

4-H Newsletter 10/27/2023

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.

Our normal business hours are:

Mondays 8:30-4pm

Tuesdays 8:30-4pm

Fridays 8:30-3pm

Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Checks Have Been Mailed!

We have received a lot of positive feedback from buyers about receiving a hand written thank you promptly! For the handful of members who have not yet turned in a Thank you note for your buyer, your checks have not been mailed. You will need to bring your Thank you note to the Extension Office for your check to be released. If you have a question regarding your check, please contact Natalie at ashctyairsale@gmail.com

Come Join us at the Annual 4-H Banquet



Join us for a light dinner, volunteer and member recognition.

To RSVP go to: <https://go.osu.edu/ashland4hbanquet>

Ashland 4-H/FFA Horse Banquet

The 4-H/FFA Horse Banquet is November 11 at 6pm. Everyone is to bring a main dish plus a side dish or desert. Each club with horse members is to provide two \$10 door prizes.



2023 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium information and registration now available online.

Click on this link to go directly to the BSS registration!<https://www.ohiosheep.org/osia-programs2023bssreg.html>

BuckeyeNext App: Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future Announces Youth Engagement App to Help Youth Track their 4-H Participation and Accomplishments

Ohio 4-H middle and high school-aged youth will have the opportunity to track their Ohio 4-H youth development participation and earn digital badges in the skills needed to be successful in the future. The Ohio 4-H Pathways to the Future initiative partnered with Suitable to design BuckeyeNext, an app in which young people earn points for activities, event attendance, and accomplishments during their 4-H career.

Built like a game, youth can easily identify the opportunities available through Ohio 4-H, organize their categories of participation, and track their cumulative progress in real time. “BuckeyeNext lets youth keep track of their accomplishments in real time,” said Margo Overholt-Seckel, program manager for Ohio 4-H Workforce Development and Pathways. “It provides insight about how 4-H experiences align with various skills that employers are seeking in their future workforce.” Youth who participate will create a digital portfolio and transcript that demonstrate how their abilities align with the eight career readiness competencies identified by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. “BuckeyeNext is the result of hard work and hours of thinking outside the box to make recordkeeping easier and provide certifications for our members,” said Jessica Adams, 4-H educator in Miami County.

The BuckeyeNext app is very easy and simple to use. It helps with 4-H records because you can look back and remember what all you’ve done, and the competition part pushes you to do more!” said Sophia Preston, a Fairfield County 4-H member. Ohio 4-H members can access BuckeyeNext at <https://go.osu.edu/buckeyenextoptin>.

Shooting Sports

If you are interested in learning and participating in archery, pistol, rifle or shotgun, Top Shots, our shooting sports 4-H Club, will have their organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 1 from 6-8 pm at Freer Field meeting room in Ashland. ALL disciplines should attend this first meeting. It will count toward meeting attendance. Come prepared to complete paperwork and pay your dues.

Save the Date!



Individual volunteers and/or clubs are needed to help plan and lead a craft table. Please text Lisa at 419-685-1296 or email lisa.wilfong@gmail.com if you are willing to help with this event.

State 4-H Leadership Camp

Leadership Camp Info:

- **Date:** June 1-5, 2024 Full time attendance is required.
- **Location:** 4-H Camp Ohio, St. Louisville, Ohio

- **What:** The Ohio 4-H State Leadership Camp is a premier leadership development opportunity that offers participants engaging sessions in topics such as motivation, courage, teamwork, and more! While at camp, participants are actively learning AND teaching their peers!
- **Who:** Teen 15-18 as of January 1, 2024 who have significant leadership potential or experience in their home county's 4-H program.
 - Camp is designed for participants to attend one time.
 - **What do they do?** Participants will develop concrete peer leadership skills that will enable them to have an immediate impact in their home 4-H club, county, community, or school. Participants will leave camp ready to take on new challenges.
- **Cost:** Cost is \$345/person. Counties have a \$400 credit thanks to Nationwide, Farm Credit Mid America, and the Dorothy L. Miller 4-H Leadership Camp Endowment Fund. This amount can be used for an entire campership, or divided among participants depending on how many Ashland Co. members attend.

Leadership Camp Commitment forms will be available after the beginning of the year, but you may **contact the Extension office if you are interested in this opportunity so we can make a plan on how to use our scholarship dollars.**

Ohio 4-H Foundation Board Opportunity

Each year Ohio 4-H teens have the opportunity to serve on the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board. This year we have two spaces open. These are two-year terms and so would begin January 1, 2024 and run through December 31, 2025. Teens get a chance to see how the board operates, gain speaking opportunities, and can provide an important youth voice in their position.

More information can be found on our website: <https://ohio4h.org/foundation/about-ohio-4-h-foundation/foundation-board>

Teens can apply by the Qualtrics survey found on our website. Deadline to apply is November 27th at 11:59 p.m.

4-H Volunteers: Watch Your Postal Mail for Background Check Renewal Notice

4-H Volunteers are required to complete a background check every 4 years. Letters will be mailed out next week via postal mail to those volunteers who need to complete their background check for 2024. This is to be completed by February 15.

Ohio Military Kids Winter Wonderland



The flyer features a QR code and a photo of a smiling child. The text on the flyer reads: "Ohio Military Kids Winter Wonderland. Join the Ohio Military Kids program for a FREE Winter Wonderland as we offer crafts, snacks, family activities, and a special visit from Santa in the North Pole! Register by November 26: GO.OSU.EDU/OMKEVENTS. December 9, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. CENTRAL OHIO. *specific locations will be shared once registered." Below the text are logos for CFAES, The Ohio State University Extension, and the Ohio Military Kids program.

1 - go.osu.edu/omkevents

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_39M4tSvTaliiniR

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