eClover: Darke County 4-H News

May 21, 2021

Congratulations to our 4-H members who are graduating with the Class of ’21!
Best wishes as you begin the next chapter of your life!

Reminder: only two sessions of Quality Assurance remain. If you still need QA and missed all 19 of the virtual QA sessions, you will need to complete the online YQCA course. QA must be completed by June 1 in order to be eligible to show and sell.

News You Can Use:

1. Congratulations to Madi of the Darke County Rabbit Raisers and Kylee of the Jackson Friendship for being two of the three winners in the Ohio 4-H Foundation Art Contest! Awesome job!

2. Pullorum Testing: June 30 and July 12 from 6pm-9pm in the Horseshoe Building on the fairgrounds. Required for all birds older than 90 days or birds without hatch papers. Contact Cindy 937-417-3574 for additional information.

3. Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Registration and Rules: https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/


5. 4-H Camp Information: Due to current guidelines related to COVID and overnight camping, the camp counselors have decided to offer day camps instead of a residential camp this year. Following OSU’s current health advisory guidelines, everyone at camp will be required to wear a mask and campers will travel with the same group of 10 for the duration of the day. Sanitation will be conducted on a regular basis, and everyone will practice regular handwashing and distancing.

   June 22 – grades 3-4 – 9am-5pm
   June 23 – grades 5-6 – 9am-5pm
   June 24 – grades 7-8 – 9am-9pm

Registration information: https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2021-darke-county-4-h-camp
6. **Spring Recognition Program**: The video of our award recipients from Spring Kick Off is now available! Share this link with your families.  [https://youtu.be/vmjKJ3xeBdY](https://youtu.be/vmjKJ3xeBdY)

7. **4-H Communications Contest**: The 2021 4-H Communications Contest will be an in-person event on Monday, June 7, 6:30pm. Registration due by May 24, 2021. For complete information, visit the website:  [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/communications-contest?fbclid=IwAR1a3RKQQO6RdV0CXsPbRE7u-yw7ELIUDggZRm4h1wPkk8MyoEiGRXfKQ_Lc](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/communications-contest?fbclid=IwAR1a3RKQQO6RdV0CXsPbRE7u-yw7ELIUDggZRm4h1wPkk8MyoEiGRXfKQ_Lc)

8. **Project Completion Requirements**: Need to know what is required in order to complete your non-livestock project? Go to the project resources page on our website. Check out the 2021 Project Requirement and Fair Completion Guidelines.

For those of you interested in competing at County Project and Evaluation Day for the honor of representing Darke County 4-H at the state fair, be sure to follow the state fair project evaluation guidelines. Check out the link to the state fair non-livestock guidebook.  
[https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-resources?fbclid=IwAR1gaQtFOyz4Tfr4r-m1GOTXnNFA39gJPlAV2jqbemyYvE9sGsIpWkJMhf0](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-resources?fbclid=IwAR1gaQtFOyz4Tfr4r-m1GOTXnNFA39gJPlAV2jqbemyYvE9sGsIpWkJMhf0)

9. **Attention 4-H Members graduating with the Class of ’21!** We want to recognize you for this milestone accomplishment! Please complete this survey so we can put you in our Senior Spotlight!  [go.osu.edu/21senior](go.osu.edu/21senior)

10. **4-H Committee Scholarship Application**: The completed application is due to the Extension Office on June 15, 2021. See the website for details and a copy of the application.  [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship)


12. **Poultry Committee T-Shirt Contest**: Rules for the contest: 1) Exhibitor must plan to show poultry at the 2021 Darke County Fair, 2) You must be an active Jr. Fair member in Darke County, 3) The design should be for the front of a t-shirt only and needs to incorporate the words 2021 Darke County Junior Fair Poultry Department and reflect the projects exhibited in the poultry barn, 4) The design can be hand drawn or computer generated 5) please do not fold your design when turning it in 6) the design is due June 1st and needs to be turned in to Senior Fairboard Office to Beth Martin's attention and 7) the winner will be awarded $50.00 in cash.
13. **Project Books:** all 4-H project books may be purchased from our office. Please submit your orders in advance so that we have time to assemble your order prior to pick up. Orders can be emailed to Sherry at pearson.437@osu.edu

14. **Quality Assurance:** Two options remain for 2021: Virtual QA or YQCA. Complete information is available online: go.osu.edu/21darkegainfo

15. **Club News:** (Thank you to the clubs who have already submitted reports!) Check out our club news page: https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/eklover-darke-county-4-h-news/4-h-club-news-reports Do you have club news reports from your reporter that you would like to share? This is a great opportunity to share what your club is doing, as well as obtain publication credit for your club reporter. Email any reporter stories to williams.418@osu.edu

You can also email 4-H club news to emartin@aimmediamidwest.com Erik is the editor of Darke County Media (formerly the Greenville Daily Advocate and The Early Bird)

16. **Club Officer Resources:** Several resources are available online for your club officers – from training videos to the actual officer books. Please share these resources with your club officers. https://ohio4h.org/officerresources

17. **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.

18. **Amazon Smile:** Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844 and Amazon donates to the Darke County 4-H Committee. (It comes up as The Ohio State University, but donations go to our 4-H program!)
Meeting Guidelines, 4/26/2021:

- 4-H clubs can now meet as a larger group, as long as you adhere to COVID precautions – physical distancing, properly worn face masks, frequent hand hygiene, self-monitoring for symptoms.
  - Buffets or potlucks are still not permitted.
  - Local health department determinations must be followed (e.g., smaller group sizes, etc.)
- 4-H fundraisers and community service projects may also take place. These 4-H events must follow physical distancing, masking, and sanitizing guidance.
  - Food booths are permitted with local health department approval.
  - For other fundraisers involving food, food must be pre-packaged and having dine-in/sit-down dining is still not permitted.

Complete guidelines: [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/Ohio%204-H%20Planning%20Guide%20for%20In-person%20Meeting-%20Updated%204-27-21-FINAL.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/Ohio%204-H%20Planning%20Guide%20for%20In-person%20Meeting-%20Updated%204-27-21-FINAL.pdf)

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