



JULY 2024

# 4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



## Congratulations to 4-H State Award Winners, Amelia Long and William Rogers!

Congratulations to Washtenaw County 4-H members Amelia Long and William Rogers who were recognized at the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Amelia received a State Award for Environmental Science (Junior Division) and William received a State Award for Leadership (Senior Division). Amelia is a member of Science, Animals, and Arts 4-H Club. William is a member of Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club and also the President of the 4-H Small Animal Committee. Please join us in congratulating Amelia and William on this great accomplishment!



### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

#### Superintendent Meeting

July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### Horse Packet Stuffing

July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### Superintendent Ribbon Stuffing

July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI

#### Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting

July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

#### 4-H Youth Show Barn Set Up

July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

#### Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Closed for Disinfecting

July 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

July 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

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## Welcome Back Myranda Montoye, 4-H Program Assistant!



Myranda Montoye starts this week as our 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 recently graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio, where she was 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. Myranda also helped last year and is a whiz with all things Fair Entry and Youth Show related. If you see Myranda in the office or at the Youth Show, please welcome her!

## 4-H Kitchen at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Update

Although we have been unable to find a volunteer to run the 4-H Kitchen as a 4-H fundraiser, we have found a business willing to provide food for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. This means we will have food and drinks available Monday-Friday during the 4-H Youth Show. Hours will be posted during the event. We are incredibly appreciative of this business for stepping in to help!



Unfortunately, we will not be able to raise funds for 4-H scholarships this year. We are hopefully that next year we can once again have a 4-H Kitchen run by volunteers that also allows our youth and families to volunteer. If you know anyone you think would be willing to help next year, please have them reach out in August/September to Jenny Speyer.

## Volunteers Needed for Make and Take Crafts on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12 pm



We are looking for volunteers to help with make and take crafts at the 4-H Youth Show on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12 pm. Supplies and activities will be supplied, we just need enthusiastic volunteers who want to help youth and families participate. This is a great volunteer role for adults but also for youth ages 12+ years old. If you know a 4-H'er who loves crafts, this would be a great opportunity!

Please contact Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu) if you are interested!



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## Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Parking

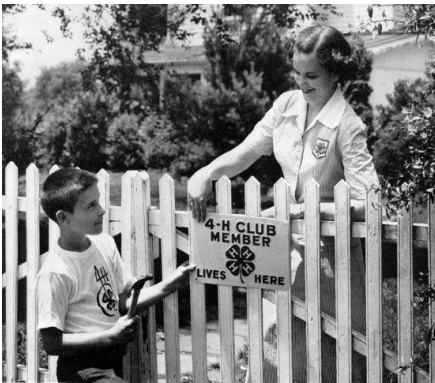
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Staff wants to make sure we have a safe and organized parking lot this year and have created a map to show visitors and exhibiting families where to park. Please check out the parking map here and park in the designated area for your barn. We also want to remind families that the track and bleachers area is off limits during this event. If you have questions about parking, please reach out to Amy or Jenny.

You can find the parking map here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/uploads/files/WFCG%20Parking%20Map.jpg>



## 4-H Alumni Memorabilia Table at Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show



This year at Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show will be have a special display for 4-H memorabilia and we need your help! If you have any pictures, awards, projects, books, etc. from your time or a friend/family member's time in 4-H (any county or state), we would love to display them for the week! Please drop off items at Building A on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, along with information about the item and the 4-H member who owned/earned it. Items may be picked up on Friday the 26th. We look forward to seeing all of the memorabilia! If you have questions, please contact Jenny Speyer! Thank you to volunteer, Joanna Jamil for coordinating this!

## Now Accepting 2024 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Sponsorships

Help support educational opportunities for youth at the 2024 4-H Youth Show. Sponsors are needed for the many trophies, plaques and awards that will be distributed at the Youth Show. Sponsors can choose from a variety of project areas including livestock, horse, still projects, and more! Sponsor names will be given to the 4-H'er receiving the award, as well as publicized during the event and on printed materials for the program year. We also encourage 4-H'ers and 4-H families to tell local businesses and individuals about the opportunities to sponsor.

The deadline for sponsorships to be announced has passed, but we will

always take sponsorships after this deadline. Sponsorships are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

**Most large livestock sponsorships are taken.**

Ready to sponsor? Check out the sponsorship form here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/uploads/files/2024%20YS%20Sponsor%20Form.pdf>

If you would like a paper copy, please contact Amy or Jenny to get one from the MSU Extension Office.







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## 4-H Youth Show Pre-Fair Newsletter Coming Soon!



We are working on a 2024 Pre-Fair Newsletter that will include all the information you need to know to prepare for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show! This will include the schedule, maps, information about parking, still projects judging information, volunteer opportunities, and so much more!

Check your email inbox next week for this newsletter packed with important information.

## Market Livestock Exhibitors Buyers Buffett Sign Up

The 2024 Buyer's Buffet will be held Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:30pm. The main items for the dinner will be catered this year. We are asking the youth participating in the auction to supply one of a variety of items to help supplement the main dishes, as well as have available for buyers to enjoy throughout the auction. Each market exhibitor is asked to bring one item listed below for each species they are selling in the auction:

**\*If you are an exhibitor of multiples species, please bring assigned items for each species\***



- **Market Beef** – large box (at least 18 bags) of individual serving size chips
- **Dairy & Beef Feeders** – cut up fruit – approximately 12 servings
- **Swine** – dessert – 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or 1 cake/pie/pan
- **Sheep** – cup up veggies – approximately 12 servings (cucumbers have been donated)
- **Goat** – cup up fruit – approximately 12 servings
- **Dairy** – dessert – 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or 1 cake/pie/pan
- **Rabbit** – dessert – 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or 1 cake/pie/pan
- **Chicken** – dessert – 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or 1 cake/pie/pan
- **Turkey** – dessert – 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or 1 cake/pie/pan
- **Eggs** – dessert – 2 dozen cookies/cupcakes or 1 cake/pie/pan

Please bring items in disposable containers, ready to serve, to the auction buffet tent on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> by 4:30pm. There is also a sign-up genius available for help before, during and after the dinner. Set up for both the auction ring and the buyers buffet will begin at 2:30pm. If you are selling in the auction, please help with this, many hands make light work!

