

4-H Information Network



A Washtenaw County 4-H Newsletter for Youth and their Families

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4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAM

On Sunday, January 29, 2012, we will host our annual member and leader Recognition Program. The program will begin at 2 p.m. with refreshments of cookies and popcorn being served. This event will recognize 4-H participants, adult volunteers and Friends of 4-H. The Recognition Program will be held at the Farm Council Grounds on Ann Arbor Saline Road. The 2012 4-H Ambassadors will be introduced. 4-H leaders, members and their families are invited to join us in the celebration. Anyone planning to attend the recognition program is asked to RSVP by calling 734-997-1678 on or before January 18, 2012.

Changes in MSU Extension and 4-H Programs

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) was created in the early 20th century to disseminate the knowledge generated by the University's faculty members to residents in every county to help them improve their lives, families and farms. Today, MSUE's mission remains the same and will continue to maintain its commitment to serving local communities by providing research and science based programs and knowledge applicable to the needs of residents.

In order to maintain the mission in a shrinking economy, MSUE had to undergo organizational changes to remain flexible, adaptable, and responsive but much more economically. While yesterday's Extension educator had to be a generalist with a broad knowledge base, today these professionals have deeper, more specialized responsibilities, yet maintain a network of resources to address the State's most pressing needs. Faculty and staff members work across the state in issue-oriented teams that conduct educational programming that falls within four broad-themed institutes:

- Children and Youth
- Health and Nutrition
- Greening Michigan
- Agriculture and Agribusiness.

Technological advances such as the Internet and webcasts allow them to share information more widely than their predecessors. Though some educators have new responsibilities covering different geographic areas, finding assistance is as easy as turning on a computer, simply visiting <http://people.msue.msu.edu> and entering your location or topic.

MSU Extension 4-H Programming falls within the Children and Youth Institute.

The MSUE Children and Youth Institute will focus their work on four statewide areas:

- Academic success through programs like 4-H that develop life skills; childcare-provider and parenting education; and an enhanced focus on skill development in science, engineering, technology and applied mathematics.

- Leadership and civic engagement through programs that expose youth to the workings of our government at all levels provide leadership opportunities and offer community service experiences.
- Career and workforce preparation through exposure to career options, financial literacy education, entrepreneurial training and career preparation.
- Capacity building for youth skill development through home visits, club programs, planned youth mentoring, after-school and out-of-school programs, technology and caregiver education.

In Washtenaw County, MSUE 4-H is also undergoing organizational change. Beginning in 2012, funding for all 4-H programming positions will be shifted from Washtenaw County to MSU. In the early part of the year, there will be 1.5 FTE 4-H Program Coordinator positions posted on the MSU website at: <http://www.jobs.msu.edu> in which applicants must apply online. Unfortunately, this shift has resulted in the elimination of a county-funded 4-H program coordinator position, held by Cindy Fischer. In light of this, Cindy chose to retire at the end of December, 2011. Elaine Feldkamp will continue to serve as an MSU temporary on-call employee through August in order to assist with the transition. Jackie Martin will continue in her role as an Extension Educator with 4-H responsibilities housed in Washtenaw County, however, her responsibilities will be shifting to more statewide responsibilities focusing on youth leadership development, as well as responsibility for supervising 4-H program coordinators in six counties. Through 2012, Jackie will continue to be available to assist with the transition in Washtenaw County 4-H programs.

The hiring process may take up to ten weeks to complete. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



For Your Information

Washtenaw Farm Council Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Washtenaw Farm Council will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 8 p.m. in building A on the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. This meeting is open to the public, but only members of the Farm Council can vote on annual meeting business items. A member must be enrolled and recorded at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, to be eligible to vote.

****Winter Program Cancellations****

In the event of adverse weather conditions, MSU Extension staff coordinating county-wide events and meetings will contact everyone with an email message to alert people when programs are cancelled. In addition, MSU Extension staff will update voicemail recordings informing people of the decision regarding whether the meeting will be held. If you are unsure about the status of a scheduled program due to weather conditions, you may contact the MSU Extension Office main phone line during operating hours at 734-997-1678, or may contact the individual staff in charge of the event using the direct line contact numbers provided below.

