

# Weekly 4-H Word

April 10, 2020

## COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION

**Just a reminder that 4-H is not cancelled for 2020.** We are excited that our Preble County enrollment is right around 800 youth. When other counties are seeing a decrease in membership this year, we are holding strong. Way to go Preble County!

4-H Clubs can be meeting virtually. For advisors, there are resources posted at <https://ohio4h.org/volunteers/volunteers/club-leaders> to help with online options for meetings. A document to help with ZOOM was also posted on our Preble County website on the volunteer resources page.

A reminder that there are no face to face 4-H activities this includes fundraisers—please plan to postpone these fundraisers until after July 6.

Preble County Fair—Remember that while 4-H is closely tied to the Fair, the Fair is governed by our local Agriculture Society. The decision about whether there will be a Fair in 2020 will be made by the Senior Fair Board in consultation with our local health department and in line with the most current orders from our Governor. As of now, the Fair is still being planned for 2020.



As we continue to move forward, we will be sharing information about county events and activities. Please be patient. Things are rapidly changing—sometimes what I have planned in the morning has to change by the afternoon. A quote I heard recently is how I am working right now. Dr. Larry Arnn, president of Hillsdale College, said in comments about his College's response to COVID-19. He said, "I make decisions for a living but the greatest rule that I have learned is hard ones shouldn't be made until they have to be made because you are likely to know more when that time comes." For activities like project judging etc., decisions will not be made about that until later. Our dates fall after July 6 so it is possible that those will still be face to face but time will tell.

Ohio 4-H will be sharing a documents soon with answers to lot of questions. Look for that as a guide for some of the things we are wondering.



## INFORMATION ABOUT LAMB AND GOAT TAGGING—new as of April 10

We are all adjusting to doing things differently this year. Just to clear up some confusion...The tags that are being used this year for lambs and goats are not the same ones that were used last year. The tags require 2 taggers. One for the DNA and one for the tag.

There are a limited number of taggers to borrow, so the SFB asked that we reach out to all of you to be sure that your members know that 2 taggers are needed and that the ones from last year will not work. Also, it might be helpful for advisors to coordinate the tagging amongst club members. Your members can let you know when the animals will be secured and ready to tag. You can reach out to Senior Fair Board members or Beth at the SFB office (937-456-3748) to schedule a time for tagging. Again, please work to get animals tagged as soon as possible so that there are not a need for last minute tagging.

You can find a guide for using the tissue sampling tagger at: <http://www.allflexusa.com/assets/Detail-Sheets/TSU-Application-Guide-R6-LR.pdf>

There is also a video at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X\\_LgBQlmaU8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_LgBQlmaU8&feature=youtu.be)

(Both of the these video show cattle but the technique is the same for other species)



## MAY TAGGING DAY—LAMBS, GOATS AND HOGS

The Senior Fair Board made the decision to cancel the May 3 weigh in/ tag in for lambs and goats. This applies to the collection of hog DNA and paperwork as well. Therefore, all sheep/goats/hog tags can be purchased at the Sr Fair Board office starting March 23rd. Use the walk up window to pick up tags. Tags need to be returned to Sr Fair Board office by close of business on May 4th. If you need help with tagging, please contact the office at 937-456-3748.

Please tag your animals as soon as possible and return paperwork and DNA to office to avoid large crowds of people doing that at the same time.

## 4-H ENROLLMENT

Thank you to everyone for enrolling by our April 1 deadline. Many of you will see your profile still saying pending. This is a good thing. It will remain pending until both your advisor and our office have reviewed your profile and confirmed you as a member.

**Advisors:** Please keep confirming your members. Nancy will be watching and confirming members as well.

## HOW TO REACH US—new information added March 30

With the transition to teleworking, how we communicate will change only slightly. At this time, e-mail is truly the easiest method of communication. **We tried to forward our office number to Nancy but even with help we could not get that to work. Please use the numbers below to contact us. No one will be answering our office number. Please do not call the fairgrounds to answer 4-H questions particularly about 4-H enrollment. The Fair office handles Fair related questions.**

Nancy Tilton, Office Associate: 937-583-1131 [tilton.47@osu.edu](mailto:tilton.47@osu.edu)  
Christy Millhouse, 4-H Educator: 937-419-4242 [millhouse.10@osu.edu](mailto:millhouse.10@osu.edu)

We will be communicating via e-mail and Facebook. If you have not liked our Facebook page, now might be a good time to do that. We will also continue updating our website.

