

4-H Newsletter 7/21/2023

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

Online Jr. Fair Entries are Open! The following dates, help sheet and information supersedes all other information regarding fair entry.

Entries for the 2023 Ashland County Jr. Fair opened up Friday, July 14 and will close on Friday, August 11.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VIEW AND FOLLOW THE STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS AND VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE (see link below) TO ENSURE YOUR ENTRIES ARE MADE CORRECTLY! There are specific steps for certain species that you need to be aware of.

- Only online entries will be accepted.
- A Step by Step help guide as well as helpful tips and videos are posted on our home webpage at <https://ashland.osu.edu/>
- Link to Fair Entry: <http://ashlandcountyjrfaireentry.com>
- You MUST LOG IN WITH YOUR 4HONLINE email and password. Only FFA members who do NOT have a 4Honline account will need to create an account. Logging in with your 4Honline password is the only way for your and your animal information will transfer over.
- It is NOT recommended to use a cell phone to create your fair entries. Computers/laptops/tablets are a much better option. You may come to the Extension Office during our open hours and use one of our computers if you need to.
- You MUST complete entries for ALL your 4Honline family members BEFORE SUBMITTING. Click " Add another exhibitor" to begin another member's entries. Once you are done with all members' entries, then submit.
- PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to make your entries!
- In person Fair Entry Help will be available at the Fairgrounds Senior Fair Office on Saturday, July 22 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and on Monday, July 31 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. You will need to bring your own laptop or tablet with you.

Ashland County Jr. Fair Book

Please make sure you take time to read through the Ashland County Jr. Fair book BEFORE making your fair entries.

[2023 Ashland County Jr. Fair Book](#)

Livestock Skill-a-thon/Interview/Project Judging

Make sure you are keeping your project records up to date! The record book section of the evaluation rubric will make up a significant portion of the members grade than it previously has. Members MUST have current project year records.

For Interview/book/skill-a-thon judging day:

- You will need to bring CURRENT YEAR, completed records for each project you have.

- FFA members will need to print off their SAE records and bring them to this judging as well.
- 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 interview portion will also be worth more points towards your score than in the past. Consider it like a job interview and come clean and neatly dressed-- such as show attire. Introduce yourself, make eye contact and maintain good posture.

Sign Up for Livestock Project Book/Interview/Skill-a-thon Judging

If you are taking any live animal project to the fair, attendance at one of these judgings is mandatory.

To sign up for Saturday, August 19, 9 am- 1 pm: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-saturday1>

To sign up for Sunday, August 20, 1 pm -5 pm:

If you need any additional accommodations during judging, we must have a Winning 4-H Plan document on file in our office PRIOR to judging. To access the 4-H Winning Plan document, please go to

https://ohio4h.org/sites/ohio4h/files/imce/Families/winning_plan/Winning%204H%20Plan%20Request%20Fillable%203.2022.pdf

The Winning 4-H Plan helps develop accommodation plans to meet the needs of Ohio 4-H youth with disabilities. Please click on the link below for more information and the form.

Skill-a-thon/Project Book/Interview Judging Help

We are asking for your assistance by volunteering to help with our judging weekend. **The key to not having long lines to wait in at judging is adequate volunteer help.** We would greatly appreciate you volunteering your time one or both days. Please call or email the office and let us know you would be willing to help. No experience necessary!

Volunteers for our judging events do not have to be volunteers, so please think outside the box and consider asking your spouse, parent, neighbor, friends to help. The only requirement is a desire to make a positive judging experience for our youth. Additional information will be given closer to the time. The dates for the judging weekend are August 19 & 20th.

Thank you for taking the time to assist if you can! We greatly appreciate our volunteers!

Market Chicken Pick up and Poultry Clinic

There will be a poultry clinic on selecting market birds for show and getting them ready for the show August 3 at 6 pm at the Fairgrounds Cheyenne Pavilion.

Market chicken pick up will be directly following the clinic.

There will be another poultry clinic on August 12 @ 5pm on breed birds, showmanship, and skill-a-thon practice.

Reminder: You must attend at least one poultry clinic this year to be eligible to show poultry at the fair.

Poultry Biosecurity Resources

Free youth poultry biosecurity resources may be found at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/flock-defender/flock-defender>

Horse Clinic

The last horse clinic will be held on August 9 at 6pm in Mozelle Hall. Reminder: You must attend at least one horse clinic to be eligible to show at the fair.

Snap-Ed

I hope that you are having a fun-filled summer, full of outdoor activities with family and friends. We are blessed with a county that has an abundance of family friendly activities that can keep us busy all summer long. So, get out there and have a blast! And maybe eat some fruits and veggies while you are at it!

