

Monday**4-H MINUTE**

March 20, 2019

A HUGE THANK YOU... to everyone who helped with our Science Sunday event! It was so great to see so many people engaged in fun, science activities while hopefully learning a little bit about 4-H. Without those of you who helped the event could not have been a success. Check out the article in today's Register Herald.

NEWLY POSTED THIS WEEK

- 4-H Camp Scholarship Application—due April 12, 2019
- Quality Assurance Information Flyer

4-H ENROLLMENT — Our enrollment deadline is fast-approaching. ***4-H enrollments must be completed using the 4honline system by APRIL 1, 2019.*** If you need help completing enrollments, please contact the office. If you need a computer or internet connection, we have that available at the office for you to use. Remember that 4honline does not work well on phones, typically. You will get the best results using a computer and either Google or Firefox. ***Please share your love of 4-H and encourage others to be a part of our great organization!***

4-H NIGHT WITH THE DAYTON DRAGONS — We are excited to continue offering 4-H night with the Dayton Dragons. This is a great family event at the baseball field that helps promote the 4-H program. Participants can walk in the parade on the field, potentially help present the colors for the National Anthem or new this year—have a chance to lead the crowd in Take Me Out to the Ballgame while standing on the dugout. There will also be a special 4-H photo opportunity with the Dragons' mascots. Also, the county with the most participation gets to choose someone to throw the opening pitch. From experience—it is a pretty awesome thing to do! So, bring your family, friends, 4-H Club to a Night with the Dayton Dragons. Check out the flyer on our website—you will see our Preble County folks featured in the picture!

The event is **Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets orders are due by **March 29**. The \$16 price includes admission to the game and a special 4-H night t-shirt. Ticket order forms are available on our website and at the office.

4-H CAMP— 4-H Camp is a great opportunity for youth to spend time learning and having fun in and outdoor learning environment. This year campers at Preble County 4-H Camp will be going Around the World. Camp is full of fun activities planned by trained teen camp counselors. **2019 Camp dates are June 29—July 3.** Look for details and registration information soon! Camp scholarship forms will be posted at www.preble.osu.edu this week.

SEND A CAMPER TO CAMP — This year we are making available gift certificates that can be purchased for 4-H Camp. Consider purchasing one as a gift for your favorite potential camper. You can purchase one for any amount just contact our office.

POLLURUM TESTING FOR POULTRY UPDATE—Due to the fact there is no S. pullorum antigen available for testing, Ohio is waiving the S. pullorum testing requirement for the 2019 fair season. The exception to this waiver is out-of-state poultry that do not have a VS form 9-3. The VS form 9-3 signifies that the poultry are from a NPIP flock that is free of S. pullorum. Ohio is currently S. pullorum free.”

CLOVERBOT CHALLENGE — The 4-H Cloverbot Challenge is a statewide event designed just for our youngest 4-H'ers. Teams work together to research a topic, build a model out of interlocking bricks and create a poster highlighting their experience. On June 29, the teams will come together at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center to share their work, visit with one another, participate in kid-friendly activities, and celebrate their efforts with a closing celebration and award ceremony.

Teams may have a minimum of two members, but no more than eight, and are coached by an adult team leader. Details and registration information can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/families/cloverbuds/cloverbot-challenge>
Questions? Contact Beth Boomershine at boomershine.10@osu.edu or Sally McClaskey at mcclaskey.12@osu.edu.

CHEVIOT BREEDERS STARTED FLOCK AWARD—The Ohio Cheviot Breeders Association (OCBA) is seeking applicants for the Jim Cluff Memorial Starter Flock Award. The OCBA started the contest in 1994 to award a Cheviot starter flock to an Ohio youth up to 17 years of age. The purpose of the award is to introduce the youth to the enjoyment of raising and owning a purebred Cheviot sheep, as well as encouraging the growth of new Cheviot breeders in Ohio. The contest winner will receive the following: a one-year membership in the OCBA, one bred ewe the first year, one ram the second year and in the third year the youth will donate a lamb to continue the award.

The application deadline is September 30th. For an application and contest rules please contact the Ohio Cheviot Breeders Association Starter Flock Committee Chairperson, Tabitha Weisend, at 740-459-9751 or tabithasregcheviots@yahoo.com.

NEW FAIR SCHEDULE — A reminder that there have been changes to the overall fair schedule—both junior fair and open class. You can find this new schedule with the changes highlighted on the Junior Fair page of our website and the Preble County Fair website.

4-H FAMILY GUIDE — We have print copies of the 2019 Family Guide in our office and you can also find it at <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>. This is your place to connect to our entire collection of Ohio 4-H project books for the year.

PROJECT CENTRAL — Project Central is an easy way for 4-H members to preview Ohio 4-H project books and resources. Take a closer look at a book, find out what others have to say, and share your experience! Find it at <https://projectcentral.ohio4h.org/>

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD RUMMAGE SALE — The JFB is responsible for raising funds for awards and other Junior Fair related expenses. We will continue to solicit donations for awards but it is usually necessary to raise a few additional funds to help with expenses such as attending the Junior Fair Convention and office needs. We are going to try a rummage sale in the spring. We are asking that over the winter you look around and see what you might have to donate for a sale. We will have more details soon but we wanted to get everyone thinking about what you might have to donate. We would like to gather some basic tools to restock our JFB tool box. If you have hammers, screw drivers, pliers or even extra nails and screws that you do not need, we can put those to good use.

STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS — In an effort to recognize the quality youth of Ohio, and to help those interested in furthering their education, the Ohio Expositions Commission has established a Scholarship Program for Ohio State Fair participants. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist high school juniors and seniors, and graduates who are continuing their education at an accredited institution in an under graduate course of study in any field. Scholarships will be awarded to junior exhibitors during the Ohio State Fair. Applicants will be judged on Scholastic Standing, Citizenship and Leadership, Ohio State Fair Participation, County Fair Participation. You can find more information at <https://ohiostatefair.com/scholarships/>. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2019.

JUNIOR FAIR AWARD SPONSORS — We are continuing an effort to find continuing sponsors for all junior fair awards, to recognize those sponsors and to encourage our exhibitors to thank sponsors. If you know of someone—a business or individual—who would be willing to sponsor an award, please let us or a JFB member know so that we can send them a sponsorship form. The cost of one award can range from \$12 to \$35 depending on the award.

Important Dates:

April 1	4-H Enrollment Deadline
June 29-July 3	Preble County 4-H Camp
July 27—August 3	Preble County Fair