

# 4-H Newsletter 3/1/2024

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.

Ashland County 4-H Horse Tack Auction is Tomorrow! Auction Includes Goat/Sheep Feed Buckets and Lots of Miscellaneous Barn Items--Not Just Horse Items!



Horse members: Friday, March 1 at 5pm help will be needed to unload the trailer and set stuff out at Mozelle Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if you could come and help!

If you could come earlier on March 1 (3-4pm) to help set up tables and chairs before the trailer arrives, Baylin would appreciate the assistance.

**Come support our 4-H Horse program!**

**Horse 4-H clubs, please donate a \$10 new item to the tack auction.**

LAST DAY: First Year Goat Members Write an Essay for a Chance to WIN Your Meat Market Goat

The Ashland County Goat Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for an opportunity for first year goat members to win a free meat market goat. For more information and the form, visit our website at:

[https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/goat%20essay%202024%20fillable\\_0.pdf](https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/goat%20essay%202024%20fillable_0.pdf)

## Today is the Last Day to Join the Food & Fashion Board Team!

The Ashland County 4-H Food & Fashion Board is now accepting applications! Deadline to apply is March 1.

The Food & Fashion Board organizes the 4-H Bake Sale Fundraiser on the last day of the fair. They also do community service projects and more. Last year they put together care packages for the women's shelter.

Members must be at least 13 years old. Application can be found at:

[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1Cfub37W0ItaPX0](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Cfub37W0ItaPX0)

Applications are by March 1st with the first meeting on March 19th at 6pm - location to be determined.

## 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. Limit of 15 participants

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\\_6x1L4JjvNgYPd9c](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6x1L4JjvNgYPd9c)

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

## OSU Extension Small Ruminant Team All About Goats Webinar



**CFAES**

**All About Goats!  
Spring Webinar  
Series**

Register online at  
[go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats](https://go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats)

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

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

**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 these demands change throughout the year.  
**Presenter:** Dr. Brady Campbell- State Small Ruminant Extension Specialist

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Live Animal Evaluation**  
This session will discuss the difference between meat and dairy goats and review what to look for when purchasing or retaining breeding stock in your herd.  
**Presenters:** Pressley Buuma- Extension Educator & Matthew Chaney- OSU Livestock Judging Coach

**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:** Jacqui Smith- Extension Educator

**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:** Pressley Buuma- Extension Educator & Gregg Fogle- CFAES Manager

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Udder Health and Milk Quality**  
Veterans will learn the importance of udder health and milk quality within their herds, while also learning prevention and care techniques.  
**Presenter:** Dr. Luciana 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](https://go.osu.edu/allaboutgoats)

## Outstanding Dairy Youth Award

Youth in Wayne or Oakland counties are eligible for the "Outstanding Youth Award" sponsored by the Wayne/Oakland Dairy Service Unit. This award recognizes and honors an individual who through their 4-H or FFA program have achieved excellence in their dairy projects in this and/or the prior year. This award shall be presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in all aspects of dairy (not just showing but to include activities such as judging, leaders, knowledge bowl and skillohion) and other 4-H or FFA activities (i.e. Leaders, Jr. Fair Board, etc.). An individual may only win this award once. Individuals must be nominated by a 4-H advisors or county agricultural instructor. The award will be presented at the Wayne/Oakland Dairy Service Unit Return to Farm, Wayne County Extension Office (426 W. Liberty St. Woorch, OR 44691) by March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The winner will be announced at the Wayne/Oakland Dairy Service Unit Dairy Banquet in March and will receive a \$250.00 award.

List briefly why you feel this member is outstanding. Please do not attach any additional pages.

**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! Obedience training, Showmanship, Agility Obstacle course fun, AKC Canine Good Citizen/AKC Trick Dog certification and more! Online enrollment help will also be available.**

## 4-H/FFA Turkeys Order

- 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.**



## Chance to Win a Free Market Hog or Market Lamb!

The Ashland County Sheep & Swine Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for a chance for youth to WIN a free market hog or market lamb! For details, go to our website at:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/2024%20sheepswine%20essay.pdf>

## Club Volunteers

Once you have attended your annual 4-H Volunteer training and your background check has cleared the State Office (if it was due this year), you will be able to log into 4Honline and see your club roster.

Club Code is: 4H2023

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)

## Sew Ohio

The Ohio 4-H Center is offering a sewing conference for 4-Hers to help improve their clothing and textile skills. The goal is for the 4-Hers to learn from sewing experts, no matter what your level of sewing.

For information and a registration form go to: <https://ohio4h.org/events/sew-ohio>

Once you have filled out your registration form, email it to [aulger.3@osu.edu](mailto:aulger.3@osu.edu) and we will get you registered.

## 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

## We Are Hiring!



Thank you to the Ashland County Commissioners for additional funding for this new position!

