

*Mecosta County*

# 4-H Family News

August 2019

Hard to believe its now August!!! Where has the summer gone. The kids are getting ready to go back to school and talking about school shopping. I'm already thinking about programming and ideas for this fall in the school classrooms!!

I would like to be able to THANK each and everyone of you that helped me out these past 6 months for fair and everything that has went along with it. It was a WONDERFUL fair I thought . I hope to make next year just a little bit better too! Everyone has given me some great ideas and thoughts and that is so helpful!!!

I will admit this newsletter is short but I think it's a good time for everyone to relax and enjoy these last few weeks of what summer is left.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon at the upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,  
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## Announcements:

- \* August 6th- 4-H Council meeting at 6:30pm MCSB
- \* August 12th- Crafting Club 1pm to 3pm @ MCSB
- \* August 12th- Horse Leaders Meeting 7pm @ MCSB
- \* August 13th- Crafting Club 1pm to 3pm @ MCSB
- \* August 14th- Crafting Club 1pm to 3pm @ MCSB
- \* August 16h- State 4-H Horse Show @ Livestock Pavilion MSU
- \* August 17th- State 4-H Horse Show @ Livestock Pavilion MSU
- \* August 18th- State 4-H Show @ Livestock Pavilion MSU
- \* August 19th- Jr Livestock Meeting @ 7pm MCSB

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### 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

#### August 6: 4-H Children's Garden Camp Monet

*Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing*

This event is for everyone, ages 7 and up. Attendees of the event will have the opportunity to spend three days creating various art projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-camp-monet>

#### August 10: 2019 Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

This event is for 4-H members to showcase and present their abilities with their dogs. Come and observe the agility, teamwork and showmanship of these members and dogs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>

#### August 12: Super Seed Fun

*Rollins Christian Fellowship Church, Manton*

This event is open to youth, ages 5 to 7, to gain exposure to herbs and plants. The youth will be decorating pots, planting herbs, tasting food flavored with herbs and so much more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/super-seed-fun>

#### August 16: State 4-H Horse Show

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Come and join us in watching the State 4-H Horse Show that brings together roughly 600 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan.

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

#### August 19: 4-H Day Camp Summer 2019

*Max Thompson Family Resource Center, Warren*

This event is open for youth ages 5-12. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities in the area of STEAM and healthy living.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-camp-summer-2019>

#### September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing*

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

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

## Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a new or returning Michigan State University student? Come join MSU Extension on September 3, for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. The reception will last from 5:30 —7:00 p.m..

Come for your chance to interact with other 4-H alumni and enjoy a free dinner of pizza and pop! MSU Extension staff will be on hand as well.

For more information visit, <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>.



## Michigan 4-H recognizes true leaders with 4-H State Awards

Nearly 100 outstanding Michigan 4-H members gathered on the campus of Michigan State University (MSU) June 20, to celebrate their accomplishments through the Michigan 4-H State Awards Recognition program. During the event, 32 youth received Michigan 4-H State Awards, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members.

Hosted by [Michigan State University Extension](#), the awards ceremony was held at the [Huntington Club at Spartan Stadium](#). Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 20 award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2019 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Riley Wallace of Sanilac County (junior) and Andy Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior).
- **Bird and Poultry Science:** Rhea Lyn Waycaster of Washtenaw County (junior) and Hunter Delahanty of Grand Traverse County (senior)
- **Civic Engagement:** Ella Kritzman of Sanilac County (junior).
- **Companion Animal Science:** Darlene Mattson of Berrien County (senior).
- **Consumer and Family Science:** Devyn Lusardi of Menominee County (junior).
- **Dairy Science:** Irene Nielson of Ingham County (junior) and Miriam Cook of Clinton County (senior).
- **Environmental and Earth Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior).
- **Equine Science:** Cody Skinner of Mecosta County (junior) and Carley Bullinger of Ingham County (senior).
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Jaydyn Lusardi of Menominee County (junior) and Abby McNamara of St. Joseph County (senior).
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Parker Johnson of Menominee County (junior).
- **Goat Science:** Bryant Janetzke of Ionia County (junior) and Jacie King of St. Joseph County (senior).
- **Leadership and Service:** Micaela Gerborkoff of Houghton County (junior) and Grace Schmidt of Livingston County (senior).
- **Personal Development and Workforce Development:** Khamani Potts of Oakland County (junior).
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Gwyneth Glombowski of St. Clair County (junior) and Sydney Gladding of Kent County (senior).
- **Sheep Science:** Emma Tebo of Menominee County (junior) and R. Levi Couch of Monroe County (senior).
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (junior) and Katherine Erickson of Dickinson County (senior).
- **STEM:** Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (junior) and Joel Basar of Washtenaw County (senior).
- **Swine Science:** Rachel Eggleston (junior) and Emily Mead (senior) of St. Joseph County.
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Blake Towne of Van Buren County (junior) and Brittany Perry of Kent County (senior).
- **Group Award:** North Branch Finish Line Swine Club; Natasha Bickel, Isaac Conley, Ian Conley and Jonah Haskins of Lapeer County.

## AmeriCorps Update From Lauren Marfio:



Please email Lauren any-time if you would like to help out and be involved with her SPIN clubs and the community garden she will be working on this summer. She will be having a booth during the fair this year. So make sure to stop by and see her when you get a chance. She's always welcoming new ideas. You can email her anytime at: [marfiol1@msu.edu](mailto:marfiol1@msu.edu)

If you have any questions about any of this information or are interested in any of the SPIN Clubs, feel free to email me at [marfiol1@msu.edu](mailto:marfiol1@msu.edu) or call the office at 231-592-0792!

