



Ingham County

# 4-H Family News

February 7, 2020

## Weekly Happenings

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



## Reminder



**4-H Sill Exhibit  
Winter Workshop**  
February 8, 2020

## 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.



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

Beef Tagging – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. 28<sup>th</sup>.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/dog2020/>







## BEEF, SHEEP & SWINE WORKSHOP

Kettunen Center  
Feb. 22-23




## VETERINARY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Kettunen Center  
Feb. 21-22



**Register Today**

Registration for the Veterinary Science and Beef, Sheep and Swine workshops **ends on Monday.**

The events take place Feb. 21-23. Register today.

[https://  
events.anr.msu.edu/  
beefsheepswine-  
vetsci2020/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/beefsheepswine-vetsci2020/)

## 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/>



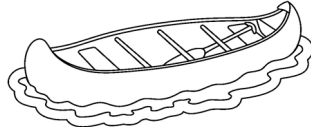


## Volunteers Needed for Quiet Adventures Symposium

The 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dobbras1@msu.edu)



National 4-H Council is gearing up for the spring TSC Paper Clover Promotion to be held **April 29-May 10, 2020**. Please encourage your friends and family to visit their local TSC store during this time and purchase a Paper Clover for \$1. Proceeds from sales go toward national, state, and local 4-H programs where the store is located.

Clubs—start planning a club event to promote 4-H at the Williamston Store. Sign up to follow in the weeks ahead.



# 4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Explore the exciting field of animal and veterinary science with one of MSU Extension's premier pre-college programs! Practice veterinary medicine, research zoonotic conditions and discover careers!

4-H Animal & Veterinary Science campers will stay in a campus dorm and experience campus life, enjoying experiences such as:

- **Tours of on-campus clinics and labs** – Explore MSU's Veterinary Medical Center and Diagnostics Center for Population and Animal Health. Learn and interact with MSU faculty and veterinary students.
- **Hands-on veterinary activities** – Try your hand at dissection, suturing, first aid, physical examinations, x-ray reading, animal handling and more.
- **Tours of campus farms and surrounding facilities** – Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the MSU Horse, Sheep, Dairy and Swine Farms. Learn about research done on the farms from farm managers and faculty members.
- **Case study evaluations** – Work your way through a veterinary science case study to determine the best course of treatment before presenting your case to experts.

The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is a collaborative program of MSU Extension, MSU Department of Animal Science and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

June 24-28, 2019

Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

### APPLY!

Youth aged 13 to 17 can go to [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/) to apply. Space is limited! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

Send your application to Nick Babcock at MSU Extension by April 3.

Questions? Call 517-432-1626 or email [babco116@msu.edu](mailto:babco116@msu.edu).

### LOW COST!

The cost to attend this five-day camp is **Just \$350** and includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials.



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## Ionia County 4-H New and Used TACK SALE

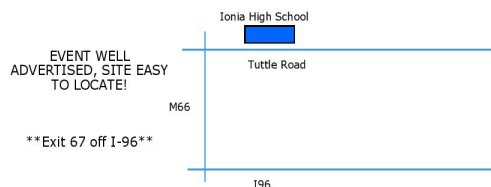
Saturday, March 28, 2020  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Over 100 Booths  
Saddles – Misc. Tack – Clothing  
Feed – Jewelry – Gifts – Publications  
Barn Supplies – And More!!

Concessions On Site

**Ionia High School**  
250 East Tuttle Road, Ionia MI 48846



Have items to sell?  
Booth reservations and payment due March 1, 2020  
\*\*\*Non-Refundable\*\*\*  
Contact: Dolores Powell at 443-534-4102  
or email: [powellm@yahoo.com](mailto:powellm@yahoo.com)

### Sponsored by the Ionia County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee

Profits from the tack sale will be used for Ionia County 4-H Equine Educational purposes, maintenance and upkeep of facilities at the Ionia County fairgrounds, and other purposes at the discretion of the Ionia County 4-H horse development committee.

