

*Mecosta County*

4-H Family News

June 2019

Hi everyone!! Hard to believe we are just a little more than a month away from our 2019 FAIR!! I am sure everyone is spending the nice evenings out in the barn working hard with their animals and the rainy days inside working on record books. :-)

We are in full swing here at the office trying to get the last few details done for fair and making sure we have everything we possibly can ready to go so we have a nice smooth fair this year. Please beware though I may be a little stressed. HAHA

I'm very excited for this year's fair and seeing all the hard work and dedication that everyone has put in. I always enjoy to see everything come together at the end. If anyone needs a hand with anything or questions about anything please make sure to reach out to us in the office. We are happy to help out wherever we possibly can.

We are very excited to have Lauren Marfio now spending the next few months here with us in the office. She is our new AmeriCorps member for our county. Its great to have a extra hand and excited what she will bring to us these next few months. So please make sure to stop in and welcome her. Please see further in the newsletter on information she is working on for the upcoming months.

I hope everyone has a GREAT month and again if need anything please make sure to reach out with anything. I know we have a bunch of deadlines coming up. So please make sure to keep these important dates below. I will do my best to keep everyone updated. THANKS EVERYONE!!

Sincerely,
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Announcements:

- * June 1st- Horse Record Books, Class Sheets, State Qualifying paperwork due to office
- * June 4th- 4-H Council Meeting 6:00pm MCSB
- * June 4th- 19 year old My Last Boot print presentations starts 6pm MCSB
- * June 5th- 4-H Garden Club meeting at the fairgrounds @6pm
- * June 3rd- Jr Livestock Educational Tracking Sheets due to office by 5pm
- * June 13th- Stall assignments due to office from Leaders by 5pm
- * June 14th- FAIR REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE by 4:30pm to the MCSB
- * June 15th- Goat/ Sheep Pen Stall Painting at the Fairgrounds 1pm
- * June 17th- Jr Livestock Meeting @ Fairgrounds @ 7pm (REQUIRED)
- * June 19th- 21st- 4-H Exploration Days- East Lansing
- * June 20th- Rabbit 6 week pictures due the office by 5pm.
- * June 22nd- Exhibit Building set-up at the fairgrounds @3 pm

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4-H STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



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

June 1: 4-H Children's Garden Geocache Event

Plant and Soil Sciences Building, East Lansing

This event is for everyone interested in spending a day on a geocaching adventure. Bring a picnic lunch and come spend the day in the gardens.

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

June 8: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

Michigan Adventures, Muskegon

Support 4-H and enjoy a day of fun with 4-H friends. Tickets are \$26.00 per guest and includes use of both parks. Advanced purchase is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-michigan-s-adventure>

June 11: Interviewing Success

Online webinar

This webinar will help youth 13 years and older prepare for job, scholarship and award interviews. Topics include what to wear, how to answer tough questions and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/interviewing-success-june-11>

June 14: MSU Tollgate Starry Night on the Farm Family Overnight 2019

Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi

This family-oriented visit will give you a rare glimpse into what goes on after sundown on the farm. Registration is required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-starry-night-on-the-farm-family-overnight-2019>

June 15: Archery Regional Training

Livingston Conservation and Sports Association, Brighton

This training is open for adults and teens 14 years and older who would like to become certified instructors for the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/archery-regional-training>

June 22: State 4-H Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Kick off the show season and exhibit your goats at the 2019 Michigan State 4-H Goat Show. Registration is due by June 17.

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

June 26: Floral Design Workshop

Isabella County Building, Mount Pleasant

Learn tips and tricks to make your flowers extraordinary. Have fun while learning about flowers and use your creativity to design a flower arrangement like a pro.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/floral-design-workshop-isabella-county>

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

4-H STATEWIDE NEWS:

VOLUNTEER!

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



Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. Congratulations to our winners!

Explore your personal wellness with
4-H Healthy U @ MSU

Are you interested in learning more about living a nutritious and healthy lifestyle by maintaining your physical and mental health? If the answer is yes, join Michigan 4-H for a one day program at Michigan State University on August 2.

