

*Washtenaw County*

# 4-H Family News

August 2021

## 2021 4-H Youth Show Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 4-H Youth Show happen! A special thank you to Superintendents of all project areas, volunteers, coordinators, leaders, clerks, ring stewards, and announcers just to name a few. We cannot do this youth show without your time, energy, and support for still projects, horse and livestock shows all week. Whether you helped with show ring setup, clerking, auction, tear down, gate cleaning, wash rack power washing, livestock haulers, or however you helped make this year's youth show possible, **Thank You!**

Members, if your club leader or other 4-H volunteer adults in your club are outstanding, consider nominating them for county recognition as a Leader of the Year, or Alumni of the Year. Also, if there are any businesses or community members who helped in significant ways, perhaps they could be a Friend of 4-H award nominee! All applications can be found under Washtenaw 4-H Award Application: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw\\_county\\_4\\_h/scholarships-awards](https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h/scholarships-awards)

## Congratulations to ALL 4-H Exhibitors!

We would like to wish a warm congratulations to all of those who received an award, ribbon, trophy, or pat on the back for all of the hard work that they showed at this year's Youth Show. It takes a lot of preparation, hard work, and TIME to get ready to exhibit an animal or still project at any fair. We are very proud to see everyone's accomplishments and cannot wait to see everyone next year!

### We would like to recognize our Scholarship and Award Winners:

**Amada LaRoe, Alexa Newman & Adelyn Wilcox** received the **2020 4-H Service & Advisory County Scholarship** (Application for 21 Grad's open now!)

**Lee Blumenauer, Lake VanNatter, Amanda Jedelee & Adam Prucka** are recipients of the **2021 Hardwood Scholarship**

**Amanda LaRoe, 2021 David Ehnis Memorial Scholarship**

**Amanda Jedelee, 2021 Bill Ames Memorial Sheep Award**

**Karissa Rasch, 2021 Premier Swine Exhibitor**

**Madison Welshans, 2021 Herb Diuble Memorial Beef Award**

**Katie Polzin, 2021 Bill Lutz Memorial Dairy Award**

**Katie Polzin, 2021 Geiger Memorial Holstein Dairy Award**

**Karissa Rasch, 2021 Pat Monaghan Memorial Senior Showmanship Champion Award**

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## The MSU

### Extension Office hours - August:

Monday 8-4:30 pm

Tuesday 9-6 pm

Thursday 8-4:30 pm

The 4-H team is working remotely on non-office days.

### Winners of the Cash Composition Contest and the Show Your Money Smarts Contest for 2021:

#### Cash Competition Grand Prize Winner:

**Harper-Jane Adkins**

#### Show Your Money Smarts Contest Grand Prize Winner:

**Mariel Hovarth**

Congratulations to you both. A job well done!

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## 2021 4H Youth Show Equine Award Winners

### **Gymkhana 16 – 19**

High point – **Bryce Aiuto**

Reserve – Mya Couch

HM – Abby Morris

### **High Point 16 - 19**

High point – **Alexa Newman**

Reserve – Anna Richards

HM – Abby Morris

### **Gymkhana 13 – 15**

High point – **Alexis Couch**

Reserve - Katie Deal

HM – Avery Popejoy

### **High Point 13 - 15**

High point – **Mariel Horvath**

Reserve – Maggie Feldcamp

HM – Avery Popejoy

### **Gymkhana 10 – 12**

High point – **Peyton Skeans**

Reserve – Audra Ambrozietis

### **High Point 10 -12**

High Point – **Peyton Skeans**

Reserve – Molly Nachtriels

HM – Natash Seaman

### **Mini All Around**

High point – **Julia Lorch**

Reserve – Amelia Lorch

HM – Alexis Couch

### **Trail High Point**

High Point – **Anna Richards**

Reserve – Maggie Feldcamp

HM – Mariel Horvath

### **W/T All Around 10 – 19**

High point – **Violet Olley**

Reserve – Isabella Schilz

HM – Sophia Ricci

### **Dressage High Score**

**Maggie Feldcamp**

### **Special Awards—Traveling Trophies:**

Steven Lewis Gymkhana

**Bryce Aiuto**

Kramer Versatility Award

**Anna Richards**

Tiffany Sikora Hunt Seat

**Anna Richards**

Brushpopper Western Performance

**Peyton Skeans**

## Congratulations to our Equine Exhibitors!

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### 4-H Service & Advisory Council County Scholarship for 2021 Grad's available at:

