



AUGUST 2024

4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Congratulations and Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 4-H Youth Show happen! A special thank you to our superintendents, the Rogers Family for running the 4-H Snack Counter, Jr. Livestock Members, everyone who helped with set up, tear down, haul out, as clerks and runners, and so much more.

The 4-H Youth Show is only possible because of our amazing volunteers, families, & youth! We are especially thankful to our superintendents for all their hard work before and during the Youth Show. We also want to thank the two truckers who helped haul out animals, Chris Zahn and Jeffrey Kunzelman! Please thank them!

4-H'ers, please remember to take a few minutes to write any remaining thank you notes to sponsors, animal buyers, and other individuals and businesses you may know of who supported our event in some way. Your words mean a lot to them.

If you have feedback on the 4-H Youth Show, please complete our survey:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Ve7Nost12SpGnk

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Still Projects Committee Meeting

August 27th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

4-H Online System Shut Down

August 31st through September 10th

4-H Online Reopens for the 2024-25 Program Year

September 11th

Advisory Council Meeting

September 12th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Board and Association Meeting

September 23rd at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Small Animal Committee Meeting

September 26th at 6:00 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension Office New Office Hours



We once again do not have a secretary for the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office. This means for the next few months the office hours will be:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm
- Closed on Wednesday and Friday

You can also contact Amy or Jenny to make an appointment to stop by the office. We will do our best to find a time you can stop by if the office hours do not work for your schedule.

Washtenaw County 4-H County Awards Nominations Due September 3rd

It is time again for the annual nominations for County Medals, 4-H Club Spirit Awards, I Dare You Award, Key Club Award, Alumni of the Year, Leader of the Year, and Friend of 4-H Award. We would like nominations in all areas from EVERY CLUB! There are many worthy people and businesses out there, as well as younger members who could benefit from this recognition. You can find the eligibility requirements for each award in the Qualtrics below.

We highly encourage you to discuss the county medal opportunity with eligible younger teen members and nominate as many as possible. Their completion of the county medal application alone is a great skill-building opportunity. Youth can also self nominate for County Medal Awards!

Award nominations are due by September 3rd. To nominate someone for a county award, please use the Qualtrics survey: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_abKiRN6rTh0B2ia. We also have paper copies of the forms in our office if you would prefer.



Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship & Harwood Scholarship



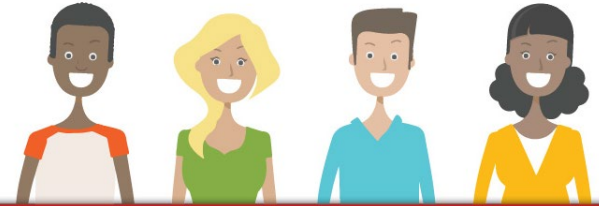
We are now accepting [applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship funded by the Advisory Council and Service Club](#). This scholarship is open to any high school senior graduating in 2025. We will also be releasing the Ada May and Webb Harwood Memorial Scholarship Application at the end of this month. This scholarship is for incoming freshman, or higher continuing their education at an accredited institution of high education. When the application is ready, we will send it out through 4-H Online, Facebook, and put it on our website. Questions? Please contact Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at speyerje@msu.edu



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Join the High School Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Team Meeting

If your child is in High School and a 4-H'er and is interested in making a 4-H Discussion Meeting team, What is a Discussion Meet? Discussion Meet is a unique competition that it is not a debate but strictly a discussion. It is modeled more after a committee meeting and the ability for the competitors to cooperatively discuss a specific



Discussion Meet

topic to come up with solutions. No previous experience is needed to attend the team meetings! We will meet approximately three times to prepare and discuss before the Region 2 meet in early November. Interested? Please contact Mandy Rogers at rogers3mandy@yahoo.com.

Thank You to Junior Livestock!



Thank you to our Junior Livestock members for all their hard work volunteering at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Not only did these youth help run the Animal Decorator Contest, Ag Olympics, and MC at the Auction and Friday Night Awards, they also helped with various shows and set up tasks. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to Washtenaw County 4-H.

We also want to thank Kathy Grau and Mary Hammer, the Junior Livestock Advisors who helped coordinate the Ag Olympics, Animal Decorator Contest, and Tuesday morning breakfast for the Junior Livestock Members. We appreciate your coordination of this great group of youth!

