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A new website with science-based information and research on COVID-19 from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences launched April 7th. The KX COVID-19 Hub is a collaboration between The Knowledge Exchange, Ohio State University Extension, and the CFAES statewide network of researchers and faculty. Visit kx.osu.edu/covid-19 for a collection of resources, tools, and links to help Ohio communities’ weather the crisis.

Thank you to the following Lorain County 4-H supporters. It is the generosity from organizations such as yours that ensures

Lorain County 4-H is Great!
Happy July!

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to adjust our 4-H programming to meet the current guidelines issued by the Governor, Lorain County Health Department, OSU Extension, and Ohio 4-H. All of you should have received the official notice from Ohio 4-H regarding the guidelines to return to in-person programming. Please be sure to carefully read these guidelines (ohio4h.org/families/stay-connected) as you all consider how you may offer in-person events and activities to assist our youth in final preparations for project evaluation and judging!

Please keep in mind that, although 4-H Clubs have received clearance to offer in-person activities, OSU Extension has not received clearance. The Lorain County OSU Extension office remains closed for 4-H business. Additionally, we are still awaiting more directions regarding county-wide programming efforts (i.e. Council meetings, project judging and evaluation, etc.).

At this point, we are moving forward with plans for events later this month. This includes Family and Consumer Science project judging (FCS), Quality Assurance workshops, and livestock and small animal project book judging. I have provided additional details later in this newsletter regarding all of these events. I ask that you exercise patience and understanding IF these plans require adjustment after this newsletter has been published.

I wish you all a beautiful, safe, and healthy July!
The 4-H Project and Project Books

The 4-H Project is central to the 4-H Club experience in Ohio. A 4-H project is three-fold:

- Hands-on activities - making, producing, practicing, observing, testing, interviewing, etc.
- Organized activities - demonstrations, speeches, workshops, camps, county judging, etc.
- Leadership and Citizenship activities - conducting, planning, teaching, assisting, informing, etc.

These three types of activities provide our youth opportunities to gain, practice, and share knowledge and life skills.

All Ohio 4-H Club members are required to take and complete a project each year. Lorain County offers a document to assist you in navigating project completion. This can be found on our website, https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-evaluationjudging-and-exhibit-guidelines

If you have not purchased your project book, there is still time to order!

**Buy one online.** If you would like to buy a print copy of a Perfect Stay-at-Home project or any other project book, you can order directly from extensionpubs.osu.edu with one of these special discounts for Ohio residents: **FREE2020** (for free shipping) OR **20IN2020** (20% off the entire order). Use the coupon that works best for you. Orders can be shipped directly to a person’s home as long as it is an Ohio address. **Please review your order carefully. No returns are accepted.** There is no restriction on the number of times a coupon can be used. See printable ordering instructions **HERE.**
4-H Project Evaluation

All 4-H Projects will have opportunity for project evaluation. There are several options:
- Project Book Evaluation (eligible to receive an A, B, or C grade)
- Project Interview & Exhibit Evaluation (eligible to receive an A, B, or C grade)
- Livestock and Small Animal Shows at the Lorain County Fair (eligible to receive placings and special awards)

Livestock & Small Animal Projects - Book Judging
The projects listed below must submit their project books for evaluation no later than July 20 and earn a minimum of 15 points in order to show a live animal at the fair. Books may be dropped off to the Fairgrounds during the Quality Assurance workshop on July 20th. Books will be available for pick-up at the Fairgrounds on July 29th following the Quality Assurance workshop. Evaluation of project books and records will utilize the scoresheet attached to this newsletter. This is also available on our website.

- Beef
- Cat/Small Animal Self Determined
- Cavy
- Dairy
- Goats
- Horses
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

Livestock & Small Animal Projects – Poster Option
The projects listed above may also be completed as poster project if a 4-H member is not interested in exhibiting a live animal at the fair. This is the process ALL Dog projects will utilize. If this option is chosen, youth will register for an in-person or virtual interview with the Ag & Still Life Projects. Please refer to details regarding these judging options on page 6 of this newsletter.

