

Weekly 4-H Word

March 24, 2021

PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE NEWSLETTER. There is important information throughout. Look for new information about dates for things like QA towards the end of the newsletter.

EXTENSION OFFICE AND 4-H ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Now that Preble County is an orange county, our office will be open with limited walk-in hours. Walk-in hours will be Monday—Thursday from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. We will be available other hours by appointment.

To contact us use the information below:

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Find Current 4-H Meeting Guidelines at: <https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected>

4-H ENROLLMENT

Our 4-H Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2021. Be sure that all returning and new members are registered by that deadline.

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 is a more user friendly and should work on phones and tablets.

You can begin enrolling anytime. Use your 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. There are still some bugs being worked out by the developers of 4honline so bear with us as we continue to learn and adapt to this updated database.

Advisors: We recently switched to Version 2 of 4-H Online and unfortunately there were some issues with the conversion. Typically we would ask you to approve your club enrollments but V2 of the database doesn't give you that opportunity just yet. As soon as your enrollment is complete Nancy can give you access to your club roster/enrollment list. Our office will be taking care of the member approvals until the organizational advisors are released to do it. Thank you for being patient as these corrections are made!

Please be sure to get Membership Across County Lines forms turned in ASAP.



PROJECT BOOKS

The 2021 Family Guide is posted on the Ohio 4-H website. Printed copies are available on the bookcase outside our office. We are able now to order books to have available at our office. We will be placing an office order for more popular titles and can also place club or family orders. You can also order 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 4-H MEETINGS

Join us for monthly county meetings for updates, learning and club time. Meetings are scheduled from 4 until around 6 on the following dates:

April 11: Friends of 4-H

May 16: Ryan Vonderhaar

4-H Families: Please use this link to register for the county meeting <https://go.osu.edu/preblecountymeetingapril2021>. You only need to register one 4-H member per family.

Club Advisors: Please use this link to let us know how your club will participate: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42TyXVeJnOYrem

TAKE PART IN THE BUCKEYE BRIDGE RIDE—CLUB INCENTIVE FOR PARTICIPATION!

The Friends of Preble County 4H group is encouraging you to enjoy their annual Buckeye Bridge Ride! The activity will take place this year on Saturday, June 26th. You can find more information at <http://www.buckeyebriideride.org> and click on registration. To encourage more 4Hers to participate in this activity, the FOPC4H group will be awarding **\$500 to the 4H club** with the most riders who sign up and ride in this year's event! You can have your club 4Hers, parents, alumni, and others count toward your number of participants by completing the registration in advance OR on the "day of" the event and marking the "I would like to ride for _____ 4H."

QUALITY ASSURANCE — *new as of March 23*

Each Junior Fair youth taking a market or lactating animal to the Preble County Fair must participate in the Quality Assurance Program (QA) by attending a QA class each year OR by choosing the "test out" option. A reminder that a parent or guardian MUST attend QA with any exhibitor in grades 3-8.

A flyer will be posted by Friday with information about 2021 Quality Assurance. This will include information about how to register. With COVID guidelines still in place, we will be offering the majority of sessions via ZOOM.

In person sessions can have no more than 50 people and require masks to be worn, social distancing and sanitizing of chairs etc. Anyone who comes to an in person session needs to be prepared to follow the guidelines.

Registration will be required for both ZOOM and in-person sessions. Only those who have pre-registered will be allowed to attend a particular session. Register at: <https://go.osu.edu/prebleco2021qa>

ZOOM -		In-Person—Toney Building	
April 18	2:30—4 p.m.	May 5	7—8:30 p.m.
April 21	6:30—8 p.m.	May 13	7—8:30 p.m.
April 29	6:30—8 p.m.		
May 6	6:30—8 p.m.		
May 16	2:00— 3:30 p.m.		
May 17	6:30—8 p.m.		