Jackie Martin: 734-222-3877

Elaine Feldkamp: 734-222-3973

Kellie LeBlanc: 734-222-3815

Each 4-H Club should establish their own program cancellation policy and procedure and be certain that it is understood by all club leaders, parents, and members.

Entrepreneurship Project Area

Your Still Projects Committee is working hard to create an Entrepreneurship Project for 4-H youth ages 9-18. Entrepreneurship involves encouraging youth to develop and enhance their skills in creating and marketing a product. Just a hint for members working on projects this winter – why not concentrate on something spectacular like: Quilts, Rugs, Woodworking, and Jewelry. You'll find out more information soon!!!! Watch the weekly email updates as more information becomes available. Learning Objective to Entrepreneurship: to encourage youth to develop and enhance their skills in creating and marketing a product.

Learning Laboratory Kits Available!

There are some very educational (and portable!) animal science learning lab kits available at the Extension office. The Beef, Dairy, Poultry, Goat, Dog, Swine, Sheep and Horse kits are available for 2 week checkout with a refundable \$25 deposit. To reserve the kits, contact the Extension office at 734-997-1678.



Water Quality Resources Available

If your club, school, or classroom is interested in learning more about nature's most valuable resource... water... contact Jackie at 734-222-3877. We have lots of resources to help teach youth of all ages about water quality! Free visits can be scheduled at your club meetings or in your classrooms. Activities include water quality bracelets, enviroscape demonstrations, field trips to local streams and much more! Schedule an event/ community service project/lesson today!

Funds Available for Club Use

As a reminder, the 4-H Advisory Council is here to support club and county-wide 4-H activities in Washtenaw County. In addition to providing scholarships for special programs upon request, the Advisory Council supports club programs in two ways:

1. **Participation Fee Grants**— a portion of the 4-H participation fees stays in Washtenaw County and is used for the development of new or enhanced educational programs. The applications are simple, but they do require that you submit the application and be approved before spending or making any purchases.
2. **Community Service Matching Funds**- 4-H Advisory Council will cover up to 50% of your clubs costs for community service projects. Submit an application form before your community service project to get approval, then submit your receipts, and council will reimburse you for half of your club's expenses.

Applications for both opportunities are available on the website at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/forms.html>

Questions? Contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.

Science Kits Available for Check-out

The Urbaneers 4-H Club of Ann Arbor has put together a collection of science bins for use by other clubs in Washtenaw County. Each bin contains two or three experiments with supplies, experiment protocols, and science bin evaluations. There are four bins that are currently available for checkout from the MSU Extension Office, including: Purposeful Polymers, Eggcellent Experiments, Biofuels, and Explosions. The intended purpose of these bins is to provide another resource for fun and educational activities for clubs in Washtenaw County 4-H. A huge thank you to the Urbaneers for putting these together for us!!

Upcoming Opportunities

Rural Education Days

Planning will soon begin for the 2012 Rural Education Days or PROJECT RED as it is also known. This educational program is designed to teach third graders from throughout the county about agriculture and natural resources. The program will be held April 24, 25 and 26, 2012 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. If you are interested in helping to plan the program and/or any of the pre-program activities, please contact Nancy Thelen at the Extension Office at 222-3825.



4-H Day at Breslin Center!

Join up to 5,000 of your 4-H friends on January 15, 2012 at the MSU vs. Ohio State women's basketball game at the MSU Breslin Center! The purpose? To have fun and to celebrate Michigan's 4-H program.

4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff members and their families are all being offered FREE tickets to this Sunday game! The game starts at 4 p.m. with doors opening at 2 p.m. for MSUE/4-H free ticket holders. Contact Kellie at 734-222-3815 or leblanck@ewashtenaw.org to reserve your tickets today. *The last day to register online for tickets is January 9th, 2011.*

County Exchange

Washtenaw County is considering participating in an interstate exchange with youth involved in a 4-H program in another state (our top choices are Colorado, Montana, and Texas. We are in the planning stages of this event, and it's not too late to get involved! The next meeting for the county Exchange program will be **Wednesday, January 11** at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office. A commitment from youth attending is needed by our January meeting. If you aren't able to attend, please contact Terri Cook for more information at cook@umich.edu.