[https://  
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washtenaw/uploads/  
files/2021%204-H%  
20Scholarship%  
20Application%20\(for%  
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20graduates\).pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/uploads/files/2021%204-H%20Scholarship%20Application%20(for%202022%20graduates).pdf)

Thank you to ALL  
Buyers for supporting  
4-H Youth at the  
2021 Livestock and  
Silent Auction

Save the  
Date!  
2022 4-H  
Youth Show  
dates are  
July 24-30,  
2022

## 2021 YS Still Project: Best of Show Winners

### Amelia Long:

Best of Show Clothing Construction Y, non-wearable, Entomology, Natural Resources

### Kendall Everard:

Best of Show Creative Foods, Woodworking, Indoor Potted Flowers, Stenciling, Stamping,  
Recyclable or Found Article, Jewelry

### Anna Perrier:

Best of Show Clothing Constructions SR, Ceramics, None-Animal Individual Educational  
Exhibit

**Marisel Horvath**, Best of Show Clothing Construction Jr, Crocheting, Glasscraft, Papercraft  
**Nathan Dubnicki**, Best of Show Woodworking 12-14, Restored Articles, Decorated Clothing

**Rhea Warren**, Best of Show Container Garden, Project Record Books, Teen Leadership

**Clare Horvath**, Best of Show Felting, Embroidery, Leathercraft, Creative Writing Fiction

**Alessandra Pedinelli**, Best of Show Creative Drawing, Painting, B&W Photography 15-19

**Martino Paversi**, Best of Show Food Preparation 12-14, Video & Computer Science

**Adyson Dubnicki**, Best of Show Candles, Outdoor Potted Flowers, Lawn Ornaments

**Adam Prucka**, Best of Show Dairy Foods, Herbs & Fruits, Entrepreneurship

**Lily Rysso**, Best of Show Color Photo 8-11, Creative Albums & Scrapbook

**Lillian Harteg**, Best of Show Ceramics, Bisque, Whiteware or Plaster craft

**Anna Richards**, Best of Show Seasonal Decoration, Nature Crafts

**William Rogers**, Best of Show Food Preservation 12-14, Other Crafts,

**Harlee Bristle**, Best of Show Food Preparation 8-11, Textile

**Julia Loch**, Best of Show Creative Drawing, Color Photo 12-14

**Emily Moore**, Best of Show Food Preparation 15-19

**Elena Reginaldo**, Best of Show Food Preservation 8-11

**Olivia Berenson**, Best of Show B&W Photography 12-14

**Maria Perrier**, Best of Show Creative Drawing 8-11

**Arianna Reginaldo**, Best of Show Painting 12-14

**Emerson Skoronski**, Best of Show Creative Sculpture

**Mack Lawther**, Best of Show Woodworking 8-11

**Grace Weidmayer**, Best of Show Basket Making

**Ethan Rice**, Best of Show B&W Photography 8-11

**Courtney Prielipp**, Best of Show Color Photo 15-19

**Heather Sager**, Best of Show Creative Photography

**Amanda Hieber**, Best of Show Grains & Field Crops

**Emerson Skowronski**, Best of Show Cut Flowers

**Amy Sweet**, Best of Show Metal Craft, Collections

**Julia DuRussel**, Best of Show Cake Decorating

**Laura Harteg**, Best of Show Flower Arranging

**Olivia Fleishans**, Best of Show Knitting

**Shelby Lawther**, Best of Show Quilting

**Rock Thompson**, Best of Show Granola

**Maria Perrier**, Best of Show Candy

**Audrey Bi**, Best of Show Painting 8-11

**Alex Kehrer**, Best of Show Toys

**Genevieve Peale**, Best of Show Poetry

**Samantha Shane**, Best of Show Kits

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**For more Club Resources, materials or help, please contact the MSU Extension office at 734-997-1678 OR Email msue.washtenaw@county.msu.edu. Please feel free to stop at the Extension office to explore the 4-H Materials, we have available to you.**