Congratulations to all our Style Revue Participants!

This year we brought back the Style Revue to allow our 4-H'ers exhibiting wearable items to show them off to their families, volunteers, and other 4-H'ers! We had 6 youth who participated this year showing off sewn wearables, jewelry, buymanship items, and more! We also want to say a special thanks to Still Projects Superintendent Pam Sarlitto who narrated the event and also taught the participants how to walk to best display their exhibits. Please encourage 4-H youth to participate again in the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show 2025!





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A Successful Cat Clinic at the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic



Thank you to Cat Superintendent Molly Avery for coordinating a Cat Clinic for Cat Showmanship on June 30th at the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic. This clinic allowed 4-H families to ask questions and learn about how to show their cat from Molly and also 4-H member Andrew Norder of Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club. The participants also got to play with foster kittens from the clinic. The Cat Judge, Dr. Winther was also there and brought the group brownies!

Congratulations to the Washtenaw County 4-H Dairy Teams

Congratulations to the Washtenaw County 4-H Dairy Teams in Quiz Bowl, Management, and Judging for doing a fantastic job at 4-H Dairy Days July 15-19th. Also, thank you to the Dairy Team Coach, Katelyn Packard for hosting the team. The Judging and Management team is featured on the right and members of the Quiz Bowl teams in the bottom left corner.

Quiz Bowl

- 2nd senior team - Harper Jane Adkins, Raelyn Bristle, Lizzie Pantolin
- 1st junior team – Evan & Grace Weidmayer, Harlee Bristle, Amelia Harris



Management

- 1st junior team – Evan & Grace Weidmayer, Harlee Bristle, Lydia Avery
- 1st junior individual – Lydia Avery
- 3rd junior individual – Evan Weidmayer
- 4th senior individual - Harper Jane Adkins
- 10th senior individual – Lizzie Pantolin

Judging

- 2nd junior individual oral reasons – Lydia Avery
- 3rd junior individual overall – Lydia Avery
- Perfect Cow Parts – Lydia Avery



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Washtenaw County 4-H Poultry Service Donations

This year Washtenaw County 4-H Youth donated 2 turkeys and 16 chickens to Saline Area Social Services through the Washtenaw County 4-H Poultry Service Project. These donations were provided by 4-H'ers Caiden Eddins and Sydnee Short from S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club, Saline 4-H Farmers member William Rogers, and Country Expressions Members Blake, Ben, Chris, and Nathan Rentschler. Pictured are Sydnee and William, officers on the Small Animal Committee, making the delivery to Saline Area Social Services.

If you are interested in participating in this project next year, please contact Mandy Rogers, rogers3mandy@yahoo.com.



Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop September 21-22nd in Owosso



Registration is now open for the Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop! Join the Michigan 4-H staff for 2 days of classes focused on everything you need to know to teach Shooting Sports fundamentals to youth as part of a 4-H Youth Development Program. This workshop is for both adult volunteers and teens ages 14 and up who are interested in leading shooting sports programs. Adults MUST be a gold volunteer before they can attend this training. If you are not already a volunteer and interested, please contact Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu, to start the volunteer selection process.

Follow this link to learn more and register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024SSInstructorFallWorkshop/>

4-H Online Annual Roll-Over for New 2024-25 Program Year

August is the end of our program year and families and volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2024-25 program year. On August 31st, the 4-H Online system will shut down and families and volunteers will not be able to log into their accounts. The system will be closed until September 11th when it will open to allow families and volunteers to re-enroll. We will send out email reminders when it reopens to remind everyone to re-enroll. 4-H Club leaders and other members should remind families to re-enroll as soon as possible to continue to get 4-H communications. We don't want anyone to miss any newsletters or important emails.





4-H Youth Show Results

4-H Youth Show Herdsmanship Winners



Congratulations for the following clubs for winning herdsmanship in the following species. Herdsmanship is judged on the cleanliness of the club's area, their signage, decorations, and their educational exhibits.

