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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Volunteers Needed for Washtenaw County 4-H Holiday Tree Sale



Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Tree Sale hosted by the 4-H Advisory Council on November 29th-30th and December 6th and 7th.

The sale will be held at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Building G on each Saturday from 8 am to 5 pm and each Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. We also need volunteers for set up on Sunday November 23rd.

This great event supports Washtenaw County 4-H in many ways by funding scholarships and outreach. Sign up a 4-H'er or 4-H Volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949A5AC2EA2F49-60040370-2025#/> (we do need adults for each shift to help younger 4-H members)

We also encourage families to come out to purchase a tree or wreath from the sale.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Advisory Council Meeting

November 13th at 7 pm at MSU Extension Office

Small Animal Committee Meeting

November 20th at 6:00 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Holiday Tree Sale Set Up

November 23rd

Horse Board & Association Meeting

November 25th at 6:30/7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Holiday Tree Sale

November 29th-30th & December 6-7th

Tractor Supply Company 4-H Paper Clover Campaign

November 28th – December 14th

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Harwood Scholarship Applications Due November 10th



We are now accepting applications for the Ada May and Webb Harwood Memorial Scholarship. The applications is now available on [our website](#) and due on November 10th. This scholarship is for youth who have participated in either animal science or home economics projects during their time in 4-H or FFA. Youth show be incoming freshman or higher continuing their education at an accredited institution of high education. Check out the application for the full list of qualifications. Questions? Please contact Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at speyerje@msu.edu.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign: Opportunity for Clubs

From November 28th – December 14th, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online during the campaign dates. If your club is interested in helping support the clover campaign, you can reach out to your local TSC to see if you can set up a table during the sale. Clubs have often had bake sales during these campaigns to fund raise for their own club too.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.



Washtenaw County 4-H Superintendent Applications Due NOW!



Are you or do you know an individual interested in taking on a role as a Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show superintendent? If you're interested, [please look over the volunteer expectations and the letter of intent](#). We ask that all letters of intent (from new applicants and existing superintendents) be returned to the office as soon as possible. There are plenty of opportunities available, including animal and non-animal barn specific superintendents!

Not all previous superintendent intents are turned in yet however, we know that we will be looking for a herdsmanship superintendent, a haul out superintendent, and a poultry superintendent, but there could be more positions available! Questions contact Amy, harr1976@msu.edu.



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Washtenaw County 4-H'er Shepherd Thompson Attends 4-H Day at the Capitol

On October 8th, 4-H'er from around the state of Michigan converge in Lansing to tell their story about the impact of 4-H. At this open house style event, 4-H'ers told their stories to legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. From Washtenaw County 4-H, Shepherd Thompson, a member of S 7 L Bauernhof 4-H Club was invited to attend and represent Washtenaw County 4-H. Shepherd said the following about his experience: "The Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was an unforgettable experience. I got to talk with state leaders about how 4-H has made a real difference for youth in my community. I also shared what I learned from the Michigan Youth Institute and the Global Youth Institute at the World Food Prize — both showed me how young people can help solve big complex issues like hunger and sustainability. It was an honor to represent Washtenaw County in Lansing!"



Thank You to 4-H Members and Volunteers at Treat of Agriculture



We love to see our Washtenaw County 4-H members and volunteers helping out in our community and we saw them come out strong at the Treat of Agriculture hosted by Washtenaw County Farm Bureau on October 21st. This fun event showcases agricultural products and commodities produced in Michigan instead of your traditional Halloween candy. Each year, hundreds of youth and families come through this event.

Members of Saline 4-H Farmers helped to set up before the event and members of Townline Workers 4-H Club and other 4-H'ers also volunteered during the event to help pass out items. There were also other 4-H'ers, Raelyn Bristle and Harper Jane Adkins, helping take photos at the event.

Thank you to all the 4-H'ers and 4-H volunteers who attended and helped out! Community service is a big part of 4-H and we love to see our 4-H members giving back to their community





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4-H Leader Spotlight: Caro Uhlemann-Short of S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club



Thank you to 4-H member Bella Burger for submitting this information about her club leader, Caro. Caro has been a volunteer since 2016 when she started S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club. This club originally started with German families and was a bilingual 4-H Club but now the club is multilingual with families from a variety of backgrounds in the club. Caro's club is very involved in the Whitmore Lake community and often attends community events like Trunk or Treats, Parades, and more. Outside of her club, Caro also attends Advisory Council Meetings and has been an adult officer on Small Animal Committee and an assistant superintendent for Poultry and Dogs.

