

4-H Information Network



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

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New Volunteer Leader Orientations Scheduled

The next volunteer orientations will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

One of the required steps in becoming a certified 4-H volunteer involves attending an orientation. Please contact the MSU Extension Office to **sign up** for one of these trainings at 734-997-1678. Trainings without adequate attendance may be cancelled. If you have questions about the orientations or the Volunteer Selection Process, contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.

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-** \$5 of every \$10 collected for 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.

Are You Receiving the Weekly Email Updates?

If not, we may not have an updated email address for you. Please be sure to notify the Extension Office if your email address changes so you can stay in the loop with the latest news and information. To make changes to your email address, please contact Kellie at 734-222-3815.

Upcoming Opportunities

Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for youth visiting from Poland and Japan this summer. Hosting experiences for both of these programs are approximately three weeks in length. Families must complete an application, screening process, and a home visit interview. If your family is interested in this opportunity, contact Jackie at 734-222-3877 or marti623@anr.msu.edu as soon as possible so we can begin processing your application.

Rural Education Days/Project RED

The 21st annual PROJECT RED (Rural Education Days) will be held April 26, 27 and 28, 2011 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. This activity is sponsored by Washtenaw County MSU Extension, Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and the Washtenaw Farm Council, with support and partnership from many agricultural organizations, agribusinesses and individuals. The purpose of this program is to educate third graders about agriculture and natural resources. Over 2,000 students, teachers and parents from all over the county will participate in the RED daytime program this year.

Many volunteers are needed to assist with the six school sessions offered over the three days and the evening session. Assistance is needed in areas such as set-up, being a group leader, working at an agricultural commodity display table, working in an animal pen, clean-up, etc. Help is also needed to fill student bags on April 11th at 6 p.m. Set up will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 25th. These opportunities could make a fun 4-H club community service project. Please contact any of the following by April 1st and let them know how you would like to help with the program. Nancy Thelen at 222-3825, Elaine Feldkamp at 222-3973, Nancy Kohler at 429-1471 or Lynda Horning at 428-8610. Again this year youth volunteers can volunteer one day per organization they are involved in. Letters for teachers and principals will be available for all students. Youth volunteers must be at least 12 years old, or be accompanied by an adult. We look forward to hearing from you.

Eaton County 4-H Style Revue

Saturday, March 26, 2011
VFW National Home
3573 S. Waverly Road
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Eaton County Invites you to participate in the Eaton County 4-H Style Revue
Registration: 4:00 p.m.
Judging: 4:30 p.m.
Check-in for Cloverbuds: 5:30
Style Show: 6 p.m.

Style Revue is an opportunity for 4-H members to show off garments (wearable items) they have constructed either by sewing, crocheting or knitting or other special categories including recycled garments, original design, and costume. Participants model their items before judges and are judged on the following criteria: Poise, Grooming, Stage Presence, Selection of garment and material, Construction & Condition, Appearance, Trims, Jewelry, and Accessories.

Pre-registration required by March 4, 2011. Registration Packets and entry information are available at www.msue.msu.edu/eaton under the 4-H Youth Development link. For more information, please contact Eaton County MSU Extension Office at 517/543-2310.

4-H Cloverbud Camp

Washtenaw County 4-H will be holding its 3rd Annual 4H Cloverbud Camp June 21-23, 2011 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Youth ages five to eight years old are invited to learn about community service, safety, nature, crafts and much more! Youth do not need to be a registered 4-H member to attend. The cost is \$80 per youth. Participants will need to bring their own lunch. The deadline to register is May 2, 2011. There are a limited number of spots so register early. If you have questions contact Cindy Fischer at 222-3948.

Animal News

2011 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 specie. 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 5, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Farm Council Grounds

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

Market Hogs: Saturday, April 30, 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 30, 8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Farm Council Grounds
Goats are not weighed, but are tagged-in only

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 class rules will be available online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/youth-show-book-index.html>

2011 Rules should be available by February.

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– Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension
Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Cat and Cavies

Livestock and Dairy Committee– Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., MSU Extension
Dairy, Beef, Feeder Calves, Swine, Sheep, Llamas

Dog Workshop Classes Scheduled –

Classes will be held at the Farm Council Grounds in building G on the following Mondays with one class at 6:30 pm and one at 7:15 pm.

