

Weekly 4-H Word

July 15, 2020

EXTENSION OFFICE

To better serve out clientele, volunteers and families OSU Extension, Preble County staff will be available *by appointment only on Mondays and Tuesdays*. Appointments can be made by calling or emailing Nancy or Christy. There are still many things that we can accomplish via email and phone, so please continue to communicate with up that way as well. Please call ahead for an appointment since our doors will be locked. Face coverings are required for OSU staff and clientele. We will provide disposable masks for those who do not have one.

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JUDGING SCHEDULES AND FAIR RELATED DETAILS

Revised schedules reflecting dropped projects have been posted to our website. **Please check the schedules—your judging time may have changed slightly**—we tried not to move your time by more than 20 minutes.

There is a document posted on our website called 2020 Project Judging Information. PLEASE REFER TO THIS DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JUDGING/ SKILL A THON/ PROJECT EVALUATION THIS YEAR.

Look for specific fair related information (DUNF information etc.) after our Senior Fair Board meeting on Thursday, July 16.

Many of you are working on your project books. This has been an unusual year and we know that you may have had a more difficult time finding leadership and citizenship activities to complete. When evaluating books, the interviewers will take this into consideration.

Also, remember that there are a lot of virtual resources that can count as learning activities. OSU Extension has a wide variety of videos that can be watched. A series of Tips for Teens has been being posted recently. Today's is a video about measuring ingredients that would be perfect for someone taking a food and nutrition project. There are many other great resources that can substitute for some of the learning activities that we normally do in person.

SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS

Remember that book evaluations are required for all members.

July 20—members with Special Interest projects who ARE NOT doing skillathon will have their livestock books evaluated

July 21—Skill-a-thons and livestock book evaluations for those doing skill a thon. You only need to sign up for a skill-a-thon time. You will automatically have your books evaluated.

July 22—24: Livestock book evaluations



A skill a thon study guide is posted on our website.

Livestock project books should have been purchased through Extension Pubs in Columbus. Information about this process can be found below or at ohio4h.org. If you need project books and have not purchased those yet, please do so as soon as possible. We have not been able to order books while teleworking and were just getting ready to place our spring order when everything shut down so our supply of books in stock at the office is low. ***If we happen to have a book that you need, we are only available for book pick up right now on Mondays and Tuesdays so please plan ahead.***

For those members in the 2nd year of a project or beyond our livestock supplement can be found on the project completion page at preble.osu.edu. This can be used instead of purchasing a new project book.

BEEF AND DAIRY EXHIBITORS—MULCH INFORMATION—*new on July 15*

Thank you to Brubaker Grain who is donating the mulch for the Beef Barn. Please contact Brad Johnson as soon as possible and let him know how many animals you are bringing so that he can get the correct amount of mulch. You can contact him at 937-533-6382.

POULTRY BARN SET UP—*new on July 15*

The poultry barn is being set up on July 22 at 7:30 pm. The committee would like to ask for help with set up. They can use all the help that they can get. Remember that this is a community service/citizenship activity.

RABBIT CHECK-INS/POULTRY CHECK IN AND BLOOD TESTING

There will NOT be a check in for rabbits or poultry this year. Poultry will not need to be blood tested this year. This requirement was waived by ODA due to a lack of antigens available for testing.

FAIR WRISTBANDS

Advisors: Wristbands are available for you to pick up from the Senior Fair Board office at the Fairgrounds.

OHIO 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE

This summer we invite 4-H members in good standing to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project for display in an online project showcase. You'll be asked to share what you liked about the project and one new thing you learned. Parents will also need to sign their approval for youth to participate.

Here's more:

- Select your favorite project – one per person
- Send a great photo – at least 2 MB
- Photos will be display after September 8 at ohio4h.org
- Submit your photos by August 15 at go.osu.edu/4H2020Showcase. Questions? Contact Sarah Longo at longo.79@osu.edu.

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT COMPLETION

A reminder in this unusual year as members are working on completing non-livestock projects... Each year, a 4-H member is expected to complete a new project/ new activities. There are some projects that are designed as multi year projects with new activities for each year.

For example, a member who is completing a clothing project cannot use the outfit that was constructed in 2020 again in 2021. A member who completes Family History Treasure Hunt in 2020 would need to complete all new activities in 2021. With no Ohio State Fair competition this year, 4-H Members who have that as a goal need to remember that what you complete in 2020 cannot be used again in 2021.

With that being said, to help us as we are planning for project judging this year, **PLEASE LET US KNOW** if you do not intend to complete a project that you enrolled in this year. If you have not completed your Fair entry, do not put a project on the entry that you do not intend to complete—we use these entries for planning. Knowing a number to expect at judging helps us plan for the judges that we need and for any social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19 that we have to follow. You can email Nancy at Tilton.47@osu.edu or Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu. As you make this decision, remember that for you to be considered a 4-H member in good standing and to receive credit for this 4-H year, you must complete one 4-H project.

COOK-OFF AND MYSTERY MIXER

Schedules for the Cook-Off and Mystery Mixer as well as recipes or ingredient/equipment lists were sent via email. They are also posted on our website.

4-H BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

While county offices are closed and local distribution of project books is on hold, choose one of these methods:

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.

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