

**Macosta County****4-H Family News**

October 2019

Happy Fall everyone!! Hard to believe its already October. Where has 2019 gone??? Hopefully everyone is have a good start to the school year.

The month of October is one of my favorites. Its now deer season and the start of the new 4-H Year for everyone. We have lots going on these next couple months that's for sure. Making sure everyone is getting enrolled before the deadline. Leaders are working on end of the year paperwork as well as we start to have our Fall Leaders Meeting's next week. There will be lots of hours coming up for community service too these next few weeks.

I'm very excited about our 4-H Awards Banquet that will be coming very soon. I really hope many of the kids and families and our supporters can attend that. I have been putting a lot of work into it. To make it extra nice for our kids.

Thanks everyone and hopefully you have a GREAT month!!!

Sincerely,

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Announcements:

- * Oct 1st- 4-H Council @ 6:30pm Back Conference Room MSCB
- * Oct 3rd- Jr Livestock Budget Committee Meeting @ 6pm Front Conf. Room MCSB
- * Oct 8th- Leader Meeting @ 10am Back Conference Room MCSB
- * Oct 10th-11th- Michigan 4-H MSU Institute of Ag Technology Campus Tour Trip
- * Oct 12th- Tractor Supply Bake Sale For the Clover Days- 12pm-4pm Big Rapids
- * Oct 14th- Leader Meeting @ 6pm Back Conference Room MCSB
- * Oct 15th- Horse Leaders Meeting 7pm Front Conference Room MCSB
- * Oct 17th- Fairboard Meeting @ 7pm- Fair Office
- * Oct 20th- Horse Banquet @ 2pm- Morley Stanwood High School Cafeteria
- * Oct 21st- Jr. Livestock Handbook Committee Meeting @ 6pm Back Conference Room
- * Oct 26th- 4-H Awards Banquet at 6pm- Clear Lake Golf Course, Big Rapids

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4-H STATEWIDE NEWS:

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.



**STATE YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL**

now accepting applications

Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of Michigan 4-H Youth Development. In 2015, the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth pro-

grams and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

Applications are now available for the 2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

4-H STATEWIDE CALENDAR:



[4-H scholarships available](#)
[Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.](#)

[A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \\$500 to \\$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.](#)

[Learn more and access applications materials at: \[http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships\]\(http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships\).](#)

4-H Events and Workshops

October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

Frugthaven Farm, Greenville

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

October 19: Teen "Chopped" Competition

Harrison City Market, Harrison

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

Jr. Livestock Meeting Minutes 9/16/19:

Mecosta County Junior Livestock Association Agenda

Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00pm

Mecosta County Service Building

Open Meeting @ 7:05pm

Executive Board Roll Call:

President: Kelsei Rushmore

Vice President: Ruthie Doughty

Secretary: Sadie Metcalf

Treasurer: Elizabeth Mishler (Absent)

Adult Advisor: Doug Richard

Adult Advisor: Tiffany Spedowski

Pledges Recited

Reports:

Secretary: Sadie read the Report from August 19, 2019. Jadyn makes a motion to accept the minutes. Taylor seconds. Motion passes

Treasurer: General: \$17,507.40 Auction: \$21,288.88 (Please get auction checks cashed). Jadyn makes a motion to accept the treasurers report. Addie Seconds. Motion passes.

MSU Extension (Mollie): Mollie has a schedule she has given us that shares when she will be in the office or where she will be and how you can contact her. You can contact her via email or phone anytime other than November 15th, she will be in a deer blind. She has been accepted to go to Belize in March as part of MSU. For \$9 we can sponsor kids at Mecosta Elementary for the Schoolastic Book so that they may get a book. Sponsor Mecosta County 4H Kids? Club discussion- Lauren Marfio thought about sponsoring 12 kids we have plenty of funds. Kenzie makes a motion to sponsor 12 kids for the Mecosta Elementary Schoolastic book sale. Addie seconds. Motion passes.

Fairboard: Steve – nothing new. Accepting bids for pig wash racks. Their next meeting is in October.

Superintendents:

Rabbits (Julie, Venus): Nothing new.

Poultry (Jennifer, Mary Jo): not here.

