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September 4, 2019

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.

4-H enrollment for 2019-2020 4-H year began for everyone on September 1. Visit [www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com) using the same login email and password from last year. (DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE! Contact 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,

Kathleen Noggle

## 4-H SPOTLIGHT

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### Looking for Nominations!

Have you noticed one of your 4-H buddies, volunteers, or your club as a whole going above and beyond their 4-H role? Tell us about it! One of the best parts about being a 4-H staff person is seeing/hearing about all of the great things that all of YOU are doing and we would love to recognize you for it. So, if you think something you or someone you know are doing is cool, tell us about it and we can spotlight you/them here! We are looking to have a spotlight for a member, volunteer, and an entire club each month. Contact Kathleen for more details at [nogglek1@msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu).



## WASHTENAW 4-H NEWS

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### 4-H Leader Appreciation Night

If you are a 4-H Project or Administrative Leader for your club we invite you to attend our 2019 Leader Update and Appreciation Night. This will be held on September 26 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Farm Council Grounds in Building A. We will have dinner available as well as door prizes. We will have an information session following dinner. We will be discussing upcoming 2019-2020 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 to Kathleen by September 16.



### Club Review Time slots Created in Sign-Up Genius

Kathleen is holding some time on several upcoming dates and invites you to add yourself to the county 4-H sign-up genius for your club review time on one of the available days! This time is also available for her to answer any of your questions about finances, fundraisers, participation fees, etc. We will need all club reviews done by the end of October 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!). Please visit the following live link where you can sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44AAAA22A6FE3-volunteer>

### Ambassador Applications are Available!

Ambassador Applications now available! 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 14. Applications can be found here:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw\\_county\\_4\\_h/general-4-h-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h/general-4-h-information)

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!

### Fall Recognition to be held November 17th this year!

All are invited to help celebrate youth and adults for their outstanding participation in Washtenaw 4-H during the 2018-2019 year! The program will start at 2:00 PM in Building A at the Farm Council Grounds. If there are any folks who are willing to help with a craft or table decoration please reach out to Kathleen!

### **Volunteer Background Checks**

MSU Extension is now requiring all of its volunteers to complete background checks annually. A national background check, performed by [backgroundcheck.com](https://business2.backgroundchecks.com/invitation/welcome/JDwo) 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.

### **New Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct**

Volunteers who work with Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs deliver quality educational programs and provide opportunities for youth to thrive while ensuring they are treated with dignity and respect. The Michigan 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct provides the opportunity for volunteers to reaffirm their commitment and dedication to the well-being of young people while making clear the expectations we have for interactions with all participants and staff. The Code of Conduct has been edited for the 2019-2020 4-H year. It has been loaded into 4Honline for volunteers to sign during the reenrollment process starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. While the essence of the code of conduct is the same; the revisions have been made to eliminate confusion and clarify expectations for volunteers. Revisions also reflect MSU expectations. As you re-enroll as a 4-H Volunteer be sure that you read it over since it is a little different this year.

### **Scholarships available**

Several College Scholarships are available now. Contact Kathleen 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 6 - 4-H Advisory Council and Service Club Scholarship

- Don't forget to turn in your application by September 6! This scholarship is for 2020 graduating seniors! Must have participated in Washtenaw 4-H programs.  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw\\_county\\_4\\_h/general-4-h-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/washtenaw/washtenaw_county_4_h/general-4-h-information)

#### October 1 - Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) – [www.mifairs.com](http://www.mifairs.com)

- Each year MAFE awards six (6) scholarships of \$1,000, with one of the scholarships being in memorial of the MSUE family's beloved Neil Kentner. The scholarship is open to high school seniors or applicants who are currently enrolled in an institution of advanced learning. The application deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **National 4-H Week Activities**

### **National 4-H week, October 6-12, 2019**

This year for National 4-H week, we have three opportunities to help promote 4-H in our communities. One is through a social media campaign (In place of the former window display contest), the second is as table hosts for 4-H paper clover sales at the local Tractor Supply store, and the third is to attend the Dexter Farmers Market to promote 4-H.

### **Social Media 4-H Photo Challenge Contest**

Washtenaw Advisory Council is continuing their 4-H Photo Challenge! Here are the rules:

- Clubs submit a photo by Friday, October 4th of the club or representatives (at least one club member in the photo)
- Photo submissions should be made to Kathleen Noggle at [nogglek1@msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu)
- Photos will be posted on the Washtenaw County 4-H Facebook page during National 4-H Week, October 6th to 12th.
- Photos must include (digitally added or Photoshop onto the photo is okay)
  - 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
- Prizes are sponsored by Advisory Council and will be awarded to the top three clubs, in the following amounts
  - 1st - \$125
  - 2nd - \$75
  - 3rd - \$50

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

The Fall 2019 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!

