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September 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to another 4-H year!

We are still taking nominations for Leader of the Year, Alumni of the year, and Friend of 4-H awards to be presented in mid-November.

August 31 is the end of the 4-H Fiscal year, so clubs should make sure you have monthly bank statements, and meet with your club officers for your end-of-year wrap-up processes and conversations. If your bank sends statements to our office monthly but you don't have a copy, let Kellie know.

Also, any adults interested in being a certified 4-H volunteer must contact our office to complete the Volunteer Selection Process. Most of the process is now online so it can go faster if you send a completed form.

4-H enrollment for 2018-2019 4-H year begins for everyone on Saturday, September 1. Visit www.4honline.com using the same login email and password from last year. (DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE! Contact a 4-H staff /Kellie if you need help!) Once enrolled, give \$20 to your club leader as soon as possible (Checks written to MSU). Have your health information handy when you begin online registration! Please plan to re-enroll by November 15 to make sure your 4-H membership is not interrupted.

If you need more ways to learn and get involved, check out some of the out-of-county opportunities and events at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/

Read on for more 4-H opportunities.

Sincerely, Sheri and Kathleen

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What is a spotlight?

Each month we will be having a special "spotlight" segment for a 4-H member, club, and volunteer. These will be people who stood out to us in recent months for demonstrating some aspect of our 4-H ideals. Maybe someone new making a big impact on our 4-H program, or someone who has remained involved in 4-H for a long time, or who are helping to grow the program. If you have someone who you would like to suggest for a spotlight, just let us know! And please be patient, there are only 12 months in the year!

4-H Member of the Month: Maggie Finn

Maggie Finn is 18 years old and a member of Silver Spurs 4-H Club. Maggie also just finished her term as President of the Washtenaw 4-H Horse Association. Maggie showed her horse Lainey at the Youth Show this year and was a mentor for her protégé, Cara. Maggie has been in 4-H since she was 8. This past year, Maggie has done an outstanding job as a role model, leader, and steward of the 4-H emblem. Maggie has gone above and beyond anything that was ever asked of her and has always had a smile on her face. Maggie has kept herself as well as others accountable, and has followed through in all of her commitments. Maggie says that her favorite part of 4-H has been making new friends and building relationships with people in the community. In addition to showing her horse in 4-H, she also traveled all around the U.S. showing at American Quarter Horse Shows. Maggie is now attending Auburn University in Alabama and studying Business Administration. Thanks for all of your hard work Maggie!

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

This past year, Bridlespur 4-H Club recognized a need after seeing all the recyclable items in the trash at past 4-H Youth Shows. They reached out to Washtenaw County recycling programs, made the needed contacts and plans, worked with the 4-H Youth Show Leadership Team to share ideas, and then did their best to keep recyclables in the proper bins during the event. In the end their efforts saved 440 pounds of plastic, cardboard, paper and cans this year at the 4-H youth Show, according to Recycle Ann Arbor. We appreciate all of your dedication, Bridlespur!

4-H Volunteer of the Month: Bev Olberg

Bev Olberg has been a 4-H Volunteer for more than 15 years and is the Treasurer for the Livestock and Dairy Committee and Washtenaw Farm Council, and is the Haul Out Superintendent along with her son Kyle. Bev is also heavily involved in the Auction during the 4-H Youth Show. She always helps with preparations, data entry, and post-auction reporting and printing checks. Bev is a key 4-H volunteer and is always such a huge help with the 4-H Youth Show. Thanks for your stewardship to our 4-H programs Bev!

Reminder of upcoming changes to Michigan 4-H Age Policy

The new 4-H programming year is finally here, and with it comes changes to the Michigan 4-H Age Policy. Beginning September 1, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy reflects a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members is 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of

the program year as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5-7.

This policy change has been implemented by MSU Extension after lengthy consultation with early childhood and Michigan 4-H youth development staff, as well as careful consideration of research regarding youth and competition. Furthermore, it moves Michigan 4-H into alignment with counterparts across the country, including National 4-H.

As always, age appropriateness and safety remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H continues to support minimum age limits for certain learning environments that may not be appropriate for children 8 years of age.

For more information on the 4-H Participant Age Policy, visit

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan 4 h participant age policy1. For questions regarding the Cloverbud age, visit

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan 4 h cloverbud frequently asked questions.

WASHTENAW 4-H NEWS



4-H Leader Appreciation Night

If you are a 4-H Project or Administrative Leader for your club we invite you to attend our 2018 Leader Update and Appreciation Night. This will be held on October 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Farm Council Grounds in Building A. We will have dinner available as well as door prizes. We will have a brief information session following dinner. We will be discussing upcoming 2018-2019 activities, reviewing 4-H Financial Guidelines, and answering any 4-H questions you may have. Also, we will be accepting completed annual report documents as well (See below for other annual review dates). If you are planning to attend Leader Appreciation Night, kindly RSVP using this link: https://tinyurl.com/ydxwlu38.