4-H Capitol Experience, March 18-21, 2012

Teens, ever wonder what it's like to be a state legislator? A lobbyist? A government official? Or even a political reporter? Do you know that teens working together can make a difference in public policy and laws at the state and local levels. For four days in March, you can visit

Lansing and learn how Michigan government works. You can choose an interest area, such as the environment, equality and personal rights, health, education, jobs and the economy and agriculture. Through a Michigan Legislative Simulation, you propose a law and follow the process of how an idea becomes a law in your interest area.

You also get some one-on-one time with your state legislator to learn what he or she is doing for your community. If you turn 14 by January, and you are interested in impacting public policy and seeing how government works, you'll want to go to 4-H Capitol Experience. The deadline for registration is February 3, 2012. To learn more about the 2012 4-H Capitol Experience, visit 4-H on the Web at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_capitol_experience.

Recycled Accessories Workshop

**Livingston County 4-H (open to all 4-H members)
Saturday, January 21st
10am-1pm**

Pre-Registration due to Livingston County MSU Extension Office by **January 13, 2012**,
2300 E. Grand River, Suite 111, Howell, MI 517-546-3950.

Choose from sessions including: Snowman, Poncho, Pet Food Tote Bag, Bohemian Purse, Placemat Tote, or T-Shirt. Contact Jackie at marti623@anr.msu.edu for a flyer with more information.

2012 Michigan 4-H Soybean Essay Contest

The Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee is offering an essay contest to Michigan 4-H Clubs. Please write the Essay based on at least one of the following topics:

Soy foods have many health benefits
Livestock and poultry are the #1 customer of soybean meal
Soy has many uses
Soy biodiesel is an alternative fuel
Michigan 4-H members can compete in a soybean essay contest to help demonstrate how Michigan's soybean farmers provide food, feed, fiber, and fuel. Photos are encouraged.

1st place - \$250 minimum

2nd place - \$150 minimum

3rd place - \$50 minimum

For contest details, visit www.michigansoybean.org click on 4-H Soybean Contest. The deadline is May 31, 2012.

2012 Southeast Region 4-H LeaderMeet

March 31, 2012- Macomb County Intermediate School District

44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038

Open to Youth and Adult Leaders (ages 11 and up)
Sessions presented by enthusiastic MSUE Staff and Volunteers

Registration includes buffet lunch and all sessions*
Lunch highlights Regional 4-H State Award Finalists

A chance to meet leaders from across the region

Learn new ideas to bring back to your county program

Lots of shopping and attractions in the area!

REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 14

\$20 Registration Fee Includes Lunch

Complete registration form available online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H>





WASHTENAW COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION



NEW & USED HORSE TACK & RIDING APPAREL SALE & SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5th 2012

11AM - 3 PM

WASHTENAW FARM COUNCIL GROUNDS

5055 ANN ARBOR-SALINE ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MI

(BUILDINGS 'C' and 'D')

DOORS OPEN FOR SALE PROMPTLY AT 11:00AM

DOORS OPEN FOR SETUP AT 8:00AM

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY January 25th 2012

(TABLES AND CHAIRS PROVIDED.)

1ST TABLE/SPACE - \$30. ADDITIONAL TABLE/SPACE \$20 EACH

(\$5 PER TABLE/SPACE LATE FEE IF RECEIVED AFTER JAN 25)

4-H MEMBERS & 4-H CLUBS: 1ST TABLE/SPACE \$20 ADDITIONAL TABLE/SPACE \$10 EACH (\$5 PER TABLE/SPACE LATE FEE IF RECEIVED AFTER Jan 25th, 2012)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WASHTENAW COUNTY 4H HORSE PROGRAM!!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: horseleaders@gmail.com

Cut here and return reservation form with your check to MSU Extension Attn: Jackie, PO Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

