

**Mecosta County****4-H Family News**

May 2019

Hello everyone!! Hard to believe its already May!! Things have been very busy here in the office. Seems the nicer weather is getting everyone in fair "mode" which is a GREAT thing!! I know I have been slowly managing piles and deadlines as we have so much approaching here in the next few weeks.

Please make sure your expressing deadlines for upcoming forms that are due and up coming clinics at all your club meetings. I will do my best to keep the leaders informed as much as I can. Just remember your always welcome to email me any time if you have any questions. Always happy to help anyone out.

I have been doing a lot of programming in our county the past couple months. The embryology program has had a HUGE impact on me. Just bringing the new life into the world with all the 2nd graders was really amazing. They loved to hold the chicks and was so excited the moment I entered the classroom doors. I hope next spring to do more classes. I'm considering doing a fall program.

I am going to be starting a Mecosta County 4-H Garden Club here this upcoming week. I'm really hoping to get a lot of kids to be part of this. Most of our work will be done at our fairgrounds for the upcoming fair. Really want to spruce things up this year around our barns and etc. So please pass along to your clubs and let me know if anyone would like to be part of this. Hoping to have a few volunteers and kids would be great.

Well hopefully you all have a GREAT month of May. Will see everyone soon. Hopefully we can keep this warmer weather.

Sincerely,  
Mollie T. Hogg  
MSU Mecosta County 4-H Program Coordinator

**Announcements:**

- \* **May 1st Horse Registrations due to office by 5pm**
- \* **May 3rd Exploration Days Forms are due to the 4-H Office by 5pm**
- \* **May 6th Exploration Days Medical Forms due to 4-H Office by 5pm**
- \* **May 7th 4-H Council Meeting at 6:30pm at the MCSB**
- \* **May 18th @ the fairgrounds 9am to 1pm Educational Clean-up**
- \* **May 19th @ the fairgrounds 9am to 1pm Educational Clean-up**
- \* **May 20th 6pm Educational MCSB and 7pm Jr Livestock Meeting MCSB**

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**VOLUNTEER!**

Life's little questions  
aren't meant to be  
answered alone.

**Attention...*****Become a 4-H volunteer!***

Michigan 4-H has a goal of recruiting 8,000 new volunteers in the 2014-2015 program year. Would you or someone you know make a great 4-H volunteer? There are many ways to get involved: help at camp, teach a workshop, lead a club, chaperone an event, lend your professional skills, help at the fair and more!

Contact the county MSU Extension office at <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county> to learn more about becoming a 4-H volunteer today. By giving your time, you'll help youth achieve big dreams and prepare for the future. After all, life's little questions aren't meant to be answered alone.

**4-H Events and Workshops****May 4: Alcona 4-H Hot Shots Fundraiser Shoot**

Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln

This fun event for all ages is open to the public. Purchase rounds and win prizes in three different events: Turkey Trap Shoot, Red Bird Skeet and 2-Man Flurry—5 Stand.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/alcona-4-h-hot-shots-fundraiser-shoot>

**May 5: Ornithology**

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Do wild birds fascinate you? Learn about wild bird calls, how to identify birds and get the chance to make bird feeders and build bird houses.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ornithology>

**May 14: Michigan 4-H / FFA Meats Judging Contest**

MSU Meat Laboratory, East Lansing

Show your ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats, individually and as a team for the chance to win a prize.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-meats-judging-contest>

**May 15: Resumes Made Easy**

MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

This workshop will help teens build a resume from their classes, clubs, volunteer activities and skills, even with limited paid work experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumes-made-easy>

**May 18: OCHDC Open Youth Horse Show**

Oceana County Fairgrounds, Hart

Prepare your horse for show season at this youth horse show open to participants age 5 to 19. Ribbons will be awarded for first to sixth place and daily high point awards.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-ochdc-open-youth-horse-show>

**May 20: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Communicating with Your Buyer**

Lake City Christian Reformed Church, Lake City

Participants will learn best practices when writing buyer's letters and thank you notes in an interactive session. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-communicating-with-your-buyer>

**May 28: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series: Preparing for Show Day**

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth

Prepare yourself and your goat for fair! This hands-on session will include info on feeding, fitting and showmanship! Participants welcomed to bring their own goat to practice their skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-preparing-for-show-day>

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



## IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR FAIR:

Attention all 4-H Council is looking for new youth and adult members!! Come to our meeting on May 7th at 6:30pm at the MCSB front conference room!!! Would love to see you there!! Please see Mollie if you have any questions.



