

# 4-H Newsletter 4/28/2023

The Ashland County Extension Office is located at 110 Cottage Street, First Floor This is the same building as the Ashland County Commissioners and Board of Elections.

We are open:

Mondays 8:30-4pm

Tuesdays 8:30-4pm

Fridays 8:30-3pm

## Horse Members

**MANDATORY Horse Advisor & Parent meeting Sunday April 30th, 2 to 4 pm In Mozelle Hall at the Ashland County Fairgrounds. You MUST attend this meeting if you wish to be eligible for Ohio Sate Fair and Ashland County Fair this year. This meeting will go over new/existing rules, Safety requirements, etc. We will also be passing out and going over the parent/member form for this year. Again, you MUST attend this meeting, or you will NOT be able to go to state or the county fair this year. Any questions please contact Courtney, Horse Committee President.**

**Reminder: Horses need to be identified in 4Honline with pictures and lease agreement (if applicable) uploaded by MAY 1.**

For 2023, all 4-H members registered for a horse project, will be required to complete the Equine Safety Training and Education Program (EquiSTEP) each year by May 1. EquiSTEP is an annual statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities. The EquiSTEP curriculum focuses on helmet safety, equine safety & handling, equine health & nutrition, and sportsmanship and is designed to rotate topics every year.

To complete EquiSTEP (due MAY 1):

- Enroll using their own unique email address. Participants should not use their school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.
- Participants must view all five videos which last approximately one hour in total. Once the videos are completed, participants will be able to access the 10-question quiz.
- Participants must complete the quiz associated with the training and achieve a minimum score of 7 (out of 10) in order to pass the training.
- Once the quiz is successfully completed, participants will need to complete the course survey to trigger a certificate of completion. The certificate will be emailed to the participant's email address as well as their county's 4-H email address **IF YOU COMPLETE THE LAST STEP AND NAME YOUR COUNTY!**
- **IMPORTANT!!** *The participant must select their correct county to trigger the email to the correct email address and they must click on the submit button at the end of the survey to trigger the email.*

To complete Equistep go to: <https://cfaesosu.catalog.instructure.com/courses/equistep-2023>

Equistep Tips: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Equistep%20Tips.pdf>

## 4-H Camp

Registration for 2023 Ashland-Wayne County 4-H Camp will open May 1! Please register early to guarantee your spot. 4-H Camp is open to 4-H members in 3rd grade and up and are 8-13 years old as of January 1, 2023. will be June 30-July 3.

<https://go.osu.edu/4hjrcamp2023>

## Rabbit Give-a-way Essay Contest

The Ashland County 4-H Rabbit Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for any Ashland County 4-H/FFA member interested in taking a rabbit project. For details and essay cover page visit:

[https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/rabbit%20essay%202023\\_0.pdf](https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/rabbit%20essay%202023_0.pdf)

## Lamb Pool Pick Up

For those who ordered their market lambs through the lamb pool, pick up will be on Sunday, April 30 at 3pm in the Fairgrounds market hog pavilion.

## Scholarship Opportunities

**Attention High School Seniors!** The Ashland County 4-H Committee scholarship application is here. For more details go to our website: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2023%204-h%20committee%20scholarship%20app.pdf>

Applications are also available at area high school guidance counselor's office.

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**THANK YOU** to the Ashland County 4-H Committee for sponsoring this scholarship!

## Top Shots Scholarship

If you are a Senior and a member of Top Shots, consider applying for the Top Shots Scholarship. Qualifications include:

- Must be currently enrolled in the Top Shots and have been a member for a minimum of 3 years.
- Current High School Senior
- Student to be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school this fall in any field of study.

### Application

## Quality Assurance Trainings

Any 4-H or FFA member taking a live, breathing animal to the fair, must attend a Quality Assurance training before June 1. Ashland County has the dates left to complete this training.

**NO NEED TO REGISTER, JUST COME!**

May 7 2pm at Hillsdale High School

Another option for QA is online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Cost for online QA is \$12.

