

Email via 4HOnline sent May 15, 2020

Happy Friday, T-County!

It's been another fairly quiet week so I don't have any major news to share with you. We are continuing to develop backup plans for project judging in case we are unable to hold a face-to-face option like we normally do. As I mentioned in last week's email, we are discussing various options and would like to have a few different ways for our 4-H members to complete their judging this year in a way that is comfortable to them and their families. One of our top priorities is the health and safety of our 4-H families as well as our project judges! Once, we have hammered out details, we will release our plan but know we continue to work on this.

A few new updates and friendly reminders:

CAMP-ish

Hey, Stay-at-Home, Campers! Here's your chance to go to camp...without leaving home. Join 4-H staff from around the state June 9-11 for **Camp...ish!** You can connect online each day for one or all three sessions with songs, crafts, science, nature, and fun with other campers. You know...all the things that happen at camp! Open to 4-H youth and those not in 4-H, no fees, you'll use basic supplies that can be found around home. Register today at go.osu.edu/campish

Instead of focusing on developing virtual camps, our camp counselors and county camp staff have all agreed to resume virtual training next week and we will begin planning for a TENTATIVE weekend at 4-H Camp Piedmont in early September (yes, two weeks before fair. We're crazy and we know it!). There is no guarantee it will happen but we're going to try. There are still a lot of unknown factors but we will keep you updated.

Public Speaking

On our 4-H Committee Zoom last night, we discussed a few different options for our public speaking contests this year. It was announced this morning that registration information for the Health and Safety Speaking Regionals will be announced next week. These will be virtual contests. We will wait until these details are announced before announcing details for our county public speaking contests so we can keep things aligned with the state.

4-H Club Insurance

As a reminder, clubs are encouraged to renew their usual club insurance, if you have the funds to do so.



Virtual Livestock Quality Assurance

We have set five more virtual QA options and that email will be sent out by Michelle Moon today (if she hasn't already done so!).

Reminders on virtual QA:

- Families only need to register once if all family members will be participating at the same time (we had to go back through and delete out duplicate members for those who registered multiple kids from the same family in previous sessions)
- At least one parent or guardian needs to sit in on the training with their youth exhibitor.

For those of you that need assistance using Zoom - here is a link that provides an EXCELLENT tutorial that will take you through the steps to join:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7xXZxRDFUU&t=1s>

YQCA is still an option if none of the virtual QA sessions work for your schedule. Do keep in mind that there is a small fee that cannot be waived if you choose to take this route. If you attended the February QA at Tusky Valley H.S., you do **NOT** need to attend a virtual QA too! Just one QA session per year.

Reminder that we still have the plastic tote right outside the Extension Office next to the black drop-box with the Jr. fair supplements inside. Please only take ONE supplement per member to ensure we don't run out. These are not the fair books. Only the Jr. fair section that houses the policies and Jr. fair entry forms. Earlier this week, the Jr. fair supplement was posted online too! You can find it here:

<https://www.tusccountyfairgrounds.com/fair-books.html?fbclid=IwAR1J8beJCHweYjDSzkeK9qZevlGhztlQy-Sd0wQPAI1sJZPrqH-cYoww9DQ>

Market Hog Tag Reminder

As a reminder, the Tuscarawas County Market Livestock Committee has decided, in order to limit contact as much as possible, that they will not be collecting fees for hog ear tags this year. If you purchased ear tags at the February Quality Assurance, you should have received a separate email regarding reimbursement for those who would like their fees back. Otherwise, they can be counted as a donation to the program. For those who still need tags, MLC has set up a few dates/times for a "drive-thru" tag pick-up process. Below are the two options left to pick up tags:

- Saturday, May 16 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds right inside the Tuscarawas Avenue gate. (this is also the same date the Senior Fair Board is

holding a Chicken BBQ at the fairgrounds as a fundraiser – see their FB page for more details!).

- Wednesday, May 27, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds (right inside the Tuscarawas Avenue gate).

Please remember that hogs MUST be tagged and pictures of the hog with the tags in its ears must be submitted on the hog registration form to the Extension office, no later than Monday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. These forms will be available at tag distribution but can also be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-livestock/large-livestock-projects>

Reminder that we are not collecting DNA on hogs this year and are instead, using a two-tag system. A county tag and EID tag (which will take the place of the DNA process). It is also strongly suggested that you send a representative per club or for every few families to pick up tags so we don't have 300 people swarm the fairgrounds and sit in a long line waiting on tags. If possible, please work together to make sure everyone gets the number of tags they need.

Market Goat/Sheep Reminder

For 2020, Tuscarawas County will not hold a county-wide tag-in process for market goats and market sheep. Instead, a Registration form with pictures of the animal(s) head and scrapie tag in the ear will serve as proof of possession. The scrapie tag must be placed in the ear and visible in the pictures.

Complete the Project Registration Form for each animal, including back-up animals. Fill out the form completely and include color photos of each animal. One picture is to show the scrapie tag number in the animal's ear and the second photo needs to be a headshot of the animal. Pictures need to be 2"x3" (wallet size). Forms and instructions can be found here: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Rabbit Reminder:

For ALL breeding rabbits, tattooed or not, please utilize the Project Registration form found on the guidelines page: <https://tuscarawas.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/guidelines-4-h-projects>

Market does will not need to be checked in either. If you are enrolled in the market rabbit project, you should have received an email a couple weeks ago regarding changes for this project. If you have questions, you can contact Tammie Gordon.

Market Poultry Update:

I continue to work with Dave Miller and Heritage Country Store for market bird pick-ups. I will be sending information out (hopefully next week) directly to the youth enrolled in market turkey regarding pickup dates/times and cost. Right now, we are looking at pickup around June 17. I will also send out information at a later date regarding broilers and market ducks.

Our 4-H and Jr. Fair committees continue to meet virtually and we have been discussing ideas for holding some virtual project clinics. Please continue to check our Facebook pages and our website for the most up-to-date information.

Have a nice weekend!
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