Welcome to another year of Ashtabula County 4-H!

We are excited to have you as a 4-H youth, family or Volunteer. Ashtabula County 4-H offers many great opportunities for youth to learn and grow to become involved in their community, county and world and to become caring, competent and contributing citizens.

Upcoming events and programs will be shared instantly via email and included in quarterly newsletters through out the year.

Stay up to date with the most current events and rules for 2017 projects. Visit [http://go.osu.edu/AshCo4-HInfo](http://go.osu.edu/AshCo4-HInfo) for summer dates and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @AshtabulaCo4H

Ashtabula County 4-H Camp at 4-H Camp Whitewood June 25—July 1

The Ashtabula County 4-H Camp Counselors invite you to join their summer adventure to Neverland! Camp will be full of fun and great memories. Camp fills up fast, so sign up today! Registration forms are available at Camp’s website. The cost is $300.00 per child. All registrations must be sent directly to 4-H Camp Whitewood.

Camperships Available!

Applications for camp scholarships (camperships) for Ashtabula County 4-H Camp are available online or at the Extension Office. Applications are due May 1 to the Ashtabula County 4-H Foundation—PO Box 445 Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Youth must be registered for camp or be a camp counselor to be eligible. The number and amount of camperships will vary depending on the need.

2017 Camper Registration is OPEN!

[www.4hcampwhitewood.com](http://www.4hcampwhitewood.com)

Phone: 440-272-5275
Fax: 440-272-5276
campwhitewood1940@gmail.com

Need more information? Call 440-576-9008 or visit us at 39 Wall Street Jefferson, OH 44047. The Office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Closed for lunch from Noon-1:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays to the public for programming and meetings, except by appointment.
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** Dates, Times and Locations are subject to change, please call (440) 576-9008 to confirm events**

Please note when a deadline falls on a day the office is closed, paperwork is due on the following business day by **4:30 p.m.**!!
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Ashtabula County 4-H Joins Forces with Schwan’s Cares™ Fundraising

Schwan’s Home Delivery offers over 350 delicious foods, flash-frozen at the peak of freshness and conveniently delivered to your door. Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan’s Home Delivery and help our organization meet its fundraising goals. When you order a 5% of sales will go back to the Ashtabula County 4-H Advisory Committee.

Here are two ways to support us!
1. Visit Schwans-Cares.com or www.schwans-cares.com/c/30814
2. Click on "Find a Campaign" on the home page
3. Enter Campaign ID: 30814 or Campaign Name Ashtabula County 4-H in to the search box
4. Click the "Support Now" button
5. Shop!
Or Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 30814 Ashtabula County 4-H

Support Ashtabula County 4-H April 26-May 7 at Tractor Supply

TSC continues their partnership and support of 4-H with the Paper Clover Campaign. This spring’s dates are set for April 26-May 7. TSC store and regional management are extremely committed to partnering with 4-H on the local level to raise the visibility of our program and garner customer donations that advance positive youth development.

4-H Clubs have the opportunity to enter the Paper Clover Sweepstakes: www.tractorsupply.com/4-H where 75 clubs will win a $100 TSC gift card. Tractor Supply Company is proud to support 4-H with another year of the Paper Clover campaign.

4-H club participation in-store during a Paper Clover event raise an average of 40% more than stores who do not. Call TSC to have a bake sale, help pack shopping bags, bring projects or displays, or sell hot dogs AND share your love for 4-H!

Club Organization Reminders

1) All Ashtabula County 4-H Clubs must be chartered annually by March 1st in order to be permitted to use the 4-H Name and Emblem according to the 4-H National Headquarter guidelines. Charter criteria includes:
   - ALL adult volunteers are approved through the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Selection Process prior to March 1st.
   - At least 5 youth members from 3 different families are enrolled.
   - A current constitution approved by Ohio 4-H is on file.
   - Elected club officers under the guidance of volunteers.
   - A club name approved by the Ashtabula County Extension Office.
   - Maintaining the club EIN number through completion of the IRS 990 postcard by May 15th annually by the Extension Office.

