



Ingham County

4-H Family News

August 23, 2019

Weekly Happenings

Sept 2—4-H Office Closed—Labor Day
Sept 4—Livestock Committee—6:30 pm—Hilliard
Sept 11—Horse Committee—7:00 pm—Hilliard
Sept 18—4-H Council Meeting—7:00 pm—Hilliard



Don't Forget
To Send Your
Thank You
Letters



TIME TO APPLY FOR COUNTY AWARDS

It is the time to apply for county 4-H and state awards. Awards packets can be downloaded at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/uploads/files/Final%202019%20awards.pdf>

Community Leaders: please download packet and submit applicants for various County awards (All Star, Good Citizen, Teen Leader, Friend of 4-H, etc.). Please take the time to recognize you well deserving members and leaders.

All award applications must be received by the 4-H office on or before **Friday, September 27.**



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LOCAL PROGRAMMING

Livestock and Still Life Auction Checks

Livestock and Still Life checks were mailed out this week. The Still Life checks by our office and the Livestock checks by Greenstone Farm Credit Services. Our office also sent out a breakdown of your livestock checks along with a buyer listing for your thank you/s. If you have questions, please call Glenda at 676-7207.



PLEASE DO NOT CALL GREENSTONE..... they have **volunteered** to underwrite the sale so you can receive your checks before all the buyers have paid for their purchases. If you have questions regarding the check amount, contact the 4-H Office as Greenstone only processes the information given to them by our office.

Have You Written Your Thank You Letter?

All members who participated in the Large or Small Animal Sale and Still Life Sale are responsible for writing a letter of appreciation to the buyers of their animal and project. Please be sure you have done that. It is, of course, the courteous thing to do for your specific sale. But, also, some buyers who feel they have not been appreciated may not want to participate as a buyer in the future, so this can have an impact for the future of the sales! If your thank you note has slipped your mind, **DO IT NOW!** Buyers really appreciate that note of thanks, hand written by the member. If you have a problem knowing addresses, please call our office at 676-7207.



4-H Fair Superintendents

All 4-H superintendents are requested to complete the self-evaluation form included in your Fair superintendent packet, which indicates to the superintendent selection committee if you will be returning in your position next year. **The deadline for returning your evaluation form is September 1st;** The form can be found at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/fair-info/>



Thank you to all superintendents who have completed and returned their evaluation forms already!! Vacant superintendent positions will be posted in the September newsletters. Watch for available positions, application information and deadlines. Our goal is to have all positions reappointed in October.

Join a 4-H Committee.....

Our 4-H community requires dedicated leadership in order for our local program to thrive. We have 6 councils and committees that will be seeking youth and adult volunteers to serve over the coming year. I challenge **EVERY** 4-H club to make nominations to these leadership roles to ensure the future of 4-H is bright in Ingham County. Not only is serving on a committee a great leadership opportunity, it also helps you stay connected and informed. Nominations and applications for some of these roles are due **September 1st** or will happen during scheduled meetings during September.

4-H Council

Committee meets 3rd Wednesday each month. Acceptance of new members and nominations/elections during September meeting.

4-H Horse Committee

Every club that participates in Horse & Pony project area is expected to have at least 1 representative at every meeting (in the event that a vote is taken, each club may have 2 adult and 2 youth votes). Committee meets 2nd Wednesday each month.

4-H Teen Ambassadors

Seeking teen representatives ages 13-19 who have a desire to promote the 4-H program and develop leadership skills. Ambassadors serve a one year commitment and meet throughout the year as well as attend the regularly scheduled 4-H Council meetings. **Applications due Oct 1st***.**

4-H Livestock Committee

Committee meets 1st Wednesday in Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May, and July. Complete the attached application or visit our website, due **September 1st***.**

4-H Shooting Sports Committee

Seeking teen representatives, adult volunteers, and shooting sports instructors and leaders: annually elect officers at the first meeting following Fair. Meeting schedule to be announced.



