

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**March 10, 2023**

Thank you to everyone who attended our 4-H Skating party Tuesday night! About 200 4-H members and their families joined the fun. Congratulations to the following clubs who won the club t-shirt competition: 1st Place - 4 Paws; 2nd Place - Horse and Rider; 3rd Place (tie) Darke County Holstein and Show Hoppers. Checks will be mailed to your club organizational advisor soon!

News You Can Use – 4-H:

1. Only three **Volunteer Update** meetings remain: March 15, March 18, and March 23. Sign up here: go.osu.edu/23darkeupdate
2. This is **Ohio 4-H! Photo Contest** is being sponsored by the Ohio 4-H Foundation. There are two age divisions, Junior and Senior, and entries are due by May 17. Contact our office for details.
3. Please tell your **News Reporter** to email their club news to these local websites that share county news. rberry@aimmediamidwest.com
news@mycountylink.com and finally, editor@countynewsonline.org
4. **Cloverbud Enrollment** – there is only one number in the database this year for enrolling Cloverbuds. Please instruct your families to select 710GPM when enrolling their Cloverbud for 2023.
5. **Ohio State Fair Possession Date for Market Goats:** The Ohio State Fair recently announced that the possession date for market goats for the state fair has been changed from May 26 to May 1. Please share this with 4-H members planning to exhibit goats at the Ohio State Fair.
6. **2023 Enrollment: 4-H Online** is now open and accepting enrollments for 2023. Volunteers and members can login and reenroll at any time. Volunteers who have to complete a background check should enroll as soon as possible. That way when background check results are received by OSU-HR, they can connect the results of your background check to your 4-H Online profile. You should login using your family email and password. If you have forgotten your password, use the Forgot Password link. If you are unsure of your family email, or it needs changed, contact our office. DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE if you were enrolled in 4-H in 2022. Help is available online: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online>
7. The **Junior Fairboard** has two spots open for **Youth Building 4-H** representatives. Contact Rhonda williams.418@osu.edu if you are interested in applying.
8. **Memorial Day Parade** on May 29, 2023, at 1:00pm. The Veterans Services Commission is partnering with The City of Greenville for the parade and are inviting community organizations to participate in the parade. The theme is patriotic. If your club is interested in participating, contact our office for a copy of the parade entry form.



9. **Take the Leap Career Readiness Day:** Open to 4-H members ages 13-18. Saturday, April 1, 9:30am-4:00pm, Ohio 4-H Center, Columbus. Visit the link for details and to register: go.osu.edu/taketheleap
10. **Quality Assurance** will be held in-person five times beginning in April. Check the website for details and a link to the registration site. go.osu.edu/23darkequalityassurance
11. **Darke County United Way:** Did you know that 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 designation line. Thank you to everyone who designates their pledges to us. It means a lot to our program!

News You Can Use – Junior Fair:

1. **Junior Fair Website:** A new junior fair website is available at go.osu.edu/darkejuniorfair. The 2023 Junior Fair Calendar can be found on that page. New items will be added as they become available.
2. **Junior Fair Lease Agreements** have been posted to the Junior Fair Website. Forms are different than they have been in the past, so be sure you are using the most current forms. Dogs are due April 1, dairy – April 15, all others June 1. See the Junior Fair Website for details or to download the forms.
3. **Junior Fair Poultry Clinic:** scheduled for Saturday, April 29, beginning at noon. A free lunch will be served. The clinic will include information about showmanship, poultry nutrition, skillathon, and more. RSVP before April 15th by contacting Dena Wuebker at 937-423-2369, Cindy Mayo at 937-417-2296 or Amy Addis at 937-216-2107 or email at dena.wuebker@vtigers.org, cmayo217@hotmail.com or amyjoaddis@centurylink.net
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5. **Darke County Junior Fair** has a new Facebook page. Search for Darke County Junior Fair and follow us for up-to-date information. <https://www.facebook.com/darkecountyjuniorfair/>
6. **Junior Fairboard has openings** in the following departments. Contact Rhonda williams.418@osu.edu if you are interested in an open slot. Cats (1), Family & Consumer Sciences (3), Youth Building 4-H (2), Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts (1), and FCCLA (1).



Upcoming Jr. Fair Meetings:

Tuesday, March 14 – Horse Committee, 7:30pm, Extension Office

Monday, March 20 – Sale Committee, 7:00pm, Secretary's Office, Fairgrounds

Tuesday, March 28 – Dairy Committee, 7:00p, Extension Office

Wednesday, March 29 – Dog Committee, 7:00pm, Extension Office

Reminder: The best way to reach me is by using the phone number or email below. Do not utilize Facebook Messenger as I have removed the App from my phone due to spam/scam messages. I do not spend a lot of time on Facebook so I often miss messages until days after they have been sent. Contact Rhonda at 937-569-5003 or williams.418@osu.edu

