We survived the 2021 Darke County Fair! The word of the week was HOT! Even though the temperatures and humidity were extreme, we were resilient. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the fair a success. Now it’s time to set your goals and plan for 2022!

Club end-of-the-year packets will be available soon. You should be able to pick them up after September 7. 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.

This week’s eClover is a brief one. Not much happening this week as everyone recovers from the fair and heads back to school! Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!

News You Can Use:

1. **Hands Across the Darke**: will meet in person at the Extension Office on Tuesday, September 7, 7pm. 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.

2. **Xtreme Roughstock Rodeo on September 11**: Just a reminder that 4-H clubs can earn money by ‘selling tickets’ to this event. All your 4-H club needs to do is ask people to mention their 4-H club by name when they order tickets. The club will then receive credit for the sale. Organizational volunteers for each club were emailed information about this opportunity at the end of June. Check with your club’s organizational volunteer if you need additional information.

3. **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

4. **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.

5. **Amazon Smile**: Shop at 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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