Thank you for everyone who has participated in the SPIN Clubs and my Community Service Project. For the Community Service Project at the fair, we were able to raise over 600 cans for the Manna Pantry of Big Rapids. While here I was able to complete a SPIN Club for gardening around the fairgrounds to help clean up around buildings. I was able to partner with Evergreen Assisted Living Terrace and entertain the residence with visits from 4Hers twice a week, and I was able to spend a week with five youth teaching them how to cook and safety in the kitchen.

To wrap up my term as the Mecosta County AmeriCorps Member I will be having one more SPIN Club for Crafting! This club will take place in the back conference room at the MSU Extension Office August 12th, 13th, and 14th from 1-3 pm each day. This club is available for anyone 7 years old to 14 years old. There will be fees of \$20 for 4H members and \$40 for Non 4H members. We will be doing tie dye, candle making, lip balm making, and string art designs on wood! Please call the office to sign your children up!





The poster has a vibrant, abstract background with a blue base, yellow and pink brushstrokes, and a pattern of small blue dots. Various colored triangles (yellow, orange, green, blue) are scattered across the design. The text is bold and stylized.

# CRAFTING CLUB

**Ages 7-14**

**Fees: 4H members \$20  
Non 4H members \$40**

**August 12th,  
13th & 14th  
1-3 pm**

**Held @ 14485 Northland Dr  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
in the back conference room**

**Please call the MSU Extension  
Office to sign up @ 231-592-0792**

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## Jr. Livestock Meeting Minutes 6/17/19:

### Mecosta County Junior Livestock Association Agenda

Monday, June 17 2019 at 7:00pm.

#### Fairgrounds.

Open meeting: at 7:11 pm

Executive Board Roll Call

President: Kelsei Rushmore

Vice President: Ruthie Doughty

Secretary: Sadie Metcalf

Treasurer: Elizabeth Mishler

Doug Richard

Tiffany Spedowski

Pledges recited

Reports:

MSU Extension – Mollie: 4H clover photo. Mollies last day in office is tomorrow June 18<sup>th</sup> until the first of July. Call or email Mollie if you need anything.

Secretary: motion made to accept, Ethan seconded. Secretary report passes.

Treasurer: \$29,494.75. Ruthie motions to move treasurers, everybody seconds. Motion passes.

#### Superintendents:

Pigs: wash racks are done and pig barn is set up for fair. 119 pigs. 86 pens. If pigs are stalled at home please stall together at fair. Mackersies would like some of our pigs to be exited Saturday morning because of an overabundance, 10-15 pigs will be leaving Saturday morning at 6:30.

Horses: nothing new.

Dairy: if you have a dairy fat steer and beef fat steer declare at weigh in which one you are selling. Make sure you have tags in the ear. Baby calf class on Thursday at noon must have RFID tags. 16 dairy steers, 23 feeders, 21 dairy females.

Doug Richard: speaking for Jamie... please tack stall and tack trailer information to her. Mollie is collecting them. Share wash racks and clean after yourself and animals.

Beef: make sure tags are in. Watch for ring worm and warts

Goats and sheep: No goat breedstock. All sheep and goats must come to fair clipped and sheared. Goat and sheep barn may have tack stalls – all feed and hay must be in a closed container. Must have scrapies tag or tattoo. No lice or mites. If you show.

Rabbits: one person from each club must show up to help move cages outside. Rabbit weigh in is 7 o'clock Sunday night.

Poultry: Set up is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Tear down Sunday morning.

#### Old Business:

Dairy Booth Facelift: Stacey Hough – we got the freezer and the floor got epoxied.

Dairy Booth sign up: Each club must work in the dairy booth.

#### New Business:

Pollurum (poultry) testing reimbursement: motion made and seconded and motion passes.

Fun activities during fair week sign up: Mollie has the sign up.

Club jobs: each club must sign up to help with things happening around the fair. 2 kids from each group must help set up for the sale.

Wash rack assignment: clubs will be keeping both wash racks clean.

2019 Pre Fair Sheet: keep this sheet. Has market prices, on the back of it is the map of the fairgrounds and it explains how to come into the fair. If you have just beef sheep and goats the line will be 2 cars wide and go on the barn side. If you have almost everything or just pigs you will go on the arena side. Pigs have to go through the scales not directly to the barn. If you have just goats or sheep go between the beef and goat barn not the north side.

New Buyers: new buyers have reached out to Mollie, get with her if you have questions.

Buyers letter sale order parking pass: must go in with buyers letters, but IS NOT YOUR BUYERS LETTER

Record book timeline: All due Sunday by 6 pm. Have to have a 70% and if you do not earn that you cannot sell.

#### Committee Reports:

Trophy: good

Education: good

Auction: good

Sweepstakes: Make sure as soon as your done showing and earn grand or reserve you get your tshirt size to Mollie or superintendent. Judges have been selected by Mollie and nobody else knows who they are.

Roll Call: all good

Lauren Marfio will be doing events during fair week and would love to have clubs help.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00pm MCSB

Adjourn at 8:10 pm. Ethan made a motion to adjourn meeting, everybody seconds. Motion passes.