Contact the OSU Extension Office if you have turned in fair entries for exhibiting a live animal and would rather switch to taking a poster project.

Participation at the Lorain County Fair is a privilege. This is highly encouraged but is not a requirement to complete a 4-H project. Junior Fair Board will offer a drive-through style project poster/exhibit drop-off on Sunday, August 16th, noon – 4:00 p.m. More details will be provided in the August Clover Communicator.

Livestock & Small Animal Project Shows at the Lorain County Fair
All fair entries were due July 1st. Participation at the Lorain County Fair is a privilege. This is not a requirement to complete a 4-H project.
4-H Project Evaluation

Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Projects
This year FCS project judging will be conducted through virtual interview. Please use the links below to register for a virtual interview. Interview registration links will remain open until July 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Interviews will take place over the zoom platform and be 5-10 minutes in length. Youth will need their completed project book and records, poster or project exhibit, and come prepared to share their project learning experience with an interview judge.

Questions and requests our judges may ask of you include:
• What was your favorite part of this project? Why?
• What was the most challenging part of this project? Why?
• Share with me one of the learning activities you completed in your project book.
• Tell me about the poster or exhibit you created for this project.

Food & Nutrition Projects
July 14 & 15 2:00-7:00 p.m.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BFAFE29A0FE3-fcsproject1
459 Let’s Start Cooking
461 Let’s Bake Quick Breads
462 Yeast Breads on the Rise
463 Sports Nutrition: Ready, Set, Go
467 You’re the Chef
469 Global Gourmet
472 Grill Master
474 Beyond the Grill
475 Star Spangled Foods
476 Pathways to Culinary Success
477 Party Planner – Guide to Quantity Cooking
481 Everyday Food and Fitness
484 Snack Attack!
485 Racing the Clock to Awesome Meals
486 Dashboard Dining
487 Take a Break for Breakfast

Clothing Projects
July 15 & 16 2:00-7:00 p.m.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BFAFE29A0FE3-fcsproject
406 Clothes for High School & College
407 Accessories for Teens
408 Creative Costumes
409 Sew Fun
410 Designed by Me
411 Em-bel-lish: Wearable Art
412 Sew For Others
413 Sundresses and Jumpers
415 Ready, Set, Sew Active!
417 Dress-Up Outfit
418 Loungewear
419 Terrific Tops
420 Outerwear for Anywhere
424 Clothing for Middle School
425 Look Great for Less
426 Clothing For Your Career
430 Shopping Savvy
432M Sewing & Textiles

FCS Special Interest Projects
July 14-17, 2:00-7:00 p.m.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BFAFE29A0FE3-fcsproject2
365 Self Determined - Family & Consumer Sciences
405 The Laundry Project
442 Family History Treasure Hunt
445 Becoming Money Wise
448 Teens on the Road to Financial Success
490 Science Fun with Dairy Foods
491 It’s My Home
492 Cake Decorating
493 Science Fun with Kitchen Chemistry
494 Makeover My Space
495 Your First Home Away from Home
496 My Favorite Things
497 Scrapbooking
498 Quilting the Best
4-H Project Evaluation Continued

Style Review
We will not host an in-person Style Review this year. Youth may submit pictures that will be utilized to create a collage and displayed in the FCS Clothing Educational Booth at the Lorain County Fair. Please e-mail pictures to baca.30@osu.edu.

Ag, Still Life, and Shooting Sports Projects
This year we will offer two options for Ag and Still Life project judging; an in-person or virtual interview. 4-H youth in the projects listed below will register for a 5-10 minute in-person or virtual interview. In-person interviews will take place Wednesday, August 12th, 5:30 – 8:00 at The New Russia Township Lodge. Virtual interviews will take place Thursday, August 13th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration links will be e-mailed and available in the August Clover Communicator.

