

4-H Newsletter 7/7/2023

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

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

Now that the 4-H Clubs have had the opportunity to sign up for their preferred shift at the Dairy Bar, the remaining time slots 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!](#)

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](#)

Online Jr. Fair Entries Will Open up on Friday, July 14!

Entries for the 2023 Ashland County Jr. Fair will open up Friday, July 14 and Fair entries must be entered by Monday, August 14. PLEASE view the step by step instructions on our website to ensure your entries are made correctly.

- **Only online entries will be accepted.**
- **Link to the online Fair Entry will be posted in next week's newsletter.**
- **A Step by Step help guide as well as helpful tips and videos are posted on our home webpage at <https://ashland.osu.edu/>**

- **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, tablet or smartphone with you.**

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 clinic requirement.

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>

FCS/Still Project Judging Sign Up

For anyone taking a Still project, judging time is approaching. You may attend either date.

However, you must attend the July 18th judging to be considered for the opportunity to represent Ashland County at The Ohio State Fair.

To sign up for your FCS/Still Project Judging:

July 18, 4-8 pm: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-july2>

August 2, 12-4 pm: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DAEA62EABF49-august>

Both judgments will be held in Mozelle Hall on the Fairgrounds.

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

Rabbit Clinic

There will be another opportunity to attend a Rabbit Clinic on July 20 at 6pm at the Fairgrounds Rabbit Barn.

Reminder: You must attend at least one rabbit clinic in order to be eligible to show a rabbit at the fair.

Over the Counter Medication Moving to Prescription

In 2023, remaining OTC "medically important" antibiotics will transition to prescription status. These products will no longer be able to be sold as OTC products and will only be available with a veterinary prescription and will need to be purchased from a veterinarian or a pharmacy.

The Ohio State University Fact Sheet:

<https://ansci.osu.edu/sites/ansci/files/imce/files/Factsheets/OTC%20to%20Rx%20AS-Y-6-23.pdf>

The above fact sheet may be helpful to families that own/exhibit livestock. It covers what is happening and why, what medications are impacted, lists **some things to make sure to have (e.g., VCPR-Vet Client Patient Relationship)**, and steps to take to ensure that they have access to antibiotics commonly used.

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 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!

Fair Booth Set Up

Advisors, it is time to let us know what size booth you would like for your club at this year's Ashland County Fair. Please return the form to the Extension Office by Friday, July 14.

[Fair Booth Information](#)

[Fair Booth Set Up Form](#)

Livestock Skill-a-thon/Interview/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.

Virtual Skillathons for Practice



2023 VIRTUAL SKILLATHONS

FOR PRACTICE ONLY: This does not count towards project requirement

AVAILABLE MAY 30TH - OCT 20TH

USE AS:

- OHIO STATE FAIR SKILLATHON PRACTICE
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR PROJECT:

SHEEP	DAIRY
SWINE	BEEF
GOAT	HORSE
RABBIT	DOG
POULTRY	CAVY

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8 AND 18 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023 AND BE AN OHIO 4-H OR FFA MEMBER!

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO LEARN MORE INFORMATION:

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Ohio 4-H Animal Sciences
2023 Fair Court, 222 Animal Sciences Building
Columbus, OH 43210
#animalsciences@osu.edu

The State has posted virtual skill-a-thons available for PRACTICE ONLY.

<https://ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons>

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>

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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