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Dear 4-H Families,

Tick-tock! Time is moving quickly now! Registration for the 4-H Youth Show is closed, various 4-H Youth Show assignments are being made, and the excitement is mounting!

Don't forget, if you were a recipient of a traveling trophy of any kind during last year's Youth Show, please return it to our office ASAP and no later than July 16. Also, remember to contact past buyers and potential new buyers and invite them to the auction on Thursday of the Youth Show. A printable flyer is available on the online and at the office.

We do still need 4-H office volunteers all week, Herdsmanship judges, and a few more Service Club Food Booth helpers (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094cacac2e5-4hservice2>). Anyone who has received a Service Club Scholarship this past year is required to work a shift in the kitchen. Contact Kellie or visit the Service Club Food Booth link above to sign up for these many jobs.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with various projects. More information is available further on, but we really need help with Barn Security, show ring gate repairs on July 11, sinking fence posts for the new horse arena, and more for the Youth Show! Please let Kathleen know ASAP if you can help with any of these things!

Please read all upcoming emails or newsletter information so you know as much as possible for the 2018 4-H Youth Show!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Noggle

4-H SPOTLIGHT



4-H Member of the Month: Luke Blumenauer, Joel Basar, and Rhea Waycaster

We would like to extend a warm congratulations and a big pat on the back to Luke Blumenauer, Joel Basar, and Rhea Waycaster for applying for a State Award and all being finalists in their respective categories. Lee completed an application and interview for Senior Beef Science and was a finalist in his division. Joel completed an application and interview for Senior STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and was the winner for his division. Joel's award area was actually sponsored by the Washtenaw 4-H Livestock and Dairy Committee. It was really special that a Washtenaw 4-Her won in a category that a Washtenaw group sponsored! Rhea completed an application for Junior Poultry Science and was the winner for her division. All of these 4-Hers worked extremely hard to get to this point. Going through the State Award process is not easy, but we are so happy to have had three delegates this year. We hope to have even more Washtenaw County representatives next year!

WASHTENAW 4-H NEWS

Cloverbud Camp – Still Accepting Cloverbuds!

Cloverbud Camp 2019 is July 9-11 from 9:30a-12:30p at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) will play games with their counselors, make new friends, eat healthy snacks, learn more about 4-H and the 4-H pledge and new this year, will work on three different crafts they can show at the Youth Show. Visit the website for the camp registration and more information or contact Kathleen or Kellie with questions.



Archery Program Continuing

The Washtenaw County 4-H Target Archery Club are continuing on Tuesday evenings through July 16th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds from 6-8 p.m. Youth 7 years old to 19 years old are welcome. No equipment is necessary to participate, but you may bring your own if you wish. Recurve, longbow, and compound bow under a 55 lb. draw weight are permitted. Additionally, a finger tab and arm guard is required. A \$1.00 project fee is required for each session. Please contact the 4-H office at 734-997-1678 for more information. Dates the program will be in session (and any holidays/skipped dates) will be announced at trainings.

Scholarships available

Several College Scholarships are available now. Contact Sheri or Kellie for details. Deadlines are as listed below and will continue to be updated as we are able. Please remember that if you need recommendations from adults in your life, they often need at least a few days to provide that support. Leave yourself plenty of time for a quality application as well. Check the application for where they are to be mailed.

July 15	4-H Poultry Scholarship
September 6	4-H Advisory Council and Service Club Scholarship
August 18	Michigan State Fair LLC https://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/scholarship-programs
October 1 *	Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) – www.mifairs.com

Calling all Washtenaw County 4-H Teens!

Are you interested in traveling to another state? Meeting new people? Seeing different parts of the country? Having an amazing time?

The **Washtenaw County 4-H Exchange Group** may be for you!

Who? Youth 13 & up (in 4-H years, as of 1/1/20) are encouraged to join.

What? The Exchange Group is a two-year commitment. We usually travel the first summer and host the following. The group for the 2020-2021 rotation is forming now.

When? We generally host/travel the last week of June for six to eight days.

Where? Depends on what state we choose!

How? Almost all the money we need is raised by working a concession stand at both U-M Football and Men's Basketball home games. We have also scooped ice cream at the Chelsea Fair. Participation will commence in August, 2019.

Washtenaw County resurrected the exchange program in 2012. Since then, we have traveled to and hosted youth from Texas, Kansas, Oregon and, most recently, Colorado.

