

# Weekly 4-H Word

April 23, 2020

## PLAN A, PLAN B, PLAN C—WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We all know by now that things in our world are rapidly changing. Things in the 4-H world are no different. While there are things we know for certain—for example, there will be no 4-H camps this summer. There are things that are still uncertain. What does that mean for 4-H Educators across the state?

It means that we are working together to strategically plan for those uncertainties. Right now, the Preble County Senior Fair Board, Junior Fair Board and I are planning for the Preble County Fair as usual. However, knowing how things have evolved over the past few weeks and listening to what is being said about our gradual return to “normal”, it is also prudent to plan for alternatives. Hopefully, we will not need those plan As, Bs and Cs. There are teams of Educators right now looking at how livestock shows might look both virtually and with social distancing. A team I am serving on is talking about how to evaluate non-livestock projects. So know that we are talking about things and planning just in case.

It also means that there may be decisions that we are holding off making until we know more information. As time passes we will make sure that Quality Assurance sessions are scheduled and other necessary 4-H events. Please continue to be patient as we work through this together.

Finally today, a huge thank you to all of our 4-H advisors who are working hard to keep 4-H moving forward. We are so thankful for them!

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET YOUR LAMBS, GOATS AND HOGS TAGGED...

***Paperwork and DNA tubes must be returned to Sr Fair Board office by close of business on May 4th.***

Lamb/goat/hog tags can be purchased at the Sr Fair Board office. Use the walk up window. 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.

## 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.

## **PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY—new on April 24**

Information about Junior Fair Royalty is being posted on our website today. All application materials are due by June 1, 2020. The contest will be held in mid July. That date and location will be announced soon.

This year we are collecting paperwork and application information via an online survey. Advisor references will also be collected that way. Links to the surveys are provided on the information documents.

## **4-H BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS—new as of April 15**

from <https://ohio4h.org/booksresources?fbclid=IwAR0l6zKhwpPWgxQ96j3ZWGwaMMDMB3vkK2O0W73qF6kRRu2JQerVzYTV6A8>

### **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.**

A special collection of project books is available for free on the Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects web page. Click on the book you want, and when the file opens on your screen, save or print it from there. Horseless Horse and Science Fun with Physics are being added soon! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit [cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility](http://cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility).)

#### **Buy one online.**

If you would like to buy a print copy of a Perfect Stay-at-Home project or any other project book, you can order directly from [extensionpubs.osu.edu](http://extensionpubs.osu.edu) with one of these special discounts for Ohio residents: FREE2020 (for free shipping) OR 20IN2020 (20% off the entire order). Use the coupon that works best for you. Orders can be shipped directly to a person's home as long as it is an Ohio address.

Please review your order carefully. Extension Publishing is unable to take returns. There is no restriction on the number of times a coupon can be used. See printable ordering instructions [HERE](#).

#### **Make your own.**

If you would rather not purchase a book in this way, self-determined projects are an excellent choice for self-motivated members eager to get started by creating their own projects. Although self-determined projects may be better suited for older 4-H members, they are available for any member and are often based on idea starters already available online. Many of the idea starters are great stay-at-home projects too, for example, Music, Bats, String Art, Climate Change, American Sign Language, etc. Our extraordinary educators are even preparing one called My Stay-at-Home Summer! (For project judging, self-determined projects are judged in self-determined categories.)

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](mailto:wright.646@osu.edu)).

## **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. **Please use the numbers below to contact us. No one will be answering our office number.**

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.

## **STAY CONNECTED RESOURCES—new as of April 10**

Ohio 4-H has created a new page on the website with resources for advisors and families. Links to educational videos and other things are being posted there. Check it out at: [https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected?fbclid=IwAR0Siyog2dRDd\\_zwnlJsKLC6VPPKtb\\_l88fqNs0IGTjkhkDbaYeX8HGEws1E](https://ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected?fbclid=IwAR0Siyog2dRDd_zwnlJsKLC6VPPKtb_l88fqNs0IGTjkhkDbaYeX8HGEws1E).

## **STATE HORSE EVENTS—new information as of April 23**

### **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).
- *Refer to the document posted on our Preble County website with Preble County requirements for participation.*

### **Additional State Horse Events**

- Virtual Horse Bowl will be held April 25.
- 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.

The Power Point used for the Horse Program update held on April 23 is also posted on our website.

## **NEW RESOURCES**

If your club is looking for community service projects to do during social distancing, a new document with a variety of ideas is posted on our website. Thanks to Monroe Better Livestock for prompting research for these ideas that we are going to share across the state.

There is also a new document about using ZOOM in 4-H meeting. There are ideas for using the different tools in ZOOM during club meetings and ideas for educational components of meetings.

## **NEW ADVISORS—new information April 24**

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.

The Sheriff's office is doing background checks again. Those background checks are being done on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M to 4:00 P.M. IF you need a background check, please get those done as soon as possible.

