



Ingham County

4-H Family News

January 31, 2020

Weekly Happenings

Feb 1—State Award Applications due online
 Feb 8—Still Life Winter Workshop—9:00 am—1:00 pm—North Aurelius School
 Feb 12—Horse Committee Meeting—7:00 pm—Hilliard
 Feb 15—Beef Tagging—8:00-11:00 am—MSU Beef Cattle Research Center
 Feb 17—**4-H Office Closed—Presidents' Day**
 Feb 19—4-H Council Monthly Meeting—7:00 pm—Hilliard

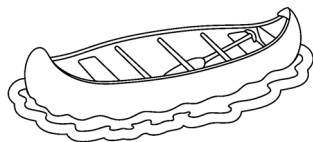


Volunteers Needed for Quiet Adventures Symposium

The 25th Annual Quiet Adventures Symposium is Saturday, February 29, at the MSU Pavilion and new this year will be a **4-H Children's Area**! This is an amazing opportunity to promote 4-H to the thousands of visitors that attend this event and we need YOU to help make it a success! The event runs from 9am to 5pm and volunteer opportunities are available in 2-hour time slots beginning at 8am. Note that the 8-10am slot includes set-up and the 4-6pm slot includes tear-down. Also, you are free to sign up for more than one time slot, if you would like to volunteer more than 2 hours.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A48ABAA2AA4F58-4hchildrens>

Below are the activities for which you can sign up to help:



- Trash to Treasure Sailboats- Make a small sailboat using corks, rubber bands, a toothpick, and recycled cereal boxes.
- Build a Bug- Learn about insect adaptations and create your own bug using various materials.
- Groundwater Flow Model- Use dyed water to see how water moves underground and interacts with surface water.
- Aluminum Foil Boats- Create a boat using aluminum foil and see how many pennies it can hold before it sinks.
- Pine Cone Bird Feeders- Make a simple pine cone bird feeder that you can hang in your yard.
- Learn How to Cast- Learn how to cast a fishing rod and get a prize for hitting your target.
- Insect Search-and-Find- Use a magnifying glass to find preserved insects hidden in a model habitat.

By volunteering, you get into the symposium for FREE! If you have questions, please contact Eric Dobbrastine at 676-7300 or dobbras1@msu.edu

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4-H Beef & Dairy Market Tagging

February 15
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Save the Dates:**Beef & Market Dairy**

Beef Tagging – 3rd Saturday
in Feb. – (Feb 15)

Beef Fitting and Showman-
ship Clinic – April 5

Horse

Cloverbud Camp – June 29 &
30

Horse Project Bootcamp for
Fair – July 14-16

Leader Show – June 12 & 13

Twilight Show – sponsored
by Dansville Wranglers – July
16

Achievement Days – May 31,
June 14, and June 28
(dressage)

Goat

Goat Clinic – March 29

Beef and Dairy Market Steer Tagging

If you plan to show your beef or market steer at the Ingham County Fair in 2020, please mark your calendar for this required tagging date. Cattle can **ONLY** be tagged prior to 2/15/20. **If you are unable to make it to the tagging, you must contact the Superintendent to get tags. Those that don't weigh in at MSU will not be eligible for rate of gain class.**

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:00-11:00 a.m.

MSU Beef Cattle Research Center
3200 Bennett Rd. East Lansing, MI

\$2.00 charge on day of tagging for every animal tagged.

\$1.00 charge on day of tagging if you implant your animal.

Contact Superintendent Dan Dunsmore at 676-1730 or
Glenda at the 4-H Office at 676-7207 with questions.

**Homegrown Verification**

For beef, sheep and swine members who wish to exhibit in the homegrown classes at Fair, we must have a homegrown verification form on file in the 4-H Office by March 15 and must be signed by your project leader.



Form located on your specie page at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/animal-projects/>

For questions, please contact Glenda at 676-7303.

4-H Dog Project Workshop

Wanting to learn more about your 4-H Dog Project? Register to attend the 2020 4-H Youth and Adult Dog Project Workshop being held at Michigan State University on March 7th. This is a one day workshop where youth and adults can sharpen their skills and gain knowledge from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training.

Registration closes on Feb. 28th.
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/dog2020/>



4-H Day at the Breslin Center—Sunday, March 1, 2020

Join us for the fifteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host Penn State with time to be determined on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

TICKETS: All 4-H members and guests can use the ticket link below to claim as many free tickets as they would like. Click on the link and follow the prompts to claim as many tickets as you need. Select the number of tickets you desire, click add to cart. The tickets will be added to your cart free of charge. Once they are added to your cart, click CHECKOUT.