2) All 4-H clubs must provide a welcoming and safe environment for members, learning experiences for club members, and follow all national, state and county 4-H policies and procedures for use of the 4-H name and Emblem and fundraising.

3) All club fundraisers must be communicated with the Ashtabula County 4-H Office.

4) No club may participate in any political campaign or devote time to attempt to influence legislations.

5) Upon dissolution of a club, all assets will be distributed for tax exempt purposes as outlined in the club constitution.

6) All 4-H Clubs and Affiliates (Committees) must accurately complete and submit the Yearly Financial Summary by January 31st.

7) Clubs that do not meet these criteria will be given ample time to meet the requirements.

8) Each club may determine its own policy for handling absences as written in club Constitution and/or by-laws and approved by the club.

9) Club meetings are to be conducted by youth using Parliamentary Procedure following an agenda.

10) Club book orders should be submitted by advisors to the Ashtabula County Extension Office as a group order by using the Advisor Order form.

** As a reminder, there is NO SHOEBOX banking and all clubs with a treasury must have a dual signature checking account. Ohio 4-H does not permit the use of Club Credit or Debit Cards!**
2017 Ashtabula County
Health and Safety, Public Speaking & Demonstration Contest
Date: Thursday, June 1
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Jefferson United Methodist Church Youth Room 125 E. Jefferson St. Jefferson, OH
Registration due by: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. to Ashtabula County OSU Extension

Punch & Cookies will be served for families and all participants will be eligible to win other prizes sponsored by the Ashtabula County 4-H Committee.

Youth Name: __________________________ 4-H Club: __________________________

Age: __________________________ * All ages are as of January 1 of current year
Do you require extra equipment? [ ] No [ ] Yes
Computer  PowerPoint  Projector

Please check the Contest(s) you will be participating in.

**Health and Safety Speaking/Skit Contest**
- [ ] Junior Individual (age 8 and in 3rd grade to age13) - 2.5 - 3.5 minutes in length
- [ ] Senior Individual (age 14 and up) - 4 - 5.5 minutes in length

***Note cards and props may not be used. No visual aids are permitted. Gestures are to be used minimally.***
- [ ] Team Talk/Skit - Must consist of 2 - 5 current 4-H members with no age division, each having at least 1 minute of speaking time for a total speech 5-8 minutes in length. Props may be used but no posters or printed materials are allowed. Team Member:

**4-H Pledge or Creed Contest (no regional/state contests)**
- [ ] 4-H Cloverbud Pledge .... (age 5 in Grades K-2) - will receive a ribbon for properly reciting the 4-H Pledge.
- [ ] Junior 4-H Pledge .......... (age 8-13) - recite the 4-H Pledge with hand motions.
- [ ] Junior 4-H Creed ............ (age 8-13) - recite the 4-H Creed
- [ ] Senior 4-H Creed ............ (age 14 and up) - recite the 4-H Creed

**Presentation Classes: Illustrated Talk or Demonstration**
- [ ] Illustrated Talk or Demonstration – without use of computer technology (6-9 minutes in length, may use props or visual aids)
  - [ ] Junior Individual or Team (age 8 -10) Team Member:

- [ ] Illustrated Talk or Demonstration – with or without the use of computer technology (9-12 minutes in length, may use props or visual aids)
  - [ ] Intermediate Individual or Team (age 11-13) Team Member:
  - [ ] Senior Individual (age 14 and up)

**Marketing Division**
- [ ] Junior Individual (age 8-10) – Thank You Card without use of computer graphics
- [ ] Junior Individual (age 8-10) – Thank You Card with the use of computer graphics
- [ ] Intermediate Individual (11-13) – Holiday Card without use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools
- [ ] Intermediate Individual (11-13) – Holiday Card with the use of computer graphics or scrapbooking tools
- [ ] Senior Individual (age14 and up) – 4-H Infomercial Promoting 4-H – 2-4 minutes in length

ASHTABULA COUNTY follows the same GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES as the Ohio State Fair Communications Contest and Public Speaking Contest. See attached.

