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If you are choosing to do the Modified In-Person Judging option – be sure to complete the Survey by Monday, June 15.

Refer to your email for the link to the survey.

FYF: For Your Fridge

June 2020 - Mercer County 4-H Newsletter

Dear Members and Advisors:

Well 2020 has kept us on our toes! It started with me entering maternity leave a little early and coming back from maternity much later! Thanks to the volunteers and the office staff that kept things going while I enjoyed time at home with our new daughter, Heidi.

This 4-H program year like many other things, has been a challenging road and lots of changes. We appreciate your patience and resilience to our 4-H program. Our volunteers have been thinking outside the box and offering many virtual opportunities.

Things will continue to evolve and change, but one thing is for sure... we will work hard to give our kids the best 4-H experience possible in 2020.

Beth



Livestock Skillathon and Fair Entry Information:

- Livestock skillathon will be completed virtually this year. You can find your requirements for each specie via email or our website
- Herdsman awards will not be given this year. That money donations will go towards prizes for skillathon outstanding awards
- Livestock members (except dogs, poultry, and rabbits) must register their animals on Fair Entry
- All the information is located here: <https://go.osu.edu/requirements>



Both requirements are due July 10



Livestock Directive Change

The initial guidelines from Governor DeWine stated that animals could only be on the fairgrounds for 72 hours. However, the new directives do not list this requirement. Our show times will continue as normal for the 2020 Mercer Co. Fair. Additional information about arrival and departure of animals and tack will be released in the future.



Thanks to everyone that joined us for virtual camp. We know it is not the same as being at camp with friends, but hopefully you felt connected to our camp traditions. Thanks to our counselors and Erica Stammen for making our videos and bringing camp to our homes! Our videos were viewed over 8,000 times!

Did you miss the virtual camp? You can still check it out on our website – <https://go.osu.edu/mc4hcamp>

Extensions Office – Opening Soon

The Extension Office is in the process of reopening the office. While we continue to do some teleworking, per direction of Ohio State, we will be on a small rotating schedule until July 6. We will be open to the public by appointment only. Currently, face coverings are mandatory, at all times, for everyone, including staff members. To make an appointment call our office at 419-586-2179 or email who you wish to meet with.



Cloverbud Stay At Home Project



Although Cloverbuds will not meet in person for judging this year, we have created a fun alternative for them.

Check out the details on our website <https://go.osu.edu/requirements>



Special Interest, Foods, and Clothing Projects Virtual vs Modified In-Person Judging

Due to restrictions and additional procedures that will need to be in place for everyone's health and safety, we will offer two options for judging in 2020. Families may choose which option fits best for them given current circumstances – a virtual judging option or a modified in-person judging option.

Modified In-Person Judging

- You must take survey to sign up by Monday, June 15th
- Judging will take place on the original scheduled days (July 7-8)
- Extra precautions and modification will be in place
- No State Fair delegate. We are awarding completion and outstanding.

Virtual Judging

- Members will submit answers for pre-selected questions
- No State Fair delegate. We are awarding completion and outstanding.
- Extended deadline of Friday, July 17



We will not be awarding trophies this year. Money donations from the trophies will be used for prizes for outstanding awards for both virtual and modified in-person judging

Both options this year, focus more on the learning experience rather than the final item made or displayed. For example, the judge is not examining the hem of your dress, but what activities did you do to learn about the hem and can share that experience.

Best of luck with whatever option you chose – and remember everyone should be proud of his or her accomplishment when completing a project - everyone is a winner!

The Mercer County 4-H Committee recently awarded four senior 4-H members \$500 each. These students have shown exemplary service in their communities, leadership in their clubs, and have proven they will use their skills gained through 4-H in their future careers.



2020 award recipients are: Ashley Bergman, Alicia Knapke, Bree Knapke, and Clair Stammen.

Royalty Applications Available!

Royalty Applications for the following areas are now available on our website - <https://go.osu.edu/mcfair>

- Jr. Fair King & Queen Scholarship Contest
- Special Interest Princess
- Livestock Royalty
- Dog Royalty

New in 2020 –The Jr. Fair King & Queen Scholarship Contest will be held on Wednesday, August 12th @ 7:00 PM at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. All are still welcome to join us for this event!

Jr. Fair Booth and Premium Update

Due to safety precautions before and during the fair in the Junior Fair Building – the 2020 Jr. Fair Booth displays have been canceled. We will create displays to help promote 4-H and our local 4-H clubs that will be displayed in the building.

Since we are not displaying our projects in the Junior Fair building during the fair, the adjustment of no premiums has been made this year. The Senior Fair Board will be showing their appreciation towards the member's hard work by waiving the fee for fair passes for members and advisors this year. Your advisors will share more information regarding your fair pass in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to our Seniors 4-H Members!

- ✿ Braydon Adams – Barnyard Center
- ✿ Nathan Albers – Barnyard Center
- ✿ Katie Alig – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Emma Ayers – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Rachel Barrett – Hopewell
- ✿ Ashley Bergman – Cassella Buckeyes
- ✿ Ava Boeckman – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Carley Boeckman – Hooves & Boots
- ✿ India Bollenbacher – Chatt Chum
- ✿ Kelsey Broering – Cassella Buckeyes
- ✿ Courtney Bye – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Blake Dippold – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Sidney Doner – Washington Winners
- ✿ Tom Evers – Cassella Buckeyes
- ✿ Lydia Franck – Lassies & Lads
- ✿ Seth Fullenkamp – Fort Pioneers
- ✿ Elizabeth Garmann – Sewers & Growers
- ✿ Shelby Giere – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Ben Greber – Mercer Co. Marksmen
- ✿ Lindsey Homan – Sewers & Growers
- ✿ Mitchel Homan – Philothea Hustlers
- ✿ Mary Kahlig – Sewers & Growers
- ✿ Alicia Knapke – Hopewell
- ✿ Bree Knapke – Hopewell
- ✿ Emily Knapke – Washington Winners
- ✿ Chloe McNeilan – Mercer Choice Livestock
- ✿ Zoe McNeilan – Mercer Choice Livestock
- ✿ Colleen Meyer – Lassies & Lads
- ✿ Molly Post – Washington Winners
- ✿ John Robinson – Washington Winners
- ✿ Kiersten Roehm – Rockford Thrifty
- ✿ Tori Sevier – Country Cousins
- ✿ Adam Stachler – Washington Winners
- ✿ Derick Stachler – Mendon Blue Ribbon
- ✿ Clair Stammen – Coldwater Explorers
- ✿ Steffany Stammen – Lassies & Lads
- ✿ Megan Tunte – Cassella Buckeyes
- ✿ Corey Walls – Mendon Blue Ribbon

Stay up to date on the latest information regarding the 2020 Mercer County Fair:

<https://mercercountyohiofair.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/mercercountyfairgroundsohio/>