April 11
April 18
April 25 - NO CLASS

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30 - NO CLASS - Memorial Day

June 6
June 13

If you have any questions contact Jereen Rice at 734-369-2572 or email at jereen406@comcast.net

PQA Training 2011

We will be offering **one** PQA session for Washtenaw and Livingston County youth this year.

Date: Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m.
Location: Dexter Library- 3255 Alpine St., Dexter
Pre-Registration Required by March 24 by calling 734-997-1678

All age groups should report by 7 p.m. We will split up Beginners from Intermediate/Advanced, but the sessions will run simultaneously. Beginners are ages 8-11 and must re-certify each year by attending a class. Intermediate (12-14) and Advanced (15-19) youth can choose to take a test at the conclusion of the training, if they pass the test, their certification is good until they reach the next age group. All ages are determined as of January 1, 2011. If you questions about your certification status, please contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.

If youth are absolutely unable to attend the March 31 session, please contact me as well. A make-up session may be held in Washtenaw County, otherwise, youth will be directed to other counties' PQA sessions.

Rabbit Cavy Expo - Anyone interested in participating in the Rabbit Cavy Expo on June 11 at MSU should contact Cathie Mason at mascat604@gmail.com so she can start scheduling practices.

State 4-H Poultry Palooza

When: Saturday, May 21, 2011

Where (New Location): Clinton County Fairgrounds

The Broiler Contest

Do you have 4-H members who enjoy raising market broilers for fair? Help them take their 4-H Poultry project to the next level by participating in the State 4-H Poultry Palooza Broiler Contest.

4-H members purchase 25 cockerels **between April 4th and April 9th** (families can share a flock), they keep records on the birds as the project progresses, on May 19th they take their final weight and determine the best 3 birds from the flock to bring to Palooza on May 21st. Records are turned in, the birds are presented to the judge live, judged and then harvested and the meat is judged (all in the same day).

They will get judges input on both live and harvested birds in time (in most cases) to make any necessary corrections to their management practices before fair. In addition to having their birds critiqued and meat evaluated, they will also have their records judged. This project is not only a great poultry warm up for fair, it is also a great introduction into entrepreneurship as part of the record keeping includes the marketing and sale of the "extra" birds in the flock.

Help your 4-H leaders and members start planning for this project now - April 4th is just around the corner and they will need to contact hatcheries well in advance to insure bird orders make the April 9th order deadline.

Watch for Palooza information and registration materials available soon.

2010 Washtenaw County Agriculture Banquet

The annual Washtenaw County Agriculture Banquet, sponsored by the Dairy and Livestock Council and MSU Extension, will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Manchester High School, 20500 Dutch Drive, Manchester. Entertainment will be provided by "Comedian and Magician Jim Carmody". The ticket sale deadline is March 9th. Tickets are available at agri-businesses throughout the county and from any of the Dairy and Livestock Council members. You are welcome to contact the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office at 734-997-1678 for more information on the ticket sales.

Junior Livestock Committee

Interested members (must be 12 by January 1, 2011) who would like to become more involved in the 4-H Livestock and Dairy program are invited to participate on the countywide Jr. Livestock Committee. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5 at noon at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds following the beef weigh-in. For more information contact the advisors, Kathy Grau at 734/475-3437 or Mary Hammer at 734/439-8303.

Dairy Quiz Bowl & Judging

The Dairy Quiz Bowl practices are held monthly. The next practice is scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 7 p.m. at the Breuninger Farm. The Dairy Judging will meet on Sunday, April 10th at 2 pm at the Horning Farm. For more information contact Jeff Horning at 734/428-8610 or Nancy Thelen at 734/222-3825.

