

Weekly 4-H Word

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from Christy

Yesterday, many of you saw the announcement that the 2020 Ohio State Fair is cancelled. I grew up in the Columbus area and have been attending the OSF as long as I can remember. One of the best experiences of my youth was the 2 years I served on the OSF Junior Fair Board. It was a hard decision for the Ohio Expo Commission that governs the Fair. It was sad for a lot of us.

Last night, the Preble County Senior Fair Board met in a regular meeting. On the agenda was the 2020 Preble County Fair. At the end of the meeting, Clinnie, SFB president, assured those in attendance via ZOOM that until told differently the 2020 Preble County Fair will take place as normal. With that said, it is time to turn our minds towards planning for that.

The information below relates to events as we move forward.

PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES

IMPORTANT ... PLEASE READ

JUNIOR FAIR ENTIREES—DUE JUNE 12, 2020

- The online system for Junior Fair entries is now open. FAIR ENTRIES ARE NOT MADE USING YOUR 4HONLINE ACCOUNT. Follow the link at <http://www.preblecountyfair.com> to make your entry. *Be sure to keep reading for important information about making entries.*
- Each year, you must create a new account. Be sure to write down your user name and password or be sure you remember it so that you have those on hand, if needed.
- Each Exhibitor must have their own individual online account in order to submit entries but you should submit for multiple clubs/organizations on one account. (i.e. FFA and 4-H under the same account).
- On your account, you can attach documents. If you are submitting hog registration papers, hatchery papers, a born and raised sheep registration form or a meat breeding doe registration form, please attach these documents to your entry. You can scan these documents and attach them. While beef registration papers are not required, those may also be attached for easy access during the show, if needed. We will still accept hard copies of the paperwork this year, but would really like to have these attached to the accounts for easier and more efficient management of the paperwork.
- Check your entry before you submit. Print a copy of the confirmation so that you have record of your entry.
- Fair books are available at the Senior Fair Board office on the Fairgrounds.



- Please try to narrow down what you are entering to only the classes in which you plan to participate. For example, in the horse department please do not enter every class. When this is done, it make a lot of work to be sure that we have accurate class sheets and can slow down the show when we have to verify this information then.
- Parade entries and booth entries are still accepted on paper forms which can be found on our website soon. These are due on June 12.

PREBLE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ROYALTY— DUE ON JUNE 1

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.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PROJECT JUDGING

Information will be shared by June 1 about dates and plans to move forward with these. We are still continuing to receive guidance as to how these things can occur.

PREBLE COUNTY BORN AND RAISED AND MEAT BREEDING DOE REGISTRATION FORMS

These forms will be posted in the next few days on the Fair page of our website—www.preble.osu.edu. If you are entering these classes, the forms must be completed by June 12. Attach to your fair entry

HOW TO REACH US

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.**

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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.