PROJECTS — Just a reminder that per state 4-H guidelines, 4-H projects must be separate from school projects. For example, a member can take a market project of one species in FFA and a breeding project of the same species in 4-H. A member cannot take one market animal of one species in 4-H and one market animal of the same species in FFA—for example, one market goat in 4-H and one market goat in FFA. Under the same guidelines, a welding or woodworking project made at school, cannot be the project for the 4-H welding or woodworking project. The member would need to make something new for the 4-H project. You can review this on page 4 of the 4-H family guide. There is a chart with examples that helps explain the rule.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT SUPPLEMENT — The 2021 livestock project supplement is posted on our website on the project completion tab. This supplement can be used by members in the 2nd year of the project or beyond. When coming to have your project book evaluated, please bring your project book and the supplement.

HORSE PROJECT SUPPLEMENT— Horse project members should be sure that they are completing the correct requirements for project books. A summary of requirements for projects is posted on our website. A horse project supplement for Beginning Horse Management, Horse Training and Horse Nutrition is available. This supplement asks just a few additional questions to make project book evaluation go more smoothly. All projects except Beginning Horse Management should use #190R Equine Record Book. The Beginning Horse Management Book has record keeping pages in the book—if taking multiple years, these pages can be copied or #190R used. These documents are posted in the horse program page of our website www.preble.osu.edu.

FOR CLUB ADVISORS —

ADVISOR and MEMBER EMAILS

As we have transitioned to the new version of 4honline, there have been some issues with emails. If there are advisors or members in your club who are not receiving communications from our office, please let Nancy know so that we can make sure that everything is correct in 4honline. Please continue to also update your profiles.

FAIR WRISTBANDS

Fair wristbands are available at the Fairgrounds. Please take a list of your members when picking up the wristbands. Remember that wristbands should only be provided to members who complete project requirements and meet club requirements to show at the Fair.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EVERYONE

July 19 Skill a thon and Livestock Book Evaluations

July 20 Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Special Interest Project Evaluations

July 31—August 7 Preble County Fair