

# 4-H Newsletter 3/15/2024

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

Our County Building will be closed on solar eclipse day Monday, April 8 per the Ashland County Commissioners. Thus, the Extension Office will be closed Monday, April 8.

## String Art Clinic

**Ashland County 4-H Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Committee is holding a string art clinic for Ashland County 4-H'ers**

**on Sunday, March 17 from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Fairgrounds Senior Fair office.**

**You must be a 4-H member (No Cloverbuds please) to attend.**

**Cost is \$5. All materials and a light snack will be provided.**

**Checks should be made out to FCS Committee.**

**To register go to: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6x1L4JivNgYPd9c](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6x1L4JivNgYPd9c)**

**Please mail or bring your payment to the Extension Office to complete your registration.**

## 4-H Volunteers

If you are NOT enrolled in 4Honline yet and did NOT attend the mandatory volunteer training, please contact the Extension Office.

## Ashland County Jr. Fair Board

**Congratulations to the following for being selected to the Ashland Co. Jr. Fair Board! Thank you for being willing to serve!**

**Maci Atterholt**

**Addilyn Blankenship**

**Nick Cartwright**

**Chloe Crowe**

**Alexus Evans**

**Kaitlyn Griffey**

**Clare Hahn**

**Waylon Harris**

Kelsey Kaeser  
Ava Mahoney  
Haley McNaull  
Hannah McNaull  
Connor Mellor  
Katrlyanna Obringer  
Cole Ramsey  
Sage Runion  
Brianna Stemen  
Danielle Stemen  
Reise Stewart  
Emilee Stolcals  
Peighton Thomas  
Reed Twining  
Baylee Weber  
Scarlett Wilhelm  
Addison Young

## Interested in a Dairy Project?



## Scholarship Opportunities

1. **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:
2. **4-H Committee Scholarship:** For current 4-H members that are High School Seniors:  
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20Ashland%20County%204-H%20Committee%20Scholarship.pdf>
3. **Kathy Blackford Scholarship:** For current 4-H members that are High School Seniors:  
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20Kathy%20Blackford%20Scholarship.pdf>

## 4-H/FFA Turkeys Order

It's time to order you 4-H/FFA turkeys! Any market turkeys shown at the Ashland County Fair **MUST** be purchased through the Poultry Committee and the following order form.

- To have a chance to WIN your turkeys, there is an essay contest at:  
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20turkey%20essay.pdf>
- For more information visit our website at:  
<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Turkey%20Order%20Letter%202024.pdf>
- To order your turkeys, go to: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_digwkyzrlxauJH8](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_digwkyzrlxauJH8)

The Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic in Wooster is a great educational opportunity! It includes Quality Assurance training which would count for your required QA training for Ashland Fair.



## 4-H Dog Program

The 4-H dog program will start off on Monday, March 25 at 6:00 PM in Mozelle Hall on the Fairgrounds with an informational meeting. Come learn what all you can do with your dog in 4-H! Online enrollment help will also be available.

- Obedience training
- Showmanship
- Agility Obstacle course fun,
- AKC Canine Good Citizen
- AKC Trick Dog certification and more!

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG TO THIS FIRST MEETING!**

Ashland County 4-H Dog practices are open to any 4-H/FFA member with a dog project. Refer to the 4-H calendar for schedule.

## Mandatory Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance training is **MANDATORY FOR ANYONE TAKING A LIVING, BREATHING ANIMAL PROJECT TO THE FAIR**. This must be completed by June 1.

Ashland County 4-H will hold QA trainings on

- March 20, 27 and 28 at 6pm on the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall.
- April 10 and 17 at 6pm on the Fairgrounds in Mozelle Hall.

Other options to complete this mandatory QA training are:

- Ohio Junior Swine Day
- Ohio Youth Poultry Clinic in Wooster
- Hammertime Show Clinic by Northwestern FFA

## Quality Assurance Test Out Option

Youth ages 12 - 18 as of January 1, 2024 are eligible to take a test to fulfill their QA requirement.

