

*Ingham County*

# 4-H Family News

December 24, 2021

## Local Calendar of Events

January 2— Livestock Cmte Youth Rep. or At-large Member Applications due (pg 11)

January 5, 6:30 pm—Livestock Committee Meeting, Fairgrounds

January 12, 7:00 pm—Horse Committee Meeting, Hilliard Building

January 18—Ingham County 4-H Ambassador Applications due (pg 12)

January 19, 7:00 pm—4-H Council Meeting, Hilliard Building

## Notice:

The Ingham County MSU Extension office will be closed due to Holiday, staff leave time and other considerations from Thursday, December 23, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2021.

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## Ingham County 4-H

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

## Facebook

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**Ingham County 4H-  
MSU Extension**



Be sure to like and  
follow us for the latest  
4-H information.



## Join us as the Spartan Women's Basketball Team takes on the Ohio State Women's Basketball Team Sunday, February 27, 2022

### TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

SAVE THE DATE! You're ALL invited to attend the sixteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game, Sunday, February 27, 2022.

**Ticket Price: FREE** for MSU Extension 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension professionals and their families!

**Date: Sunday, February 27, 2022**

**Time:** Game time is TBD. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game. **The Southwest Harrison Gate** will open for those who wish to take part in those activities.

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# 4-H SELF-EXPRESSION SPIN CLUB



MONDAYS, JANUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21, 5-6PM

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Register in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> by choosing Ingham County and "SPIN Club Self-Expression" from the dropdown menu



## 2022 SKILLATHON Michigan 4-H State Championship

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.



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**Registration  
opens in  
January!**

Contestants have two options to qualify for the State Championship:

First Qualifier –  
March 5, 2022

Second Qualifier –  
March 12, 2022

Age divisions\*  
Novice (8-11 years)  
Junior (12-14 years)  
Senior (15-19 years)  
Adult (20+)

## 4-H 2022 Livestock and Still Life Fair Participation

Due to Covid restrictions 4-H was not able to participate in the 2020 Ingham County Livestock and Horse Exhibition hosted by the Ingham County Fair Foundation. In March on 2020 the same restrictions were still in place so 4-H exhibitions and auctions were once again taken out of the fair. Covid restrictions from MSU started to lessen in May of 2020 where clubs could begin to meet and in-person activities could occur with some restrictions.

4-H was involved in the 2020 fair through the activity table in the brick building and Glenda serving as assistant poultry superintendent. The activity table included make and takes as well as other hands on activities that changed daily. These activities added value to youth fair goers.

During the last few months, 4-H staff and fair management have been working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which outlines each's responsibility. This document clearly states that 4-H volunteers and staff will oversee the 4-H/FFA exhibitions at the fair in still life and livestock areas. Youth exhibiting in these classes will be 4-H or FFA members. 4-H offers many great youth resources, including access to our outstanding volunteers. The most impactful way to participate in 4-H is through our community club model. This allows youth to build their life skills, especially leadership and communication. Youth wishing to not be members in a 4-H club may sign up in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com) as an independent 4-H'er. Independent 4-H is listed as one of our clubs but it does not offer any club experiences such as activities and meetings. This is for families that do not want to participate in the full 4-h experience. 4-H enrollment is open and if you are experiencing difficulties enrolling up please let Glenda know ([weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu)).

### New This Year For Fair

In the past, the Ingham County Fair has funded much of the 4-H still life and livestock exhibition at the fair, which includes all ribbons (flat and rosettes), judges compensation and tables for the Dickenson Building that are used for club displays. Fair management made 4-H staff aware of these costs and has passed these to the 4-H community as stated in the MOU.

The livestock committee has formed two sub-committees to evaluate the 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee's participation in the small and large animal livestock auctions at the fair. Both of the proposals are still in the works and decisions will be made at the January 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting. Below is a summary of each proposal:

- Ingham County 4-H proposed a signed agreement with 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee that sets a portion of the auction proceeds aside for livestock auctions and exhibitions when MSU prohibits 4-H's participation. These funds would still belong to the 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee and therefore be audited annually by 4-H staff. This will keep the 4-H/FFA Auctions, annual financial reporting and audits, and ensure funding for exhibitions and auctions if something like Covid restrictions occurred again. The 4-H/FFA Livestock auction would continue to financially support the Ingham County Livestock Scholarship as well as the added expenses for 4-H/FFA livestock exhibition.
- Create a non-profit organization that will host a youth auction. This would replace the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auctions and mean that the 4-H Livestock Committee would not be organizing the auction unless the members of the committee decided to be a member of this new organization. This subcommittee is in the process of creating their constitution and bylaws. They have indicated that a portion of the sale commission would go toward funding the 4-H/FFA livestock exhibition and that there will be annual audits.

