

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****March 15, 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>

Turkey pick up will be from 11:30am-3:00pm (not 11:00am, as previously announced) on Friday, April 5 at the Extension Office. Letters were mailed to those who ordered.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Cloverbud Volunteer Training:** A training for new Cloverbud Volunteers is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 7pm, Extension Office. Any current 4-H Volunteer who is interested in becoming a Cloverbud Volunteer should attend. Please contact our office to register.
2. **JOANN stores** are helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their head, hands, and hearts. Visit your local JOANN store, March 1 – April 30, 2019, and **purchase a clover tear away** at the register for either \$1 or \$4. \$4 purchases come with a \$4 off coupon for a later purchase. The more money that is raised, the more that will come back to the Ohio 4-H program. In addition, JOANN wants to support individual 4-H'ers involvement by providing a rewards card for 4-H members, leaders, staff, and parents. The rewards card gives holders 15% off their purchase every day. To sign up go to <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>
3. **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>
4. **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-LeIISWPff3GBk3N6JysFz2MRTirbNV2nEZmkyRaLm9Nlr4u6YkhQgc>
5. **Quality Assurance test out option:** QA tests can be scheduled at the Extension Office on Friday, April 19 at 10am or 2pm. Contact our office to preregister. If a member would like to attempt the test-out but isn't available on April 19, contact our office to schedule an alternative date.

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6. **Digital or Print Project Books?** Print, digital, or both? What do future project books look like? You decide! Answer this short survey to share your thoughts  
<https://go.osu.edu/projectbooksurvey>.
7. The Highland County Office of OSU Extension will be hosting **a film festival** on August 16 & 17, 2019. Film submissions are open to everyone, and the application website (<https://filmfreeway.com/germinateinternationalfilmfest>) is now open. The films should be related to the broad concepts of agriculture, natural resources, and/or rural communities. Film submissions will be accepted through the end of June. There are several different categories of films that will be accepted, including scholarly videos.
8. The **Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine is offering a summer residential camp** for current high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors, June 23-29, 2019. The camp is limited to approximately 50 students and they typically have over 200 applications, so it is important to apply now if you are interested. The cost is \$600.00 and a limited number of scholarships are available. The website for Buckeye Vet Camp is [www.vet.osu.edu/VetCamp](http://www.vet.osu.edu/VetCamp).
9. Darke County Youth Rabbit Raisers & Rabbit Committee **Spring Rabbit Show**, March 31 at the Fairgrounds. Contact Holly Daugherty, [hollybohio@hotmail.com](mailto:hollybohio@hotmail.com) for additional information.
10. **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.
11. **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

12. **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.)

13. **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](https://darke.osu.edu/sites/darke/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Items%20for%20Projects.pdf)

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](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!

Have a great weekend!