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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Congratulations to all our Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Exhibitors!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the 4-H Youth Show happen! A special thank you to our superintendents, the 4-H Service Club kitchen volunteers especially Annie Warner, 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, and youth!

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

If you have feedback on the 4-H Youth Show, please complete our survey:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cRPCGkwMxZzFlt8

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Biodiversity Quest

August 19th at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District

Still Projects Committee Meeting

August 22nd at 6:30 pm on Zoom

4-H Online Shut Down

August 31st – September 15th

Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

September 1st

Washtenaw County 4-H County Award Nominations Due

September 1st

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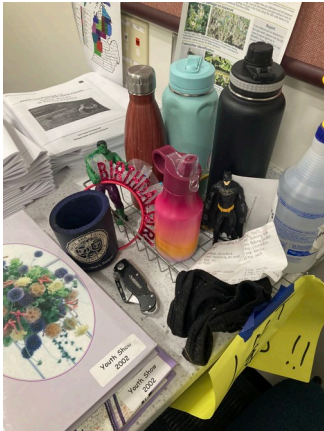
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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Lost & Found from the 4-H Youth Show



We have a few lost items that are looking for their owners in the MSU Extension office. If any of these items are yours, please come pick them up at the MSU Extension Office at 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI between 8 am - 3 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or 9 am - 4 pm on Tuesday or Thursday. You can also call us at 734-997-1678 if you need to pick it up outside those hours. We also have a wheelbarrows, feed, and other odds and ends at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. If you think any of these are your items, please contact us!

We are also looking for 2 missing halters that were misplaced during haul out. One halter is black and teal and the other is lime, black, gray, and white. If you accidently picked these up, the family would greatly appreciate it if you could return them to the MSU Extension Office.

Biodiversity Quest: Saturday, August 19 at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District

Meet us on Saturday August 19th at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District (9585 Roberts Rd. Gregory, Michigan) to check out what is growing in our 3-acre pollinator planting! We will be taking a hike to observe the plants growing, doing a bug hunt, and a fun nature craft!

This event is free and open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 8-19. If you have a younger youth interested in the program, please contact us. We hope to see you there and admire all the hard-work our volunteers did this June!



Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hconservationquest/>

Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship & Harwood Scholarship



We are now accepting [applications for the Washtenaw County 4-H Scholarship funded by the Advisory Council and Service Club](#). This scholarship is open to any high school senior graduating in 2024. 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



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

County Award Nominations Due September 1st

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. You can find the eligibility requirements for each award in the Qualtrics below.



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.

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_6rrkiL8zJbXRruK
We also have paper copies of the forms in our office if you would prefer.

Congratulations to Washtenaw County 4-H Dairy Days Participants



Washtenaw 4-H youth did awesome at Michigan 4-H Dairy Days the week of July 17th- 21st! Here are some of the team highlights:

- 1st place dairy judging team - novice division
- 2nd place dairy judging team - junior division
- 2nd place dairy quiz bowl team - junior division
- 2nd place dairy management team - junior division

There were also many individuals who placed well in the contests!

If you are interested in learning more about dairy cattle, animal science, or dairy farming, this is the group for you! If you are interested reach out to Katelyn Packard to learn more at klhorning14@gmail.com

Reminder: 4-H Online Shut Down and Re-Enrollment for Current 4-H Members

On August 31st, 4-H Online will shut down to prepare for the new program year. Leaders will not be able to pull their rosters for the current year after that date. The system will re-open again on September 15th. If you have youth interested in joining your club, we recommend having them wait until the 15th to join. Please remind current club members they MUST re-enroll every year to stay an active 4-H member. We recommend re-enrolling as soon as possible so you get all of our newsletters and communications.





Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

Sweepstakes Showmanship Finalists and Winners



- Beef is Reid Schneider of Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club
- Feeder Calves is Luke Blumenauer of Country Expressions 4-H Club
- Sheep is Adyson Naebeck of Country Expressions 4-H Club
- Swine is Elyse Latshaw of Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club
- Goats is Rebecca Clark of On Target 4-H Club
- Dairy is Katie Polzin of Saline 4-H Farmer's Club
- Horse is Brooklyn Lyos of Riske Riders
- Dogs is Grace Pantolin of Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club
- Poultry is William Rogers of Saline 4-H Farmers Club
- Rabbits is Sydnee Short of S & L Bauernhof 4-H Club
- Llamas is Ryan Stubbs of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club
- **Our Sweepstakes Showmanship Runner Up is Luke Blumenauer of Country Expressions 4-H Club. Our Sweepstakes Showmanship Winner for 2023 is William Rogers of Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club. Congratulations to you both!**

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Herdsmanship Winners

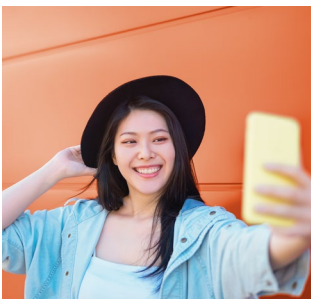
Congratulations to all of the winning clubs for Herdsmanship:

- Dairy Herdsmanship is Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club
- Beef Herdsmanship is Country Expressions 4-H Club
- Swine Herdsmanship is Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club
- Poultry Herdsmanship is Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club
- Llama Herdsmanship is Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club
- Rabbit Herdsmanship is Townline Workers 4-H Club
- Goat Herdsmanship is Saline 4-H Farmers Club
- Sheep Herdsmanship is Townline Workers 4-H Club
- Horse Herdsmanship is Challengers 4-H Club



We are looking for a Herdsmanship Superintendent for next year and if you would be interested in finding judges and compiling the results, we would love to have you! Contact Amy Harris, harri1976@msu.edu for more information.

Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Photos



Do you have photos from the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show? We would love to use your photos in our future promotional materials. If you would like to provide photos, please give us a list of the youth in the photo so we can check for media releases. We can only use photos with signed media releases on file. We would especially love photos of Still Projects as we have very few on file. Please send photos and info to Jenny Speyer, 4-H Program Instructor at speyerje@msu.edu.



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

Join MSU Extension for the sixth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 6.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the Morrill Hall of Agriculture 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.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

As we explore the wonderful world of bubbles we will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

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

August 11: 4-H Children's Garden 30th Birthday Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We will celebrate the garden's pearl birthday with activities and games. We will open the time capsule, eat cake and much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-30th-birthday-party

August 13: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the insect pollinators around you? Join us for prizes, vendors, a bee petting zoo, face painting and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 13: Tri-County Archery Tournament

Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Ypsilanti Township

Archers to the line! 4-H archers aged 9 and up are welcome to meet fellow competitors and test their skill. Registration is due Aug. 6. www.canr.msu.edu/events/tri-county-archery-tournament

August 15: Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles and Pedals, Bellaire

Learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

August 16: Adulting 101 – Eating Healthy on a Budget

Online

Preparing healthy food and staying within your budget does not have to be a challenge. Planning, preparing, and purchasing strategies will be shared so you can stretch your food dollars further.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-8-16

September 16: Festival of the Pines Archery Tournament

Maple Grove Park, Lake City

Archers to the line! 4-H members are invited to meet fellow competitors and test their skill

www.canr.msu.edu/events/festival-of-the-pines-archery-tournament





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 22 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"All of our 4-H'ers across the state are amazing but the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished," said Julie Chapin, state 4-H leader for Michigan and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "They have demonstrated their dedication to improving themselves and their communities through 4-H, service and more."



Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2023 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidl of Menominee County (senior division)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Career Development:** Avery Stallman of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bliesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals.

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

- 8/1/23: **RELAX Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers**
- 8/8/23: **Together We Can: Co-Parenting**
- 8/15/23: **ABC's of Early Literacy**
- 8/22/23: **Screen Time for Children**
- 8/29/23: **Talking With Kids About Race**

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J46cnBPnQLWjDeTk2gs59g#/registration

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

Class dates: Thursdays, August 24, August 31, September 7, September 14, September 21

Class times: 8:00pm-9:30pm EST

Registration: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6XReroOy9fS0mKa

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Building Early Emotional Skills

Are you having trouble with biting, tantrums or the "terrible twos?" Building Early Emotional Skills (BEES) is a four-week class for primary caregivers of children 0-3 that teaches about how young children develop social emotional skills and helps give caregivers skills to deal with the stress of caring for children and help their children develop strong social emotional skills. BEES will help you learn about:

Class dates: August 7, 14, 21, 28

Class times: 8:00-9:30pm EST

Registration: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a3kRYVckbQld1pc

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.edu

In-Person Workshop: Including All of Us

Including All of Us is an intensive training to provide an opportunity for child care professionals to learn about issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in early childhood. Including All of Us includes group content, where early childhood professionals can explore their own beliefs, worldviews and understanding of issues surrounding diversity. Participants learn about ways they can incorporate anti-bias education into their work with young children and create environments of equity for all children. Including All of Us provides an opportunity for teachers to practice self-reflection and develop an awareness that will have a positive impact on their teaching, child care skills, and family interactions.

This in-person, free program is six hours in length and can be taught in one six-hour session or two, three-hour sessions. The program is approved in the MiRegistry system and completion certificates are available.

To schedule a workshop at your location, contact Vivian Washington at washi138@msu.edu



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Early Childhood Professional Development Classes

These free online classes provide professional development training hours for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

Learning to Talk

Class Date: August 17th

Class Time: 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-fWIZlqTu-lkyn9Czibow

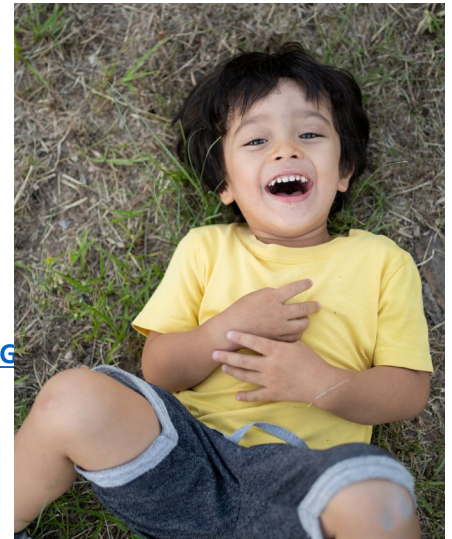
How Children Develop

Class Date: August 25th

Class Time: 1:00PM to 2:30PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VLYBmjHIR-qzBK-PRCn0G

For more information contact Vivian Washington at washi138@msu.edu



Online Self-Paced Classes

These free online classes can be completed on your own at your own pace.

Positive Discipline

Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class has a “parent and caregiver” track and a “professional” track. Certificates of attendance are available for all who take the class and professional development training hours are available for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

Registration: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/positive-discipline-online-course>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Infant Safety

MSU Extension has partnered with the Livingston County Child Abuse Prevention Council to create a self-directed online infant safety course called “Sleeping, Crying, Driving.” This three part course contains videos and interactive content on infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely. A certificate of completion is available for those who need proof of attendance.

Registration: https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/infant-safety/

MI Parenting Resource

This free, online program is meant to support caregivers across the state in strengthening their parent-child relationships and gaining new tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

Registration: <https://miparentingresource.org/>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu