4-H Newsletter 5/5/2023

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

4-H Camp

Registration for 2023 Ashland-Wayne County 4-H Camp opened 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

Camp Counselors Needed!

We are looking for additional male (age 15-18) counselors to attend 4-H Camp- June 29th -July 3rd .
We have a large waiting list of male campers and we'd love to be able to take them to camp!
Please fill out the Qualtrics and submit it and we can contact you with additional details!
We'd be very glad to hear from you! Please respond by May 9th.
https://go.osu.edu/2023jrcampmalecounselor

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 at 2pm at Hillsdale High School
Another option for QA is online at https://yqcaprogram.org/ **Cost for online QA is $12. If you choose the online option, you must email your certificate of completion to the Extension Office.**
Help sheet to register for online QA

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.**
- **Sheep/Goat/Feeder tags can be placed in either ear and as the picture above shows.**

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.**

Lorain County 4-H Animal School Opportunity

A nearby county is offering a hands-on learning opportunity for 4-H members. For more information go to:
https://lorain.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-educational-board

Identify Your animal in 4Honline by June 1

All market animals (except poultry), beef/dairy feeders, dogs, horses and BREEDING RABBITS must be entered in the member's 4Honline profile by June 1. Market rabbits must be entered in 4Honline by August 28.

NEW THIS YEAR: Breeding Rabbits must be entered in 4Honline by June 1.
- **If you have an 840 EID tag, YOU MUST ENTER ALL 15 DIGITS!! By entering all 15 digits, when they scan your animal's tag at fair check in, it will match.**
- **Goats and Sheep: Will have 2 tags in. The round 840 EID tag and their scrapies tag from the breeder. We must be able to read the Scrapies tag in at least one of your photos.**

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

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 outdating 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 two market goats, that is the same project and those records may be combined in the same book**
- **If you have a breeding goat and a market goat, those are separate projects and will require separate records. You may use a second project book OR you may use the following tool--2023 Livestock Record--in addition to your one book to meet the record keeping requirement for the second project.   If you keep another form of electronic records covering these items, you may print and submit those at judging.**

[2023 Livestock Record](#) **: Use if you are re-using a project book more than one year or need an additional record keeping tool. This ensures you have current year records for each project.**
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

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](#)
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.](#)

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 soon. 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

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

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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_39M4tSvTaIijniR

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