



A BIG welcome to our new Ashland County 4-H Youth Development Educator!



Hello! I am Jackie Wasilewski, and I am so excited to be here and meet all of you. I have my running shoes on so we can get working together to have a successful and positive 4-H year!

A little about me: I grew up in Wayne County, successfully showing horses, lambs, and goats at the local & State Levels. I also completed still projects and FCS projects in my beginning years.

I graduated from Smithville High School and Ashland University. During my college years I was a summer intern in the Wayne County Extension office. Upon graduation from Ashland, I was hired as the 4-H Program Assistant where I spent the next three years working with youth on the Jr. Fair Board, camp counselors and adult specie committees. Due to my husband's job relocation we moved to Richland County. After relocating, I became the Director of Volunteer Services for MedCentral Health System (now Ohio Health) and supervised over 500 volunteers, oversaw both Mansfield and Shelby Hospital Gift Shops Hospital Auxiliaries & Guild and eventually the Customer Relations Department, which included Valet Parking and the front-line staff for nearly 20 years. A reduction in management positions, resulted in me exploring other options.

I spent a couple years working in the Farm Service Agency office in Ashland County and then was hired as the SNAP-Ed Program Assistant working in the Huron County office. I have been working remotely for most of the time I have been with SNAP-Ed. Due to the fact I was a part time employee for the past few years it allowed me to substitute teach for Shelby City Schools. I have spent numerous years volunteering; serving as a 4-H volunteer as soon as I was no longer eligible to participate, serving as a PTO volunteer and leader for my children's schools. I served as an FFA volunteer, chaperoning many trips and contests and supporting both of my children as members when they held leadership roles. I continue to volunteer, serving the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association as LEAD volunteer, served on the OYLE sheep committee last summer, and serve on the Executive Committee for the Richland County Livestock Committee. I truly feel all my experiences to date have in some way prepared me for the 4-H Educator Position!

My family includes: my husband Greg, who recently retired from the ODNR at a State Wildlife Officer. He enjoys fishing and trapping. He has served a judge for conservation projects for several years.

Both of my children grew up very involved in 4-H. My daughter Kristen; enjoyed a successful career showing sheep and taking still projects. She was very involved on the Junior Fairboard as well as serving the Shelby FFA as an officer and had a successful livestock judging career while in FFA. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education (pre-pre-k 3) and was hired by Shelby City Schools that same year as a kindergarten teacher where she excels and is impacting many young lives.

My son Seth; also enjoyed a very successful 4-H career, showing livestock on the Local, State and National Levels as well as completing still projects. He was a leader for Shelby FFA and is currently a Junior at The Ohio State University, majoring in Ag Business/ Animal Science, and serves as President of the Saddle & Sirloin Club and is a member of the OSU Livestock Judging Team.

Both kids are passionate about giving back to the 4-H program-my daughter as a Cloverbud volunteer and my son is mentoring several young 4-H families as they begin their 4-H careers with livestock projects. We reside on a small farm, in Shelby, where we have a small flock of sheep and raise some club lambs. I enjoy cooking and especially baking in my free time.

Jackie

Market Steer Spring Show

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Sunday, April 18th starts at 1pm

Due Covid safety precaution guidelines, the show has been spread out over the day to limit the amount of people on the fairgrounds. We are restricted to only 50 people gathered at a time so please be considerate. Only the member and two family members can be on the fairgrounds during their allotted time for their class to show. No spectators allowed.

Everyone must come through the gate by the senior fair secretary's office, there will be a committee member at that gate allowing the members to enter to keep our numbers to meet our requirements.

If a member has shown at a jackpot show prior to the mandatory spring show, than they do not need to attend the spring show. They just need to submit a backdrop photo to Amy Steward prior to the spring show. They can email or text it to amycolton2000@yahoo.com or 419-651-2027.

Market Steer members will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds 15-30 minutes prior to their class and report to the coliseum with their steer to get lined up for their class.

Masks must be worn by everyone.

Joe Litt will be having a hoof trimming clinic at the fairgrounds as well so feel free to get your cattle feet trimmed while at the fairgrounds. Cost is \$35.00 per head and cash is preferred. No credit cards.

The classes are as follows:

1:00 pm Senior Showmanship ages 17-18 yrs. old as of Jan 1st

2:00pm Senior Showmanship ages 15-16 yrs. old as of Jan 1st

3:00pm Intermediate Showmanship ages 13-14 yrs old as of Jan 1st

4:00pm Junior Showmanship ages 11-12 yrs old as of Jan 1st

5:00pm Junior Showmanship ages 9-10 yrs old as of Jan 1st

Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners.

All Born & Raised entries are due by the end of the the Spring Show, including entry fees paid.

