

**Monday****4-H MINUTE**

April 15, 2019

**\*\*\*CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR HORSE SAFETY AND QA TEST OUT — Both of these will be held in the Toney Building tonight instead of Bruner Arena.\*\*\***

**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 the Toney Building. 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.

**REQUEST FOR HELP**—The Friends of Preble County 4H(FOPC4H) is asking for your club's help. They would appreciate any club that is willing to create a small gift basket that could then be used as a door prize gift to riders in the Buckeye Bridge Ride(BBR) on June 22nd. Each year the FOPC4H group sponsors the BBR to raise funds that support our 4H program through camp and leadership program scholarships. Over \$13,000 has been provided in recent years! If your club is able to put together a small basket of themed around chocolates, healthy treats, gardening supplies, picnic items, etc. then please email Harold Niehaus (harold.niehaus@yahoo.com) with your intent by May 10th so that your club can be recognized on their website and as a donor for this year's event. Also, if your club members are interested in riding their bikes in the event, be sure to share with them the following website so that they can get registered: <http://www.buckeyebridgeride.org>.

**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.

**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.



**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 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!

**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...

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| 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.

**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.

**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.

**GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECT BOOK**—For those of you who have been patiently waiting for the new Graphic Design project book to arrive, we just got our office copy today. You are welcome to come in and take a look at the book!

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**APRIL**

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| 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 |



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| <b>June 14, 2019</b>          | <b>Junior Fair entries are due (the entry system will open in May)</b> |
| <b>June 29—July 3, 2019</b>   | <b>Preble County 4-H Camp</b>  |
| <b>July 27—August 3, 2019</b> | <b>Preble County Junior Fair</b>                                       |