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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!

- Change in facemask guidelines: face masks are no longer required to be worn during any 4-H club meetings that are held outside. They are still required to be worn for meetings that are held inside. Social distancing should still be maintained.
  - Face masks are strongly recommended for those who are not yet fully vaccinated (strongly recommended means the individual chooses to wear a mask or not)
  - Include this message in your pre-meeting/event/program communications with your club members: Individuals and/or family members may not attend if they or anyone living their household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste or smell, or as been directly exposed (confirmed or suspected) to COVID-19 if they are not fully vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccinations are our best current protection against infection and a fatal outcome. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a face mask, however we strongly recommend eligible, but unvaccinated, individuals to continue to properly wear a face mask when social distancing cannot be maintained.
  - All other guidelines related to social distancing and sanitizing remain in place.

News You Can Use:

1. **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.

2. **Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Registration and Rules**: [https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/](https://ohiostatefair.com/agriculture-livestock/)


4. **4-H Camp Information**: Day camps will be offered on the following dates:
   - 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](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2021-darke-county-4-h-camp)
5. **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)

6. **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.

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7. **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](http://go.osu.edu/21senior)

8. **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)


10. **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.

11. **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](mailto:pearson.437@osu.edu)
12. **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/eclover-darke-county-4-h-news/4-h-club-news-reports](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/eclover-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).

13. **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](https://ohio4h.org/officerresources)

14. **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.

15. **Amazon Smile:** Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](https://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!)

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