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Isabella County

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4-H Day at the Breslin Center with the Lady Spartans

Sunday, February 24, 2019
2:00 p.m.
FREE to families



You ALL are invited to attend the annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

Contact the Extension office to reserve your FREE tickets!

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners

Rosebush Manor would like to congratulate the winners of their annual Christmas tree contest. Country Stars 4-H Club won first place, Bowen Busy Bees 4-H Club was second place, and Country Kids Livestock 4-H Club took third place.



We would like to say thank you to the other clubs that participated this year; Evergreen, Country Neighbors and Lincoln Center.

We would like to thank all the 4-H clubs for their participation and helping us make our home so festive during the holiday season! All the trees are beautiful and the residents are really enjoying them. Thank you again and we are looking forward to seeing them all again next year.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award

4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To apply, write an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H, I can...." Deadline for submission is February 1, to the Extension office.

For more information, visit: [https://](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program)

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New Volunteer Leader Orientation

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320

For new volunteers or anyone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer. RSVP by January 25 to the Extension office if you plan to attend.



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CLUB CORNER

Beal City Pioneers - We have participated in many community service projects this holiday season. We made Christmas cards at our November meeting and delivered them to residents at Green Acres Assisted Living. We also served dinner for the ICRH homeless shelter guests on December 2 and 3. Our members donated and prepared two complete meals. Members also donated "to go" snacks, coffee, hot cocoa, socks and underwear for the rotating homeless shelter. During our December business meeting, we went Christmas caroling around Beal City and passed out cookies to the residents. We have been doing these projects for the past three years and everyone loves it.

Broomfield Valley - In December we made wreaths as a fundraiser. We gathered the bows from friends and family. We sold the wreaths for \$20 each and made 29 of them.

Evergreen - We had a meeting on December 2 that revolved around the holidays and community service. After taking roll call, the cloverbuds left the meeting and put together cookie platters for the residents of the Rosebush Manor, all the cookies were made by members of the club. We discussed the community service project of laying wreaths on veterans graves and talked about the details of our upcoming Spaghetti Supper in February. Lastly, all members were asked to bring products for the Homeless Shelter and Women's Aid Services, which were packaged after the meeting and donated.

Lincoln Center - We gathered in December for a small Christmas party. Members collected gifts for the foster closet. We also talked about beef weigh-in.

Pony Creek - For our December meeting we discussed purchasing animal species flash cards for members to study for their show day. The MSU women's basketball game was announced and free tickets are available to members and leaders. We also decided that we will not meet in January.

Attention Teens! Are You Interested in Serving as a Teen Superintendent?

Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years and be enrolled as a Teen Leader. Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in.

Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meetings.

You may pick up applications at the Extension office or visit our website: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h. Applications are due to the Extension office by January 14.

Michigan Envirothon

Michigan Envirothon (ME) is an exciting and challenging way to provide natural resource and environmental science education to high school students throughout the state of Michigan. The ME program focuses on using the outdoors as a classroom, utilizing diverse "eco-stations" as competition testing sites, and interaction and training with professionals in the field. In addition to gaining valuable knowledge, teams also complete a service learning project. The Community Outreach Project portion of the competition tasks students with identifying and addressing a natural resource issue in their community through hands-on problem solving and community education.

To register or for additional program details check out the [Envirothon Manual](#) or visit: [webpage](#).

If you have any glass Starbucks frappuccino jars (9.5 oz.), please save them and drop them off to the Extension office.



Small Animal News

- If you have been enrolled in a small animal project for at least two years and are enrolled as a Teen Leader, and are interested in applying to be a Teen Superintendent during fair week, please complete the appropriate form and turn it in at the Extension office no later than January 14. You will be contacted in February if you are selected for one of the positions.
- Reminder, if you live outside of Isabella County and plan to sell in the small animal auction, you will need approval from the Small Animal Association. Plan to attend their next meeting on Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building. If you have already met with the Small Animal Association to sell in the auction and were approved, you do not have to do it again.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting is January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.



State Rabbit & Cavy Show

Saturday, January 26, 2019
MSU Pavilion, MSU



This one-day event is open to participants aged 8 to 19 (by Jan. 1). Exhibitors must be 4-H members and must own the rabbits or cavies (guinea pigs) they enter. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting their rabbits and cavies to and from the judging tables. Spectators are welcome!

For more information: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_state_4-h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

Upcoming Horse Events

Full event details for each event including registration forms and event flyers can be found on our website:

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

4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Practice Contest

February 1-2, 2019

[Facebook Event](#)

Register & Pay Online: https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

4-H Benefit Clinic

February 2, 2019

Opportunities for riders & auditors!

[Facebook Event](#)

Purchase auditor tickets: https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

4-H Teen & Adult Horse Leaders Conference

February 23, 2019

Registration is LIMITED

[Facebook Event](#)

SAVE THE DATES:

4-H Hippology Contest: March 23rd

4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest: March 24th

Green and White Swine Education Fair and Open Hog Show

January 25-27, 2019

Registration details available online: https://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth_events

Entry deadline: January 5, 2019

Free Opportunity – Swine Showmanship Clinic on Friday January 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Swine Live Evaluation Contest (Judging) – Friday January 25 at 3:30 p.m. – Only \$5.00 registration fee.