Bella added: "My club leader is so passionate and excited about everything 4-H and bringing people together in our community." Thank you Caro for all you do for the youth of Washtenaw County 4-H!

Save the Date: Equine Connection Weekend: January 30th-February 1st

The Michigan Quarter Horse Association, Department of Animal Science at MSU, and the Michigan 4-H Horse Program are partnering to provide a fun learning weekend centered around everything horses! The Equine Connection Weekend will be held at the MSU Farm Bureau Pavillion. The weekend will be filled with educational sessions related to health and nutrition, a chance to practice your horse judging and hippology skills, and clinic sessions on showmanship, horsemanship, and trail; taught by AQHA Professional Ryan Cottingim.



If you are interested in attending, please complete the form:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0CxrilOhm8Lwf5Q

Re-Enroll NOW in 4-H Online for the 2025-26 Program Year



The new 2025-26 4-H Program year has begun and it's time to start re-enrolling your family in [4-H Online](#)! Club leaders should make sure families are re-enrolled before they begin participating in 4-H activities. In 2026, we will no longer send newsletters and communications to families not re-enrolled.

If you have don't want to enroll online or need a paper enrollment form, please contact 4-H staff.



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4-H Mini Horse Program Interest Survey



Washtenaw County 4-H would like to know if there is interest in expanding our Miniature Horse Program! We have the opportunity to offer workshops in county this winter and next spring for youth and their miniature horses and donkeys. Get that little buddy out and learn to get ready for showing at the 4-H Youth Show next year! Showmanship, Liberty, Jumping and Trail will all be addressed!

Want to join the fun? Please complete the survey here:
<https://forms.gle/SjKHWtveYzBP2Y479>

Interested in Joining our Washtenaw County 4-H Hippology and/or Horse Judging Teams?

Washtenaw County 4-H is looking for registered 4-H members (ages 5-19) to join our Hippology Team and/or Horse Judging Team! Both events at MSU don't have specific dates yet but are usually in mid to late March. Hippology is the study of all horse-related knowledge, including judging, anatomy, breeds, colors, care, equipment, tack, health and welfare, and riding disciplines. Horse Judging is your opportunity to become the judge and place horses based on conformation (halter) and performance (riding). Both teams compete against other Michigan counties and senior divisions



can qualify for the national contest. Cost is roughly \$23 per member, per team. Optional study sessions will start in early February.

If you are interested in participating on both/either teams, please contact Angela Oakman by January 31, 2026 - email: angela_oakman@yahoo.com cell: 734-395-9714 (call or text). The Practice Horse Judging Workshop (TBD on the date of this event but it is usually in early February) is highly recommend for anyone participating on the Horse Judging team. [Check out the MSUE website for more information.](#)

Saline 4-H Farmers Makes Veterans Day Cards for Local Senior Homes





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W4 102.9 Country Hometown Tour Volunteers

It has been a whirlwind the last two months with our partnership with 102.9 W4 Country. We have been fortunate to have our 4-H members, volunteers, and staff featured on the radio on both Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We have seen many interest surveys and messages come through after folks have heard us on the radio and we hope that this will bring more families and volunteers to our program.

We are beyond grateful to Wolverine Rental for sponsoring the Hometown Tour and for inviting us to participate. We are also grateful to 102.9 W4 Country for being so flexible and accommodating.

But more importantly, we are so proud of our 4-H members for speaking so eloquently on the radio and being willing to show up to these events. One of our 4-H members, Rock Thompson said “I had a really good time talking about 4-H and Dog Showmanship on the radio for National 4-H Week. It was an eye-opening experience to know that your voice could be heard, and I would be delighted to do it again, especially since I really believe in 4-H and its positive impact in the community.”

