

# Weekly 4-H Word

December 4, 2020

We hope all of you were able to enjoy Thanksgiving. We are thankful that you are part of our 4-H family!

We received updated guidance from OSU Extension early this morning related to 4-H Programming from December 7 to January 15. I wanted to communicate with all of you this morning to update you. You will also be receiving an email from Ohio 4-H later today.

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## EXTENSION OFFICE

While our county is RED, our office will be open by appointment only. We will still be staffing the office on a limited basis. Right now we are rotating days in the office between Nancy, Jackson (our SNAP-Ed Program Assistant) and Christy. Beginning Monday, our office staff is not allowed to attend anything in person as OSU employees through January 15.

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## 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS — **NEW INFORMATION as of December 4**

Beginning on Monday, December 7, 2020, all 4-H meetings and events need to be canceled, postponed, or held virtually until January 15. This means any holiday parties that are planned cannot be held in person and should be cancelled or held virtually.

## MARKET BEEF WEIGH IN

Market Beef Weigh-In is **THIS** Saturday, December 5 from 8 – 10 a.m. This event is still being held. Please be sure to follow current Ohio Covid-19 guidelines including wearing a mask. Please wait until it is your turn to weigh in to exit your vehicle at the scales. When purchasing tags, please only send one person to purchase the tags and social distance. If you are uncomfortable weighing in your own animal, committee members will do it for you. Please let us know when you arrive at the scales.

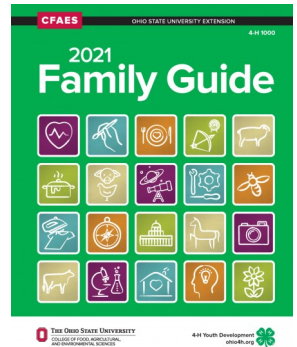
Please remember to print and complete the Market Tagging form found on our website. Bring this form to the weigh in. Be sure to bring cash to purchase your tags.

Also, all 4-H members with a market beef project are asked to complete their enrollment in 4honline prior to weigh in. Please be sure you are logged in to version 2 (look for v2 in the address bar). If you need help, please contact Nancy today.



### **PROJECT BOOKS — NEW INFORMATION as of December 4**

Holiday break is a time when some people like to get a head start on 4-H projects. The 2021 Family Guide is posted on the Ohio 4-H website - <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. All of you will be receiving a Family Guide in the mail after the first of the year. At this time the best way to get project books is by ordering directly from Extension Publications as you did last summer. You will find information for doing that at <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources>. There are also a few Stay at Home Projects (including Cloverbud Activities) that can be downloaded for free.



### **COUNTY AWARDS — NEW INFORMATION as of December 4**

The 4-H Committee was disappointed to cancel our annual recognition banquet this fall and had originally hoped to hold an event after the first of the year. After discussing the current COVID conditions in the county at the November meeting, the committee decided against a county event but will be distributing awards in what think is a fun, exciting way when clubs begin meeting again in the spring (because we hope that we will be able to meet in person again by then). This was forward thinking considering the guidance we received today about 4-H programming. Award winners – hang tight – we will be in touch closer to that time.

We have not printed member certificates for all members yet. We are hoping that with our budget appropriation for 2021, we will be able to upgrade our copy machine and print better color copies for you. Our plan is to distribute those at advisor training (if we are in person). If you need your club certificates sooner, please let Nancy know. Remember though that you should not be distributing those at an in person event.

### **4-H ENROLLMENT— NEW INFORMATION as of December 4**

4-H enrollment will continue to be done in 4honline but this year it will look a little different—Ohio 4-H is now using 4honline version 2. This new version a more user friendly and should work on phones and tablets. You can begin enrolling anytime.

Use you same email and password to log in. Make sure that it says v2 in the address bar and it will look different once you are logged in. There are instructions in 4honline to follow and we have also posted a document on our website with instructions for both new and returning members.