

*Kent County*

# 4-H Family News

March 2019

## Lucky Us! It's March!

February certainly went out with a BANG, leaving all of us here in Kent County with a thick blanket of snow, and even a few power outages here and there. We hope everyone survived the cold weather and managed to stay safe out on the roads—we are optimistic that spring will soon be on its way!

While this winter wonderland may not be everyone's cup of tea, we are thrilled to see what March has in store for us. We have lots of great opportunities to share with our 4-H members, leaders, and families, so be sure to check out this month's issue for more information of events to mark on your calendars.

We are excited for all that the month of March has to offer! As always, please feel free to reach out to the MSU Extension 4-H team with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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**Registration  
available for the  
4-H Animal &  
Veterinary  
Science Camp**



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign**

*Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan*

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

**March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art>

**March 26: 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Training**

*Muskegon County MSU Extension Office, Muskegon*

This training is designed for both 4-H members and volunteers who want to learn more about parliamentary procedure and how it can be used in their 4-H clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/muskegon-county-4-h-parliamentary-procedure-training>

**March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign**

*Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan*

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

**April 7: Mission to Mars**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars>

**April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo**

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

**April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop**

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

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

## Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



*Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator*

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comeingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal\\_science/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal_science/).

## 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.



# March 2019 Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>4-H Horse Judging Team Mtg. @ 7:00pm, Kent MSUE</i>	7 <i>4-H Horse Committee Mtg. @ 7:30pm, Kent MSUE</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>4-H Council Mtg. @ 5:30pm Kent MSUE</i>	19 <i>4-H Exploration Days Registration</i>	20	21 <i>4-H Dog Committee Mtg. @ 7:30pm, Kent MSUE</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Do you have a 4-H volunteer or youth you want to give a shout out to? We will be starting a new monthly spotlight

edition that recognizes our 4-H Community and all the great work they are doing in Kent County. Send submissions and

Information to:

[templedi@msu.edu](mailto:templedi@msu.edu)

**Be sure to include:**

*-The name of the person you are nominating.*

*-Which club they are a part of.*

*-And a small description about why you are nominating them.*

## Kent County 4-H Council

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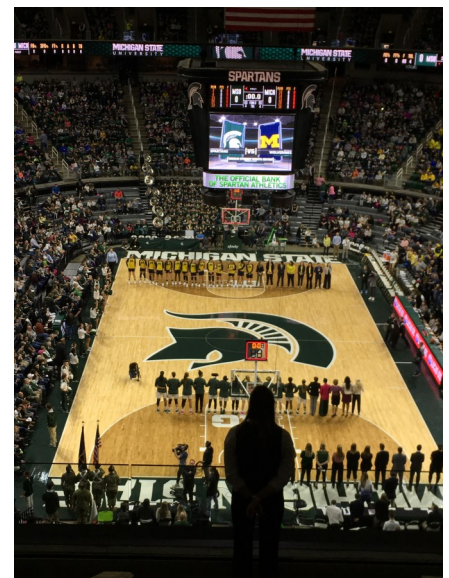
Did you know that you can help support Kent County 4-H just by shopping on Amazon? The council would like you to know that the next time you order with Amazon, be sure to shop with Amazon Smile using the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Once there, you can select Kent County 4-H Council as a charity to donate to!

***Feel free to join us at the next Kent County 4-H Council Meeting which will be held on March 18, 2019 at 5:30pm. Meetings take place at the Kent County MSU Extension Office (775 Ball Ave. NE, Grand Rapids MI, 49503).***



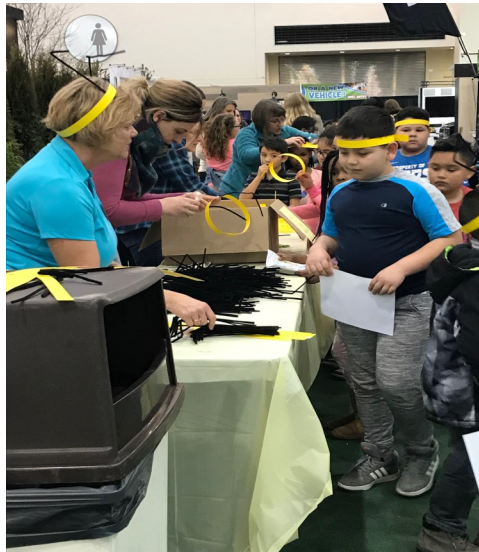
## 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

On Sunday, February 24th, several Michigan State University Extension 4-H youth, families, and friends gathered at the Breslin Center on Michigan State University's campus to cheer on the women's basketball team. It was a big rivalry between Michigan State University and the University of Michigan! MSU took home the win with a final score of 74 to 64 points. Thank you to our 4-H community for supporting the Spartan team! Go Green! Go White!



### Home & Garden Show 4-H Children's Scavenger Hunt

On Friday, March 1, Kent County 4-H and Michigan State University Extension Master Gardeners hosted approximately 500 local students at the Home & Garden Show in Grand Rapids. Students participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the exhibit and visited different stations to learn all about pollinators. Stations included honey tasting, planting pansies, making antenna, and mimicking a pollinator's proboscis!



### FREE 4-H Resources to Check-out!

Inspire kids to do all year long with 60 fun, skill-building activities

Inspire Kids to Do Activity Guide



#InspireKidstoDo



#### INSPIRE KIDS TO DO Activity Guide:

Download this guide filled with TONS of fun, hands-on activities that will give you inspiration for projects to do with your 4-H youth. Visit [4h.org](http://4h.org) to download your copy and to get started on great activities!

#### 4-H STEM Labs:

Do you have 4-H youth in your clubs who are interested in science topics, but you have no idea where to start? Visit [4h.org](http://4h.org) for STEM labs that will provide guides for fun, hands-on STEM activities for youth of all ages!



***Interested in hosting a 4-H Program***

***Coordinator at your next club meeting?***

Contact Kent County

4-H PC Mary

Newman to join one of your

Upcoming club meetings to ask questions, provide feedback, and learn about resources available to you and your club.

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