**4-H Future Squad** will engage youth across seven south-eastern Michigan counties in virtual and in-person experiences to build youth skills for their future. We need youth voices to help with planning to make this program the best it can be! Apply online by August 15 at <https://forms.gle/5j16MNwMnEUEoqDA>.

## Washtenaw County 4-H Newsletter

### August marks the end of the 2020/2021 4-H Year

**4-H Club leaders**, please keep in mind that August 31 is the end of the 4-H Fiscal year, so save bank statements, and meet with your club officers for your end-of-year wrap-up processes and conversations. 4-H Staff will set up end of year reviews with ALL Club Leaders throughout the fall. Look for further details to come out soon.

### September 1, beginning of the 2021/22 4-H Year

#### **4-H Families,**

Beginning **September 1**, everyone can newly enroll, or re-enroll at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> using the same login email and password from last year.

#### **Joining 4-H is now FREE!**

We encourage re-enrollments to be done ASAP, and not wait until later in the 4-H year. Any trouble with re-enrollment, contact Carolin at 734-997-1678 or [uhlemann@msu.edu](mailto:uhlemann@msu.edu).

### 4-H Club Officer Guides

Every successful 4-H club has a good team of officers. But how do you know what your roles and responsibilities are if you've never served as an officer before? These free downloadable resources are a great resource for youth elected to leadership positions in their 4-H club. Guides are available for the officer roles of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter. Download your "So You are an Officer in your 4-H Club" guides at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership\\_citizenship/so-you-are-an-officer-in-your-4-h-club-series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/so-you-are-an-officer-in-your-4-h-club-series) to learn more about the role your officer position plays in a successful 4-H club.

### **4-H Members!**

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**Washtenaw County 4-H is seeking young aspiring leaders to serve on a regional planning committee!!** Youth ages 12-19 with an interest in topics like money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks are encouraged to apply to serve on the planning committee for the **4-H Future Squad**.

A full description of the program, the opportunities and expectations of planning committee members is available through the application link. For questions, please contact Jackie Martin at [marti623@msu.edu](mailto:marti623@msu.edu)

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Washtenaw 4-H

Calendar of Events:

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month/2021/8/1?es=1](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2021/8/1?es=1)



## MSU Updated the Face-to-Face Restrictions for Michigan 4-H

Michigan 4-H clubs and groups may now meet face-to-face, as desired!

Please continue to keep a record of attendance for in-person events, via meeting minutes, registration, attendance log or other methods.

In-person events are encouraged to continue following best practices such as meeting outside, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer, frequently sanitizing surfaces and **respecting the required use of masks for all participants while indoors.**

*For the most up-to-date State-wide events listing, go to*

<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/u/events>

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### August 1-31: Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge

*Communities across Michigan*

Michigan 4-H and Learning To Give partnered to challenge all youth and adults to serve their communities. Their goal is to have at least one project in all 83 counties across the state of Michigan—plan your service project today! [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dare-to-serve-challenge-august-2021](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dare-to-serve-challenge-august-2021)

### August 3-24: Bug Lunch

*Online*

Interested in insects? Join us for Bug Lunch, Tuesdays at noon! Youth ages 6-12 will learn about the wonderful world of insects through virtual meetings that will inform and engage.