When you click CHECKOUT, you will have to fill in some information in order to get the tickets sent to you. Fill out your first and last name, email, and phone number. **In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H).**

Once you name your event you will need to fill in your address. When you fill out all the information on the screen click, CONFIRM.

After you click confirm you are all set! You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan your tickets off your phone once you arrive at the game or you can print them from your email and bring them to the game so tickets can be scanned at entry.



Link to claim free tickets: <https://fevo.me/34iKc1r>

4-H Partners with JOANN for 'Clovers for Kids' Campaign

JOANN stores are helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their head, hands, and hearts. Between March 1 – April 30, 2020 visit your local JOANN store and purchase a clover tear away at the register for either \$1 or \$4. \$4 purchases come with a \$4 off coupon for a later purchase. 100% of the funds donated go back to 4-H with 70% going back to the local states' 4-H program.

In addition, JOANN wants to support individual 4-H'ers involvement by providing a rewards card for 4-H members, leaders, staff, and parents. The rewards card gives holders 15% off their purchase every day.

To sign up go to <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>



4-H Fair Asst. Superintendent Opening

1 open position
- Food & Nutrition

If interested, please contact Glenda Weiss, 4-H Program Coord., at 676-7303.



GreenStone Farm Credit Services Scholarship

Entries due February 29, 2020

GreenStone Farm Credit Services is now accepting applications through March 1 for its 2019 scholarship program. The cooperative will once again award up to \$40,000 to incoming college freshmen pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related field.

Students attending a four-year college program can earn a \$2,000 scholarship, while \$1,000 awards will go to selected students attending a two-year college program.

Scholarship applicants must reside within GreenStone's territory, which includes Michigan and select counties in northeastern Wisconsin; must be a full-time high school graduating senior; have at least a 3.0 grade point average; and plan to study an agriculture-related field. In addition, applicants should demonstrate participation and leadership in school, community and agricultural activities. Complete details are available within the scholarship application found online: <https://www.greenstonefcs.com/en/community/scholarships>



Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund

Entries due May 15, 2020

Two Scholarship Options for 2020

- 1) MYLSF SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$5,000)
- 2) STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$1,000)

Both Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock Auction and the Michigan Livestock Expo Auction



Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund has been awarding scholarships annually to outstanding youth who exhibit at the Michigan State Fair, Michigan livestock Expo and Michigan Dairy Expo. The fund is also responsible for supporting educational awards provided to youth livestock and dairy exhibitors each year. Funding comes from specific proceeds from the Michigan Livestock Expo Sale-Abration. Scholarship requirements and qualifications can be viewed through the application link below.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural, at 517-284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau, at 517-679-5335.



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JUNE 24-26, 2020
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**4-H
EXPLORATION
DAYS**

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,400 participants from across Michigan.

There's always lots to do and see at 4-H Exploration Days! Have fun, learn new things and make new friends on the beautiful MSU campus! Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions, including:

- Animal Science
- Careers & Entrepreneurship
- Communication
- Environmental Education
- Food, Nutrition & Fitness
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Visual & Performing Arts

Come join the fun!

4-H Exploration Days registrations are due to your local MSU Extension office by April 30, 2020. Ask your local MSU Extension office for a copy of the registration book, or get it from our website at:

canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

Entertainment

An exciting, fun, high-energy show in the world-class Wharton Center is bound to entertain you!

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2020 SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H CAT FUN MATCH

March 14, 2020

County Building, 801 Hazen, Paw Paw, Michigan

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.

Show begins at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibitors should bring their own carriers and table coverings



CLASSES

Breed Classes

Purebred Kitten (4-12 months)
Purebred Cat (older than 1 Year)
Household Kitten (4-12 months)
Household Female (older than 1 year)
Household Male (older than 1 year)
Parent/Over 19 Age (Any Breed)
Currently Adoptable Foster Cat (Any Breed)

Showmanship Classes

Cloverbud – Ages 5-8
Young – Ages 9-12
Junior – Ages 13-14
Senior – Ages 15-19

Cage Decoration

Cloverbud – Ages 5-8
Junior – Ages 9-13
Senior – Ages 14-19

Attitude – Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced
Cat Product – All Ages

Differently Able – All Classes

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is February 24, 2020



Exhibitor Name _____ Age as of 1/1/20 _____
Address _____ Phone _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Cat Name, Breed, Sex _____
Cat Name, Breed, Sex _____

(Limit 2 cats per exhibitor)

Does Cat Have Current Rabies and 3-in-1 Vaccines? _____
(Must be mailed with registration or shown on day of show)

Classes Entering: _____ Showmanship
Enter _____ Cage Decoration
*Cat Name _____ Breed
*Age/Skill Level _____ Breed
*If Diff. Able _____ Attitude
Cat Product

Total Entry Fees: _____
(\$2.00 per class)

I read and agree to the Show Rules Listed _____
(signature handler and parent)

Make Checks payable to Young Explorers 4-H
Mail Entries to: Young Explorers, 04632 Baker Road, Gobles, MI 49055
or email to nobledenise@rocketmail.com
Questions? Contact Denise Noble, (269) 303-5407

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MICHIGAN 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

2020 Essay Topic:

Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season

\$750 1st place prize, includes being published!