Participants of the program will be provided information on nutrition, physical fitness and emotional health, with tips regarding how to maintain your health throughout the year. The event will be held on campus, with a check-in time at 9:30 a.m. and will last till 5:00 p.m.

To attend this event, the cost is \$35.00 for 4-H members and \$50.00 for non 4-H members. The cost of the event includes meals, a t-shirt and camp materials. To learn more, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_health_food_science_camp/ and make plans to register by July 12.

2019 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Author: Betty Jo Krosnicki

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each country are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2019, the following 37 4-H members from 26 counties were selected as the 2019 Mark of Excellence county winners.

Alpena County: A'va Maria Mitchell

Berrien County: Derrick J. Freehling
and Isabelle Noel Hunn

Cass County: Leah Shelby
and Savannah Shelby

Chippewa County: Jessy Baron

Clare County: Haley Schunk
and Allison Whitaker

Clinton County: Natalie Bounds

Genesee County: Elizabeth Hartmann

Gratiot County: Brayden Bonga

Isabella County: James Endres
and Eva Lynch

Lapeer County: Arianna Wright

Lenawee County: Holly Mitchell

Livingston County: Yasmin Scheuneman and Karley Williams

Macomb County: Shelby Phillion

Mecosta County: Jady Herzog

Missaukee County: Chiara Z. Sible

Monroe County: Brandon Fisher
and Camden Schmidt

Newaygo County: Aimee Jo Boisvert
and Isabel R. Zimmer

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



Hello everyone! I am Lauren Marfio, the new AmeriCorps Member here in Mecosta County. As an AmeriCorps Member I am responsible for a few different things. My main focus is to come up with a minimum of five SPIN Clubs to start in the community. A SPIN Club is a special interest club of different topics that meets four to five times to engage in those topics.

Right now I am considering:

Gardening Club

Baking/Cooking Club

Crafting Club

Tie Dye Club

Fishing Club

Reading to Elderly Club

All of these clubs will take place locally and are available for 4H members and non 4H members! I have also organized a community service project for the week of the fair. This project is a canned food drive competition between all of the 4H clubs. I will have boxes set up for each club in the Exhibit building. You can start bringing in your donations on Monday, July 8th. Donations will close Thursday, July 11th at 1:00pm, so I can have a count of donations for each club. At the sale, Thursday night, I will give an announcement stating what we did and the winner of the canned food drive. On Friday, there will be an ice cream party for the winning club! Also at the fair, I will be holding an educational event. This will take place on Friday, July 9th in front of the Dairy Booth. At the stand I will have planting supplies for kids to plant and an educational brochure on what is needed to grow a successful garden. The kids will get to decorate a Styrofoam cup that they will then fill with dirt and a seed of their choice. This booth's purpose is to spike kid's interest in the gardening club and show parents what I am doing as an AmeriCorps Member.

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 or call the office at 231-592-0792!



AmeriCorps: Lauren Marfio



Canned Food Drive

Who?.....Mecosta County 4H Clubs!

What?.....Canned Food drive to raise donations for a local food pantry!

When?....Fair Week (July 8th- July 11th)

Where?...Exhibit Building

The club with the most donations will receive an ice cream party!





**Mecosta County
Fair Grounds**



Gardening Club

Join us at our first meeting!!

Bring ideas on ways to improve the
fair ground's look! Don't forget to
bring along friends to help!

**Wednesday, June 5th
@ 6:00pm**



Mecosta County Junior Livestock Association Agenda

May 20, 2019 at 7:00pm @MCSB

7:00pm open meeting: 6:59pm.

Executive Board Roll Call: Absent: Doug Richard

Pledges: Recited.

Reports:

4H MSU Extension – Mollie: Turn in Educational Sheets. Wash racks painted, tacks out of pig barn, sheep and goat racks painted, get with her on spools if your club didn't get one. Send Mollie anything for the newsletter. Mollie is updating 4H portion of Fair webpage. Fairbooks and registration forms you can start turning them in, due the 14th of June to the office or email them to Mollie.