4-H members aged 15 and over who pass the test will be exempt from the quality assurance requirement for the rest of their 4-H/FFA career. Members aged 12-14 who pass the test are marked complete for their QA requirement until the year they turn 15. At that time, they will need to attend QA training or take the age 15-18 QA test.

If interested in taking the QA test, sign up at [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e4NdSovq0VdBNIO](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e4NdSovq0VdBNIO) or call the Extension Office at 419-281-8242. The remaining test out date is:

Tuesday, April 2 9 am- 12 pm

## State Shooting Sports Camp

Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports has opened Junior Camp registration! Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Sports Camp is for grades 3-6 and will be held at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp June 7-9. The camp information is located at <https://ohio4h.org/families/members/events-opportunities/shooting-sports/4-h-shooting-ed-camp>.

The registration link for camp is: <https://go.osu.edu/24JrShootingSportsCamp>

## 4-H Night at Cincinnati Reds Game

4-H Night at the Cincinnati Reds on May 24th to benefit the 4-H programs in Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren counties. The game is against the LA Dodgers at 7:10 pm at Great American Ball Park. 4-H'ers will get to walk on the field before the game. If you want to stay in town through that weekend, Taste of Cincinnati is also happening in downtown May 25-27. Come out and support the Cincinnati Reds and Ohio 4-H! To get tickets go to <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/4H24?r=99>

## Buckeye Shepherds' Expo



Registration is capped at 200, and they anticipate maxing out, so get your registration in today!

## Cattle and Swine Webinar



## OSU Livestock Evaluation Webinars



To participate in the webinar via Zoom scan the code in the flyer or click this link

[go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation](https://go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation)

Each month a new topic/species will be discussed. See schedule above

These series are being recorded so that if you are not able to attend, you can review it later.


The February Beef evaluation webinar recording can be found at: <https://ohio4h.org/node/3429>





**CFAES**

**Monday  
March  
18**  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Location: 200M  
[go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation](http://go.osu.edu/livestockevaluation)

**General Livestock  
Judging:  
Swine 101**  
Join Ohio State's own livestock judging coaches, Matthew Chaney and Seth Ebert as they focus on swine evaluation. Breaking down the basics to set you up for success; parts/breeds/terms, evaluation, and putting your skills to practice.



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## OSU Extension Small Ruminant Team All About Goats Webinar



**CFAES**  
**All About Goats!  
Spring Webinar  
Series**  
Register online at  
[go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats](http://go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats)  
Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Getting Started with Goats**  
During this session, experts will outline goat breeds, their uses, and how to best incorporate them into your own operation based upon production goals.  
**Presenters:** Priscilla Bourne & Trevor Collier- Extension Educators

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Use Animal Evaluation**  
This session will discuss the differences between meat and dairy goats and provide a look for when purchasing or raising breeding stock in your herd.  
**Presenters:** Priscilla Bourne- Extension Educator & Matthew Chaney- OSU Livestock Judging Coach

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Goat Management**  
Throughout this presentation, experts will explain the differences and similarities between Dairy and Meat Goat care and share some tips and tricks for your herd.  
**Presenters:** Priscilla Bourne- Extension Educator & Gregg Flegler- OSUDC Manager

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Feeding Your Herd**  
Join us as we discuss the nutritional needs and requirements of Dairy and Meat Goat herds and how those demands change throughout the year.  
**Presenter:** Dr. Brady Campbell- State Small Ruminant Extension Specialist

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**General Reproduction**  
Experts will cover various reproductive techniques in goat production including pre and post breeding management decisions and specific doe needs.  
**Presenter:** Janet Smith- Extension Educator

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Under Health and With Quality**  
Veterinarians will focus on the importance of under health and with quality within their herds while also learning prevention and care techniques.  
**Presenter:** Dr. Luciane da Costa- Veterinary Extension Specialist

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The Ohio State University Extension Small Ruminants Team is hosting a 6-part All About Goats! spring webinar series. This webinar series is going to answer producers burning questions concerning their own herd and help new producers start their herds. Whether you are thinking about raising Dairy or Meat goats- this webinar is for you!