The Still Life Auction will remain as a 4-H Auction.

Please let Glenda know if you have any questions about anything in this message.



SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 17-21, 2022

# NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

## QUIZ BOWL



in partnership with Z-Suite/Zing Books



Registration Details & Study Guide available Jan 1, 2022 at

National 4-H Shooting Sports <https://4-hshootingsports.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports>

Registration \$10 per Participant. Youth must be enrolled 4-H Members.

## CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

### Volunteer and Teen Leader Training

Workshop proposals being accepted from 4-H teen leaders, volunteers, and MSU Extension staff to provide educational sessions for 4-H volunteers and teen leaders. Workshop sessions are intended to be designed as train the trainer; volunteers and teens will replicate what they learned for the members in their 4-H club. Ideal sessions will provide 1-hour of content; extended session length available upon request. Trainings will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Hosted by 4-H Staff in MSUE Districts 9 & 10

#### CONTACT:

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[nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu)  
810-648-2515

All workshops to be held at:

Michigan State University  
Saginaw Valley Research  
and Extension Center

3775 S. Reese Rd  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

#### February 12, 2022

#### Animal Science

large livestock, dairy, small animal, companion animal, horse, vet science; science, judging/selection, record books, business planning, care, fitting/showing

#### March 5, 2022

#### Arts, Crafts, Clothing, Textiles

creative or expressive arts, communications, cultural, handicraft, paper craft, knitting, sewing

#### April 2, 2022

#### Ag in the Classroom

embryology, plant science, gardening, food security communications, literacy

#### May 7, 2022

#### Animal Science

large livestock, dairy, small animal, companion animal, horse, vet science; science, judging/selection, record books, business planning, care, fitting/showing, etc.;

live animal outdoor sessions may be considered

#### Submit all proposals here:

<https://forms.gle/mDNnnnXV4YMFLHs1A>

Deadline: January 10<sup>th</sup> for February workshop;

all other workshops February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline



## Certification Class For 2022

Date: Thursday, January 13th

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Hilliard Building, Conference Room A  
121 Maple, Mason

Cost: \$5.00

**Registration Required:**

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCA\\_Ingham\\_January\\_2022](https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCA_Ingham_January_2022)



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**TOWN & COUNTRY  
4-H CLUB  
PRESENTS**

**4-H  
RABBIT  
SHOW**

**JANUARY  
15  
2022**

**Entry Fees:**  
\$3 per class  
\$1.00 Fur/Wool class  
\$1 Showmanship  
\$1 Cloverbud (limit one animal)  
Coloring Contest is FREE!

**Ingham County  
Fairgrounds  
Main Arena  
700 E Ash St  
Mason, MI 48854**

**Showmanship:**  
Cloverbud 5-8 yrs old  
Junior 9-11 yrs old  
Intermediate 12-14 yrs old  
Senior 15-19 yrs old  
Ages of 1/1/2022

All recognized breeds eligible for show. All breeds will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Trophies for top 15 breeds, rabbits & caviaes.

FOOD VENDORS • BAKE SALE • ANIMAL RAFFLE • SILENT AUCTION

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Doors Open at 7:00 am

ENTRIES MUST  
BE IN BY

**8 AM**

SHOW  
STARTS AT

**9 AM**

**Show Superintendent**  
Penny Jackson  
517-202-1618  
pjj74@yahoo.com  
Interested in being a vendor? Contact Me!



# Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show



Saturday, January 29, 2022  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing



Open to Michigan 4-H Youth ages 8-19  
Scholarship Auction

Entry: \$4.00 per rabbit/cavy/market/fur

- Day of show is cash only by 8 a.m.
- Pre-entry by January 24, 2022 at [https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022\\_state\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022_state_rabbit_and_cavy_show/)

## Additional Contests

- Educational Display
- Photography
- Breed Identification

## Further Information:

[weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu)  
517-676-7303



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## WILD SPARTANS

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BUTTERFLIES, BIVALVES, BIRDS, AND BEYOND!

