



DECEMBER 2023

4-H Family News

CLINTON COUNTY



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

I want to wish you and your families good health and happiness as we enter into the Holiday Season.

Inside this newsletter you will find many opportunities, look through them and take advantage of those that interest you.

Please reach out to me at harri446@msu.edu with any concerns and questions or call me directly at (989)224-5227.

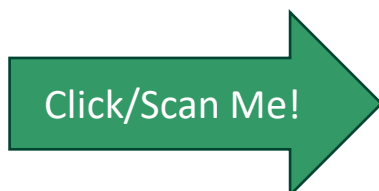
Sincerely,

Corissa Harris

SPRING TAGGING: All Specie tagging event will be held on April 27th, 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Some clubs are doing great things for Community Service this Season. If your club is doing or has done a service activity, please send an email to harri446@msu.edu and let me know what was done. Let's share our caring efforts.

ENOLLMENT IS OPEN: Submit your enrollment for the 2023-2024 year by logging in to your 4-H Online Account.



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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair T-Shirts Available!!

CLINTON COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR T-SHIRTS

Available at the Clinton County MSU Extension Office located in the Garden Level of the Clinton County Courthouse.

- Check or Cash only.
- Limited Sizes Available

\$15.00 each
Youth S - XL
Adult S - XL

\$20.00 each
Adult 2x-3x

Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair

Where Friends Meet & Memories Are Made

- Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair T-Shirts
- Clinton County Plat Books

Available in the Clinton County Extension Office in the Garden Level of the Courthouse. Checks and Cash are accepted. Office Hours are Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm, they make great gifts!

Clinton County 4-H Hippology

All 4-H members that are interested in Hippology are welcome to join us on Wednesdays, twice a month for meetings at Smith Hall on the Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds. Meetings start at 7 pm. For questions, please contact Jan Mehney at 517-749-6541.

Meeting Dates: December 13 & 20, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21.



Soap Box Derby Car Opportunity

Do you want to help with a 4-H Soap Box Derby Car?

Please fill out the interest survey by scanning the QR Code below

If you are enrolled in Clinton County 4-H and are interested in helping to build a Soap Box Derby Car to race in the St. Johns Soap Box Derby in June, please take a moment to fill out the interest survey [HERE](#).



Clinton County 4-H Trips

2024 Clinton County 4-H Trip Dates

K, 1st & 2 nd	Zap Zone	March 9 th
3rd Grade	Defy Trampoline Park	February 24 th
4th Grade	Sub Trip in Muskegon	June 19 th -20 th
5th Grade	Michigan's Adventure	June 26 th
6th Grade	Tree Runner Adventure	May 18 th
7th Grade	Mackinaw Island	July 24 th -25 th
8th Grade	Cedar Point	June 17 th -18 th
9th Grade	Cannonsburg Snow Tubing	February 10 th
10th Grade	White Water Rafting	July 15 th -17 th
11th Grade	Washington, DC Trip	June 24 th -29 th
12th Grade & ↑	TBD	TBD



More information about trips can be found [HERE!](#) Information will be added in the coming weeks. Registration coming soon!!



4-H News

Join us as the Spartan Women's Basketball Team takes on Rutgers



TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

SAVE THE DATE! You're ALL invited to attend the eighteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game, Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Ticket Price: **FREE** for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families!

Time: Game time is 2:00 p.m.. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets: Ticket reservations will begin in the mid-December. Look for additional information in December on the [event website](#).

Clinton County 4-H Winter Frenzy 2024

Join us on Saturday, February 3rd from 1-3 pm at the Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds for a fantastic time at the 2024 Clinton County 4-H Winter Frenzy. There are many activities planned and we hope that you can join us!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



If you have a Cloverbud that was enrolled for the 2022-2023 year and did not receive a Cloverbud t-shirt, please contact the Clinton County MSU Extension Office at 989-224-5240



4-H News

DAIRY NEWS

The North American International Livestock Exposition 2023 Michigan 4-H Team



The North American International Livestock Exposition 2023 Michigan 4-H team members included (Pictured from left to right): Cassidy Harris, of Ovid; Willow Evans, of St. Johns; Megan Wilson, of Blanchard. The team was coached by Dr. Joe Domecq, Sarah Black, Sarah Michalek, and Kirby Krogstad.

Results

- Team:** 2nd in Holstein, 3rd Overall, 3rd in Jersey, 4th in Reasons, 4th in Brown Swiss, 6th in Guernsey, and 9th in Ayrshire.
- Individuals:** Willow Evans placed 5th in Holstein, 6th Overall, 8th in Guernsey, 9th in Jersey, 10th in Reasons, and 10th in Brown Swiss. Cassidy Harris placed 2nd in Holstein, 7th Overall, and 7th in Jersey. Megan Wilson placed 3rd in Brown Swiss, and 9th in Reasons.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team. Front, left to right: J. Hicks, C. Steiner, C. Tucker, L. Welch. Back, left to right: L. VanDenBerg, Coach Rod Pennock, Coach Kerry Tucker and Coach Bev Berens. Photo courtesy of North American International Livestock Exposition.

The Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team competed at the National 4-H Dairy Quiz Competition at NAILE. The Michigan Dairy Quiz Bowl Team is comprised of members from all over the state. Michigan won 2 rounds and lost two rounds and were in the top 8 for those teams competing. They answered college-level questions on biology, calf care, colostrum quality, milk systems, etc.