WASHTENAW COUNTY 4-H TACK SALE RESERVATION FORM - DUE 1/25/2012

COMPANY/CLUB NAME _____

CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (DAY) _____ (EVE.) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

1 ST TABLE/SPACE (ALL OTHER)	\$30.00	1 ST TABLE/SPACE (4H)	\$20.00
____ TABLES/SPACES @ \$20		____ TABLES/SPACES @ \$10	
LATE FEE: \$5 PER TABLE/SPACE		LATE FEE: \$5 PER TABLE/SPACE	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

RETURN THIS SECTION TO:

MSU Extension, Attn: Jackie, PO Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WASHTENAW CO. 4H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION

Please complete and mail *bottom portion* by January 1, 2012

2012 Horse Protégé Program

We are getting ready for another fantastic year in the Horse Protégé Program! This program offers the opportunity to pair up an experienced teen in the horse program with a 7 or 8-year-old 4-H member. Throughout the year, the team will work on basic horsemanship including grooming, health care, showmanship, equitation, patterns, and safety. At monthly activities, we will practice these skills to prepare for the 4-H Youth Fair Protégé Show in July.

Here are some things to know about the program...

- You DO NOT need to be paired with a team member to sign up for Protégé.
- Teens must be 13 years of age as of January 1, 2012 with *at least* 2 years of experience in the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Program.
- Protégé's must be 7 or 8 as of January 1, 2012 to participate in the Protégé program. *No exceptions*. They DO NOT need to already belong to a 4-H club.
- You do not need to own a horse to participate in the program.
- Attendance at all of the meetings and clinics is *essential* to be successful in the Protégé Program.
- You will have fun, meet new people, and learn a lot about horses!!!

If you are interested in the program, please fill out an application form and mail it to the address below by **Thursday, January 19th**:

Jackie Martin
MSU Extension
PO Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

THE FIRST INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office

2012 Horse Protégé Program Application

Date of Application: _____

I want to be a (circle one): TEACHER STUDENT

Name: _____

Address: (Please include city and zip code) _____

Closest Main Cross Roads: _____

Phone Number(s): (Please include area code) _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of January 1, 2012: _____

4-H Club and Leader Name (if applicable): _____

Are you already paired with a protégé teacher or student? Y N

Name: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1, 2012): _____

Phone Number: _____

4-H Club (if applicable): _____

Do you have a horse or pony to use for Protégé this year? Y N

Please note that Protégé horses/ponies must be at least 5 years old

Breed: _____ Age: _____

I understand that for my son or daughter to participate in the Protégé program, they must be 13 years old as of January 1, 2012 to be a teacher and 7 or 8 years old as of January 1, 2012 to be a student. I understand that the Protégé program is not a replacement for riding lessons with a professional. I also understand the risks associated with working around and riding horses. *Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity, (PA 351 of 1994). This includes all persons and animals involved in this program.*

Print Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



Animal News

Interested in 4-H Livestock Judging

Livestock judging not only builds your skills in recognizing quality animals, but also teaches you how to make sound decisions on facts and how to present your thoughts to others in an organized manner. The 2012 judging program will begin soon. If you are interested in participating in judging beef, sheep and swine (and did not participate in this in 2011), please contact Nancy Thelen at the Extension Office at 734-222-3825, prior to January 20th. You will then be notified of the meeting dates.

Dairy Quiz Bowl in Full Swing

4-H'ers interested in participating in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl are invited to the next quiz bowl practice which is scheduled for Monday, January 16 at 7 pm at the Horning Farm on Pleasant Lake Road. For more information contact Nancy Thelen at 734-222-3825 or Jeff Horning at 734-428-8610.

Interested in Dairy Judging

If you are interested in learning more about judging dairy cattle (and did not participate in 2011) please contact Nancy Thelen at the Extension Office at 734-222-3825, prior to January 20th. You will then be notified of the meeting dates.