[Help sheet to register for online QA](#)

## National Robotics Challenge

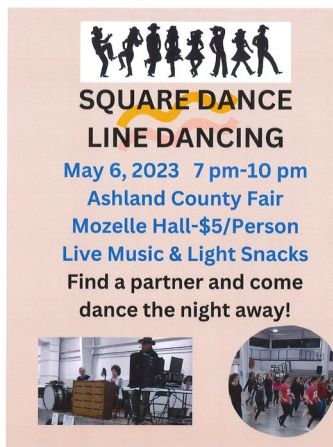




**Congratulations to Brody Matz and Lance Kohler for making it to the finals for the top 8 in the Mini Sumo competition!**

**Harold Song was selected for a Honda Innovation Award nominee and received a plaque at the awards ceremony.**

## Line Dancing & Square Dance at the Fairgrounds!



## Ear Tags Now Available for Feeders & Market Animals

**Ear tags are now available to tag your market animal and beef/dairy feeder.**

**Sheep, goat and feeders will have the 840 EID tags.**

**This year, swine tags will be the traditional fair tag (not 840 EID tags) due to an issue with our tag order. If your hog already has an 840 EID tag, do not remove it. You should record that 840 EID tag number in 4Honline. If you need an 840 EID tag for your hog to show at the State Fair, please contact your breeder, vet or the Extension Office.**

**Hog tags should be placed in the RIGHT ear for ease of viewing during fair check in.**

We ask that club advisors survey their members to know how many tags their club will need for this year.

- You will need to know how many swine tags and how many tags for other market species. (Goats , sheep and feeders will have the same type of tag).
- **Tags may then be picked up for the club at the Extension Office or at the Senior Fair Office on the Fairgrounds. Advisors, you may delegate this task.**
- **Remember to log back into 4Honline and enter your animal under your profile. For those animals with the round 840 EID tags, You MUST ENTER THE ENTIRE EID TAG NUMBER INTO 4HONLINE in order for it to match the electronic scanner at fair check in.**

## Ag Credit Billboard Contest

**Share your photos from your local County Fair for a chance to be featured on an AgCredit billboard!**

From now until April 30, we'll be collecting photos from your local 2022 county fair of youth showing their livestock projects or with their still projects. We'll choose one photo from each county to be featured on a billboard during the 2023 fair season.

For a chance to win, submit your photo at: <https://www.agcredit.net/county-fair-billboard-contest>

## Earth Day Challenge

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**Ohio 4-H Earth Day Challenge!**  
 Calling all 4-H Clubs! The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council has a challenge for you! This spring, we want to get as many clubs as possible around the state involved in community service activities that help protect and clean up the lovely planet. We challenge you to complete one or more of these community service projects on this board! If your club completes one of these activities, follow the link/ QR code below to add your club's name. You might be featured on our social media, AND you are automatically entered into a drawing to win a prize from the 4-H mall for your club!

Entries are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. Happy Earth Day, from The Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council!

<p><b>Run or Attend Educational Event About Sustainability</b>          This includes registering a speaker, an educational event, demonstration, talk about your club's activities/interests.</p>	<p><b>Go On An Eco-Related Field Trip</b>          Examples: Visit a zoo, go to a water park, visit a farm, tour an arboretum or greenhouse, tour the facility of a creative health business.</p>	<p><b>Plan An Initiative To Make Your Fair More Eco-Friendly</b>          Examples: Planning to run an activity, working with fair staff on waste management, etc.</p>	<p>Submit your activities by June 1<sup>st</sup> at the following link: <a href="https://www.osu.edu/4HClubEarthDay">https://www.osu.edu/4HClubEarthDay</a>          Or by following this QR code</p> <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p><b>Invest In The Environment</b>          Examples: purchase and plant trees, start a community club garden, invest in reusable water bottles, recycling bins for your club.</p>	<p><b>Recycle Recycled Materials</b>          Examples: Bird feeders, garden, other crafts made from recycled materials.</p>	<p><b>Organize a Collection Drive</b>          Examples: Bottlecap collection, used clothing, etc.</p>	