Youth will need their completed project book and records, poster or project exhibit, and come prepared to share their project learning experience with an interview judge.

91 Discovering 4-H
117-227, Animal projects which are being exhibited and shown ONLY as poster projects. Members should come to the judging with these projects ONLY if they are not exhibiting their actual animal at the fair.
230 Pet Pals
244-246 Veterinary Science
300 & 351-359 You’re the Athlete and Health Projects
365 Self-Determined Projects – Large and Small
370-378 Leadership Projects
382 Am I Ready for Work
500 Science Fun with Physics
501-504 Aerospace Science & Radio Controlled Vehicles
507 Robotics 1 with LEGO®EV3
508 Robotics 2: LEGO®EV3N More
512M Robotics Master
517-518 Bicycle
527-531 Electricity/Electronics
540-555 Not Just Knots; Small Engines; Tractors; ATV
556-560M Woodworking
561 National Safe Tractor & Machinery
573 Arcs & Sparks (Welding)
584-589M Photography and Creative Writing Projects
592-593 Arts
611-624 Outdoors and Natural Resources Projects
630-631 Gun Safety, Basic Archery
641-646 Beekeeping and Insects
670 -671, 691-692 Canning/Freezing; Gardening Projects
750-757 Shooting Sports Projects
4-H Project Evaluation Continued

Large Ag Projects
4-H youth in the projects listed below will register for a 5-10 minute in-person interview to take place on Saturday, August 22, 2020, Noon – 2:00 p.m. in the Building #11 on the fairgrounds. Registration links will be e-mailed and available in the August Clover Communicator. Please contact Jacki Baca if you would rather have a virtual interview.

Youth will need their completed project book and records, poster or project exhibit, and come prepared to share their project learning experience with an interview judge.

365 Large Self-Determined Projects (i.e. furniture refinishing or tractor restoration)
541-543 Small Engines
556-560M Woodworking Projects
573 Arcs & Sparks

Project Exhibition at the Lorain County Fair
Participation at the Lorain County Fair is a privilege. This is highly encouraged but is not a requirement to complete a 4-H project. Junior Fair Board will offer a drive-through style project poster/exhibit drop-off on Sunday, August 16th, noon – 4:00 p.m. More details will be provided in the August Clover Communicator.

Cloverbud Show & Tell
This year’s Cloverbud Show & Tell will be conducted at the Club level. Please connect with your 4-H Club Advisor for more details regarding how your club will offer this opportunity. The Lorain County Sr. Fair Board will still be awarding the participation medals and premiums to our youngest members. These will be provided to your club leaders at a later date.

All Cloverbuds are encouraged to share a poster or fun exhibit in the Cloverbud booth at the fair! Our Cloverbud Corner coordinator, Becky McDonnell will be working closely with the Jr. Fair Board to ensure this happens. Junior Fair Board will offer a drive-through style project poster/exhibit drop-off on Sunday, August 16th, noon – 4:00 p.m. More details will be provided in the August Clover Communicator.
**Livestock & Small Animal Project Record Book Evaluation**

4-H Member __________________________ Club __________________________

Project Species (circle one):

- Beef
- Cat/Small Animal Self Determined
- Cavy
- Dairy
- Goats
- Horses
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

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**Total Score (max 30 points)**

Comments:
4-H Endowment Board
After much consideration, the Endowment Board has made the decision to cancel the 2020 annual dinner. If you purchased tickets and donated baskets, please let us know how you would like to proceed. For ticket purchased you may, request a refund in full, or roll your ticket purchase to next year’s event. For baskets donated you may have your donation returned, or we can keep your basket in storage to be used at next year’s event (we will inventory and dispose of perishable or expired items). If you have not been contacted by an Endowment Board member regarding your interest, please contact John Jacovetti at 440-396-0759.

