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December 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

We would like to wish a warm congratulations to all of our award recipients from the 4-H Recognition Banquet on November 11. If you were unable to attend the banquet, but received an award, your certificates are waiting in our office for you to pick them up!

It is here, the end of the calendar year! BUT it is the middle of the 4-H year, so make sure you are already registered in 4-H online and dues are paid to the county! We need everyone to get enrolled at https://mi.4honline.com/ ASAP.

As a reminder, to login you can use your family email address and password that you provided last year or select, "I forgot my password" to reset it using your family email. Don't forget about paying your \$20 youth participation fee. The fee is for youth only, not adults! You may pay the fee to your club leader at your next meeting either as cash or a check written to "MSU." Make sure to remind your friends to get enrolled! AND NEW THIS YEAR you can stop in and pay by credit card OR call one of our staff to enter a credit card over the phone. Yay, slow progress!!

Please note, the Extension Office will be closed on December 24 through 28th for the holiday break. December is shaping up to be a busy month for staff, so take a look at the calendar at the end of this issue to see when we are out of the office.

See you all in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Sheri and Kathleen



4-H Member(s) of the Month: 4-H Ambassadors

This month we are pleased to recognize our new brave 4-H
Ambassadors who applied this fall to serve as a 4-H Ambassador for the
coming year. They include: Truly Fehrle of the Blue Ribbon Livestock 4H Club, Mary Schloss of the Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club, Patrick
Schloss of the Blue Ribbon Livestock Club, Nolan Godek of the Double L
Llama 4-H Club, and Mitchell Godek of the Double L Llama 4-H Club.
Bethany Plennert, Elena Hoerauf, and Rhea Waycaster are returning for
another year as an Ambassador. As an Ambassador, these teens serve
our 4-H program by traveling to local events to help promote 4-H, jump

in to help out with the 4-H Youth Show, and help us run the 4-H Recognition Program. Keep up the great work teens, and we are very glad to have you on board this year!

4-H Club of the Month: 4-H Service Club

The Washtenaw County 4-H Service Club has been in existence for many years and works each year to raise thousands of dollars which are typically put toward the many trips and scholarships for 4-H participants, as well as to help cover the cost of chaperones for 4-H Exploration Days each summer. This group supports the county recognition program awards as well, and helps to make our county 4-H program possible. Most members have been steadfast over the years with a few new members in recent years. This group is always looking for new involvement from families who have members aging out but who may still want to be involved. They usually have one annual meeting in the fall, and regroup again as the 4-H Youth Show approaches. Current officers are President: Ruth Broesamle, Secretary: Elaine Masters, Treasurer: Sue Weidmayer. If you see any of these folks around, please tell them thank you for their work, and ask them how you can help!

4-H Volunteer of the Month: Doug Lewis

Doug Lewis has been a 4-H leader for a whole lot of years now, and started as a horse club leader as coordinating leader of the Calico Kids 4-H club. He is our volunteer of the month this month because we wanted to recognize him for stepping up and serving in many state roles to support Michigan 4-H in recent years. This past year he was even the president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation! He just finished that role and we are grateful to him for representing Washtenaw County in this way. He also just received the Key Partner award from MSU Extension for all of his dedication to growing 4-H programs and making the best better. Check out this article to learn more about his award:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/volunteer-receives-the-michigan-state-university-extension-2018-key-partner-award. He exemplifies the idea that 4-H is about more than competing, it is about building community, getting involved, stepping up to help when help is needed be it as a truck driver to pick up a huge load of 4-H Christmas trees, or serving as president of a board. If you ever want to get involved at a local, regional, state, or even national level, ask Doug how it works. He has a lot of information to share!



SafeSitter™ Babysitter training scheduled

Saturday, 12/15/2018, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm \$60, Because You Care...Prepare! Safe Sitter® prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Students learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who's choking, and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use infant and toddler CPR manikins to practice choking rescue! Bring snacks, lunch, and drinks for the day. Class held at on St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Campus in Atrium Conference Room A & B. Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/yaf373rq or Contact Autumn for more info at 734-593-6269.

Please add 4-H Marketing Opportunities to our list

A new county 4-H database of area events is being created for and by you! Families, leaders, really anyone can visit this link: https://goo.gl/forms/PwnX9ueWGuhOgGbJ2 to share any events coming up in the coming year that may happen in your community or area. This includes school open houses, festivals, resource fairs, etc. (Vague details are invited and welcome!! You can fill in more details later.) Once we have this list, we will publicize the upcoming opportunities to see what individuals or clubs are able to host a 4-H information table during the event. This is great practice for becoming a 4-H Ambassador! We will create 4-H publicity kits to be borrowed from our office with handouts and other needed items for these events. Thanks for your help with this exciting new marketing project!

