



DECEMBER 1, 2023

4-H Family News

Ingham County



Learn the Fundamentals of Judging Horses

Join



The Ingham County 4-H Horse Judging Team

- Learn what a judge is looking for when placing your classes.
- It's a great way to learn about different horse breeds and riding disciplines and start a foundation for becoming a future professional judge.
- Understand what qualities to look for before purchasing or leasing a horse of your own.
- Take field trips to horse farms and talk to trainers about their experiences.
- Increase your decision-making skills and improve your organizational and communication skills.

The team meets once a week from November-April. At the workouts, youth learn the fundamentals of judging horses and how to compete in a horse judging contest. In April, they will compete at the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. **Anyone of 4-H age (8-19) can join and it's not necessary to own a horse, so ask your horse-crazy friends from school!**

Practices will be on Tuesdays @ 5:30pm

Starting; Tuesday, November 28th @ 5:30 p.m.

Location: Hilliard Building, Mason, MI

For more information contact:

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SEEKING

Shooting Sports Fair 4-H Superintendent

Applications Due Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024

[click here for application and description](#)

Submit To Glenda Weiss: weissgle@msu.edu



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Ingham County 4-H

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

INGHAM COUNTY 4-H SENIOR HORSE JUDGING TEAM GOES TO ARABIAN NATIONALS

Back in April, Ingham County’s senior horse judging team won the State horse judging contest and qualified to represent Michigan 4-H horse programs at the National Arabian Horse Judging Contest in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This annual contest took place in October and is considered one of the biggest horse judging contests in the nation. This year, the Ingham County team did a first-class job representing Michigan at the contest!

In the Halter division they placed 6th...ONLY 2 points away from being in the top 5.
 In Performance they placed 8th
 In Reasons they placed 7th

They were the 7th place team OVERALL in the Nation ...ONLY 28 points from being in the top 5. And out of a total of 2100 points, 28 points is SO CLOSE! They did fantastic!

Top scoring for the team was veteran judging team member Tabitha (Tabby) Hayworth. In their team’s division, Tabby placed 6th in performance, 8th in reasons, 11th in Halter and was 5th place in the Nation overall! Everyone on the team set, met, and exceeded personal goals and gave more than one hundred percent throughout the season and it showed in the contest. The teams coach, Marci Rene’ Charest, stated that “It was an honor and a privilege to represent the Michigan 4-H horse program at the prestigious Arabian Nationals horse judging contest. The team and coaches are extremely appreciative of the [financial and emotional] support from family, friends, and the community to get us to Oklahoma. This experience wouldn’t have been possible without it!” Congratulations to Ingham County 4-H horse judging team members! We’re very proud of all that you’ve accomplished!



From Left to right: Assistant coach; Megan McCally, Sierra Palmer, Shandi Stark, Coach-Marci, Alexandria Badgley, Tabitha Hayworth, assistant coach Rebecca Rett

From left to right; Shandi Stark, Tabitha Hayworth, Sierra Palmer, Alexandria Badgley





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Council Committee Meeting | Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm | Hilliard Building
Holiday Break | Mon. December 25 through Tues. January 2nd | MSU Extension Office Closed
Shooting Sports Fair Superintendent Applications Due | Wednesday, January 3, 5:00 pm |

Michigan 4-H
Volunteer Webinar:
**Teaching Science
When You Don't Know
Diddle-Squat**

January 23, 2024 12:00PM - 1:00PM Zoom
January 23, 2024 7:00PM – 8:00PM Zoom

[Register Here](#)



Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS
SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION
CASTING FOR A CAREER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION
WITH JAMIE VAUGHAN
GREAT LAKES ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TROUT UNLIMITED
December 12 | 6:30 PM EST
Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

Answer the following prompt in 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!

What is a budget? Discuss the different types of income and expenses that make up your budget. How does a budget help you manage money?

Open to ages 9-19
Essays due Feb 29, 2024

Extra Credit UNION MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension 4-H GROWS HERE

Presenting
THE CREATIVE CAMPAIGN CONTEST

MAKE A SHORT VIDEO ABOUT JOINING 4-H FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

VIDEOS DUE 1/31/2024

LEARN MORE AT
WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4-H-CLOVERS-CODE/CONTEST

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CLICK INTO YOUR FUTURE With 4-H Future Squad



Your future is bright! Explore your interests, make new connections, and build skills for your future with 4-H Future Squad! Youth 12-19 are invited to join this virtual club, meeting twice monthly, to dive into their futures! Visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/> for more information!



Program Schedule

- Budgeting-Mon, December 11
- Holiday Fun and Random Acts of Kindness-Mon, Dec. 18
- TBD-Thurs, January 11
- Crafts around the World-Thurs, January 25
- Renting 101-Mon, February 12
- Navigating Relationships-Mon, February 26
- MSU College Admissions- Thurs, March 14
- TBD-Thurs, March 28
- Mindfulness and Mental Health-Mon, April 8
- TBD-Mon, April 29
- TBD-Thurs, May 9
- Last Meeting-Mon, May 20



It's not too late to make a donation

Would you like to help support Ingham County 4-H and the many youth that it serves? Make a donation today through the Michigan 4-H Foundation and help us as we continue to grow true leaders! Make a donation [here](#). To direct your donation to Ingham County, select "Other" in the *Designation* box and enter "Ingham County 4-H" in the new box that appears.



