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# MEMBER NEWS

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**Need relief from costs related to COVID-19 business interruptions? Are you, or do you know of, a Preble County resident needing help with mortgage, rent or utility payments?**

**Preble County's Small Business Relief and Housing Assistance Programs are now accepting applications.**

**Application packets for BOTH programs are attached to this newsletter. They can also be found online at [www.prebco.org](http://www.prebco.org).**



The following are details regarding the application process for individuals needing relief for mortgage, rent, lease or utility expenses:

Recognizing that COVID-19 may have made it difficult for some of our residents to stay up to date on mortgage\*, rent, or utilities, Preble County has established a Housing Assistance Program through the CARES Act funding received from the U.S. Treasury.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funds are available, and individual assistance is available for up to four months of rent/mortgage/utilities, not to exceed \$3,200 per household.

Only complete applications with all required supporting documentation will be considered.

To be eligible applicants must:

- Submit an application with required supporting documentation
- Own or rent a home which is their/my primary residence in Preble County.
- Have experienced a documentable loss or reduction in employment income after March 1, 2020, as a result of the Coronavirus that resulted in an inability to make one or more mortgage\*, rent or utility payments.
- Have the ability to document proof of late/defaulted payment.
- Not have resources available (ie: Savings) to correct the default.
- Not have any household members that work for or serve in an official capacity for Preble County or any other entity associated with Preble County CARES Committee. Applications can be printed from the Preble County website, [www.prebco.org](http://www.prebco.org), or picked up at the Preble County Commission Office, 101 E Main St, Eaton, Monday through Friday (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Completed applications with all supporting documentation can be emailed to [caresact@prebco.org](mailto:caresact@prebco.org) or returned to the Commission Office.

Any questions regarding the application process can be sent to [caresact@prebco.org](mailto:caresact@prebco.org).

\*For mortgage assistance: original mortgage must be less than \$200,000 and assistance payments will not include property taxes (if escrowed).

\*\*All grantees will be issued with a 1099-G {Certain Government Payments, if, as a unit of federal, state or local government, you made payments of unemployment compensation; state or local income tax refunds, credits, or offsets; reemployment trade adjustment assistance (RTAA) payments; taxable grants; or agricultural payments.} It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to determine or to seek independent tax advice.

# From the Statehouse

Governor DeWine on Tuesday announced child care providers in Ohio may return to their normal, statutory ratios and class sizes beginning on Aug. 9. Child care providers have a choice to increase the number of children and staff members to the normal statutory ratios or to maintain their current, lower ratios to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is structuring a financial incentive to providers that maintain smaller ratios and classroom sizes.

All child care providers must comply with stringent health and safety requirements including: face coverings for all staff and children over 10, unless they have a health exemption; symptom and temperature checks when staff and children arrive; washing hands throughout the day, including upon arrival and before departure; frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces; and regular deep cleanings.

DeWine also announced county and independent fairs with an opening day on or after July 31, 2020, will be limited to specific junior fair events. Junior fair activities such as livestock competitions and 4-H and Future Farmers of America competitions for kids and teenagers may continue as planned, but junior fairs must develop a plan that reduces crowding in barns, such as limiting entrance to only the immediate family of those actively showing their animals or projects. A 10 p.m. curfew will also be instituted for the barns, buildings, and midways. Harness racing can proceed with no spectators, but rides, games, and grandstand events will be prohibited to limit crowds and better prevent coronavirus spread.

## Famous Preble County



The Preble County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair) Board has announced the Preble County Fair, running from Saturday, Aug. 1-Saturday, Aug. 8, will be Junior Fair events only. For additional information and the updated Jr. Fair Schedule, you can click [HERE](#).

## Upcoming events: Register today!



**SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5: Recovery Amped** 3 opportunities to attend! Looking for a tool to help keep track of employee illness? Join us for one of three sessions presented by Recovery Amped. Recovery Amped was created in 2019 to help address mental health and substance abuse disorders, but is now an essential tool to virus tracking during the global pandemic, helpful in not only possibly saving lives, but also keeping the economy open. **This software automates the entire symptoms tracking and contact tracing process.** The software is built to help employers be more informed, make better decisions, and help

predict the spread of COVID-19 or any other future outbreak in the workplace. Intrigued? Attend one of three sessions on Wednesday, Aug. 5, giving you the opportunity to find a time which fits your schedule!

Zoom links will be sent upon registration. [Register for the 9 a.m. session HERE](#) [Register for the 11:30 a.m. session HERE](#). [Register for the 4:30 p.m. session HERE](#).



**State of the Nation & More, Thursday, Aug. 6!** Join us for this special two-for-one Breakfast Event, where U.S. Congressman Warren Davidson will discuss the

State of the Nation, and stay for an introduction to the two new directors of the Preble County Historical Society and a tour! Enjoy a "takeout" breakfast in the outdoors at the Preble County Historical Society Amphitheater... attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Registration is limited to ensure social distancing requirements. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved into the PCHS Exhibit Hall (first 35 registered.) Sponsored by Reid Health. Register online [HERE](#).



## Special member message

Need a part-time accountant or bookkeeper?

Darla Weber (Weber's Body & Frame) is available.

You can find out more

[HERE](#).