Michigan Beef Expo Jr. Show

Youth ages 9-21 (as of January 1, 2011) can exhibit steers and heifers at the Michigan Beef Expo Jr. Show on Sunday, April 3rd, 2011 at the Livestock Pavilion at MSU. Entries are due March 14th. You may obtain information at www.msu.edu/~bbclub/

Horse & Pony News

Washtenaw 4-H Horse Warm-Up Ride Meets

Due to previous warm-up clinics being poorly attended, we are re-thinking the structure of warm-up clinics and are offering a less structured opportunity for anyone to come and ride their horses at the Farm Council Grounds on evenings this summer. Designated clubs will oversee the activities and each ride meet will be targeted toward either Western or English riders. All clinics will be held at the Farm Council Grounds starting at 6:30 p.m. The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, May 25
- Wednesday, June 29
- Wednesday, July 6
- Wednesday, July 13

Spotlight on Speed MSU Warm Up Show

Are you looking for an opportunity to get your horse out and warmed up for the season? Hoping to shave a few tenths off your best run? Here is your chance to get some coaching and feedback on technique! This brand new speed warm-up show with judges feedback will take place Saturday, April 9 beginning at 9 a.m. at the MSU Pavilion. The cost is \$35/stall, and \$5/class. All proceeds benefit Michigan 4-H horse programs. Visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/> for more information.

State 4-H Horse Show Delegate Packets Available

Youth ages 13 and up are eligible to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show August 12-14 at the MSU Pavilion. Because each county may only send a designated number of youth, Washtenaw County delegates must complete an application packet that outlines their participation in the 4-H Horse Project area for the year. If the number of applicants exceed our designated quota, the youth with the most "points" as explained in the packet will be asked to represent Washtenaw County to attend. Please don't be overwhelmed by the packet and process, for the last few years we have not exceeded our quota and *everyone* who has applied has been asked to attend. The packet can be accessed online at: <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/extension/4-H/forms.html#horse-forms>

Hairy Horse Show with Judge Feedback

Have you ever wondered why you placed the way you did at a horse show? Wouldn't it be nice to have time for more feedback from the judge so you can become more successful? NOW YOU CAN! The MSU Hairy Horse Show will be held on Sunday, March 27 at the MSU Pavilion beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 for a stall and \$8.00 per class. All proceeds benefit Michigan 4-H horse programs. Visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/> for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!- Spring Round Up

Spring Round Up will take place Saturday, May 21 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. ****Please note this is a change of date from recent years.**** Showbills will be posted online soon. Spring Round Up is an open horse show sponsored by Washtenaw County 4-H. All proceeds benefit Washtenaw 4-H Horse Programs.

Youth Voices Needed at County-Wide Horse Meetings

County-wide, youth-run horse meetings are held the second Monday 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, March 8 and Tuesday, April 12.

Good Horse Sense Contest!

The Michigan 4-H Horse Program is hosting a video contest. 4-H members are asked to share a video, Power Point etc. of what you and your club did in your county to promote good sportsmanship in the 4-H Horse Project. Entries due to Karen Waite, 1287 Anthony Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824 or kwaite@msu.edu by July 1, 2011. Winner will be announced at 2011 State 4-H Horse Show. The winning video will be shared on the Michigan Equine News Website and receive a \$500 cash award to their respective county horse program.

Youth Show News

Champion Egg Basket Seeking Donations

The poultry area is seeking contributions for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Egg Buyer's basket. We are mostly looking for donations that are "poultry" related but may be interested in anything you have to offer! Some examples of past basket gifts are: a turkey platter with a big rooster on it, embroidered table napkins, rooster salt and pepper shakers, etc. If you have anything cute to donate in "new or almost new" condition please contact Sue Zalucha at 734-426-1969.

**New 4-H Youth Show Contest**

We will be having a Dahlia Growing contest this year at the Youth Show. To participate in this contest, youth will need to reserve one Dahlia plant before March 22 with Cindy Fischer. You can contact her at 222-3948 or fischerc@ewashtenaw.org Youth will be given care instructions and rules when they pick up their plant in early May. Judging will take place at the Youth Show on Monday, July 25, at 3:30 pm. There will be awards presented in different categories.

Rabbit Meat Pens

Planning on having a meat pen of rabbits at the 2011 4-H Youth Show? You will need to breed your does at the appropriate time. Meat pens of three must be 65-70 days old on judging day. Top quality meat pens cannot be older than 70 days, and must be between 3-5 pounds on judging day, July 27, 2011. Planning now will have you prepared to breed between the correct dates to have top quality rabbits.