Please return registration to: Ohio State University Extension, 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047

If you find you cannot attend after you’ve registered, please call us at (440) 576-9008 as soon as possible so we can adjust our program accordingly.

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CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information: go.osu.edu/cfaesdiversity.
Cloverbud Activity Ideas

Be sure to check out The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities, Cloverbud Choose & Tell Cards or the Cloverbud Cubes for great ideas! You can also find lots of great ideas about activities to do with your youngest 4-Hers at:
http://www ohio4h org / volunteers / cloverbud - leaders

Cloverbud Judging

Cloverbud posters will be reviewed on Monday, August 7 in the 4-H Expo Building at the fairgrounds from 5 - 6:30 p.m. This is a fun experience that gives Cloverbuds a chance to talk to one of our nice volunteers about everything they did this year in 4-H. Youth should bring their 715 book and a poster with drawings, objects and pictures of their favorite 4-H activities. All Cloverbuds participating will receive a Cloverbud ribbon and fair pass.

ALL Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Games and Activities at 7:00 p.m. the same evening in the Draft Horse Ring.
The Stick Horse Show will take place Sunday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Horse Arena.

Once again there will be a 3 day summertime activity for youth ages 5-8. Camp will be held from 9 a.m. - Noon daily at the County Fairgrounds. The $35 camper fee covers snacks, crafts and insurance. Activities will include nature study, creative arts, songs, stories, games and much more! Camp is limited to 40 youth so sign up now! Pre-registration is necessary to insure adequate supplies and supervision for your children. You may register by requesting a form at the OSU Extension office or go to our website http://ashtabula.osu.edu

Cloverbud Fun Days July 11-13

Congratulations to Jesseca Housel, Sharon Millard and Rachel Myers for being selected to attend the 2017 Ohio Youth Capital Challenge!

Learn by Doing!

Ashtabula County OSU Extension and the Ashtabula County 4-H Advisory Committee invite you to be a part of these events. Developing leadership and life-skills is the mission of 4-H Youth Development. Develop your learning and leadership skills to Make the Best Better!

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Preparing for Project Judging—April 5 7:00 p.m.—OSU Extension
County 4-H Conference April 22 8:30 a.m.—Jefferson United Methodist Church
4-H Advisor Fair Update July 6 7:00 p.m.—4-H Expo Building
Advisor Social October 16 7:00 p.m.—OSU Extension

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As a reminder—all current Ashtabula County 4-H Volunteers must attend at least 2 volunteer development trainings per year in addition to the Child Abuse Training, totaling no less than two hours, on or before December 1st of the current year to remain active and in good standing.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ashtabula County 4-H Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior or college student that has been a member of the Ashtabula County 4-H program for at least 5 years and has been accepted to any college or trade school regardless of subject area. Applications should be received by May 1 to the Ashtabula County 4-H Foundation at P.O. Box 445 Jefferson, Ohio 44047.

The Bloom Family Scholarship is awarded based on the applicant’s character, financial need, general ability, service to the community and participation in 4-H activities and programs. The Bloom Family Scholarship can be used only at The Ohio State University or ATI. Applications should be received by May 1 to the Extension Office. No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Visit the county website for details.
Super Saturday Project Judging & Skillathons
July 15, 2017
General (Miscellaneous) & Horse Projects: 9 a.m.-Noon
Dairy: 10—11 a.m.
Cheese: 11 a.m.
Foods & Clothing Projects: 12:30 -4 p.m.
Livestock & MAC Projects: 1-4 p.m.
ALL Poultry & Rabbit Projects : 1-4 p.m.
Style Revue: 7:00 p.m. - Ashtabula Towne Square Mall
All project judging and skillathons take place at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. Those unable to attend Super Saturday project judging are ineligible for State Fair Competition.