### **4-H at the Dexter Farmers Market**

This year the Dexter Farmers Market is looking to partner with Washtenaw 4-H to increase knowledge of 4-H programs and opportunities as well as their market. We are looking for 4-Hers with friendly critters who would be willing to attend the Tuesday, October 8 market during National 4-H week. We are looking for folks to showcase their animals, as well as talk to market attendees about 4-H and the countless opportunities it provides. Also, if you have any crafts, produce, or other goods you would like to sell at the market you are welcome to do so as well. It is \$5 for a table space. If this is something that interests you please contact Kathleen at [nogglek1@msu.edu](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu).

## **YOUTH SHOW**

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### **2019 Youth Show Cover Contest Results**

This year we had many awesome submissions for the 2019 Cover Contest, which was added as a class at the Youth Show this year. The first place Senior and Junior Submission will have their artwork on the front and back cover of the 2020 Youth Show book. Advisory Council has picked the winners and they are as follows:

#### Senior Division

1. Rhea Warren
2. Emily Moore
3. Kaitlyn Higgins

#### Junior Division

1. Jilliana Bieneman
2. Dominic Mesch
3. Rianne Bieneman

## HORSE NEWS AND UPDATES

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### 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 first Horse Association will be meeting on September 24 at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. At this meeting there will be post Youth-Show discussion, committee assignments, and by-law discussion. We hope to see you there!



## LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY NEWS

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### 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, 10 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](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu). See you there!

## SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

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### 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 September 24th 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](mailto:nogglek1@msu.edu). See you there!

## STILL PROJECT UPDATES

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### **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 2020 4-H Youth Show Still-project changes will be made by the Still Projects Committee starting at the Tuesday September 24 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. 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 24 and the December deadline. Join us!

## REGIONAL AND STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular**

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

### **Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards**

Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit [www.4-h.org/youthinaction](http://www.4-h.org/youthinaction) to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.

## State Calendar of Events

### September 9: Youth Fun with Finances

*Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren*

The free and fun event is open for youth, ages 13-19, to participate and learn about how to save money and earn credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-fun-with-finances>

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### September 17: Monroe 4-H Program Coordinator Vacancy

Applications are due September 17 for the Monroe 4-H Program Coordinator position. Will be responsible for overseeing the 4-H program in Monroe county. View job posting at

<http://careers.msu.edu>, Posting number: 603262.

### September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings

*4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing*

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

### September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_youth\\_leadership\\_global\\_citizenship\\_spectacular1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular1)

## Save the Date!

### October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing*

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

### October 19-20: 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration objectives are for participants to:

- Get energized with lots of new ideas for working with youth in visual arts, crafts, clothing and textile projects.
- Learn how youth can develop life skills by participating in the arts.
- Support and encourage creativity in 4-H projects.



- Discover how leadership, citizenship, entrepreneurship, career development, and science skill development can be a part of your projects.
- Meet and share ideas with 4-H teen and adult volunteers from around the state
- Develop a county plan of action for using the new knowledge and skills back home.

Register by September 22 at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/creativeart19/>

### **October 19 and November 9: Teen “Chopped” Competition**

*Clare and Isabella County, MI*

Do you have interest in learning how to create new food dishes using local ingredients? Not only will you learn about cooking, but also food safety, nutrition and sources of local foods and public speaking. This competition is open to teens ages 13-19 years old. Form your teams now – team consist of 3 or 4 teens. October 19 competition will be held in Clare and November 9 will be held in Isabella County. Email [schunkal@msu.edu](mailto:schunkal@msu.edu) for more information.

### **October 28: State Youth Leadership Council Applications Due**

*Michigan*

Applications for the 2020-2021 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council are open now through October 28. Please see attached flyer or [website](#) for more information.

Link to application: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc19/>

### **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**

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### **September**

6 – Advisory Council Scholarship Due  
 9 – County Award Applications Due  
 9 – Washtenaw Farm Council - 7:30 PM – FCG  
 10 – Horse Board – 6:30 PM  
 12 – Advisory Council – 7:00 PM  
 16 – Washtenaw Farm Bureau Annual Meeting  
 19 – Livestock and Dairy Board Meeting – 6:30 PM  
 19- Youth Show Leadership Team – 7:00 PM  
 24 – Small Animal Committee – 6:30 PM  
 24 – Still Projects Committee – 6:30 PM  
 24 – Horse Association – 7:00 PM  
 26 – 4-H Leader Update and Appreciation Dinner  
 27 – Monthly 4-H Reporting – 4-H Staff Out of Office

### **October**

3 – Regional 4-H Training – 4-H Staff Out of Office  
 8 – Horse Board – 6:30 PM



10 – JR Livestock – 6:00 PM  
10 – Livestock and Dairy Committee – 7:00 PM  
14 – Washtenaw Farm Council – 7:30 PM – FCG  
22 – Horse Association  
28-30 – Fall MSU Extension Conference – Extension Staff Out of Office

## **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  
21 – Livestock and Dairy Board – 6:30 PM  
21 – Youth Show Leadership Team – 7:00 PM  
26 – Small Animal Committee – 6:30 PM  
26 – Still Projects Committee – 6:30 PM  
26 – Horse Association – 7:00 PM  
28-29 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Extension Office Closed

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=msu.edu\\_q1m041it45rpupo2apth9a2htk@group.calendar.google.com](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](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h)