Club Review Time slots Created in Google Calendar

Kathleen and Sheri are holding some time on several upcoming dates and invite you to add yourself to the county 4-H calendar for your 45 minute club review time on one of the available days! This time is also available for us to answer any of your questions about finances, fundraisers, participation fees, etc. We will need all club reviews done a little earlier this year as our state parent organization, MSU, continues to tighten their financial guidelines which we are all required to follow. (That allows you to relax more over the holidays though, so yay!) Dates are September 25, Sept 26, Sept 27, Oct 10, and Oct 11 at various times. Sign up for 2 back to back times if you need more than 45 minutes (not all reviews will take this long). Visit the following live link where you can sign up. 4-H Club Audit Sign-up Calendar.

Ambassador Applications are Available!

Ambassador Applications now available and will be emailed out to eligible teens. If you need a paper copy, or don't see the application, or need a new copy, let us know! Applications are due Monday October 2. Ambassadors are given many fun opportunities to try public speaking, provide leadership to younger members, present awards, and represent 4-H at county and regional events during the year. Teens can serve multiple years as an Ambassador, and new teens are encouraged to apply!

New County 4-H Marketing opportunity!

In an effort to reach new audiences and give clubs and teens an opportunity to increase public speaking and leadership skills, a new database of area events is being created for and by you! Please 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!

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.

September 7 4-H Advisory Council Scholarship

October 1 Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) – <u>www.mifairs.com</u>

Nov 6* Michigan Junior Livestock Society Scholarship (MJLS) – http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com

Also check facebook for updated opportunities. Scholarships often have minor changes so be sure to check the current year qualifications, requirements and application form. *=estimated or still confirming

Fall Recognition to be held November 11th this year!

All are invited to help celebrate youth and adults for their outstanding participation in Washtenaw 4-H during the 2017-2018 year! Teen and youth volunteers are invited to help prepare the creative fall snacks and centerpieces for your Recognition program and learn how to prepare fun, creative snacks for a large group of people! Contact Sheri if you are interested in helping.

4-H Marketplace

Maybe you haven't heard, but we have a Washtenaw County "4-H Marketplace" where anyone is welcome to swap, sell or look for items for sale that may be of interest to 4-H families. Contact Sheri or Kathleen to post an item. Please visit http://washtenaw4hmarket.blogspot.com/ to see what's currently listed.

National 4-H Week Activities

National 4-H week, October 7-13, 2018

This year for National 4-H week we have two opportunities to help promote 4-H in our communities. One is through a social media campaign (In place of the former window display contest), and the second is as table hosts for 4-H paper clover sales at the local Tractor Supply store. Funds raised are divided between our county and National 4-H.

Social Media 4-H Photo Challenge Contest

Washtenaw Advisory Council is starting a 4-H Photo Challenge! Here are the rules:

- Clubs submit a photo by October 1st of the club or representatives (at least one club member in the photo) to Sheri at monoyes@msu.edu.
- Photos will be posted on the Washtenaw County 4-H Facebook page during National 4-H Week
- Photos must include (digitally added or Photoshop onto the photo is okay)
 - o 4-H Clover
 - MSU Extension Office contact number for more information: 734-997-1678
 - The club's name and location (meeting or general location)
 - Contact information for the club, if it's open to new members
- Winners of the contest will be selected based on the number of likes on the photo

National 4-H week and TSC Fall Paper Clover Fundraiser Drive

The Fall 2018 Paper Clover Fundraiser is coming up in October! Have your 4-H Club set up an information table in store during the event to help increase fundraising dollars for teen opportunities in our county. Contact us or the store directly set up a visit with your local store. During the semi-annual event, we invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating \$1 at checkout in stores to contribute to scholarships that send kids in our county to many leadership experiences. A significant portion of any money raised comes back to Washtenaw county 4-H to support leadership development for teens, so if you want to participate in a leadership opportunity and need funds, come and volunteer and help make sure money is here to support you in your future 4-H work!

YOUTH SHOW

4-H Youth Show Thanks you!

We would like to thank the truck loaders and people who hauled livestock to the processors very early Saturday morning after the 4-H Youth Show. This is a much needed role and requires time, gas, wear and tear on trucks and trailers, and we greatly appreciate what you and your families do for the 4-H exhibitors. The following people are recognized for this contribution: Pat Walkowe, John Broesmale, Tim & Cody Wacker, Bob Rasch, Dan Schneider, Darryl Meyer, Kevin Grifka, Charles Hieber, Bryan Trinkle, Kyle Olberg, Rick Olberg, Matt Shane, and Jeff Szpara. If you see them, please share your thanks!

