

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

June 9, 2017

Dear Friend in 4-H,

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest was held June 5. Congratulations to the following individuals who will advance to regional/state competitions in the near future.

Health and Safety: Senior Division: First - Matt Slyder, Ansonia Animal; Second - Molly Hunt, Genesis. Junior Division: First - Madison Townsend, Friendly Farmers; Second - Jordan Gump, 4 Paws.

Demonstrations/illustrated Talks: Senior Individual: First - Julie Oswalt, Ansonia Animal. Intermediate Individual: First - Alexis Barhorst, Darke County Holstein; Second - Mackenza Townsend, Friendly Farmers.

Here's what's happening:

1. **Cloverbud Fun Day.** Due to a scheduling conflict, Cloverbud Fun Day has been moved from July 12 to August 9. Registration information will be available soon.
2. Applications and more information to be an **Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC)** member are now available online. Please note applications (and other materials, including letters of recommendation) are due (not postmarked; received!) by Friday, August 11, 2017. <http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/teen-leadership-council>
3. **Lori Williams Memorial 4-H Scholarship:** Darke County 4-H members graduating from high school with the Class of '17 are invited to apply. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by June 30, 2017. <http://go.osu.edu/williamsscholarship17>
4. **Ag is Cool:** The Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio State Fair and the buckeye state's agricultural commodity groups are again sponsoring the "Agriculture is Cool" program at the Ohio State Fair. <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/AgIsCool/>
5. **Sewing Camp:** July 10, 11, 12. Offered by Sherrie Kirkpatrick, Darke County 4-H Volunteer and Master Clothing Educator. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-sewing-camp>
6. **4-H Presentation and Evaluation Day** (formerly known as county judging): Friday, July 14, All Seasons Place. Visit the website for details and to download the schedule for the day. <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-presentation-and-evaluation-day>



7. **2017 Project Completion Requirements:** <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2017-4-h-project-completion-requirements>
8. **Darke County Shootout:** 4-H members with **swine** projects have the opportunity to participate in a local jackpot show that is part of the OH Pigs Summer Jackpot Series. Show will be held June 17-18, at the Darke County Fairgrounds, in the cattle barn. Youth can bring barrows or gilts with no minimum weight limit so you can show the same pigs you will show at the county fair. Entry fee is \$25 per pig per day. For more information, see the flyer posted to the Darke County Facebook page or contact Mike Fearon, 937-545-9735.
9. **Darke County Fair Steak and Chop Tent:** sign up to help: go.osu.edu/steakandchop
10. **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 Our 4-H news page will be published the second Sunday of the month.
11. **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.
12. **Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks!:** <https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-cloverbud-rocks>
13. For those of you who shop on Amazon, the Darke County 4-H Committee is now part of the AmazonSmile charitable donation list. Here is our unique identifier: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844> Even though it comes up as The Ohio State University, you will be supporting the Darke County 4-H Committee. Feel free to share this with family and friends who shop on Amazon.
14. **Quality Assurance:** Any Darke County exhibitor who still needs to complete QA should plan to attend an out-of-county session. Contact our office for options. Do not procrastinate as opportunities dwindle as we head move through June. Attendance at QA is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Best Wishes,

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