

4-H Information Network



A Washtenaw County 4-H Newsletter for Youth and their Families
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****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 (Horses, Livestock and Dairy, Jr. Livestock, 4-H Council, Ambassadors): 734-222-3877

Cindy Fischer (Small Animals, 4-H Council): 734-222-3948

Elaine Feldkamp (Still Projects): 734-222-3973

Kellie LeBlanc (4-H Support Staff): 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.

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.

4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAM

On Sunday, January 29, 2012, we will host our annual member and leader Recognition Program with a light lunch served from 1 to 2 pm, and the program immediately following. 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 must RSVP to Cindy at 734222-3948 or fischer@ewashtenaw.org no later than January 18, 2011.

For Your Information

It's Re-Enrollment Time!!!

Leaders must schedule a club audit before December 13th to submit re-enrollment forms, participation fees, and annual club paperwork. Please assist your leader by completing your re-enrollment forms as soon as possible!

4-H Senior Scholarship Opportunities- For High School Seniors and Undergraduates

There is **one application packet** for the two scholarships listed, with a **December 1, 2011** deadline. Applicants complete pages 1-3 and check off which of the four scholarships they're applying for. Each of the four scholarships has separate information pages with requirements that must also be completed to be considered for that award.

The four scholarships are:

Michigan Farm and Garden Association 4-H Scholarship (range in value from \$360 to \$1000 and several are awarded annually to college undergraduates with financial need and are enrolled in specific programs – more details available in the application packet)

Michigan Rabbit & Cavy 4-H Scholarship (\$500, 2 to 4 given annually, must have 4-H rabbit/cavy participation for at least 3 years, be a college freshman for 2012)

Program Evaluation Notice

As a participant in the 4-H program your child may be asked to help with the evaluation of the program. Your child may be asked to complete a short survey about what he/she learned or did as a result of the program. Surveys could be given before the program begins and/or after the program has ended. Surveys take no more than 10 minutes to complete. All surveys are confidential. Youth are not required to participate in the evaluation. If you or your child does not wish to participate it will not affect involvement in any programs of Michigan State University. If you do not want your child to participate in program evaluations or have questions about the evaluation, contact Jackie Martin 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!!

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.

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.

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.

DEMONSTRATION CLINIC

Demonstrations! What is a good demonstration? How do I give a presentation? Circle your calendar now and plan to attend and take part in a 4-H Demonstration Clinic on Thursday evening, January 12, 2012 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the MSU Extension office on Zeeb Road. No cost to you! It's going to be fun!!!! Just call 997-1678 to register or email Elaine at feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org by January 5, 2012.

Upcoming Opportunities

New Volunteer Leader Orientations Scheduled

The next volunteer orientation will be held Thursday, November 17 at 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 this 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.



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

Holiday Tree Sale

Sponsored by Washtenaw 4-H Advisory Council

A variety of fresh cut trees and 14" wreaths will be available for sale at the Farm Council Grounds this December- just in time for the holidays. Proceeds benefit the Washtenaw County 4-H Advisory Council. Volunteers are needed to support this very important fundraising activity as well. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Martin at 734-222-3877.

WHERE: Tree Sale will be at the
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road

WHEN: **Saturdays, December 3 & 10**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays, December 4 & 11
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*****SEE COUPON ON PAGE 11 OF THIS ISSUE*****

Still Project Committee Update

There will be a "How to Give a Demonstration" workshop on January 12, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Show 2012 exciting changes are in the works! Plans to have an Entrepreneurship Class available to youth 9-18 years of age is currently being formulated. New non-premium contests will replace some of the previous contests such as Chocolate Chip cookies for Cloverbuds and Cupcakes for ages 9-18. The Pie contest will be replaced with a Bread contest. The Dahlia contest will be replaced with a Geranium growing contest! Continuation of the Foam Challenge for the 3rd year and foam can be obtained any time throughout the year to begin making individual or club projects. Discussion continues to add a Talent Show non-premium contest under the Activity Tent and move the Style Revue to the Activity Tent in conjunction with the Talent Show. Food Preparation workshops will begin in 2012 with teens assisting in planning and execution of these workshops.

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.

YOUTH SHOW COVER CONTEST ENTRIES

Cover contest entries for the 2012 Youth Show Book will be due by 5 pm, November 7th, to Cindy at the MSU Extension Office.

