

4-H Newsletter 12/1/2023

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.

Our normal business hours are:

Mondays 8:30-4pm

Tuesdays 8:30-4pm

Fridays 8:30-3pm

4-H Member and Volunteer Recognition Night

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our valued Volunteers and members for a great year! Our 4-H Member and Volunteer Recognition Night is one of the ways 4-H Members, Volunteers, as well as individuals and business are acknowledged for the support they give to Ashland's 4-H program throughout the year.

The 4-H Committee is already starting to plan next year's recognition night and would like your input. Please take a moment and give them your feedback and ideas at: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eh2CCaonJ5Y5gdU

Congratulations to the following County Award Medal Winners!

- **Beef:** Nick Cartwright, Jenna Cartwright
- **Citizenship:** Nick Cartwright, Chloe Crowe
- **Electric:** Vinson Orr
- **Gardening:** William Perry
- **Goat:** Paul Griffey, Kaitlyn Griffey
- **Healthy Living:** Drew Ramsey
- **Horse:** Isla Derr
- **Leadership:** Sage Runion, Baylee Weber, Cole Ramsey
- **Outdoor Ed/Recreation:** Riley Smith
- **Poultry:** Faith Griffey
- **Public Speaking:** Haley McNaull
- **Rabbits:** Quinn Ramsey, Taylor Weaver, James Esbenshade, Jeremy Esbenshade, Ella Perry
- **Safety:** Trevor Smith, Quinn Ramsey
- **Self Determined, Reptiles:** William Perry
- **Sheep:** Maryn Eichelberger, Peighton Thomas, Riley Smith, Trevor Smith, Krista Orr
- **Swine:** Troy Weaver, Cruz Ramsey, Jack Ramsey

Danforth Award: Ellie Powell

2023 Meritorious Support Recipients:

Armstrong Cable for donating the Wi-Fi/signal boosters during the fair.

Norma Foundation for monetary donation to Ashland County 4-H program

Doug and Bonnie Kirkpatrick for being a key donor towards the new Fair Sheep Pavilion

Mc.B Paving and Sealcoating for their large support of our Jr. Fair Livestock auction

2023 Meritorious Service Recipients:

Donna Spoerr, Jr. Fair Secretary, for her countless hours developing the new Fair Entry system.

Amy Bays for assisting Donna in the Jr. Fair office with the new Fair Entry system.

Kara Gorglione for assisting Donna in the Jr. Fair office with the new Fair Entry system.

Brooke Wesner for assisting during the Jr. Fair Livestock sales.

Dan White, Chairperson of the Sheep & Swine Committee for taking a lead in organizing the Swine jackpot show this summer.

THANK YOU to all of you for your assistance with the Ashland County 4-H program! The following volunteers were pictured at 4-H Recognition night.

1 - Ada Sue Workman 64 years

2 - Annis Strine 63 years

3 - Susie Stake 55 years

4 - Kathy Smith 52 years

5 - Joan Stauffer 34 years

6 - Doug Shenberger 33 years

7 - Doug Kirkpatrick 30 years

8 - Arden Fitch 28 years

9 - Patty Fliger 28 years

10 - Ron Neer 28 years

11 - Connie Leidigh-Butler 41 years

12 - Marty Wesner 24 years

13 - Jessica Murawski 22 years

14 - Carol Morrison 18 years

15 - Sarah Stuart 17 years

16 - Connie Shoenberger 17 years

17 - Bryan Ashbrook 16 years

18 - Melanie Fitch 14 years

19 - Jenny Wesner 12 years

20 - Lisa Wilfong 12 years

21 - Audra Schoen 10 years

22 - Kendra Carnegie 10 years

23 - Nick Ashbrook 7 years

24 - Renee Twining 6th Year

25 - Peggy Keller 3rd Year

26 - Dan & Erica White 3rd Year

27 - Angela Derr 3rd Year

28 - Ben Carpenter 2nd Year

29 - Jessica Ross 2 years

30 - Mark Rafeld 1 year

31 - Tiffany Esbenshade 1 Year

32 - Amber Carpenter 1 Year

4-H Holiday Program



Individual volunteers and/or clubs are needed to help plan and lead a craft table. Please text Lisa at 419-685-1296 or email lisa.wilfong@gmail.com if you are willing to help with this event.

Market Steer Weigh In & Tagging

Weigh in and tagging for 2024 Market Steers will be Saturday, January 13 at the Fairgrounds. More details to come.

Save the Date! 4-H Sew Ohio Event

4-H Members taking Clothing and Textile projects mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27, 2024, for the 4-H Sew Ohio event at the 4-H Center in Columbus. 4-H Master Clothing Educator Volunteers will be offering sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level projects. More information to come early 2024.

Top Shots Scholarship

Top Shots members that are a current High School Senior and will be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school this fall may be eligible for a scholarship. For more information and the application, go to our website at:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/top%20shots%20scholarship.pdf>

4-H Camp Counselors Needed!

Want To Be a Counselor or CIT at 4H Camp? Things To Know!

- Must be at least 15 years of age before camp begins.
- Must be able to attend at least 12 hours of training. Required by Ohio 4-H Camping Standards.
- Will be required to complete child abuse training.
- Must sign and commit to following the counselor code of conduct and standard of behavior forms.
- Must have two credible references and a recommendation from an experienced counselor and/or an adult staff member.

Why Be a Counselor?

