

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

May 5, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

Tuesday I had the privilege to be the guest speaker at the Greenville Rotary Club meeting. It was my pleasure to speak about our 4-H program and its impact in the community. Thank you for all you do to keep 4-H alive and well in Darke County!

Here's what's happening:

1. The Ohio Cheviot Breeders Association (OCBA) is seeking applicants for the **Jim Cluff Memorial Starter Flock Award**. The OCBA started the contest in 1994 to award a starter flock to an Ohio youth of up to 17 years of age. The purpose of the award is to introduce the youth to the enjoyment of raising and owning a purebred Cheviot sheep, as well as encouraging the growth of new Cheviot breeders in Ohio.

The contest winner will receive the following: a one year membership in the (OCBA), one bred ewe the first year, one ram the second year and in the third year the youth will donate a lamb to continue the award.

The application deadline is September 30, 2017. For an application and contest rules please contact Bob Hunter at (614)483-3202 or at [rpkihunter@msn.com](mailto:rpkihunter@msn.com)

2. **Darke County Fair Steak and Chop Tent:** sign up to help: [go.osu.edu/steakandchop](http://go.osu.edu/steakandchop)
3. **Darke County 4-H Camp, June 19-22:** Campership application and registration information is available on the website: <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-darke-county-4-h-camp> Campership application deadline is May 5, 2017.
4. **4-H Public Speaking Contest:** Monday, June 5, 7:00pm, Extension Office. See the website for details and registration information. Registration deadline is May 19. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-public-speaking-contest>
5. **Darke County 4-H Committee Scholarship:** Application is now available. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2017. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-committee-scholarship>



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6. **Early Bird Reporter News:** Please remind your reporters to send your club's reports to the Early Bird by the last business day of each month. Reports should be 150 words or less and emailed to Ryan Berry: [editor@earlybirdpaper.com](mailto:editor@earlybirdpaper.com) Our 4-H news page will be published the second Sunday of the month.
7. **Volunteer Opportunity at the Brethren Retirement Community:** Janet Ashworth, Volunteer Coordinator at BRC, is in need of youth willing to volunteer during the summer months. Responsibilities include such things as taking residents to group activities, helping with fishing, taking residents to and from the beauty parlor, etc. Volunteers must have completed the sixth grade. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Janet at the BRC – (937) 547-7682.
8. **Firecracker Lamb Classic:** the Darke County Sheep & Lamb 4-H Club is sponsoring the Firecracker Classic on Sunday, July 2 at the fairgrounds. Contact Jim McDade (937-459-0219), or view the flyer posted on the Darke County 4-H Facebook page, for details and registration information.
9. **Youth Welding Workshop:** Saturday, June 3, 9:00am-4:00pm, Agricultural Engineering Building, The Ohio State University, 590 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus. The Youth Welding Workshop provides a unique opportunity for youth ages 10-18 to develop **arc welding** (stick or SMAW) skills or **oxyacetylene** welding and cutting skills. With one-on-one assistance, students begin at their own level and progress in their skills throughout the day. All participants attend a safety session and then spend the rest of the day in the welding lab. Cost to attend is \$90.00. Contact our office for a copy of the registration information.
10. **4-H Dog Bowl Contest:** Saturday, June 17 – Postmark deadline for teams to enter, pay the \$30.00 team entry fee, and submit questions is Wednesday, May 17. Objective of Dog Bowl: The primary objective of the Dog Bowl Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth involved in 4-H dog projects to demonstrate their knowledge of canine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The Dog Bowl Contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.  
[http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/2017%20Dog%20Bowl%20Rules\\_Entry%20Form.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/2017%20Dog%20Bowl%20Rules_Entry%20Form.pdf)
11. **4<sup>th</sup> H for Health Challenge:** Those of you who attended the Spring Kick Off may remember Molly Hunt, Ohio 4-H Health Hero, talking about this event. This would be a great activity for your club's Health officer to lead. Clubs that complete the challenge and send their tracking sheet to the State 4-H Office will receive a certificate and be entered into a drawing for prize kits. The counties with the highest percentage of clubs completing the challenge will be recognized at the Ohio 4-H Conference in 2018. Here is the link to the materials: <http://www.ohio4h.org/4thHChallenge>

12. **Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks!:** <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-cloverbud-rocks>

13. **Quality Assurance, Youth Building, Fairgrounds:** Two opportunities remain: May 13th - 10:00am; May 16th - 7:00pm. For those planning to exhibit market animals, lactating dairy, or lactating goats.

Best Wishes,

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