Market
Chickens & Ducks
A meat pen is made of 4 commercial broiler chickens or 2 White Pekin ducks. Birds must be in possession by June 30 and not hatched before June 1. Birds will be wing-band on Saturday, July 15 from 9-11:00 a.m. Up to 16 chickens and 8 ducks per youth may be identified.
Poultry Skillathon Practice —May 7 @ 2:00 p.m.—OSU Extension
Open Poultry Fun Show—June 3

Upcoming Rabbit Clinics
April 11 - Diseases & Nutrition
May 16 - Breed ID
6:30 p.m. @ OSU Extension

Market Rabbit Projects (Roaster)
A meat pen is made of 2 rabbits. Rabbits must be in possession by May 1. Young should be 4- 6 months at fair week and cannot be born before Feb. 7, 2017. Rabbits may not be over 6 months at weigh-in and must be 2 rabbits of the same breed & variety (color). New Zealand, Californian, Champagne D’Argent, Palomino, Satin, or can be any other commercial or commercial mixed breed.

Joe Bodnar Memorial Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Show to be held on Saturday, April 22
The Ashtabula County Cattlemen’s Association will be sponsoring the 20th Annual Joe Bodnar Memorial Northern Classic Steer & Heifer Jackpot Show on Saturday, April 22 at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds in Jefferson, Ohio. This good old fashion jackpot show will start promptly at noon. A registration flyer can be found at: http://go.osu.edu/neevents.

Skillathon Study Materials
Beef, Dairy Beef, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine, Dogs and Sheep Learning Lab Kits and Skillathon notebooks are available at the office for clubs to use. Call 576-9008 for a time to come in to study. It is the club’s responsibility to make sure materials are put back in proper order with all pieces. Kits and notebooks may not be removed from the office.
Study CDs are also available and may be signed out by advisors. Members can learn more about their animal, identify body parts, breeds, meat cuts, medical labels and animal care by using these resources.

Exhibition Animal Clinic
Saturday, June 17, 2017
Ashtabula County Fairgrounds
Rabbits & Guinea Pigs: 9 to 11 a.m. — Small Animal Building
10 a.m. Market Rabbits
Goats: 10 to Noon—Kaszar Barn
Dogs: Noon– 2 p.m.—Kaszar Barn
Poultry: 12:30 to 2 p.m.—Small Animal Building
Small Equine: 2 to 4 p.m.—Kaszar Barn
Poultry Pullorum Testing will take place from 9am-Noon in the Small Animal Building. Turkey Pullorum testing will be done July 13 at Country Dr. Vet in Jefferson 9:00 a.m.—Noon.
4-H youth are welcome to bring their project animals to their clinic. Topics of discussion will be showmanship and/or show preparation. All members taking one of these projects are encouraged to attend.

4-H Dog Projects
Upcoming Clinics:
May 25 *Required*
June 1, 8 *Required*, 15, 22, 29
July 6, 13, 20, 27
All Clinics start at 6:30 p.m. in the Open Class Building at the Fairgrounds
Dog Registration, Project Identification, Vaccination/Health Certificate and Permission to Participate in Dog Activities, Form—Due May 1 to OSUE
Market Animal Tagging—May 6
Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Dairy Beef Feeders, Beef Feeders, Market Goats AND Market Turkeys must be tagged the first Saturday in May. Animals must be castrated prior to tagging day. Tagging is $3 per animal and will take place on the Saddle Horse side of the fairgrounds from 9 a.m.—noon. Hog tagging ONLY will begin at 8:00 a.m. Market Turkeys will be tagged May 6 in the Small Animal Building from 9am-Noon. Market Chickens and Ducks will be tagged July 15 from 9:00–11:00 a.m. in the Small Animal Building.

Carcass Show Details
July 19 6-8pm Steers, Sheep & Lamb Drop-Off
July 26 6-8 pm Hog Drop Off at Smokin’ T’s
Show—July 29 1:00 p.m.
Meat Judging Clinic July 22

Testing out of Quality Assurance
Those who have passed their 12th birthday by January 1, can test out of QA training requirements until they reach the age of 15. Those who have passed their 15th birthday by January 1, may test out of QA training requirements for the remaining years that they will participate in 4-H/FFA. Please call the Extension Office at 576-9008 to set up an appointment to take the test. Those that do not pass the test must attend a QA session prior to June 1.

