



November 2019

Dear 4-H Families,

The first snowflakes have already fallen and we are gearing up for our late fall and winter programs. We each have so much to be thankful for this year, but we would like to thank all of you for your continued dedication and passion for 4-H. Our programs wouldn't be what they are without all of you!

In other news, on November 17 we will be hosting our annual 4-H Recognition at 2:00 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. This is our annual opportunity to recognize youth and adults for their outstanding achievements from the past year. We also will be introducing our 2019-2020 4-H Ambassadors.

Please be sure to also mark your calendars for the first two weekends in December for the annual Advisory Council Tree Sale. All proceeds are used for local 4-H programs. Not only is this a great way to support Washtenaw 4-H, but also serves as an opportunity to remain involved and pitch in a helping hand (more details can be found below).

We hope that youth members and adult volunteers are getting successfully re-enrolled into 4-HOnline. 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. This 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!

As a reminder, the Extension Office will be closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Kathleen will also be leaving for maternity leave at the end of December, so if you need her help with any of your programs please be sure to reach out before December 20.

Read on for more 4-H opportunities.

Sincerely,

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4-H Members of the Month: Lee Blumenauer and Jaycie Brown

This month we would like to spotlight Lee Blumenauer and Jaycie Brown as outstanding Washtenaw 4-H members. Lee and Jaycie have been very active and involved with the Washtenaw 4-H Livestock Judging team over the last several years and have spent a lot of time and dedication to this program. For those who are unfamiliar, livestock judging consists of a physical evaluation of various types of livestock including cattle, sheep, hogs, and goats. Each class contains four animals that the judges must compare against each other and rank in order of 1-4. After ranking each class, some of the classes are chosen for the judges to give a set of oral reasons on. The judges are given a set amount of time to prepare and memorize their reasons, and present them to a panel of judges. The “reasons” are essentially just the explanation as to why they placed the class the way that they did.

Over this past year, Lee and Jaycie spent a lot of time practicing with the local team, and competed at the MSU Block and Bridle Contest in the spring of 2019 as well as the Michigan State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging contest in July. Both of them placed high enough at the state contest to qualify for the National 4-H Livestock Judging Team. To qualify, Lee placed 10th overall and Jaycie placed 8th overall. Along with senior team mates Sydney Masters and Cami Ford, their team placed fourth overall in the contest. The top 25 seniors are invited to work out for the Michigan 4-H teams which represent the state in the national contests. Lee and Jaycie participated in several county fair judging contests this summer to practice and qualify for the teams, including Washtenaw, Jackson, Branch, and Ingham County.

They also both competed at the Michigan State Fair where Lee earned 4th place and Jaycie earned 1st in their age group.

Lee was invited to be on the Michigan 4-H livestock judging team that participated at the Keystone International Youth Livestock Judging Contest in Harrisburg, PA on October 5th and 6th. While in the area they visited Penn State University to practice. Jaycie participated in the Keystone contest in 2018.

Lee and Jaycie both traveled to the Stockman contest in Frankfort, IN on October 19th. They judged 12 classes of beef, sheep, goats and hogs and then answered questions on three classes and gave oral reasons on 4 classes.

Lee and Jaycie also both earned spots on the Michigan 4-H team that will be participating in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest to be held in Louisville, KY on November 19th and 20th. On November 16, 17 and 18 they will stop at various farms along the way to Louisville to workout in preparation for the national contest. The other two state team members are from Shiawassee and Branch counties.

Lee has had a great time being on the team and has met many people along the way. He would encourage others to join. It is a great way to learn how to choose livestock for your own fair and it teaches effective decision making and public speaking skills.

Jaycie has come a long way over the past few years and it is amazing to see how much she has grown in her confidence, knowledge, and passion for this program.

They both have clearly worked so hard, and we are excited to have them represent not only Washtenaw County, but Michigan as they travel across the country to compete.



Advisory Council Meeting November 14

The Washtenaw 4-H Advisory Council is open to any 4-H member, leader, or volunteer who is dedicated to making the Best Better for Washtenaw 4-H programs. This group is responsible for coordinating the annual 4-H tree sale, providing scholarships for 4-H activities, organizing the annual recognition banquet, and much more. If you would like to find more ways to make a difference with Washtenaw 4-H this is a great group to join! They meet every other month (odd months) on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM. Their next meeting is November 14 at 7:00 PM.