Deadline: March 15, 2020

Contact: Laura Quist, quistla1@msu.edu

Contest Rules:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/



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2020 SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN 4-H CAT FUN MATCH RULES

ENTRY FEES - \$2.00 per class

1. An exhibitor may show ANY cat (owned or borrowed). The cat must be groomed for the show by the exhibitor. An exhibitor can show up to two cats/kittens but may not have more than one entry per class. Family members may exhibit the same cat in the showmanship class, but not the breed classes. The Parent/Over Age 19 class is for parents/adults/youth over age 19 that want to exhibit. Cats shown in the currently adoptable foster care class should be housed in a foster facility and be currently available for adoption.
2. Showmanship class is highly recommended. The purpose of showmanship is for the exhibitor to demonstrate to the judge their general knowledge of cats. This includes physically showing the cat's features, as well as a possible question/answer session concerning cat diet, health, anatomy, physiology, and general care. Scoring will be based on the 4-H Companion Animals guidelines, email Noble for full manual.
3. An exhibitor's attire should be neat and clean. The show dress code includes a light colored long-sleeved shirt and dark colored pants or jeans. Flat shoes are required, no sandals. Long hair should be tied back.
4. Harnesses with identification tags are mandatory; collars are appropriate but cat must also be on harness. Leashes are required. All cats to be kept on harness and leash or crated except when in the show ring. All cats should have a carrier available at all times during the show; cardboard boxes are not acceptable. Exhibitors should provide a carpet sample for exhibiting the cat during breed class.
5. Kittens should be between 4 and 12 months on the day of show; adults are one year or older on the day of show. Household class is considered mixed breed. Purebred class should conform to the standard of the breed, but registration papers are not required. The top two placing cats in each class will be considered for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion cat.
6. Female cats in season, nursing cats, or cats that are obviously pregnant may not participate in the show. A substitute cat will be accepted during show registration without forfeiting pre-entry registration money.
7. All cats shown **MUST** have a certificate showing that they have had the following inoculations – rabies and distemper, calicivirus, and rhinotracheitis (Feline 3 in 1). The rabies must be from a certified veterinarian; the 3 in 1 shot may be done personally but proof of vaccination must be shown (receipt, package, etc.). It is highly recommended that cats also have the feline leukemia and pneumonic inoculations. Cats showing sign of disease such as sneezing, coughing, runny eyes, lice, fleas, ticks, or ear mites will automatically be marked down or removed from the show. No feline leukemia positive cats will be allowed entry.
8. All cats should have their nails clipped or be declawed for the protection of judge and exhibitors. NOTE: This is a youth event – do not have your cat declawed if you plan to enter other shows as it will be a disqualification at some cat shows. Nail clipping is all that is required for this show.
9. Any cat or exhibitor showing excessive aggression, determined by the show officials, shall be removed from show area and shall not exhibit.
10. Cat product will be judged on creativity, originality, workmanship, and exhibitor's product design created by them. Scoring occurs in the following categories: Creativity, Originality, Workmanship, Exhibitor Participation, Business Plan, Financials, Promotion, Interview, and Age Consideration.
11. For cage decorations, exhibitors will use their own carriers and the decorated carrier must fit on the table provided. Cage decorations will be judged on creativity, originality, and youth's description of how decorations and/or costumes were personally designed and created.
12. Attitude is a feline game of skill designed specifically for cat behaviors. Scoring will be based on the Attitude rules, email Noble for full description and scoring.
13. Exhibitors may enter any class as a Differently Able participant (please indicate same on your entry form). Exhibitor may show regular or differently able, but not both. Caregiver should remain in the show area at all times to assist child if necessary.
14. Cats should remain in carriers as much as possible and out only for grooming/showing reasons. No cats should roam through the building/show area. No cats should be loose and off harness/leash at any time unless showing.



Montcalm County 4-H Goat Educational and Fun Show

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn

8784 Peck Road, Greenville, MI 48838

Registration/check-in at 9 a.m.

Show starts at 10 a.m.

