

Monday

4-H MINUTE

April 1, 2019

4-H Enrollment deadline is today.

4-H ENROLLMENT — Our enrollment deadline is fast-approaching. **4-H enrollments must be completed using the 4honline system by 11:59 p.m. on 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!**



HORSE SAFETY— Horse safety is required for all 1st year members taking a horse project and all horse members new to Preble County. The horse safety meeting will be April 15 in Bruner Arena. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. with meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. The member must stay the entire meeting and a parent or guardian must attend.

2019 QUALITY ASSURANCE—Each Junior Fair youth (4-H or FFA) taking a market or lactating animal to the Preble County Fair must participate in the Quality Assurance Program (QA) by attending a QA class each year OR by choosing the “test out” option. Quality Assurance classes will be held on May 4, 6, 9 and 14. See the flyer posted on our website for specific details. A reminder that a parent or guardian **MUST** attend QA with any exhibitor in grades 3-8. The QA test out date is April 15. You must pre-register to take the test.

GRAIN SAFETY AWARENESS— National Trail MVCTC FFA is partnering with The Ohio State University Extension to bring the GRAIN C.A.R.T to National Trail High School this Saturday, April 6 from 9-11 a.m. The GRAIN C.A.R.T. provides an in depth look at the entrapment hazards that exist on a farm, risk factors related to the hazards, and steps to prevent drowning accidents. National Trail High School is located at 6940 Oxford Gettysburg Rd. New Paris. An informational flyer is posted on our website.

FUNDRAISING REMINDER—As clubs are gearing up and looking for ways to raise funds, please remember a couple things...

- Fundraising should be done with a specific purpose in mind i.e. to purchase books, supplies for the fair booth etc.
- No 4-H club should be holding or participating in fundraisers that are considered games of chance—this includes 50/50 raffles. While these are often a great way to raise funds, 4-H clubs should not be conducting this type of fundraiser.
- All 4-H clubs must complete a Fundraiser approval form before your fundraiser. If your club has an annual fundraiser, you only need to complete the form 1 time.



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 are posed at www.preble.osu.edu. They are due on April 12, 2019.**



SHEEP CARE VIDEOS—There is a great series of videos focused on sheep care—everything from selecting a lamb to showmanship. The videos can be found at <https://ohio4h.org/sheepcare>.

RABBIT CHECK-IN DATES— A reminder that breeding and market rabbits are required to come to check in days. Mark your calendars...

Breeding Rabbit Check-In	Saturday, June 22 from 8-10 a.m. in the rabbit barn
Market Rabbit Check-In	Friday, July 12 from 7-9 p.m. in the rabbit barn

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.”

LAMB AND GOAT WEIGH IN — The mandatory tagging and weigh in for market lambs and goats is on SUNDAY, May 5, 2019 from 1– 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds All market lambs must have scrapie tags at the weigh in. DNA samples and paperwork will be collected at that time. Tags will be purchased the day of weigh in for \$4 each (1 per animal tagged). Be prepared to pay that day. Tag fees will no longer be taken out of sale checks.

MARKET HOG TAGGING— Tags will be available after the April 1 4-H enrollment deadline.

Hogs must be tagged by Sunday, May 5, 2019. This may be accomplished 2 different ways:

- Exhibitors may tag their own animals using taggers purchased by the Agricultural Society that can be borrowed from the SFB office. 4-H Clubs may also purchase taggers for club use. Tags and taggers will be available at the SFB office in the spring (exact dates will be communicated later) Tags will be purchased for \$4 each (1 per animal tagged) when picked up. Tag fees will no longer be taken out of sale checks. Paperwork and samples must be returned on May 5 from 1-5 p.m. at the SFB office.
- Exhibitors may bring hogs to the fair grounds to be tagged on May 5, 2019 from 1-5 p.m. in the Expo Center. DNA samples and paperwork will be collected at that time. Tags will be purchased the day of weigh in for \$4 each (1 per animal tagged). Be prepared to pay that day. Tag fees will no longer be taken out of sale checks.

WELDING WORKSHOP — OSU's Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, in partnership with American Welding Society-Columbus Section, Lincoln Electric, and HETEN Engineering and Laboratory, are pleased to offer TWO Youth Welding Workshops this year. The workshops are for youth ages 10 –18. The cost per participant is \$90. Participants can choose one welding process: Arc ('stick') welding OR Oxy ('torch') welding. Registration includes: Practice pieces of metal, welding related supplies, welding technique handouts and lunch for youth participants. NO experience necessary. The instructors are looking forward to help youth learn! Registration is limited to the first 24 participants for EACH TYPE of welding.

Saturday April 13, 2019 – registration deadline is April 8. (same day as OSU Spring game; FREE parking)

Saturday June 8, 2019 – registration deadline is May 24.

Location = OSU Columbus Campus, Agricultural Engineering Building

Scholarships ARE available --please see details in the flyer, which is posted on our website. We ask you reserve your spot(s) with a credit card; and if awarded a scholarship, you will not be charged (similar to reserving a hotel room).

On-site registration opens at 8:30AM the day of the welding workshop. The program will begin promptly at 9AM. The day will likely conclude by 4PM.

NO PARENTS/GUESTS allowed in the welding labs. There will be an informal program during the day for parents/guests, or you are welcome to enjoy the Spring games in Ohio Stadium.

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.

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	11:59 p.m.	Preble County 4-H Enrollment Deadline	4honline
1	4:30 p.m.	Club Charter Checklist Due	Extension Office
6		Science Saturday	4-H Center, Columbus
8	7:00 p.m.	Preble County 4-H Advisory Committee	Extension Office
9	7:00 p.m.	Preble County CARTEENS class	Extension Office
11	7:00 p.m.	New Advisor Training	Extension Office
11-14		Equine Affair	Ohio Expo Center
15		Ohio 4-H Dog Expo Registration postmark deadline	
15	6:00 p.m.	Preble County Horse Safety Meeting	Bruner Arena
15		Preble County Quality Assurance Test Out	Bruner Arena
17	7:00 p.m.	Preble County Horse Advisors' Meeting	Extension Office
22	7:00 p.m.	Preble County Junior Fair Board Meeting	Extension Office
26-28		Spring Shooting Sports Adult Leadership Workshop	Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
27		Ohio 4-H Dog Expo	Clark County Fairgrounds

June 14, 2019

June 30—July 3, 2019

July 27—August 3, 2019

Junior Fair entries are due (the entry system will open in May)

Preble County 4-H Camp

Preble County Junior Fair