2017 Assuring Quality Care for Animals/
Quality Assurance Information

All Junior Fair and 4-H youth taking marketable and/or lactating livestock projects must attend an Ohio Quality Assurance Program. Below is a list of QA dates within the WREERA. 4-H members wishing to attend a Quality Assurance program outside of their own county MUST register with their own county. The home county 4-H staff will register each 4-H member with the desired county Quality Assurance program. Youth must be in attendance for the entire program. Signed documentation by the Quality Assurance instructor of out-of-county attendance is the responsibility of the 4-H member as proof of participation.

Ashtabula County: April 23- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. & May 17- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. @ Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. $5.00 fee for Out of County participants. There is no admittance after the first 10 minutes.

Cuyahoga County: April 8 – 12:00 p.m. @ Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Bldg. #25 $5.00 fee for Out of County participants.

Geauga County: May 6 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00pm. @ Geauga County Fairgrounds $5.00 fee for Out of County participants. Registration is 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Lake County: Please call Lake County at 440-350-2582.

Lorain County: February 7, March 7, April 18, May 9 and May 30 at 7:00 p.m. @ New Russia Twp. Lodge (West Wing) 46300 Butternut Ridge Rd., Oberlin There is no admittance after the first 10 minutes. \n
Medina County: March 9, April 4 and May 10 6:00 -8:00 p.m. @ Medina County Community Center -$5.00 fee for Out of County participants. There is no admittance after the first 10 minutes.

Trumbull County: April 8 - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. @ Trumbull County Fairgrounds $10.00 fee for Out of County participants. Pre-registration required by April 5. There is no admittance after the first 10 minutes.

Portage County: April 29 10:00 - Noon & May 21 1:00 - 3 p.m. @ Portage County Fairgrounds $5.00 fee for Out of County participants. Pre-registration is required!

DairyPalooza : Northeast – April 22 @ Wayne County Fairgrounds, West – April 29 @ Auglaize County Fairgrounds  http://www.ohiodairypalooza.com/

Any junior fair food animal exhibitor who does not complete Quality Assurance training requirements by June 1 are ineligible to participate in the county junior fair with their food animal project(s).

Required Parent/Advisor LIVESTOCK Meetings
At least one parent/guardian of each livestock (market and dairy) member and 1 MAC advisor per club must attend one of the following meetings:
March 26 1:00 p.m. @ 4-H Expo Building or
May 3 7:00 p.m. @ P.V. High School
Equine Royalty

Any member of a 4-H Horse Club in Ashtabula County ages 10-13 and 14-18 as of January 1st may apply. Rules and Guidelines are available online and at the OSU Extension Office.

Judging criteria include the application, essay, interview (7/21), knowledge test and riding class. The 4-H Equine Royalty will be announced during the Saddle Horse opening ceremonies at fair.

Applications and essays due by July 1 to OSU Extension. Winners receive a tiara or belt buckle, sash, Honor Barn Stall and a $250.00 scholarship for the Senior Winner.

Horse Registration

Horse registration papers must be in the Extension Office by June 1.

ABSOLUTELY no project animal changes will be accepted after 4:30 p.m., June 15, unless approved by the 4-H Equine Committee.

Approved ASTM/ASTI HELMETS MUST BE WORN BY ALL COUNTY EQUINE YOUTH AND ADULTS (PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS) AT ALL 4-H/JR. FAIR FUNCTIONS DURING ANY RIDING AND DRIVING ACTIVITIES. (see Uniform Rules Book 179)

Small Equine Clinics will be held from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. May 25, June 22 and July 27 at the Fairgrounds in the Draft (Front) Show Ring.

Required Parent/Advisor Horse Meetings

At least one parent/guardian of each horse member and all horse advisors must attend one of the following meetings:

March 26 3:00 p.m. or April 24 7:00 p.m. @ 4-H Expo Building.

