

# The Greene Clover

Greene County / 4-H

April #2 / 2020

I have so enjoyed seeing the hard work of our 4-H clubs over the past few weeks! Clubs are meeting virtually. Members are working on projects and doing demonstrations. Volunteers, youth, and parents have completed community service projects by sewing masks for first responders and hospital workers. Our species committee volunteers are meeting and held a virtual clinic for rabbit exhibitors. Our 4-H advisory committee is also meeting and planning events for our youth.

We realize the restrictions for face-to-face meetings and events through at least July 6 is so disappointing. And the cancellation of our 4-H camp is equally sad. We are sad. But through this disappointment and sadness, I see so many positive things happening in Greene County. Thank you for being willing to try something new!

We simply do not know all of the answers to the many questions that we have been hearing. We will continue to share information as we find out. We will work through this 4-H year together, learning and growing with each other. We know that this summer will look different no matter what happens, but we are still working to provide learning experiences and opportunities for our youth. Please, don't lose hope. We aren't and we are in this together.

Please review this newsletter carefully. We have a lot of updates and that is why I felt we needed to send another one. As always, feel free to contact us. We are still working and hear for all of you.

## Flower Sale Update! Good News

I am very excited to share that we are able to have our flower sale this year. But, it will be slightly different. You can visit Stockslagers Greenhouse and Garden Center and show them a flyer. Greene County 4-H will receive 20% of total sales. Please consider supporting a local greenhouse who supports Extension and 4-H. Flyer is attached. You can take a hard copy or show them this on your phone.

**Greene County 4-H Town Hall:** Do you have questions about 4-H this year? Are you a new 4-H member and have questions? Or maybe do you have animal questions? Come and join us to get these and many other questions answered! We are available for you. We are here and can help with anything.

April 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/191508080>

646-876-9923 Meeting ID: #191508080

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](https://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.

## Volunteer Corner:

**ALL CLUB MEETINGS need to be CANCELLED.** This includes all social events, service projects, fundraising events, hands-on events like field trips, shoots, etc., and regular club meetings. This needs to be cancelled until at least July 6.

**Club enrollment changes and all dues-** We are not going to collect dues for 2020.

**Meetings-** The county meeting requirement for this year is still six meetings. Each county 4-H member will need to work with club leaders to complete six meetings by **the end of the year, December 31, 2020**. Advisors are welcome to hold meetings virtually if they have the means and have important matters to discuss. Clubs can use Google Hangout or Zoom or any other platform to conduct these meetings.

### Quality Assurance

To be eligible for participation in the Greene County Fair, potential youth exhibitors must participate in one of the following Livestock Quality Assurance Programs. If youth are taking the following projects, this is required: Beef (market steers, breeding, feeder calf), Dairy (heifers, feeders and cows if lactating or have lactated and feeders if selling- heifers before lactation do not need it), goats (all), poultry (all), rabbit (all), sheep (all), llamas & alpacas, and swine. **Parents are encouraged to attend but not required except for PQA for youth participating at the Ohio State Fair.**

We can offer QA trainings by Zoom for 2020 only! This will count for the regular QA requirement from Greene County. If you have any concerns with attending one of these dates, please let us know.

We will have more information about Greene County BQA and PQA requirement available later.

As of now, there will be two options to complete the regular QA requirement.

- Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30-  
[www.go.osu.edu/april22qa](http://www.go.osu.edu/april22qa) or call 646-876-9923 Meeting ID #990355962
- Monday, April 27 at 1:00-  
[www.go.osu.edu/april27qa](http://www.go.osu.edu/april27qa) or call 312-626-6799 Meeting ID #164158657




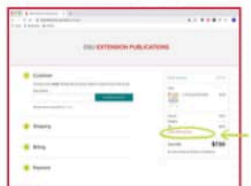
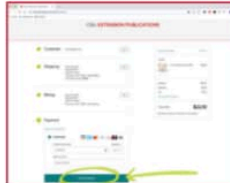
If you are planning at showing at the Ohio State Fair, a parent must be certified in PQA. Please contact Trevor at [corboy.3@osu.edu](mailto:corboy.3@osu.edu)




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### Project Book Updates

Want to dig in to a 4-H project that's a good match for staying at home? See our collection of [Perfect Stay-at-Home Projects](#). When a copy opens on your screen, you can save or print it from there. Stay at home and stay healthy, 4-H'ers! (For accessible formats of these publications, visit [cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility](http://cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility).)