Agriscience, Food & Natural Resources Education



Premier Leadership - Personal Growth - Career Success

- The SJHS enrollment process will begin in January of 2024.
- Interested students should select the agriculture class of their choosing.
- If you have additional questions about enrolling in Agriscience Classes at SJHS, please contact your child's HS counselor.

For more information on:

- Ag Education
- Careers in Ag
- How to ask questions
- SJHS Enrollment
- Michigan FFA

Click [HERE!](#)

These Agriscience Food & Natural Resource Classes are for 2024-2025 incoming 9th - 12th graders (current 8th-11th graders) at St. Johns High School.

Courses will include:

- **Animal Science A/B**

In this course, you will learn about the animal industry as well as a variety of careers related to the industry. This course involves hands-on learning as we learn about many different species of animals that are raised in Michigan. You will interactively explore the care, life systems, products, and economic impact of Michigan farm animals and pets. **FFA topics and events will be covered in this class, therefore FFA membership is included.**



- **Plants, Natural Resources & Wildlife A/B**

In this course, you will be introduced to the hands-on study of plants, natural resources, and Michigan wildlife. You will study plant propagation, ecosystems, and natural resources and how they work together for a sustainable future in Michigan. Activities include creating new plants from seeds, cuttings, etc., monitoring and creating animal habitats, strategizing how to protect ecosystems, and learning how to identify wildlife and manage their populations. **FFA topics and events will be covered in this class therefore FFA membership is included.**



**LEARNING TO DO,
DOING TO LEARN,
EARNING TO LIVE,
LIVING TO SERVE**

By completing this Agriscience, Food and Natural Resources Education Program and receiving the FFA State Degree you will earn **6 CREDITS** at Michigan State University!



Agriscience, Food and Natural Resources Education is a combination of classroom and laboratory teaching, supervised agricultural experiences, and FFA participation



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension announces statewide public listening sessions

Adapted from: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/msu-extension-announces-statewide-public-listening-sessions-in-november-and-december>.

Whether it's supporting the dedicated professionals who drive the state's agriculture economy or empowering children to develop leadership skills, helping others is central to the mission of Michigan State University Extension, the community outreach arm of the university.

"Service is at the core of who we are," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "As we think strategically about our organization, we value input from those we serve most of all."

With that in mind, MSU Extension is holding a series of public listening sessions at various locations across the state as part of an ongoing strategic direction process. These sessions will begin in late November and continue through mid-December.

Through these sessions, the organization hopes to gather input from a diverse group of people to determine where MSU Extension is, what is working well and opportunities for improvement. This feedback will be used to help shape MSU Extension's priorities and service for years to come.

Each listening session will begin with a welcome from MSU Extension leadership and staff. Then, participants will be divided into two groups – external participants and partners will gather in one room, and MSU Extension faculty and staff will gather in another. In each of these rooms, participants will be invited to share their perspectives and insights through a series of facilitated activities. Questions will center on topics such as: emerging social, economic, and other trends that participants expect will impact them in the future; what participants know MSU Extension for; what participants believe MSU Extension does well, and what they think can be improved; and what participants envision a thriving MSU Extension would look like in the future. Common themes heard from participants will be identified and reflected to the entire group for each activity.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend – youth, parents, community and statewide partners, all MSU Extension-affiliated faculty and staff, and curious community members. Translation and interpretation services, as well as other accommodations, may be available upon request.

Listening Session Locations and Dates:

- **Nov. 28** - Detroit - 1-3:30 p.m. - MSU Detroit Center
- **Nov. 28** - Troy - 6-8:30 p.m. - Troy Continuing Education Building
- **Nov. 29** - East Lansing - For public attendees only, 9-11:30 a.m. - Hannah Community Center
- **Nov. 29** - East Lansing - For MSU Affiliated Staff only, 1-3:30 p.m. - MSU Campus, Conservatory
- **Dec. 11** - Marquette - 4-6:30 p.m. - Northern Center, Northern Michigan University
- **Dec. 12 - Grayling** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Kirtland College Event Center
- **Dec. 13 - Frankenmuth** - 4:30-7 p.m. - Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center
- **Dec. 14 - Muskegon** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Muskegon Community College
- **Dec. 18 - Kalamazoo** - 4-6:30 p.m. – Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center

Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Walk-in registrations may be limited due to facility capacity. Register now at events.anr.msu.edu/listeningseries. Questions? Contact Kathy Walicki at walicki@msu.edu or Marie Garcia at garci434@msu.edu.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 2: Oakland County Tack & Craft Sale

Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg

Come shop for one of a kind unique holiday gifts! Admission to the sale is \$1. All are welcomed to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10111-8-23

December 12: Wild Spartans – Casting for a Career in Coldwater Conservation

Online

Dive into the Great Lakes and rivers to explore their coldwater residents! Meet the Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, Jamie Vaughan. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024dec

MSU Extension Listening Session Series

Various locations

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Kettunen Center Inventory Closeout

Kettunen Center was the first 4-H volunteer and youth training center in the nation, owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation from 1961 to 2021. The center's remaining merchandise, such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, mugs and more, is now available for sale! We know the Kettunen Center meant so much to the 4-H community and this is an opportunity to purchase something by which to remember the center. Purchase yours today at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/shopkett/>.

KETTUNEN CENTER MERCHANDISE SALE

SHOP NOW