Michigan Dairy Goat Society
Fall Fun Day
September 28, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Shiawassee County Fair Community Building
2900 Hibbard Rd.
Corunna, MI 48817

Guest Speakers: Jan Kelly and
Judy Marteniuk DVM

With a Q&A Luncheon to follow
Check Face Book and Website for updates



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Missing Items

The Deep Roots 4-H Club is missing 2 push brooms and 1 scoop shovel from the Fair. Please check your supplies to see if you might have them. Club name is on the items.

If found, please contact Glenda at 676-7303.



Farewell Letter—Ashleigh Apel, 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator

It is hard to believe that my time here in Ingham County as the 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator is coming to an end. On August 30th, 2019 I will be ending my AmeriCorps service on the 4-H STEAM Corps. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to be a part of Ingham County 4-H and incorporate so many new and fulfilling programs for the youth here. There were times when things were stressful and some things that were not all that successful but in the end everything worked out and at the end of the day, as long as the youth were having fun and learning something that is what matters the most to me.

As an AmeriCorps 4-H STEAM Corps Leader I had many goals I was working towards achieving in my year of service. My target group was underserved urban youth. The goal was to expand 4-H to urban areas of the county such as Lansing and East Lansing. By partnering with local schools and organizations within the community I was able to reach 160 new youth with my programs, not including the 50+ current 4-H youth that also participated in my programs. I was able to implement 27 short-term special interest clubs (SPIN clubs) that covered a wide variety of topics such as cooking, gardening, robotics, basketball, environmental science, animal therapy, karate and more! In addition to that I was able to successfully recruit 19 new adult volunteers. I could not be more proud of the way this year of service has gone for me, and I am so glad I was able to make such a large impact on the youth here in this community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the adult volunteers and community partners that were able to help me make this program such a success! In addition, I would like to thank all the youth that came and participated in my programs, I hope you enjoyed them just as much as I did. I also would like to thank all the support I have gotten in the community from 4-H Council and the staff here in MSU Extension, because of you my time here in Ingham County has been overwhelmingly welcoming. Then one last big, huge thank you to my site Supervisor Glenda Weiss. I would not be where I am today without your support. You are not only a supervisor to me but additionally you are a mentor and a friend. Not only have you taken me under your wing in this last year, but you have supported me since I was confused teenager in 4-H not knowing what I was going to do for the rest of my life. Thank you for the continuous support you showed me during my time in 4-H, helping me apply for the State Awards, writing my letters of recommendations for college applications and more. Most of all thank you for guiding me and helping me find my true passion and showing what it feels like to give back to the youth within the community.

With that I leave you. I am passing on the baton to the next AmeriCorps member who I know will continue to grow the 4-H program here in Ingham County.

All the best,
Ashleigh Apel

National 4-H Council is gearing up for the fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion to be held **October 9-20, 2019**. 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.



4-H Club Officer Guides



Every successful 4-H club has a good team of officers. But how do you know what your roles and responsibilities are if you've never served as an officer before?

These newly released, free downloadable resources are a great resource for youth elected to leadership positions in their 4-H club. Guides are available for the officer roles of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter.

Download your "So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club" guides at https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/so-you-are-an-officer-in-your-4-h-club-series to learn more about the role your officer position plays in a successful 4-H club.

4-H Events and Workshops

August 6: 4-H Children's Garden Camp Monet

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

This event is for everyone, ages 7 and up. Attendees of the event will have the opportunity to spend three days creating various art projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-camp-monet>

August 10: 2019 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

This event is for 4-H members to showcase and present their abilities with their dogs. Come and observe the agility, teamwork and showmanship of these members and dogs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>

August 12: Super Seed Fun

Rollins Christian Fellowship Church, Manton

This event is open to youth, ages 5 to 7, to gain exposure to herbs and plants. The youth will be decorating pots, planting herbs, tasting food flavored with herbs and so much more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/super-seed-fun>

August 16: State 4-H Horse Show

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

Come and join us in watching the State 4-H Horse Show that brings together roughly 600 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-horse-show>

August 19: 4-H Day Camp Summer 2019

Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren

This event is open for youth ages 5-12. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities in the area of STEAM and healthy living.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-camp-summer-2019>

