



JUNE 2023

4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



Reminder: 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline is July 1st to participate in the Hillsdale County Fair. We will be sending out club rosters to all our current 4-H club leaders this week to help you check to make sure all youth in your club are enrolled. If any are not, please remind them to enroll as soon as possible.

Pre-Fair Meeting will be held on Jun 28th at 6:30 at the MSU Extension Office.

It's never too early to start your project reports!

[Find your project reports here!](#)

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2023 Calendar of Events

June

1st	Possession of Dog	
12th	4-H Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
12th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
13th	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	6:30 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.
19th	MSU Extension office Closed - Juneteenth	
22nd	Swine & Sheep ID's DUE	
23rd	Non-Livestock Pre-Fair Meeting	6:00 p.m.
26th	Pollinator 101 Workshop	10 a.m. - 12 noon
28th	Pre-Fair Meeting	6:00 p.m.

1st	Possession of Feeder Calf, Horse, Breeding Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Dairy, Market and Breeding Goats	
4th	Office Closed	
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	Mandatory Feeder Calf Weigh-in	10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
15th	Card Making Day	10:00 a.m.
30th	Earliest day for meat chickens	

July

August

14th	4-H Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
14th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
16th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
20th		

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



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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/Pony Project Report](#)

Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days July 17-21 MSU Pavilion



Registration for Educational Contests closes July 5, 2023

- Dairy Management
- Dairy Judging
- Dairy Quiz Bowl

Age divisions (as of Jan. 1, 2023)

- Novice (8-11 years old)
- Junior (9-14 years old)
- Senior (15-19 years old)



Pollinator 101 Workshop



This workshop will explore how to protect, grow a habitat, and pollinator importance with fun activities and tasty treats brought to us by pollinators.

June 26th 10:00- 12:00
at the MSU Extension Office
Please RSVP by June 19th



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 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 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

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!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.