

Weekly 4-H Word

July 2, 2020

We hope everyone has a great weekend celebrating the 4th of July.

Tomorrow is a holiday for us so we will be enjoying time with our families. We will be back at preparing for the Preble County Fair and project evaluation on Monday!

Extension Office

To better serve out clientele, volunteers and families OSU Extension, Preble County staff will be available *by appointment only on Mondays and Tuesdays*. Appointments can be made by calling or emailing Nancy or Christy. There are still many things that we can accomplish via email and phone, so please continue to communicate with us that way as well. If you need publications, we have a limited supply. Please call ahead for an appointment since our doors will be locked. We will be splitting our time between the fairgrounds and our office. Face coverings are required for OSU staff and clientele. We will provide disposable masks for those who do not have one.

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PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES

Thank you to everyone for completing your fair entries! If you know of any changes to your entries, we would like to have those ASAP.

Parade entries — Recently we have found out that as of now we cannot have a fair parade. We are going to continue to plan and will make a final decision closer to the fair.

Booth entries — The updated booth entry form is now posted on our website. The entries are due by July 3. There will be changes to the way we set up booths to provide for social distancing. This will most likely include staggered times for set up. Look for details once entries are received

GROOM AND CLEAN

Groom and clean entry forms are posted on our website. They are due on July 10. They are on the Fair page of our website.

RABBIT CHECK-INS/POULTRY CHECK IN AND BLOOD TESTING

There will NOT be a check in for rabbits or poultry this year. Poultry will not need to be blood tested this year. This requirement was waived by ODA due to a lack of antigens available for testing.

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT COMPLETION

A reminder in this unusual year as members are working on completing non-livestock projects... Each year, a 4-H member is expected to complete a new project/ new activities. There are some projects that are designed as multi year projects with new activities for each year.

For example, a member who is completing a clothing project cannot use the outfit that was constructed in 2020 again in 2021. A member who completes Family History Treasure Hunt in 2020 would need to complete all new activities in 2021.

With no Ohio State Fair competition this year, 4-H Members who have that as a goal need to remember that what you complete in 2020 cannot be used again in 2021.

With that being said, to help us as we are planning for project judging this year, **PLEASE LET US KNOW** if you do not intend to complete a project that you enrolled in this year. If you have not completed your Fair entry, do not put a project on the entry that you do not intend to complete—we use these entries for planning. Knowing a number to expect at judging helps us plan for the judges that we need and for any social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19 that we have to follow. You can email Nancy at Tilton.47@osu.edu or Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu. As you make this decision, remember that for you to be considered a 4-H member in good standing and to receive credit for this 4-H year, you must complete one 4-H project.

JUDGING SCHEDULES AND FAIR RELATED DETAILS—*new information July 2*

Information about Judging as well as schedules for all projects is being posted today on our website. Please be sure to read the document carefully for changes being made this year due to COVID-19.

We hope that with the guidelines in place, exhibitors will be comfortable with face to face project evaluations. If however, you are not, please contact us to discuss an alternative.



FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT JUDGING

With the cancellation of the Ohio State Fair, there is not the need for us to do pre-fair judging where the primary purpose has been to select State Fair delegates. In 2020, there will be NO pre-fair food and nutrition judging. The Food Show at the Preble County Fair will serve as the project evaluation for members with foods projects. As of now, the judging will be held in the same manner as the past, however, there may be some modifications to logistics to meet social distancing guidelines.

CLOTHING JUDGING

Prefair clothing judging has also been for the main purpose of selecting Ohio State Fair participants. This year, we will NOT be having pre-fair judging for clothing projects. Interviews with judges to evaluate construction will be held in the morning on Saturday, August 8 followed by the Style Revue at 2 p.m.. This will allow members more time to complete projects as clubs begin to meet face to face after July 6.

SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECT JUDGINGS

Special Interest project judging will be held on July 20 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Toney Building on the fairgrounds. This will give clubs an extra week with members before these evaluations. We are starting later in the afternoon to give us time to have everything set up the way we need to. A schedule with specific interview times and guidelines will be sent on Monday.

SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS

Skill a thon and livestock book evaluations will be held the week of July 20. This is a change from the original calendar. This will give clubs an extra week with members before these evaluations. On Monday, we will be sharing information about how to sign up for book evaluation times.

July 20—members with Special Interest projects who ARE NOT doing skillathon will have their livestock books evaluated

July 21—Skill-a-thons and livestock book evaluations for those doing skill a thon

July 22—24: Livestock book evaluations

A skill a thon study guide is posted on our website.

Livestock project books should have been purchased through Extension Pubs in Columbus. Information about this process can be found below or at ohio4h.org. If you need project books and have not purchased those yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have not been able to order books while teleworking and were just getting ready to place our spring order when everything shut down so our supply of books in stock at the office is low.

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.

COOK-OFF AND MYSTERY MIXER

Schedules for the Cook-Off and Mystery Mixer as well as recipes or ingredient/equipment lists will be sent early next week. Please watch your emails for that information.

4-H BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

WONDERING HOW YOU CAN GET A 4-H PROJECT BOOK?

While county offices are closed and local distribution of project books is on hold, choose one of these methods:

Download one for free.

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If none of these options work for you and your family because of affordability or internet access, contact Jane Wright, 4-H curriculum manager, who may be able to help (wright.646@osu.edu).