Jr. Livestock Committee Update

The Jr. Livestock Committee met December 4 for a holiday party and white elephant gift exchange. The group selected livestock judges for 2012 and made plans for the coming year. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m. (Location to be announced). If you are a 4-H member (aged 12 and up) involved in Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Dairy, you are welcome to be a part of this group! Join us by contacting Jackie at marti623@anr.msu.edu or our advisors, Kathy Grau at 734/475-3437 or Mary Hammer at 734/439-8303.

Animal Committee Meetings Scheduled

Please join us for the animal committee meeting that pertains to the interests of your club members. Committees will be discussing county-wide educational opportunities and making plans for the Youth Show.

Small Animal Committee- Tuesday, January 24, 6 p.m., MSU Extension
Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Cat and Cavies

Livestock and Dairy Committee- Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., MSU Extension
Dairy, Beef, Feeder Calves, Swine, Sheep, Llamas

New Horse Resources Available for Clubs

Looking for new educational resources to spruce up your next club meeting? Recently arrived are two copies of the American Youth Horse Council "Youth Leader Manual: Equine Educational Plans and Activities for Youth Groups." Available in CD-ROM, or Notebook format, this manual is packet with ready-to-use educational activities about horses and horse care. These, like most other resources, are available for check-out with a \$25 deposit which can be refunded after they are returned. Contact Jackie for more information at 734-222-3877 or marti623@anr.msu.edu

2012 Market Livestock Weigh In and Registration

All Beef, Feeder Calves, Sheep, Swine and Goat Market Livestock Projects must be registered and weighed and/or tagged on days indicated below. Members can tag and register up to 4 animals of each species. As a reminder, exhibitors may only sell two of these species through the auction at Youth Show. Beef and Feeders are treated as one species for the auction, meaning exhibitors can sell 2 beef, 2 feeders, or 1 feeder and 1 beef along with 1 additional species through the auction.

Market Beef: Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Farm Council Grounds

Market Feeder Calves: Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Farm Council Grounds

Feeders must be born after December 15, 2010.

Animals must be castrated by weigh-in, no castration clamping is allowed. No implants are allowed.

Market Lambs: Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m., Farm Council Grounds Maximum Weight at Weigh-In- 100 lbs.

Market Hogs: Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m. –11:30 a.m., Farm Council Grounds Suggested Maximum Weight at Tag-In- 100 lbs. Hogs are not weighed, but are tagged-in only

Market Goats: Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Farm Council Grounds

Please remember, all animals being hauled off of the farm must have the proper federal identification tags. Animals will not be unloaded without proper identification.

Cattle- RFID Tag (Electronic I.D. tag)

Sheep/Goats- Scrapies Tag

Complete Youth Show Rules should be available by February 1, 2012.

Horse & Pony News

Riders Wanted for MSU Horse Benefit Clinic

Riders are needed to participate in the 35th annual Michigan 4-H Horse Programs Benefit Clinic on **Saturday, February 4** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion. This year's clinic topics will focus on trail and flying lead changes. Riders interested in participating must complete an application (**due January 16**) and pay a \$50 fee, which covers the cost of a stall and two family member admissions. If you are interested in attending (but not riding in) the clinic, tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit http://www.ans.msu.edu/ans/horse_programs for more information.

Youth Voices Needed at County-Wide Horse Meetings

County-wide, youth-run horse meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the MSU Extension Office at 7 p.m. Leaders are still expected to participate or send a representative, but only youth can vote. In addition to a business meeting, we make sure the meetings are fun as well! The meetings end promptly at 8:30 p.m. to accommodate homework needs. If you have an interest in what happens with the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Program, plan on attending our next meetings on: Tuesday, January 10 and Tuesday, February 14.

Spotlight on 4-H'ers

Backwoods Farmers Community Service Project



The Backwoods Farmers 4H Club meet last Friday evening for their Holiday Party. Along with the party the members made fleece dog toys for the Human Society. A total of 35 toys were made, that will be dropped off before the holiday season for the dogs. The old

members did a wonderful job teaching the younger members how to braid.

At their November meeting they learn how Bloodhound dogs track scents from humans when missing. Ken Koch from Ann Arbor and David Williams from Munith brought their Bloodhounds to the club meeting and used the members as part of their demonstration.