Sign Up Genius to Help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BADAD2DA6F94-50176413-buyers#/>



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## State Horse Show Delegates Registrations Needed by July 15th

Washtenaw County 4-H youth who participate in horse projects are invited to register as a delegate for the State Horse Show on August 18-20<sup>th</sup>. The registration is first come, first served. Youth have until July 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the form and Washtenaw County can send up to 21 delegates. **Our county must also fulfill their adult volunteer quota in order to participate, so we are looking for adult volunteers to attend.** Register here: <https://forms.gle/B2c7YLD7LhZMPDGb7>

Questions? Please contact Amy Harris.



## Now Accepting 2024 Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship Applications



We are now accepting applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship for 2025 seniors. 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](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu)

- [Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship](#): For 2025 Seniors, Due September 6<sup>th</sup>
- [Outstanding Involvement in Agriculture Award for 4-H Member](#): Due August 2<sup>nd</sup>

## How to Thank a 4-H Auction Buyer and Buyer Letter

Many of our 4-H families like to thank their buyers in various ways at or after the Washtenaw County 4-H Auction. We encourage 4-H'ers to acknowledge their buyer with a thank you card and photo of their animal (you can find thank you cards and photos at the 4-H Office in Building A on Friday). There are no rules or policies about how you thank your buyer, but it is recommended that families do their best not to disrupt the auction by presenting gifts during this time. If you would like to present a gift, please wait until after the auction or if a business bought from you, drop it off at their



location at a later date. A well written thank you card, and photograph goes a long way to make your buyer feel appreciated. One of the best ways to know if your buyer appreciates the gesture is if they support you in the future!

Need guidance on how to write a thank you note for your buyer? Check out this article from MSU Extension Educator Laurie Rivetto: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/showing-appreciation-for-your-livestock-buyers>



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)



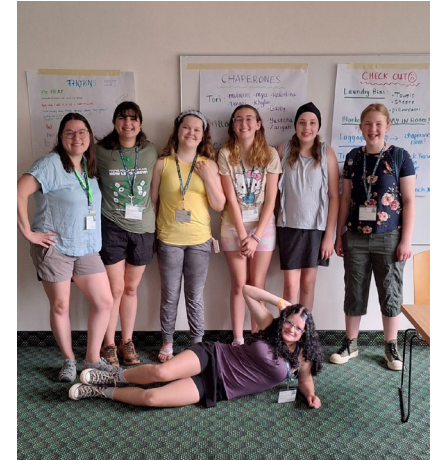
Due to the current MDARD restrictions related to HPAI, **we will not have lactating dairy cattle and those in the last two months of pregnancy at the Youth Show.** There have also been additional restrictions requiring testing of dry cattle from licensed dairies at exhibitions like the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. We will be contacting families exhibiting animals that may be affected next week.

As of today, the prohibition on exhibiting poultry has been lifted. **However, this could change if there is another detection of HPAI in poultry.** More information will be coming out soon!

If you have questions about HPAI or the current detection dates, please visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/diseases/avian/avian-influenza>.

## 2024 4-H Exploration Days Recap

This year's 2024 4-H Exploration Days was a hot one, but we had a great time! We had 36 youth attend with our county delegation and 5 chaperones. This year's keynote was in the Munn Ice Arena and youth got to do fun ice breakers in the arena before the start of the keynote. Youth also received a free ice cream on Wednesday night and the dance and roller skating were big hits on Thursday evening. We can't wait until next year! Mark your calendars for June 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This event is a great pre-college experience for youth 4-H ages 12-19 years old. **We will also be looking for female and more importantly a male chaperone for this event in 2025.** If you know anyone interested, please have them reach out to Jenny Speyer.



## Congratulations to Washtenaw County 4-H Volunteers Angela Oakman and Mandy Rogers



Congratulations to 4-H Club Leaders Angela Oakman of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club and Mandy Rogers of Saline 4-H Farmers who are both awardees of the 2024-25 Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award. Angela is the coach of the Washtenaw County 4-H Hippology and Horse Judging Team, serves as an adult advisor on the 4-H Horse Association, and also serves as a leader of Hooves and Paws 4-H club. Mandy is an adult advisor on the Small Animal and Livestock & Dairy Committees, runs our Cloverbud mentorship program, and is the leader of Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club. Please join us in congratulating them on this accomplishment. We are thankful for the countless hours they put into our 4-H program.





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit [www.joann.com/4-h](http://www.joann.com/4-h) to learn more and enroll.

### July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

*Bay City State Park, Bay City*

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024)

### July 15 – August 12: 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 meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

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

### July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the

Great Lake State.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days)

### July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day)

### July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day)

### July 26: Discover 4-H

*Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield*

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at [www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/).



## Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity\\_tips\\_for\\_animals\\_that\\_went\\_to\\_the\\_county\\_fair](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair).

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
  - Obvious pain or discomfort
  - Decrease in appetite and water intake
  - Fever
  - Lethargy
  - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
  - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
  - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

