eClover: Darke County 4-H News

May 6, 2022

The Friends of 4-H are conducting a raffle during the upcoming food truck rally on the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 14 (next weekend!). Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. There are some great prizes available. Tickets can be purchased from Teresa at our office until 4:30pm on May 13 or at the fairgrounds on the day of the event. Winners will be announced shortly after 5pm on May 14. You do not need to be present to win. Prizes include gift cards from several local merchants, as well as tickets to both concerts during the fair. Our thanks to Jason Blackburn and his crew for partnering with 4-H for this event. And thank you to the Friends of 4-H for their support!

Does anyone have the goat learning lab kit? It seems to be missing in action. If you have borrowed this kit in the past, please check to make sure you returned it to our office. Thank you!

News You Can Use:

1. **Darke County 4-H Camp** information is now available! Join us June 13-16 at Indian Hills for *Winter Wonderland!* Campership applications are due May 6; early bird camp registration is May 20. See the website for information and forms. [go.osu.edu/22darke4hcamp](http://go.osu.edu/22darke4hcamp) Share this link with your 4-H families who may have youth interested in attending camp.

2. **4-H Capital Day** will be held Wednesday, June 15 from 9am-5pm in Columbus. This event is open to 4-H members currently in grades 9-12. Registration is due by June 6: [go.osu.edu/4Hcapital](http://go.osu.edu/4Hcapital)

3. **Jr. Fair Market Lamb Tagging**: Saturday, May 7, 9am-11am – north end of the sheep barn. Tuesday, May 10, 7pm-8pm – north end of the sheep barn.

4. **Quality Assurance**: all in-person meetings have been held. The only virtual session that still has openings is Tuesday, May 31 at 7pm. No make up sessions will be held. If you cannot attend any of the remaining virtual sessions, you can complete the [YQCA online](https://www.uvm.edu/yqca) course. QA should be completed by June 1 as no QA sessions will be held in Darke County after May 31.

5. **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza** has been found in a backyard flock in Franklin County. 4-H members with backyard flocks should increase their biosecurity practices to protect their flocks. Biosecurity information is available online: [https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animal-health/resources/02.25.2022HPAIUpdate](https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animal-health/resources/02.25.2022HPAIUpdate) and [https://ohio4h.org/news/avian-influenza-biosecurity-practices](https://ohio4h.org/news/avian-influenza-biosecurity-practices) Check out this video for additional information: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnseqPmzJO4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnseqPmzJO4)

6. **Darke County 4-H Communications Contest**: guidelines and entry information are now available. The contest will be held Monday, June 6, 7pm, Extension Office. NEW this year: Cloverbuds may participate by coming and saying the 4-H Pledge. Cloverbuds will receive a 4-H prize for participating. All other contest divisions have cash awards. For details, visit website: [https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-darke-county-4-h-communications-contest](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2022-darke-county-4-h-communications-contest)
   To register, go to: [go.osu.edu/22communicationscontest](http://go.osu.edu/22communicationscontest)
7. Download your officer books from this website: https://ohio4h.org/officerresources. Be sure that you are using current and up-to-date officer books for your club records.

8. *Hands Across the Darke* is a community service club open to youth in grades 5-8. They meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Extension Office at 7:00pm. Their next meeting is June 7. Join us!

9. *Amazon Smile*: As you complete your online shopping, don’t forget to designate the 4-H program to receive a donation through 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!)

10. *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!

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