Shooting Sports Instructors Needed



We are looking for volunteer leaders to become certified as 4-H Shooting Sports instructors in archery, rifle, and shotgun. Contact the Extension office if you are interested or would like more information.



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Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



4-H State Award Recognition Areas

Beef Science
Birds & Poultry Science
Civic Engagement
Companion Animal Science
Consumer & Family Science
Dairy Science
Environmental & Outdoor Education
Equine Science
Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
Gardening & Horticulture
Goat Science
Leadership & Service
Rabbit & Cavy Science
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
Sheep Science
Shooting Sports
Swine Science
Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
Workforce Preparation
Group Award

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H members to develop workforce readiness skills such as goal setting, written and oral communication, critical thinking, time management and organization. Through the program, Michigan 4-H members have an opportunity to receive recognition while expanding their network and improving their leadership skills. At the conclusion of this program participants have a cover letter, resume, and a portfolio highlighting their 4-H experiences. Many of these tools will be transferable to future application essays for jobs, college, and scholarships. A select group of State Award applicants are invited to participate in the State Awards Program during 4-H Exploration, June 19-21, 2019.

Age Categories

- Mark of Excellence Essay Contest~11-12 year old 4-H members
- Junior State Award~13-15 year old 4-H members
- Senior State Award~16-19 year old 4-H members
- Group Award~13-19 year old 4-H members

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program

**Applications for Michigan 4-H
State Awards are due
February 1**

Questions about Michigan 4-H State Awards: contact Betty Jo Krosnicki
at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-648-2515.

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Meijer would like to say THANK YOU to Aim High, Beal City Pioneers and Farms Hands 4-H clubs for helping with gift wrapping. They plan to do it again next year!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Save the date for
the 4-H Alumni
Tip-Off
Reception!**



On Feb. 24, Michigan 4-H alumni will gather to celebrate 4-H with other alums from across the state at the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks and drinks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before enjoying a women's basketball game at the Breslin Center.

Organized by Michigan 4-H and the Michigan 4-H Foundation, the Tip-Off event takes place before 4-H Day at the Breslin, for which free tickets are available.

More information about the Alumni Tip-Off event is available at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>. For free tickets to the 4-H Day at the Breslin, contact your local MSU Extension office.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 10 : 4-H State Award Overview Teen/Parent Training

Online Webinar

This training is geared toward 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4>

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training--washtenaw-county>

January 18-19: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference

Crowne Plaza, Lansing

This networking event builds show management skills and fulfills the yearly seminar requirement for Michigan 4-H horse judges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-managers-conference>

January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn more about implementing an embryology program in your classrooms and 4-H SPIN clubs. Attendees will receive curriculum, resources and lunch.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training--ingham-county>

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and spectators are welcome!

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019-state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

February 1-2: Michigan 4-H Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will have the opportunity to judge high quality Quarter Horses and deliver a set of reasons after learning more about evaluating horses from Extension experts.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judging-workshop-practice-contest>

February 1: 4-H State Award Deadline

Online

Submit your State Award application on time for careful review by the selection committee. The application may take several weeks to finalize, so be sure to get an early start.

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards>

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension. Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop!



Enhance your engineering skills at the hands-on, 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop, March 16-17, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin!

The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up interested in developing and growing a 4-H robotics club.

Participants will be introduced to and learn basic robotic skills, as well as explore different types of robotic projects within LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, LEGO Wedo and Junk Drawer Robotics.

Learn more at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019.

Citizenship Washington Focus registration available

Registration for the 2019 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program, taking place June 22-29, is now available. Program participants learn about the nation's government by participating in hands-on leadership workshops and touring historical sites in Washington, D.C. The cost of the 2019 4-H CWF program is \$1,500 and includes all meals (except seven meals in transit), lodging and transportation. Visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/> to register.



2018 Capitol Experience participants interacting with resource people.

Now recruiting for 4-H Capitol Experience 2019

4-H Capitol Experience is now recruiting for 2019 participants! This annual statewide program, occurring March 17-20, helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

More than 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, and other resource people to learn how policy is made.

Attendees will leave the program having a great understanding of the responsibilities of a citizen, be able to identify different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities, and know potential careers in public policy.

Cost for this event is \$360 and includes most meals, lodging and materials. For more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

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Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 20 - 27, 2019

SAVE THE DATES

I Love Chocolate Workshop

February 12, 2019

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

March 9, 2019

4-H Exploration Days

June 19 - 21, 2019

Flower Arranging Workshop

June 26, 2019

4-H Summer (overnight) Camp

July 9 - 11, 2019

4-H Cloverbud Camp

July 16 & 17, 2019

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 20 - 27, 2019

Spa Gift Workshop

November 5, 2019

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

January 1	OFFICE CLOSED	
3	OFFICE CLOSED - All staff training	
7	Livestock Producers @ MSUE	7 PM
16	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7 PM
17	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 PM
21	OFFICE CLOSED	
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM
29	New Leader Orientation @ MSUE	6 PM

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