When we host, what we do varies some but typically we take a tour bus to Mackinac Island and take a carriage tour, see Arch Rock, the Butterfly House, Fort Mackinac and spend some time exploring on our own. From there, we travel over to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore where we climb some and take a driving tour. We ride a dune buggy at Silver Lake along beautiful Lake Michigan. We spend two nights "up north." We also take a bus and spend a day at Cedar Point, the Roller Coaster Capital of the World. We go to The Henry Ford and tour the Ford Rouge Plant, where the F-150s are made and have the option of visiting both Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford Museum. We have two family dinner nights and have a local day when we might do things like: pick blueberries at Kapnick Orchard, tour the Jiffy Mix factory, tour a sawmill, get ice cream, play miniature golf, go canoeing on the Huron River, or tour Horning's dairy farm.

If you have questions about the exchange group or want to join –

Please contact Emma Rose. emma.rose1324@yahoo.com

YOUTH SHOW

Overnight Barn Supervision Important Updates

This year, there will be no overnight stays in the animal barns at the Youth Show. In the past couple of months, Michigan State University has updated their rules regarding youth staying overnight at various activities. With the new rules that were put into place, this makes it too complicated to allow for overnight barn supervision. However, we are looking for more adult volunteers who are willing to take on a Barn Security role. Duties for Barn Security are taking a shift at night to walk through the barns and do overall animal well-being checks. Kathleen will go over the nightly routine with the volunteers. There will also be an Emergency Contact list in the event of an animal health, or escape emergency. Folks with some sort of livestock, horse, or small animal knowledge are preferred. Please contact Kathleen ASAP if you are interested/able.

Sponsors

We are still seeking trophy and award sponsors for the 2019 4-H Youth Show! If there is a specific award that you or a local business would like to sponsor let us know ASAP. Many of the awards that still need to be sponsored are primarily for Still Projects and Horses. Other Livestock and Small Animal trophies are available as well, but many are already taken. If you would like to sponsor a trophy or award please contact Emma Rose at rose marg@msu.edu.

Traveling trophies

If you won a traveling trophy or plaque last year at the youth Show, congratulations on your award! It is now time to return these items to the 4-H office. Please return them no later than July 16 so we can assess their status, and polish them up for the next recipient. These trophies mean a lot to the 4-H program, and particularly to the families who donated most of them in memory of a past 4-H participant and family member. Thank you for being a good trophy steward.

Foam Challenge

We will have plenty of foam for 4-H Youth Show (Class 3253) "Foam Challenge" project! Foam is scraps left from making safety products, and is donated by Danmar Products each year. This family company is looking for creative new ways to use their product-making scraps. You could be a new inventor and help keep our landfills less full! Call to make sure we have some when you show up!

Accommodations Available for Youth with Special Needs

If a child has special needs that prevent him/her from participating in classes at the Youth Show independently, please contact the MSU Extension Office to discuss options for assistance. Please provide the child's name and the class numbers in which they are participating.

Start Ordering your Shavings!

Chelsea Lumber in Bridgewater is offering free delivery once again to youth who order shavings through them. They are also offering the cellotex again for the horse stalls in the cement floor barn. To secure your order for shavings place your order with the Bridgewater store no later than July 17th. Their phone number is (734) 429-7062.

Youth Show Volunteers needed from each club

- **Youth Show Project Runners and Project Judging Clerks** for Sunday Still Project Judging (Contact Kellie)
- **Trucks and Drivers needed** - Livestock and Dairy Committee is in need of several trucks/trailers and drivers for early Saturday morning July 28, after Youth Show, to deliver animals to the various processing facilities. Contact Kathleen or Kellie if available and interested.
- **Kitchen help (EVERY CLUB!!)** 7 people needed per shift, both youth and adults are needed. Youth must be at least 13 years old to work in the kitchen. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094cacac2e5-4hservice2> or contact Kellie for more information.
- **Recycling Pick Up** We need more help this year to empty recycling bins at the Youth Show. Once bins are emptied, clubs are able to keep the returnables for their club if desired. Visit this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948afae2caaf49-2019>.
- **Friday Night Gate Cleaning** each club showing any animal(s) in the arena (B) during the week must send the needed volunteers Friday night immediately after Sweepstakes Showmanship (and before any animals can be removed) to quickly and carefully take down, move, clean and stack the show ring panels. Power washers will be provided by Country Expressions. IF at least

one representative from each club who exhibited show animals is present, and if you have one to lend, more are often welcome. Don't let us down! A club check-off/sign-in sheet will be at the announcer's area between the arena (B) and the pig barn (C). There will be jobs for everyone present.