Pre-register by March 1st: Entry Fees: \$4 per goat, \$4 for showmanship

Day-of Entry Fees: \$5 per goat, \$5 for showmanship



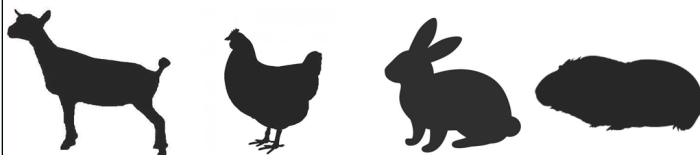
- Showmanship classes: Cloverbud (5-7), Juniors (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), Senior (15-19), and adult (20 and over)
 - Age will be determined as of show day
- Market and Fiber hands-on educational class (bring your own goat)
 - Goat cart demonstration
- Classes may be added with sufficient number of entries
 - All age buck class (must be 18 to show a buck)
- Bring a dish to pass and table service to join the potluck lunch
 - Goats need not be body clipped

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Hosted by The Whispering Pine
Farm Kids 4-H Club

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MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H

Small Animal Showmanship Workshop

May 16, 2020, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville, MI

**BRING YOUR ANIMAL AND GET TIPS FROM
JUDGES OR LEAVE YOUR ANIMALS HOME AND
COME LISTEN TO THE FEEDBACK OTHERS
RECEIVE.**

Questions: call MSU Extension Office at 989-831-7514

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Montcalm County Goat Fun Show Registration Form

(please circle one) 4-H Member 4-H Cloverbud Adult

Exhibitor's Name: _____

County from: _____

Exhibitor's Age: _____ Phone Number: _____

GOATS INFORMATION

Scrapie Number: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

CLASSES (please circle the ones you want to enter)

This order will be show order.

Showmanship

Dairy breed class

Milking does

Never freshened does

Dry does

Meat breed class

Milking does

Never freshened does

Dry does

Mixed breed class

Milking does

Never freshened does

Dry does

Dam and kid (any gender kid)

Wether

Buck

Trail (Pro-Am)

Name of Partner: _____

Total \$ _____

Montcalm County Youth 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

Crystal Community Center

217 East Park Street, Crystal, MI 48818



Saturday, April 25, 2020

Enter between 7:00 & 8:30 a.m. — Show starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Showmanship

\$2.00 entry fee

Trophy for each class winner:

- Beginner: 4-H age 8-10
- Junior: 4-H age 11-12
- Intermediate: 4-H age 13-14
- Seniors: 4-H age 15-19
- Cloverbuds – (4-H age 5-7) participation awards only, no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 5th place ~

Educational Posters are welcomed and will be judged

Breed Class — Rabbit & Cavy

\$3.00 entry fee – Breed
\$2.00 entry fee – Fur/Wool

Awards for:

- Rabbits – BOB & BOS
- Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Pens/Fryer
- Best Reserve in Show
- Best in Show
- Cavy – BOB & BOS
- Cavy – Best in Show & Reserve in Show
- Cloverbuds – (4-H age 5-7) participation awards only, no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 3rd place ~

~ Delicious Concessions will be available ~
~ Master Corner Cage Dealer will be present ~

**EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CARRYING CAGES WITH
LEAK-PROOF BOTTOMS FOR ALL ANIMALS**
~ Animals just in regular cages will **not** be permitted!

For more information contact:
Linda Peterson – (989) 814-0691

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Profits will go to the Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee to fund rabbit programs, equipment, and committee expenses.
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Rabbit Hopping Contest!



4-H Events and Workshops

February 6: 4-H Books for Cooks SPIN Club

Collins Elementary School, Houghton Lake

This event, for youth ages 6-12, engages participants in reading a book and then cooking food from the book. This is the first of a four-week SPIN club series.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-books-for-cooks-spin-club>

February 15: 4-H Tubing Party

Snow Snake Mountain, Harrison

4-H families and their friends can enjoy tubing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$11 per person. Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-tubing-party-2>

February 22: Youth Officer Training

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

This event is for all 4-H and non 4-H members who are an officer or wish to become one. Learn about officer roles and parli-pro; includes snacks and door prizes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-officer-training>

March 3-4: Project FISH Workshop

MSU Natural Resources Building, East Lansing

Teachers, educators and volunteers are invited to two days of "Place-Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education." Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, a fishing rod and reel and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children in the classroom or in an after-school setting. Registration deadline: February 21; cost is \$75 per person.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/project-fish-workshop>

March 6: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-kent-county>

March 7: 4-H Dog Youth & Adult Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth ages 8-19 and adult volunteers who help in the dog project area are invited to learn more from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dog-youth-adult-workshop>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.