

Henry County 4-H Flashes Update #1

April 19-25, 2020

Dear 4-H Members, Parents & Volunteers:

A little over a month ago life changed in the blink of an eye or so it seems. Being an optimist, I truly did not think we would be where we are today in terms of 4-H programming. The Ohio State University is the Ohio land-grant university for the Extension programs throughout the state. Therefore, we must abide by decisions and direction of the university administration. I want to thank all of our members, parents and volunteers for being patient and understanding as we all work and continue to evolve into our new normal. I will try to be concise, yet informative in my weekly updates that will be happening from here on out.

While we are not physically in the office, the Henry County Extension staff members are working from their homes during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. Our phone number is 419-592-0806.

As you have questions or concerns, please get in touch with me either by phone or via email: rohlf.2@osu.edu

Stay Healthy!

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GENERAL 4-H UPDATES

***4-H Projects & 4-H Project Books-** Unfortunately we cannot distribute books from the Extension office. There are several options outline below.

A. Order 4-H project books online at extensionpubs@osu.edu

For Step by step instructions on how to order go to the following link:

https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/books_resources/StayAtHomeProjects/Ordering-Info-2020-0414.pdf

B. Stay-at-Home Projects are available at <https://ohio4h.org/stayathomeprojects>

The projects available there are free and can be downloaded to your computer and printed off.

Not enrolled in any of those projects but you are interested in taking one? You have up until April 30th to add/change a project if you

*Livestock project members may go ahead and print off the livestock insert posted on the Henry Co. website to begin recordkeeping or you may order your livestock project books online as well.



***Club Items-** For now, virtual meetings are all that I can encourage you to do. I have provided volunteers with a listing of technology available to use for meetings. I am also available to help any club who would like me to help them set up their club meetings via Zoom. Some of the club activities you can complete include:

1. **Educational Tours-** We are still working on the list of resources for our clubs to complete educational tours. Elliott Lawrence, Lucas Co. Extension Educator, 4-H is offering virtual "field trips" every Friday live from 3-4pm. If a club wants to view them later go to: go.osu.edu/vrfieldtrip. I am encouraging club members or families to put together a tour of their farm or business they can educate others about. If these videos are to be made for your club's Facebook page that is a public page, the Henry Co. website, or Youtube, please do not provide addresses, or display information that may lead others NOT from your 4-H club to your home/property.
2. **Community Service-** The video I posted on the Henry County 4-H Facebook page explains how you can be do your community service projects while you might have extra time on your hands. Your community is a very focused community right now- your home! Clean out closets, help do laundry, get flowerbeds ready for spring planting... The list is endless. Work with your club to determine the group's strategy for accomplishing this very important component of the 4-H experience.
3. **Officer Training-** I know that some of the clubs have completed the old version of our online training that was used in the past for those who could not make the live sessions. And that's GREAT! Online Training is how we will deliver your training this year. For the time being I have removed this alternative from our website and will be reposting new links for videos that have been updated and training questions for each office. Next weeks update will include information to access the trainings. Deadline for completion will be June 1st.

***County Wide Programs**

√**Virtual Camp-** It was with great sadness that I had to announce that there will be no camps from now through August 31 for Ohio 4-H. However, our 4-H Camp counselors met this past Wednesday night and began plans to hold a virtual camp the days our live camp would have been held June 24-28th. We are just in the planning stages so stay tuned for more information. I plan to do a survey with families to determine some alternatives with the virtual camp for 2020.

√**Communication & Expressive Arts Contest**

In the weeks to come I will be putting together the format for the contest that was to be held June 15th. At this time, our members can access the Communication & Expressive Arts Contest registration form on the county website henry.osu.edu>4-H Youth Development>Forms for 4-H. It is a fillable form and can be emailed once completed to me at rohlf.2@osu.edu

√**Royalty Applications**

There have been a few changes made to the royalty program. 4-H royalty, Horse royalty, and Shooting Sports royalty are the same. In place of Small Animal. Goat & Sheep Royalty titles and structure, there will now be a Rabbit Ambassador, a Poultry Ambassador, a Goat Ambassador and a Sheep Ambassador selected from those who apply. The application is being updated and will be posted on the website by Wednesday April 22. Deadline for application (still all-in-one- application) will be June 1st. The Junior Fair application is being revised as well and will be posted on the 22nd also. *Just an FYI- The Henry County Beef Ambassadors, Henry County Pork Queen & Princess, and the Henry County Dairy Princess are separate royalty programs offered by the respective commodity groups. If you want information about those programs, please give me a call.



SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR LIVESTOCK MEMBERS

√**Quality Assurance Education- Yes you still have to complete it!**

For our new 4-H members and their families: Quality Assurance education is a requirement of the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture and is part of the Ohio Revised Code that has to do with exhibiting livestock. Members who will be showing a animal/s at the fair therefore, must complete the education 45 days prior to the first day of fair.

For 2020 ONLY... the 45 days has been waived. The requirement of completing QA has not been waived. While one was provided live on March 10th, the remaining quality assurance education opportunities will be via live Zoom. There are 5 Zoom sessions that our 4-H and FFA members can register for starting Monday April 20th. A detailed email will be sent out Monday to our livestock project member with instructions on how to register via Qualtric. Participants will need be present throughout the session they select. QA certificates will be mailed out at a later date. If you already completed your QA at the one held in March on the 10th, completed a YQCA program, EquiSTEP or you previously tested out- you will not have to register.

The **POULTRY CLINIC** that was scheduled for Tuesday April 21st is a go via Zoom on Tuesday evening at 6pm. I have sent an email out with the link for those youth wanting to learn more about poultry. **This Zoom clinic will count as Quality Assurance for poultry members**. Dr. Timothy McDermott will be the instructor.

√**Livestock Entries- Launching the online system Wednesday April 22nd😊**

With so much happening these past few weeks I had to delay launching the Fair Entry online system. This will be the method by which our members will need to enter their projects for the Junior Fair. You will receive an email (I will be posting on the website under County News as well) with step-by-step instructions. I will also provide a video with step-by-step instructions for those of you that may find it easier. As you have questions next Wednesday and beyond, please feel free to give me a call! Deadline for Junior Fair entries will be June 20