- **Buyers Buffet** during the auction – check with your club leader if your club sells market animals.
- **Wash Rack Duty** – this will be scheduled all week. Clubs will be assigned times.
- **Show Ring Setup** - this will be scheduled all week. Species will be assigned times. (All updated duties can be found on the website at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h/youthshow)

Additional volunteer opportunities include

- **Kids make/take activity tent Thursday 9am-Noon** – older youth and teens to help younger visitor make crafts in the activity tent.
- **4-H Youth Show Office Volunteers Needed** all week (Contact Kellie)
- **Youth Show Building A Guards and 4-H Info table volunteers** Monday-Friday anytime during the day.
- **Herdsmanship Judges Needed** throughout the week (Contact Kellie)

Auction clerks

We need people to assist as clerks during the 4-H Livestock Auction on Thursday evening of the 4-H Youth Show. We are looking for adults who are comfortable with the auction process, and who have good attention to detail. We may also need a helper with knowledge of networked computers. Please let Kellie know if you are interested in helping. Thanks!

Auction Promotion

For youth with a market animal project, it is important to think about your project like a business and ask buyers to attend the auction to purchase your market animals. You can certainly write your own invitation and personally talk to people, but if you don't know where to begin, we have some prepared auction promotional brochures and dinner invitations available at the MSU Extension Office. Think about how to write a nice thank you to past buyers and your 2018 buyer as well. We have a nice bulletin available to help youth write a well-rounded thank you letter – and please write legibly!

Superintendent Meeting Set

On July 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM we will be having our Superintendent meeting at the Farm Council Grounds. Market livestock superintendents will be entering weigh in data into blue ribbon, and all of the ribbons and trophies will be available to be sorted into their boxes.

HORSE NEWS AND UPDATES

Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association

The next 4-H Horse Association meeting is scheduled for **July 10** at 7:00 PM. This will be a mandatory meeting. At this meeting the group will be reviewing Youth Show duties, stall assignments, packet stuffing, and many other important tid-bits about the Youth Show.

Volunteers Needed!

The new back ring is already under construction and will be completed for the Youth Show! We have been very fortunate to have received



donations in terms of the excavation, cedar fence posts, and swinging gates for the arena. After the excavation and dirt work is finished in the arena, we are going to need several volunteers who are willing to help sink the fence posts around the perimeter of the arena. This needs to happen before the Youth Show, but dates are up for discussion at this point. If you are able to help with this project please contact Kathleen at nogglek1@msu.edu.

State Show and Delegate Packets

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held August 16-18 this year. You must be at least 13 by January 1, 2019 if you are interested in competing. The Application is online here: https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h/general-4-h-information. Packets are also available for pickup at the Extension Office. Once you fill out your packet we request that they be turned in along with the registration form and entry fee to the Extension Office by **July 5**. No late packets will be accepted. **Please Note:** Our office will be closed on July 5, so you may either mail them, or put them in the envelope on the front door to the office on the 5th.

Mini Horse Liberty

For any youth showing a Miniature Horse or Pony: appropriate music for the Liberty class will be due to the Horse Board by July 9th for screening. Liberty helpers must be 13 years or older (as of January 1st). Any jumps for the minis can either be brought to the Thursday, 7/18 or Saturday, 7/20 setups.

Club Biographies and Senior Rides

Please bring your club biography to the next Horse Association meeting on July 10. This will be read off at the Youth Show and we love to hear about each and every club and how they got their start! Also, we need an official count of how many seniors are going to be doing a senior ride at the Youth Show. Please let Kathleen know the number of seniors in your club, or tell us at the next Horse Association meeting.

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY NEWS



Livestock and Dairy Committee

The next Livestock and Dairy Committee meeting is scheduled for July 16 at 7:00 PM at the Farm Council Grounds. There will be a lot of last minute Youth Show information discussed, so this will be a very important meeting to attend.

We Need Some Help!

The silver show ring gates are being repaired! We have been very fortunate to have these gates repaired before the Youth Show, but we need some help with this project! The gates are set to be repaired on July 11 starting at 9:00 AM at the Farm Council Grounds. We need at least 10-15 volunteers. For the project we need volunteers to remove any dirt from the bottoms of the gates where the repair is needed. Also, we will need help to move, and stack the gates as the repairs are completed. We will be providing lunch, but make sure to bring extra water with you because it will be hot! If you are at all able to help with this project please let Kathleen know ASAP at nogglek1@msu.edu.

Lost Ear Tags?

If your market animal has lost its ear tag, don't freak out! We do have extra ear tags available at the Extension Office if one is needed. We do have a form that must be filled out and there must be a witness to sign it (club leader, superintendent, etc.) In addition, if your animal loses its scrapies or RFID tag that should also be replaced, and the same form should be filled out. This way we can keep all of our records up to date!

Dairy Quiz Bowl and Judging Practices Scheduled

The next Dairy Quiz Bowl will be meeting on Sunday, July 14 at 1:00 pm at Horning Farms in Manchester. Dairy Judging practices will also be held on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, July 14 at 2:15 PM at Horning Farms. Contact Katelyn Packard if you are interested or have any questions, klhorning14@gmail.com or 734-367-3147.