Overnight Stay in Animal Areas at Youth Show

Overnight security is required in all barns/tents at the Youth Show. Youth (ages 13 and up) will be allowed to stay only when certified volunteers of the same gender are staying the night. Please contact the MSU Extension Office to volunteer. Youth applications to stay overnight will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be assigned as adults are identified. Youth must be 13 (by Jan. 1) and be exhibiting an animal in the barn in which they are requesting to stay. Up to five youth may stay overnight for every certified chaperone and a maximum of five youth may stay in one barn/tent each night. Please submit applications to stay overnight no later than June 27, 2011. **Any animal areas not covered each night by volunteers by June 27 will be assigned to clubs to provide security.** If you have questions about Overnight Stay at Youth Show or the Volunteer Selection Process, please contact Jackie at 734-222-3877.

Time to order Chicks for Youth Show

Anyone wishing to show a meat pen of chickens at the 4-H Youth show must order their chicks through the MSU Extension Office. The minimum number of chicks you may order is 10 with no maximum number per member. You are responsible for raising these chicks and showing a pen of your three best meat birds at the 4-H Youth Show. Please order your chicks by Monday, April 18th. To order, contact Cindy at the MSUE office at 734-222-3948 or fischerc@ewashtenaw.org. Chicks must be ordered in the 4-H member's name so that we can track who is eligible to exhibit at the Youth Show. Estimated cost is approximately \$1.45 per bird and must be paid at the time of pick up. You will be notified of arrival date, time and exact cost. Arrival is estimated to be June 1, 2011. You do not have to show chicks at the Youth Show to place an order.

It's Never Too Early to Contact 4-H Livestock Auction Buyers

Now is a great time to make an initial contact and invite potential buyers to participate in the 2011 4-H Livestock Auction. The Extension Office also has available "Did You Know" auction explanation sheets.

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

Cloverbuds who are 7 and 8 years old by January 1, 2011 are eligible to show hogs, lambs, feeder calves and 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. **This year all Cloverbuds must complete the livestock and dairy cloverbud form and return it to the Extension Office by April 1, in order to participate in the beef, sheep, swine, dairy, or feeder calf area at the fair. There will also be several group programs planned this year.**

New At Youth Show: Turkey Meat Pen

New this year at Youth Show will be a Turkey Meat Pen. This will consist of a single Tom Turkey to be exhibited. Birds are recommended to be in member's possession by April 1st (4months or approximately 120 days growing days). The ideal weight for the birds at Youth Show time is 25 to 30pounds. The class will be judged during the poultry show on Tuesday.

Each exhibitor is also required to provide their own 3'x3'x3 cage with a top opening. The cage is required to be brought to the Farm Council Grounds on Friday evening for poultry setup so it can be disinfected with the rest of the barn. Grand and Reserve champion bird will sell through the large animal auction and the remainder through the silent auction.

YOUTH SHOW 2011 – FOCUS ON SOME NEW OR REVISED PROJECT AREAS for STILL PROJECTS

Teen Leadership:

Attention all teens 13 and over, start thinking about doing a teen leadership project this year. Teen Leadership is a great way to keep track of all your accomplishments which can be used for future, job applications, college applications and many other things. Everyday leadership within your club, community, school, church,

organizations, etc. Have you held an office, are you or have been an Ambassador, done community service, mentored a younger member, assisted at a workshop, helped at Project RED--the list goes on and on. Watch for up coming guide lines and suggestions. A project that grows with you from 13 to the end of your 4-H years.

Scarecrow Contest:

Great club activity! Entry criteria: 1. One (1) entry per club (no individual entries) 2. Must be free standing 3. Must be moved to the club booth after judging. Judging will beheld on Monday of fair week outside the block A building. Farm Council will provide awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Food Preparation Area for Young Division:

Elimination of class 1823 scratch cookies, cupcake or cake using vegetable and/or fruit as one ingredient.

Food Preparation Area for Junior Division:

Elimination of pie class 1831 only for 2011 because we are having a Pie Contest.

