



MAY 2023

4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



Happy Spring!

We would like to congratulate all our 2023 Senior 4-H members:

Zoe Blythe, Victoria Brown, Raine Calaway, Sydney Carpenter, Landen Clabaugh, Elsi Fenstermaker, Alisyn Friskney, James Guideau, Elizabeth Hamilton, Shaunicy Hendricks, Samuel Jones, Stephanie Leininger, Branden Lowe, Brayden Miller, Abigail Nevins, Landon Nichols, Daisy Rodgers, Victoria Sheffer, Glada Stalhood, Lexie Stump, Madison Watkins, Sarah Wheeler, Jaden Wickham, Caleb Willoughby, and Emma Wines.

We are so excited for you to explore this next chapter of life whether it be in college or by joining the workforce.

Also, it's never too early to start working on your project reports. I know it seems far off but unfortunately the summer will fly by, and September will be here before we know it!

Project Reports can be found here:

[Project Reports!](#)

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2023 Calendar of Events

1st	Possession of Breeding Rabbits, Altered/Pet Rabbits and Cavies	
10th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
17th	Dairy Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
23rd	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
30th	Exploration Days Orientation	6:30 p.m.
	Mandatory if attending Exploration Days	
31st	YQCA	6:00 p.m.

May

June

1st	Possession of Dog	
12th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
14th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
15th	YDFA Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
15th	Possession of Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Roaster & Stewer Rabbits, All Breeding stock and Production Poultry, All Market Poultry (except chickens)	
17th	YQCA	9:00 a.m.
22nd	Swine ID's DUE	
23rd	Non-Livestock Pre-Fair Meeting	6:00 p.m.
26th	Pollinator 101 Workshop	TBA
28th	Pre-Fair Meeting	6:00 p.m.

1st	Possession of Feeder Calf, Horse, Breeding Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Market and Breeding Goats	
6th	Horse ID's DUE	
10th	4-H Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
10th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
15th	Feeder Calf Weigh-in	10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
15th	Card Making Day	10:00 a.m.

July

All events will take place at the MSU Extension Office unless otherwise noted



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.



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Horse Leaders Committee



Horse camp will be June 24th -27th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$75 per child.

You must have your own horse to participate. Campers will work on groundwork, safety lessons, and arena ride daily. There will also be a daily craft that can be entered non-livestock classes at fair. The goal is to teach children in a fun learning environment. The Horse Leaders Committee is also hoping to secure a couple guest speakers/judges as well. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katelyn Osborn or the MSU Extension Office.

Horse Id's are due to the Extension Office no later than July 5th.

[Horse Camp Application](#)
[Horse Project Report 2023](#)
[Horse ID 2023](#)

Small Animal Committee

CONGRATULATIONS to Valentina Brown and Bayli Gerth on being selected as Youth Superintendents for 2023.

The Small Animal Committee is actively seeking a Poultry and Assistant Poultry Superintendent. If anyone is interested or wants more information, please call/text Nikki and/or come to the next SAC meeting.

SAC meetings are open to all 4-Hers, parents, and leaders. One adult and two youths (8-19 years old, enrolled in 4H Online, and enrolled in the represented club) per club are eligible to vote at SAC meetings, but no limit to how





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YQCA | YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) curriculum enhances the educational experience for youth who show or produce livestock. It is a national, multi-species, science-based program for ages 8 to 21.

YQCA was developed through a collaboration of livestock industry professionals and educators. It is an expansion of the National Pork Board's former Youth PQA Plus program, which offered training for swine only. The goal of the revised program is to continually improve the care of animals and provide a higher level of food safety to consumers.

YQCA Training is available for youth ages 8-18. Participants must register online and pay the \$3 fee. Participants must also complete the pre-test after they are registered in order to complete the training. There are 40 available spots each session.

Reminder- This is a required course for all youth showing swine.

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