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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Exciting Upcoming Event: Animal Nutrition Clinic: April 17th

Looking to learn more about animal nutrition? Join us on April 17th from 6-8 pm at the MSU Extension Office at 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Cari Althouse and Brady Littlefield from Kalmbach Feeds along with Alex Golin from Napoleon Feed Mill will help you to optimize your animal's nutrition goals!

Choose from either Equine nutrition or Livestock/Small Animal Nutrition!

Register for this exciting workshop!

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

Space is limited so please register early! Questions? Please contact Amy Harris at harr1975@msu.edu or 734-222-3936.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting

April 11th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Animal Nutrition Clinic

April 17th at 6-8 pm at the MSU Extension Office or Zoom

Still Projects Committee Meeting

April 23rd at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Project RED

April 23-25th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

April Weigh In/Tagging

April 27th from 8-11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

Horse Board and Association Meeting

April 30th at 6:30 and 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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Reduced MSU Extension Office Hours



We are currently without a secretary in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office and therefore we have reduced hours. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am – 2 pm. We are closed on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you need to pick something up or drop something off outside of these hours, please contact Amy or Jenny. We recommend calling before coming in just to make sure we are available. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to resume our regular hours soon.

4-H Kitchen Coordinator Needed for Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show

We are in search of a 4-H Kitchen coordinator for the 4-H Kitchen for the 2024 Youth Show! This position could be split into multiple people but requires someone to be on site each day to monitor the kitchen. We would especially appreciate a volunteer(s) who have a background in food service and/or ServSafe certified. Check out the full position description [here](#). **Without a 4-H Kitchen Coordinator, we will be unable to open the 4-H Kitchen during the 2024 Youth Show. This is the only food option available at the Youth Show.** If you know anyone interested, please have them contact, Jenny Speyer, at speyerje@msu.edu or 734-436-1362.



Project RED Volunteers Needed April 22nd, 23rd-25th



Project RED (Rural Education Days) will again be held from Tuesday April 23 to Thursday, April 25th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Set up will take place on the afternoon/evening of April 22nd. The Washtenaw County MSU Extension 4-H Program, the Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee and the Washtenaw Farm Council sponsor this program filled with educational experiences for 3rd grade students. Volunteers are needed for animal exhibits, group leaders, commodity displays, and other educational exhibits. Thousands of 3rd graders across the county enjoy this event each year, and it takes many hands to pull the event together. Don't miss out on a chance to help with this wonderful community event!

Sign up now at: <https://forms.gle/5oEHtihAcQruZ2p49>



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Sign Up Now for 4-H Archery Starting on April 23rd at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

The Washtenaw County 4-H Archery Club will begin meeting on April 23rd at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The club will meet each Tuesday from 6-8 pm until the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. 4-H Archery is open to 4-H youth ages 8-19 years old, but limited to 25 youth, so sign up now. No equipment is necessary to participate, but you may bring your own if you wish. Recurve, long-bow, and compound bow under a 55 lb. draw weight are permitted. Additionally, a finger tab and arm guard. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Speyer.



Register now: <https://forms.gle/oGHBhE6iq3HcSWUq7>

Reminder: May 1st Forms Due for Horse & Pony Exhibitors



If you are planning to show a horse/pony at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show or at State 4-H Horse Events this year, you must declare your horse project by May 1. Exhibitors showing horses at the 4-H Youth Show are also asked to submit a registration fee which supports the cost of ribbons and other supplies, also due by May 1. We will have extended office hours that day to be announced. Horse leaders are encouraged to bring the completed forms to the Horse Association Meeting on April 30th at 7 pm at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office. Stall requests must be presented at the Horse Association Meeting. You can find the May 1st form on our website [here](#). If you have questions about these forms or horse projects, please contact Amy Harris.

