

Email via 4HOnline sent August 14, 2020

Happy Friday!

We are inching closer and closer to fair are busy little bees working with the 550+ fair entries that we received so now is when fair prep really kicks into gear! We're also wrapping up gathering feedback and scores from our miscellaneous project judges and hope to have those results posted soon. Below are just a few updates and reminders:

Drug Use Notification Forms

We have received the Drug Use Notification Forms at the Extension Office so we have put them in the gray plastic tote that we used for the Jr. Fair Supplements and it is still sitting outside the Extension Office next to the black drop-box. Only those with market animals or animals that will be lactating (dairy cows AND dairy goats) should be filling out a DUNF. Those will need to be turned in when your animal arrives at fair. Please fill out a new DUNF per animal (except in the case of a pen or rabbits or broilers then only 1 form is needed).

Buyers' Letters

We've been receiving a lot of questions regarding what the sales at fair will look like and what information kids should be relaying to the buyers. The Sale Committee met earlier this week for a brainstorming session and will re-convene next week to work out a plan. Once we have details, we will get those released so sit tight and thank you for your patience!

Scholarships

The Cattlemen's Association is accepting scholarship applications for 2020. You can email me (heckel.13@osu.edu) for an application and they are due by September 1 and must be mailed to:

Jerry Pysi
2591 Pysi Rd NW
Dover, OH 44622

Also – please note that this year, due to the pandemic and uncertainty of what lies ahead, the Cattlemen, Dairy Farmers and Pork Producers' trailers will NOT be accepting coupons from 4-H clubs this year. Advisors, please do not make or hand out coupons this year to your members. Both groups thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee Scholarship

The 4-H Committee's annual scholarship application has been updated and posted on our website. The Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee is sponsoring scholarships for 2020 in the amount of \$250 each. Individuals who are high school seniors, in their final year of 4-H, are currently enrolled or will begin their studies at an accredited post-secondary institution in any course of study may apply. Applicants must also have been in the Tuscarawas County 4-H Program for the last 5 consecutive years.

The scholarship was established by the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee. It is in honor of friends and fellow leaders who have been quite active in the local district 4-H programs. It was established to aid current 4-H members to continue their efforts towards obtaining a Certificate/Associate or bachelor's degree. This is a one-time only scholarship.

<https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/news/4-h-committee-sponsoring-4-h-scholarship?fbclid=IwAR3mnaOLCLbtU7L1hjuqqATzfqO86Z41HyEq9dS-GBLWzOWvpMAYdYCqyhQ#.XyMkoW3uV-o.facebook>

Jr. Fair Schedule

You can find the most updated information on the fair's website:

<https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com/fair-information.htm>. As things changed and we are forced to pivot, we will do our best to relay that info and get the schedule updated in a timely manner.

*Please note that a few shows and check-ins have been moved around but most of the schedule was left the same. As we continue over the coming week, please remember that the schedule is subject to change.

**There will not be club booths or barn decorations at fair this year. We must show the health department that we are making strides to practice social distancing and that we are following protocol and this includes removing some items that our clubs and groups all do together. We will have stall cards up with the exhibitor's name and club but please refrain from hanging up additional items/decorations this year.

***We will not be holding our normal Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day this year but instead we will compile a list of jobs that can be done by individual families instead. We hope to have that list included in next Friday's email.

I think it's important to note the following:

The Tuscarawas County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) has to follow these rules for our fair dates: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/County-Fairs.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2Ridply_GQ1X3cuZE27MOye4WeyO-mndxjZ3rS9CfK03Pnrg5dGMSNVGM in order to comply with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Revised Code.

I get that many of you are frustrated by the changes to the Fair due to COVID-19. It really does stink! But please understand a few things.

1. They are doing this for the kids. My 4-H'ers, the FFA, to be able to exhibit the livestock projects that some of them have had since 2019 and most were paying for of getting/breeding before this pandemic happened.
2. Those same kids deserve a chance to show just like we feel the kids should get the chance for sports, and other events.
3. When you choose to not support the fair this year it only kicks the organization in the gut that has already been kicked by COVID-19 and its guidelines. The Fair Board is doing everything they can to function as much as possible without breaking the rules.
4. If the only reason you come to the fair is for some fries, let me show you my 900+ other reasons (kiddos) that it's important. PS..I love fair food too!
5. Please consider supporting our Fair this year in whatever way is appropriate for you!

That's all for this week! Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate these strange times. Have a nice weekend and stay cool out there!

Yours in 4-H,
Kiersten