4-H County Councils
Dog, FCS, Saddle Horse, Small Equine Small Pony and Shooting Sports Council Executive Boards did a phenomenal job at providing over 15 virtual clinics throughout the month of June! Thank you to all of our volunteers involved with these efforts! Youth enrolled in these project areas have received links to review the recorded clinics.

All July County Council meetings and clinics will continue to be virtual. As our Exec Committees make plans for meetings, clinics and workshops, we will directly e-mail 4-H families with youth enrolled in these project areas and all 4-H Club Advisors.

Skillathon
Lorain County will not offer a skillathon contest this year. Those interested in skillathon may still compete in the state level virtual skillathon contest. Please see additional details under upcoming state opportunities.
**Dog Council**

Lorain County 4-H will not host any face-to-face shows in July or August due to public health concerns, uncertainty of guidelines from Lorain County Health Department, Ohio State and Ohio 4-H, and financial constraints for 4-H families AND Councils.

Lorain County Jr. Fair will not be offering a Dog Show at the 2020 fair. Members enrolled in the Dog project may complete this project as a poster project. Dog Council will provide educational opportunities for all youth to transition their project into a poster project.

**Horse Council**

Lorain County 4-H will not host any face-to-face shows in July or August due to public health concerns, uncertainty of guidelines from Lorain County Health Department, Ohio State and Ohio 4-H, and financial constraints for 4-H families AND Councils.

Jr. Fair Board is waiving the pre fair requirements including participation in at least one PAS or 4-H Horse Show AND attend a body scoring For 2020 ONLY. This is rule 25. On page 47. Of the fair book. Horse Fun Shows will continue at this point.

**SESP**

Small Equine Small Pony Council has cancelled versatility and groom & clean contests for this year. A team consisting of SESP Council exec members and Jr. Fair will take measurements at horse check-in, Sunday, August 23 1:00-6:00 p.m.

**Saddle Horse**

Saddle Horse will determine the status of versatility and groom and clean once Ohio 4-H has determined the status of these contests at the state level. Clarification regarding Rule 1. On page 47. “With each horse project, an exhibitor must participate in one, may participate in up to two: showmanship (314-319), horsemanship (322-326), OR equitation (320, 321 & 324) classes. An exhibitor must also participate in one and up to two graded classes (327-337) with each horse project. Contest exhibitors must show in contest horsemanship and at least one of 2 offered graded contest classes.” Each horse may enter up to a total of four classes.
Tips for In-person 4-H Meetings & Events

Guiding Principles

- The health and safety of the 4-H community is our priority
- Transparency is essential – clear expectations must be communicated in a timely manner
- Be flexible – continue to provide options (including virtual ones) for participation to ensure 4-H members and families can remain safe given their individual circumstances, while maintaining an inclusive and flexible environment for all

Meeting Planning

- Send notices in advance of meetings and events outlining expectations. Include physical distancing requirements, encourage face masks, and a statement informing individuals they must not participate in-person if they or anyone in their household, is experiencing fever, cough, or shortness of breath
- Take attendance instead of passing around a sign-in sheet
- Plan ahead to provide six feet of physical distance and access to clean restrooms
- Know the maximum number of people who may safely be in the meeting space (occupancy limits)
- Provide all participants with individual copies of any educational materials
- Have attendees bring their own snacks and drinks

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

- Appropriate disposable procedure masks or cloth face masks are expected to be properly worn at all 4-H in-person activities
- Require face masks at individual interviews, skill-a-thon, and other judging events

Sanitizing Stations and Schedules

- Provide hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol
- Clean and disinfect the entrance/exit door handles and other high-touch objects or surfaces in the meeting space, as well as any accessible restrooms
- Clean and disinfect tables and chairs before and after use
- If using bleach, confirm that it is not expired and is intended for disinfection
- Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application of bleach solutions, including proper ventilation