Food Preparation Area for Senior Division:

Feed a Family of 4 for \$10 Start practicing now to prepare a nutritious, attractive and portion size meal for four for \$10 or less! Exhibitor will be required to come to fair with a prepared plate of food, show receipts for cost of main food items (salt & spices not included nor beverage in cost) and a nutritional write-up with exhibit. Will be judged on Monday of fair. Worksheets currently being developed.

Wall Hanging Challenge:

A Wall Hanging Challenge project area will replace Graphics in the youth show fair book/ Create a wall hanging using a piece of cardboard for your backing. It must be ready to hang. Maximum size 12" x 18" **The wall hanging must use all of the following specified list of materials:**

<p>Exactly five jigsaw puzzle pieces At least 10 kernels of corn 1 to 25 pieces of dry pasta 1 to 4 flowers (fresh or silk) Exactly 1 piece of printed fabric</p>

<p>Exactly 2 pieces of yarn At least 3 metal washers 10 toothpicks or more 1 to 11 pine cones (no more than 11)</p>

Pie Contest:

Judged Monday during regular judging hours
Cloverbud Class for 5-8 year olds
Class ages 9-18 year olds

Rules: 1. Crust must be made from scratch; 2. Entire pie will be kept for display, 3. single or double crust pie, 4. no cream pies.

Spotlight on 4-H'ers

2010 Recognition Program

The 2010 4-H Recognition Program was held Sunday afternoon, January 30, 2011 at the Farm Council Grounds. Highlights of the program are noted below.

County Project Medals were awarded as follows:

Achievement

Jordan Bird
Skylar Haeussler

Agriculture

Jordan Bird

Beef

Ryan Ernst

Cavy

Allison Bellairs

Citizenship

Willow Cohn

Andrea Taepke

Clothing & Textiles

Allison Bellairs

Natalie Horning

Kourtney Koch

Erika Stetler

Communication Arts

Megan Linski

Colleen Roberts

Community Service

Josie Gilmore

Ryan Rogers

Computer Technology

Paul Martelli

Dairy

Natalie Horning

Demonstrations

Ashleigh Budrick

David Innis

Engines, Tractors

Ryan Ernst

Garrett Fischer

Fashion Revue

Erika Stetler

Food & Nutrition

Courtney Cook

Rachel Ehnis

Angela Jedele

Amanda Johnson

Gardening & Horticulture

Jennifer Kohler

Goats

Camille Figarra

Josie Gilmore

Hobbies & Collections

Jennifer Kohler

Horse

Melissa Cousino

Gabe Kleinschmidt

Hannah Linteau

Chelsea Weiss

Leadership

Kimber Creteau

Camille Figarra

Andrew Milkey

Ashley Thomas

Llama

Andrea Montoya

Personal Development

Skylar Haeussler

Poultry

Corinne Figarra

David Innis

Public Speaking

Willow Cohn

Rabbits

Grace Benton

Rachel Ehnis

Sarah Moll

Sheep

Amy Jedele

Angela Jedele

Samantha Weldon

Swine

Kayla Holsten

Shawn Holsten

Kourtney Koch

Kyle Olberg

Visual Arts

Kennedy Aldrich

Payton Cooper

Vet Science

Garrett Fischer

Corinne Figarra

One of the most prestigious youth awards, the **Danforth Leadership Award** was presented to

John Figarra of Paint Creek

4-H Club; Kyle Olberg of

Saline 4-H Farmers and

David Reynhout of The

Voyagers

4-H Club. This award

recognized teens for their

emerging leadership and

motivation.

The **Key Club Award** was

presented to Megan

Carpenter of Voyagers 4-H

Club and Willow Cohn of

TLC 4-H Club for

outstanding performance as a

4-H teen participating in District and State 4-H events, teen leadership project, three or more years as a 4-H member in two or more project areas and with a 4-H leader recommendation.

Several community supports of the 4-H program received the **Meritorious Service/Friend of**

4-H Award. Those recognized were Hilltop Greenhouse & Farms – Ken and Denise Prielipp; Meijer Scio Township – Ben Negron and Alex Young – Zingerman's Roadhouse.

The **Angel Award** was presented to Judi Gilmore of the Renegades 4-H Club and Amy Creteau of the Cowboy U 4-H Club.

