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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Thank you for making the best better at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 4-H Youth Show happen!

A special thank you to our superintendents, Lisa Garcia and Kristie Taylor for running the 4-H Kitchen, Jr. Livestock Members, everyone who helped with set up, tear down, haul out, as clerks and runners, and so much more.

The 4-H Youth Show is only possible because of our amazing volunteers, families, & youth! We are especially thankful to our superintendents for all their hard work before and during the Youth Show.

If you have suggestions on how to make the 4-H Youth Show better and didn't get a chance to put it in the comment box, please send it to Amy or Jenny. We are always looking for volunteers to help champion any changes or new ideas!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Still Projects Committee Meeting

August 26th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

4-H Online Shuts Down

August 31st – September 7th

Superintendent Meeting (Tentative Date)

September 3rd at 6 pm at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

4-H Online Opens for 2025-26 Program Year

September 8th

Advisory Council Meeting

September 11th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Don't Forget to Write Thank Yous!



4-H'ers, please remember to take a few minutes to write any remaining thank you notes to trophy sponsors, ribbon sponsors, buyers and other individuals and businesses you may know of who supported our event in some way. Your words mean a lot to them!

This year we received roughly \$9,800 in sponsorships for the 2025 4-H Youth Show! We want to make sure all these folks get recognized for their contributions.

Not sure how to write a thank you note? Check out [this handout](#) by MSU Extension Educator Laurie Rivetto with tips.

Join the High School Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Team Meeting

Looking for an opportunity for your high school age 4-H'er to improve their public speaking and discussion skills? Join the High School Farm Bureau Discussion Meet Team!

What is a Discussion Meet? Discussion Meet is a unique competition that it is not a debate but strictly a discussion. It is modeled more after a committee meeting and the ability for the competitors to cooperatively discuss a specific topic to come up with solutions. No previous experience is needed to attend the team meetings!

The team will meet approximately 3 times to prepare and discuss before the Region 2 meet in early November. Interested? Please contact Mandy Rogers at rogers3mandy@yahoo.com.

Pictured to the right are 3 of our participants from last year, Stephen Garcia, Harper Jane Adkins, and William Rogers!



4-H Online Annual Roll-Over for New 2025-26 Program Year



August is the end of our program year and families and volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2025-26 program year. On August 31st, the 4-H Online system will shut down and families and volunteers will not be able to log into their accounts. The system will be closed until September 8th when it will open to allow families and volunteers to re-enroll. We will send out email reminders when it reopens to remind everyone to re-enroll. 4-H Club leaders and other members should remind families to re-enroll as soon as possible to continue to get 4-H communications. We don't want anyone to miss any newsletters or important emails.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Washtenaw 4-H County Awards Nominations are LIVE!

It is time again for the annual nominations for County Medals, 4-H Club Spirit Awards, I Dare You Award, Key Club Award, Alumni of the Year, Leader of the Year, and Friend of 4-H Award.

We would like nominations in all areas from EVERY CLUB! There are many worthy people and businesses out there, as well as younger members who could benefit from this recognition. We would also like our youth to think about 4-H leaders who have made an impact in their lives. The Leader of the Year Award can be a 4-H club leader but also can be a superintendent, coach, or other 4-H volunteer. You can find a description of the awards and eligibility [here](#).



We highly encourage you to discuss the county medal opportunity with eligible younger teen members and nominate as many as possible. Their completion of the county medal application alone is a great skill-building opportunity. Youth can also self nominate for County Medal Awards!

Award nominations are due by September 1st. To nominate someone for a county award, please use the Qualtrics survey: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0HuE4ZFTh0rtf38. We also have paper copies of the forms in our office if you would prefer.

Washtenaw County 4-H Superintendent & Leader Meetings



We are looking at dates for our 4-H Superintendent Meeting and our 4-H Leader Meeting in September. We have a tentative date for the 4-H Superintendent Meeting for September 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. We will also be sending out information soon to our 4-H Club Leaders about our annual required club forms. Keep an eye out for more information!

Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship & Harwood Scholarship

We are now accepting [applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship funded by the Advisory Council](#). This scholarship is open to any high school senior graduating in 2026. We will also be releasing the Ada May and Webb Harwood Memorial Scholarship Application at the end of this month. This scholarship is for incoming freshman or higher continuing their education at an accredited institution of high education. When the application is ready, we will send it out through 4-H Online, Facebook, and put it on our website. Questions? Please contact Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at speyerje@msu.edu





4-H Youth Show Results

4-H Youth Show Herdsmanship Winners



Congratulations to the following clubs for winning herdsmanship in the following species. Herdsmanship is judged on the cleanliness of the club's area, their signage, decorations, and their educational exhibits.