Secretary: Danny makes a motion to accept the report. Seconded by Elizabeth. Motion passed by everyone.

Treasurer: General: \$29,494.75... Auction: \$500. Ethan makes a motion to pass the treasurer report. Danny seconds. Everybody approves, motion passes

Superintendents: Beef: warts, ring worm be watching for that. Swine: 122 pigs registered, if your pigs are stalled together at home then will be penned together at fair, only have 77 stalls. Please do not drill into the concrete in the pig barn, use tape. Wash racks have been revamped and will be ripped out the south end and place them on the northwest side so all pens will be enclosed. NO BREED CLASS. Will have market, showmanship, and homegrown not breedstock. If your pig is a homegrown pig you can enter into the homegrown class. Sheep: Mareks were not present Mollie stated for her... do not sign up for breedstock classes, the best in show is for nonmarket only. Make sure you're worming goats and lambs, must have scrapes tags, send Mollie new pictures if tags fall out. ALL SHEEP HAVE TO BE SHEARED BEFORE THE FAIRGROUNDS NOT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS OR CAMPER. Dairy: Jenn was not here.. July 1st books are due. Doug: make sure you're ordering show equipment. Poultry: Jen is not present. Registration for poultry is due the 23rd. Rabbits: not here.

Fairboard: going to sell the shirts in dairy booth as a fundraiser and keep the money instead of fairboard taking it. Next meeting June 20, 2019.

Old Business: YQCA: Mollie still recommends doing this so that you can ensure that you sell and it doesn't go to UPI. Do it before fair.

New Business:

4H Dance: nobody was here. Mollie believes nothing was changed.

Livestock Demonstrations: Sunday night of fair you can demonstrate animal and the people who do the horse demonstration will judge them.

4H Friday Events: Ag Olympics at 6pm. Dinner that Kate is putting on is at 5pm. 4H Photo scavenger hunt 12pm. Doing the scavenger hunt as a club, let Mollie know if you want to do it as a club. Skill-A-Thon is by species and added horses at 2pm. Will have a pizza party between scavenger hunt and Skill-A-Thon.

Trophy Sponsor's: All trophy sponsors are in. Make sure you're filling out the thank you cards. Have to turn in thank yous before you get anything for winning.

4H Camp: Not doing camp this year because funds are very low in council account. Maybe do day camp at School Section Lake? Date is still up in the air.

4H Council: Please let Mollie know if you would like to join council. We just redid our bylaws and would love to see more kids!

AmeriCorps Position: Lauren Marfio works in the office to fulfill this position until August 30th.

Fairgrounds Meeting: Next JLA meeting will be at the fairgrounds. MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB THERE.

Award: Mark of Excellence Award: Jadyn Herzog wrote an essay to earn the Mark of Excellence Award.

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Dairy Booth: Facelift to the dairy booth. Going to do hand-dipped ice cream again. Alan (Mollies boyfriend) will do the remodeling and Remus Lumber will be contributing. Hoping to have the clubs run the booth a day during the week and will pay the clubs \$40. Need to come up with funding for a new freezer. Looking to get a donation from the Junior Livestock to get a freezer. Julia makes a motion that JLA gift the dairy booth \$2000 to help purchase ice cream cooler, supplies, and ice cream itself. Ruthie seconds the motion. Club vote: All voted yes. Motion passes, JLA will gift the dairy booth \$2000 for the freezer, supplies, and ice cream. Council will own the freezer.

AG Olympics: council budgets \$100 for AG Olympics. We would like to move AG Olympics back into the JLA budget. Julia makes a motion to move the AG Olympics back to JLA Funding, Ethan seconds. Motion passes.

Weigh-In: Having a weigh master come in, he will weigh your animals and leave. Nobody will know who he is. When you unload your animals make sure you are there with your animals so that you can handle your animals, as well as parents in order to assist with the animals. Need a new ramp for the pigs to enter the pig barn from the scale-house. Need to make a new ramp: Robert has a ramp that he will donate to the scale-house, just have to get it approved by Tracy. Tabling the pig ramp.