Contact Amy Steward with any questions.

4-H Camp

Spring is here and for a lot of us, that means our thoughts turn towards 4-H camp. Our Ashland County 4-H Educator and camp counselors are in the process of planning a fun-filled, memorable 4-H Camp experience for our youth this summer. Currently, we do not know details, but will continue to update you as we discuss options and receive guidance from the State Office.

4-H Rabbit Clinic Thursday, April 29

The 4- H Rabbit Clinic date has been **changed to Thursday, April 29 at 6 PM** at the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall. Please pre-register to attend by filling out the survey below. We can only take 50 total registrations. This includes parents and members, so please limit attendees to 4-H rabbit members and one parent. We may take participants at the door if the limit is not reached. COVID safety guidelines will be followed including masks and social distancing.
[April 29 Rabbit Clinic Registration](#)

Textile and Clothing Zoom Clinics

Annual Volunteer Training

Annual Policy 1.50 training for 4-H Volunteers will be done online this year and is to be completed by June 1.
Thank you to the many volunteers who have already completed this training!
[4-H Volunteer Policy 1.50 Training Link](#)

Quality Assurance

All exhibitors who wish to exhibit any market OR lactating animal at the fair must satisfy the Ashland County Quality Assurance requirement.
Quality Assurance is done at the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter level.
Deadline for 2021 Ashland County Fair participation is June 15, 2021.
QA Instructors, please click this link [QA material list](#) to request your QA material.

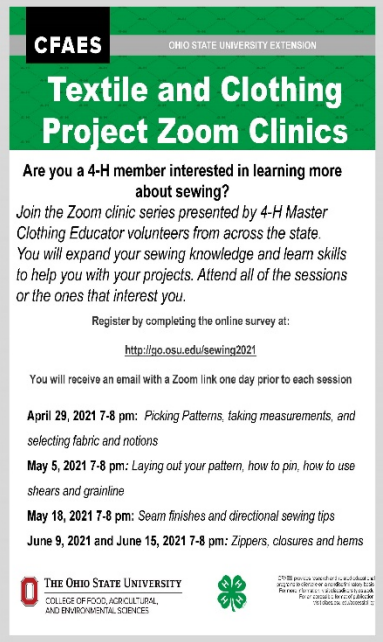
OSU Stay Connected Guidelines for Clubs and Events

4-H Clubs and Committees may meet in person in groups under 50 to conduct business of an educational purpose while following current Ohio State University guidelines. Please click the link below for detailed information on these guidelines, signage and more. Current 4-H volunteers received an email earlier this week with more detailed information.
[Current OSU guidelines](#)

Any events, other than meetings, need to be pre-approved through an exception process. Volunteers, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible if you are planning an in person clinic or event.

Junior Fair Board

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO APPLY!
The Ashland County Jr Fair Board is looking for dedicated, active and hardworking members! Must be age 13-18 as of 1/1/21.
[Jr. Fair Board Information and link to application](#)



The poster features a green header with 'CFAES' and 'OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION'. The main title is 'Textile and Clothing Project Zoom Clinics'. The text asks if the reader is a 4-H member interested in learning more about sewing and invites them to join a Zoom clinic series presented by 4-H Master Clothing Educator volunteers. It lists the dates and topics for each session: April 29 (Picking Patterns, taking measurements, and selecting fabric and notions), May 5 (Laying out your pattern, how to pin, how to use shears and grainline), May 18 (Seam finishes and directional sewing tips), and June 9 and June 15 (Zippers, closures and hems). It provides a registration link and notes that an email with a Zoom link will be sent one day prior to each session. The footer includes the Ohio State University logo and the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

2021 Sheep and Swine Give-Away Essay Contest Deadline is Friday, April 23.

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](#)

Each Lamancha Market project will be required to bring the scrapies tag for that animal to the June 1st tagging/weigh in day. The Goat Committee will provide a collar that will be attached with the scrapies tag and market tag, which the goat committee provides. The Goat Committee will provide the collar this year only. The exhibitor will be required to provide the collar and scrapies tag themselves starting next year for each Lamancha Goat market project. If the exhibitor does not provide their own collar the Goat Committee will have collars available to purchase. If there are any questions, please contact someone on the Goat Committee.

Goat News

Any Exhibitor bringing a Lamancha Goat as their market project please be aware of the new tagging requirement.

Lamb Tagging Saturday, June 5

Market Lamb tagging is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 from 8 AM - 10 AM at the Fairgrounds.

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

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](#)

Extension Office Hours

Monday 8:30-4pm

Tuesday 8:30-4pm

Friday 8:30-3pm

No appointment necessary

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