A special contest to design the cover of the 2012 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Book is open to all 4-H Youth.

Guidelines:

1. Please use 8 ½" x 11" **white** poster board or white heavy paper.
2. All designs and lettering must be in **black ink** and include a ½" **border on all sides.**
3. Each cover must include the show date, title and theme of your choice:
July 22--27, 2012
Title: 2012 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show
Theme: (Your Choice)
4. Name, age, birth date, club, and address of the 4-H member must be printed clearly on the back of the entry.
5. **Entries must be submitted by Monday, November 7, 2011 by 5 pm**, to the MSUE 4-H Office,
Attn: Cindy Fischer, P.O. Box 8645, and 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645.

The winning entries will be used as the front and back covers of the 2012 book. Awards are:

First - \$15.00, Second - \$10.00, Third - \$5.00. Two divisions will be awarded prizes, ages 12 and under and 13 and up. Age is determined as of January 1, 2012. The front cover this year will be for the 13 and up age group and the winning entry from the 12 and under age group will be the back cover.

If you have questions, please contact Cindy at fischer@ewashtenaw.org or 222-3948.

Interstate Exchange- Travel Opportunity!

Washtenaw County is considering participating in an interstate exchange with youth involved in a 4-H program in another state. We are in the planning stages of this event, which would be open to 4-H teens. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please consider attending a planning meeting on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office. For more information, contact Terri Cook at cook@umich.edu or Jackie Martin at 734-222-3877.

Community Service Opportunity – Hot off the Press!!!

Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor will be opening up twelve rooms in the Mott Children Hospital for families with medically fragile children. They would like to provide baggies with toiletries for those family members who come to the hospital so unexpectedly to accompany their ill child. If you would like to collect tooth brushes, tooth paste, bar soap, shampoo, Kleenex, deodorant and combs and place these items in plastic bags, Ronald McDonald House would be thrilled to accept your donations! You can even label your bags as having been provided by Washtenaw County 4-H with your club's name included. If you have questions, please contact Elaine at the Extension office at 222-3973 or feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org.

This will be an on-going project throughout the year. Visit the Ronald McDonald House, Ann Arbor website's Wish List for more ideas.

Other community service activities continue, such as collecting fleece blankets and throws for Mott Children Hospital along with new and/or nearly new stuffed animals. Our first distribution of these items will be November 15th. You may drop off your items at the Extension office.

Donations for our service men and women serving overseas are still needed. Our drop off date at the Extension Office is November 10th. We are collecting individual snack foods, foot powder, DVD's, nerf balls, Frisbees and Kool Aid mix. Christmas cards with morale boosting messages addressed to "Dear Trooper" are gladly accepted also.

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.

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!



Horse & Pony News

Washtenaw County Horse Association Update

Meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office. A representative from each club, preferably a leader and at least one youth are expected to attend the Horse Association Meetings each month. Only a designated number of youth from each club are able to vote. Everyone's voice is encouraged, so plan on attending the next meeting on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office. Youth officers and adult advisors were elected at the September and October meetings and are listed below. Congratulations and thank you to each of you for volunteering to serve in these important roles.

2011-12 Youth Officers

Kimber Creteau, President (Cowboy U)
Rachel Johnston, Vice President (Carousel Riders)
Stephanie Vontom, Secretary (Invincible Equestrians)
Ethan Wagar-Huff, Corresponding Secretary (Little Britches)
Ben Ehrlich, Treasurer (Carousel Riders)
Anna Moga, Member at Large (Brookville Horse Whisperers)
Caroline Manley, Member at Large (Challengers)

2011-12 Adult Advisors

Amy Creteau (Cowboy U)
Kasey Damm (Bridlespur)
Marilyn Johnston (Carousel Riders)
Ann Stalhandske (Bridlespur)
Cindy Strader (Bridlespur)
Diane Tenerowicz (Brookville Horse Whisperers)
Sherry Wagar (Little Britches)

Changes in South Field at Farm Council Grounds

Please be advised that the fence that formerly separated the Farm Council Grounds South Field from the adjacent neighborhood no longer exists. This was removed by the power company this summer. This change may affect how some 4-H members choose to handle horses in the south field at shows, events, and the Youth Show.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

4-H Day at Breslin – Women's Basketball event is fast approaching!



January 15, 2012! MSU Lady Spartans, 2010-11's Big Ten Champions, will host Ohio State University at 4 p.m.