Scales: Jim Bob will look into prices and ideas for a scale for smaller animals. Will try to do a new scale for small animals next year. Hannah Koch makes a motion to do the small animal scales to next years fair. And Ethan seconds. Motion passes. Jim Bob will get us more information and prices.

Estimated Animal counts:

Feeders: 22

Sheep: 20

Goats: 35

Swine: 122

Beef: 18

Dairy Steers: 17

Poultry:

Rabbits:

Committee Reports:

Sweepstakes- will be on Saturday morning at 8am, youth will check in at 7:45 am – TSHIRTS. Make sure the moment you get Grand or Reserve showman tell superintendent or Mollie what size shirt you need for sweepstakes.

Record Books: posted online and in fairbook – Breed stock, or Non market are the notebooks. The nonmarket or breedstock are the beef or goat notebooks.

Education- Myra and Stacey put on a jeopardy for the last educational before fair.

8-Year Old Novice Classes-sheep, goats, rabbits, swine, feeders, poultry.

Auction – Buyer Letter Sheets. The buyer letter sheets. Each buyer must get a buyer letter sheet for their parking pass.

Trophy- Keeping the hoodies, doing a blanket instead of a plaque, packet handouts to sponsors.

Registration Forms, Deadlines, and Requirements:

Poultry, Turkey, Rabbits, that sell registration Forms are due to office by 5pm on May 23rd or you can email them to hoggmoll@msu.edu. 6 week pictures are due June 20th to the office by 5pm email or drop off is fine.

June 7th Educational Tracking sheets are due to the office. You can email them or drop off.

June 14th fair pre registrations are due to the office by 5pm email or drop off is fine.

Roll Call

Next Meeting: Monday, June 17, 2019 meeting at 7p.m. @ Big Rapids Fairgrounds. Bring chairs

Mackenzie made motion to adjourn meeting. Everybody seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

2019 Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 6

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Exhibit Building open for exhibit placement
Face-to-Face 4-H Food Judging - First come first serve basis
- 4-6 p.m. Exhibit Building Judging
Demonstrations (sign up for time during placement)

Sunday, July 7

- 7-11 a.m. Market and Breedstock and non-market check-in for Cattle, Goats, Swine and Sheep
Market Swine weigh-in
- 11 a.m. Market Livestock Weigh-in (order: beef steers, dairy steers, feeders, goats, sheep)
- 4 p.m. Roping and Obstacle Course
- 2-6 p.m. Poultry check-in
Market duck, turkey, and chicken weigh-in
- 2-5 p.m. Market Rabbit weigh-in
- 2-8 p.m. Rabbit check-in
Rabbit Record Books and Project books due to Rabbit Superintendent
- 6 p.m. Record Books due for Market and Non Market, Breedstock cattle, goats, swine, sheep and poultry

Monday, July 8

- 9 a.m. Rabbit Show
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 11 a.m. Poultry Show
- 9 a.m.- noon Dairy Breedstock check-in
- 2 p.m. Horse Fitting and Showmanship Classes
- 6 p.m. Sheep show
- 6:30 p.m. Harness Racing/Colt Stakes
- 7 p.m. 4-H Horse Demonstrations 8-19
- 8 p.m. Dairy Judging

Tuesday, July 9

- 9 a.m. Market and Breedstock Swine Show
Exhibit Building Open
- 11 a.m. Crosspoles Open, Equitation Over the fences Open, Hunter over fences open, Horse jumping English Huntseat & Saddleseat
- 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Rotary Club Annual Chicken BBQ
- 6 p.m. Market Goat Show - Non Market Goats Following
- 6:30 p.m. Harness Overnights, Celebrity Race

Wednesday, July 10 — Kids Day

- 9 a.m. Beef Show
- 9 a.m. Horse Trail Classes 15-19, 14 & under, Trial Novice, English/Western Riding Open, Reining Open
Horse Western Classes
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Rotary Club Annual Chicken BBQ
- 1 p.m. Market Dairy and Market Feeder show
Kid's Pedal Pull
- 6 p.m. Goat/Sheep/Feeder Fun Show - Livestock Arena
- 7 p.m. Bump & Run Off Road Derby & Figure 8
Power Wheel Racing for Kids