September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

Club Leaders—

All Ingham County 4-H clubs are being asked to help identify members and leaders to serve on 4-H Council for the coming year. Following is information about what 4-H Council does and who is eligible to participate as a Council member. I have also attached a copy of the Council constitution to help inform your club about 4-H Council operations. A nomination form is provided on the back of this letter; I encourage every club to make youth and adult nominations to 4-H Council this year. It is a great leadership opportunity and a wonderful way for your club to connect to the local 4-H program and stay informed about what is going on. If you have questions please feel free to contact me or talk with a current Council member. You may also check out the Council webpage:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/councils-committees/4-h-council>



Nominations

Attention 4-H members and volunteers—Ingham County 4-H Council is seeking nominations for members to serve on the 2019-2020 4-H Council. You would be a great candidate for this position if you:

- Want to help provide quality youth development programs for the children of Ingham County
- Are interested in promoting 4-H in Ingham County
- Would like to provide support to 4-H members and leaders to build life skills
- Have ideas for new and exciting 4-H projects, programs, or activities
- Wish to become more involved in 4-H

The Ingham County 4-H Council is composed of up to four adults and four teens from each of the five 4-H districts. 4-H leaders, teens and other adults vitally interested in the 4-H program are eligible for membership on the 4-H Council. The Ingham County 4-H Council serves to promote, implement and guide the 4-H Youth Program in Ingham County by working with the County MSUE staff. In addition, the Council assists in establishing policy and procedures for the 4-H Youth Programs in Ingham County.

Youth members on 4-H Council must be between 13 and 19 years old. Youth members are reappointed yearly and serve a one year term. Adult council members are reappointed yearly, and can serve up to eight consecutive terms. 4-H Council meets the third Wednesday of each month. Youth and adults interested in applying for a position on 4-H Council should contact the 4-H Office at 676-7207.

Ambassadors

In addition to teens elected through their 4-H districts, 4-H Council also appoints up to ten 4-H Ambassadors each year. Ambassadors are honorary members of 4-H Council with full voting rights. Ambassadors are 4-H members ages 13-19 who have a desire to promote the 4-H program and develop leadership skills. Appointment as an ambassador is a one year commitment. Ambassadors meet throughout the year as well as attend the regularly scheduled 4-H Council meetings.



Adult Council Member Nomination

Name:

Phone:

4-H Club:

Name:

Phone:

4-H Club:

Teen (13-19) Council Member Nomination

Name:

Phone:

4-H Club:

Name:

Phone:

4-H Club:

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please return this nomination form to: MSU Extension Office

121 E. Maple Street, PO Box 319

Mason, MI 48854

By September 1, 2019



Ingham County 4-H & FFA Livestock Committee



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Representatives

Ingham County 4-H and FFA Livestock Committee is seeking 4-H and FFA teens, ages 13 and up, to serve as youth representatives on their committee. Each livestock superintendent will select a youth representative for their species to serve on the Livestock Committee. The eight species represented on the committee are: beef, dairy market/feeder, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, poultry, and rabbits.

Youth representative positions are a one year appointment; a youth may not serve as the representative in a single species for more than two consecutive years. The responsibilities include:

- Attend Livestock Committee meetings—regular meetings are scheduled the 1st Wednesday of September, November, January, March, May, and July.
- Provide input from the species you represent and youth perspective to the committee.
- Help guide the direction of 4-H livestock programs in Ingham County.
- Assist in decision making related to livestock projects including, but not limited to, education, administration, and the Junior Livestock Auctions.

At-large Members

The committee is also seeking adults to serve as At-large members. At-large members may be 4-H volunteers, parents, or community members (please note, any person elected to an at-large position must complete the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process if they have not already done so). At-large members serve two-year terms on the committee, and may serve not more than two consecutive terms. At-large members will be selected by the Livestock Committee from those who submit applications.

Persons interested in either the youth or at-large positions can obtain an application at the 4-H office or download an application at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/councils-committees/livestock-committee>

All applications are due by September 1st.

Name: _____ Youth Representative At-Large

Club affiliation: _____ Phone number: _____

4-H age (youth): _____ Species (youth): _____

Please explain on reverse or attach up to one page that explains why you are interested in joining this committee and your qualifications.

Please return to Ingham County 4-H office by September 1st