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4-H Family News

OGEMAW COUNTY



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all! I hope that everyone was able to relax and recharge over the holidays. I want to start with the exciting news that our very own Vicki Rau has been awarded a Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award for her dedication and passion as a longtime volunteer in Ogemaw County. Please congratulate her if you see her! She has been a pillar and a cornerstone of the 4-H program in this county, and we truly appreciate everything she does.

As we start the new year, consider checking out some of the [upcoming local events/programs](#) and following our [Facebook](#) page to get updates as new programs are announced. We will have the first Ogemaw 4-H Council meeting on Jan 17th, 6pm at the MSU Extension Office in West Branch. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this group!

Ogemaw 4-H is partnering with Iosco 4-H to offer a chocolate party on February 13th. Consider attending as a family to escape the winter blues! More details can be found [here](#).

Please reach out to me with any questions about anything in this newsletter. Have a great January!

- Enya deFeijter

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

[Ogemaw 4-H Council Annual Kickoff Meeting - MSU Extension Office | January 17th, 6p](#)

[Exploring the Rainforest: Reptiles & Amphibians with MSU Extension 4-H - West Branch District Library | January 23rd, 4pm](#)

February

[Ogemaw & Iosco 4-H Chocolate Party - Logan Township Hall | February 13th, 5p-7p](#)

March

[4-H Exploration Days Info Session - MSU Extension Office | March 15th, 6p-7p](#)

[4-H Exploration Days Virtual Info Session - Zoom | March 16th, 6p-7p](#)

[Ogemaw & Iosco 4-H Babysitter Training Workshop - Location TBD | March 18th, 9a-4p](#)

April

[Earth Month Celebration - Location & Date TBD](#)

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | April 24th, 5:30p-7p](#)

May

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | May 16th, 5:30p-7p](#)

[Exploration Days Orientation Session - MSU Extension Office | May 22nd, 6:30p-8p](#)

June

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | June 14th, 5:30p-7p](#)

[4-H Exploration Days - MSU Campus, East Lansing | June 21st-23rd](#)

July

[Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training - MSU Extension Office | July 20th, 5:30p-7p](#)

[4-H Forestry Camp w/ Roscommon County 4-H - Gahagan Nature Center | Date TBD](#)

August

[Ogemaw & Iosco 4-H "Woods to Water" Summer Day Camp - Locations TBD | August 10th & 11th, 9a-4p](#)

[2023 Ogemaw County Fair](#)

September

[Ogemaw 4-H Info Sessions - Locations & dates TBD](#)

October

[National 4-H Week - October 1st-7th](#)

[Ogemaw 4-H Fall Recognition Banquet - Location TBD | October 22nd, 2p-4p](#)

November

[Stay Tuned!](#)

December

[Ogemaw 4-H Holiday Family Fun Event - Location & Date TBD](#)

More details will be shared on these events as they become available. This is meant as a general overview, these events are subject to change!



4-H CHOCOLATE PARTY

HOSTED BY OGEMAW & IOSCO 4-H PROGRAMS

Join your local 4-H programs at our first-ever **4-H Family Chocolate Party!** We are welcoming guest educator Dixie Sandborn, 4-H Horticulture Specialist with MSU Extension, to offer a fun, family-friendly event for the community. Shake off the winter blues and join us as we learn about the history of chocolate, explore fun facts, taste-test chocolates from around the world, try our hand at dipping chocolate, and more!

Feb. 13th, 2023 from 5p-7p | hosted at Logan Township Hall (4507 M-55, Prescott, MI 48756)

This event is open to all youth ages 5-19, and we welcome families to join us too!

Registrations are accepted through our 4-H Online system.

Pre-registration is required to ensure that we have supplies and chocolate for all attendees.



**REGISTER ONLINE AT:
v2.4honline.com**

QUESTIONS ABOUT SIGNING UP?

Iosco: call us @ 989-362-3449

Ogemaw: call us @ 989-345-0692,
or email MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu

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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Ogemaw 4-H at MSUE.Ogemaw@msu.edu or 989-345-0692 at least one week prior to the event to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible. (Please allow no less than one week for short programs and no less than one month for overnight programs.)

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meets at
11am!

SECOND TUESDAY CRAFTS

4-H SPIN CLUB

The Ogemaw District Library & 4-H are teaming up to offer a fun new 4-H club at the library! The club, which will meet at the Ogemaw District Library on the second Tuesday of the month, will do fun art projects - including projects made from recycled materials!

4-H enrollment is required to participate, but there is no cost associated!



enroll now at
v2.4honline.com/

For questions about this club, contact the
Ogemaw District Library at 989-685-3300

for assistance enrolling in 4-H, please contact Enya at defeijte@msu.edu, or
visit canr.msu.edu/ogemaw/4-h/joining-ogemaw-county-4h

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Being a part of this organization brings hands-on, fun, unique, and engaging educational opportunities to youth and volunteers alike. It forges partnerships between organizations, partnerships between youth and their community, and brings together people who are excited to learn. Part of this is also community involvement and support! We are looking to grow our membership on the 4-H Council, so if you would like to have your voice heard we would love to have you! Joining the 4-H Council means having a say in the direction of the program in Ogemaw County. We are always looking to welcome community members* into our 4-H program as adult volunteers, and would be happy to chat about opportunities for volunteers in 4-H.



Current volunteers and teen leaders are also welcome to attend our 4-H Council meetings. The first meeting will be **January 17th at 6pm at the MSU Extension Office in West Branch**, and a schedule for the year will be decided at that meeting and then posted on our website [here](#). Please reach out if you are interested!

The primary advisory body for the 4-H Program in Ogemaw County is the “Ogemaw 4-H Council”. The purpose of this advisory body is to:

- *To support the 4-H Program in helping youth develop positive self-esteem, effective communication and decision-making skills and become responsible adults who will work toward a peaceful global future.*
- *To provide an organization to aid the Extension Staff in determining the needs of the 4-H Program of the County.*
- *To act as a representative body in 4-H Program relationships with other organizations and individuals.*
- *To provide a local organization to act as custodian of properties of the 4-H Program of Ogemaw County*
- *To provide monetary sponsorship of 4-H Programs and events.*

Through its membership, the Ogemaw 4-H Council raises money to help members attend 4-H programs (fill out a scholarship request form - click [here](#)), offers trainings for youth and volunteers, purchases supplies for events and programs, and much more.

**Adults who are not currently 4-H volunteers must complete the volunteer selection process to serve on the council. Learn more [here](#)!*



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the date for Michigan 4-H equine events



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

- **February 3-4:**
Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest
- **March 18:**
Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest
- **April 15:**
Hairy Horse Show
- **April 16:**
Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest
- **August 18-20:**
State 4-H Horse Show

For more information on events,
www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information.

January 10: Wild Spartans - Working Towards a Career as a Wildlife Biologist

Online

Meet Erin Johnston, wildlife biologist - wildlife and habitat section lead for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the Michigan Natural Resources Department. Learn about researching, managing and protecting species with cultural significance, as well as Johnston's field work, and the education and career path she followed.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023

January 14 - 15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

This annual event is open to all judges, horse show managers and adult volunteers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference

January 16-20: 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members test their shooting sports and natural resources knowledge with peers across the nation. Registration should open around Jan.1.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023

January 31: Adulting 101- International Conversations

Online

Join us for an engaging cultural conversation live and learn about another county. Gain new knowledge and ask questions that interest you with an international guest.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations

February 11: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Paw Paw Conservation Club, Paw Paw

Interested in leading Hunting & Wildlife shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a Certified Instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes Feb. 1.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2023 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Make plans to join us for the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, February 12, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 3 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 1:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff for this annual event! Tickets will soon be available at:

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h.

Registration is now open for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest!

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields.

This event will be on February 18-19 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers, and participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay! Register now at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension.

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.

2023 SKILLATHON

The Third Annual

Michigan 4-H State Championship

*Competition of Knowledge and Comprehension of Animal
Science and Livestock Management Practices*

March 4 and 11, 2023 - Qualifiers
March 18, 2023 - State Championship



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While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, Michigan 4-H hosts the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation every March. This annual competition tests youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in 10 categories. Qualifier dates are March 4 and 11, 2023. **The Skillathon is open to Michigan youth (8-19 years old as of Jan. 1, 2023) and adults.**

For more information please visit the Skillathon page:
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon>

Or email us at: 4HSkillathon@msu.edu



4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

**FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2023
MSU CAMPUS, EAST LANSING**



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This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields. This event will be on February 18th and 19th on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers; participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay!