4-H Leader of the Year was presented to Ginger Burns of the Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club. Ginger has been a 4-H leader for 15 years.

The afternoon program concluded with the presentation of the **2011 4-H Ambassadors.** They are Samantha Bellairs of Munith; Rachel Ehnis of Whitmore Lake; Kourtney Koch of Dexter; Cailin McLean of Dexter; Rebecca Paul of Milan and Jillian Sturtevant of Munith.

**Check with your club leader or contact the office if you were to receive an award and were unable to be present on January 30th.

2011 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show Results

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy show was held January 29 at MSU. There were 297 youth from 46 counties that exhibited 1172 rabbits and 107 cavies. Washtenaw County participants were

Joshua Sturtevant, Jillian Sturtevant, Rhiannon Sturtevant, Allison Bellairs, Samantha Bellairs, Amanda Anderson, Bill Poet, Cody Robbins, Sheri Robbins, Leah Carey, Jacob Bonde, Brandon Bonde, Bailey Welshans, Madison Welshans, Sydney Gordon, Dean Kuebler, Ashleigh Budrick and Amanda Anderson.

Tied for 1st place in Breed ID: Allison Bellairs and Leah Carey, 2nd place was Ashleigh Budrick, Rachel Ehnis was the recipient of a Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship.

Thank You!

... for assisting with the 4-H Advisory Council Tree Sale.. Whether you worked a shift or bought a tree or wreath, it takes many volunteers to make a large fundraiser possible. The 2010 4-H Tree Sale raised \$1786 for Washtenaw County 4-H Programs, including \$357 toward the 4-H Youth Show. Thank you to the following volunteers:

The Blovits Family

Becky & David Bohnett

The Buis Family

Rob Czapiewski

Jane Hattie

Doug Lewis *special thanks for hauling the trees!!

Jean Martin

Roxanne Mayville

The Summerville Family

The Taphouse Family

The Thomas Family

Still Project Committee Update

For Your Information

4-H Advisory Council Flower Sale

The Washtenaw County 4-H Advisory Council will be holding a hanging basket flower sale again this year. Pre-orders will be accepted, and additional baskets will be available for sale the day of pick-up. Baskets will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 7 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Watch the Weekly Update and the website for details and an order form.

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!

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.

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 Cindy at 734-222-3948.

**Archery Program Resuming in Spring**

The Washtenaw County 4-H Target Archery Club will resume on Tuesday evenings starting April 19 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds from 6-8 p.m. No equipment is necessary to participate, but you may bring your own if you wish. Recurve, longbow, and compound bow under a 55 lb. draw weight are permitted. Additionally, a finger tab and arm guard are required. A \$1.00 project fee is required for each session. Please contact Jerry Bima at 734-635-8957 for more information. Dates the program will be in session are as follows:

April 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24
June 21, 28

July 21, 28
August 2, 30
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

Sandwich Contest replaces Appetizers for the 2011 4-H Youth Show. Start practicing now! NO condiments will be allowed on your creations, i.e. catsup, mustard, mayo, etc.

Foam Challenge will be continued for the 2011 4-H Youth Show. Contact Elaine at feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org if you want to pick up a bag of foam to start working on your creations.

Watch your weekly email updates or our Extension website for dates of upcoming workshops. Not all workshops will be featured in the Network because of short scheduling periods in some cases.

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

Is July 31-August 6 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. Join other teens ages 13 to 15 years old from across Michigan! Both 4-H and non-4-H youth are encouraged to attend.

Learn about Michigan's diverse natural resources and enjoy the aquatic environment of Lake Huron, one of the Great Lakes:

- Learn to appreciate and understand natural resources and management issues.
- Explore Great Lakes ecosystems.
- Find out about careers related to the Great Lakes and natural resources.
- Discover environmental education projects you can do at home.
- Learn from Michigan State University faculty and MSU Extension staff who are natural resources experts.

The fee to attend is \$335; youth not enrolled in 4-H pay \$345. The registration deadline is May 6, 2011. If space is still available after May 6, registrations will be accepted but will have an added \$25 late fee. Local scholarship support may be available. To learn more about camp, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>.



