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# 4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



## Superintendents Needed for 2025 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show



We are reaching out to encourage and inquire if any individuals are interested in taking on a role as a superintendent. If you're interested, please look over [the superintendent responsibilities and the letter of intent](#). We ask that all letters of intent (from new applicants and existing superintendents) be returned to the office by **November 1, 2024**. There are plenty of opportunities available, including animal and non-animal barn specific superintendents!

Not all previous superintendent intents are turned in yet however, I know that we will be looking for a herdsmanship superintendent, a poultry superintendent, but there could be more positions available! If you aren't sure what you could help with, just ask!

Questions? Please contact Amy, [harr1976@msu.edu](mailto:harr1976@msu.edu).

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

### 4-H Open House

October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

### National 4-H Week

October 6-12<sup>th</sup>

### Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

### Horse Association Meeting

October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

### Still Projects Committee Meeting

October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm on Zoom (email Jenny for the link)

### 4-H Recognition Program

November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 4-H Online Re-Enrollment Opens



4-H online is now open and awaiting re-enrollments! You can find it here: [4-H Online](#)

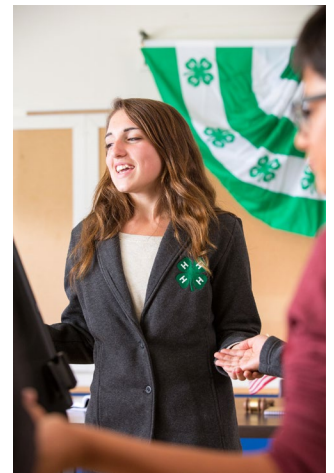
In order to participate in the 24-25 program year, youth and volunteers will need to re-enroll even if you just joined and enrolled prior to September 1st, 2024! Enroll sooner than later so you don't miss any communications from our staff.

New this year, there is a question that all volunteers will need to answer before they enroll. You will need to choose which level you are when enrolling before it will let you proceed with enrollment. Most volunteers who enroll in 4-H Online are Gold level volunteers. The only volunteers who will be silver are those who volunteer for one-time events. Not sure what you are? Check with Amy or Jenny.

## Washtenaw County 4-H Open House: October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm

We are looking forward to our 4-H Open House event this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The open house is an event for families of Washtenaw County (and beyond) to come and learn about 4-H, all the project areas offered and meet the clubs in the area! Emails will be going out to club leaders with details.

Please help us spread the word and share our social media postings and tell friends about this event. You can also [click that you plan to attend our event on Facebook](#). We hope to see many new families there!



## Washtenaw Farm Council Halloween Event: Needs Volunteers



The Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Fun Fest on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Tickets are only available day of at the entrance.

Attractions this year include: hayrides, merchants, 10 thousand sq ft indoor haunted maze, popcorn and treats, and more! Entry is \$10 per person with kids 10 and under FREE.

Patrons are encouraged to dress up and children are encouraged to bring a trick or treat bag. Vendors and sponsors will be handing out prizes and candy.

This is a fundraising event for the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds and a great event to help support our partner! We also are looking for 4-H members, clubs, or volunteers interested in helping out at the event. If you are interested, please contact Amy.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Congratulations to Washtenaw County 4-H Archery Members on the Tri-Cat!

Congratulations to six Washtenaw County 4-H'ers who participated in the 2024 Tri-County Archery Tournament at the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club in Ypsilanti, MI on Sunday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Here are their placings:

### Barebow Division Beginner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Annamarie Dyer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alexander Auden
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Arianna Auden

### Barebow Division Junior:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Rock Thompson

### Barebow Division Senior:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Kaya Kim

### Bowhunter Division Beginner

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Henry Tsallis



Thank you to Jerry Bima, our 4-H Archery Instructor who helped mentor these youth and support them at the event. The Washtenaw County 4-H Archery Club will start up again in April 2025.

## Washtenaw County 4-H Recognition Program: November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm



Join us on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm for our annual 4-H Recognition Program at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. During this special annual event, we will recognize the I Dare You Award winner, 4-H Leader of the Year, Angel Award, Friend of 4-H, Club Spirit, and several other county-level awards & recognition. Join us to celebrate your Washtenaw County 4-H Program!

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Desserts, popcorn, and beverages will be served.

Invitations for winners will be going out in the next few weeks but we encourage all 4-H members to attend and cheer on your friends, volunteers, and community supporters. We will also have the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau photo booth to take some fun photos!

## Junior Livestock Outreach and Fundraising Events this Fall

Junior Livestock is busy again this Fall participating in Tractor Supply Company's mini Farmer's market with a bake sale to raise funds for the 4-H program. They also participated in Webster Township Fall Festival again this year handing out candy and spreading the word about Washtenaw County 4-H programs.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Congratulations to 4-H Volunteers Angela Oakman & Mandy Rogers



Congratulations to Washtenaw County 4-H volunteers Angela Oakman and Mandy Rogers for receiving the Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards, which recognize 4-H volunteers who exhibit excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership in agriculture-related areas. Angela and Mandy were recognized for their contributions to the Washtenaw County 4-H program at the 4-H Legacy Awards on September 21<sup>st</sup> in East Lansing. Both Angela and Mandy received \$1,000 in funds for the program of their choice. We are lucky to have such hardworking and dedicated volunteers in our Washtenaw County 4-H program.

## Saline Area Lions Club Donation to Washtenaw County 4-H Program

Thank you to Saline Area Lions for your support of Washtenaw County 4-H!

We did not have a 4-H Kitchen at the 2024 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show and although volunteers were able to staff a 4-H snack counter, we were not able to provide ice cream. When the Saline Lions Club heard about this, they graciously offered to provide ice cream throughout the week of the 4-H Youth Show. This was a huge highlight for our 4-H members and families attending!

The Saline Lions Club invited 4-H staff, volunteers, and members to attend their meeting and donated \$1,000 of their profits from the ice cream sales back to Washtenaw County 4-H to provide scholarship funds. Our 4-H Kitchen has provided funds for these scholarships and this donation will allow us to have funds to continue to provide senior scholarships. Thank you for Saline 4-H Farmers members William R., Max G., and Cora H. for taking the time out of their busy schedules to talk about their experiences in 4-H and the impact it has had on their lives. We appreciate the willingness of this local community organization to support our program and hope we can continue to partner in the future to make the best better in Washtenaw County!





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

**All applications are due by November 1.**

Learn more and access applications materials at: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

### October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

*Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024)

### October 6-12: National 4-H Week

*Nationwide*

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week)

### October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

*Heritage Hall, Lansing*

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol)

### October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

*Online*

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25)

### October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

*Online*

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



Join Us Online  
**WILD SPARTANS**  
 MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES  
 FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING  
 SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION  
 October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

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For more information and registration, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/environmental\\_outdoor\\_education/wild-spartans-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series).



Join  
**4-H FUTURE SQUAD**  
 A virtual 4-H club for youth 12-19 years old focused on life skills for the future

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## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year-old youth in Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Club meetings for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

*"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."*

- 2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/).