COST: \$30 for one day (Saturday **OR** Sunday); \$50 for both days

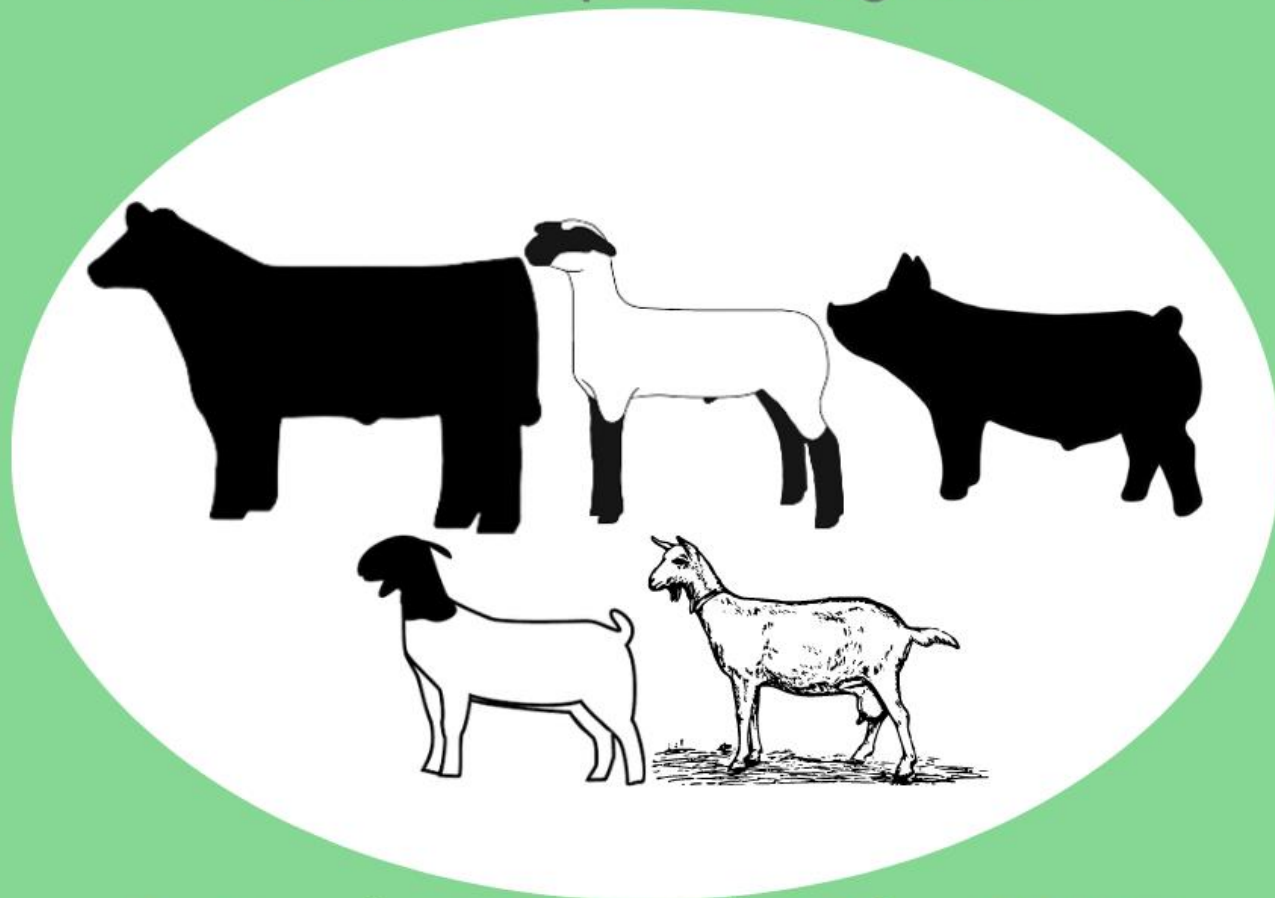
NOTE: No overnight lodging or transportation is provided for the event; these are the sole responsibility of the program participant.

Register now: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>

Join us for the

Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

beef, sheep, swine, goats



Saturday, March 4th, 2023
MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

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Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop!

This event will be on Saturday, March 4th at MSU's Anthony Hall. The statewide livestock and goat programming committees are hard at work planning an awesome educational opportunity for 4-H teens in beef, sheep, swine, and goat projects. Registration information and a detailed schedule will be available in early 2023. Mark your calendars!



State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show



This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter. Enter day show \$4 per rabbit or cavy class.

Educational Display, Breed Identification, and Photography contest \$1.00.



MSU Pavilion
4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI 48910



Saturday, January 28, 2023
7:00a - 2:00p
Entries: 6:30a to 8:00a



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ADULTING 101 JANUARY-APRIL 2023



- 1-31 @ 5pm-International Conversations
- 2-23 @ 6pm-Insurance 101
- 3-16 @ 4pm-Paycheck and Taxes
- 4-12 @ 6pm-Build & Protect your Credit

Register at:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/AdultingW2023/>





Save-the-Date for these Michigan 4-H statewide events and programs!

- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference - Jan 14-15](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show: Jan 29](#)
- ✓ [Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest - Feb 3-4](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training - Paw Paw: Feb 11](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin \(FREE Spartans Women's Basketball vs Penn State\): Feb 12](#)
- ✓ [Animal Science Career Quest: Feb 18-19](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference: March 3-5](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training - Roscommon: March 4](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest: March 18](#)
- ✓ [Hairy Horse Show: April 15](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H / FFA Horse Judging Contest: April 16](#)
- ✓ [SW Michigan 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Tournament: June 11](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H State Goat Show: June 17](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Exploration Days: June 21-23](#)
- ✓ [Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp: July 23-29](#)
- ✓ [2023 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show - August 12](#)
- ✓ [Michigan 4-H Horse Show: August 18-20](#)
- ✓ [August 19 - Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament \(aka State Shoot\)](#)

Click the events above to learn more! Webpages are updated as information and registration becomes available.