Thursday, July 11

- 9 a.m. Dairy Breedstock Show
- 9 a.m. Horse Versatility, team completion Versatility 15-19, & 14 and under, Team Competition 8-19, Fun Show
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Rotary Club Annual Chicken BBQ
- Noon Baby Calf Show
- 4-6 p.m. Buyer's Luncheon-must have ticket to eat
- 5 p.m. Junior Livestock Association Sale
- 7 p.m. Superkicker Rodeo

Friday, July 12

- 8 a.m. Horse Show Gymkhana Class
- 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- Noon 4-H Club Photo Scavenger Hunt
- 2 p.m. Livestock Skill a thon - Livestock Arena
- 6 p.m. Ag Olympics/Cookout @ 5 p.m.
Dance will follow till 11p.m.
- 7 p.m. MTTP Truck & Tractor Pulls

Saturday, July 13

- 8 a.m. Overall Sweepstakes Showman - in large horse arena
- 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Exhibit Building Open
- 10 a.m. Cloverbud Fitting and Showmanship, lead line, walk trot, trail, costume class 5-7, costume class 15-19 & 14 and Under
- 7 p.m. Night of Destruction
Front Wheel Drive & Mini-Van Demo Derby
Stock & Modified Off-Road Derby
- 10 p.m. All NON MARKET projects released

Sunday, July 14

- 6 a.m. Market Livestock released on designated trucks
- 9 a.m. All rabbits removed from rabbit barn - no exceptions
- 9 a.m.- noon Exhibit Building open for release of exhibits
- Noon All livestock stalls must be cleaned

Attention all 4-H Council is looking for new youth and adult members!! Come to our meeting on June 4th 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 turn your kids educational requirement logs in by Monday June 3rd to the office by 5pm. You can email me them! @ hoggmoll@msu.edu



RECORD BOOK SUBMISSION TimeLine

FOR EXHIBITORS, SUPERINTENDENTS, JUDGES AND STAFF OF MECOSTA COUNTY FAIR

Sunday (start)-6:00 PM

Wednesday - 5:00 PM

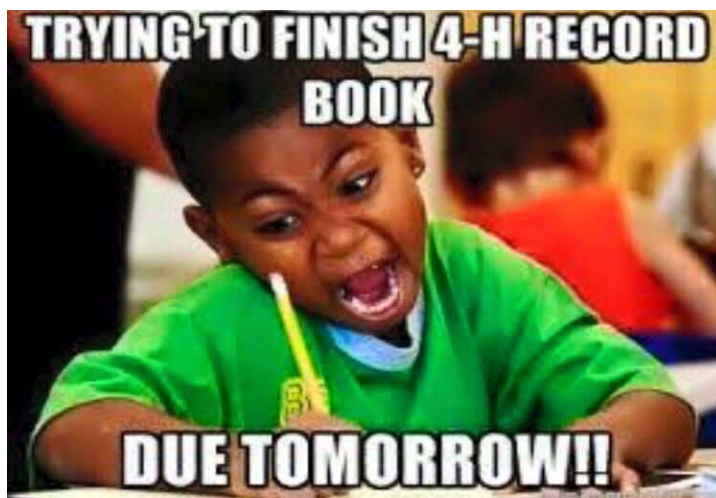
Record books due to office/superintendents

All market books graded and returned to office.

Thursday - 12:00 PM All educational books graded and returned to office.

Friday- 12:00 PM Educational books put out for display in exhibit building.

Sunday (end)-9:00 AM -12:00 PM Books released from exhibit building





AG-TASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS

When planning your demonstration, you should...

1. Pick a single topic related to any agriculture to build your demonstration/presentation.
2. Plan the body, conclusion, and consider questions that may be asked at the end.
3. Then plan your introduction and pick a title!

Possible demonstration ideas...

