

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****January 11, 2019**

Congratulations to Darke County 4-H member, Molly Hunt! Molly is one of four Ohio 4-H members who will be inducted into the Ohio 4-H Teen Hall of Fame during the teen luncheon at the Ohio 4-H Conference on March 9. Way to go, Molly!

Here's what's happening:

1. **Poultry Clinic** on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Youth Building: starting at Noon to 2:30pm in the Youth Building at the Darke County Fair. The clinic will immediately follow the April 6<sup>th</sup> Quality Assurance Program.

A free lunch will be served at the start of the clinic sponsored by Cooper Farms. The poultry clinic will focus on nutrition, animal care, animal health, processing, showmanship and fair selection and biosecurity. Also at the clinic information and updates will be provided on mandatory skillathon for all poultry exhibitors, information about outstanding poultry exhibitors awards, sale process and updates about poultry barn rules changes, poultry barn scholarship opportunities, opportunities to serve on junior for board representing the poultry department and Darke County Poultry Royalty program. Please RSVP by calling Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369 or Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296, Amy Addis-937-216-2107 or email Dena at [dena.wuebker@vtigers.org](mailto:dena.wuebker@vtigers.org) or Cindy Mayo at by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

2. Interested in becoming a **meat judging coach**? Or would you like to participate on a meat judging team? Check out the opportunities offered through OSU Meat Sciences. <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/ohio-4-h-meats-judging?fbclid=IwAR3h6E1DAQz7WSD9uoj3ej4ez6lyY3021wxsdjUP0xx0nZrFANDU-Gox-g>
3. Homestead Feed & Supply is holding a **project rally** on March 9 from 10am-4pm. Quality assurance will be offered. Registration deadline is February 16. You can sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a4ab2cabfe3-homestead> If you need additional information contact Erik Fine, Homestead Feed & Supply, (937) 679-8082, [erik@homesteadfands.com](mailto:erik@homesteadfands.com) (Provided for information purposes only: Endorsement of Homestead Feed & Supply by the Darke County 4-H program, Ohio 4-H program, or The Ohio State University is neither intended, nor implied.)

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4. **Club/Volunteer Updates:** all volunteers must attend one of the many update meetings. You can sign up online using Sign Up Genius. Go to <http://go.osu.edu/4hupdatemeetings> Select your day and time and click submit and sign up and enter your name. Class sizes are limited so the earlier you register, the more likely you will get your preferred day and time. Don't have internet access? Contact our office and Kelly or Rhonda can enter you online.
5. **Ohio 4-H Conference:** Saturday, March 9, Columbus Convention Center. Registration is \$40.00 and is due February 8, 2019. The Darke County 4-H Committee will pay your registration fee. All we ask is that you give us a \$40.00 deposit. Your deposit will be returned to you after you attend the conference. This conference is a great opportunity to meet volunteers from across the state and share information. Over 100 sessions covering a variety of topics are available. Open to both youth (recommend age 14 and over) and adults! Check it out! <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
6. **Enrollment packets for 2019** are available to be picked up at your convenience. During 2019 we will be transitioning to online 4-H enrollment, but will still be using paper forms. Several clubs attended a training and have volunteered to pilot online enrollment during 2019 to help us identify glitches and ways to improve the process.
7. **2018 Financial Summary:** Your club's summary is due to our office by January 31, 2019. Please do not use the electronic version to file. There are glitches in the system. A paper copy of the form is included in your club's enrollment packet. If you would like this form emailed to you, let me know.
8. **Important Deadline: Due January 18:** Secretary/Treasurer Books (mandatory), Reporter book (optional), Honor Club forms, Ohio 4-H Achievement Records, County Medal Forms, Premier 4-H Member Forms.
9. **Poultry Resources:** Just in time for winter weather, two new factsheets are available for those with poultry projects. Check them out.  
Winter and Your Backyard Chickens: <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/anr-66>  
Predators of Poultry <https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/vme-22>
10. **2019 Calendar:** Don't miss any of the fun. Our 2019 calendar is available online: [https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/2019%20calendar%20.pdf](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2019%20calendar%20.pdf)
11. As you shop online, remember that you can shop and also donate to the Darke County 4-H Program via **Amazon Smiles**. Here's the info: When you shop online at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844), Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!

12. **Darke County 4-H has a blog!** Check it out at <https://u.osu.edu/darke4h/> You can also subscribe to receive email updates once a week. Simply enter your email address in the *Subscribe by Email* block on the left hand side of the page.
13. **New officer books** will be posted to the website on February 1. If that's too late for your club, continue to use the current books that are available on the officer book website. <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>
14. **2019 Family Guides** are now available from our office. Or, you can view the Family Guide online: <https://ohio4h.org/familyguide>
15. **County Medal Forms** are now available. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, January 18, 2019. See the website for details. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-county-medal-application-0>
16. **Darke County 4-H Volunteer Application packet:** can be obtained in hard copy from our office or via the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2019-darke-county-4-h-volunteer-application-information> Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by February 15, 2019.

Have a great weekend!