Practice & Encourage Good Hygiene

- Wash your hands often, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface
- Avoid touching your face or other attendees
- Provide tissues and ensure there is a wastebasket to dispose of used tissues

Monitor Your Health

- Be alert for symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath
- Do not attend in-person activities if you or anyone living in your household is experiencing symptoms associated with the coronavirus, or any other communicable illness
- Follow CDC/ODH guidance if symptoms develop

Signage

- Post 4-H signage about symptoms, masks, hand hygiene, and physical distancing at your activities
LORAIN COUNTY QUALITY ASSURANCE

Intended Audience:
ALL Junior Fair exhibitors of finished market beef, market lambs, market hogs, market goats, lactating dairy cattle, lactating dairy goats, turkeys, meat rabbits, meat chickens and meat ducks MUST annually attend an entire mandatory quality assurance education program (one evening session) in Lorain County put on by the LORAIN COUNTY Quality Assurance Team, in order to show any of these designated animals in Junior Fair.

LOCATION – Cow Palace, Building #4 Lorain County Fairgrounds

DATES – Monday, July 20, 2020 – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All participants much pre-register (See below)

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR:

• If you are still in need of Quality Assurance for the 2020 Fair Season, you will need to attend one of the above Quality Assurance sessions to be able to show at the Lorain County Fair in 2020.

• All participants will be required to pre-register as space will be limited at each of the sessions. You may pre-register through the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4BAFAE29A0FE3-2020

• Members and/or family members cannot attend the meeting if they or anyone living in their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

• Note that physical distancing will be practiced by maintaining a six-foot distance between families.

• We expect face masks will be properly worn while in enclosed buildings, and when not able to properly distance while in open barns or outside.

• Please wear comfortable (but modest) clothing as we will be in an open barn and temperatures are expected to be high. You may want to bring your own bottled water.

• If you are unable to make one of these two scheduled days, you will need to reach out to Julie Mackey at mackey.181@osu.edu or at 440-326-5851 before July 29, 2020.
Columbus, OH - This year the state 4-H public speaking contest had to be held virtually because of the social distancing order to keep 4-Hers safe and healthy. According to ohio4-H.org, “the primary objective of the Communications Contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project to demonstrate their communication and media skills on a specific equine or equine related topic. Youth may compete in the following categories: Public Speaking, Individual Presentation and Team Presentation.”

Three Lorain County 4-H members competed in the contest this year. The members submitted videos of their speeches and presentations.

Chloee Howard, a sophomore at Black River, and Abby Lowe, a junior at Amherst Steele, (pictured right) competed in the team presentation and got 2nd in the state. Their topic was “The Importance of Forage in an Equine's Diet.” Both Chloee and Abby are members of Saddle-Lites 4-H Club.

Callie Finnegan, a 6th grader and South Amherst Middle School, competed in individual public speaking and got 1st in the state. Her topic was “Shipping Fever.” Callie is a member of Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club.

Congratulations to these 4-Hers. The next state events are virtual Horse Judging and Hippology which takes place on June 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Callie Finnegan, reporter of Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club & Ms. Muth, SAMS writing teacher
Lorain County Junior Fair Update

In order to ensure compliance with the Governor's Responsible Restart Ohio plan for County Fairs, the following adjustments have been put in place. Additional plans and adjustments are being discussed and will be shared once they have been approved by the Lorain County Health Commissioner.

Ribbons
All grade ribbons (A, B, C) will be awarded through 4-H and FFA project and evaluation. Jr. Fair judges will only place each class and Jr. Fair Board members will manage paperwork and ribbons as related to placings; decreasing the interactions between youth in the show ring. This will ensure that we are able to move youth and animals more quickly through the show ring. Grades earned from project book evaluation will apply to all animals exhibited through that project (i.e. one project book entered- 4 animals exhibited, grade applies to all 4 animals).

Premier Exhibitor
There will be no premier exhibitor contest at the 2020 Lorain County Jr. Fair.