Bee Keeping	Bathing	Dairy products
Digestive Track	Treating Bloat	Chicken embryology
Preparing for a show	Breeding	Selecting Livestock
Animal Management	Cuts of meat	Parasite prevention
Showmanship	Vaccination protocol	Parturition
Nutrition	Halter Breaking	Caring for piglets
Sewing	Baking	Crops

**INDIVIDUAL OR
TEAM
PRESENTATIONS
(2-3 PARTICIPANTS)**

**AGRICULTURE
DEMONSTRATIONS
SHOULD BE
BETWEEN 6-10
MINUTES**

**PICK A TOPIC
YOUR'E PASSIONATE
ABOUT!**

**PRIZES FOR GRAND
AND RESERVE
CHAMPION
PRESENTATIONS!**

**THIS EVENT WILL BE
HELD UNDER THE
MAIN COVERED
LIVESTOCK ARENA**

Beginner Division 8-14yrs old
Senior Division 15-19yrs old

Sunday July 7th, 2019
@ 7:00pm

IMPORTANT Happenings at FAIR:



WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH @
6PM UNDER THE
COVERED ARENA



4-H GOAT, FEEDER, SHEEP,
 WHATEVER YOU CAN LEAD OR
 CONTROL IS WELCOME AT THE
 FUN SHOW

****Make sure to register with Mollie before or during the fair if
 you are planning to participate. Please email me at
hoggmoll@msu.edu****

**Wear your best
 costume**

**Special Judge's to
 make the final
 choice**

**As long as you
 can lead or
 control your
 animal its
 welcome**

**Be creative and
 have a fun theme**

**Winner gets a
 prize**



4-H Club Photo Scavenger Hunt

Join in on the fun bring your imagination!!!

July 12th



12pm



**Covered
Arena**

PLEASE RSVP TO: Mollie • Wednesday July 10th to sign up

Please bring your 4-H Club and make sure one member has a camera phone to the event. Plan to work together and send me pictures from the list we have made up. Snap me a photo and send them to me to be the first club to win!!!





• 4-H •

Skill a Thon

**Please make sure to register your team of 6 by
Wednesday July 10th with Mollie**

**Friday
July 12th**

2pm

**Covered
Arena**



**TEST YOUR SKILLS AND 4-H KNOWLEDGE!! WILL VARY FROM ALL SPECIES TO
EVEN 4-H CLUB QUESTIONS... LET'S SEE WHO IS THE MOST SKILLED AT THE
FAIR!!!**

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

Topics will include:

Horse, Beef Steers, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits and Overall

LET'S HAVE A SMOKIN' GOOD TIME!

4-H DINNER & AG OLYMPICS

July 12, 2019

Dinner: 5 o'clock

Ag Olympics: 6 o'clock

At the covered show arena

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR AG OLYMPICS POSTED FAIR
WEEK! TEAMS OF 6



Please join us!



Ag Olympics

JULY 12 @ 6 o'clock

Sign up sheets will be posted fair week!
TEAMS OF 6!

Introducing

4-H Dance Party

FAMILY * FUN * FOOD * MUSIC * DANCE

WHEN

July 12, 2019
After the Ag Olympics



WHERE

Under the covered
Livestock
arena

Get ready to have a great time and a lot of fun music and dancing.

Contact Rob Zemla from Tamarack Town and Country or Facebook group page for any questions



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.



**Registration
available for the
4-H Animal &
Veterinary Sci-
ence 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/.



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.

4-H Exploration Days 50th Celebration

Join 4-H alumni, retirees and friends at an ice cream social celebrating 50 years of 4-H Exploration Days.

Attendees of the event will have the opportunity to share stories of past

4-H Exploration Days, hear current 4-H experiences, enjoy the 4-H Children's Gardens and celebrate with treats.

Reservations are required, to learn more visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exploration-days-50th-celebration>.



Important UPDATES:

**** 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:

* Started a garden club 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 livestock kids involved in and signed up for the Ag- Tastic demonstrations. Nancy and Bill Burmeister will be judging on Sunday at 7pm in the covered arena. 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 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)

*****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. OR SHOOT ME A EMAIL —>
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