Attention all 4-H Families...

Please make sure to pass on all the changes at your club meetings.

- All record books are due to the 4-H Office by 6pm Sunday night of the Fair. So please keep in mind that once weigh in is complete you will want to get with your leaders and volunteers to get your books turned in. That includes pictures and final weights added in.
- There will be a Non-Market Goat show this year that has been added. It will take place after the Market Goat show. Please keep this in mind.
- There was 8 year old Novice Classes added to a few species, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Feeders, Dairy, Rabbits, Poultry
- We will be home grown classes in these species this year, Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goats
- Please make sure you read your horse dates and schedule's this year some changes have been made. I know some are very concerned on them interfering with the kids who show horses and livestock. We will make sure to do everything we can and work together on communicating if someone's needed in both rings. I will be at all shows so please make sure to let me know if something is running over.
- Sweepstakes will be on Saturday morning of the fair this year. All kids that are showing need to be there and checked in at 7:45am with their shirt on that they will receive on Friday evening from the 4-H Office. The show will be taken place in the large outdoor horse arena. Make sure if you win Grand or Reserve in your specie you let your Superintendent know the size of t-shirt that you will want. Marie will be doing a quick turn around with these for us.
- On Friday of fair it will pretty much be a fun day for the kids. There will be no shows that day. Starting at 11am I will be doing our 1st annual scavenger hunt for each club. You will need to sign up for this. I will be doing a pizza lunch for the kids after the scavenger hunt. Then we will roll into our Skill A Thon that will be redone this year. With prizes for the winner. Then we will have Ag Olympics and dinner and go into the 4-H dance to end the evening. Please make sure you pass this on to your kids in your clubs.





**Attention all 4-H Kids that are selling a market animal!! Make sure you are working on your educational requirement's and attending your meetings. When you complete them make sure to get them back to the office.**



**After you complete your educational requirement's please make sure to fill out the form and you can email it to Mollie any-time.**  
**hoggmoll@msu.edu**

March 18, 2018 JLA Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:58

Pledges Recited

All board members present except for Elizabeth Mishler (excused), and Doug Richard.

Reports:

4-H MSU Extension Program Coordinator- Mollie: record book changes in timeline.

Secretary Reports: Danny Rees accepted report, Sadie Seconds.

Treasurer Report: \$15,453.87 in general funds and then a motion was made and seconded to transfer some funds.

Superintendent Report: Nothing new

Fairboard Report: Next Meeting April 18th @ 7pm.

Old Business:

YQCA, Mollie recommends that everybody pays the \$12 and does the class online to ensure that they can sell.

New Business:

Voting for Jr. Livestock secretary:

Sadie Metcalf was voted for Jr. Livestock secretary

Back Tags:

We will be doing back tags this year for large animal shows

4-H Dance ideas:

Rob Zelma (DJ) is working on the dance. An idea they had was to have the parents get more involved at the dance.

4-H Newsletter:

Going out April 1st, let Mollie know if you have something to put in it.

Ear Tags:

See Mollie for ear tags.

Trophy Sponsors:

Make sure we are calling people on the list first so that they do not get asked repeatedly. Spring clinic:

Myra has talked to the Emergency Services Training class (from MSU). April 13th is our estimated date at 1pm to avoid proms. The estimated cost would be \$300. They would prefer one big class about 1 hour to 1½ hour.

Lizzy made a motion to have the spring clinic and everybody seconds. We will get back to everyone on the for sure date and where it will be.

Record Book Changes: All good, they were discussed in the educational portion.

Club Profiles:

Leaders need to get club profiles finished.

