

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****August 30, 2019**

The 2019 Great Darke County Fair is now just a memory. I hope you had a great fair and are ready to set your goals for 2020!

Be sure to practice your attitude of gratitude. Send your thank you notes to your award sponsors, buyers, donors, senior fairboard, advisors, etc. Let people know how much you appreciate their support!

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.

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](mailto: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, Chenoweth 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.

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RSVP by September 6 – call Andria at 937-778-1353 or email [andria.haworth@thrivent.com](mailto: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.)

4. **A Teen Mental Health Retreat** will be held October 12-13 at 4-H Camp Ohio. There is a limit of 40 youth for this retreat. To register, go to <http://go.osu.edu/mentalhealthretreat> and complete the form. Registration is due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Direct any questions to Amanda Raines at [raines.74@osu.edu](mailto:raines.74@osu.edu).
5. **Carving New Ideas** is open to 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members. Carving New Ideas is a camping opportunity for older youth, concentrating on the principles of critical thinking and program facilitation. It is hosted by Collegiate 4-H at The Ohio State University. This year's theme is The Future of 4-H. All the fun will center around preparing for the future of 4-H, our communities, and ourselves while enhancing leadership skills. Camp fee is \$65.00. Registration deadline is October 28. To register, [go.osu.edu/CNI19](http://go.osu.edu/CNI19)
6. **Forestry and Wildlife Camp** will be held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp, October 11-13. Open to youth ages 12-16. Cost is \$35.00 for the first 40 campers; \$77 each once 40 has been reached. For additional information, contact Tracy Winters at [winters.5@osu.edu](mailto:winters.5@osu.edu)
7. **OHIO NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW:** If you exhibit poultry or just love chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and/or guineas the Ohio National is the place to go this November! The Ohio National Poultry Show is the largest Open and Junior Open poultry show in the country. The show is held at Ohio Exposition Center, Columbus, November 9 and 10. The average show hosts 5,000 to 6,000 birds with more than 1300 entered in the Junior Show. This is a great way to see many, many breeds to help decide what kind of birds you may want as 4-H projects and/or backyard chickens. Saturday is the best day for non-exhibitors to visit the show. Youth 18 and under get in for free. Adult admission is \$5.00 at the door. 2019 is the "Year of the Turkey" at the Ohio National with an American Poultry Association sanctioned turkey show. You can find information at [www.ohionational.org](http://www.ohionational.org) and <https://ohio4h.org/events/ohio-national-poultry-show>.

Have a great weekend!