Registration is required and can be completed by visiting [go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats](http://go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats)

## Teen Leadership Retreat Opportunity



Leadership Development Retreat for ages 13-18 interested in strengthening existing leadership skills– April 12-13, 2024 at 4-H Camp Palmer!

Additional details and registration is now available at [www.go.osu.edu/tlcleadershipretreat](http://www.go.osu.edu/tlcleadershipretreat). (Registration due April 1).

## Club Volunteers

**The Club Code is: 4H2023**

**Use this to when logged into 4Honline to see your club roster.**

**Instructions on how to look up your club roster:**

[https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Club.Leader.Login%20%281%29\\_0.pdf](https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Club.Leader.Login%20%281%29_0.pdf)

## Rabbit Clinics

**Rabbit Exhibitors: You need to attend at least one rabbit clinic to show.**

**You need to attend TWO clinics to be eligible for an outstanding.**

**March 30th, 11:00 Mozelle Hall.**

**June 13th 6:00pm Vets Building**

**August 4th 2:00 Mozelle**

## 4-H Project Books

**We ask that once again, 4-H Clubs collect project book orders from their members. This helps us keep costs down by ordering only the books that will be needed for this year.**

**Club Project book order form:**

[https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20Volunteer%20Order%20Form%20alpha%20order%20fillable\\_1.pdf](https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20Volunteer%20Order%20Form%20alpha%20order%20fillable_1.pdf)

**While individuals are always welcome to come to the Extension Office and purchase their book, please keep in mind we do not keep an inventory of Still project books. They will only be ordered on demand. You are welcome to contact us in advance to ensure we have the book you need in stock.**

**REMINDER:** Current, up to date records of this year's project animal will be required at book judging. We will no longer have 'record inserts' available to update a project book as this practice is no longer supported by the State 4-H Office.

## Livestock Project Requirements

Project requirements can be found on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements/livestock-project-requirements>

The following project requirements are now posted on our website. Other project requirements will be added as the Committees approve.

- Poultry
- Dairy
- Still/FCS Projects: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-requirements/family-and-consumer-science-and-still>
- Goat
- Sheep
- Swine
- Market Steer
- Baby Beef
- Breeding Beef
- Beef and Dairy Feeders
- Horse Bylaws, Outstanding Horse Member form and 2024 PAS qualifying scores. There is NO mandatory parent meeting this year.
- Dog Project Requirements, Outstanding Dog member, Vaccination form and Showmanship questions

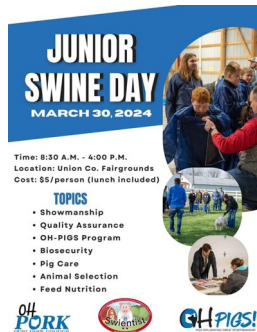
## Club Organizational Advisors

Each year 4-H Clubs are responsible to turn in the following documents. THANK YOU for ensuring we are following Ohio State University guidelines! Please email documents to: [ashland4H@osu.edu](mailto:ashland4H@osu.edu) or you may bring them in or mail to the Extension Office.

**DUE APRIL 15**

- Constitution <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Ohio%204-H%20Club%20Constitution%2010.2022%20Final%20Fillable.pdf>
- Schedule of your club/committees events and meetings.
- Inventory Checklist: If your inventory is the same as last year, please just state so on the form and turn it in. <https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/EquipmentInventory.pdf>

## Ohio Junior Swine Day



Ohio Pork Council along with OH-PIGS and the Swinetist Program are excited to bring you Junior Swine Day 2024 at the Union County Fairgrounds. Participants will spend the day rotating through sessions while hearing from pork industry experts about animal nutrition, showmanship, animal health, biosecurity and so much more. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to attend a session designed specifically for parents involved in the show pig industry. We would encourage all of our swine project members to attend this event!