No special events
All special events including but not limited to cupcake contest, public speaking, parade, special awards, council royalty, evening dances have been canceled for this year.

Club Booths
Club Booths will not be offered for 2020. The following educational booths be allowed with minimal interaction to ensure social distancing:
4-H Informational Booth- 4-H Advisory Committee
Endowment Donor Recognition Booth
4-H Camp
Cloverbuds
CARTEENS
Shooting Sports
Small Equine Small Pony
Saddle Horse
Dog
A Results booth for FCS, Ag/Still Life and Shooting Sports
Rabbit Tattooing & Clinic
Tuesday, July 21, 2020
5:30-7:30 in Barn 4

Maximum of one pet rabbit tattooed per exhibitor at no charge.
Maximum of 10 meat rabbits tattooed per exhibitor at no charge.
Additional rabbits $1.00 each.

Youth Wristbands
**Jr. Fair Exhibitors** (4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, Camp Fire, Etc.)
Any child age 8 and under is free at the gates.
Jr. Fair Exhibitors (youth who have turned in a Jr. Fair entry form and registered at least one exhibit for fair) will receive a wristband pass for fair which allows free admission at the gates.

**Wristband distribution times** – the Jr. Fair exhibitor must go in person to get their wristband at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Office on the fairgrounds during these times:

- **SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 – Noon – 4:00 p.m.**

Exhibitors who cannot wear a wristband (due to sports, allergies, etc.) should request tickets during the wristband distribution times.

Advisor Discount Passes
**Jr. Fair Advisors** (All youth organizations)
Special advance tickets can be purchased at $3.00 each (max. 7 daily admission tickets per person). Any registered advisor of a youth organization which participates in the Jr. Fair, whose name is submitted to the Jr. Fair Coordinator at the Lorain County Fair Office by **JULY 23** by their youth organization, can purchase these tickets. (Extension Office already has 4-H volunteer/advisor names. Other youth organizations must submit leader/advisor names.)
Special advance tickets must be purchased at the Sr. Fair Board Office on the fairgrounds only **August 1 through August 15** during posted business hours. A Jr. Fair Advisor CAN EXCHANGE their 7 tickets for a wristband during the Saturday and Sunday wristband distribution times if that is desired.

If you are a registered 4-H volunteer and interested in assisting with wristband, premium and exhibitor numbers distribution please contact Jr. Fair Coordinator, Sherry Nickles at Loraincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com. Wristband and numbers are distributed on Saturday and Sunday however, is only needed on Sunday.
Lorain County Junior Fair

Lorain County Sale Committee Update

The Lorain County Livestock Sale Committee is looking for photos to use on their Facebook page.
We’d like to know what you’ve been doing all summer with your animal.
If you are interested in being featured on our FB page, “like” our Facebook page @ “Lorain County Livestock Sale Committee” and send a message. You will receive a response and be instructed on how to submit a photo.

The Lorain County Livestock Sale Committee has donated $5,000 to the Senior Fair Board to help with costs of the new sound system, and plan to assist with further funds after the fair.

Market Animal & Exhibitor Photos for Jr. Fair Livestock Sale
All exhibitors in market projects (turkey, meat rabbits, meat chickens, market goats, market steers, market hogs, market lambs) must provide a 4 x 6 landscape format photo of the exhibitor with their animal to in order to sell in the Jr. Fair Livestock auctions. Exhibitors must provide a separate photo for each lot intended to sell. Please include on the back of each photo:
• Exhibitor Name
• Type of Animal
• Jr. Fair ID for Steers, Pigs, Sheep, and Goats
• 4-H Club or FFA Chapter

Jr. Fair Board will mount photo on the cardboard buyer sign that is given to each market animal buyer during the sale.