Ag Olympics:

Mollie is getting in contact with Cate Rice. Possibly combine Ag Olympics with horse fun show

Committee Reports:

Sweepstakes: All good

Record Books: All good

Education: Working on spring clinic

8 Year olds: All good

Auction: All good

Trophy: Call people on list first. Keeping hoodies for showmanship. Doing blankets instead of plaques.

Registration Forms, Deadlines and Requirements:

Pig registration paperwork and photos are due April 8, 2019 by 5pm to the office or emailed to Mollie - hoggmoll@msu.edu

Chicken orders are posted and due back April 12th.

Spring Weigh in April 6th from 9-11am with the alternate date being April 13th .

Roll Call

Next Meeting is Monday, May 20, 2019. Education at 6pm and JLA meeting at 7pm.

Danny made a motion to adjourn meeting, everybody seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sadie Metcalf



**PROGRESS:**  
58% OF COUNTIES REACHED AS OF APRIL 26, 2019





# Spring Fair Clean-Up Celebration

We are going to work for a few hours cleaning up the fairgrounds.  
Doing some painting and setting up some buildings and getting things  
all set for the 2019 fair!!! Please make sure you attend at least one of  
these for your educational requirement.

**Where:** Mecosta County Fairgrounds

**When:** May 18<sup>th</sup> & May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9am - 1pm Saturday  
9am- 1pm Sunday







Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

YQCA certification is being accepted by many livestock shows and fairs that require youth quality assurance certification. View the list here, but always check the entry requirements of each show for complete details.

YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals:

- Pigs
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Market Rabbits
- Poultry

YQCA is available as an online program for youth everywhere in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where state 4-H or FFA offices or state/national livestock organizations have partnered to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops.





## 4-H Exploration Days Information:

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June 19-21, 2019

Michigan State University

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually.

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration deadlines, usually the end of April, but can vary by county, so check with your county MSU Extension office. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.

**Registration Book**

The 2019 registration book and forms will be available late February-early March, 2019.

**Activity Guide**

The 2019 Activity Guide will be available mid-May 2019.

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, team work, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- Foster ability to meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.

Increase college exploration and access to the [Michigan State University](http://msu.edu) campus and its resources.

- Develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.

Give youth opportunities to try things that aren't available in their county.

Youth must be age 11 by January 1 in order to attend. All participants must submit their forms and payments to the county MSU Extension office (forms are at the back of the registration book).

If you need to obtain contact information of your county 4-H staff, visit: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/> and click on your county name. The county 4-H staff there will process your registration and payment with the State MSU Extension/4-H office. County 4-H staff manage the recruitment, chaperone and orientation process.

**Info For information regarding registration, scholarship support, housing and orientation, contact the MSU Extension 4-H staff in the county where you live.**

**For general information regarding 4-H Exploration Days, contact:**

**Laura Potter-Niesen,**  
Educational Programs  
Event Coordinator  
Phone: 517-432-2963  
Fax: 517-353-4846  
Email: [potterla@msu.edu](mailto:potterla@msu.edu)

**4-H Youth Development**  
Michigan State University Extension  
446 W. Circle Dr., Rm. 240

**Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture**  
East Lansing,  
MI 48824-1039

**Attention...**

**Exploration Days Forms are due to Office!!! Please talk to Mollie or Lisa about dates forms are due.**





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## GRATIOT COUNTY YOUTH SWINE DAY

### DATE & TIME:

- June 1st, 2019
- Registration opens at 8:30am
- Ends at 4 pm

### LOCATION:

- Gratiot County Fair For Youth
- 701 S Lincoln Ave Alma, MI 48801

### COST and REGISTRATION:

- Cost is \$5 through May 17th, \$10 until June 1
- Registration at MSU Extension office
- Cash, Checks (payable to MSU) or Card at Gratiot MSU Extension Office 989-875-5233



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### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This event is open to all youth from ages 6 to 19 years old. Parents also welcome to attend sessions.

### DESCRIPTION:

This event is an all day seminar focused on improving youth knowledge of swine in general. Some topics include showmanship, basic management, livestock judging, and nutrition.