## **4-H BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS—new on April 8**

### ***Stay-at-Home Projects—PDF***

Want to dig in to a 4-H project that's a good match for staying at home? See our collection of Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects. The Perfect Stay at Projects are available online at <https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects>. When a copy opens on your screen, you can save or print it from there. Stay at home and stay healthy, 4-H'ers! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit [cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility](http://cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility).)

### ***Ordering from Extension Publications***

You will soon be able to order your project books online. In a meeting this morning, they said it is very close to being ready. You can choose either 20% off your order or reduced shipping. They are working to get the coupons to work. As soon as this is available, we will let you know.

## **STATE HORSE EVENTS—new as of April 8**

### **State Junior Horse Show**

With the cancellation of 4-H horse shows and PAS qualifying shows, the PAS and Dressage qualifying requirements for this year's Junior Horse Show are waived.

- The show will be limited to 850 entries on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to senior 4-H/FFA members in their last year of eligibility. The entry window opens June 1st.
- Exhibitors are still required to enter and pay the \$50 stall fee online at [ohiostatefair.com](http://ohiostatefair.com).
- Exhibitors are required to email a copy of their equine's current negative Coggins test (dated after January 1, 2020 to Christy at [millhouse.10@osu.edu](mailto:millhouse.10@osu.edu). by Friday, July 3, 2020 at 4:30 pm.
- A list of the classes in which the exhibitor will or have entered must also be emailed to Christy by Friday, July 3, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

### **Additional State Horse Events**

- Virtual Horse Bowl will be held April 25. The entry deadline date is this coming Monday, April 13.
- The Virtual Communications contest will be May 16. The entry deadline is May 4.
- Horse Judging will be a virtual contest held June 15.
- Hippology will be a virtual contest held June 15.

Refer to the document posted on our website about the Junior Horse Show.

## **PROGRAMMING UPDATES– please be sure to check out this information**

- *These are the most current updates about Preble County 4-H Programming. We will continue to provide updates as they are available.*

### ***4-H Clubs:***

Many 4-H Clubs are beginning to meet virtually. This is the only option for club meetings from now until July 6.

### ***County Programming:***

#### **Rescheduled or Newly Scheduled Virtual meetings**

- Horse Advisor Meeting      Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. (this is a change from the originally published April meeting date) An email invitation to the meeting will be sent to this group
- Junior Fair Board              Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. (a meeting invitation will be sent to this group)

#### **Postponed**

- Horse Safety originally scheduled for April 6

- 4-H night with the Dayton Dragons originally scheduled for April 25
- Quality Assurance Face to Face meetings originally scheduled for May 2,4,5,7 and 12.

Cancelled

- 4-H Advisory Committee scheduled for April 13

## **NEW ADVISORS**

We are continuing to process new advisor applications. Reference are being sent and as those and background checks are completed, interviews will be scheduled. We will be doing interviews virtually as well as the new advisor training scheduled for April.

If you have submitted an application, please remind your references to return the form they receive in the mail. This is the hold up right now for processing quite a few applications.

Also, we know that at this time, you cannot complete your background check. The Sheriff's office is not doing background checks right now. You can get these done once things return to normal.

## **RESOURCES**

Since project books are not available right now, we have been getting questions about resources that can be used to keep learning going (or start the learning process). We will share these resources as we find them hoping they might be helpful to others. If you are looking for something specific, please ask and we will see if we can help!

### **BEEKEEPING**

1. View the first few pages of our Ohio 4-H project book at <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/publications/beekeeping-project-and-record-book/>. You can see the requirements.
2. Explore the beekeeping resources at this site: <https://ohio4h.org/beekeeping>
3. The resources from Purdue that are linked from the page above are very good. Many of the things in this book are similar to what is in the Ohio 4-H Project book so you could use it for the recordkeeping etc. to get started and then transfer the information once you get your project book.

### **RABBIT**

1. The Ohio 4-H website has some great rabbit resources. You can find those here: <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/rabbit/rabbit-resources>
2. This website from Purdue has some worksheets that you could have your members complete. Scroll down to the bottom of the page. You could have the members complete them and then use a virtual method to talk about the answers. <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/1898>
3. Here is a pdf that has a lot of great information. [http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/4h\\_rabbit\\_RG.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/4h_rabbit_RG.pdf)
4. Here is an activity sheet: <https://4h.tennessee.edu/Projects/activities/Rabbitbw-W061.pdf>
5. Here is a you tube video about caring for rabbits. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y9owNC2wi8&feature=youtu.be>

### **SHEEP**

1. There are great sheep videos posted at: <https://ohio4h.org/sheepcare>