

## **2023 Royalty Announced**

The Fulton County 4-H Program is pleased to announce the following 2023 4-H Royalty. Over 25 applicants vied for these positions and participated in a variety of evaluations including a written application, interview, and knowledge test. Congratulations to the following teens for a job well done.

The 4-H King and 4-H Queen receive a \$250.00 scholarship for education beyond high school. This award is in memory of Pam and Don McQuillan's daughter Tonia who died in 1993 after a five-year battle with cancer. Tonia was a very active member of 4-H and was the 1989 Fulton County 4-H Queen.

**4-H Queen:** Ashlyn Ledyard of Wauseon Ohio is the daughter of Paul and Brittanie Ledyard. She will be a Senior at Wauseon High School and is a 9-year member of the Pike Kountry Kids 4-H club. Ashlyn has shown market hogs throughout her 9 years in 4-H. Within her market hog projects she has won many awards including Outstanding Market Exhibitor. Ashlyn has held many positions in her 4-H club including President and Vice President. She is the current President this year and is glad the members voted and gave her the opportunity to be a leader. At school Ashlyn is a Varsity Cheerleader and on the Varsity Track team. She also is a part of the Student Council where she serves as a Representative and is a part of the National Honors Society. After High School Ashlyn plans to attend college and become a Physical Therapy Assistant. She has chosen this profession so she can do what she loves, which is helping people. Ashlyn would like to thank everyone for giving her this opportunity to represent Fulton Co as the 2023 4-H Queen.

**4-H King: Derek** Zeiter is the son of Brad and Carla Zeiter of Holland, Ohio. Derek is a homeschooling high school junior and an active 10-year member of Goats and "Udder" Things 4-H club where he is currently serving as his club's Historian. Derek is a 4-year member of the Fulton County Junior Fair Board and Teen Leaders. Derek takes many projects to fair such as dairy goats, pack goats, rabbits, dogs, ducks, chickens, geese and many still projects. As an avid showman, Derek has won many showmanship and breed classes with his dairy goats at open shows.

Derek is an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood level member of the Order of the Arrow, which is the honor society of scouting. Derek was selected and is a second-year staff member of the National Youth Leadership Training Course. Derek is the Historian of his venturing crew, where he is working on achieving his Summit Award. Last summer, Derek hiked 64 miles through the Rocky Mountains at Philmont in New Mexico and camped along the trail. He says it was an adventure of a lifetime. Derek loves camping, hiking, fishing and teaching others how to tie knots and survival skills. Derek is planning on becoming a welder, a scout leader, and a 4-H advisor.

Species ambassadors receive a \$200.00 scholarship for education beyond high school. This award is sponsored by the Fulton County 4-H Endowment fund.

**4-H Goat Ambassador:** Your 2023 goat ambassador is Emersyn Sinks, a senior at Fayette High School. Emersyn is involved with 4-H, FFA, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball and NHS. Emersyn is the daughter of Chad and Amanda Miller and Matthew and Samantha Sinks. Emersyn has

shown goats for 5 years and has attended the Ohio State Fair, the North American International Livestock Exposition, and numerous open livestock shows. Attending YGB- Goat camp for showmanship is a great memory that sticks out to her. Emersyn has an older sister Kennedy and younger brother Ethan. Emersyn loves spending time with friends and family, camping, concerts, and attending sports.

**4-H Horse Queen:** Harlie Hensley is the daughter of Brian and Megan Hensley and is a freshman at Wauseon High School. Harlie is an 8-year member of the Fulton County Hoofbeats 4-H club, and she enjoys competing with her horse, Kit, as well as showing hogs. Harlie is honored to be chosen to represent Fulton County as the 2023 Fulton County Jr. Fair Horse Queen.

**4-H Lamb Ambassador:** Alyssa Marvin is 14 years old, and the daughter of Brian and Samantha Marvin of Wauseon, Ohio. She is in her 6<sup>th</sup> year of 4-H and a member of the Gainers & Leaders 4-H club. She is also a member of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association and attends OSIA shows throughout the summer with her younger brother, Dylan. Alyssa has attended the Ohio State Fair and the North American International Livestock Exposition winning Reserve Champion Merino Ewe in both shows with her yearling ewe, Opal. This year she took care of a bottle lamb named Jade who is now her showmanship ewe for the year.

This year she is taking breeding sheep, market and breeding rabbits, and archery projects. When not showing or taking care of her sheep, Alyssa enjoys reading (perhaps too much), drawing, listening to music, playing soccer and softball. She also enjoys watching Star Wars, Harry Potter, and Marvel movies with her family.

Alyssa has completed her 8<sup>th</sup> grade year at Holy Trinity Catholic School and is excited to start high school at Evergreen. She would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported her throughout the years and would like to wish everyone a great day!

**4-H Poultry Ambassador:** Jael Michelson is the daughter of Daniel and Adrienne Michelson. She is the youngest in her family with one older brother. She has been in 4-H for 10 years and is a proud member of the Noah's Ark 4-H club. Jael was homeschooled her whole life and recently graduated in 2022 at age 16. She loves showing poultry, dogs, and goats at the fair. Her favorite hobbies are reading, drawing, cooking, and playing the piano. She also enjoys teaching younger 4-H members and helping them with their projects. Jael raises and hatches show correct Silkie chickens and Cayuga ducks. She is excited to show them at APA sanctioned shows in the future. After Jael finishes 4-H, she hopes to study at Sautzenberger College to become a Vet Tech. Jael is looking forward to representing the Fulton County Fair this year.

**4-H Dog Ambassador:** Leah Mishka is the 2023 Fulton County 4-H Dog Ambassador. She is the daughter of Erica and Phil Mishka and is the oldest of 5 siblings. Leah has been a member of her 4-H club, Goats and "Udder" Things for 9 years and enjoys showing all her 4-H projects at the Fulton County Fair which include dog, poultry, goat, feeder calf, and rabbit projects. Some of Leah's favorite roles in 4-H are helping other 4-Hers with their projects, serving as her clubs' Secretary, and serving as a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Camp Counselor. Some of Leah's favorite 4-H achievements include winning the Outstanding Species Exhibitor Award for goats (2020) and poultry (2022). Leah's past royalty titles include 2022 Goat Ambassador, 2021 Poultry Ambassador, and 2020 Dog Ambassador. She is also a member of the Teen Leader Board and a past Junior Fair Board

member. Some of Leah's hobbies are reading books, working on her latest art project, and buying way too many shoes. Leah's future plans are to attend L.I.S.D. TECH Center's Agri-Science program in the fall of 2023, and then to further her education by attending college to become a veterinarian specializing in goats and poultry. Leah is very excited and honored to represent the 4-H Dog Program at the 2023 Fulton County Fair!

**4-H Rabbit Ambassador:** Alex Paulson is the daughter of Andrew and Michelle Paulson and is your 2023 Rabbit Ambassador. She just finished 8th grade and will be a freshman in the fall at Evergreen High School. In school she has participated in student council, band, NJHS, and more. This is her 6th in 4H, throughout those years she has done cake decorating for one year then rabbits for the past 5 years. Along with showing rabbits Alex has served as a club officer for the past 3 years, 1 year as president and the past 2 years as treasurer. Outside 4H she enjoys softball, hanging out with friends, riding 4 wheelers, and more. When Alex grows up, she hopes to be an Ear-Nose-Throat doctor. She hopes you are all having a great time at camp and hopes to see you all at the fair!