American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention

At the 2011 American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention people came from around the world to show their rabbits at Indianapolis, Indiana. Youth also came to participate in different contests such as Royalty, Judging, and Breed Identification. Rachel Ehnis of Washtenaw County competed in the Senior Individual Judging competition. Rachel received first place making her the National Winner of the Senior Judging division. Congratulations Rachel! Rachel is a member of the All Around 4H Club.



Way to Go!

Kibbles and Bitz Community Service

The Kibbles and Bitz club recently got together and did some great community and world service projects. All the youth members pitched in \$3.00 and went shopping for a local Dexter family and was able to purchase them an entire Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the trimmings as well as desert! Plus other members brought bags of groceries for them. All in all this local family is going to have a great Thanksgiving Day feast thanks to Kibbles and Bitz. The club also signed about 50 Christmas cards that will be sent overseas to our serving Military along with cut outs of their hands, with well wishes written on them, attached to arms length of yarn, to symbolize hugs. The club also made teams of two to four, each team will be earning/saving money to help families in other countries to sustain a source of food for their families. This would include purchasing a flock of chickens or a pair of goats or some sheep, etc. Each team will decide once they have saved enough of what they would like a family to have and get it underway. Way to go Kibbles and Bitz!

Hi I would like to add one more thing that the club did... (please add to earlier email)...

They filled shoe boxes up with items for for kids to be delivered by a local church. Some of the items the kids had in their boxes were crayons, coloring books, mittens, candy, pencils and a small toy.

Scholarship Winners Announced

Congratulations to Skylar Haeussler and Katelyn Horning, the 2011 recipients of the Ada May and Webb Harwood Memorial Scholarship. Skylar is currently attending Alma College, Katelyn is currently attending Michigan State University. Congratulations, Skylar and Katelyn! Many thanks to the Harwood Family for their continued support of this scholarship.

4-H EXPLORATION DAYS @ MSU

JOIN THE REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY

Michigan State University
June 20-22, 2012

COME TO 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS AND ENJOY:

- Action-packed learning sessions
- Great entertainment at the Wharton Center
- A huge dance
- Leisure activities like skating, swimming, a museum and campus facility tours
- And more!

JOIN THE FUN!

For more information and to register contact your MSU Extension office now or visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days 4-H Exploration Days registrations are due to your county MSU Extension office by April 30, 2012.

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Registration Books will be available at the MSU Extension office mid March. Keep an eye on the weekly update.

Youth Show News

Youth Show 2012 Change in Field Crops:

In field crops the order of the crops will be rearranged so the current year crops will be listed together and the crops being displayed can be from the prior year's harvest are listed together. Current year crops (2012) are Corn - Stalks, Wheat, Oats, Barley and Hay. The crops from the prior year (fall 2011) are Corn - Ears, Corn - Shelled and Soybeans.

4-H members are encouraged to save their ear corn, shelled corn and soybeans as they begin to harvest these crops this fall!!!!



Farm Council Brick Paver Program

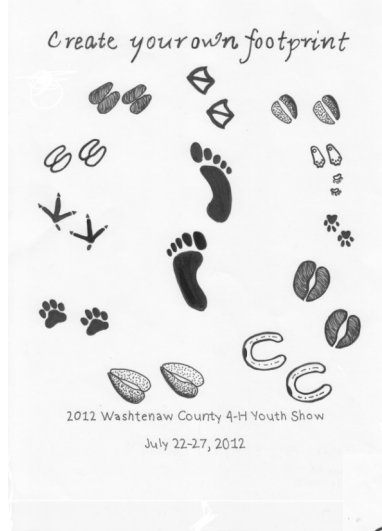
The Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds is a cherished part of your memories for many 4-H clubs and other various

organizations. The WFC Paver Program offers the unique opportunity to make those memories a permanent part of the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

Located at the WFC between buildings A and B, beautifully inscribed paving stones will be viewed by thousands of visitors each year. Each paver offers the opportunity to commemorate special occasions, people, or even special animal friends.