Below is a link to Celebrate Your Plate and a recipe for Watermelon Summer Salad that you might like to try.
<https://celebrateyourplate.org/recipes/watermelon-summer-salad>

Lori Lowman, SNAP-Ed Program Assistant
OSU Extension, Ashland County

Ashland County Jr. Fair Royalty Contest

Are you interested in applying for Ashland County Fair Jr. Fair King and Queen contest? Instructions and forms to be filled out can be found on our website at: <https://ashland.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/older-youth-opportunities>

Applications are due August 18th. Make sure you have all the information and forms:

Cover Letter

Guidelines

Application

Recommendation Forms

Market Rabbits' Tattoo Sign UP

All market rabbits must be tattooed by a Rabbit Committee member. To make an appointment to have your market rabbit tattooed on Saturday, August 19 or Sunday, August 20 at the fairgrounds go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-20231>

Club Project Judging

Club projects need to be judged and the judging form turned into the Extension by August 31.

The form for Club Project judging is on our website.

<https://ashland.osu.edu/sites/ashland/files/imce/club%20project%20judging%20form.pdf>

To enter a club project in the online Fair Entry, ALL members should add their club project as a fair entry. There will not be a "group project" option. Please have members enter whatever your club project is. Example: If your club project is First Aid, each member should make a First Aid entry.

Community Service Opportunity with Ashland Soil & Water

The Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District hosts monthly Conservation Chats covering various topics and is looking to put one together for October themed "The Not So Spooky Forest." at the Hazel Willis Woods outside of Mifflin on October 21st at 4:00pm with October 28th being the backup date in case of rain or bad weather. The event is geared towards families and will feature a nature hike and various stations along the trail with activities or games for kids to participate in.

The goal is to have a couple members from local clubs or organizations such as 4-H clubs or FFA chapters host the activities or games that will be stationed along the trail.

If this is something that you or your club are interested in helping with or have any questions, please contact Ruth McCrea at rmccrea@ashlandcounty.org. You may also call and leave a message at (419) 281-7645.

Thank you!

Dairy Bar Sign Up Now Open to All

The remaining time slots for volunteers to work the 4-H Dairy Bar are opened up to anyone who would like to help with this fundraiser. Extended family, 4-H Alumni, Friends of 4-H, etc..

This is a major fundraiser for our Ashland County 4-H Committee and 4-H program. We appreciate your assistance!

[Sign me Up!](#)

THANK YOU to those who have already volunteered to help!!

4-H Volunteers

Please notify the Extension Office by August 11 if you have any members that have not met the 4-H Club attendance requirement or rabbit/poultry/horse clinic requirement.

FCS/Still Project Judging Sign Up

For anyone taking a Still project, the last judging opportunity will be August 2, 12-4 pm in Mozelle Hall on the Fairgrounds.

To sign up for your FCS/Still Project Judging: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-august>

[Also, please remember to enter your still project in the fair!](#)

Farm Credit Mid-America/Rural 1st Stock the Trailer

Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer with the Ashland County Jr. Fair Board!

The Ashland County Jr. Fair Board will once again be participating in the Farm Credit Mid-America/Rural 1st Stock the Trailer competition. Stock the Trailer is a statewide competition whose purpose is to collect food donations for hunger shelters and food banks around Ohio.

Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America, counties that participate in the event receive \$500 towards their Jr. Fair Board in addition to a chance to win other support based on how many pounds of food are collected. The county that collects the most pounds of food in each region receives \$5,000, the 2nd place county will receive \$3,500, and the 3rd place county will receive \$1,500. The statewide goal for the event is to collect 250,000lbs of food. Last year, 55 counties participated, collecting a total of 169,456lbs of food that went to 74 food banks.

The Ashland County Jr. Fair Board will begin collecting items for Stock the Trailer on August 19th and 20th during the 4-H Super Judging event held at the Ashland County Fairgrounds and will continue through the Ashland County Fair.

Items that will be accepted at Super Judging are: cases of water, canned food, pasta sauce, peanut butter, pasta, other non-perishable items.

This year, the Jr. Fair Board's goal is to get in the top 3 for the region and collect more than the 4,920lbs that were collected in Ashland County last year. Please consider helping the Ashland County Jr. Fair Board reach those in need in our community by participating in the Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer event this year!

Haley McNaull

Ashland County Jr. Fair Board Member

Jr. Fair Board Show Clothes and Tack Closet

Show Clothes and Tack Closet

Brought to you by Ashland County
Jr. Fair Board

What is it?

The closet is a way to help out fellow showman during the week at fair by having clothes and other supplies available to them. We ask for your help donating these during selected times.

Collectables

Boys, Girls, Mens, and Womens, old show clothes, shoes, etc. Such as jeans and show shirts.	Show supplies and tack such as brushes, halters, blankets, and other equipment
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Collection Time

August 19 & 20th
all day during
skillathon judging

Questions

Belinda: 419-651-4268
Audra: 419-571-1754
Melanie: 419-685-3178

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.



QUESTIONS ABOUT OHIO'S LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION RULES?

CHECK OUT OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
RESOURCE

SCAN THE QR CODE



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>

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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_39M4tSvTaliR

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



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