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS



Small Animal Committee

The next Small Animal Committee meeting is scheduled for July 16 at 6:30 PM at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The committee will be discussing any last minute Youth Show items, so this will be a very important meeting to attend.

Dog Obedience Practices

4-H Dog obedience and showmanship practices are continuing each Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. There are going to be many changes to the Dog program this year as we are wanting to make it stronger and available for more kiddos to participate. If you can't wait to start working with your pooch and want to get involved reach out to Monique Lasky, dandelion532015@gmail.com.

REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Author: Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension

Animals exhibited at the county fair that will return to their home herds pose a significant biosecurity risk to the animals left at home. Follow these steps after the fair has ended to protect everyone.

Animals that have been exhibited during the county fair are likely near and dear to their exhibitors' hearts. After all, they spent countless hours training and preparing their animal for the show at the fair. We protect them from everything before the show season, but do we give enough thought about what happens when they go home? Each time an animal is taken out of its home environment and exhibited, there is a certain amount of risk for exposure to illness.

Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 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 was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for 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.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Care of animals after the fair is critical. Exhibited animals were exposed to animals from other farms, fairgoers who may not have washed their hands in between various species of animals, and potentially a lot of stress. By following these steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

For more information about fair biosecurity, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity>.

State Calendar of Events

July 9: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series - 4-H Incubation Station

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth

This session will provide an overview of the life cycle and development of chickens and incubator operation in preparation for fair.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-4-h-incubation-station>

July 11: State 4-H/ FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

Participants of this event have the opportunity to enhance their skills in livestock evaluation and improve their communication, decision, and selection skills as well.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest>

July 13: Thumb Dairy Odyssey Days

Oak River Dairy, Sebawaing

This hands-on youth program is for anyone ages 9-19 to come and learn about the dairy industry, explore career opportunities and strengthen skills for other 4-H events.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/thumb-dairy-odyssey-days-july-13>

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

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

This yearly event is open for youth, parents, volunteers, and industry partners to come together in one location to participate in educational contests and networking opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days-and-michigan-dairy-expo>

July 17: Great Dairy Adventure

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing

A fun free event where youth can milk a cow, pet calves, enjoy free dairy events and create fun projects to take home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/great-dairy-adventure>

July 22-25: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This interactive four-day camp will provide opportunities for participants to learn about forestry and increase their understanding of forest ecosystems and how to manage them.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-day-camp>

July 22-25: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fishing Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

This special four-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect the Great Lakes. All campers will receive fishing rod with reel, tackle box, and camp t-shirt!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2019>

Save the Date!

August 2: 4-H Healthy U at MSU

MSU, East Lansing

4-H Healthy U at MSU is a fun hands on learning for youth aged 13 years old and up. Visit the campus of Michigan State University and gain skills that will help you stay healthy now as well as in the future. Cost is \$35 for 4-H members and \$50 for nonmembers. Deadline to register is July 12th.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/HealthyUatMSU/>

August 4-10: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

The 2019 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp is now accepting applications! Designed for youth aged 13 to 15, this program is held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. Campers explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/

November 29-December 3: National 4-H Congress

Atlanta, GA

During 4-H Congress, participants attend workshops about leadership development, character education, agriculture, cultural awareness and diversity education, workforce preparation, environmental stewardship, science and technology literacy, and communication skills development. This is a wonderful leadership and personal growth opportunity for youth.

WASHTENAW 4-H CALENDAR

July

4-5 – Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
5 – Horse State Delegate Packets Due
8 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM – FCG
9-11 – Cloverbud Camp – FCG
9 – Horse Association and packet stuffing
10 – Superintendent Meeting – 6:00-8:00 PM - FCG
16 – Small Animal 6:00, Livestock and Dairy 7:00 - FCG
18 - Barn Set-Up – 5:00 PM – FCG, Horse Association Meeting to Follow
19 – Cavie Show – 6:30 PM - MSUE
20 – Barn Decorating – 9:00-2:00 - FCG
21-26 – Washtenaw 4-H Youth Show (See Youth Show Book for schedule of events)
27 – Haul Out/Clean Up – 8:00 AM - FCG

August

12 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM – FCG
15 – Advisory Council – 7:00 PM
No Committee Meetings this month

September

9 – Washtenaw Farm Council - 7:30 PM – FCG
13 – District 4-H Staff Meeting – 4-H Staff out of the Office
Committee Meetings TBA

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=msu.edu_q1m041it45rpupo2apth9a2htk@group.calendar.google.com

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