

eClover: Darke County 4-H News**August 16, 2019**

The Great Darke County Fair starts today! The fair is the icing on the cake for many of our 4-H members. It should be a time of hard work, celebration, and fun!

What the fair is: an opportunity to show what you've learned, learn what you don't know, set goals for next year, make lifelong friends, and have fun!

What the fair is not: an opportunity to make excuses and blame others for your mistakes or lack of effort, an opportunity to complain about the judge, an opportunity to exhibit poor sportsmanship.

The fair is one of the most visible marketing opportunities for our 4-H program. People who visit the fair may not know much about 4-H or the agricultural industry. How our 4-H members, advisors, and parents conduct themselves during the fair reflects on the 4-H program. Fair attendees will take away impressions of 4-H and the agricultural industry based on what they see happening at the fair. Let's be sure that the impression they have is a good one.

Here's what's happening:

1. Great news! Our **Darke County 4-H App** is up and running. Go to the app store and download 4-H Now. Then click on Darke County 4-H to add the content.

Apple Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/4-h-now/id1330050098>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.grandstand.now4h>

Eventually we will add a link to online enrollment. Let us know what additional information would be helpful. Complete the app Survey (link located in the Sidebar Menu).

2. **Cheviot Starter Flock:** 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 Cheviot starter flock to an Ohio youth 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.

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The application deadline is September 30th. 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.

3. ***Volunteer Appreciation Event:*** Thrivent Community – Western Ohio and the Light Foundation are hosting a volunteer appreciation event on Sunday, September 15, 2pm-7pm, Chenowith Trails. This is a free event but they request donations of gloves/hats for the Darke County Sheriff's Warm Winter Wear Drive. Dinner is provided and the day will feature outdoor games, live music, fishing derby, and the longest ice cream sundae in Darke County. RSVP by September 6 – call Andria at 937-778-1353 or email andria.haworth@thrivent.com. (Provided for informational purposes only. Endorsement of Thrivent by Darke County 4-H, Ohio 4-H, OSU Extension, or The Ohio State University is neither intended nor implied.)

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!