April 20, 2020
Lorain County Jr. Fair Update

This week’s update is dedicated entirely to Lorain County Jr. Fair! Our wonderful Michelle Czarnecki is uploading all items to our Lorain County 4-H website as she receives them. To access Jr. Fair Books, entry, and contest forms that have been updated thus far, visit https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/lorain-county-junior-fair.

2020 Jr. Fair Books
The 2020 Lorain County Jr. Fair Books are available online!! We will let you know when our office is re-opened for business so club leaders may pick up paper copies for their 4-H families.

The Fair Addendum (additional rules and regulations for booths and other activities related to Jr. fair) and the Project Guidelines (additional guidance for matching project requirements with fair judging) will be available sometime in May.

Ractopamine
Lorain County Fair statement on use of Ractopamine
The Lorain County Fair Board highly discourages the use of Ractopamine (Paylean) in market hog exhibits. Beginning in 2020, all exhibitors and their parents will be required to complete and sign an affidavit stating their use of ractopamine with each animal exhibited. Ractopamine fed or ractopamine free will be published for each market hog in the sale program. The board reserves the right to test animals for ractopamine at any time. Note: Most local processors have already indicated they will not accept animals that have been fed ractopamine.

I have attached an infographic on ractopamine for your convenience.

Changes to Cat and Animal SD Judging
Please note JFB has made the following adjustments to Division 28:
Division 28: Cat and Small Animal/Self-Determined Small Animal Department has moved this judging date to the Saturday prior to fair in conjunction with Large Ag/Still-Life Judging. This will include all Cat and Self-Determined Animal Projects.
Pre-Fair Requirements
4-H, FFA, and Jr. Fair are working closely to ensure that we will be able to offer opportunities in July and early August to meet all pre-fair qualifiers. This includes but is not limited to quality assurance, measurements, body scoring, show requirements, etc.

Flower Pot Contest
Flowers are a great way to add beauty and joy to any landscape! All 4-H clubs are invited to provide a bit of beauty to our fairgrounds. Interested 4-H clubs need to mail the entry form to Rick Ternes by APRIL 20th. Clubs may pick up a flower pot at the Fairgrounds May 4 thru May 15 in front of the Swine Barn. Please see the flyer on our website for additional contest details.

2020 Jr. Fair Royalty Contest
Sr. Fair Board, Jr. Fair Board, the Jr. Fair Royalty committee and Lorain County 4-H have updated and revamped our contest.

- Application (including an essay)- due May 15
- Interviews (including a 3-5 minute speech on an assigned topic)- May 28
- Court announced and new public speaking component- August 4 (in conjunction with the 4-H Scholarship night)
- Official Crowning- August 24 at Fair Opening Ceremonies

Upon completion of your royalty duties, the Jr. Fair King and Queen each receive a $1,000 scholarship from the Lorain County Agricultural Society! Thus, we are utilizing the general Lorain County scholarship application.

Be sure to take a look at the application as well as the royalty court expectations for more information!
**Lorain County Fair Camping**

Camping spaces for 2020 are $165.00 for the week of fair. Please read the **Camping Rules & Regulations** (*will be uploaded once updated for 2020*) before submitting your application.

Applications taken starting:
- **June 15 @ 9:00 am**

Deadline to renew or apply:
- **June 26 @ 3:00 pm**

Deadline with $50.00 late fee (non-refundable) per spot:
- **July 2 @ 3:00 pm**

*It is your responsibility to renew within the application period – not responsible for lost or misdirected mail.*

If you are paying for a new spot, payment does not guarantee space - if we are unable to give you a spot, your payment will be refunded.

**Printable Camping Application Form**

*Renewal applications will be mailed on June 8*

**Honey Dipper Request Form**

Camping packets are generally sent the last week of July. Please do not call the office and ask about camping until after August 7.

Campers can start occupying the lots **Friday, August 21 @ 12 noon** - if that time changes, it will be posted on our Facebook page.

**HONEY DIPPER:** The honey dipper will be pumping on Wednesday and Saturday. The cost is $37.50 per day and must be submitted with your camping application if you want to pre-pay. **NEW THIS YEAR, THE HONEY DIPPER WILL ONLY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS.** You can be at your camper on those days and pay him directly or pre-pay with the form included with your camping application. If you pay for camping online, you can submit your honey dipper payment separately, as long as it is received by the end of the application period. Please see request form link above for details.
Market Lamb & Market Goat Tagging
Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines from the State of Ohio and OSU Extension, Lorain County Jr. Fair will hold a “Virtual Tag-in” in lieu of our in-person tagging & weigh-in that was scheduled for May 16th.

How It Works:
In order to “tag-in” your project animal and be eligible to show at the fair, please submit the linked form(s) below with information about the exhibitor & animal, along with the requested pictures to your species’ respective e-mail address.

Required Information to Send:
Mandatory Form:
Market Lamb Form
Market Goat Form

Mandatory Pictures:
1.) Close-up picture of the animal’s USDA Scrapie tag or tattoo – must be legible!
2.) Picture of animal with Scrapie ID visible
3.) Picture of animal’s face – only if the animal has a tail tattoo and was not visible in picture #2
4.) Side-view picture of the animal

*IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SCRAPIE ID
You must include both the premise & individual ID numbers as shown below

https://www.premier1supplies.com/a/ear-tags-usda-scrapie-eradication-program

Where to send info:
Market Lamb exhibitors send pictures to loraincountysheep@gmail.com
Market Goat exhibitors send pictures to loraincountygoats@gmail.com

*ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MIDNIGHT SATURDAY MAY 16TH