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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration Opens June 1st

On June 1st, registration in FairEntry opens for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Registration will close on June 16th at midnight. We will post the link to the registration on the [Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Page](#) and we will send out an email to all 4-H members. This webpage will also have links to videos and tips to help you register that are also on page 4 of this newsletter. The Youth Show Book is also your best guide for what is required for all the different entries and available for \$5 in our office. Keep an eye out for an email from 4-H Online announcing the opening tomorrow!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration
June 1st – June 16th

Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting
June 8th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Board & Association Meeting
June 27th at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Still Projects Committee Meeting
June 27th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Leader Meeting
June 28th at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H State Horse Show Delegation Registration Deadline
June 30th

Traveling Trophies and Plaques Due Back to the MSU Extension Office
July 1st

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Welcome Myranda Montoye, 4-H Program Assistant!



Myranda Montoye started this week as the new 4-H Program Assistant in Washtenaw County 4-H. Myranda participated in Washtenaw County 4-H from ages 12-18 and is so excited to be back! She is currently a rising senior at Oberlin College in Ohio, where she is an Economics major, a captain of the Track and Field team, and the founder of the student organization "Oberlin Students for Civic Engagement." In her spare time, she loves to run, craft, and spend time with family and friends. She is so grateful for the opportunity to once again be involved in Washtenaw County 4-H and can't wait to meet you all! Myranda will be assisting with coordinating the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show and with other 4-H Program Coordinator responsibilities until August. If you see Myranda in the office, please welcome her!

Traveling Trophies & Plaques are Due Back to the MSU Extension Office

If you won a traveling trophy or plaque last year at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, congratulations on your award! It is now time to return these items to the MSU Extension Office. The office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am – 3 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm. If you need to schedule a time outside those hours, please contact us. Trophies and plaques should be returned no later than July 1st so we can assess their status and polish them up for the next recipient. The sooner you return them the better! These trophies mean a lot to the 4-H program, and particularly to the families who donated most of them in memory of a past 4-H participant and family member. Thank you for being a good trophy steward!



Pollinator Planting: June 3rd at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District in Gregory



Join Livingston County 4-H, Michigan Pheasants Forever, and the Livingston Conservation District on June 3rd at 10 am for our Pollinator Planting day at the Livingston Conservation District in Gregory! We will be broadcast seeding and learning about pollinators at this amazing 190 acre Nature Center. The whole family is welcome to join at this FREE event. Lunch will be provided by the Livingston County Chapter of Pheasants Forever. **This event is open to youth from any county** and the location is not far from the Washtenaw County line. Please help us spread the word about this fun, family friendly event! Families can also bring fishing poles if you want to fish in their front pond!

For more information and to sign up: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hconservationquest/>



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Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Association Meetings: One Club Leader Required to Attend

Please mark your calendars to attend upcoming 4-H Horse Association meetings. Clubs showing horses are required to have at least one leader at the June and July Horse Association meetings in order to prepare for Youth Show. Meetings are held at the MSU Extension Office.

- June 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- July 12 at 6:30 p.m.- last date for project change requests (not applicable to back-up horses designated on May 1 forms)



Washtenaw County 4-H is featured in the Chelsea District Library Newsletter



Washtenaw County 4-H is excited to be featured in the Chelsea District Library Newsletter and linked in their Summer Reading Program! [Check out page 4](#) to see this feature about our program and the Chelsea Community Fair! Thank you to Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club Leader Kathy Pantolin for providing this information and photos. If you know other community organizations or businesses willing to promote Washtenaw County 4-H, please let us know! We are always looking for ways to get the word out in Washtenaw County about our programs.

Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Association is Looking for Youth Delegates for the State Horse Show August 18-20

Washtenaw County 4-H youth who participate in horse projects are invited to register as a delegate for the State Horse Show on August 18-20th. The registration is first come first served. Youth have until June 30 to complete the form and Washtenaw County can send up to 21 delegates. Register here: <https://forms.gle/LAuS8sfWBZW1S47d6>

Questions? Please contact Jackie Martin at marti623@msu.edu.





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Apply Now for Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarships!



We are now accepting applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship funded by the Advisory Council and Service Club, the Washtenaw County 4-H Dairy Scholarship, and Washtenaw County 4-H Poultry Scholarship. There is also a Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Scholarship for youth ages 15-19 years old. Below are the deadlines for the applications and links to the application forms. These are great opportunities for youth to apply and practice their application skills! Questions? Please contact Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at speyerje@msu.edu

- [Washtenaw County 4-H Dairy Scholarship](#): Due July 1st
- [Washtenaw County 4-H Poultry Scholarship](#): Due July 1st
- [Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship](#): Due September 1st
- [Outstanding Involvement in Agriculture Award for 4-H Member](#): Due August 4th

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Camping



The Washtenaw Farm Council will be handling camping registration for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show this year. Camping will cost \$40 a night and you can contact Kirk Poirier & Kyle Latta at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 734-429-3145 or by email at wfc5500@gmail.com. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly for the number of spaces.