We want to thank the following youth and 4-H volunteers and parents who have attended and spoken! Adalyn Tabor, Annabelle Tabor, Amelia Tabor, Genevieve Peale, and Cody Seyfried of All Around 4-H Club, Rock and Shepherd Thompson and Audra Ambrozaitis of S & L Bauernhof, Aamenah Jamil and Joanna Jamil of Hooves and Paws, Raelyn Bristle of Townline Workers, Harper Jane Adkins of Saline 4-H Farmers, Alexander Auden of Science, Animals, and Arts 4-H Club, Laenie Short, Bella Burger, Julie Burger, Lily Burger, and Vivian Burger of S & L Bauernhof. Great job speaking!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



The 4-H Thriving Model and 4-H Beyond Ready work hand-in-hand to prepare youth for success. The Thriving Model focuses on how quality 4-H experiences help young people grow by building sparks, relationships, and a sense of belonging that leads to thriving. Beyond Ready builds on this foundation by helping youth take what they've learned and apply it school, careers and real life.

Together, they ensure that 4-H youth don't just gain skills, but also the confidence, adaptability, and resilience to use those skills in the future. Through this connection, young people are not only supported in their personal growth today but are equipped to be "beyond ready" for whatever comes next.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 10 – December 15: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Caregivers of toddlers to teens will explore eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence and developing character. Participants will meet for six week on Mondays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-november-december-2025

November 11: Wild Spartans – Wildfire & Warriors: Science Where You Least Expect It

Online

Meet Michele Richards, natural resources and wildland fire program manager with the Michigan Army National Guard. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026

November 12: 4-H Chef Turkey Cheese Ball

Lenawee County MSU Extension Office, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will create a cheese ball that is perfect as a Thanksgiving appetizer.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-turkey-cheese-ball

November 13: Adulthood 101 – Conflict Resolution and Civil Discourse

Online

Participants will learn how to manage disagreements with respect and open-mindedness, paving the way for stronger, healthier relationships. Leave with strategies to approach conflict confidently, express oneself respectfully, and find common ground with others.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-toughtalks

November 15: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Diwali

Flat Rock Public Library, Flat Rock

Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop invites participants to learn about the traditions and cultural significance of Diwali, one of India's most celebrated holidays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-diwali

November 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: So You Want to Be a Club Leader?

Online

Thinking about leading a club or want to refresh your leadership skills? Join to learn what it takes to be an effective and inspired club leader—from logistics and communication to culture and connection.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 28 – Dec. 14, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.

Join the 4-H For Good Challenge!

A simple act of kindness can spark a ripple of good — and you can be the spark! National 4-H Council is teaming up with Universal Pictures leading up to the release of *Wicked: For Good* on November 21 by celebrating the power of young people and communities and creating a wave of kindness.

Just like Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked: For Good*, your choices can change the world. This challenge is open to everyone — youth, families, schools, workplaces, and community groups — and it's your chance to show how one good deed can inspire another.

Join the #4HForGoodChallenge in four easy steps:

1. **Do something good.** Big or small, every act counts. Help out, give back or simply show someone you care.
2. **Share your heart hands.** Snap a pic of your heart hand and write a short post about your good deed.
3. **Post it online.** Use the hashtag #4HForGood and tag 4-H.
4. **Challenge your crew.** Tag for friends and invite them to keep the good growing!



MSU Extension hosts successful third Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol



On October 8, MSU Extension hosted the third Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We're immensely proud of the Michigan 4-H program, which has been shaping futures and transforming communities for more than 115 years," said Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension director. "We're grateful for the opportunity to showcase this remarkable program to our state leaders for the third consecutive year and to bring additional awareness to the life-changing impact of 4-H."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was held, featuring Tyler, as well as: Representative Jerry Neyer; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Jackie Venton, Michigan Department of State Chief Operating Officer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Logan Dole, Michigan 4-H youth from Clare County; and Danykah Muck, Michigan 4-H youth from Livingston County.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2 2-4pm - 4-H Recognition Program 	3	4	5 Extension office closed for Annual Training	6	7	8
9	10	11  VETERANS DAY <i>November 11th</i> 7 pm- FairEntry Team Interest Night	12	13  7 pm- Advisory Council Meeting	14	15
16	17	18 	19	20  6pm - Rescheduled September Small Animal Committee Meeting	21	22
23 6-8 pm- 4-H Tree Sale Set Up at Farm Council	24	25 6:30/7pm - Horse Board & Association Meeting	26	27  Extension office closed	28  Start of Tractor Supply Co Paper Clover Campaign	29 8 am-5 pm- 4-H Holiday Tree Sale @ Farm Council Grounds 
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Happy New Year!