

Monday

4-H MINUTE

March 6, 2019

We are going to call this week's update a midweek minute. So, please take a minute during this Ohio 4-H week to read through the information below.

NEWLY POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE

- 2019 Junior Fair Reminders and Updates—as of March 2019

4-H ENROLLMENT — Many of our 4-H clubs are beginning to meet, club advisors have attended training and we are gearing up for another great 4-H year! Our enrollment deadline is fast-approaching. **4-H enrollments need to 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 with either Google or Firefox. **Please share your love of 4-H and encourage others to be a part of our great organization!**

PLEASE HELP US PROMOTE SENSATIONAL SCIENCE SUNDAY — March 17 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Toney Building—We are excited to launch a new community event that is open to all Preble County Youth—not just 4-H members. The afternoon will be full of hands-on science activities that will be fun and highlight some of what 4-H can offer. This event is replacing the Family Fun Day that has been held in the past. We hope it will be a great way for families to come out and enjoy the afternoon together. We will still be promoting 4-H just doing it in a little different way. Please spread the word.

Do you love science?—we are looking for volunteers to help with the activities. Would also like ALL 4-H Clubs to help with science stations. We will provide the materials and instructions—you just need to help participants have fun! If you would like to help—call our office or email Christy at millhouse.10@osu.edu.

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.

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/>

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.

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.

4-H FABRIC IS BACK — 4-H fabric is back at JOANN's. Some designs are already in stores with others set to come soon. Fabric is available in stores and online. You can also purchase 4-H fabric at shop4h.org

LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP DATES FOR STATE FAIR — There have been changes to the dates for Swine and Goats:

Market animals – SOME CHANGED FOR 2019 OHIO STATE FAIR (Breeding animals have not changed)

- Market beef – January 1
- Market swine – May 26 (changed for 2019) (from May 1)
- Market lambs – May 26 (changed for 2019)
- Market goats – May 26 (changed for 2019) (from May 1)
- Market rabbits – June 1
- Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch (changed for 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.

UPCOMING DATES

March

3-9		Ohio 4-H Week	
8		<i>Requested Deadline for Submission of New 2019 Volunteer Applications and Across County Line Forms</i>	
9		Ohio 4-H Conference	Columbus
11	7:00 p.m.	Preble County 4-H Advisory Committee	Extension Office
15-17		Ohio Beef Expo	Ohio Expo Center
17		4-H Sensational Science Sunday (formerly Family Fun Day)	Toney Building
20	7:00 p.m.	Preble County Horse Advisors' Meeting	Extension Office
25	7:00 p.m.	Preble County Junior Fair Board	Extension Office

April 1 4-H Enrollment Deadline