Last Chance to Sign Up! Junior Livestock Committee Hoof Trimming Clinic on April 20th

The Junior Livestock Committee will be sponsoring a hoof trimming clinic, April 20th at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds. For those of you who took the survey, thank you for signing up. We will be working with the hoof trimmer to schedule appointments; watch your emails for your time slots. Cost per head is \$30.00, which is payable directly to the hoof trimmer at the end of your appointment. If you are still interested in getting your cattle's hoofs trimmed, please contact Kathy Grau direct at kgrau3437@aol.com or 734-353-0350 ASAP!





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Weigh In and Tagging on April 27th from 8-11 AM

Weigh in and tagging for feeders, market goats, sheep, and swine to be exhibited at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show will be held on April 27th from 8 am – 11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Questions? Contact Amy Harris.



Here are a few reminders about weigh-in/tagging rules:

- ALL cattle must have an RFID tag in their ear before they are transported. If you don't have the ability to tag the animal at home, please bring the RFID tag and tagger with you and we will get it in the ear at tagging.
- Animals MUST be tagged in at the spring weigh-in in order to be shown at the 4-H Youth Show.
- Exhibitors are allowed to tag in up to 4 animals, but can only exhibit 2 at the Youth Show
- All males must be castrated before tagging
- All sheep and goats must have a Scrapies tag or tattoo in order to exhibit at the 4-H Youth Show
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the commercial lamb class must provide a receipt of purchase at weigh in that is within the current market range for feeder lambs for market.
- Lambs cannot exceed 110 pounds at the spring weigh-in
- All market hogs must be tagged at the spring weigh-in, but they will NOT be weighed. Hogs are not allowed to leave the trailer.

Swine Tagging Information for Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Participants

All Swine being shown at exhibitions, including fairs, jackpot shows and other events are required by state law to have an official ID in place. **As the exhibitor you are responsible for having the correct ID. The 4-H office has provided these tags in the past. We do not have any more of these tags, you will be responsible for obtaining the correct ID for your hogs this year.**

The official ID types are as follows: 840 tags or Premise Identification Number or PIN tags.

To obtain official identification: Obtain a Premise Identification Number (PIN) of the farm premises where the pigs are housed. Call MDARD at 888-565-8626.

Purchase official ID tags from the following locations (must provide PIN upon purchase)

United Producers, INC
9534 Chelsea -Manchester Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158
734-428-8352

Napoleon Livestock Commission Company
6810 W Brooklyn Rd.
Napoleon, MI 49261
517-536-4201

840 Tags
(This is one example.
See next page for more)



PIN Tags





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Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show YQCA Information



All market beef and swine exhibitors are required to have an updated YQCA certification before marketing animals at the 4-H Youth Show auction. This certification can be obtained by participating in an online or in-person training. Thanks to a grant from Bayer, this training is provided free of charge to Washtenaw 4-H exhibitors. Please follow the steps below to complete a certification.

1. Contact the MSU Extension Office to obtain a coupon code (optional) to receive the training for free- you will need to specify if you need an online or in-person code.
2. Register through www.yqcaprogram.org – this step is required whether you attend in-person or online!
3. Sign up for your in-person training on the site and/or complete the online training.
4. Be sure to complete the pre-test before you attend an in-person training.

We are offering one opportunity for in-person training at the Washtenaw MSU Extension Office but the date and time have not been scheduled yet. Washtenaw exhibitors are also welcome to attend YQCA trainings in neighboring counties. Those opportunities will be shared as they become available.

Need help registering? Check out this [YQCA Family Guide](#) to help walk you through the registration process.

Sign Up Now for Washtenaw County 4-H Open Arena Riding Practice

Washtenaw County 4-H will have open arena practices at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, 48103, in the main and practice arenas on April 21st, May 5th, and June 29th. Each time block has one available slot for a 4-H club to sign up. If you are independent, please contact Amy Harris. Each club should not take more than one main arena slot per day.

4-H'ers MUST be enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2023-24 program year prior to attending riding practices!