**Junior Swine Day**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024 | 8:30am-4:00pm at Union County Fairgrounds**

**\$5 per person, lunch included**

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)

## 2024 Equistep: Mandatory Each Year for Anyone Taking a Horse Project

**EquiSTEP (Equine Safety, Training, and Education Program)** is an **ANNUAL** statewide requirement for all youth participating in Ohio 4-H Horse Program activities and/or enrolled in a 4-H horse project. Must be completed by **MAY 1** to eligible to show.

To complete this requirement, go to <http://go.osu.edu/equistep2024>

- Enroll using you own unique email address. **DO NOT** use your school email addresses as the course enrollment invitation will be blocked by the school's email system.
- **MAKE SURE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THAT ASKS WHAT COUNTY YOU ARE FROM AND CLICK THE LAST RED ARROW TO SUBMIT AFTER THE FEEDBACK SURVEY.** Otherwise, our office does not get notified that you have completed the course.
- You will receive a confirmation email from Equistep when you have successfully completed the course. Keep this confirmation email for your records.

## Ohio Farm Bureau's Explore Ag: FREE Week Long Camp for High School Students to Learn About Ag and Related STEM fields



## Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future

Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future eNewsletter is an electronic newsletter is sent to the family 4Honline email for those 4-H youth in 8th grade or above. 4-H youth that meet the school grade requirement will be automatically enrolled in Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future with their annual enrollment within the local 4-H program.

Each email will include helpful tips, resources, and opportunities to help 4-H youth explore career and post-high school paths to help set them up for future success.

For all things college and career readiness and workforce development, Ohio 4-H Pathways also has a website at: <https://www.facebook.com/4hpathways>

## Enroll in 4-H !

## Volunteers: Please Log into 4Honline and Enroll Now!

**Enrollment in 4-H is in full swing! You must enroll in 4-H by APRIL 15 to be eligible to show at the Fair.**

**Log into <https://v2.4honline.com/> and enroll in 4-H for 2023-24.**

- **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.

## Ohio State Fair Ownership Deadline UPDATED

Ohio State Animal Sciences reached out to the counties this week with information that some Ohio State Fair Ownership deadlines have CHANGED from the information we had been provided earlier.

The dates below supercede any dates that had been published earlier. If you plan to exhibit at the Ohio State Fair, your animal MUST BE IDENTIFIED in your 4HOnline profile by the date below.

### – MARKET ANIMALS –

- Market beef – January 1
- Market swine – May 23
- Market lambs – May 23
- Market goats – May 1
- Dairy feeders – June 1
- Market rabbits – June 1
- Market poultry – within 5 days of hatch

### BREEDING ANIMALS –

- Breeding Sheep – May 22
- Breeding Beef – May 22
- Breeding Swine – May 22
- Breeding Goats – May 16
- Breeding Poultry – May 31
- Breeding rabbits – May 31
- Dairy Cattle – May 22

### BEEF Department

- All cattle must arrive with 840 EID in place
  - 15-digit number starting with 840

- Breeding can use tattoo as SECONDARY ID
- BVD testing required for all cattle
  - exception of Commercial Cattle
  - One test good for lifetime
- BEEF BREEDING
  - *Crossbred breeding heifers will be required to submit a DNA packet with 840 EID tag information, reach out to Andi Hershey for packets ([a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov](mailto:a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov) )*
  - *Due Date: Postmarked by June 1st*

#### DOG Department

- Show starts, June 17th

#### SWINE Department:

- The Jr Swine Show requires ALL hogs to have:
  - 840 tag
  - Premise ID
- To exhibit breeding swine, must be enrolled in the project at the county level

#### Other Ohio State Fair updates and reminders

##### General:

- Exhibitors **MUST** be enrolled in the project they want to exhibit at the state fair, even if the county doesn't offer it at fair (i.e., swine breeding).
- All Junior Exhibitors must enter their projects online.
  - No late market or breeding (new 2024) entries

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## 2024 Ashland County 4-H Calendar:

*Updated February 13 to include Rabbit Clinic dates and revise May horse clinic date.*

The 2024 4-H Calendar is posted on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/breaking-news>

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