Market Chicken and Duck Order Forms due to the fair office by May 8. Either mail to 120 Fairground Road, Xenia, OH 45385 or drop in the drop box outside of the [fair office NOT THE EXTENSION OFFICE!](#)

[https://greene.osu.edu/sites/greene/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/Livestock/2020%20Market%20Poultry%20Order%20Forms.pdf](https://greene.osu.edu/sites/greene/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Livestock/2020%20Market%20Poultry%20Order%20Forms.pdf)

Upload the following to the virtual mailbox:  
1. -Hog, goat, and sheep pictures  
2. Livestock location form



**Virtual Mailbox!**

We have set up virtual mailboxes for you to upload pictures and more. Please note the change for 2020. Since we can't have tag-in we need pictures for the following:

Market sheep: [www.go.osu.edu/greenecosheep](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenecosheep)

Market goat: [www.go.osu.edu/greenecogoat](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenecogoat)

Market hog: [www.go.osu.edu/greenecohog](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenecohog)

We also have the option to upload additional paperwork if it applies for market sheep and market goat. This includes the homegrown form and the dairy goat form if needed.

The livestock location form has a virtual mailbox too. Please visit [www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation). You can find the form to upload on our website by [clicking here](#). If you would rather, you can fill in the blanks at the [www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation) instead.

Please note that the pictures and the livestock location form need to be completed by May 8.

*Lastly, before submitting the links, please make sure the information is completed. This includes selecting the picture, uploading the document, and filling out the blanks. Otherwise, it will be considered incomplete. Please make sure you continue to fill in the information and click next until the survey is completed!*

Let any of us know if you have any questions. Just a reminder that our office is still closed but we can be reached by email or you can call the office and the call will be forwarded to us.

DOWNLOAD THE OFFICIAL APP

GREENE COUNTY  
4-H

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/4-h-now/id1330050098/>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.grandstand.now4h>



### ALL HOG EXHIBITORS: PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RACTOPAMINE

The Greene County Agricultural Society (GCAS) voted at the January 2020 board meeting to ban the use of ractopamine in all market hog projects at the 2020 Greene County Fair from birth to time of slaughter. This decision was based on two major issues:

1. Packers will be testing for and rejecting any hogs that have been fed ractopamine at any time during their life.
2. Union Stockyard will not accept any market hogs that have been fed ractopamine at any time during their life.

Union Stockyard and the GCAS will be requiring all market hog exhibitors, and their parent/guardian, to sign an affidavit stating that the hog(s) exhibited/sold have never been exposed to ractopamine. Affidavits will be turned in at weigh in with DUNF forms. Greene County Fairboard reserves the right to test hogs, feed, or equipment for traces of ractopamine residues.

More information will be made available as we receive it from the State. This is also a requirement from OSF.

Don't forget to review 4-H project requirements to ensure you complete everything you need to do. Visit <https://greene.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-judging-and-skill-thons>

Livestock location form:  
Due by May 8.

[www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenelivestocklocation)

Are you planning on taking a breeding or market rabbit project for 4-H? These are important birth dates to keep in mind:  
Meat Pen and Single Fryer = 5/26/20  
Seniors = 12/03/19 and earlier  
6/8 = 12/04/19 - 02/03/20  
Juniors = 02/04/20 - 05/03/20  
Pre-Juniors = 05/04/20 and after  
Fancy D&L = 06/08/20 - 06/22/20  
Commercial D&L = 05/26/20 - 06/22/20  
Matching Breeding Pair = 02/03/20 and earlier

The April 17 deadline for applying for an agriculture scholarship through Greene Co. Farm Forum is fast approaching. Students wishing to apply for financial help in an agriculture related field of study are urged to submit an application. Greene County Farm Forum will award up to \$4,000 in scholarships to a maximum of four deserving students who are current year graduating students or college freshmen pursuing higher education in a field related to agriculture. Those applying must be a resident of Greene Co. or have attended Greene Co. schools. Applications are due April 17, 2020 and for an application you can email scholarship chair Jim Byrd at: [byrdhouse9@sbcglobal.net](mailto:byrdhouse9@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 937-429-1805.