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4-H Recreation Leadership & Camp Counselor Workshop

Workshop 810

March 4–6, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Develop your own “bag of tricks” for leading and supporting group activities, building teams, conducting 10-minute energizers and more. You’ll learn how to take charge and make things happen in a club, group or camp setting while having a great time. Recreational leadership is about creating an environment that allows young people and adults to learn, grow and enjoy themselves. Open to teen members and leaders aged 13 and up and to adult leaders and teens who are interested in adding some pizzazz to their 4-H activities.

4-H Science Workshop

Workshop 811

March 12–13, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This workshop focuses on new and exciting areas of science, engineering and technology! Teen and adult volunteers ages 13 and up are encouraged to come and learn about alternative energy, engineering, environmental sciences, and digital photography and film making. Hands on sessions for beginners and more advanced will include: robotics, rocket launching, wind power, making biofuel, digital photography, film making, making catapults, water quality, climate change and more! *This workshop is presented with support from **The W. A. Dart Foundation**.*

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education, Plant Science & Entomology Workshop

Workshop 812

March 18–20, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This is a hands-on opportunity to learn about many environmental and outdoor education, horticulture and entomology projects through fun lessons and activities. Gain ideas, project resources and activities to help kids get outside and have fun outdoors. Sessions will feature wildlife, natural resources, plant science, entomology, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership, water testing, fisheries, energy, GPS techniques and more. 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 teens aged 13 and up. *This workshop is presented with support from **The Michigan Electric Cooperative Association**.*

4-H Healthy Living

Workshop 813

April 8–10, 2011 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is the first workshop in TEN years offering unique training on how to eat and live healthy. In this workshop you will gain invaluable experiences when working with youth and also personal growth in the area of healthy living. You will learn how to be health conscious and teach youth how to also do the same. Are you ready to challenge yourself, be educated and have fun all in the name of healthy living? Sign up today for this great workshop. During this workshop, please plan on bringing workout clothes, shoes and loose fitting garments.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Workshop 814

*April 15–17, 2011 – **Camp Beechpoint, Allegan, Michigan***

If you'd like to know more about the dairy industry, sign up to attend this conference. You'll learn about dairy management topics including dairy cattle nutrition, health, reproduction and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skillathon and quiz bowls that will focus on dairy cattle reproduction. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth aged 12 to 19 as of January 1, 2011. *This workshop is presented with support from the **American Dairy Association of Michigan, Country Fresh, Inc.** and the **Michigan Milk Producers Association**.*

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

Workshop 815

April 29–May 1, 2011 – Kettunen Center

Choose one of several disciplines offered at this workshop as a first step in becoming certified as a Michigan 4-H shooting sports instructor. Disciplines offered include rifle, shotgun, archery, hunting and wildlife. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer! Learn how we foster positive youth development through the shooting sports, and try techniques that effectively help young people learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you've been inactive for more than 3 years or your certification has lapsed. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up. *This workshop is presented with support from the **Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation**.*



4-H Junior Master Gardener Program



Washtenaw County MSU Extension is again hosting the Junior Master Gardener Program for youth ages 9 to 11.

In this lively hands-on program, participants explore various gardening topics and plant a large garden.

Classes are scheduled to run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on six Tuesdays from the beginning of May at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. Garden maintenance and community volunteer activities continue through the summer, including a summer harvest Salad Party in June and a Fall Harvest Party in September.

Cost for the program is \$40 per youth participant, which includes a personal copy of the Junior Master Gardener Reference book and materials for all class projects along with a T-shirt.

Applications and an information flyer will be available soon at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, 705 N. Zeeb Road, or you may download one soon from <http://extension.ewashtenaw.org> by clicking on "4-H Youth Development" then "4-H Junior Master Gardener."

All applications with payment must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2011. Please send inquiries to fischer@ewashtenaw.org or call (734) 222-3948 for more information.

Master Gardener volunteers are needed to assist with this program. If you are interested, you should also contact Cindy Fischer at the above email address.

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Visit TSC April 15-25 to participate. 65% of funds donated support Washtenaw County 4-H.