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

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.

Jr. Livestock Committee

Interested teens (12 by January 1, 2012) 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. Over the past eleven years this group has done many things, from suggesting youth show judges to putting on workshops to contacting buyers and working on the Cloverbud/mentor program, just to mention a few. We would also like to invite each livestock & dairy club to have one or more members participate on this committee. To become involved contact advisors Kathy Grau at 734/475-3437 or Mary Hammer at 734/439-8303 or the Extension office. The next Jr. Livestock Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 1** at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office lunchroom on the lower level (just prior to the Livestock and Dairy Meeting). The agenda includes reviewing the 2011 Youth Show and making plans for 2012. Everyone attending this meeting is also invited to attend the Livestock and Dairy Meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Livestock and Dairy Committee

2011-12 Officers were elected at the last regular meeting, thank you to those who volunteered for these positions:

President- Mark Summerville
Vice President- Terri Cook
Treasurer- Bev Olberg
Secretary- Lewis Gilbert

The next Livestock and Dairy Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing Youth Show Book Changes for 2012, which will need to be finalized by January 1.



Attention Dairy Members and Those Interested in Dairy

Anyone interested in learning more about 4-H dairy opportunities is invited to a pizza party on Monday, November 21 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor. We will meet in the lunchroom on the lower level. After pizza and ice cream we will briefly discuss various dairy opportunities and then have a quiz bowl practice. In order to plan for pizza and other goodies, please RSVP to Nancy Thelen at 222-3825 by Friday, November 18 or email her at thelenn@ewashtenaw.org.

Small Animal Subcommittee Update

The Small Animal Subcommittee held a regular meeting on September 27. New officers were elected and are as follows:

President- Cathie Mason
Vice President- Melanie Pitts
Secretary- Sheri Bellairs

Thank you to all of the officers for volunteering for these important positions. The committee is discussing youth show book changes for 2012 and upcoming educational opportunities. If you would like to be involved in the discussion, please plan on attending the **next meeting on Tuesday, November 1** at 6p.m. at the MSU Extension Office. Please contact Cindy for more information at 734-222-3948.

Bi State Poultry Clinic

Michigan 4-H Poultry Committee is once again hosting the Bi State Poultry Clinic on December 10th! This year's clinic will focus on poultry evaluation of live birds, meat and eggs. Please distribute to 4-H Poultry families and any others who may wish to attend.

The complete flier can be found at http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4_h_bi_state_poultry_clinic. There is no pre-registration for this event.

Please feel free to contact Katie VanderKolk, MSUE, 517-432-5270 should you have any questions or concerns.

Spotlight on 4-H'ers

Jr. Livestock Committee at W4 Country Radio Station



During the 2011 4-H Youth Show, several Jr. Livestock Committee members traveled to the W-4 country radio station for a live interview with Adam Ray and Lori Rigato on the breakfast show. The 4-H'ers promoted the Youth Show and the livestock auction. Pictured l to r are: Kathy Grau, advisor; Abbie Walkowe; Karis Kanitz; Zeke Breuninger; Lori Rigato; Jacy Wacker; Ryan Groves; Adam Ray; Cody Wacker and Mark Gilbert. Also attending was advisor Mary Hammer and Steve Thelen.

2011 Junior Master Gardener 's



standing left to right) Mary Schloss, Frances Nardelli, Bella Larson, Ember Larson, Seamus Fifelski, John Rickmil, Livia Worden, David Evans, Will Brinkerman, Joseph Weber, Cameron Wallace, and Ben McQueen, along with Ty Worden (seated at left) and Francis Fifelski (seated at right).

All 16 students who enrolled in the program this year successfully finished the required 10 hours of work and learning in the garden.



County 4-H'ers Participate in National 4-H Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests

2011 was a record year for 4-H members from Washtenaw County to participate in three different national youth judging contests. Congratulations to each of the 4-H'ers on all of their accomplishments.

Katelyn Horning, Country Expressions 4-H Club; Natalie Horning, Country Expressions 4-H Club; and Samantha Mamarow, Townline Workers 4-H Club, earned spots on the Michigan 4-H Dairy Judging Team that participated in the 2011 All American Dairy Show Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held in September in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and they represented the state very well. Katelyn Horning was also selected to judge on the Michigan 4-H team at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. There were twenty-nine teams from around the country competing in the dairy cattle evaluation contest judging 10 classes, and giving oral reasons on five classes. Katelyn placed first in oral reasons and tenth overall in the entire contest. The Michigan team placed fifth overall and third in reasons.

