

# Weekly 4-H Word

July 9, 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. If you need publications, we have a limited supply. Please call ahead for an appointment since our doors will be locked. We will be splitting our time between the fairgrounds and our office. 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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## **LAST CHANCE QA**

We typically do not offer a “make-up” QA but since this is an unusual year, there will be one more QA session. It will be held via ZOOM on Monday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. To sign up, use the link on the QA flyer posted on our website. The ZOOM link will be sent during the day on the 13th.

Each Junior Fair exhibitor (4-H or FFA) taking a market or lactating animal to the Preble County Fair must participate in the Quality Assurance Program (QA).

**This will be the last QA session that is offered (there have already been 16 sessions).**

## **GROOM AND CLEAN**

Groom and clean entry forms are posted on our website. They are due on July 10. They are on the Fair page of our website.

## **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.

## **SHEEP AND GOAT PEN SET UP**

Sheep and goats pens are being set up around 2 p.m. on Sunday July 12th. Volunteer help is needed.

## **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](http://go.osu.edu/4H2020Showcase). Questions? Contact Sarah Longo at [longo.79@osu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:Tilton.47@osu.edu) or Christy at [millhouse.10@osu.edu](mailto: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.

## **JUDGING SCHEDULES AND FAIR RELATED DETAILS—*new information July 9***

Revised schedules reflecting dropped projects will be posted on our website by Monday morning. 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 also a document called 2020 Judging Information posted on our website. This document gives details of judging.

## **SKILLATHON AND LIVESTOCK BOOK EVALUATIONS**

Skill a thon and livestock book evaluations will be held the week of July 20. This is a change from the original calendar. This will give clubs an extra week with members before these evaluations.

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](http://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](http://preble.osu.edu). This can be used instead of purchasing a new project book.

## **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](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.

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