



Champaign County 4-H NEWS BLAST

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Dear 4-H Families:

In this time of uncertainty, please remember to take a moment to breathe and take a few minutes each morning and night and reflect on at least one positive in your life. It can be something very simple or complex, but I'm sure each of us can find one positive to reflect on each day. If there is something that the 4-H program can assist with, please reach out to me and we can do our best to utilize our HANDS IN SERVICE to those in need.

Please take the time to read the entire newsletter as it may answer some of your questions. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, phone or during zoom hours.

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE UPDATE

New Volunteer Training for Monday, March 23 is moved to Thursday, March 26 at 6:30pm zoom Link <https://osu.zoom.us/j/292989157> Please test the link before actual time. We will be setting up additional trainings as needed.

Yearly Advisor Training offering two sessions on Thursday, March 26.

10:00am zoom link <https://osu.zoom.us/j/461213081>

6:00pm zoom link <https://osu.zoom.us/j/171448281>

Camp Counselor Training March 24, 7pm

Zoom link <https://osu.zoom.us/j/2793886969>

FAQs for the Week

Will there be a fair?

The Champaign County Fair is 137 days away. Things are changing by the hour right now, so we honestly just do not know the answer. Hopefully, if everyone follows the guidelines being given, we will all be able to enjoy fair August 7-14.

Do I buy a market animal project?

Having a project is a great experience. The true market animal project should be that you purchase, raise and sell the animal for a profit. We can't make your decision for you, but can offer some practical questions in your decision making process.

Some possible questions to ask yourself this year before purchasing your project:

- 1. What is my budget amount I should spend on my animal?*
- 2. In the event we don't have a fair in 2020, do I have a means to sell my animal when market ready or do I have someone to purchase for meat in their freezer?*
- 3. What is market price?*
- 3. If I don't buy a market animal, what other project can I take in 4-H this year?*
- 4. If I don't buy an animal and we have a fair, will I regret not having the experience?*
- 5. Should I take a non-livestock project in addition since I have extra time away from school and other activities?*

My members have paid their dues and we don't know when to turn into the 4-H Committee. What do I do?

If the dues have not already been paid by members, the money should be deposited into the club account. The new deadline for payments to be made to the 4-H Committee is June 1. If you would like the address to send the club checks to the 4-H Committee treasurer prior to June 1, please contact us at Extension Office.

With all of the live livestock sales being cancelled, where do I find animals for my project?

In an effort to encourage participation and ease the search for your 2020 show livestock, below are several local breeders and their contact information. Contact should be made as soon as possible as many online sales and private treaty sales are already taking place.

Goats

Dave Hollingsworth (937)673-0166

Lane Hollingsworth (937)622-8996

Mark and Brenda Ober (937)206-2250

Eric Price (937)631-0060

Cole Riddle (937)303-3883

Rob Riddle (937)243-1198

Ryan Riddle (937)243-9360

Any breeder not listed that wants to be included, please contact the Champaign County OSU Extension Office at (937)484-1526.

Sheep

Bline Family Farms (937)206-1673

Bowers Dorsets (937)405-7666

Dave Caudill caudillfarm@gmail.com

Dooley Show Lambs (937)653-3007

Don Hamilton Club Lambs (937)869-0754

Mainline Show Stock (937)214-1303

Moffitt's Club Lambs (937)243-2960
Neer Family Club Lambs (937)925-6064
Prince Show Lambs (937)869-0625
Wallen Club Lambs (937)508-9958
Yoder Club Lambs (937)869-1293

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Swine

Bailey Breeding (937)631-1259
Black Showpigs (937)869-3814 or (937)286-9164
Forrest Showpigs (419)310-0505
Hall Showpigs (937)869-0628
Tyler Lauchard (937)206-9740
Lensman Showpigs (937)215-1518
Mingo Valley Showpigs (937)597-7911
Nott Showpigs (937)707-4154 or (937)537-8320
Bart Ward (937)215-0850
Wing Showpigs (740)404-5716 or (614)551-6818

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How is Quality Assurance being handled this year?

There are a few options to receiving your Quality Assurance Training for this year.

- The on-line YQCA program has been approved for 2020 only. There is a \$12 charge if you choose to get your training on-line. Here is the link to instructions to complete YQCA and receive your certificate.
https://champaign.osu.edu/sites/champaign/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4HEvents/GettingYourYQCAWebBasedCertification.pdf
- Be patient and as soon as we are back up to face-to-face gatherings, we will be offering multiple sessions for youth to attend as normal prior to fair. The 45-day requirement has been lifted for 2020 only. Here is link for changes:
https://champaign.osu.edu/sites/champaign/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4HBeef/QA%20Policy%20Changes%20for%20Ohio%20Junior%20Market%20Exhibitors%20-%202020.pdf
- The club advisors who are trained to teach in your club, can only do so in face-to-face meetings because the 1 hands-on activity is still a requirement. In short, no QA with virtual 4-H Meetings.
- PQA and BQA does not meet the requirements of Ohio Quality Assurance Requirements.