Goats (Darcie, Pat): Not here

Sheep (Faith): Nothing yet. Start thinking about where you will get your lamb from.

Beef (Steve): Not here

Dairy (Jenn): Winter weigh in date is December 14th, 9am-11am.

Swine (Tracy): Nothing new.

Horses (Jamie, Linda): Not Here

Old Business:

First Aid Kits: Spectrum Health will sponsor our first aid kits for each barn. We will take them down after fair is done and they will refill throughout fair if needed.

Canopy's: Mollie looked on Amazon at prices and sizes... Will use the canopy's for rabbits, chickens, goats and sheep. Tabled. Mollie will look for bigger tents and prices.

Show Scheduling: The superintendents are meeting next Monday to go over show schedule. Will inform everyone at November meeting.

Commission Changes: Talked about dropping it to 3%, it was tabled last meeting. Remains tabled until the budget is done.

Pig Wash Racks: Allowing bids for the wash racks. Let Steve Cramer know.

Mecosta County Websites for newsletters: Mollie cannot send them in joined emails, so let your clubs know that the newsletters are on the website or our facebook.

New Business

2019 4H Awards Banquets: invitations are provided. October 26, 6pm at the Clear Lake Golf Course. IT IS A DISH TO PASS FOR CLUBS. Mollie is looking at making a list of things to bring and each club signs up for a couple. MAKE SURE NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS BANQUET ARE GETTING FILLED OUT. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE IT FILLED WITH AWARDS. We will be doing a silent auction as well. Let Mollie know if you would like to donate anything, money goes back to 4H council for scholarships, etc.

Education – Community Service: Possibly doing community service instead of education requirements? Bell ringing, Christmas baskets, helping elderly, etc. **Club Discussion – Lauren Marfio** says that it should either be community service or educational, 2 educational or 4 community service hours. Cannot count horse community service for livestock community service. Ruthie makes a motion that youth have a choice of having 5 hours of community service or 2 educational requirements. Addie seconds. Motion passes. Each youth must have 5 hours of community service or 2 educational requirements.

Nominations for new officers

President: Lauren Marfio, Ruthie Doughty, Kelsei Rushmore, Cody Skinner.

New President: Lauren Marfio

Vice President: Ruthie Doughty, Kelsei Rushmore, Cody Skinner, Mackenzie Bradley.

New Vice President: Ruthie Doughty

Secretary: Sadie Metcalf, Cody Skinner

New Secretary: Sadie Metcalf

Treasurer: Addie Doughty, Cody Skinner, Blake Donley, Tyler Herzog

New Treasurer: Cody Skinner

Parades: Chippewa Hills Homecoming parade September 18th at 6pm in Mecosta, look at our Facebook page to see lineup location. 4H will have a spot in the lineup. Big Rapids homecoming parade September 20th @ 6pm lining up at 4:45pm and 4H will be walking in it as well.

Committee Reports:

Trophy-nothing yet

Education- already touched on.

Record Books- September 20th @ 7pm First Baptist Church Howard City.

Auction- nothing new.

Sweepstakes- nothing new.

Would like to start a handbook committee as well.

Roll Call

Next Meeting: November 18, 2019 @MCSB

Olivia makes a motion to adjourn this meeting, Jadyn seconds.

Adjourn @ 8:22pm.

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OCTOBER 9-20, 2019

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& LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**

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— **4-H CAMP** —

& OTHER LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

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Your Invited
2019 Mecosta County 4-H Awards
Banquet

4-H Clubs please bring dish to pass
Enjoy dinner and spend time with our supporters,
volunteers and our 4-H Members!!

Location: Clear Lake Golf Course, Big Rapids MI.

14777 150th Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Date & Time: October 26, 2019 @ 6pm

Please RSVP to Mollie by October 10th

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

presents

4-H Silent Auction



MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
WELCOMES YOU TO HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
4-H YOUTH IN OUR FIRST ANNUAL SILENT
AUCTION AT THIS YEARS AWARDS BANQUET ON
OCTOBER 26TH. WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL
DONATIONS AND ITEMS FOR OUR YOUTH AND
FAMILIES TO BID ON DURING THE BANQUET..

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
PROCEEDS HELP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AND
PROGRAMMING FOR OUR YOUTH