All photos must be received by August 1st. There is a DROP BOX located at the front of the junior fair building next to the office window. Please place photos in an envelope and deposit in this drop box.
Dairy Project Auction

Dairy projects offer a hands-on opportunity to learn about one of Ohio’s most important industries and the benefits of dairy products. PLUS, dairy projects offer a great opportunity for 4-Hers to make money with a fair project without having to say goodbye to their project at the end of the week!

The Lorain County Dairy Youth Auction is organized by volunteers to benefit the youth of the county by providing a financial reward and incentive for completing a dairy project. The auction is held during the noon break in the Jr. Fair Dairy Show. Donated items are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The money raised through the auction is distributed to all Jr. Fair dairy participants with additional money going to recognize Junior and Senior Champions, skill-a-thon champions and showmanship winners. Some of the money is also awarded as scholarships, donated to the Friends of Lorain County 4-H and to support the county’s dairy judging team.

The more successful the auction, the more money each exhibitor receives for each of their dairy projects. The sale committee solicits donations for the auction. Exhibitors are encouraged to contact potential buyers for the auction. Please contact Heather McCann at hjmc267@gmail.com to receive a copy of a sample letter to personalize for your use.

The more bidders that are present at the auction, the higher the prices will likely be. Please help your 4-Hers create list of businesses and individuals with which they do business and send them a letter or make an individual contact. The more contacts they make the more prospective bidders there will be at the auction. Email Heather (hjmc267@gmail.com) or call her at 330-310-6793 for a list of past sale supporters. Please do not limit your contacts just to names on this list.

The auction is a 501(c) 3 non-profit. We will be able to provide receipts for tax-deductible donations and purchases.

Thank you for your help making this year’s auction another success!

If you have questions or would like more details on the auction or the incentives paid to junior fair dairy participants, please contact Heather McCann at 330-310-6793. See you at the fair!
Upcoming Workshops & Events

Upcoming State Opportunities

Ohio Youth Livestock Expo
The Ohio Youth Livestock Expo is being hosted July 25-August 18 by a group of volunteers with shows for beef, sheep, swine, and boer goats. The Expo is perfect for junior exhibitors who are looking for a state-wide, competitive show for their livestock projects.

For full details, schedule, eligibility, and entry information, go to www.theoyle.com. Entries are due July 10.

State Skillathon
Dates/times, rules, and registration for Ohio Youth Skillathons are now online at: https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-youth-skillathons

Registration is due by JULY 15th, 2020.
Register by visiting: www.go.osu.edu/skillathonregistration
All exhibitors with need an email address specific to that exhibitor that can be used as your log-in credential (this is also where the first-time registration will be).

Horse Skillathon: Thurs 7/23/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Goat Skillathon: Fri 7/24/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Dairy Skillathon: Sat 7/25/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sheep Skillathon: Wed 7/29/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Dog Skillathon: Mon 8/3/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Poultry Skillathon: Tue 8/4/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Swine Skillathon: Wed 8/5/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Beef Skillathon: Thurs 8/6/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Rabbit Skillathon: Fri 8/7/2020 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Ohio 4-H Project Showcase
This summer we invite 4-H members in good standing to submit a photo of themselves with their 4-H project for display in an online project showcase. You’ll be asked to share what you liked about the project and one new thing you learned. Parents will also need to sign their approval for youth to participate.
Here’s more:
Select your favorite project – one per person
Send a great photo – at least 2 MB
Photos will be display after September 8 at ohio4h.org
Submit your photos by August 15 at go.osu.edu/4H2020Showcase
HAY BALE CONTEST
Rules and Regulations
Fair Dates: August 23 - 30, 2020