Post-4-H Youth Show Clean-up and the 4-H Motto

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds after our recent 4-H Youth Show. It takes many hands and lots of hours to put chairs back on racks, pile tables on pallets correctly, clean gates, clean out barns, take down signs, pack boxes, collect lost and found, and load trucks. We do also want to remind you that this is YOUR 4-H program, and when we leave jobs undone and decide we have done "enough" and think other people can do the rest, it reflects on our whole program. Please continue to put in 100%, and work hard not to rely on a few hard working families. Feelings can get hurt in these situations, angers can flare, and new 4-H participants will wonder why we are not all living up to the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better." Please continue to positively represent 100+ years of 4-H in the US, and work every day to set great examples to each other as we move into a new 4-H year.

Herdsmanship Winners

Dairy: Saline 4-H Farmers Beef: Backwoods Farmers

Swine: Rogers Corners Herdsman

Poultry: Silver Leaves

Llama: Ann Arbor Llama Lovers Rabbit: Saline 4-H Farmers

Goat: All Around

Sheep: Chelsea Go-Getters Horse, Dirt Floor: Riske Riders

Horse, Cement Floor: Carousel Riders



Youth Show Book Cover Contest

Get YOUR design on the front or back of the 2019 Youth Show book! The front cover will be the first place winner from the 12 and under age group, and the back cover will be the first place winner from the 13+ age group. Determine your age based on January 1, 2019 ("4-H age"). Awards will be given in the amounts of \$15 for first place, \$10 for second place, and \$5 for third place entries in both divisions. Entries are due by mid-November. The date will be announced in the next newsletter pending a 4-H workshop on the subject. Guidelines:

- 1. Please use 8 ½" x 11" white poster board or white heavy paper.
- 2. All designs and lettering must be in black ink and include a ½" border on all sides.
- 3. Each cover must include the show date, the title and your theme:

Show Dates: July 21-26, 2019

Title: 2019 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

Theme: (Your Choice)

4. Name, age, birth date, club, and address of the 4-H member must be printed clearly on the back of the entry.

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 Horse Association will be meeting on October 23 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. At this meeting there will be officer elections, post Youth-Show discussion, and committee assignments. We hope to see you there!



State Horse Show

The State 4-H Horse Show was held in East Lansing on August 17-19.

Washtenaw County was represented by Leah Schwartzenberger, Adelyn Wilcox, Abigail Morris, Veronica Schultz, Katie Tenerowicz, Anna Richards, Michael Schultz, Jessica Schultz, Deidre McCarter, Kailey Lyson, Taylor Schrock, Mya Couch, and Aylssa Couch. We would also like to thank Maureen Richards, Patty Schultz and Diane Tenerowicz for stepping up as volunteers to help with the State Show as well. We will have the official results from the State Show in our next newsletter!

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 October, 11 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. We will be having officer elections and reviewing Youth Show Suggestions. If you are interested in running for office please contact Kathleen at nogglek1@msu.edu. See you there!

Dairy Days Results

Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days was held during the Michigan Dairy Expo July 16-20. Washtenaw County was represented by Harper Jane Adkins, Jacob Bunn, Jared Bunn, Julia Corwin, Cameron Corwin, Ryan Luckhardt, and Katie Polzin. For the Dairy Judging Contest, Jacob Bunn was 5th high individual in the Junior Division. The Junior Team including Jake Bunn, Jared Bunn, and Katie Polzin were 5th Place Team Overall. Jacob and Jared Bunn also were Perfect Scores for Cow Parts. Lastly, for the Dairy Quiz Bowl, the Novice Team including Harper Jane Adkins and delegates from Isabella county were the 2nd Place Team Overall.

If you are interested in learning more about Dairy Judging or Dairy Quiz Bowl reach out to Katelyn Packard at klhorning14@gmail.com.

Buyer's Buffet Meeting Set

There will be a Buyer's Buffet meeting on October 10 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. This meeting is for 2018 Youth Show market animal winners. So if you received Champion or Reserve Champion for market steer, heifer, sheep, swine, beef/dairy feeder, goat, rabbit, chicken/turkey, or eggs (this includes pairs winners) we hope to see you at this meeting. The Buyer's Buffet dinner is for auction buyers and exhibitors of the Youth Show. We need YOU at this meeting to help with planning for the 2019 Buyer's Buffet.

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, Ilama, 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 September 25th at 6:30 PM. They will be electing new officers, reviewing Youth Show suggestions, and begin discussing changes for the 2019 Youth Show. If you are interested in running for office contact Kathleen at nogglek1@msu.edu. See you there!

State 4-H Goat Workshop

circus.

