

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

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Dear Friend in 4-H,

Darke County 4-H member, Molly Hunt, will be recognized as the Ohio 4-H Teen of the Year during the Ohio 4-H Conference on March 10 in Columbus. Congratulations, Molly!

1. **Rabbit & Cavy Youth Fun Show:** Saturday, May 12, Champaign County Fairgrounds. For a copy of the flyer, contact our office or visit their website: <https://champaign.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-animal-projects> Scroll down to the Cavy section and look for the 2018 Rabbit and Cavy Clinic Flyer.
2. **From Farm Gate to Dinner Plate:** This is a Mini 509 Workshop sponsored by the Ohio State University Department of Animal Sciences and Ohio 4-H Youth Development. The February 17th workshop will include, but not limited to, the following topics: Animal Welfare, Feeding Practices, Live Animal Evaluation, etc. The February 24th workshop will include: Carcass Grading and Fabrication, Retail Identification, Hands-on Grilling, Food Safety. OSU Animal Sciences Building, 2029 Fyffe Court, Columbus, Ohio. The targeted audience is youth 14-18 years old, Agriscience Teachers, and 4-H Advisors. The deadline to register for either or both days is February 2. Visit their website for registration information <https://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/animal-sciences/ohio-4-h-meats-judging>
3. **LuLaRoe Fundraiser – Hands Across the Darke:** Saturday, February 3, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Extension Office. Hosted by LuLaRoe Tracy Wheeler. Buy awesome new clothes and support a community service project as well. A win-win situation! Not familiar with clothing by LuLaRoe? Come and check it out. Proceeds will go towards Comfort Packs for Cancer Patients. https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Hands%20Across%20the%20Darke%20Fundraiser.pdf
4. **2018 Ohio Beef Expo Livestock Judging Contest:** Registration deadline: March 10. The contest is Friday, March 16. <https://www.ohiobeefexpo.com/Media/OHBeefExpo/Docs/obe-judging-contest-flyer-20181-fillable.pdf>
5. **Master 4-H PetPALS Volunteer Leader Training:** Sunday, February 25, 1pm-6pm, Miami County Fairgrounds. Cost to register is \$15.00. Contact me for a copy of the registration form (due February 16). Check the 4-H Family Guide for information regarding the PetPALS program.
6. **JOANN Fabrics Sewing Construction Contest:** The contest is open to 14-19 year olds as of Sept 1, 2017 who are currently enrolled in the 4-H program in their state. Entries (photos) can be submitted Feb. 3- Feb 23, 2018. Contact our office for a copy of the rules.
7. **Science Saturday:** May the Force be With You: Sound Science will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center on Saturday, February 3. Participants will learn about sound waves and electromagnetic fields. Check the website for registration information. Deadline to register is January 31. <https://ohio4h.org/events/science-saturday-1>



8. **Cloverbud Connections:** is transitioning to a blog format. To visit the new blog and enroll, visit the website: <http://u.osu.edu/cloverbudconnections/>
9. **Family History Treasure Hunt** project books will be \$10.00 instead of \$6.00. The book has been reprinted and will cover six years of project work! This price is different than what is listed in the Family Guide and on the Project Book Order Form, so plan accordingly.
10. **Darke County 4-H Skating Party:** Hands Across the Darke and the 4-H Committee are sponsoring a 4-H skating party on Tuesday, March 6 at The Skate Place in Greenville. Admission will be free for all 4-H members and their families (you will be responsible for skate rental - \$2.50). Tickets for this event are available from the Extension Office. Organizational volunteers: you will be receiving a ticket order form in the mail next week for your club. All you need to do is record the 4-H family name and how many tickets they need. This form can then be brought to the office so you can pick up the tickets and distribute. Thank you in advance for your help.
11. **Turkey Orders for 2018:** Cooper Farms is offering turkey poulters for 4-H and FFA projects in 2018. A letter with complete instructions and the order form was sent to organizational volunteers this week. Orders will be due by March 2, with pick up on Friday, April 6. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
12. **Volunteer/Club Update Meetings:** A total of 18 update meetings are scheduled January – March, 2018. All Darke County 4-H Volunteers are required to attend one of these meetings in order to maintain their volunteer status for 2018. No additional meetings will be scheduled and there is no opportunity to go to out-of-county sessions, so please plan accordingly. Call our office to pre-register as class sizes are limited. If no one preregisters, than I am not there. Don't expect to "just show up". A registration list also gives me point of contacts in the case of inclement weather. A complete list of available days/times is posted to the web. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-volunteerclub-update-meetings>
13. **Quality Assurance information for 2018** has been posted to the web. Please note: in 2018 all Darke County youth must complete QA by June 1, 2018 in order to be eligible to exhibit and sell their animal. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-quality-assurance>
14. **Youth Opportunity:** Congressman Davidson is inviting 4-H members to submit table centerpieces of their own design for display at his Farm Forum on Saturday, March 3 at Edison in Piqua. The centerpieces should be no larger than 2 cubic feet, and they are leaving the artistic discretion up to members. They do ask that there be a 4-H or agricultural theme to the centerpiece, and they would like members to send an index card with a short explanation of their work. His aide will be collecting the centerpieces on Friday, March 2nd.
There is no limit on the amount of entries per county. Members can either work together on centerpieces, or individually.
Farm Forum Centerpiece Project
 - Can be 2 or 3 dimensional, No larger than 2 cubic feet
 - Should be 4-H or Agricultural theme
 - Include index card explaining the centerpiece
 - Can be produced by groups or individual students
 - Submissions will be picked up at County Extension Offices on Friday, March 2nd and returned during the following weekPlease let the Extension Office know if you are interested in submitting a centerpiece.

15. **Ohio 4-H Conference:** will be held Saturday, March 10, Greater Columbus Convention Center. The 4-H Committee will pay your \$35.00 registration to attend. They ask for the \$35 from you as a deposit and once you attend, your check is shredded or returned to you. Early bird registration deadline is February 8. Hard copies of the registration booklet are available from our office or you can find it online: <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-4-h-conference>
16. **Officer Books:** Please be sure that your club is using the correct 4-H officer books. Officer books are resources are available online: <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/officer-resources>
17. **Poultry Resources:** 4-H members taking poultry projects will find a vast array of poultry resources available on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources>
18. **2018 Enrollment Packets** are available. Organizational volunteers may pick these up from our office during normal business hours or by special arrangement. It's time to get ready for another year of 4-H!
19. **Ohio 4-H Night with the Dayton Dragons:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19 and join us at Fifth/Third Field.
https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/2018%20Dayton%20Dragons.pdf
20. **2018 Family 4-H Family Guides:** hard copies are available from our office or you may download online: <https://ohio4h.org/books-and-resources/family-guide>
21. **Joann Fabrics Reward Card:** JOANN Fabrics has partnered with the National 4-H Council to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth. Current members, parents and volunteers can sign-up for the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and receive 15% off total in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programs. Find the details at <http://www.joann.com/4-h/>
22. **Hands Across the Darke's New Community Service Project:** Now through February we will be collecting the following supplies to donate to Rustic Hope: Shampoo/conditioner, small containers of laundry detergent (most carry it to the laundromat), dish soap, bathroom supplies (all), throw blankets, diapers, and baby wipes. If you would like to help with this collection feel free to drop these things off at the Extension Office.
23. **New 4-H Volunteer Applications:** Available from our office or via the web <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2018-4-h-volunteer-application>
Applications must be submitted by 4:30pm, March 1, 2018.

24. **United Way:** You can designate your United Way pledge to be given to the Darke County 4-H program. Simply write “Darke County 4-H” on the donation form. Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes,

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