In October, Zeke Breuninger, Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club; Katelyn Horning, Country Expressions 4-H Club; Natalie Horning, Country Expressions 4-H Club; Jacob Kern, Rogers Corners Herdsman and Kayla Holsten, Saline 4-H Farmers represented Michigan in the Keystone International Junior Livestock Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Sixteen teams from across the country evaluated twelve classes of beef, sheep and hogs, gave oral reasons on 4 classes and answered questions on 2 classes. The team was 8th in oral reasons, 9th in swine and 11th overall. Zeke placed 4th in beef cattle, 3rd in Angus judging, 9th in oral reasons, and 13th overall. Kayla was 8th in beef cattle judging and 29th overall.

The county dairy team was coached by Jeff Horning and the livestock team by Joel Powers and Nancy Thelen. Many thanks to all the farms who allowed us to judge animals during practice sessions, and to the many groups, businesses, and individuals who helped to fund the trips.

2011 State Horse Show Results

Congratulations to all of the exhibitors at the 2011 State 4-H Horse Show held August 12-14, 2011. Representing Washtenaw County this year were: Kelsey Betts, Jenna Bordine, Connor Collinworth, Kimber Creteau, Makaila DeSano-Smith, Benjamin Ehrlich, Madison Heath, Brook Grobosky, Bridget Grobosky, Cassidy Horodeczny, Rachel Johnston, Sarah Langford, Ciara Lesko, Jasmine Levitte, Caroline Manley, Anyssa Marsh, and Katelyn Pease. Special recognition goes to Kelsey Betts, who earned Grand Champion Hunter Hack Senior Exhibitor, and Rachel Johnston, earning Grand Champion English Equitation, Senior Exhibitor. Congratulations to all of our Washtenaw County participants!

Club Window Display Challenge Participants

Thank you to the five 4-H clubs that participated in the National 4-H Week Window Display challenge, and the store owners who agreed to host their displays. Clubs and stores participating were:

1st Place; Backwoods Farmers- Dexter Mill, Dexter

2nd Place; Paint Creek- Collin's Center Dry Cleaning, Milan

3rd Place; Saline 4-H Farmers- Harold's Barber Shop, Saline

Also participating were All Around 4-H Club- Parts Peddler, Chelsea and Guyer Feed, Stockbridge and Rogers Corners Herdsman- Absolute Computer Services, Dexter

Special thank-you to the Washtenaw County 4-H Advisory Council for hosting the contest and sponsoring the cash awards.



Backwoods Farmers winning display as shown at Dexter Mill.

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!!!!

Friendly Reminder-Remember to say THANK YOU!

It takes a many generous sponsors to make the Youth Show possible each year. If you received a trophy or a plaque it is your responsibility to write a **THANK YOU** note to the person, organization or group that sponsored that trophy or plaque. A sponsorship label was placed on each trophy or plaque with the name and address of your sponsor. **PLEASE**, take a moment to send a short note to your sponsor, if you haven't already done so.

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>



Know an outstanding
Michigan 4-H
alumnus?

Nominate them for the
Michigan 4-H alumni hall of fame –
the 4-H Emerald Clover Society!

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors individuals who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominations are being accepted now for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2012. **Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2012.**

Nominate a deserving Michigan 4-H alumnus today! For details and a nomination packet, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org/ecs.

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 _____

Email _____

If you are working with a Cloverbud list name _____

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

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4-H Workshops at Kettunen Center

4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop #905

November 18-20, 2011

Kettunen Center Participants in this exciting training opportunity will gain new ideas and information about the rabbit and cavy project areas. Participants will choose from a variety of topics including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun 4-H club activities. The workshop will provide adult and teen leaders, 13 and up, the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new friends and explore new areas with other individuals who are interested in rabbits and cavies. Participants are encouraged to develop plans for sharing the learning experiences back to their local counties.

4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference Workshop #904

December 2-4, 2011

Kettunen Center This workshop is designed for adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H Horse programs. Topics include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities and opportunities beyond a county program. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged, for exchanging of ideas and programs and meeting other volunteers in the same interest area. Participants are expected to share the information and experiences gained at this conference with fellow 4-H'ers in their counties. Adults only.