WITH ASHLEY COLE-WICK, CONSERVATION ASSOCIATE- ZOOLOGY  
MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

January 11 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>

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## Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season

Just in time for the holidays, MSU Extension is excited to launch the first-ever Michigan 4-H pop-up shop!



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 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.



Join Us Online

**4-H TIS THE SEASON TO BE SCIENTIFIC  
HOLIDAY-STEM THEMED  
VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT**

Dec. 17 thru Jan. 5, 2022



# Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

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The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC) welcomed five new members who will serve a two-year term on the council. Established in 2015, SYLC is a statewide leadership opportunity for Michigan 4-H Youth Development participants ages 15-19. SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals. SYLC strives to create an environment where its members can network and share ideas, programs, and experiences with other 4-H members from across the state.

New SYLC members were selected through an application and interview process where they participated in group interviews conducted by a selection committee comprised of 4-H staff and current SYLC members. Applicants completed a written application and submitted a reference in order to serve on the council.

New members selected for the 2022-23 term include:

- Dori Battel, Huron County
- Gabrielle Gray, Roscommon County
- Caitlynn Pratt, Otsego County
- McKenzie Sing, Berrien County
- Alexis Skop, Antrim County

They join with members completing the second year of their term:

- Victoria Brown, Hillsdale County
- Adelle Dingledine, Ingham County
- Micaela Geborkoff, Houghton County
- Hayden Graves, Marquette County
- Halle Graves, Marquette County
- Terrell Jordan, Wayne County
- Joscelyn Layman, Hillsdale County
- Brenna Marshall, Ingham County
- Fawn Muraske, Newaygo County
- Renee Nails, Macomb County
- Daisy Rogers, Hillsdale County
- Aidan Ward, Cass County



## Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabric shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.

**COOKING WITH KRISTI**  
*Series 2*

6 NEW RECIPES TO ENJOY!  
STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

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<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CookingWithKristi2/>



Your free enrollment in Cooking with Kristi includes an invitation to a private Facebook group where you can access six videos to watch on your schedule. You will also receive a PDF to go along with each video that includes the recipe and other valuable information about kitchen safety and cooking vocabulary. This series is recommended for youth 10 and up or younger with help from an adult.

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Open through December 30.

**JOANN**

## Explore democracy at the 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus



4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about the nation's government.

Participants will enjoy hands-on leadership workshops, meet with U.S. senators and representatives and tour historical sites. Featuring national experts and leaders, along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country, this is a can't miss experience for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan delegation will depart by bus on Saturday, June 25 and return on Friday, July 1. The first stop along the route is the 9/11 Memorial in Pennsylvania followed by an overnight stay in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War before heading on to Washington, D.C.

Once in D.C., the group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The cost for this trip is \$2,000 per youth, which includes transportation, lodging, conference costs and most meals. Spaces for this exciting event are limited, to learn more contact your local 4-H program coordinator or email Connie Lange at [langecc@msu.edu](mailto:langecc@msu.edu).

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 4: Cross Country Skiing

*Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon*

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

### January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

### January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

*Zoom Webinar*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

### January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

*Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1*

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

### January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

*Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing*

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

### January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

### January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

*MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing*

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

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

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





# 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 also obtain an application at the 4-H office or download an application at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/councils-committees/livestockcommittee>.

**All applications are due by January 2nd, 2022.**

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.

## Ingham County 4-H Ambassador Application (pgs 12-14)

The Ingham County 4-H Ambassador position runs from the day after the awards program through the next awards program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H (including cloverbud) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Youth Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age (As of January 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Selection Process

1. The completed form is due by midnight (if emailing) or by 5pm (if submitting a paper copy) on **January 18th, 2022** to Glenda Weiss at [weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu)
2. Three letters of reference are required to accompany this application. One reference is to be from a 4-H Volunteer. References should not be from any family member.
3. Potential ambassadors will be interviewed by a panel of judges. Date and time to be determined.



List any offices held or roles you have played in your 4-H club:

List any County Medals or State Awards previously received:

List any county or state 4-H committees you have served on:

List any 4-H citizenship and leadership activities that you have participated in:

Please list any Ingham County 4-H shows or workshops you have participated in over the past year. Please include your role in the event (participant, teen leader, organizer, etc)

List your most significant 4-H awards from any year, or other types of recognition within your chosen project areas:

List a couple non-4-H activities in which you participate and what you have achieved: