Spring is on its way... hopefully!

With all the snow, it feels like spring will never arrive but no matter the weather, the months are passing by and that means we are getting closer to all of our summer activities. This means fair animals will be coming home soon and spring break is getting close.

With spring break approaching, you will find the events that 4-H is hosting on a flier near the end of this newsletter. These activities are open to youth ages 5-19 and many are open to the whole family. Please read carefully so you can RSVP to those events that require it. We are excited to have received funding from West Michigan Compounding to offset some of the costs.

If you haven't done so yet, be sure to line up your fair animals so you don't miss out. If you are having trouble finding animals, search Facebook, Craigslist, and other online sites. Many breeders have moved to online advertisement and sales over the years.

Have a safe spring break and we hope to see you at some of our 4-H activities. Sincerely,

Tarin Minkel

Calendar of events:

March 5- Montcalm County 4-H Council, MSUE, 6:30 p.m.

March 7-4-H Dog Committee, Ash Building, 6:00 p.m.

March 12-4-H Horse Leader's, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.

March 18-4-H Small Animal Committee, MSUE, 6:00 p.m.

March 18–4-H Community Connection, MSUE, 7:15 p.m.

March 19-4-H Livestock Committee, Ash Building, 7:00 p.m.

March 23-29-4-H Spring Break Activities, various places in the county,

see flier for details

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4-H Valentines Challenge Results

Burgess Lakes, 4-H Future Leaders, Animal Junction, and Rebel Clovers, and Lakeside Trading Post all participated in the 4-H Valentine Challenge put on by the 4-H Community Connection Committee. Some of the places to benefit from cards include Metron of Greenville, Lakeview Terrace, Green Acres of Greenville and Cedar Springs, Hathaway Hills, TSC, and nursing homes in Cedar Springs.

One 4-H member took it a step further and made a Valentine card in braille for someone visually impaired. This card was sent to the Seiter Center in Greenville for visually impaired students to enjoy.

4-H Exploration Days

4-H Exploration Days is scheduled for June 19-21, 2019. This event is for youth ages 11 and up to get a pre-college experience on the campus of MSU by attending a variety of sessions of their choice. A list of sessions is available here but the registration forms are not yet available. Registration opens March 19th and has to be done through the MSU Extension Office so we will notify everyone as soon as they become available. For now, please check out the session list and write down your top choices.

Family Farm and Home Promotion

The Family Farm and Home Homegrown 4-H/FFA Program allows youth within 4-H and FFA to receive extra discounts on things they buy. If you are interested in getting involved in this program to receive additional discounts, check out the flier at the end of this newsletter.

Staying home for spring break?

4-H has activities planned that are sure to be fun if you're staying home for spring break. Saturday (23rd) will be skating, Monday (25th) will be craft day, Thursday (28th) will be bowling, Friday (29th) will be baking. Other events are still in the works. Volunteers will be needed to help with craft day so if you are interested in helping, please let me know. Craft day, baking day, and bowling will require pre-registration by March 15th. Check out the flier at the end of the newsletter for more info.

Calling all old buttons...

We are in need of old buttons for craft day during spring break. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop them off at the MSU Extension office or call us to make arrangements for someone to collect them.

Hatching Chicks-Volunteer needed

Are you passionate about teaching youth in the community about animals? We are being approached by a few schools hoping to offer chicken embryology (hatching chicken eggs) in their classrooms and are in need of a volunteer interested in helping with this project. The commitment is short-term (6 weeks) and a very rewarding experience. If you know someone outside of 4-H who may be interested, please share this information. This project would start the first week of April and run through May. Schools are located in Greenville and Vestaburg.

Pig Dissection

We have had a pig donated by the Rasmussen family for our dissection event that will take place on Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. This event will be held at Nitengale Farms, 7909 Miller Road, Greenville, MI 48838. Please carpool if possible so there is enough room to part. If you are planning to attend this event, please RSVP by Monday, March 11th. This event will be led by vets from Lakeview Animal Clinic.

Lakeview Family Fun Night Volunteers

Lakeview Elementary is hosting a Math Family Fun Night the first week of April (probably April 4th). They have asked Montcalm County 4-H to run a station at the event which means I will need about 8 volunteers to help. These can be middle school aged youth up to adults. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. I will confirm the date as soon as it is official.

Do you have a therapy animal?

Hathaway Hills in Greenville reached out looking for volunteers to bring animals in to their nursing home to visit residents. This can include cats, dogs, rabbits and anything else that residents may like. If you are interested in taking your pet to visit, please contact Pam at 616-225-1132 to schedule a visit.

Registration available for the 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science 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 a nimal_veterinary_science_camp/.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign

Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign

March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art

March 26: 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Training

Muskegon County MSU Extension Office, Muskegon

This training is designed for both 4-H members and volunteers who want to learn more about parliamentary procedure and how it can be used in their 4-H clubs. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/muskegon-county-4-h-parliamentary-procedure-training

March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-l

April 7: Mission to Mars

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would! https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars

April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo

April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop

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

Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation**. If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) Unloading. Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) Settling in. Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) Comingling. When you are beginning to comingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal-science/.

4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/.



Montcalm County 4-H Spring Break Activities



March 23 - Roller Skating

1:00-3:30 p.m. Cost: FREE

Bring some friends and come skate! Snacks available for purchase. RSVP encouraged.



Location: Skate Estate 19224 Howard City Edmore Road Howard City, MI 49329

March 25 – Make and Take Crafts

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Come and create crafts that you can enter in the fair. Youth must RSVP.

Location: Community of Christ Church 8723 E Howard City Edmore Road Vestaburg, MI 48891



March 26 – IQ Hub Field Trip

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost: FREE

Meet at the IQ Hub for fun activities and visit the interactive, hands-on museum. Please bring a sack lunch. Families

must RSVP.

Location: IQ Hub 1130 S Dewitt Road Saint Johns, MI 48879

March 27 - Swimming

6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: FREE

Enjoy some time in the water during open swim. Families must RSVP.

Location: Montcalm Community College 2800 Collee Drive Sidney, MI 48885



March 28 - Bowling

6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Cost: \$10 per lane

Come and join us to bowl and have pizza.

Bowling will last one hour and we will have two time slots. Families must RSVP.



Location: Marl View Lanes 6655 E Howard City Edmore Road Vestaburg, MI 48891

March 29 – Baking Day

1-3 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Come and learn all about baking and fruits.

Youth must RSVP.

Location: New Life Church 6584 W Howard City Edmore Road Six Lakes, MI 48886



To Register: Call 989-831-7500 or stop by MSU Extension, 211 W Main Street, Stanton

Events are open to ages 5-19. Not a 4-H member and want to attend?? *No problem!!*

RSVP deadline for events is Friday, March 15th



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IONIA TACK SALE

Saturday, March 16, 2019 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

IONIA HIGH SCHOOL

250 East Tuttle Road, Ionia MI 48846

Ionia High School

Set-up time:	7 a.m	10 a.m.	Tear down: 2 p.	m 3 p.m.
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- Booth size: 10'x10' space.
- \$20/space or \$15/space for 5 or more spaces
- · Two chairs will come with each reservation
- You must provide your own tables.
- \$10/space late fee for reservations after March 5th.
- · All reservations must be accompanied by full payment.
- Food may not be sold at vendor booths (including baked goods).
- Concessions on grounds.

Tuttle Road M66

Booth reservations and payment due by March 1, 2019

****NON-REFUNDABLE****

Contact: Dolores Powell by phone 443-534-4102 or email powelldm@yahoo.com

Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
PhoneEr	mail
Type of Items Selling	
Special Needs: (wall, electricity, etc.) _	
Number of 10'x10' booths requested _	Number of Flyers for Advertising
Would you like 2 chairs included in you	ir booth? Circle Yes or No

Make checks payable to: Ionia County 4-H Horse Leaders

Mail form and payment by March 1, 2019 to: Dolores Powell 3643 Powell Hwy, Ionia, MI 48846

Sponsored by the Ionia County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee

Proceeds from the tack sale may be used for Ionia County 4-H Equine Educational purposes; including but not limited to maintenance and upkeep of the 4-H facilities of the Ionia County fairgrounds and other purposes at the discretion if the Ionia County 4-H horse development committee.

4-H DAY SATURDAY • **JUNE 8, 2019**



Attention 4-H Members, Volunteers, & Families:

Come celebrate 4-H at Michigan's Adventure!

Admission \$26.00 per person. Includes **UNLIMITED** use of the amusement park and water park (with the exception of RipCord and Bumper Boats) on Saturday, June 8. Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

4-H Day Meal Tickets will be available for only $^{\$}$ 7.00 each! Meal consists of a Hot Dog, Macaroni Salad, Chips and a Soft Drink and will be served at Mary Lynn's Group Catering Pavilions from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Purchase meal tickets when you purchase your admission tickets on June 8.

Reservations are required for admission and meal tickets by June 3, 2019: Contact the Group Sales Office directly at 231.766.9959, youthsales@miadventure.com or visit www. miadventure.com/specialevents.

Michigan's Adventure accepts cash, money orders, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks are not accepted.

Members will be asked to present a card or something representing 4-H membership. Wear a club shirt so you can be recognized as an honored guest!

There is a fee for parking standard and oversized vehicles. Full size buses park for free.

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For More Information

- Visit www.miadventure.com/specialevents
- Make your reservation
- Read the helpful FAQs
- See a complete listing of rides and attractions
- Contact a Michigan's Adventure Group Sales Representative at 231.766.9959 or via email at youthsales@miadventure.com

Michigan's Adventure Park Information

- Amusement Park Hours: 11:00am-7:00pm
- Waterpark Hours: 12:00pm 6:00pm (WildWaterAdventure is open on scheduled days when the temperature is 65 degrees or higher.)
- 4750 Whitehall Road, Muskegon, MI 49445



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STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

Contests:

- Quiz Bowl
- · Breed Judging
- Skill-a-th on
- Illustrated talk
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Arts & Crafts
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Cost:

\$6per participant, \$4 per contest

Age Requirements:

All exhibitors must be aged 8 to 19 as of January 1, 2019. Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...

For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270 or ockertka@msu.edu Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

To Register visit

https://events.anr.msu.edu/2019goatexpo/

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April 13, 2019

Michigan State
University, Anthony
Hall
East Lansing, MI

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

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Montcalm County Youth 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

NEW LOCATION: Crystal Community Center

217 East Park Street, Crystal, MI 48818



Saturday, April 27, 2019

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Enter between 7:00 & 8:30 a.m. — Show starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Showmanship

\$2.00 entry fee

Trophy for each class winner.

Beginner: 4-H age 8-10
Junior: 4-H age 11-12

Intermediate: 4-H age 13-14 Seniors: 4-H age 15-19

 Goverbuds – (4-H age 5-7) participation awards only, no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 5th place ~

Educational Posters are welcomed and will be judged

Breed Class - Rabbit & Cavy

\$3.00 entry fee – Breed \$2.00 entry fee – Fur/Wool

Awards for.

- Rabbits BOB & BOS
- Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Pens/Fryer
- Best Reserve in Show
- Best in Show
- Cavy BOB & BOS
- Cavy Best in Show & Reserve in Show
- Cloverbuds (4-H age 5-7) participation awards only, no placing/trophies

~ Place ribbons up to 3rd place ~

- ~ Delicious Concessions will be available ~
- ~ Master Corner Cage Dealer will be present ~

EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CARRYING CAGES WITH LEAK-PROOF BOTTOMS FOR ALL ANIMALS ~ Animals just in regular cages will not be permitted!

For more information contact:

Linda Peterson - (989) 814-0691





Profits will go to the Montcalm County 4-H Small Animal Committee to fund rabbit programs, equipment, and committee expenses.

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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 $\frac{\text{MICHIGAN STATE}}{\text{U N I V E R S I T Y}} \mid \text{Extension}$

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