LAMB AND GOAT WEIGH IN — new as of March 23

The mandatory tagging and weigh in for market lambs and goats is on Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 1– 5 p.m. at the fair-grounds. All market lambs must have scrapie tags at the weigh in. Lambs and goats must have bands for castration. DNA samples and paperwork will be collected at that time. Tags will be purchased the day of weigh in for \$4 each (1 per animal tagged). Be prepared to pay that day. The tagging form can be found at: <https://preble.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/preble-county-fair>.

MARKET HOG TAGGING — new as of March 23

Hogs must be tagged by Sunday, May 2, 2021

- Exhibitors are encouraged to tag their own animals. Many clubs have taggers. Taggers can also be borrowed from the SFB office. If you need to borrow a tagger, please do not wait until the last minute. There are a limited number of taggers and if you wait until the last minutes, there may not be one available for you to use. Tags and taggers will be available at the SFB office after the April 1 enrollment deadline (exact dates will be communicated later) Tags will be purchased for \$4 each (1 per animal tagged) when picked up. Paperwork and DNA samples must be returned on May 2 from 1-5 p.m. at the SFB office. The tagging form is located on the Extension website at <https://preble.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/preble-county-fair>
- If you need help tagging your hogs please contact Senior Fair Board members:
Andy Campbell 937-533-5611
Bill Croucher 937-248-9011

RABBIT CHECK INS — new as of March 23

All breeding and market rabbits are required to come to check in days. Mark your calendars...

Breeding Rabbit Check-In	Saturday, June 19 from 8-10 a.m. in the rabbit barn
Market Rabbit Check-In	Friday, July 9 from 7-9 p.m. at the rabbit barn

POULTRY CHECK IN AND POLLURUM TESTING — new as of March 23

All fancy birds are required to come to a check in. The bird's information will be verified and committee members will be available to answer questions.

Pollorum testing: Any show bird coming to the fair needs to be tested with the exception of birds under one year that have hatchery papers. The fee for testing is \$1 per bird. Turkeys must be tested by a veterinarian.

Saturday, June 26	8 —10 a.m.	Dairy Show Arena (next to FFA building)
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HORSE SAFETY— new as of March 23

Horse safety is required for all 1st year members taking a horse project and all horse members new to Preble County. Horse Safety will be held by ZOOM. To register please contact Nancy at the Extension Office.

Sunday, April 18	1-2 p.m.
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JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY— new as of March 23

Applications for Junior Fair royalty are now posted on the Extension website. Applications are due by May 1.

FOR CLUB ADVISORS —

MAKE-UP ADVISOR TRAINING

For those who have not attended the mandatory advisor training there is one last chance.

Sunday, April 11 2-3 p.m. via ZOOM

Please contact Nancy to register. The ZOOM link will be sent out a couple days before.

YEARLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY— due by January 31

If you have not turned in your yearly financial summary please do so ASAP. You can find the form at: <https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders/finances/clubaffiliate-yearly-financial-summary>. You can email the form to Nancy or I or slide it under the door at our office (the building itself is usually open during the day).

GRAB AND GO MEETING TOOL KIT

Start your 4-H year with seven ready-to-go club meeting agendas detailing a family kick-off, team building, officer elections, public speaking and more. Learn how to adapt in-person activities to a virtual setting and strategies for including Cloverbuds. Find it at go.osu.edu/clubmeetingtoolkit.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EVERYONE

April 18	1—2 p.m.	Mandatory Horse Safety
May 1		Royalty Applications due
May 2	1—5 p.m.	Mandatory Lamb and Goat Weight in
May 2	1—5 p.m.	Hog DNA and paperwork due at SFB office
June 15		Fair Entries Due—information on how to make entries will be shared later this spring
June 19	8—10 a.m.	Breeding Rabbit Check In
June 26	8—10 a.m.	Fancy Poultry Check In and Pollorum Blood Testing
June 28—July 2		Preble County 4-H Camp
July 9	7—9 p.m.	Market Rabbit Check-In
July 19—23		Project Judging Week—Livestock and Non-livestock
July 31—August 7		Preble County Fair