4-H Goes to UM Basketball Game!

Attention University of Michigan basketball fans! UofM Athletics has invited Michigan 4-H to attend a men's basketball game over the school holiday break, on December 30, 2018 (U of M v. Binghamton). 4-H's discounted tickets are only \$10 but will go fast! The first 20 youth (6th grade or younger) who purchase tickets are invited to stand on the court with the team during the pre-game singing of the National Anthem, and will get a free T-shirt! Tickets make great gifts! (Non-4-H friends and family are welcome to attend also!) Ticket purchase link here: https://fevo.me/2QXgrwD Contact Andrew Snyderman at UM Athletics office (734-615-7900) with any specific event questions.

4-H Youth Officer Training January 4th

On January 4th from 10:00-2:00 we will be hosting an officer training for 4-H Youth and Adults to attend. This is open to all 4-H youth and adults. You do not have to hold an officer position to attend. We will be conducting some parliamentary procedure training encompassing the importance of adult and youth partnerships. We will be providing lunch. To learn more or to RSVP reach out to Kathleen at nogglek1@msu.edu

Advisory Council Tree Sale

The remaining dates of the annual 4-H Advisory Council Tree Sale will be December: 1 and 2. The sale will be held at the Farm Council Grounds Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm, or until trees run out. This great event supports Washtenaw County 4-H in many ways! Funds raised support Advisory Council activities, including: food and decorations for the annual recognition banquet, window decorating contest, senior scholarships, Kettunen scholarships, Exploration Day scholarships and general 4-H activities. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this great event please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949A5AC2EA2F49-2018 Don't forget to tell your friends to swing by and support 4-H!

Webb Harwood Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any college student (any year) attending a Michigan institution. This is meant for students who were involved in 4-H. This scholarship allows for one scholarship per person for each year of undergrad (up to 4 years), and possible graduate work. Amounts of scholarships vary.

Applications are due January 6th to MSUE/Washtenaw County. Contact the office for the application.

Embryology Training to be Held January 16th

On January 16th Washtenaw County will be hosting an embryology training and workshop open to 4-h staff, volunteers, leaders, and even to teachers. We will learn how to properly incubate eggs, utilize best practices for embryology and youth development, and be able to use this program in our community. This will be held at the Washtenaw Extension Office on Zeeb Road in the downstairs classroom. This training will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, so if you would like to attend, you may need to request a personal day. Teachers: you can use this as a professional development opportunity! Here is the link to register: https://events.anr.msu.edu/WashtenawEmbryology2019/

Project RED Dates Set, Volunteers needed

Project Rural Education Days will again be held in mid-April, this year from Tuesday April 16 to Thursday, April 18 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Volunteers will be needed for tree wrapping, animal exhibits, tour guides, commodity displays, and other educational exhibits. Contact Kellie to be put on the volunteer list. Thousands of 3rd graders across the county enjoy this event each year, and it takes many hands to pull the event together. Don't miss out on this wonderful community event. Thanks for your help!

HORSE NEWS AND UPDATES



Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association

The Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association is open to ALL 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who are active or interested in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project. The Horse Association is responsible for handling many of the decisions regarding horses for the Youth Show. At their last meeting, members discussed the Tack Sale taking place February 24; Spring Round Up being held May 19, with a gymkana clinic being May 18; and people signed up for various committees. The group meets every month (except December) on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. So, the Horse Association will be meeting on January 22 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office.

Horse Protégé News

The Protégé program is available to 4-H cloverbuds who are interested in learning how to show and take care of horses. We are still seeking more mentors! Mentors are matched with a protégé and will teach them how to safely work with horses. The next Protégé meeting will be January 2nd from 10:00-12:00. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a mentor please reach out to the Protégé leader, Abbie-Jo Wilcox at wilcox.abbiejo@gmail.com.

Tack Sale Date is Set!

The Horse and Pony Association Tack Sale is booked for February 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Reservations and payments will be due February 1st. This year 10x10 spaces will be sold for \$35 to non 4-Hers and \$25 to 4-Hers. Tables will be \$5 for non 4-Hers and free to 4-Hers. All of the proceeds from the tack sale will go to the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Program.

Spring Round-Up Dates Set

This year Spring Round-Up will be a weekend affair! On Saturday May 18th there will be a gymkhana clinic and on Sunday, May 19th there will be the actual SRU open show. More information will be coming, but mark your calendars for these great opportunities!