**Options? Contact Frances Fousek at [ffousek@osu.edu](mailto:ffousek@osu.edu) Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council [Ohio4H.org](http://Ohio4H.org)**

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[go.osu.edu/4hclubearthday](https://go.osu.edu/4hclubearthday)

## Links to Ohio Youth Livestock Webinars

- If you would like to see the Ohio Youth Livestock **Beef** Webinars that happened in December but were unable to join links can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/beef-cattle> .
- Ohio Youth Livestock Small Ruminant (Sheep/Goat) Webinars that happened in February but were unable to join, links can be found here: <https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/small-ruminant-sheepgoat#Sheep%20web>

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**All About Poultry!**  
 Zoom Webinars in April & May  
 6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Presenters Include:**  
 Dr. Mike Crossman, Assistant Professor, OSU Dept Animal Science  
 Tim McEwen, DVM, OSU Extension, Franklin County  
 Dr. Allison Rubin, Assistant Professor of Animal Welfare, North Carolina State University

**Geared towards youth participants taking poultry projects but anyone is welcome!**  
 Webinar links and details below:

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - **Poultry Health**  
<https://osu.zoom.us/j/8114067948?pwd=QWVpZ2ZlTlR5SHd0bnR6R2w5M1M1bnY0OQ>  
 (Password: 682220)  
*Protecting animal health at home and at the fair, common disease ID, and more!*

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - **Poultry Nutrition**  
<https://osu.zoom.us/j/299968033?pwd=b2dkOWh3UjJCZlRlPHVjMjZlOQ> (Password: 870670)  
*Nutrition best practices, how nutrition impacts meat quality*

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> - **Poultry Handling and Welfare**  
<https://osu.zoom.us/j/2421993483?pwd=UWVlNlZSMV9DZlRlPHVjMjZlOQ> (Password: 231076)  
*Animal handling and welfare at home and at the fair, impact of handling and stress on meat quality*

**ohio4h.osu.edu**

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## Ohio Administrative Code Livestock Exhibition Rules

When reviewing the OAC 901-19 (Ohio Administrative Code Livestock Exhibition Rules), here is a document to help clarify definitions and understand the expectations that must be met for all youth Junior Livestock Exhibitions in Ohio.

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%20Youth%20Livestock%20Exhibition%20Rules%204.17.23.pdf>

- **PLEASE NOTE:** counties may have ADDITIONAL rules in place and guidelines to meet, in order to be eligible to exhibit. For Example: **The deadline for Quality Assurance completion in Ashland Co. is June 1- even though it is well before the 45 day deadline outlined in this document)**

- Please refer to Project Guidelines on our website and the Jr Fair Book for additional information on county specific rules.

## 4-H Project Books

The State has increased the cost of 4-H project books. Most books will now cost \$8, with resource books and a few others costing more. While the Extension Office will keep a stock of livestock record books, we will no longer keep a stock of all the still project books due to expense and books outdated before being purchased.

We are asking that 4-H clubs take orders for any books their members may need and turn it in to the Extension Office so we can order those books needed for this year. We will place project book orders as we receive orders from clubs. Please allow 10-14 days from when you submit your order for the books to arrive at our office.

Club advisors, here is a order form to help you identify the books your club will need for the year. [4-H club project book order form](#)

## Livestock Project Judging

You will be required to come to project Livestock judging before the fair with a completed record book! You may re-use a current project book and update the topics of interest, project activities, youth parent agreement etc.(dates will need to reflect current year) however you are going to be required to have CURRENT YEAR, completed records, for each livestock project!

For example: if you have a breeding goat and a market goat, those are separate projects and will require separate records. If you have two market goats, that is the same project and those records may be combined. In addition to a project book you may use the following tool--2023 Livestock Record--to meet the record keeping requirement. If you keep another form of electronic records covering these items, you may print and submit those at judging.

[2023 Livestock Record](#) : Use only if you are re-using a project book more than one year. This ensures you have current year records.