Horse Committee Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:00 pm in person and through Zoom. Motion made by Becky Cass and 2nd to approve agenda. Motion passed.
2. **Pledges**
 - The Pledge of Allegiance – Tabby H.
 - The 4-H Pledge – Addison B.
3. **Attendance/Sign-in**
 - Dansville Wranglers-Carl Bristle, Addison B.
 - Echoing Hoofbeats
 - Fit-to-Show-Kellie Mattox
 - Golden Stride Riders-Debbie Bingham
 - Growing Together
 - Inspire U-Ester Hitchcock
 - Reins & Riders-Steve Sommer
 - New Club-Susan Hayworth, Tabby H.
 - Saddlemates-Jenny Baker, Gwyn Shelle
 - Trail Blazers-Rebecca Cass

 - Additional attendees
 - MSU Extension-Glenda Weiss
4. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report for October 2023 meeting was emailed by Gwyn Shelle and copies were available for review. Motion made by Becky Cass and 2nd to approve Secretary's report. Motion passed.
5. **Treasurers Report:** October 2023: \$14,887.29 total in account
 - \$7,307.88 Cash (restricted/unrestricted/Savings)
 - \$7,579.41 in 4-H FoundationMotion made by Becky Cass and Tabby H. 2nd to approve Treasurers report. Motion passes.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - **4-H Office Updates:** Thanks to all the clubs for getting year end paperwork in. 4-H Re-enrollment is open at <http://v2.4honline.com> Re-enrollment is due by Dec. 29.
 - **4-H Council:** The 4-H Banquet will be held on Monday, January 15 at 6 pm at the Fairgrounds Community Building. They are asking for help with set up and tear down from one or more of the horse clubs. If your club is interested in helping with the banquet let Horse Committee know. Stacy Bliesener is coordinating the banquet (517-256-3621). All clubs/families will be asked to bring a dish to pass. More details will be shared closer to the banquet.
 - **Leader's Show –June 21-22:** Dates are finalized for Gymkhana on Friday, June 21 and full day show on Saturday, June 22. The Committee is working on hiring judges and getting highpoint awards together. Show will have a Team competition for a little fun and plan to do a silent auction again. If you have items to donate, please set them aside for our June show.

- **Horse Camp – June 19-21:** Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp plans are underway! If you attended the 2023 Horse Camp please take a moment and fill out our evaluation: 2023 Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp Evaluation. You will have an option to enter a drawing to get a discount on your registration for 2024! We have confirmed the dates. Haul in will be on Tuesday, June 18 with camp running on June 19, 20 and 21. The committee is working on getting the scheduled finalized and instructors lined up. Fees will remain the same. Horse camp will run directly into Leaders Show. If you would like to help with Horse Camp please reach out to Gwyn Shelle at Gwyn.Shelle@gmail.com
- **Twilight Shows – TBD:** Planning to repeat them in 2024 but add adult classes. Will be working with Lindsey to verify dates and will have that set up by the January Meeting.
- **Judging Team:** The team did great at the Arabian Nationals judging contest!
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- Top scoring for the team was veteran Tabitha Hayworth. Out of everyone competing in their division, Tabby placed 11th in Halter, ONLY 1 point from being in the top 10! She was 6th in performance, 8th in reasons and was 5th place overall!!
- Everyone on the team set, met and exceeded personal goals and gave more than 100% at the contest and during the season. After watching the excitement of finals night at the show, we traveled to Oklahoma City and stopped in, watched a class at and wandered around the AQHA World Championship show and then went to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. It was such a great experience for all of us.

THE NEW JUDGING SEASON WILL BEGIN SOON! Practices start on Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 in the Hilliard Building. We will meet every Tuesday until early April. Please contact Marci for additional information if interested. charestm@msu.edu

- **Michigan Horse Council:** The October membership meeting was rescheduled for this month, November 14th (next week). No report until after that.

7. Old Business:

- Nominations took place in October; however, we still have the Secretary position open. If you would like to get more involved in 4-H Horse committee and please consider being the Committee Secretary. If interested please get in touch with Glenda Weiss, Debbie Bingham, Susan Hayworth or Jenny Baker.
- May 1 deadline for Horse Registration? – no discussion. Hold for January meeting

8. New Business:

- Tack Sale January 27. Get your booth reserved now!
- Glenda has Golden Feedbag and Outstanding Horse Member Nominations. Glenda will calculate the outstanding Horse Member applications and a vote was taken for the Golden Feedbag awards
 - Debbie and Jenny to get plaques for awards banquet in January.

Steve Sommer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Motion carried.

Submitted by Jenny Baker.



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

MSU Extension is holding a series of public listening sessions. Through these sessions, MSU Extension hopes to gather input on where the organization is, what they do well, and where there are opportunities for improvement. This feedback will be used to help shape MSU Extension's priorities and service for years to come. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

- **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.

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





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
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