



Junior Fair Board

The Ashland County Jr Fair Board is looking for dedicated, active and hardworking members!

Must be age 13-18 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

[Jr. Fair Board Information and link to application](#)

Tractor Certification

Medina County Extension is offering a Tractor Certification course this year. Registration costs \$60 and includes class materials and lessons. Participants must be age 14 by the time of course completion to receive certification. Registration deadline is April 2nd, and class orientation is April 10th. There are six classroom Saturdays, April 17– May 22 Promptly start at 8:15am and end at 12:30pm, (1:00pm May 22 for Testing) and a driving test day TBA. Classroom sessions will take place at Medina County Agricultural Society – Fair Office 720 W. Smith Rd., Medina 44256.

[Tractor Certification Information Link](#)

OSU Stay Connected Guidelines for Clubs and Events

4-H Clubs may meet in person while following current Ohio State University guidelines. Please click the link below for detailed information on these guidelines, signage and more.

[Current OSU guidelines](#)

Lamb Tagging

Anyone who needs their market lamb tagged before the tag in day on June 1, please contact Darlene Schuck at 419-606-5847.

4-H Horse Project

Horse packets are now available for pick up at the Extension Office. These packets include: 4-H Horse registration, Outstanding Horse member form, member/parent agreement , PAS information and the Horse project By-laws.

Please note that the member/parent agreement and 4-H Horse registration must be turned in to the Extension Office by June 1 OR participation in a 4-H show or clinic, whichever is first.

FIRST YEAR HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS will also need to complete horse safety and ethics training.

This is done in three steps:

1. Purchase and read the Horses, Safety and You book at the Extension Office.

2. View 2 DVD's, Every Time, Every Ride and Horses, Kids and Ethics. These DVD's may be loaned out from the Extension Office. **OR** instead of viewing these DVD's, you may choose to complete EquiStep, an online horse safety and ethics course from Ohio State. See the EquiStep link below.

[EquiStep](#)

3. Sign the Horse Safety and Ethics Training form in the project book and return to the Extension Office by June 1 or your first participation in a 4-H horse show or clinic.

Turkey Order & Give-a-way

It is time to order your 2021 Market Turkey! If you plan to show a market turkey at this year's fair, you must order your turkey through this order form. Breed turkeys do not have to be purchased through this program – members may get their breed turkey on their own if they wish but remember, they must be a Heritage breed.

Click the links below for more information and the order form.

Orders are due postmarked and paid by Friday, March 26. If you mail your order and payment to Amy Pickering, please send her a text to let her know it is coming due to postal delays. Another option this year, is to drop off your order form and payment at the Extension office.

[2021 Market Turkey Ordering Information](#)

[2021 Market Turkey Order Form](#)

The 4-H Poultry Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for all youth who would like to take turkeys this year at the fair. The youth must agree to join 4-H this year and use the turkeys as a 4-H project.

Youth may enter to win both market turkeys and breed turkeys this year! In order to be considered for both classes, youth **MUST** submit **TWO** essays, one for each class. Three turkey poults will be awarded for each class.

Click the link below for more details on this essay contest give-a-way!

[Turkey Essay Contest](#)

4-H Volunteers

Yearly volunteer training:

Returning volunteers may do their required yearly Policy 1.50 training online.

[4-H Volunteer Policy1.50 Training](#)

- If your 4-H Club would like a Secretary or Treasurer book for this year, please contact Laurie at the Extension Office to have one printed.
- There are still just a few clubs who need to turn in their yearly financial summary and charter checklist. Please do this as soon as possible so we can renew your club charter!
- Organizational Leaders: See image below for help in accessing your club's roster in v2.4honline. If you need your club code, please contact me.

