Happy 4th of July! The Extension Office will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of the holiday. Our drop box is always open. Look for the mail slot to the left of the front doors.

QUALITY ASSURANCE UPDATE: The senior fairboard has extended the 2021 QA completion deadline to 4:30pm, Monday, July 5. Any youth who needs to complete QA has until 4:30pm, Monday to complete the online course: http://yqca.org/ The cost is $12.00. Upon completion of the course, email a copy of your certificate to bdmartin15@embarqmail.com

News You Can Use:

1. **Project Presentation and Evaluation Day** for non-livestock projects will be held Friday, July 9, Radiant Lighthouse, Greenville. Complete details are available on the web: https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/2021-project-presentation-and-evaluation-day  **Please note: this year members will be pre-registering for their interview times. If someone shows up for judging without an interview time, they will have to wait for an open slot or until the end of the day, whichever comes first.**
   a. Please review the state fair project judging information as it will look quite different this year. The link is available on the project presentation and evaluation day website.

2. **4-H Awards Presentation**: Thursday, July 15, 7pm, Radiant Lighthouse. We will announce state fair delegates for non-livestock projects, county rosette winners, scholarship recipients, and also recognize 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 year members.

3. **Lori Williams Memorial 4-H Scholarship**: The application for the Lori Williams Memorial 4-H Scholarship is now available. Application deadline is 4:30pm, July 5. Our office is closed on Monday so please put your application in our drop box. https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/darke-county-4-h-scholarship

4. **Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council**: Applications and information to be an Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council (TLC) member for the 2021-22 program year are now available online at: go.osu.edu/TLC. Please note: applications (and other materials, including letters of recommendation and program fees) are due (received, not postmarked!) by Friday, August 13, 2021

6. **Pullorum Testing**: 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.

7. **Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Non-Livestock Judging Schedule**: [https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/2021%20Schedule%20COVID%20to%20post_2.pdf](https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/state_fair/2021%20Schedule%20COVID%20to%20post_2.pdf) **Please note that some non-livestock judging events will take place at the Ohio 4-H Center on the OSU campus and not at the state fairgrounds. See the judging schedule for details.**

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 Presentation 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=IwAR1gaQtFOyz4Tfr4rm1GOTXnNFA39gJPIAV2jgbemyYvE9sGsIpWkJMhf0](https://darke.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/project-resources?fbclid=IwAR1gaQtFOyz4Tfr4rm1GOTXnNFA39gJPIAV2jgbemyYvE9sGsIpWkJMhf0)

9. **Ohio Cheviot Breeders Jim Cluff Memorial Starter Flock Award**: The winner receives 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 deadline is Sept. 30. For an application and contest rules please contact the Ohio Cheviot Breeders Association Starter Flock Committee Chairperson, Tabitha Weisend, at 740-459-9751 or tabithasregcheviots@yahoo.com


11. **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.

12. **Amazon Smile**: Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](http://www.darkecountyjrfair.com/scholarship-information--leadership-awards.html) 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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