There's always lots to do and see at 4-H Exploration Days! Have fun, learn new things and make new friends on the beautiful MSU campus! Choose from nearly 200 action-packed learning sessions, including:

- Adventure Education
- Animal Science
- Arts
- Careers
- Environmental & Outdoor Education
- Food, Nutrition & Fitness
- Leadership and more!

Come join the fun!

4-H Exploration Days registrations are due to your county MSU Extension office by April 29, 2011. Ask your county MSU Extension office for a copy of the registration book, or get it from our Web site at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>

4-H's Got Talent!

4-H talent will be in the spotlight for the 4-H Exploration Days entertainment at Wharton Center on Wednesday, June

Invest in yourself and your future... attend 4-H Exploration Days on June 22-24, 2011 at Michigan State University!

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2500 participants from all 83 Michigan counties.

22, from 8 to 9:15 p.m. Performing groups and individuals — 4-H'ers, alumni, staff or volunteers — will be selected through county nominations and CD, DVD, video or web auditions (song, dance, skits, etc.). Download the "4-H's Got Talent Application" at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays> for more details.

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Key Club Award, Meghan Carpenter with Commissioner Smith. Not pictured, Willow Cohn



Leader of the Year, Ginger Burns with Commissioner Rabhi



Club Spirit Award Winners



Friends of 4-H, Emma Young rep: Zingerman's Roadhouse/ Alex Young, Ken & Denise Prielipp, Meijer Scio Township



Angel Award, Amy Creteau and Judi Gilmore



2011 4-H Ambassadors, Jillian Sturtevant, Rebecca Paul, Kourtney Koch, Samantha Bellairs and Rachel Ehnis. Not Pictured, Cailin McLean

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Calendar of Events

March

1	Deadline to Register for Noodle and Flower Arranging Workshops
1	State Awards Deadline
1	Mark of Excellence Deadline
5	Market Beef Weigh-in, 8 am-11:30 am, WFCG
5	Jr Livestock Committee Meeting, Noon, WFCG
8	4-H Horse Meeting, 7 pm., MSUE
14	Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 7 pm., Breuninger Farm
14	Michigan Beef Expo Jr. Show Deadline
20	Flower Arranging Workshop, 1 pm, MSUE
20	Noodle Making Workshop, 1 pm, MSUE
20	Livestock Judging, 2-4 pm., Powers Farm
20-23	4-H Capitol Experience
24	Washtenaw County Ag Banquet, 7 pm., Manchester High School
24	Deadline to Register for PQA
30	New Leader Orientation, 10 am or 6:30 pm, MSUE Please RSVP
31	PQA Training, 7 pm., Dexter Library , must pre-register

April

3	Beef Expo Jr. Show, MSU Pavilion
10	Dairy Judging Meeting, 2 pm., Horning Farm
11	Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm., WFCG
12	4-H Horse Meeting, 7 pm., MSUE
18	Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm., WFCG
18	Chick orders Due
19	Archery, 6 pm., WFCG
20	Small Animal Meeting, 6:30 pm., MSUE
20	Livestock & Dairy Meeting, 7:30 pm., MSUE
26	Archery, 6 pm., WFCG
26-28	Rural Ed Days, Project RED, WFCG
30	Feeder Calves Weigh in, 8 am-11:30 am., WFCG
30	Lamb Weigh in, 8 am-11:30 am., WFCG
30	Hog Weigh in, 8 am-11:30 am., WFCG
31	Goat Weigh in, 8 am-11:30 am., WFCG

May

2	Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm., WFCG
3	Archery, 6:30 pm., WFCG
6	Deadline for GLR Camp Registration
7	4-H Advisory Council Flower Sale, WFCG
9	Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm., WFCG
10	4-H Horse Meeting, 7 pm., MSUE
10	Archery, 6:30 pm., WFCG
16	Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm., WFCG
17	Archery, 6:30 pm., WFCG
21	Spring Round Up, WFCG
21	4-H Poultry Palooza, Clinton County Fairgrounds
23	Dog Workshop, 6:30 pm., WFCG
24	Archery, 6:30 pm., WFCG
25	4-H Horse Warm-up, 6:30 pm., WFCG



Visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/calendar.html> for Animal Science Events at MSU!!



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