## MICHIGAN 4-H ROBOTICS YOUTH CHALLENGE



MARCH 14-15 AT  
THE KETTUNEN  
CENTER

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/robotics20/>

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## MONEY SMART WEEK



## Money Smart Kid 2020 MICHIGAN



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In support of Michigan's Money Smart Week®, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, Michigan State University Extension and 4-H are sponsoring the Money Smart Kid Essay Contest. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to answer this year's Money Smart Question (see below) with an essay of 300 words or less. Four finalists will be selected to go on to an interview round and be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Youth Ambassadors. In this role, they will have opportunities to share their financial knowledge with others across the state and gain leadership skills.

Prizes include: \$1,000 (1<sup>st</sup> Place), \$500 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), \$250 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), \$100 (4<sup>th</sup> place).

Prizes provided thanks to a generous gift from Chemical Bank to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

### 2020 Money Smart Kid Essay Question

In Michigan, many families fall prey to predatory lending every year, which is a term used to describe a wide range of unfair financial practices that involve borrowing, lending, and check cashing. Please explain the most common types of predatory lenders and share reasons why people might use them. Please explain the financial consequences or negative effects for people who use predatory lenders. Consider examples from your own community or neighborhood. Please also offer financial tips (1 or 2 ways) a person could avoid taking out these types of loans.

### Timeline

March 29, 2020: Essay Submission Deadline

The committee will select four winning essays to move on to the interview round.

April 15, 2020: Finalists Notified

The four finalists will be notified, and interviews scheduled for the week of April 20.

### Committee Members

Kathy Jamieson (Co-Chair) Michigan State University Extension,

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Laurie Rivetto (Co-Chair) Michigan State University Extension,

[rivetto1@msu.edu](mailto:rivetto1@msu.edu), 734 727 7234

Kelly Masters, Michigan Money Smart Week Chair

### Guidelines

Candidates Must:

- Be a student in grades 5-8 living in the state of Michigan.
- Have knowledge of money management pillars of saving, spending, borrowing, and planning appropriate for age and grade level
- Be comfortable responding to questions about how they practice good money management skills in their daily lives
- Not be a previous Money Smart Kid winner or finalist
- One winner or finalist per household

### To Apply

- Student must have parent or guardian permission to apply and participate
- The application form must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- Student must write an essay (300 words or less) on the assigned topic.
- Essays must be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced, using a 12-point Arial font.
- The Money Smart Kid Application Form must be attached to the essay pages.
- The essay must be the work of the student submitting the essay.
- The essay and application should be faxed or emailed as a PDF or scanned attachment to:

Money Smart Kid  
Fax: 586-469-6948 (Attention: Kathy) or  
Email: [moneykid@msu.edu](mailto:moneykid@msu.edu)

All essays become the property of the Money Smart Committee and may be used by Committee members to promote financial literacy.

All submissions must be received by 11:59 pm (EST) on Sunday, March 29, 2020.





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JUNE 24-26, 2020  
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**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/](http://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)

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

##### 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:quistla1@msu.edu)

#### Contest Rules:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental\\_outdoor\\_education/](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



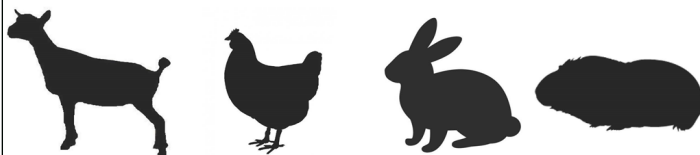
- Showmanship classes: Cloverbud (5-7), Juniors (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), Senior (15-19), and adult (20 and over)
  - Age will be determined as of show day
- Market and Fiber hands-on educational class (bring your own goat)
  - Goat cart demonstration
- Classes may be added with sufficient number 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.  
Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status."

Rabbit Hopping Contest!





### 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](http://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.



## 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>.