On September 22nd there will be a Youth State 4-H Goat Workshop at the Ionia Fairgrounds. There will be multiple goat related breakout sessions and a goat judging competition. Cost for youth is \$35 and cost for adults to audit is \$20. To register for the workshop visit this link: https://events.anr.msu.edu/goatprojectworkshop/.



STILL PROJECT UPDATES

Still Projects Committee is Making Changes!

Are you crabby with how cake decorating is judged? In a photography posterboard pickle? Found injustices in how lines are formed during judging? Feel like screaming over the salsa contest? Wonder why judging is done on Sunday afternoon? Other issues? All 2019 4-H Youth Show Still-project changes will be made by the Still Projects Committee starting at the Tuesday September 25 at 6:30 pm at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. 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! All changes must be voted on by this committee between September 25 and the December deadline. Join us! Feel free to contact Sheri if you want to attend but have any questions. montoyes@msu.edu or 734-222-3905.

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR

The Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi starts Thursday, 8/30 and runs through Labor Day, Monday, 9/3! The fair includes rides, Shrine Circus, exhibits (livestock, horses, agriculture and home arts), live music & entertainment, shopping, competitions and contests and lots of fair food!

FREE ADMISSION FOR 4-HERS on Thursday, 8/30 - All 4-H youth with proof of membership (member card or lanyard) receive free admission with the purchase of one adult admission. This does not include rides or the

Washtenaw County will be represented by 4-H Youth in multiple different exhibits! If you are interested in visiting the fair or learning more, visit this website: https://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/home.

REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Accepting nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2018, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2018. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond to make the best better.

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:

- · Nomination form found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive event resources
- · Nomination letter
- · Letter of support from county staff

State Calendar of Events

September 13: Completing Your 4-H Groups Annual Financial Report

Online Webinar

Join MSU Extension staff in this online webinar to learn how to complete an Annual Financial Report Summary, required by Michigan State University Extension.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/completing your 4 h groups annual financial report

September 22: Michigan 4-H Goat Project Youth Workshop

Ionia Fairgrounds, Ionia

Learn about parasite management, the digestive system and dairy goat judging at this hands-on workshop. Registration closes September 12.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_michigan_4-h_goat_project_youth_workshop

September 29: 4-H Night at MSU's Observatory

MSU Observatory, East Lansing

Gaze into the sky using MSU's 24 foot reflecting telescope and others. Engage in hands on astronomy-related activities. Preregistration required by September 22.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h night at msus observatory

October 5: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Michigan State University Kelloga Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members (donors of \$25 or more) are invited to attend and vote on items. Major donors to Michigan 4-H from the past fiscal year will also be recognized.

https://mi4hfdtn.org/event/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting/

October 5: Michigan 4-H Emerald Awards

Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Citation Award, Emerald Clover Society, Salute to Excellence and Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award winners will be honored at this event.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h emerald awards

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

Save the Date!

November 17: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Meet others from across the state passionate about creative arts while engaging in hands-on activities that build your creative talent. Registration available in September.

National 4-H Congress

Participate in the 2018 National 4-H Congress November 23 to 27 in Atlanta, Georgia! Michigan 4-H youth ages 14-19 are invited to apply for this leadership, citizenship and community service event. In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. The exact cost will be determined based on the number of delegates and airfare, but will be around \$1500. Fees include registration, hotel, airfare, and most meals. Be sure to check out the website at http://national4-hcongress.com

WASHTENAW 4-H CALENDAR

September

- 3 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 7 Advisory Council Scholarship Due
- 10 County Medal Forms due to Extension Office
- 10 Washtenaw Farm Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 11 Horse Board, 6:30 PM
- 13 Advisory Council Meeting
- 17 Washtenaw Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- 20 Livestock and Dairy Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 25 Small Animal Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

October

- 3 Leader Appreciation Dinner, Farm Council Grounds 6:30 PM
- 8 Washtenaw Farm Council Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9 Horse Board 6:30 PM
- 10 Buyer's Buffet 7:00 PM
- 11 JR Livestock 6:00 PM
- 11 Livestock and Dairy Committee 7:00 PM
- 16-17 Fall Extension Conference Extension Staff out of the office
- 18 Youth Show Leadership Team 7:00 PM
- 23 Horse Association 7:00 PM
- 30 Plan of Work Training for 4-H Staff 4-H Staff out of the office
- 31 Halloween

November

- 11 4-H Recognition 2:00
- 12 Washtenaw Farm Council 7:30 PM
- 13 Horse Board 6:30 PM
- 15 Livestock and Dairy Board 6:00 PM
- 22 Thanksgiving Extension Office Closed
- 23 Extension Office Closed
- 27 Small Animal Committee 6:30 PM
- 27 Horse Association 7:00 PM

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STATEWIDE 4-H CALENDER OF EVENTS

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