Fall Recognition to be held November 17th this year!

We will come together for a program at 2 pm on the afternoon of November 17 to celebrate Washtenaw 4-H youth and adults for their outstanding participation in Washtenaw 4-H during the 2018-2019 year! Anyone interested in helping set-up, please arrive 2 hours prior to the event to help decorate and prepare for the event. These 2 hours will count as community service for your club or for school.

Volunteer Background Checks

MSU Extension is requiring all of its current volunteers to complete background checks annually. A national background check, performed by backgroundcheck.com will help streamline this process for MSU Extension. Please complete your national background check by visiting <https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/JDwo>. This secure link will allow you to complete the process. This year ALL Michigan 4-H Certified Volunteers are required to complete an annual background check by **November 15**. For more information, please reach out to Kathleen.

Advisory Council Tree Sale

The annual 4-H Advisory Council Tree Sale will be held the two weekends following Thanksgiving: November 30, December 1, 7, and 8. The sale will be held at the Farm Council Grounds on each Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and each Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

This great event supports Washtenaw County 4-H in many ways! Funds raised support Advisory Council activities, including: the annual county recognition banquet, National 4-H Week Social Media contest, senior scholarships, Kettunen scholarships, Exploration Day scholarships and general 4-H activities. To sign up as a volunteer for the tree sale please visit this

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0949A5AC2EA2F49-2019>

Fabric and Yarn Available for Pick-Up

We received a generous donation of various colors and types of fabric and yarn intended for 4-H members in Washtenaw County. If you are interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or have a special project you need some fabric or yarn for please stop by the Extension Office! We will have this all available until January, then it will be donated.

Volunteers are Needed for the Novi Pet Expo

4-H is at the **Novi Pet Expo, Friday thru Sunday, 11/15-17 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi!** Come join us at our 4-H Youth Activities Area! There will be NO COST to 4-Hers (4-H staff, parents/volunteers or youth) staffing the booth or presenting educational info/demos etc. This is a

great opportunity to support and promote 4-H! Bring your pet and talk about your 4-H project, watch educational demos and have fun! For complete information about the show please

visit: <https://www.novipetexpo.com/show-info>

If you are interested in working a shift, please sign up

at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BA5A82BA2FE3-20192>

If you or your club would like to present a demo with your pet (including horses!) or need more info, please contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu

4-H Youth Officer Training January 3rd

Mark your calendars for January 4th from 10:00-2:00. We will be hosting an officer training for 4-H Youth and Adults to attend. We will be conducting some parliamentary procedure training encompassing the importance of teamwork. We will be providing lunch. This is open to ANY 4-H member. More details are TBD.

YOUTH SHOW UPDATES

2020 Youth Show Dates

The official 2020 dates for the Washtenaw 4-H Youth Show are set for July 26-31. Please mark your calendars!

Youth Show Leadership Team

The Youth Show Leadership Team is a group comprised of representatives from various 4-H committees (horse, livestock and dairy, small animal, still projects, etc.) as well as other sub-committees including marketing, camping, awards, finance, and others. This group meets every other month on odd months on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in learning more and being more active in the planning that goes into the Youth Show please contact Kathleen at nogglek1@msu.edu or Shasta Grifka at grifkashasta@gmail.com.

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. Also, the Horse Association holds an annual tack sale in the winter and a Spring Round Up show in the spring. The group meets every month on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM. So, the next Horse Association will be meeting on November 26 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. At this meeting we will discuss committee updates, Youth Show Book changes, Adult Board elections, and more. We hope to see you there!



Seeking Adult Horse Board Nominations

Nominations are still open for Adult Horse Board Positions. There are 5 openings this year which include two "Adult Members at Large" (1 year term), two "Barn Superintendents" (2 year term), and Treasurer

(2 year term). If you would like to nominate someone or self-nominate please contact Kathleen Noggle at nogglek1@msu.edu.

Arena Set-Up Thank You

Thank you to all of the 4-H clubs and volunteers who braved the cold on October 27 to help with setting up the new arena at the Farm Council Grounds. The work couldn't have been done without you. There are still a few things that need to be done and more details will be sent out/discussed soon.

Protégé is Gearing Up!