- The top club in the Dairy Herdsmanship is Country Expressions
- The top club in Beef Herdsmanship is Rogers Corners Herdsman
- The top club in Swine Herdsmanship is Blue Ribbon Livestock
- The top club for Poultry Herdsmanship is Science, Animals, and Arts
- The top club for Llama Herdsmanship is Ann Arbor Llama Lovers
- The top club for Rabbit Herdsmanship is Saline 4-H Farmers

- The top club for Goat Herdsmanship is Saline 4-H Farmers
- The top club for Sheep Herdsmanship is Blue Ribbon Livestock
- The top club for Horse Herdsmanship is Challengers for the Cement Barn and S & L Bauernhof for the Dirt Barn

4-H Youth Show Sweepstakes Showmanship Winners 2024

Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 Sweepstakes Showmanship

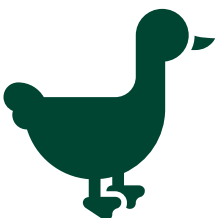
- **Sweepstakes Showmanship Grand Champion Adyson Naebeck of Country Expressions 4-H Club**
- **Sweepstakes Showmanship Reserve Grand Champion Luke Blumenauer of Country Expressions 4-H Club**

And congratulations to all our Sweepstakes Contestants:

- Beef is Raiden Kipfmiller of Saline 4-H Farmers, Feeder Calves is Jolene Line of Country Expressions 4-H Club, Sheep is Adyson Naebeck of Country Expressions 4-H Club, Swine is Luke Blumenauer of Country Expressions 4-H Club, Goats is Olivia Berenson of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club, Dairy is Harper Jane Adkins of Saline 4-H Farmers, Horse is Ava Berkebille of Riske Riders 4-H Club, Dogs is Eric Rice of Townline Workers 4-H Club, Poultry is Devin Daggett of Challengers 4-H Club, Rabbits is Raelyn Bristle of Townline Workers 4-H Club, Llamas is Lizzie Pantolin of Double L Llama 4-H Club and Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club

4-H Youth Show GooseChase Winners

Congratulations for the following winners of the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Goosechase Virtual Scavenger Hunt!



- 1st Place: Harper Jane Adkins of Saline 4-H Farmers
- 2nd Place: Dairy Team of Evan and Grace Weidmayer of Country Expressions, Alora and Elijah Wahl, and Harlee Bristle of Townline Workers.
- 3rd Place: The Girlies of Harlee and Raelyn Bristle and Lydia Avery of Townline Workers



4-H Youth Show Results

Meet our 4-H State Horse Representatives

Congratulations to all our Horse & Pony Exhibitors at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Pictured are the five youth who will be our State Horse Show Representatives for 2024 in August:

From left to right:

- Aamenah Jamil of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club
- Julia and Amelia Lorch of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club
- Peyton Skeans of Riske Riders 4-H Club
- Lexi Couch of Challengers 4-H Club



Washtenaw County 4-H Horse & Pony Seniors



Please join us in recognizing our seniors this year!

From left to right:

- Ava Berkebile of Riske Riders 4-H Club
- Leah Eddins of S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club
- Lucia Simeone of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club
- Avery Popejoy an Independent 4-H'er

Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Board 2023-2024

Thank you to all the 4-H youth who served on the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Board this year.

From Left to Right:

Sydney Popejoy an Independent 4-H'er, Connor Bush of Riske Riders 4-H Club, Audra Ambrozaitis of S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club, Noelle Licari of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club, Katie Deal, Amelia & Julia Lorch of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club, Lucia Simeone of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club, and Avery Popejoy an independent 4-H'er





4-H Youth Show Photos





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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome
Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 4

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H
Children's
Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension * 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

August 13: 2024 Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles & Petals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Registration deadline is August 9.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2

August 16-18: 2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024

August 18: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Michigan State University is hosting a Bee Palooza event on campus for everyone who is interested in bees to attend!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 22: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20\(COPY_1719621752959\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20(COPY_1719621752959))

September 21: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing

Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



Achievement: Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

Beef Science: Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

Birds & Poultry Science: Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

Civic Engagement and Service: Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

Companion Animal Science: John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

Environmental Science: Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

Goat Science: Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

Leadership: Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

Rabbit and Cavy Science: Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

Sheep Science: Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

Shooting Sports: Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

Swine Science: Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts: Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will: serve full-time, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.