Sign up now:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA9A82BAAF4C43-48239620-washtenaw#/>

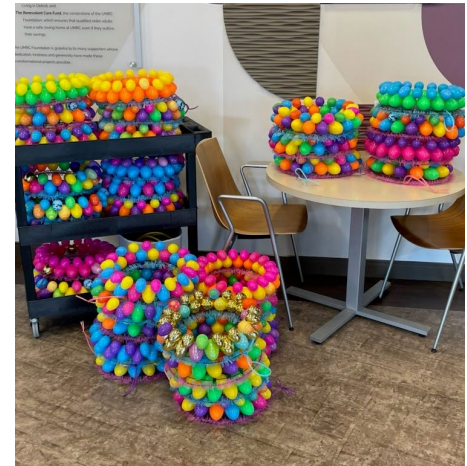




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Junior Livestock Makes Easter Wreaths for Chelsea Seniors

Junior Livestock Members made Easter wreaths for the Chelsea Retirement Community this March. All youth age 12-19 are welcome to join Jr. Livestock. They have a group email that is sent out to inform you of upcoming activities and events; if interested in joining the email chain, email a message to Kathy Grau, kgrau3437@aol.com



Camping at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show



Washtenaw Farm Council will be handling camping registration for the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show this year. Camping will cost \$40 a night and you can contact Kirk Poirier & Kyle Latta at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 734-429-3145 or by email at wfc5500@gmail.com. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly for the number of spaces.

Thank You 4-H Cloverbud Spring Break Camp Helpers!

We had a great time at 4-H Cloverbud Spring Break Camp on March 25-27th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. We explored many different introductory 4-H projects including STEM, rockets, rabbits, poultry, and various still projects. We had 20 youth who attended who are new to 4-H and we hope they will get involved in more of our programs.

We want to especially thank our Teen Counselors, Stephanie Bushey, Lauren and Lillian Harteg, Raiden Kipmiller, Genevieve Peale, Carmella Stuart, and Sophia and Vivienne Turri. Thank you also to 4-H Leader Cheri Harteg for bringing her therapy dog for the Cloverbuds.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



From April 24 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign

April 3: Keeping Your Money Safe

Online

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/keeping-your-money-safe-4-3>

April 10: Adulting 101 Series - Cover Letter and Resume Writing

Online

By attending this workshop, you can start or improve a resume or cover letter. Gain tips and tricks and be ready to apply for that opportunity!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumewriting

April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Working with Cloverbuds

Online

Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and project ideas that work well with this age group. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm

April 27-28: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, Charlevoix

Learn about Mich. 4-H Shooting Sports mission, policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up and more. Registration deadline: April 4.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens

May 8: 4-H and FFA State Meats Judging Contest

East Lansing

By participating, contestants show their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest will include individual and team competition.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024





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Sign up for the Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge!

Starting May 5, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program. Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Miles walked/ran will be collected weekly through a Google form; this form will be sent upon completion of the registration. Each week, the top contestants will be based on the number of miles logged from Sunday to Saturday. Individuals will report their miles by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET. Submissions received later than Sunday by 11:59 p.m. ET will not be eligible for weekly prizes.



Learn more and register at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge>.

Michigan 4-H presents Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Join Michigan 4-H for a fun contest leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Learn how to keep your money safe in this year's sixth annual online contest. Compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>.

Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

New this year, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers hat. Hats are redeemable on gameday in section 332.
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity. Timing and logistics of this opportunity will be released within a month of the game date.



Only tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link are eligible for these exclusive opportunities. This year, tickets will be available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.



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:

- 5/07/2024: NO CLASS
- 5/14/2024: Unlock the Conversation: Gun Safety for Parents
- 5/21/2024: Mindfulness for Children
- 5/28/2024: ABC's of Early Literacy

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YboL-GkQT522eCkEf_qxaQ

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/times: Mondays, April 22,29,May 6,13,20 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm EST

Class dates/times: Wednesdays, May 29,June 5,12,19, 26 from 11:30am-1:00pm EST

Registration: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu

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



Parent Talk System

Do you feel like the children in your care aren't listening to you? Do you find yourself constantly repeating yourself trying to gain compliance? This 6-week series is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. Certificates of attendance are available.

Class dates: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20 from 7:30pm-9:00pm EST

Registration:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bj8nWuROCeXu6vY

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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

