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4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



Congratulations to all our Super Showmanship participants and our Super Showmanship winner, Jack!



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 9th 4-H Council Pie Sale (Non-Livestock Building) 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 12th Horse Leaders Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13th Cloverbud Plant Science Workshop 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 14th Animal Reproduction Workshop 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 16th Small Animal Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 23rd- 26th Thanksgiving – MSU Extension office Closed
- 29th Family Chocolate Night 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4th Large Animal Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 6th YDFAC Meeting (Not open to families/members) 7:00 p.m.
- 10th Horse Leaders Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13th Dairy Leaders Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 16th Small Animal Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Michigan State University Extension Office and open to families and members unless otherwise noted.



4-H Online re-enrollment is open!
Deadline is December 1st!!

[Click here to enroll](#)



HILLSDALE

COUNTY

4-H

Deadline Nov. 13th

AWARDS

Application



[Apply Here](#)



[REGISTER HERE](#)



Cloverbud

PLANT SCIENCE WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 13TH

5:30-7:00

AT MSU EXTENSION OFFICE



Hands on activities, plant science experiments, exploring fruits and vegetables, and participants will get to make their own plant based snack.

PLEASE REGISTER BY:
NOVEMBER 9TH.

[HTTPS://MSU.CO1.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_AHOOBZTBUJWCQT8](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_ahoozbztbujuwcqt8)



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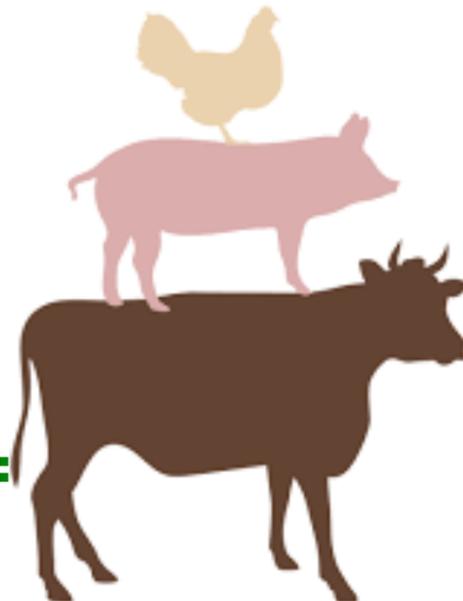
ANIMAL REPRODUCTION WORKSHOP

Let's explore the science behind animal reproduction! We will learn about the animal life cycle from birth to birthing and practice breeding animals through hands-on simulations.

November 14th

6:00-7:30

At the MSU Extension Office



Please register by:

November 9th

bit.ly/hillsdalescience



[REGISTER HERE](#)



FAMILY CHOCOLATE NIGHT

EXPLORE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CHOCOLATE FROM THE MAYANS TO 2023. WHO DISCOVERED CHOCOLATE, HOW IT IS GROWN, AND HOW IT TRAVELS INTO SPACE. WE WILL TASTE CHOCOLATE, MAKE CHOCOLATE TREATS, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE "FOOD OF THE GODS."

NOVEMBER 29TH

6-8 P.M.

AT THE

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

\$5/PERSON OR

\$10/FAMILY





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse.

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources.

November 8: Adulthood 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

Online

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23

November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

Online

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. Learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option for the convenience of volunteers.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm

November 28: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H. To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h.

Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).