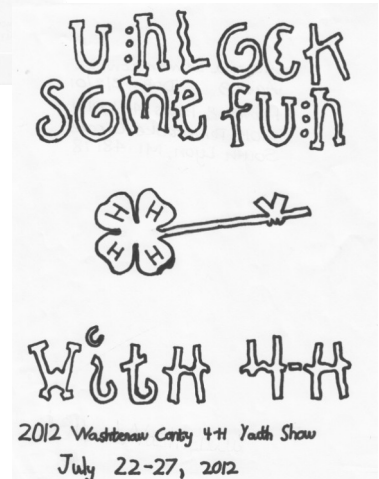
So make your memories a permanent part of the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. To place your order, fill out the order form and mail your payment to the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. If you have any questions please call 734-429-3145.

Any club that sells a brick may receive 5% of the base brick paver sale price. Please indicate this on all orders. You can view a brochure and order form online at <http://www.washtenawfarmcouncil.org/PDFFiles/PaverProgramBrochure.pdf>



Ciara Lesko—
Cowboy U was the
Cover Contest
winner for the 2012
front cover! Great
work Ciara!

Athena Lewandowski—
Hooves & Paws is the
winner for the 2012 back
cover! Great Job Athena!



Sewing Machines Available

The MSU Extension office has 8 sewing machines that are available for check out. You are required to leave a \$25 deposit per machine when you pick up the machine, and you may use it for 2 weeks. When it is returned and is in good working condition, you will receive your deposit back. For more information on checking one out, contact Elaine at 734-222-3973.

Mark your Calendar,

July 22-27

4-H Youth Show

Attention Cloverbuds and Older Members in Beef, Sheep, Swine and Dairy

Cloverbuds who are 7 and 8 years old by January 1, 2012 are eligible to show hogs, lambs, feeder calves, beef and dairy calves in a showmanship type class and as protégé type projects based on the following conditions.

1. Hogs and lambs will be market animals owned and exhibited by an older teen 4-H member, who will serve as the mentor to the Cloverbud. Calves may be owned by the Cloverbud exhibitor or the older member and an older teen, adult leader or parent must assist in the show ring.

2. When showing hogs or lambs, older youth must accompany Cloverbuds in the show ring to assist with the animal. Lambs must be on a halter or lead rope that the older youth has a consistent hold of. Cloverbud youth cannot sell their exhibition animals in the Youth Show auction.

The emphasis with these projects will continue to be on education, participation and the development of the youth. To help make this a great learning experience, the Junior Livestock Committee helped to develop a workbook for older youth to use with the Cloverbuds and a notebook for the Cloverbuds to complete and bring to the Youth Show. This is a commitment for both the Cloverbud and mentor. Again this year all Cloverbuds must complete the livestock and dairy cloverbud form and return it to the Extension Office by April 2 at the latest, in order to participate in the beef, sheep, swine, dairy or feeder calf area at the fair. However if you are interested now in participating, please complete the form and return it as soon as possible. We typically have a get acquainted meeting in the latter part of January, so those signed up at that time will be included in the meeting. To help match Cloverbuds and older members, please complete the appropriate form and return it to the Extension Office by **January 20th**, **the absolute deadline to submit this form or officially register for this program by April 2nd.**

Cloverbud Interest/Match Form

Name _____ Age as of Jan. 1, 2012 _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

4-H Club _____

Email _____

If you have a mentor list name _____

Interested in: _____ beef/feeder calf, _____ dairy, _____ sheep, _____ swine
(Check here if you have a dairy or beef feeder calf _____)

Please return to:

**MSU Extension, 4-H Program, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 by January 20, 2012
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Older Youth/Teen Mentor Interest/Match Form

Name _____ Age as of Jan. 1, 2012 _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

4-H Club _____

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If you are working with a Cloverbud list name _____

Interested in: _____ beef/feeder calf, _____ dairy, _____ sheep, _____ swine
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4-H Workshops at Kettunen Center