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Registration Tips for FairEntry

- Once registration opens, you will use your 4-H online information to login.
- Watch this video to see how to login to FairEntry with your 4HOnline account: <https://vimeo.com/209918998>
- Recommended browsers include Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected behavior.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries.





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Congratulations to World Food Prize Borlaug Scholar: Shepherd Thompson!

This year, Shepherd Thompson, one of Washtenaw County 4-H'ers participated in World Food Prize and officially became a "Borlaug Scholar"! The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a one-day event that gives high school students the opportunity to research a topic, write a 2-5 page research paper, and then present research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges. Shepherd's project was on water scarcity in Ethiopia, and he said: "I really enjoyed the World Food Prize event. I am so excited to do it again next year; I learned a lot and encourage others to do the same. I also enjoyed touring MSU's School of Packaging as part of my immersive experience and meeting new people from around Michigan. It was a very good experience." If you have a 7-12 grader interested in participating next year, keep an eye out for the registration in our newsletter in January. You can also bookmark the [World Food Prize Website](#).



Saline 4-H Farmers Bake Sale & Community Service Project



This spring, the Saline 4-H Farmers Club held a bake sale at Tractor Supply Company in Saline and raised money to buy flowers at a local greenhouse. Then the club planted the flowers in pots and in the ground at the Saline Township Hall for a community service project. These beautiful flowers are there to brighten the day for all who visit and show the club's commitment to the local community. Great job Saline 4-H Farmers!

Washtenaw County 4-H Junior Livestock Update

For the past few years, Junior Livestock has taken on the task of being a "Gold" sponsor of trophies and ribbons given at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. On May 13th, they held a bake sale at Tractor Supply Company. This year, Junior Livestock is able to sponsor \$650.00 toward the purchase of trophies and this is a HUGE accomplishment for this group. As one of their main missions, the group then proceeded to fulfill their annual community service project of planting flowers on May 20th in which well over 1,000 plants were planted. Their next task is to work on Youth Show activities preparing for their presence and involvement in the variety of daily activities.



All youth age 12-19 are welcome to join this group. We have a group email that is sent out to inform you of upcoming activities and events; if interested in joining the email chain, email a message to Kathy Grau, kgrau3437@aol.com



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Reminder: Fundraiser Forms Must be Completed Before 4-H Club Fundraisers



Planning a fundraiser for your 4-H club or committee? All fund-raising activities must be reviewed and approved by the 4-H office, before the activity can be held or promoted. This is a federal regulation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires such approval for all 4-H groups. Prior staff approval of a 4-H group's fund-raising activity is important because it gives the group permission to use the 4-H name and emblem, declares the event meets 4-H policies, and allows 4-H volunteers to be covered by the MSU Indemnification

Policy (the University will support volunteers against a suit or legal proceeding when performing services, in this case the 4-H fund-raising event). The Fundraiser Application Form is available at our office or you can find it [online here](#). Once you receive staff approval and hold a fundraiser, you then need to submit a [Fundraiser Report Form](#) within 10 days of the event. These forms can be emailed or dropped off at our office. If you have questions about a potential fundraiser, please contact Jenny at speyerje@msu.edu.

Reminder: All 4-H Volunteers Must Complete Our Volunteer Selection Process

MSU Extension is firmly committed to ensuring the safety of those who take part in our programming by providing a thorough screening and selection process for MSU Extension volunteers. This ensures those who work alongside us or directly with youth and the people we serve are safe and have positive experiences that enrich their lives. All 4-H volunteers who work directly with youth in a 4-H club or 4-H program need to be screened. This includes 4-H club leaders, project leaders, committee members, and others working



directly with youth in 4-H programs. If you are acting a parent at club meetings, you do not need to be screened. Most of our volunteers will be screened at the GOLD level, unless you only want to volunteer at the 4-H Kitchen or at a one-time event like Project RED. These volunteers are SILVER level and will complete a shorter screening that doesn't include an interview, references, or trainings. You can find out more information about the screening process at the [MSU Extension Volunteer Central Website](#).

If you are not sure if you or someone assisting your club needs to be screened, please contact Jenny at speyerje@msu.edu.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.