The record component will make up a significant portion of the members grade and the expectation is that each 4-H member will have completed records. It is recommended that an adult should review the record prior to judging.

## Food Preservation Tuesdays

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**Food Preservation Five**  
Tuesdays, 12-12:30 p.m. EST

<b>April 11</b> Top 5 Considerations for Preserving Food	<b>May 9</b> Canning: Pressure
<b>April 25</b> Canning: Water Bath	<b>May 23</b> Freezing
<small>Register to participate in this free webinar series at <a href="https://go.osu.edu/2023foodpreservationwebinars">go.osu.edu/2023foodpreservationwebinars</a></small>	<b>June 6</b> Drying and Freeze Drying

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While the weather has been a rollercoaster in Ohio, the pantry and freezer are telling us it's about time to start preserving food again! The OSU Extension Food Preservation Team has resources to help. To attend the Food Preservation Webinars, register at:

[go.osu.edu/2023foodpreservationwebinarseries](https://go.osu.edu/2023foodpreservationwebinarseries)

While Ashland County does not have an FCS Educator, you can have your pressure canner tested by a neighboring county's FCS Educator by requesting an appointment at: [go.osu.edu/pressurecannertesting](https://go.osu.edu/pressurecannertesting).

## Sewing Patterns & Fabric Available



Several patterns (mostly for toddler or infant clothing) were recently donated at the Extension Office. Several bolts of fabric were also donated. See picture. These are free to any member who may use them, just pick them up at the Extension Office!

## Club Fair Booth Theme

The theme for this year's club booths is "Surf's Up"!  
Can't wait to see your artistic creations for this one!

## Project Requirements are Posted!

2023 project requirements are now posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements>

Please review the project requirements so you are familiar with the requirements that need to be met in order to exhibit your project at the Ashland County Fair.

For Swine members purchasing Ashland County Born & Raised eligible hogs: [2023 Ashland County Born & Raised Form for Swine](#)

If you need encouragement to pick up your tags and/or books soon, see below!

## Extension Office Parking Lot

We recently received notice that the large parking lot across from our building will be closed starting Monday, April 3 for renovations. For now, if space permits, visitors may park in the small parking lot on the same side as our building, but please respect the parking spots that have signs posted.

The small parking lot beside our building will also be closed for renovation after the upcoming election. When this lot also closes, the county has asked that anyone needing to park for our office park at the county lot north of the Courthouse on 3rd street or in the visitors lot east of the Jobs and Family Service Center 15 W. 4th Street.

We realize this is an inconvenience, especially at such a busy time of year picking up tags and project books. An alternative is to pick up your tags at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

## FCS Make It/Take It Succulent Garden Clinic

Come and make a succulent garden to take home with you!

May 20 2-4 pm at Honey Haven Farm

Cost \$10 per person to be paid when reserving your spot (Refund available if we are able to refill your spot)

Refreshments will be served

Limited to 15 youth so sign up today at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-fcsmake>

## Ohio 4-H Spark Expo

Students have the opportunity to explore future careers at the 4-H Spark EXPO, held this summer on The Ohio State University campus. From June 14-17, teens at the Spark EXPO will learn about agriculture and related STEAM fields from industry experts, and faculty and staff of the Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

The 4-H Spark EXPO is open to all Ohio students who have completed the eighth grade at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year. Participants do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H program. The event includes on-campus accommodations, meals, program materials, and transportation. Cost is \$75.

Sponsorship to cover the cost may be available, please contact the extension office.

For more information and to pre-register: [go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo](https://go.osu.edu/4hsparkexpo).

## 2023 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

*Updated 3/28/23 to include FCS/Still Project judging on July 18 and August 2.*

The 2023 4-H Calendar is posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/breaking-news>

## 4-H Newsletter

If you have a second email you would like to add to the list or need to change your email it is sent to, please use the link below:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_39M4tSvTaliJNI](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39M4tSvTaliJNI)

Find us on Facebook at: [Ohio State- Ashland County 4-H Facebook page](#)



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