Club end-of-the-year packets are available. Please pick up your club’s packet at your earliest convenience. Also available for pick up are other miscellaneous items (spring packet, awards, etc.). Please plan to have an advisor from your club stop by our office to pick everything up as soon as possible.

Our office associate will be out of the office until October 25 so there may be times when it becomes necessary for us to close our office due to staffing shortages. To avoid wasting a trip, you might want to call the office to verify that we are open before you stop by. We apologize for any inconvenience!

News You Can Use:

1. **2022 4-H Family Guides:** In the coming months, 2022 Family Guides will be mailed directly to each family that was in 4-H in 2021. We will have a limited supply at the office for new 4-H families or for those who did not receive theirs in the mail. Family Guides should arrive in your mailboxes sometime in November or early December.

2. **Carving New Ideas:** Carving New Ideas (CNI) is a camping opportunity that focuses on critical thinking and program facilitation for 4-H members in grades 8-12. The workshop is held at the scenic 4-H Camp Ohio in St. Louisville, Ohio. It will be held October 29-31, 2021. Registration is due by October 6. The camp fee is $75.00. For additional information or to register, visit [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ULysvpHUeKrc4C](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ULysvpHUeKrc4C)

3. **Thank you notes:** Please remind and encourage your 4-H members to send their thank you notes to sponsors, donors, buyers, etc. A hand-written note is much appreciated by those who took the time to donate a trophy, prize, etc.

4. **Hands Across the Darke:** In-person meetings have resumed. They meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm, Extension Office. This organization is open to any youth in grades 5-12 who is interested in participating in a variety of community service activities. Please share this meeting day/time with any youth who might be interested in attending.

5. **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

6. **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.

7. **Amazon Smile:** Shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1056844) 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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