We are excited to be able to offer additional programming to our community in the form of CARTEENS, school programming and some traditional programming. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, please see the posting for directions to apply! This position will be posted until March 10.

## 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.

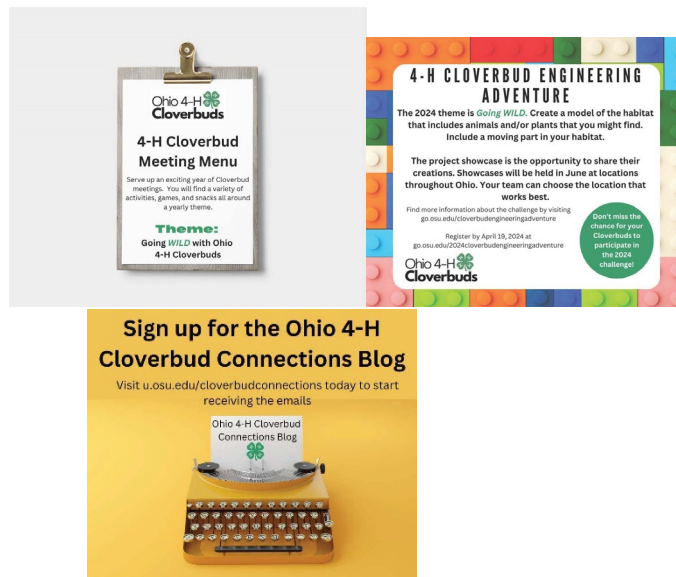
Club Project book order form:

[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 Office.

## Resources for Cloverbud Leaders



## Ashland County Dairy Committee Scholarship

Up to two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to current/2023 Ashland County Dairy exhibitors who are in their Senior year of High School (2023/2024 graduates). Eligible seniors include those who exhibited a Dairy project at the 2023 county fair and are furthering their education at a 2-year college, 4-year college, or trade school/apprenticeship. Scholarships are based on activities, experience, interest in dairy cattle, and future plans. These awards are made possible by donations and our yearly benefit auction proceeds. Deadline to apply is March 1.

The 2024 Ashland County Dairy Committee Scholarship application is located on our website at:

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/Scholarship%20Application%20and%20cover%20page%202024.pdf>

## 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.

- **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 and Vaccination form:**

## 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
- Ashland County Cattleman's Quality Assurance: You must be taking a beef project to attend, but this QA training will count as fulfilling the requirement for all your animal projects. (see info farther down in newsletter for more info).
- Hammertime Show Clinic by Northwestern FFA (see farther down in newsletter for more info).



## 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

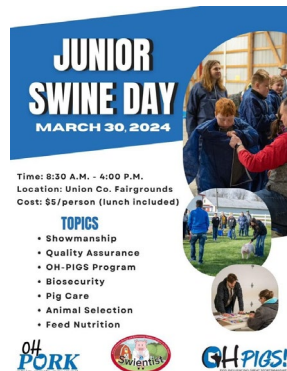
## Club Organizational Advisors and Committee Treasurers

Each year 4-H Clubs and Committees 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!

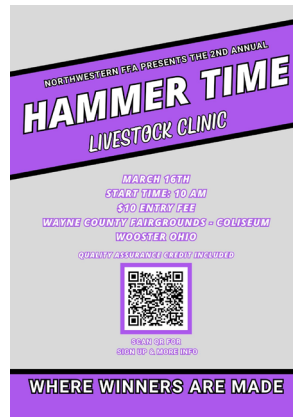
**Junior Swine Day**

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

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

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)

## Livestock Clinic Opportunity in Wayne County



The Hammer Time Livestock Clinic sponsored by Northwestern FFA returns March 16th, 10am, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Coliseum. Entry fee is \$10.

Quality Assurance credit is included!

Register at: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSf.../viewform>

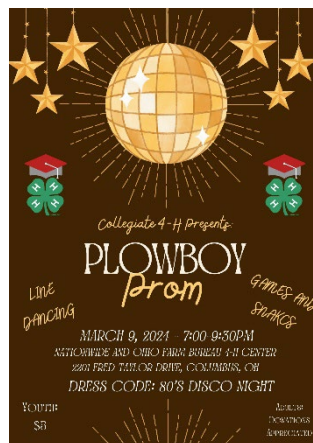
## 2024 Equistep: Mandatory Each Year for Anyone Taking a Horse Project

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 be eligible to show.

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

- Enroll using your 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 State 4-H Plowboy Prom



*Looking for something to do in between the Ohio 4-H Conference and Ohio State Collegiate 4-H's Plowboy Prom? Join us for CFAES campus tours, career exploration, and a college preparation session. Pizza will also be included for attendees!*

Register at <http://go.osu.edu/b4plowboy> before March 6 to guarantee your spot.



## 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>

## 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 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.

- **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>

## 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](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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