4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference

January 21-22, 2012

Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

This powerful conference brings teens, aged 14 (by 1/1/2012) and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. The conference opens with the activity "Are You an Eagle, Owl, Peacock or Dove Leader?" Following the opening are many small group sessions; such as, Get Involved in a 2012 Political Campaign, World Travelers-Geocaching and Travel Bugs, Leadership & Service through Animal Science Projects, Cupcakery & Leadership, of Course!, Outdoor Winter Group Activities, Photovoice Project-Recording Your Life & Community, Opportunities Beyond the County 4-H Program, Juggling with Elephants-Time Management for Teens, Seven Billion People-Sustainability & Limited Resources, Healthy Living Teen Ambassadors, Officer & Teen Leader Training, 4-H Projects+Life Skills=Academic Success, Backseat Driving-Letting Youth Take the Steering Wheel and SPORK: Fun with Team Building. A dance and karaoke, night sledding and great food are also highlights of the conference. The cost is \$58 for 4-H youth and volunteers; this covers four meals, one overnight and all resource fees. Registration is due by January 6, 2012. Quotes from 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!" The full conference announcement with session descriptions will be available by mid-November on the Michigan 4-H website at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/citizenship_leadership_service.



Thank You!!!!

Thank you to the Little Britches 4-H Club, Ann Arbor Home Schoolers and Vet Science 4-H Clubs for their donations of fleece blankets.

Frances Baldus of the 4-H Highlights 4-H Club donated 25 lap-size cotton quilts. Thelma Crawford, our 90+ year old volunteer, donated 30 tray-favor size plastic canvas baskets which she stitched together and which the Leader of the Pack 4-H Club have offered to fill with candy/mints.

Thank You Zingerman's Roadhouse

Thank you to Zingerman's Roadhouse for donating ALL of the food and food preparation for the 4-H Youth Show BBQ. This allowed 100% of the proceeds to go directly to 4-H Council and the 4-H Youth Show- a total of \$2,764! 4-H clubs are encouraged to send thank you notes directly to Zingerman's Roadhouse for their support. Also, Zingerman's Roadhouse has started highlighting the 4-H meat on their menu. Chef Alex worked hard to make sure that the processing facility labeled the meat with the name of the youth so that the restaurant could say exactly what 4-H member raised the meat that guests are enjoying on their menu on a given day. Very cool! Stop in to check it out soon.



If your club has been doing a community service project and you would like to share your accomplishments with the rest of the 4-H community, please contact Elaine at feldkampe@ewashtenaw.org and tell me what you have been doing!

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Calendar of Events

November

1	Jr. Livestock Meeting, 6:30 pm, MSUE
1	Livestock & Dairy Meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE
1	Small Animal Subcommittee Meeting, 6 pm., MSUE
1	2012 Superintendent Applications, 5 pm, MSUE
1	Deadline for MSU & Local Scholarships
3	Interstate Exchange Meeting, 6:30 pm, MSUE
4	Appetizer Workshop, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, MSUE
7	2012 Youth Show Cover Contest Entries Due, 5 pm, MSUE
8	Horse Association Meeting, 7 pm., MSUE
9	Still Project Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm., MSUE
17	New Leader Orientation, 6:30 pm., MSUE
18-20	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop, Kettunen Center
21	4-H Dairy Committee Pizza Party, 7 pm., MSUE

December

1	Deadline for Farm, Garden, Rabbit & Cavy MSU Scholarships
1	Deadline for 4-H Senior Scholarship Applications, 5 pm, MSUE
2-4	4-H Adult Horse Workshop, Kettunen Center
3	Holiday Tree Sale, 8 am-5 pm, WFCG
4	Holiday Tree Sale, 10 am-5 pm, WFCG
10	Holiday Tree Sale, 8 am-5 pm, WFCG
10	Bi State Poultry Clinic, MSU
11	Holiday Tree Sale, 10 am-5 pm, WFCG

January

12	Demonstration Clinic, 6:30 pm., MSUE
15	4-H Day Breslin Center, 4 pm., MSU
19	Horse Protégé Application Deadline
20	Cloverbud/Mentor Application Due
21-22	4-H Teen Leadership Workshop, Kettunen Center
26	Horse Protégé Meeting, 6:30 pm., MSUE
29	4-H Recognition Program, 1 pm, WFCG

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