

Weekly 4-H Word

May 13, 2020

The school year for many youth is coming to an end. We know that many things this summer have been cancelled so look for us to continue to share 4-H activities from colleagues across Ohio. Youth can take part in a variety of learning experiences virtually. Facebook is the primary way that we have been sharing this information.

Also know that we are continuing to plan for ways that our 4-H youth can take part in project evaluation and hopefully the Fair. Remember that things may not look the same as we are used to but we are working to plan the best experience for our Preble County members that we can, If you know a Junior Fair Board member, take a minute to share your thoughts and ideas about what a “Plan B” might look like with them.

HORSE INFORMATION—DUE MAY 15

For those 4-H members with horse projects—information is due in 4honline by May 15.

2020 Horse Program Requirements — This document posted on our website [outlines exactly what needs to be submitted](https://preble.osu.edu/sites/preble/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/NancysContent/2020%20Horse%20program%20requirements%204%2023%202020.pdf) including screenshots of the steps in 4honline. https://preble.osu.edu/sites/preble/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/NancysContent/2020%20Horse%20program%20requirements%204%2023%202020.pdf

You only need to upload pictures, the permission to participate form and a lease, if needed. This year you do not need to upload a horse ID form. The information you enter about your horse in 4honline is what we will be using as your Horse ID Form.

Be sure to enter information for a back up horse if you are designating one. This is done in 4honline also.

Please do not e-mail the information—it needs to be put into 4honline. Your advisor or our office can help if you have questions.

The 2020 Horse Program Requirements document also explains the requirements for Ohio State Fair participation. If you are submitting a video to be reviewed for OSF participation and want an answer by June 1, the video needs to be submitted by May 25.

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.

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.)

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 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).

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.

STAY CONNECTED RESOURCES

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_l88fqNs0IGTjkhDbaYeX8HGEws1E.

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.

MOCK 4-H MEETING- Our 4-H Tech changemakers along with a few other recorded a mock 4-H meeting using ZOOM. After much effort to get it uploaded, a link is now posted on our website.

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.

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.