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY NEWS



Livestock and Dairy Committee

The Livestock and Dairy Committee is open to ALL 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who are active or interested in sheep, swine, beef cattle, and dairy cattle 4-H projects. The Livestock and Dairy Committee is responsible for making many decisions related to the Youth Show. This includes Youth Show book changes, weigh-in, and planning for the Youth Show itself. This Committee meets every

other month, on the second Thursday of even months at 7:00 PM. So their next meeting will be December 13 at the Extension Office.

Currently Seeking Sheep Superintendents

We are still in the need of 2 sheep superintendents for 2019. For this role, you would be responsible for weighing and tagging in lambs at the spring weigh in (May 4th), organizing the sheep show, and understanding the sheep rules in the Youth Show book. If you are interested in applying please reach out to Kathleen, nogglek1@msu.edu, for an application.

Interested in Livestock Judging?

We are hoping to start up Livestock Judging practices after the first of the year and are looking for more members for our team! Livestock Judging consists of evaluating sheep, hogs, beef cattle, and goats in classes of 4 animals. Animals are ranked 1-4 and some of the classes you are able to talk to a judge to give them "reasons" why you placed the class that way. This is a great way to improve your selection decisions for your own livestock purchases. This is also a great way to further develop your public speaking skills. If you are interested please contact Matthew Noggle at <a href="mathematical-matthematical-mathema

Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices Set

The next Dairy Quiz Bowl will be meeting on Monday, December 17. We will meet at 7:00 pm at Horning Farms in Manchester. We will be learning various facts about dairy science and dairy production to prepare for the statewide dairy quiz bowl competition in July. Ages 9 to 19 are welcome! If you are interested come check out this kick off meeting! Contact Katelyn Packard if you are interested or have any questions, klhorning14@gmail.com or 734-367-3147.

Weigh In Dates Set

Weigh in dates for 2019 are set! Beef weigh in and tagging will be March 2nd from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and all others will weigh/tag in on May 4th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Weigh in will continue to be held at the Farm Council Grounds.

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

Small Animal Committee

The Small Animal Committee is seeking more involvement! This group is open to any youth, parents, or volunteers who are active or interested in goat, llama, poultry, rabbit, dog, cat, cavy, or pocket pet 4-H projects. This group works very hard on planning for the Youth Show, arranging small animal related workshops, and recruiting new 4-H members. At their last meeting, the group voted to approve Youth Show book changes, and new educational opportunities coming up. The Small Animal Committee meets every other month on the 4th Tuesday of odd months at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. Their next meeting will be held January 22 at 6:30 PM.

Cat Workshop Scheduled

On Saturday, December 29th there will be a 4-H Cat Workshop held at Ann Arbor Cat Clinic (3690 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI) beginning at 3:00 PM. This workshop will cover cat husbandry, health issues, and cat showmanship techniques. Feline vets and judges will be conducting this workshop. This is a great time to start working with your cats! To learn more reach out to our Cat Superintendent, Molly Avery, at whippet99@yahoo.com.



Seeking Small Animal Mentors

Are you excited about pocket pets, guinea pigs, rabbits, or poultry? Then we need you! We are looking for teens 13 years an older to help start a new mentoring program for small animals. If you are interested in helping to mentor a younger 4-H member in one of these breed classes, please contact Rhea W. at (rhealmw57@gmail.com) or Kathleen Noggle at (nogglek1@anr.msu.edu).

STILL PROJECT UPDATES

Still Projects Committee Meeting Schedule

The 4-H Still Projects committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each ODD month at 6:30 at the MSUE offices (probably in the lunchroom,) with the next meeting set for January 22. This committee is made up of any aged 4-H member or leader who participates in still projects at the 4-H Youth Show. That means you! Please join in the discussion to make our 4-H event even better! Join us! Feel free to contact Sheri if you want to attend a meeting but have any questions. montoyes@msu.edu or 734-222-3905. Highlights of the last meeting are a new contest called "See it Sprout" where instead of growing seeds like on past years, youth are encouraged to find a fun seed or cutting from around your house or kitchen and try to grow it! Avocado pit? Pineapple top? Potato? Sweet potato? Etc!!! Can you sprout a banana seed? Try whatever you want and bring a plant to the 2019 4-H Youth Show! Feel free to try to start now, and have fun!