- Camp Counseling offers you the opportunity to practice servant leadership and gain experience with planning, facilitating, and executing activities for large groups of campers.
- Recommendation letters from 4H staff to support your job and college ambitions.
- Leadership training
- Increases Opportunities to receive 4H Scholarship support for continued education.



Are you a 4-H'er age 15 or older who loved 4-H Camp?

Consider going back to 4-H camp as a counselor!

4-H Camp Counselor Applications are on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/4-h%20camp%20counselor%20app%20and%20ref%202023.pdf>

4-H Enrollment is Open!

The new 4-H year has begun! You may now log into <https://v2.4honline.com/> and enroll in 4-H for 2023-24.

- **SHOOTING SPORTS (Top Shots) members:** You **MUST** enroll in 4-H with a shooting sports project (#'s 750-753) **BEFORE** you will be allowed to participate at the shooting sports practices.
- **Radical Robotics members:** Please enroll in 4-H now as your meetings are also starting.
- **Cloverbuds:** Enroll in Project 710 Cloverbud Activities
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Enroll as a **PROGRAM VOLUNTEER**, then choose your committee as your "unit". **DO NOT** select any projects.
- **Club advisors,** enroll as a **Club Volunteer** with your club. **DO NOT** select any projects.
- **Volunteers** will not be approved until they have met all requirements, including annual advisor training to be offered early in 2024.
- **HORSE Members:** New Projects with project books include 186 Gymkhana Animal Sciences and 187 Roping Animal Sciences. You must be enrolled in 187 Roping if you want to participate in ground roping classes. For Ohio State Fair and Ashland County PAS shows, the 187 Roping Project book will be required. Part of your score at the Ohio State Fair will be from your roping project book. If you want to participate in the State competitive trail ride in September, you must be enrolled in 188 Trail Riding project.

Enrollment tips and videos may be found on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-online-enrollment-information> or you may contact the Extension Office for assistance.

FFA Members in 4Honline

Any FFA member that is taking ANY animal to the fair, will need make a 4Honline account if they do not already have one.

- **FFA Members:** Choose "yes, I want to enroll in 4-H". When you choose your FFA chapter as your club, the system is set up to realize you are not actually enrolled in a 4-H club.
- Please list your FFA chapter as your "club".
- Choose COP: Animal, FFA (market goat, dairy cow, market hog, etc..) as your project.

4-H Volunteers Background Check Renewal Notice

Reminder to those 4-H Volunteers who received a notice to complete their background check for 2024 via postal mail; This is to be completed by February 15 to continue in your 4-H volunteer role. Please sign the bottom of the form that gives you all the information and code number, then send (email is fine) it to aulger.3@osu.edu. This lets us know you have completed your requirement and allows us to send a request to the State Office for you to be reimbursed.

4-H Club Volunteers

If you have any updates to your 4-H Club's meeting, project or contact information please send our office an email with the update at aulger.3@osu.edu.

To review your club's current listing, go to our website at: https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/4-H%20Club%20Brochure%202023_2.pdf

Ohio State Fair Market Beef EID tags and DNA Kits

Possession deadline for Ohio State Fair market beef projects is January 1. Market Beef that will be entered in the Ohio State Fair must have an EID tag in and a DNA kit on file at the State Fair office by January 15. The EID tag number MUST be listed on the envelope with the DNA sample.

Prior to submission, the nomination envelope for each sample kit remitted must be signed by either the 4-H professional or FFA advisor, depending in which organization the youth is taking the market animal(s). Please plan accordingly to ensure you make the January 15 submission deadline for your State Fair market beef entry.

Ohio State Fair Possession Deadlines

Below is a listing of the possession deadlines for the Ohio State Fair. ***Note, the MAY 1 market goat possession deadline.*** This also means, **if you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, these animals MUST be entered in the 4-Hers 4-H Online account by this deadline!** When verifying OSF entries, the Extension Office will have to verify possession date and if it is not in 4-H online by the possession date, there is no way for us to verify.

To be more consistent with statewide livestock exhibition ownership rules, the Ohio State Fair has listed animal ownership dates below:

MARKET ANIMALS -

- Market beef – January 1
- Market swine – May 26
- Market lambs – May 26
- Market goats – May 1
- Dairy feeders – May 26
- Market rabbits – June 1
- Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch

BREEDING ANIMALS -

- Breeding Beef – June 1
- Breeding Swine – June 1
- Breeding Sheep – June 1
- Breeding Goats – June 1
- Breeding Poultry – June 1
- Breeding rabbits – June 1
- Dairy Cattle – June 1

If you have any questions, please contact our office. Our June 1 deadline for Quality Assurance also meets the State Fair QA Deadline.

BuckeyeNext App

The BuckeyeNext App is a youth engagement app to help Ohio 4-H middle and high school age youth track their 4-H participation and accomplishments. It is simple, easy to use, and helps with 4-H record books because you can look back and see what all you have done.

Built like a game, points are earned for activities, event attendance, and accomplishments during their 4-H career. Members earn digital badges in the skills needed to be successful in the future.

In the app, youth can easily identify the opportunities available through Ohio 4-H, organize their categories of participation, and track their cumulative progress in real time. Youth who participate will create a digital portfolio and transcript that demonstrate how their abilities align with the eight career readiness competencies identified by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Ohio 4-H members can access BuckeyeNext at <https://go.osu.edu/buckeyenextoptin>.

2023 Ashland County 4-H Calendar

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_39M4tSvTaliJNIr

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



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