Club Leader Login	
<p><i>Before You Start</i></p> <p>As a Club Leader, your enrollment must have approved and permissions assigned before you can login to the club.</p>	
<p>Steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Login to 4-H Online with your family's 4-H Online email and password. 2. Locate your name in the list of members in your family. 3. Click the 'View' button next to your name. 	<p>Screenshots <i>(Screen appearance may vary per state)</i></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Click on Clubs in the navigation pane on the left side of the screen. 5. Click the Manage button for the Club. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Enter the Unit (Club) PIN provided to you by the county office. 7. Click the Login button. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. You will be able to download the Club Roster for your Club. <p>Additional functionality will be added soon!</p>	

New Projects

New projects available for 2021:

354 Medicine, Science and Safety

355 Tracking Your Health and Fitness

387 Here, There, Ag Careers Everywhere

613 Explore the Poles

673 Edible Landscapes

While not a new project, Cake Decorating has now been divided into beginning, intermediate and advanced.

4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship

The Ashland County 4-H Committee scholarship was established in 2014 to help out local youth 4-H members towards higher education opportunities. This scholarship will be awarded annually to current active High School Senior members in the Ashland county 4-H program. Ashland County 4-H Committee will be awarding a one-time minimum \$500 scholarship in addition to a Kathy Blackford Scholarship. See the link below for an application.

[4-H Committee and Kathy Blackford Scholarship application](#)

Quality Assurance

- Youth age 12 or older can test out of their annual QA program for up to three (3) years by passing the QA test.

There is a small and a large animal version. Youth ages 12-14 years old who pass the QA test would need to re-test or complete QA the year they are age 15 as of January 1. Youth ages 15-18 years old who pass the QA test can test out of their annual QA program permanently.

Any youth interested in taking the Quality Assurance test-out option, please contact the Extension Office before May 1.

- **QA instructors who need to recertify this year should have received an email from Scarlet Canvas**, an OSU online course platform with instructions on how to complete your QA instructor recertification online this year. You need to be currently certified to pick up your QA materials.

The QA instructors below need to recertify this year: Some of you may have already completed this online recertification training.

Alicia Ables, Mandy Atterholt, Cassandra Kelley, Linda McCoy, Kate McGovern, Carol Morrison

All other Ashland County QA Instructors will be due to recertify in 2022.

- QA Instructors, please use the link below to request your QA material.

[QA material list](#)

2021 Sheep and Swine Give-Away Essay Contests

The Ashland County 4-H Sheep and Swine Committee is sponsoring two essay contests for all youth who would like to show market lambs or market hogs this year at the fair. To be eligible, youth must agree to join 4-H or FFA this year and use the animal as an Ashland County Junior Fair project.

Click below for a more details.

[Sheep and Swine Essay Contest](#)

2021 Ashland County Swine Born & Raised Class

The Sheep & Swine Committee is offering a class for market hogs born and raised in Ashland County. The nomination form must be signed by the breeder and is due June 4. Nomination forms are available at the Extension Office or click the link below:

[2021 Ashland County Swine Born & Raised Form](#)

If you so choose to show in the born and raised class you will not be eligible to show in the weight class meaning you are not eligible to show the hog twice.

ALL market hog participants will be required to sign the Ractopamine Free Avidavit. This will be turned in with the Hog Tagging forms for each member. A second copy must be signed and turned in at the time of fair weigh-in on September 18.

[Ractopamine Free Avidavit](#)

Stay-at-Home Projects

Click the link below for a list of perfect stay-at-home projects with free printable books!

[Stay-at-Home Projects](#)

Feeder Calf News

All members taking a feeder calf project must tag their animal(s) and return the signed feeder calf registration form (available at the office beginning in April) to the Ashland County Extension office by June 1 of the current project year.

Members are responsible for tagging their own animals. Tags are to be signed out from the Ashland County Extension office anywhere from late April through the end of May. Taggers are also available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members may tag any number of animals. Members may bring two beef and two dairy feeders for a maximum of four. Calves should be tagged in their left ear. Market Steer Committee members may verify tags with farm visits anytime after June 1. If a tag is lost, member must notify the Extension office (419-281-8242) within 24 hours.

Enroll in 4-H Today!

Enroll at this link: [4Honline 2.0](#)

For guidance on how to enroll/re-enroll: [4Honline 2.0 Help Sheet](#)

You may add or change your projects until April 15. From April 15-June 1, you will need to contact the Extension Office if you want to change your projects.

Extension Office Hours

No appointment necessary.

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