Hello T-County 4-H!

I sincerely apologize that it’s taken me awhile to get this update out. Right after fair concluded, my father tested positive for COVID. I went home to help care for him, so I’ve been playing catch-up this week. Many of you followed Dad’s progress through my Facebook updates and I want to thank you for your words of encouragement, prayers, and good vibes. He is slowly making a recovery, thank goodness! I don’t have a super long update but just a few things I need to make everyone aware of.

**Market Livestock Check Distribution**
Check distribution will take place on Friday, November 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the Fairgrounds (not the church as was originally planned). After some consultation with the Jr. Fair committees this week, it has been decided that the drive-thru process we utilized last year worked well and with COVID numbers still fairly high, it’s best that we do the same thing again this year. This also means that project books will **NOT** be required for check distribution so we can limit the amount of contact. HOWEVER, **thank-you cards that are addressed and stamped** will be required. If you’re not sure of the address of your buyer, we will have a list at check distribution for you to look that information up. I will have extra stamps and thank-you cards **for sale** if you need one (or two!).

*Please note that dairy share checks will only be distributed on Saturday, November 6. If you are unable to pick up on the 5th or 6th, remaining checks will be held at the Extension Office until someone can swing by the drop off the thank-you card for the buyer and pick up the check.

**As announced earlier, there will not be share checks this year for non-market animals. Proceeds from the wooden products sale during the small animal sale will be utilized to benefit Jr. Fair small animal projects and upkeep.**

**Ohio 4-H Achievement Award Workshop**
For those interested in learning more about the Ohio 4-H Achievement Award application process, I will be holding an in-person workshop next Thursday, October 21 at the Extension Office at 6:00 p.m. Every year in Ohio, youth are selected to represent our great state in 27 different project categories at National 4-H Congress. This year, our own Emma Leggett (Boots & Chutes 4-H Club) and Adeline Kendle (Above & Beyond 4-H Club) were selected in the swine and sheep categories, respectively. They will be traveling to Atlanta, GA with the rest of the Ohio delegation in November. Applicants must be 14 as of January 1 or older in the year they are applying. I would LOVE to see more participation with Achievement Awards! If you would like to read up more about the application and process, you can find more information here: [https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships](https://ohio4h.org/awardsandscholarships) or you can reach out to me with questions. For those who would like to attend the workshop, please let me know by Wednesday, October 20 so I can have enough materials available.

**2022 Older Youth Applications and Interviews**
The Older Youth page of our website has recently been updated with a few items that will be of interest, but of most importance - the 2022 Older Youth Application packets are now available! Please note the deadline; all applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2021, to the
Extension Office. You can pick up a hard copy from the office or you can download them at go.osu.edu/olderyouth.

*Applicants are responsible for signing up for their interview slot once their application has been turned in. Interviews will be held on November 15, 17, and 18. You can sign up for your interview here: go.osu.edu/2022OlderYouthInterview.

2021 Advisor and Volunteer Banquet
This year’s Advisor and Volunteer Banquet will be held on Monday, November 8 at the Harvest Barn in Sugarcreek. An invitation will be going out in the next few days.

If you are an advisor who wants to run for a term on the Tuscarawas County 4-H Committee, please let me know by next Wednesday, October 20 so the final ballot can be put together. Committee members serve 3 years per term and help with a lot of the behind-the-scenes work for the 4-H program.

2022 Market Beef Tag-In
For those planning to exhibit a market beef animal at the county fair in 2022, the Market Livestock Committee has set Saturday, December 11 as the day of tag-in. Tag-in will take place at the fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. The AGR Holiday Classic will also be taking place that weekend so the back-up date for county tag-in will be on Monday, December 13, 6-7 p.m. You MUST call the Extension Office at 330-339-2337 to make an appointment if you cannot tag your animal in on the 11th.

4-H Camp Piedmont Benefit
Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the 4-H Camp Piedmont Benefit on March 26, 2022, at Buckeye Career Center! We ask that clubs donate items for the raffles and auctions. We’ll need large donation items, baskets, whatever clubs can give! The other counties who utilize Camp Piedmont will also be participating in the benefit. Thank you in advance!

I hope everyone had a good fair week and are enjoying these warm Autumn temperatures. Before we know it, it will be time to start 4-H activities in 2022!

Take care,
Kiersten