It's time to begin another exciting year of the protégé program. Our first meeting will be Thursday, November 21 from 6:30-7:30 pm at 6316 Scully Road, Dexter 4813). We will be filling out paperwork as well as having a fun educational activity for the proteges. Parents are asked to stay the entire time to learn with their children. If weather permits, we can take a trip out to the barn to see the horses. So PLEASE be prepared with boots, mittens, hats and warm coats. For more information contact Abbie-Jo Wilcox at wilcox.abbiejo@gmail.com.

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, 12 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. See you there!

New 2019-2020 Livestock and Dairy Officers

Youth

President: Mason Trinkle

Vice President: Lee Blumenauer

Secretary: Sydney Masters

Treasurer: Amanda Jedele

Adults

President: Katelyn Packard

Vice President: Donna Jedele

Secretary: Emma Rose

Treasurer: Bev Olberg

Interested in Livestock Judging?

Do you have a passion for raising, evaluating, or showing livestock? You should consider becoming a part of the Washtenaw 4-H Livestock Judging Team! The team is open to 4-Hers 8-19 and tries to meet at least once a month to practice judging livestock in preparation for state contests. The past two years Washtenaw County has had 4-Hers qualify to compete in national contests. The first practice is scheduled for November 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Practice will be held at Chelsea State Bank in Dexter: 7101 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd, Dexter, MI 48130. Contact Matt Noggle to learn more at matnog11@gmail.com.

Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Scheduled

Dairy quiz bowl practice is starting in November. Our first meeting will be Monday, November 18th at Horning Farms. We will start at 6:30pm with pizza for dinner to kick off the year. IF this is something you are interested in reach out to Katelyn Packard to learn more at klhorning14@gmail.com.

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. 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 November 26th at 6:30 PM. Youth Show Book changes will be discussed and approved at this meeting. So, if you are a species Superintendent please have your changes ready for this meeting!

Seeking New Officers!

The small animal committee is also in need of a new treasurer and a junior secretary. If you are interested in either one of these positions, please let Cristie Warren know at (unusual3818@gmail.com).

STILL PROJECT UPDATES



Still Projects Committee Meeting

The 4-H Still Projects Committee has moved their meetings to the 4th Tuesday of even months at 6:30 PM. However, since the 4th Tuesday of December is Christmas eve, their next meeting will be January 21 at 6:30 PM. 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!

REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth. During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GiveGreenDay on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.

Regional Youth Discussion Meet

The 2019 Regional Youth Discussion Meets are open to any high school 4-H and FFA members, dependents of Farm Bureau members or students interested in agriculture.

The Youth Discussion Meet for our region is on November 13. The Registration deadline is November 6. Participating students can win prizes for freely discussing current topics affecting Michigan agriculture, flexing their public speaking skills with peers from across the state. These discussions are not debates, but rather a way to share ideas, identify problems' causes and effects, and evaluate and compare alternative solutions. Participants are challenged to cooperatively share ideas and develop their understanding of the topic at hand.

For more information or to register, visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfp6rzTF-SamPF1j1OXDgpLXICHjI8ISjo0nO1ZK3P6GUHX_Q/viewform

State Calendar of Events

November 9 – Growing Up 2020

Northville, MI

Growing Up 2020 will include three simultaneous, and distinctly different, tracks:

1. for kids 3rd-6th grade (7 fun stations; hands-on, small groups),
 2. teens 7th-12th (2 interactive sessions; self-defense separated by gender),
 3. and the adults who care about them (keynote plus 2 workshops selected from 12 options).
- Professional Development credits will be available.

Registration, and details for the 3 tracks may be found at the website.

www.KidsEmpoweredOnTheMove.org.

November 18 & 21: Career Curriculum Webinars

Virtual

Did you know that 68% of college students report that finding a job after graduation produced a large amount of anxiety for them? Caring adults can help support youth in this area through use of the Build Your Future 4-H curriculum. Adults are invited to attend a free hour-long webinar on either November 18th at 3pm or November 21st at noon to learn about this resource and experience activities. To register, go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/BuildYourFutureWebinar/>

November 30: MAFE Teen Leadership Program (Registration Closes)

Amway Grand, Grand Rapids

The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions is holding a "Teen Program" in conjunction with the 2020 MAFE Conference. This is for youth who are interested in learning more about leadership at their fair and who are between the ages of 13-19. The Teen Program is a hands on training with learning and FUN! Youth will get to know other teens from throughout the state, learn about running an event and how to prepare to engage with the media. This is a FREE opportunity! If you have additional questions about this opportunity, please contact MAFE at mifairs@gmail.com.

