

eClover: Darke County 4-H News

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Dear Friend in 4-H,

August is here and that means the Great Darke County Fair is just around the corner (as well as the beginning of the school year)! The state fair concludes on Sunday – best of luck to those Darke County 4-H members who will be competing during the final events. Darke County has been well represented in both livestock and non-livestock events. Congratulations to all!

Here's what's happening:

1. **4-H at the Great Darke County Fair:** the fair is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our outstanding 4-H youth who work hard “to make the best better.” Remember that in addition to your project, you are also on display. Exhibit good sportsmanship and be gracious. What the public sees during the fair forms their opinion of our 4-H program. You are representing yourself, your club, your family, and our program! Let's be sure that we are presenting a positive image. See YOU at the fair!
2. **Ohio State Fair Non-Livestock Judging Results:** are posted on the website: <https://ohio4h.org/families/ohio-state-fair/2017-results>
3. **Ohio Cheviot Breeders Association Starter Flock Award:** seeking applicants for the Jim Cluff Memorial Starter Flock Award. 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 Bob Hunter at (614)483-3202 or at rpkjhunter@msn.com.
4. **4-H Sunday at Subway:** Visit the local Subway this summer and share a photo for a chance to win \$15,000 for Ohio 4-H and a \$5.00 Subway gift card for you. See the website for details: <https://4h.ourcontest.io/8nmmz9>
5. **Jr. Fair Information:** <http://darkecountyjrfair.com/index.html>
6. **Darke County Fair Steak and Chop Tent:** sign up to help: go.osu.edu/steakandchop
7. **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.
8. 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.

Best Wishes,

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