Welcome! Ask an Expert is an online system for asking questions and receiving expert answers quickly on a broad range of subjects. We are pleased to provide university research-based information to help improve the quality of your life, family, garden, business or community!

You may submit a question here to be answered by members of our Ohio State University Extension faculty/staff or our Master Gardener Volunteers. VISIT: https://extension.osu.edu/ask-an-expert

One of our team members will reply to your question via e-mail.

Please note – if you have a county-specific question, you can contact your local Ohio State University Extension office directly. Call OSU - Columbiana County at 330-424-7291. We are here to assist you.

OSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Healthy Financial educators are sensitive to the economic challenges may families and their communities face. Our county based FCS Educators are offering FREE financial education tools to assist families in improving both present and future economic well being. VISIT: https://fcs.osu.edu/programs/healthy-finances-0/financial-qa-%E2%80%93-ask-osu-extension with your questions today and Extension educator will respond within 5 business days.

COVID-19 RESOURCES:
The Ohio State University  https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/features/coronavirus
Ohio Department of Heath
https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

FACT SHEETS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT https://go.osu.edu/covid-19columbiana
PREPARING FOR AN OUTBREAK – FACT SHEET
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK? FACT SHEET
IS CORONAVIRUS A CONCERN WITH TAKEOUT? FACT SHEET
HOMEMADE HAND SANITIZER
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FACT SHEET FOR COVID-19
4-H Youth Development

THANK YOU TO MID-AMERICA FARM CREDIT SERVICES: Mid-America Farm Credit Services made a donation to support the First 4-H Livestock/NonLivestock Animal Project Completion.

THANK YOU TO CONSUMERS NATIONAL BANK; Consumers National Bank donated the t-shirts to all 4-H members. The shirts were distributed the week of the Columbiana County Junior Fair. Izzy Blazer, 4-H Member of Just Rite 4-H Club, designed the t-shirt that was distributed this year.

VIRTUAL 4-H RECOGNITION AWARDS: On September 17th at 6:00 p.m. a Virtual Zoom Awards will be held for ALL 4-H members and 4-H Volunteers. There has been many individuals and clubs that have come together to push through these unprecedented times. We will be showing our appreciation to everyone’s dedication to keep the 4-H program in Columbiana County going strong. A zoom link will be sent out to all 4-H families and volunteers.

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING: OSU Extension offers many school enrichment programming within the community. If you would like more information about programs listed below, call Audrey Dimmerling at 870-1165.
- ChickQuest
- Real Money Real World – Financial Literacy
- STEM Kits Available
- HEALTH ROCKS!- Inspired to Be substance Free

JOIN 4-H: 4-H is America’s largest youth development organization empowering nearly 6 million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. We believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We offer hands-on learning experiences to grow the youth of today to be leaders of tomorrow. To learn more about the 4-H Program or about the 4-H Clubs in Columbiana County. Call Audrey Dimmerling at 330-870-1165.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

PAT/FERT RECERT:
Keep an eye out for information regarding Private Pesticide Recertification and Fertilizer Applicator Recertification. We are planning outdoor field day events for those whose licenses and certificates expire March of 2021.

Beef Quality Assurance:
For those who initially gained Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification in 2018, stay tuned for updates regarding 2021 recertification – information will be coming soon. For those who do not currently have a BQA certificate and are interested in completing the training, feel free to visit https://www.bqa.org/bqa-certification. The online certification is available to anyone, and can be started/stopped as you please. If you have any questions about the online option or the learning modules, please give me a call at 330-967-7249 or email at shoemaker.306@osu.edu.

POLLINATOR GARDEN: The OSU Extension Master Gardner Volunteers have been partnering with the Salem Park District to plan and implement the Pollinator Garden in Waterworth Park. Check out the link from the morning journal. https://www.morningjournalnews.com/news/local-news/2020/08/natures-beauty/
Family and Consumer Science

**Level 2- ServSafe Training:** The OSU Extension offers the TAP online Level 2 Food Safety Training. You can complete the online course at your own speed and at a time that works for you. Once training is completed, you will take a proctored certification exam at OSU Extension in Columbiana County. **Cost:** $150 per person. For Questions? Call Angie Keshock at 330-870-1167.

**RESTART Ohio: Back to Healthy Recordings:** Here is the link
https://fcs.osu.edu/programs/healthy-people/restart-ohio-back-healthy-recordings

**COMMUNITY NUTRITION PROGRAMMING**

Both the EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Program) and SNAP-ED Programs have been working on virtual educational classes that they will be able to offer to clients. Find out more by calling or email Erika Kraus for SNAP-Ed programing and Renee Eichler for EFNEP programing.

**EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition) Check out our NEW Facebook Page OSU EFNEP Educational Resources HERE:**
https://www.facebook.com/groups/678017552742467/

**SNAP-ED:** The SNAP-Ed program assistances will be launching soon their promotional videos to K-12 schools.

Check out the OSU Extension Facebook page to see their newsletters.
If you would like more information about any of the program areas, please contact us at 330-424-7291.

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**FACEBOOK PAGE:** https://go.osu.edu/colfacebook

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