Winter 4-H Still Projects Workshop

The 4-H Still Projects committee is planning a super fun winter workshop on Feb. 23 from about 9-12 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. We are still in need of a few awesome project leaders and super fun ideas for the many workshops we plan to offer. No reasonable idea refused! Talented teens and inspiring adults are both welcome to share their creative skills in these roles. (Teens, this also counts as community service!) Please reach out to Sheri Montoye, Jean Martin (Country Expressions), or Bev Hoerauf (Paint Creek) by December 14 if you have ideas or are interested in teaching.

REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

2019 State Award applications now available

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June, where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO and is due Feb. 1, 2019. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu. INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WORKSHOPS IF APPLICABLE.

4-H Day at the Breslin 2019

Free tickets will be available starting Dec. 3 from your county MSU Extension office for the 2019 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with

4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the University of Michigan Wolverines on Sunday, Feb. 24 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with the game beginning at 2 p.m. Make sure to come early to engage in the activities set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events and to mingle with other Michigan 4-H'ers. Wear your MSU Extension or 4-H green and white apparel to show your 4-H support!

Learn more at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.



State Calendar of Events

December 10: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4-h embryology staff teacher and volunteer training-kent county

December 11: Michigan 4-H Upper Peninsula Treasurer's Training

Online Webinar

Learn more about the importance of a treasurer's role in 4-H clubs while exploring how to effectively manage money.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h up treasurers training 12 11

December 12: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Sandusky

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4-h embryology staff teacher and volunteer training-sanilac county

December 23: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

The Detroit Lions would like to invite all 4-H members, families and friends out to a Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions

December 28 - Jan. 1: 4-H Camp Kidwell Winter Camp

4-H Camp Kidwell, Bloomingdale

Spend time during winter break enjoying yourself at winter camp. Options for both day camp sessions and overnight camping!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_camp_kidwell_winter_camp

January 10-13: National Youth Agri-Science Summit

4-H National Conference Center, Washington, D.C.

Registration is now open until December 14 for the conference. This opportunity provides high school students to explore how their science interests tie in with a career in agriculture.

https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=8F53F1F013185F9F

January 12: 4-H Beef & Market Dairy Workshop

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This workshop will cover beef and market dairy nutrition and showmanship. Lunch will be provided. To learn more contact Glenda Weiss at weissgle@msu.edu.

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

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January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

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January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one day event is open to Michigan 4-H members ages 8 to 19. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019 state 4-h rabbit and cavy show

Save the Date!

February 2-3: 4-H Winterfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Registration is now open! Spaces are limited, so if you are interested contact Renee Carroll at carro188@msu.edu ASAP! Attendees will spend 2 days learning about all sorts of different project areas while meeting youth from across the state. Visit the winterfest page to learn more http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4 h winterfest16

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

Breslin Center, East Lansing

Join us for the 14th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game against the University of Michigan Wolverines.

http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin

WASHTENAW 4-H CALENDAR

December

- 4 Spartan Experience Training 4-H Staff out of the office
- 6 MAE4HYS Meeting 4-H Staff out of the office
- 10 Washtenaw Farm Council 7:30 PM
- 11 District 12 Work Day 4-H Staff out of the office
- 11 Horse Board 6:30 PM
- 13 Livestock and Dairy Committee 7:00 PM
- 20 MSU Extension District 12 Staff Meeting Extension Office Closed
- 21 4-H Staff Calendar Planning Day 4-H Staff out of the office
- 24 Christmas Eve Extension Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Holiday Extension Office Closed
- 30 4-H Day at the University of Michigan Basketball Game
- 31 New Year's Holiday Extension Office Closed

January

- 1 New Year's Holiday Extension Office Closed
- 4 4-H Youth Officer Training 10:00-2:00 PM
- 8 Horse Board 6:30 PM
- 10 Buyers Buffet 7:00 PM
- 11-13 Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Conference Grand Rapids
- 14 Washtenaw Farm Council 7:30 PM
- 16 4-H Embryology Training 10:00-3:00
- 17 Livestock and Dairy Board 6:00 PM
- 17 Youth Show Leadership Team 7:00 PM
- 22 Small Animal Committee 6:30 PM
- 22 Horse Association 7:00 PM
- 25 4-H Staff Calendar Planning Day 4-H Staff out of the office

February

- 11 Washtenaw Farm Council 7:30 PM
- 12 Horse Board 6:30 PM
- 14 JR Livestock 6:00 PM
- 14 Livestock and Dairy Committee 7:00 PM
- 22 4-H Staff Calendar Work Day 4-H Staff out of the office
- 23 Still Project Winter Workshop
- 24 4-H Horse & Pony Tack Sale

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STATEWIDE 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4 h