4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference

Workshop 906

January 21-22, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This powerful 2012 conference brings teens, ages 13 and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. Following are comments from the 2011 conference participants: "This conference makes me feel as if I can change the world." "I personally loved this workshop; not only did I learn new leadership techniques, but I also learned a lot about myself." From an adult chaperone participant: "This conference was interactive, dynamic and perfectly geared toward youth!" For more information please view the [Program Announcement](#) for this event. *This workshop is presented with support from the Sandra Clarkson Stuckman Endowment and the Turner-Ousterhout Endowment of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.*

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Workshop 907

February 24-25, 2012 – Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animal species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their skills. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick, or injured animals. Meet other youth that have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and older. For more information please view the [Program Announcement](#) for this event.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop

Workshop 908

February 25-26, 2012 – Kettunen Center

If you are interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance your communications and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up. For more information please view the [Program Announcement](#) for this event. *This workshop is presented with support from the Michigan Pork Producers Association.*

4-H Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Workshop 909

March 10-11, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is for teen and adult volunteers ages 13 and up. All staff and education providers are welcome. Whether you are interested in animal science, plant science, environmental science, robotics, alternative energy, engineering, film making or technology, this workshop has something exciting for you! Learn about new, hands-on educational opportunities in both new and existing 4-H project areas. Conduct experiments and learn how to develop the next generation of problem solvers. Hands-on sessions for beginners and advanced will be provided.

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Plant Science and Entomology Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Workshop 910

March 16-18, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This is a hands-on opportunity to learn about many environmental & outdoor education, horticulture and entomology projects through fun lessons and activities. Gain ideas, project resources and activities to get kids outside, inquire and explore the world and to gain knowledge, all while having fun. Sessions will feature wildlife, natural resources, plant science, entomology, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership. Learn about science applications and career exploration related to these subjects and how to use the information with 4-H clubs or classrooms. Open to adults and youth ages 13 and up.

4-H Entrepreneurship Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

Workshop 911

March 31-April 1, 2012 – Kettunen Center

Wonder how your passion for 4-H projects can turn into a business? Are you an entrepreneur, or are you interested in learning more about it? Already a market livestock "boss" or perhaps you want to make a difference in Michigan by thinking "green" in the bioeconomy? This entrepreneurship education workshop is for youth 13 and up and adult volunteers and educators who want to grow their knowledge about starting a business, growing a business and how to make their money (profit) grow. If you dream of being your own boss, you will have the opportunity to choose from several tracks. Each track will include fun, hands-on learning activities and resources to take home.

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Calendar of Events

January

10	Horse Board Meeting, 7 pm., MSUE
11	County Exchange meeting, 6:30 pm., MSUE
13	Registration Due for Recycled Accessories Workshop
15	4-H Day Breslin Center, 4 pm., MSU
16	Diary Quiz Bowl practice, 7 pm., Horning Farm
17	Washtenaw Farm Council Annual Meeting, WFCG
19	Horse Protégé Application Deadline
20	Cloverbud/Mentor Application Due
21	Recycled Accessories Workshop, 10 am-1 pm, Livingston County
21-22	4-H Teen Leadership Workshop, Kettunen Center
22	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting, 4 pm
24	Still Project Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. MSUE Lower level
26	Horse Protégé Meeting, 6:30 pm., MSUE
29	4-H Recognition Program, 2 pm, WFCG

February

3	Registration deadline for 4-H Capitol Experience
4	Michigan 4-H Horse Programs Benefit Clinic, 11 am-3 pm., MSU Pavilion
5	Horse Tack Sale, 11 am-3 pm., WFCG
14	Horse Board Meeting, 7 pm., MSUE
24-25	4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Workshop, Kettunen Center
25-26	4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Workshop, Kettunen Center

March

3	Market Beef weight in, 8:30 am - 11 am., WFCG
10-11	4-H Science Teen & Adult Workshop, Kettunen Center
14	Registration Due Southeast Region 4-H LeaderMeet
16-18	4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Kettunen Center
18-21	4-H Capitol Experience
31	Southeast Region 4-H LeaderMeet, Macomb County Intermediate School District
31-Apr 1	4-H Entrepreneurship Teen & Adult Workshop, Kettunen Center

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