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**Market Sheep-**

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**Market Hog-**

[www.go.osu.edu/greenecohog](http://www.go.osu.edu/greenecohog)

#### Cloverbud Cloverbot Challenge

With the new restrictions on programming in June, we have shifted gears and are now offering the Ohio 4-H Cloverbot Challenge for all Cloverbuds to participate individually instead of as a team/club – no registration required. Individual Cloverbuds can construct their models with LEGO's or whatever kind of interlocking blocks they have available. Then they can send a picture to us for display in a virtual gallery on the state 4-H website. A certificate will also be emailed to each participant. The deadline is June 13, 2020.

This is a great opportunity for Cloverbuds to participate since they don't have projects to work on right now. All the details can be found at the website:

<https://ohio4h.org/families/cloverbuds/cloverbot-challenge>

Facebook: OSU Extension Greene County

Instagram: #4hgreenecounty





# 4-H FLOWER SALE

Come out and support the **Greene County 4-H** program by visiting Stockslagers Greenhouse & Garden Center.

Stockslagers Greenhouse & Garden Center  
14037 Dayton Eaton Pike  
New Lebanon, OH 45345

Stockslagers Greenhouse & Garden Center will donate 20% of your purchases made during the month of May to the **Greene County 4-H** program. This donation will support the many 4-H programs and clinics that are held throughout the year.

Please show this flyer when you check out and tell them you are from **Greene County**.

**The Greene County 4-H Program appreciates  
your support!**



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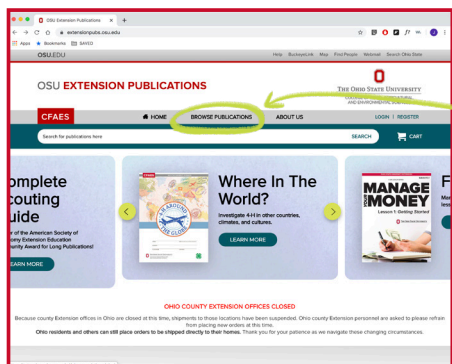


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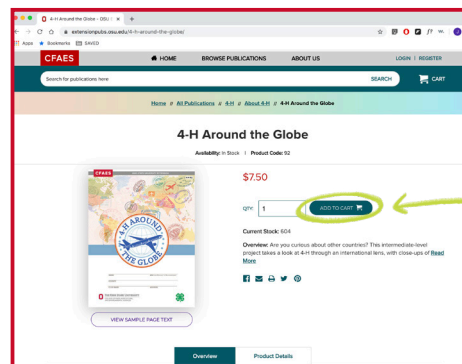
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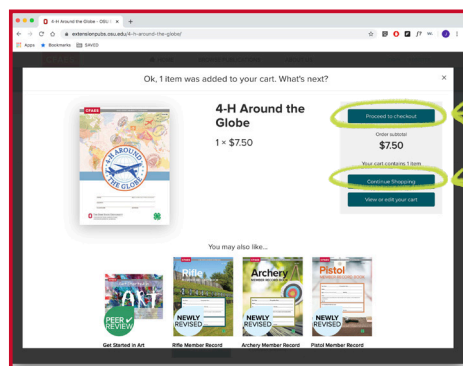
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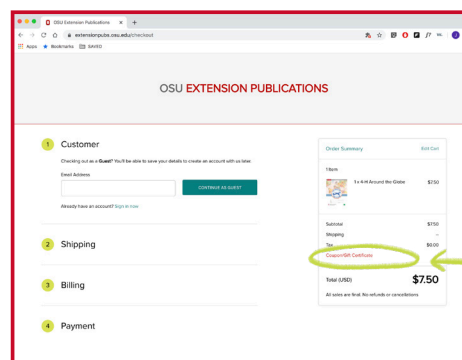


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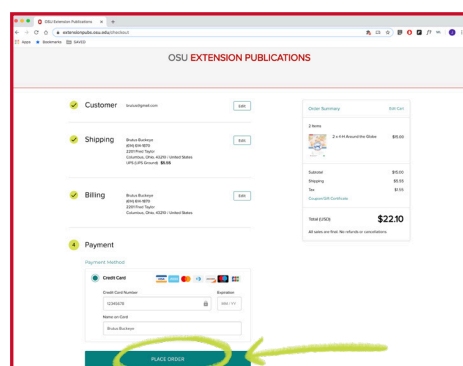


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