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 5: Family Holiday Open house

Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing

This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-openhouse>

Save the Date!

December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

The Detroit Lions are offering one more special group price ticket package for the Dec. 15 football game as a 4-H fundraising opportunity for your county 4-H program. Once again, each ticket purchased includes a \$10 donation back to your county's 4-H program and a special group gift!

4-H Day at the Lions

Detroit Lions vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019

1:00 p.m. kick-off

Ford Field (2000 Brush Street Ford Field, MI 48226)

Learn more and [purchase tickets online](#).

January 6 – Citizenship Washington Focus Registration Closes

Washington, D.C.

2020 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus participants (age 14-19) learn about our nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring of historical sites in Washington, D.C. 4-H CWF is scheduled for June 20-27, 2020. Michigan 4-H CWF Participants will travel by charter bus to Washington D.C. visiting the 911 Memorial in PA and stopping overnight in Gettysburg, PA. While in Gettysburg, youth will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a

licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War. Contact your local Extension Office ASAP to reserve your spot!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/citizenship_washington_focus/

January 17: Michigan Dairy Ambassador Applications Due

Michigan

Any Michigan high school and college students interested in dairy and/or pursuing a career in the dairy industry have until Jan. 17 to apply for the 2020 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program. The program offers dairy communications training to interested applicants. All applicants meeting baseline criteria will be invited to attend a day-long program kickoff on Feb. 7, the second day of the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference (GLRDC). Attendees will be considered 2020 Michigan Dairy Ambassadors and will be equipped with the messaging and practice to effectively communicate with consumers in-person and online. Students interested in applying for the 2020 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program can download an application from www.glrdc.org or contact [Megghan Honke Seidel](mailto:Megghan.Honke@msu.edu) at 517-884-7089. Applications must be submitted electronically to 1glrdc@gmail.com and will be accepted until Jan. 17.

January 25: State Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The information and registration for the 2020 Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show is now available through Events Management. Youth, volunteers and families can now access the event catalog to learn about the show, its rules, registration procedures, and other events that will occur during the day.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E8C183EB9E9A24AE43FB0A4E3882675AFFD622063049DA4C2AA8A032C254326B>

February 1-2: Winterfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

4-H Winterfest is a statewide event for youth ages 8-12. Lots of great hands-on sessions are in the works for this year's event and we look forward to once again filling Kettunen Center with enthusiastic 4-Hers! Registration for this event has historically filled within a matter of hours so we wanted remind you of the dates so you can mark your calendars. Registration is anticipated to open in early December.

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15: 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

WASHTENAW 4-H CALENDAR

November

- 11 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM – FCG
- 12 – Horse Board – 6:30 PM
- 14 – Advisory Council – 7:00 PM
- 17 – 4-H Recognition Program – 2:00 PM – FCG
- 18 – Dairy Quiz Bowl – 6:30 PM – Horning Farms
- 19 – 4-H District Staff Work Day – 4-H Staff Out of the Office
- 19 – Livestock Judging – 6:00 PM – Chelsea State Bank - Dexter
- 21 – Livestock and Dairy Board – 6:30 PM
- 21 – Youth Show Leadership Team – 7:00 PM
- 26 – Small Animal Committee – 6:30 PM
- 26 – Horse Association – 7:00 PM
- 28-29 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Extension Office Closed
- 31 – Advisory Council Tree Sale – FCG

December

- 1, 7, 8 – Advisory Council Tree Sale - FCG
- 9 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM – FCG
- 10 – Horse Board – 6:30 PM
- 12 – JR Livestock – 6:00 PM
- 12 – Livestock and Dairy Committee – 7:00 PM
- 18 – Regional MSU Extension Staff Meeting – Staff Out of the Office
- 20 – Kathleen's last day (Maternity leave January-March)
- 24-25 – Christmas Holiday – Extension Office Closed
- 31 – New Years Eve – Extension Office Closed

January

- 1 – New Years – Extension Office Closed
- 3 – Officer Training – 10:00-2:00
- 9 – Advisory Council – 7:00 PM
- 13 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM – WFCG
- 14 – Horse Board – 6:30 PM
- 16 – Livestock and Dairy Board – 6:30 PM
- 16 – Youth Show Leadership Team – 7:00 PM
- 28 – Small Animal Committee – 6:30 PM
- 28 – Horse Association – 7:00 PM

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