

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**February 22, 2019**

Only a few opportunities remain for current 4-H volunteers to attend one of the mandatory update meetings. Register today: <http://go.osu.edu/4hupdatemeetings>

Here's what's happening:

1. **Clover Confidence: BFFs** has been rescheduled for Friday, March 15, 6:30pm-9:00pm, All Seasons Place, Greenville. Open to all girls in grades 5-8. Registration deadline is February 28. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/clover-confidence-bffs-building-fearless-females>
2. Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers & Rabbit Committee **Spring Rabbit Show**, March 31 at the Fairgrounds. Contact Holly Daugherty, hollybohio@hotmail.com for additional information.
3. **Ohio Corriedale Club Starter Flock:** The Ohio Corriedale Club will award two Corriedale ewes to a 4-H or FFA member that is interested in starting a flock of Corriedale sheep. The applicant must follow these guidelines:
 1. The applicant must complete an application with an essay answering the questions below.
 2. All ewes must be managed by the recipient with the assistance and approval of parents or guardians.
 3. The recipient must be of 4-H or FFA age the year the ewes are awarded.
 4. The recipient must provide adequate facilities and feed for the ewes.
 5. The recipient of the ewes or immediate family members must not own Corriedale sheep at the time of application.
 6. The recipient should keep the ewes for at least two lambing seasons.
 7. The ewes should be a part of the 4-H or FFA member's project and be exhibited at least at the Junior Fair Sheep Show at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus during the year the ewes are awarded.The Ohio Corriedale Club will deliver the ewes to the winner and register the ewes in the member's name before May 1 of the current year.
Contact the Extension Office for a hard copy of the application.
4. **OSU's department of Computer Science and Engineering is organizing a hackathon** for high school students on March 23. It is an all day event with prizes for teams that produce interesting programs. Importantly, it is free and it is open to any high school student in the state who is interested to come. However, students ABSOLUTELY need to register beforehand by going to this site: <http://hack.osu.edu/hs/2019/>

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5. **Towne Squares Quilt Club** is pleased to announce the addition of a new category for their annual **Harvest of Quilts show – Youth Quilting**. They will accept quilted items from youth ages 18 and below. They will accept any type of “quilted” item into the show – quilt, wall quilt, table quilt, miniature quilt, quilted tote bag or purse, or quilted clothing (jacket, vest). Although this is not a juried (judged) quilt show they do give 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbons based on votes from persons attending the show. Harvest of Quilts will be held in the Youth Building on the Darke County Fairgrounds. Quilts will be accepted for registration on Wednesday, Sep 25 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, Sep 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration questions should be directed to Toni Heggie, 937-548-0211.

6. **Keller Grain & Feed, Inc., 4-H and FFA Program** offers a rebate for supplies purchased. This program gives 5% of any member’s total project purchases each year as an in-store credit rebate to help offset future project expenses. In addition, 2% of the total is paid via check to support their club or chapter. This is an easy fundraiser for all clubs and chapters. Stop in at any Keller location for more information on this program! (*Endorsement of Keller Grain & Feed by Darke County 4-H, Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension, or The Ohio State University is neither intended nor implied. Provided for informational purposes only.)

7. **Ohio 4-H Night at the Dayton Dragons**: Darke County has had the honor of throwing out the opening pitch due to selling the most tickets for the past two years. Can we do a three-peat??? Ticket orders are due March 29. See the website for a copy of the flyer.
<https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ohio-4-h-night-dayton-dragons>

8. **Hands Across the Darke** is collecting a variety of items for a variety of projects. They are in search of cleaning supplies (homeless shelter), non-perishable food items (local food pantries), pet supplies (animal shelter), bird seed (sunflower seeds, suet) for the park district and fragrant-free lotions, puzzle books, plain chap stick (cancer patient care packages). Look for a flyer with the info which will be coming out soon. In the meantime, items may be brought to the Extension Office. Thank you!
https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Items%20for%20Projects.pdf

9. Congressman Warren Davidson is proud to invite all 4-H members and their families to attend the 2019 **Farm Forum**. His staff is collecting **4-H table centerpieces** for display at the event. If you are interested in submitting a centerpiece, please let our office know. There are specific requirements for this project. Centerpieces must be no larger than 1 cubic foot and a 4-H or agricultural theme is preferable. Your 4-H club name should be on the centerpiece. Displays will be picked up by Congressman Davidson’s staff from our office on February 27. For additional details contact our office.

10. **Quality Assurance:** Information regarding Quality Assurance for 2019 has been posted to the web. Includes test-out information, as well as a link to the QA study guide to help with test preparation. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance?fbclid=IwAR1Y-LelISWPff3GBk3N6JysFz2MRTirbNV2nEZmkyRaLm9Nlr4u6YkhQgc>
11. **Turkey Order** forms were mailed to organizational advisors. Orders must be submitted by March 1. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Pick up is Friday, April 5 at the Extension Office from 11am-3pm. See your club leader for details.
12. **Second Annual 4-H Skating Party** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm-9:00pm at The Skate Place in Greenville. New this year: wear your 4-H club t-shirt. The club with the most shirts present will win a prize. Admission is free but we are accepting a donation of non-perishable food to be donated to local food pantries. And lastly, you will be responsible for paying the \$2.50 skate rental. See your club leader to order tickets. https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/second-annual-darke-county-4-h-skating-party?fbclid=IwAR3hVqZkHHhf_jpycP0SbCJqIGdsAfg7OPWcrCSWpeUCpb-TOlIODFqJ0Zo
13. **Spring Recognition and Kick-Off** is Sunday, March 3, 2:00pm, All Seasons Place. Each club is asked to provide one or two non-perishable door prizes. Bring your door prizes the day of the event or drop off at the Extension Office by Friday, March 1. No charge to attend but we are accepting non-perishable food donations to be given to local food pantries OR any of the items listed in #6 of the document. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/future-leaders-under-construction-spring-kick-and-recognition>
14. 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, Amazon donates to Darke County 4-H Committee (listed as The Ohio State University). Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend!