



Mecosta County

# 4-H Family News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With the busy holiday season behind us, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of our 4-H families and volunteers for contributing to our Mecosta County 4-H program in 2021. Contributing comes in all types, shapes, and sizes. Whether the contribution was time, energy, resources, or monetary—our 4-H program is better because of **YOU**. I am excited to see where Mecosta County 4-H goes in the year 2022.

As the new year hits, we are currently sitting at 200 enrolled 4-H'ers in Mecosta County. There is still time for your friends to join in on the fun! COVID has made the 4-H world alter its programming a little bit but our community is still striving to make the best better. So I invite you to bring a non 4-H friend to a club meeting to introduce them to the endless possibilities that 4-H can offer them.

Thank you all for what you do for Mecosta County 4-H! Looking forward to having an amazing 2022 with you all!

Sincerely,

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**2022**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

# MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Years 
2	3	4 Financial Training & 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 PM @ MCSB	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Horse Leaders Meeting 7 PM @ MCSB	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  Junior FB Meeting 6:30 PM @ MCSB	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER WINNER

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Congrats to Lily Price for submitting an ugly sweater photo for our contest! She is a member of the Hippology club. She has shown horses throughout her 4-H career and is also signed up for poultry this year. Love the cool llama sweater Lily! Please stop by the office at your convenience to pick up your t-shirt prize!



Mecosta County 4-H'ers, be on the lookout for other fun contests to come in 2022 to snag some 4-H gear!

**COMING SOON**

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR 4-H CAPITOL  
EXPERIENCE!**



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience) for more information.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 4: Cross Country Skiing

*Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon*

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

### January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

### January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

*Zoom Webinar*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

### January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

*Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1*

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

### January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

*Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing*

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

### January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

*Online*

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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

### January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

*MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing*

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavy they enter.

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

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

## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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### Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!**

**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H**



Feb. 27, 2022

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

### Resolve to have a great 4-H year

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*Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.*

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).