What are the PQA requirements for state fair?

Any market exhibitor (open class or junior) needs to have a PQA certification:

- If youth exhibitor, parent/guardian completes PQA certification.
- One PQA certification can be used for whole family.

Can I get Coronavirus from my animals?

Here is a link to the latest CDC information on Animals and COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/animals.html>



SKILL-A-THON STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Below is the link to the animal projects page on the champaign.osu.edu website. Scroll down to the specie you are taking and click on the skill-a-thon study guide for a pdf copy to print or save for future use.

<https://champaign.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-animal-projects>



EXTREME HONOR MEMBER AWARD

What is the 'EXTREME' Honor Member Award? This award recognizes 4-H Members, 8 and in 3rd grade to age 18 for excelling in all four clover areas - Head, Heart, Hands and Health. You earn points in each area for your participation at the club level and beyond for the current 4-H year (September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020).

https://champaign.osu.edu/sites/champaign/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/4HMemberForms/2020%20Extreme%20Honor%20Member.pdf



Final Enrollment Deadline April 1, 2020

Anyone not enrolling by April 1 will not be eligible to participate in judging or fair.

ENROLLEMENT FEE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO June 1, 2020

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED AND NOT SELECTED A PROJECT, YOU MUST GO BACK INTO YOUR ACCOUNT AND ADD A PROJECT BEFORE May 15, 2020 NO EXCEPTIONS!!

If you do not enter your project, you will not be able to take that project.
If you have trouble going back in, email or call Melinda



4-H Activities Booth Theme for 2020

ALL CLUBS WITH SPECIALTY INTEREST (non-livestock) PROJECTS
MUST HAVE A BOOTH DISPLAY IN ACTIVITIES BUILDING AT THE 2020 FAIR

“4-H Forecast – The Future Looks Bright”



SHEEP COUNTY BORN & RAISED CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE (Note change in Due Date)



The 2020 County Born & Raised Certificates for the Market Lamb show are now available as soon as the Extension Physical office re-opens. Certificates must be returned no later than 4pm Friday, **June 1, 2020**. Cost is \$10 per head with a maximum of \$100 per breeder. Checks are to be made payable to the Champaign County Sheepman’s Association. **ONLY BREEDERS** may purchase certificate, not individuals.

ALL MARKET LAMBS WILL NEED TO COME TO TAGGING on MAY 6
from 5-6:30 at Fairgrounds.

CHANGE IN SHEEP BREEDING SHOWS (Note change in Due Date)

Papers will be required for breeding sheep this year in order to show in a specific breed class. Papers will be checked at fair. If you have the papers, we encourage you to submit them with paperwork on 15th but will not require at that time. Classes will be shown by breeds listed in the fair book in the following order: Yearling Ram, Ram Lamb, Yearling Ewe, Ewe lamb.

2020 BREEDING GILT SHOW INCENTIVE CHANGES FOR FAIR TONS of incentives to the Breeding Gilt Show this year



FINAL DRIVE:



GRAND CHAMPION: \$250 scholarship, trophy, banner and personalized Belt Buckle
RES. CHAMPION: \$200 scholarship, trophy and banner

3rd OVERALL: \$150 scholarship & banner
4th OVERALL: \$100 scholarship & banner
5th OVERALL: \$50 scholarship & banner

CLASS:

1ST in class: \$20 scholarship
2nd in class: \$10 scholarship

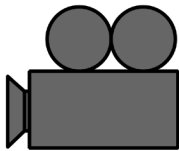
PARTICIPATION:

All participants will receive a FREE feed cup and towel

BREEDING GILT SALE:

All Breeding gilts are eligible to sell in the Breeding gilt sale

Market Gilts CANNOT sell in Breeding Gilt sale this year



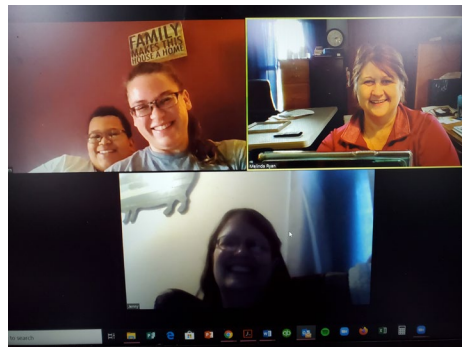
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION SPECIAL QUARANTINE PROJECT

We are challenging you to create a 3-5 minute video demonstration on a 4-H project. It could be a video on doing a Laundry project sorting activity or it could be the daily care of your steer. We will be sharing these videos on facebook and people can vote for their favorite. We will have categories of project videos submitted. Awards will be given to the top two in each category. Deadline to submit video for awards is Sunday, March 29 at 3pm. We will accept videos to share after the deadline. Ready...Set....Create!!!

ZOOM OFFICE HOURS

We will be holding open office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2pm-3pm by joining the following zoom link <https://osu.zoom.us/j/279388696>

If you have questions or just need contact with people, please join us during zoom office hours.



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