



JUNE 2024

4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



2024 Fair Changes

Non-Livestock:

New Classes-

- Diamond Art
- 3-D Printing
- Hide Tanning

Small Animal:

- Check-In is FRIDAY (9/20) FROM 4-6 P.M.
- Poultry Show will start at 3:00
- Rabbit & Cavy show will start at 1:30
- Market goats must be weighed in on a designated day in July (July 13th or July 20th).
- Rate of Gain has been added for all Market Goats.
- Market Rabbit possession date: 9/1.
- A Single Fryer class was added
- Dogs will now be required to have the following vaccines: Rabies, CDV, CPV, Bordetella, CIV, CAV-2

Equine:

- Classes will now be broken up as follows: Cloverbuds, 8-10, 11-13, 14 & Over.
- A Ranch Riding Class was added
- Equine Record Book was added

Large Animal:

Feeder Calf: MANDATORY VACCINE schedule :

July 13th, August 10th, and Fair Check-In. If you miss a mandatory vaccine date you will not be eligible to show at the fair.

Beef: Registration papers are required for all registered breeding stock, if papers can not be produced your animal will show as Crossbred.

Bred and Owned Class was added.

Sheep: Bred and Owned is now open to anyone enrolled in Hillsdale County 4-H.

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COUNTY NEWS

Congratulations and welcome to our new superintendents:

Dairy: Denise Weston

Dairy Type Goats: Hawley Monahan

Assistant Meat Type Goats: Denise Heath

Poultry: Sarah Maier

Assistant Poultry: Stacey Gamble

The Assistant Dairy Type Goat position is still available, if you are interested, please get in touch with the MSU Extension Office.

4-H COUNCIL

4-H Council is still actively seeking new members. 4-H Council is currently sponsoring a Summer Series Horse Show, planning a dance during the fair, planning for lots of games and activities for youth to participate in during fair, and they just paid for 27 youth to attend Exploration Days. 4-H Council is so much more than just planning and working in the kitchen now. Deb Hollister and her mom Carolyn have taken over the kitchen part of the 4-H Council, opening the door for the Council to sponsor and create new events. However, it is hard to plan and execute events with the small number of Council members that we have, it would be great to see more parents get involved.

-Justin Gimenez (4-H Council President)

HORSE LEADERS COMMITTEE

Horse Camp will be July 26-29th from 8-4 at the Hillsdale Fairgrounds

Haul-In will be July 25th anytime after 6:00.

Applications are available [HERE!](#)



JUNE

9TH- DAIRY LEADERS MEETING 1:30

13TH- YDFAC (CLOSED MEETING) 7:00

15TH- HORSE LEADERS MEETING- FAIRGROUNDS- 1:30

15TH- 4-H HORSE SHOW- FAIRGROUNDS 2:00

15TH- MARKET SWINE, MARKET SHEEP, BREEDING STOCK, AND PRODUCTION
POULTRY (EXCEPT MARKET CHICKENS) POSSESSION DATE

19TH- 4-H COUNCIL 7:00 (ZOOM LINK WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK)

20TH- SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE 7:00

24TH- SHEEP & SWINE ID FORMS DUE TO MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

JULY

1ST- DAIRY, BREEDING STOCK BEEF, BREEDING STOCK SHEEP, MARKET FEEDER
CALF, HORSE, PONY, DRAFT, DAIRY TYPE GOAT, MEAT TYPE GOAT, BREEDING
STOCK GOATS

1ST- HORSE ID FORMS DUE TO MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

13TH- MANDATORY FEEDER CALF WEIGH-IN 10:00- 12:00

13TH- GOAT WEIGH-IN (MUST PICK ONE DAY) 10:00-12:00

14TH- DAIRY LEADERS MEETING 1:30

14TH- HORSE LEADERS MEETING 6:00

15TH- 4-H COUNCIL MEETING 6:30

20TH- GOAT WEIGH-IN/ GOAT SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP 10:00-12:00

20TH- 4-H HORSE SHOW- FAIRGROUNDS 2:00

26-29TH- HORSE CAMP- FAIRGROUNDS 8-4



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

**4-H and
FFA
Livestock
Judging
State
Contest**

**Wednesday,
June 26**



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Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024. Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County
- Jordan Davis, Berrien County
- Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County
- Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County
- Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County
- Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County
- Molly Lake, Gratiot County
- Alice Long, Washtenaw County
- Sophia Mason, Monroe County
- Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County
- Natalie Milford Chippewa County
- Emma Rasch, Kent County
- Kylie Smith, Ionia County
- Sydney Specht, Saginaw County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.