

**eClover: Darke County 4-H News****September 7, 2018**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the various activities and shows held during the Great Darke County Fair! Now is the time to reflect on your goals and accomplishments and begin to formulate your goals for 2019.

1. **Send your thank you notes:** don't forget to send a thank you note to those who sponsored awards and trophies. A simple hand written thank you goes a long way in helping to secure donors for future events. Each year we lose sponsors because they did not receive a thank you. It only takes a minute to show your appreciation.
2. **Congratulations to Raylea Richards** for being selected to serve on the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council!
3. **30 Days of Doing** is a chance for kids **to do** with purpose through hands-on learning. You can win a \$10,000 scholarship and \$10K for Ohio 4-H when you submit a photo that shows how your child inspires themselves or others to do with purpose for themselves, their family, their community, their country or the world. Visit [www.4-H.org/inspirekidstodo](http://www.4-H.org/inspirekidstodo) to before September 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Calling all do'ers!** National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H youth of all ages who have ideas (original or adapted from other sources) for fun, educational and/or service-oriented hands-on activities to be featured in Council's brand campaign later this fall. Do you have a step-by-step guide for growing a bean in a bottle to teach kids about agriculture? Or instructions for organizing a trash pickup day in your community? Or a favorite healthy recipe you make for friends and family? We'd love to hear those ideas, and have the opportunity to feature the great ideas, kids and 4-H clubs bringing them to life. [Submit your ideas today!](#)
5. **Darke County Parks is looking for volunteers** to help with Prairie Days. See the website for more information or to volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48a8a92aa4f49-prairie2>
6. **Prairie Days Pie Baking Contest:** Saturday, September 29; \$2.00 entry fee per pie Use a disposable pan / No meringue or refrigerated pies. Entries will be accepted 9:30 – 10:00 Saturday morning at the classroom of the Nature Center at Shawnee Prairie Preserve. Judging starts promptly at 10:00. The winner of each category will receive a first-place certificate. Overall Best in Show will be awarded a cash prize. Winners will be announced during Prairie Days Saturday at 12:30 at the outdoor stage.

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**7. Ohio Cheviot Breeders Starter Flock Award:** 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 30<sup>th</sup>. For an application and contest rules please contact Bob Hunter at (614)483-3202 or at [rpkihunter@msn.com](mailto:rpkihunter@msn.com).