Youth will learn about the insects around them with fun activities like making a pollinator feeder, doing a bug scavenger hunt, and more! Interested? Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/buglunch>

Questions? Contact Sarah at [rabinesa@msu.edu](mailto:rabinesa@msu.edu)

### August 11: Adulting 101—Credit and Why it Matters

*Online*

Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This session will teach participants about credit and why it is important.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-credit](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-credit)

### August 14: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series 2021

*Online*

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time, or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series. This session will focus on companion planting.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-aug-14](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-aug-14)

### August 18: Adulting 101—Choose Your Future

*Online*

Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. Join this session to explore how to choose a career path that is compatible with your interests, skills, values, and personality.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-future](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-future)

### August 21, 2021: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show

*Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna*

The Michigan State 4-H Dog Show provides an opportunity for 4-H members aged 8-19 to compete in showmanship, obedience, rally and agility classes. Register by August 6.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-state-dog-show](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-state-dog-show)

### August 31—September 16: 4-H Digital Portfolio SPIN Club

*Online*

Do you want to express your creativity in the digital medium while you prepare yourself for the future? Working in PIXLR (a free program by Adobe) we will explore digital art, photo editing, portfolio development, and resume building through hands-on projects in the Digital Portfolio SPIN Club for grades 9th and above. AmeriCorps educators will lead 6 meetings—Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. EST from August 31 until September 16. Learn more and sign up at <https://forms.gle/yb7W7K8Ur8ZCM9zg7> for this free class.

### 10 Week Fall VIRTUAL Michigan Conservation Stewards Program

*Online*

Live Instructions from 6 – 8 PM on Wednesdays from September 8 through November 10, 2021

Interested in joining a local cohort to learn about the foundations of Michigan conservation, the state's diverse terrestrial, wetland and aquatic ecosystems and natural communities, and how you can apply this knowledge at the local community conservation level? Instructors include both experts from Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Natural Features Inventory as well as diverse local conservation partners from Capital Area and Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw Counties. For complete program details, including link to register online, please visit the [Michigan Conservation Stewards Program](#) page.



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

MSU Extension is excited to partner again in 2021 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 23! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market 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](#). Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 2-6.

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. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at [extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase](https://extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase).

## Why is taking attendance an important practice for 4-H clubs?

*Adapted from an article authored by Roxanne Turner, MSU Extension. Read the complete article at [www.canr.msu.edu/news/why-is-taking-attendance-an-important-best-practice-for-4-h-clubs](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/why-is-taking-attendance-an-important-best-practice-for-4-h-clubs).*

MSU Extension believes best practice for 4-H clubs is to take attendance at all meetings. Although Roberts Rules of Order, 12th edition doesn't talk about requiring attendance, it does share some reasons why attendance is important. In addition, there are many other benefits to clubs that provide support and strength in many ways. This includes:

- It allows members to feel a sense of value. Members will see that their attendance matters and they are noticed when they are at a meeting.
- It provides the members with a sense of belonging. Starting a meeting off with something as simple as attendance allows everyone to participate and have a voice.
- It holds people accountable.
- It allows leadership of the group to know who to share information with after the meeting. The leadership will be able to quickly see who was not able to attend and can reach out to them to keep everyone current on the club happenings.
- It helps leadership plan better for the future. They can see if certain meetings were less attended and consider changing the schedule.
- It can help leadership see if the meetings are relevant and on point. If many meetings are poorly attended, then changes might be in order for the group.
- It provides a record for meeting quorum. Taking attendance will allow the president to see if a quorum is actually present before proceeding with the meeting and will show proof of this after the minutes are placed on record.

The process for taking attendance can be done in many ways. It can be fun, quick or you can use it as a way to help youth connect or get more familiar with each other. The important part is to take the attendance prior to every meeting. The formal steps to taking attendance can be found in the resource, "Congratulations! You Are Secretary of Your 4-H Club."

## Take part in the 4-H Mail-In Match for shooting sports!



In lieu of a 2021 State Shoot, shooting sports competitors are encouraged to take part in the Michigan 4-H Mail-In Match! This statewide event features competition at the home club, saving time and money. Events will be offered in all shooting disciplines, including air pistol, and members can compete in multiple experiences all for free!

The Match may help clubs to meet the pre-requisite of local competition prior to entry into the State Shooting Championships. Scores must be reported by September 26.

Learn more and find rules and registration at [www.canr.msu.edu/shooting\\_sports/tournaments](https://www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/tournaments).