- The top club in the Dairy Herdsmanship is Townline Workers 4-H Club
- The top club in Beef Herdsmanship is Final Drive 4-H Club
- The top club in Swine Herdsmanship is Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club
- The top club for Poultry Herdsmanship is S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club
- The top club for Llama Herdsmanship is Ann Arbor Llama Lovers
- The top club for Rabbit Herdsmanship is All Around 4-H Club
- The top club for Goat Herdsmanship is Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club
- The top club for Sheep Herdsmanship is Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club
- The top club for Horse Herdsmanship is Challengers 4-H Club for the Cement Barn and Hooves & Paws 4-H Club for the Dirt Barn

4-H Youth Show Sweepstakes Showmanship Winners 2025

Congratulations to the winners of our 2025 Sweepstakes Showmanship

- **Sweepstakes Showmanship Grand Champion Heidi Fuchs of Final Drive 4-H Club**
- **Sweepstakes Showmanship Reserve Grand Champion Jolene Line of Country Expressions 4-H Club**

And congratulations to all our Sweepstakes Contestants:

- Beef is David Prielipp of Country Expressions 4-H Club, Feeder Calves is Jolene Line of Country Expressions 4-H Club, Sheep is Ruth Schloss of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club, Swine is Heidi Fuchs of Final Drive 4-H Club, Goats is Stephanie Bushey of Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club, Dairy is Lizzie Pantolin of Rogers Corners Herdsmen, Horse is Alexis Couch of Challengers 4-H Club, Dogs is Eric Rice of Townline Workers 4-H Club, Poultry is Sydnee Short of S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club, Rabbits is Andrew Norder of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club, Llamas is Nathan Dubnicki of Double L Llama 4-H Club.

Steven Lewis Memorial Trophy Winners

Congratulations to the Steven Lewis Memorial Trophy Winners! This award is in honor of Steven Lewis and presented by Doug Lewis, Steven's father. It is awarded to the best Horse/rider combination in the opinion of the sponsor of the trophy. Steven and Scout were just a backyard kid and his horse who had a thing for going fast. There were no trainers other than his dad watching. The relationship between horse and rider was natural. This award goes to a gaming pair where gaming matters most in their riding. This year's winner is Olivia Atkins from All Around 4-H Club and runner up is Allison Harms an Independent 4-H'er.





4-H Youth Show Results

4-H Horse and Pony Results

Congratulations to all our Horse & Pony Exhibitors at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Below are some of the placings from the Youth Show. We will have more coming soon!

Trail High Point:

- Senior: Lilly Shultis of Bridlespur 4-H Club
- Intermediate: Peyton Skeans Independent 4-H Member
- Junior: Parker Adashek of Hooves and Paws 4-H Club

Dressage High Point:

- Training Level 3 & 1st Level: Lilly Shultis of Bridlespur 4-H Club
- Intro Level: Bella Nazzaro of Hooves & Paws 4-H Club
- Training Level Test 1: Lilly Shultis of Bridlespur 4-H Club
- Training Level Test 2: Annikah Stalhandske of Revel Wranglers 4-H Club
- Western Intro Test 1: Peyton Skeans Independent 4-H Member
- Western Basic Level 1: Alex White of Hooves & Paws 4-H Club

Mini:

- Honorable Mention: Layla Majeski of Challengers 4-H Club
- Reserve: Lexi Couch of Challengers 4-H Club
- Champion: Mikala Aitchison of Bridlespur 4-H Club

Gymkhana (10-12):

- Honorable Mention: Charlotte Trudeau of Challengers 4-H Club
- Reserve: Brooklyn Freeman Independent 4-H Member
- Champion: Hadley Snyder Independent 4-H Member

Gymkhana (13-15):

- Honorable Mention: Peyton Skeans Independent 4-H Member
- Reserve: Kajsa Kajander Independent 4-H Member
- Champion: Gianna Delbene of Pink Pony 4-H Club

Gymkhana (16-19):

- Honorable Mention: Payton Clanin Independent 4-H Member
- Reserve: Ava Snyder Independent 4-H Member
- Champion: Lexi Couch of Challengers 4-H Club

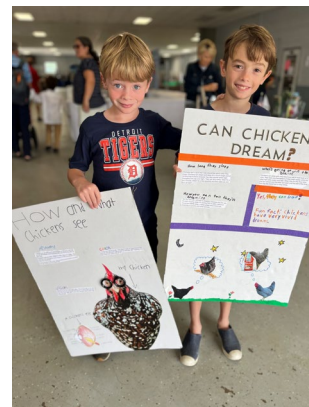


4-H Youth Show Photos





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Have more 4-H Youth Show photos? Send them to Amy or Jenny!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 3

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension * 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the eighth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 3.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 2: Breakfast on the Farm

MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, Lansing

Live in or around Ingham County? Stop by Breakfast on the Farm at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center. The event will include tours of the farm and great food.

www.canr.msu.edu/breakfast_on_the_farm/find_a_breakfast

August 14-17: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show

August 14: Beach Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Celebrate the end of summer at the garden with a day at the beach! Make sand castles, paint shells, play beach games and more. Bring your beach towel and suit and come ready to get wet.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/beach-day

August 18: Adulting 101 - Navigating Life: Addressing and Handling Peer Pressure

Online

This interactive presentation will explore the reality of peer pressure and ways to identify, process, and overcome it, to ensure healthy decision making and positive self-confidence.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-navigating-life

September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress and Deliver with Confidence

Online

Learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism

September 20: Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna, MI

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan. Registration is due by August 31 and spectators are welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Safe food for 4-H events

Food safety is important when hosting food events or fundraisers. A new fact sheet, **Safe Food for 4-H Events**, was created to provide education and resources for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth who are coordinating and participating in 4-H food fundraisers or events. View the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events.

In addition, MSU Extension held a training on food safety best practice guidelines for those who are planning for, preparing and implementing food fundraisers or events. 4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqfes3.

As 4-H families plan fundraisers and other activities throughout the year, remember to review these important resources as a reminder of food safety best practice recommendations.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 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 left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated 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

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