Lunch will be provided.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration will be at MSU Extension Office, 219 N State, Alma, MI 48801. Early bird registration is \$5 and ends May 17th. Late registration is up until the day of event at \$10. Cash, Card or Checks Checks payable to: MSU Card payments accepted in person or by calling 989-875-5233.

### SPONSORS:

- Gratiot County Fair for Youth
- MSUE Extension Gratiot County
- Gratiot County Leaders' Council

### CONTACT:

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| • Casey Zangaro | • Brian Gardner   |
| 219 N River Ave | 701 S Lincoln Ave |
| Alma MI, 48801  | Alma MI, 48801    |
| (989) 875-5292  | (989) 466-5071    |

*Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Casey Zangaro at 989-875-5295 by May 17, 2019 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.*

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### Club Announcement's:







JUNE 7-9, 2019

MSU PAVILION

# BEEF SHOWCASE

[www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth\\_events](http://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth_events)

Entries Due: May 24, 2019

Please let me know if you would like to attend this show!!  
Would love to see some kids go down!! I can help you get registered!!!







JUNE 14-16, 2019 - MSU PAVILION

# SPARTAN CLASSIC HOG SHOW

Entries Due: May 24, 2019

[www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth\\_events](http://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/extension/youth_events)

Please let me know if you would like to attend this show!!  
Would love to see some kids go down!! I can help you get registered!!!







## Gratiot County Open 4-H Rabbit,



## Cavy and Poultry Show

May 11, 2019

Gratiot County Fair Grounds

706 S. Lincoln Road

Alma MI 48801

Registration begins at 7:30am. Entries must be in by 8:30 am

Rabbit show begins at 9 am

Poultry Show begins at Noon

Entry Fees: \$2.00 per class

- Showmanship: Juniors (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), Senior (15-19) Cloverbuds 7 and under.
- Ages as of January 1, 2019
- Breed Classes (**Rabbit & Cavy only**): All breeds that are recognized are eligible for show. All breeds will be judged by ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Chickens will be pullorum tested at registration.

### Rabbit Show Jumping Competition

- Practice and Training 8 am- 10 am
- Competition with poles 10am-12pm \$1.00 per run donation.
- High Jump begins @ 11 am-\$1.00 for 3 attempts
- Prizes awarded for top 3 competitors.

Donuts and coffee for purchase in the morning and pizza by the slice for sale around lunch.



Hosted by The Gratiot County Lucky Stars 4-H club and Cosponsored by The Gratiot 4-H Leader's Council

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### Club Announcement's:

Back Road Country Kids are going to be doing a road clean up on the east side of the county on May 5th!!! Great job to them for the community service project.





**\*\* If you would like to send me any information that your club is doing from activities, fundraisers to anything exciting going on please make sure to send me a email so I can make sure to add it to our monthly newsletter to spread the news!!**



### Some new ideas I'm working on and to look forward too:

\* Looking to get a garden club started in May for our county. (once the weather gets a little nicer) if this is something you or club would like to be part of please let me know. We would like to do some flower pots around the barns at the fair and put some flowers in so our fair will look great this year. Also will be teaching the kids about planting and gardening.

\* Hoping to get our horse kids involved in and signed up for the horse demonstrations. Nancy and Bill Burmeister put on a wonderful presentation at the Horse Club Meeting a few weeks ago. I think this would be a great thing for the kids to be part of. It will help with public speaking and learning about how important it is for the public now to speak to your superiors. Please see me or Tiffany Spedowski if you would like more information. I have a hand out I can email you here in the office about signing up and what they are looking for. ( you can do this in individual or team presentations)

\* In the fall I am looking to start a canning club. Would love to have some kids get together for an after school SPIN club. We can learn how to can some vegetables and fruits for the upcoming winter months. Would also like to make up some baskets that we can pass out during Thanksgiving to the needy with our can goods.

\*\*\*PLEASE SEE ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT OR GET INVOLVED IN ANYTHING ABOVE. OR IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OF THINGS PLEASE TALK TO ME A EMAIL ->  
hoggmoll@msu.edu\*\*\*