Ashtabula County 4-H Horse State Fair Tryouts

The Ashtabula/Geauga County 4-H PAS Show will be Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the GEAUGA COUNTY Fairgrounds beginning at 10:00 a.m. Entry fee is $10 flat fee for Ashtabula and Geauga County youth. Make checks payable to: Geauga County 4-H Horse Committee. Food will be available for purchase. Registrations are due to the Ashtabula County Extension Office by June 5 and forms are available online and at the OSU Extension office. Second chance options: If you are interested in other dates please visit the website or contact the Extension Office. You must have a prior approval from the County Office to go to any other County 4-H PAS Show.

Congratulations to Alyssa Long of Vaquero’s 4-H Club, Emily Musgrave of Silver Stirrups 4-H Club, Abigail Butcher of Silver Stirrups 4-H Club, Montana Estok of Dusty Riders 4-H Club and Sophie Duffala & Serenity Kranauer Rivera of Silver Stirrups 4-H Club for participating in the 2017 County Horse Communications Contest.

Good luck at the State Competition!!
Pen Reservations
All animals going to fair MUST have a Pen Reservation. All Advisors must hand in complete Pen Reservations by JULY 1! NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All market goats & lambs must be de-horned and officially identified for Scrapie by tagging day on Saturday, May 6. If there is no Scrapie tag, you must present proof of Scrapie ID before a Pen Reservation will be accepted.

All Horse Class Registration, Carcass Entry, County Pride, Breeder’s Own and Club Community Project forms are due July 1!

Carcass Projects
ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE JULY 1
To participate in the carcass show youth MUST have an entry form submitted, a completed and signed project book, cut list, kill charge and completed Drug Use Notification Form at time of drop-off. Forms are available online and at OSU Extension and updated project requirements are included in the MAC Guidelines.

All members taking a carcass project must complete Skillathon for that species to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Project Exhibitor. Grand & Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor criteria: Carcass Evaluation: 20%, Skill-a-Thon: 20%. & Carcass Animal 60 %. Carcass Evaluation Score will include the evaluation/judging of meat cuts. Questions may be directed to Seanna Butler at (440) 858-2106.

Please review the fair book and Project Guidelines for important 4-H and Junior Fair changes!

Royal Court Applications
Forms are available at the Extension Office and are due by 4:30 on July 1. Interviews will be on Friday, July 7.
Youth MUST call Ashley Meaney Carey at 440-415-5607 for an interview time.

Were you crowned as Fair Royalty? Send your name, Junior Fair Affiliation (4-H Club/FFA Chapter) and contact information to hoyt.88@osu.edu to be a part of this year’s parade!

Fairgrounds Beautification Contest
The Ashtabula County Fair Board Auxiliary will again sponsor its beautification contest. To reserve a location and get details on rules and prizes, contact Sara Johnson at 440-813-7849. This is your chance to help make the grounds beautiful!!!

Thank you to the 2017 Species Chairs!
Dairy Beef Feeder—Debi Hurst
Carcass—Seanna Butler
Cheese Basket - Heidi Sundberg
Dairy Goats—Tammy Fink & George Smith
Dairy Steers—Seanna Butler & Brad Fetterers
Dogs—Ellen Darby
Exhibition & Market Turkey—Dawn Nolin
Hogs—Shannon Edelman & Cari Ellsworth
Market Chickens, Ducks & Exhibition Poultry—Jenny Beals
Market Goats—Rebecca Smith & Stephanie Marous
Market Rabbits—Mason Taylor
Breeding Rabbits—Brandy Hanusosky
Small Equine—Johnathan Squibbs
Cavy & Pocket Pets—Marcella Piper
Market Lambs & Sheep Breeding—Glenda Betteridge
Steers/Beef Breeding/Beef Feeders—Kelly Kanicki & Sara Johnson
Large Equine—Bernie Kranauer, President
Dairy—Jim Butler, President
The Ashtabula County 4-H Newsletter is posted at http://ashtabula.osu.edu, emailed to all families and mailed to all 4-H volunteers and all families without email.

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