- Open to anyone – groups, clubs, businesses, individuals.
- Must submit the entry form at the bottom of this page by August 14.
- Decorated hay bales must be set up no later than Friday, August 21 @ 10 am. If using donated bales, they will be ready to be decorated by Friday, August 14, weather permitting (you will receive a phone call or email with the location once your bales are placed).
- Judging: Friday, August 21.
- If you want your decorations and/or bale(s), they must be removed no later than Tuesday, September 1, 2020.
- There will be a limited number of donated bales on a first come, first serve basis. Donated bales are 4’ x 5’ round. Donated bales for political promotion will only be given if available on August 14.
- We will set the bales; you must stabilize to avoid tipping or rolling. Anything deemed unsafe or inappropriate will be removed.
- Entries will be placed throughout the fairgrounds at our discretion.
- No lights or illumination unless solar lighting.
- Entries cannot be larger than 12 feet wide and 15 feet long.
- Prize money: 1st place - $150; 2nd place - $100; 3rd place - $75; 4th place - $50.
- Any questions, please call Charisse Nikel, Fair Secretary, at (440) 647-2781.

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YES! We will be submitting an entry in the 2020 Lorain County Fair Hay Bale Contest.

Name ___________________________________________ Contact Number ____________________________

Organization Name (if any) ________________________________________________________________

Check Payable To (if you win a prize) _______________________________________________________

Mailing Address __________________________________________ City/State/Zip __________________

Email Address _________________________________________________

Number of Bales You Anticipate Using _______ ☐ Check Here To Request Donated Bales

Brief Description of Entry______________________________________________________________

Please return to Lorain County Fair, 23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, Ohio 44090
or email to cnikel@loraincountyfair.com
Entry forms must be received no later than August 14, 2020
COVID-19 Resources

During this pandemic, we want to make sure ALL of our families have access to the local resources needed. Resource Links:

Ohio State Resources
A new website with science-based information and research on COVID-19 from The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences launched April 7th. The KX COVID-19 Hub is a collaboration between The Knowledge Exchange, Ohio State University Extension, and the CFAES statewide network of researchers and faculty. Visit kx.osu.edu/covid-19 for a collection of resources, tools, and links to help Ohio communities' weather the crisis.

Founded in 2019, The Knowledge Exchange (KX) is a support platform in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences bringing research to the public in an unbiased and interactive way.

Local Resources

Looking for resources? 2-1-1 has the latest up-to-date information on what local agencies are on the ground right now, providing food and resources to people facing challenges during the COVID-19 crisis. Call 2-1-1, text “covid19” to 211-211, or visit 211lorain.org

United Way of Greater Lorain County: Call 2-1-1 http://www.211lorain.org/

Lorain County Office on Aging: Call (440) 326-4800  https://lcooa.org/

Ohio Department of Health: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home


Local Mental Health Resources: https://u.osu.edu/cphp/ohio-mental-health-resource-guides/
4-H Event Guidelines

Please be respectful and maintain a distance of six feet from one another.

Face masks are expected.

All tables and chairs must be sanitized before, between and after use by individuals.

Practice good hygiene
- Wash hands
- Avoid touching your face
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow
- Monitor your health
Proper Hand Washing

1. Use soap and warm water
2. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds
3. Clean between fingers, under nails and jewelry
4. Dry hands with a single-use paper towel
5. Place used paper towel in trash
Sanitizing Station

All tables and chairs must be sanitized before, between and after use by individuals.

This sanitizing solution contains 1/3 cup bleach per one gallon of water.

To properly sanitize surfaces, submerge clean cotton cloth, wring out, wipe all surfaces and leave solution on surface for at least one minute.

Sanitizing solution will be refreshed every four hours.
Watch your step!

Please be respectful and maintain a distance of six feet from each other.
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

How COVID-19 Spreads
COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes.

Person-to-person spread
The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

The virus spreads easily between people
How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-to-person without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.

The virus may be spread in other ways
It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about how this virus spreads.

Spread between animals and people
- At this time, the risk of COVID-19 spreading from animals to people is considered to be low. Learn about COVID-19 and pets and other animals.
- It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some situations. CDC is aware of a small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19. Learn what you should do if you have pets.

Protect yourself and others
The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can take steps to slow the spread.

- Maintain good social distance (about 6 feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and others.