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4-H Family News

CALHOUN COUNTY



PROGRAM COORDINATOR UPDATE

Thank you to all who have gotten their enrollments in – and to those who have reminded others to get theirs in!

The last few months have flown by – and for many of you the busy season of 4-H is starting. Please make sure that your club leaders have your updated contact information, so that if they need to share information with you, they can do so.

The Tractor Operator Program has started – we are heading into the third week of that program. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that make this program possible!

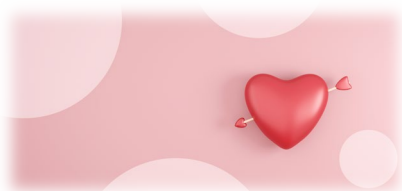
We are still looking for youth that are interested in joining 4-H Council. If you aren't sure if it's for you, join us for our monthly meeting and check it out.

We are looking for more youth and chaperones to attend 4-H Exploration Days. If you are interested – please let me know. We do have scholarship funding available, so please don't let cost be a barrier.

Also – make sure to order your tickets for 4-H Day at the Breslin! Join me as we cheer on the Spartans!

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

For more information and to get tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm

February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

Online

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1

February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb

March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024

March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.

www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 17-19, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts, and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights and youth advocacy, crime and law enforcement, education and teacher retention, environment and natural resources, health, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Make a difference for food security with World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/.



Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Not Your Ordinary Summer Camp – 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp Combines Fun with Science Literacy

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer camp fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 28-August 3, 2024 on the northern shores of Lake Huron at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This Michigan State University (MSU) pre-college program is for teens aged 13 to 15 or those who'll enter eighth through tenth grade in the fall. The registration fee is \$500 and includes meals, snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity costs.

During this enriching [Michigan State University Extension](#) educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. The hands-on learning includes exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. Not only does the camp get kids outside enjoying nature and learning to be good environmental stewards, the sessions incorporate four of the five [Michigan Department of Education](#) science curriculum standards in earth science and three of the five standards in biology. Campers also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas.

Following their involvement, campers are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 [MSU Pre-College Scholarship](#) based on criteria such as attitude, behavior and active participation. The scholarship is applied toward each recipient's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

Space is limited to 70 campers so register for a wonderful experience this summer!
For more information and to register for the camp,
visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Exploration Days Registration Opens March 25!

When IS Exploration Days?

4-H Exploration Days will be held June 19 to 21, 2024, at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Most sessions will be held on campus, with some sessions taking off-site field trips.

MSU pre-college scholarship opportunity

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay. Five percent of eligible participants will be chosen to represent 4-H Exploration Days and complete the scholarship application process through the MSU Admissions Office. Scholarships will be applied toward the recipient's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

What does 4-H Exploration Days cost?

The cost for the 2024 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event T-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Who should attend?

All young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

How do I register?

The 2024 event registration website (<https://bit.ly/2GRhuwv>) will provide updated information in the spring. You can also contact your county 4-H program coordinator in your local MSU Extension office for details.

Registration will open March 25 and close April 19, 2024. You'll want to register early – sessions fill up fast and are





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Council Reporter Update



Activities the Council completed this month included a canvas painting with all of the members. This created great engagement and creativity while reviewing for the month of January. Also, the Calhoun County 4-H Council attended the Michigan Fur Trappers Association Fur Sale at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds on February 3rd. During this event, the council provided food and refreshments for the participants at the sale for donation.

This month, the Calhoun County 4-H Council is busy planning new opportunities for the community. Currently underway on our agenda is revamping a community garden in downtown Battle Creek this spring. This project of rejuvenation will have the potential to provide healthy and safe foods for the community around us. Also, team-building activities are developing, such as line dancing and roller skating, as a group to build connections with our members. Come join us monthly for the fun 4-H Council has to offer!

Paige Thompson, 4-H Council Reporter

Parenting / Caregiver Classes Available from MSU Extension

The world can be a complicated place, and MSU Extension offers courses to help the teens in your life to have all the necessary tools to be successful in their lives.

This parenting series for parents and caregivers of children 9-16 years old will focus on several valuable life skills. Some including how to set boundaries, foster independence, discuss difficult topic, promote school success, promote positive friendship and more! Maybe get a few friends to view this webinar together and have fun sharing afterwards.

Register: https://www.canr.msu.edu/parenting_education_classes/events

Join us as we cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball Feb. 24th



Calhoun County 4-H Clubs, Go Green! Let's have fun at the 18th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 2 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 12:30 p.m.

This event is a lot of fun with great 4-H related activities on the concourse before the game.

Ticket Price: FREE for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



Calhoun Co. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Calhoun County Scholarship List

4-H BEEF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: To assist students who will attend a school of higher learning and who has been a member of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club. Deadline is May 1st. Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Mike Flynn of the Calhoun County 4-H Beef Club or the MSU Extension Office at 269-781-0784.

BURRELL E HENRY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP: Calhoun County students who will attend Michigan State University and are accepted in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, including the Ag Tech Program, or pursuing a career in Veterinary Medicine or other opportunity in the field of agriculture or family and consumer science related careers. Eligible scholarship recipients must be graduated from school in the Calhoun Intermediate School District and accepted for the Fall Term at Michigan State University, within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, its Ag Tech Program, those majors related to Human Ecology, or in pursuit of a career in Veterinary Medicine or other opportunities in the field of Agriculture. Deadline for application is April 1st, sent to: BE Henry Scholarship Committee c/o Patti Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer, 7705 29 Mile Road, Concord MI 49237 Or email to: michfarmgal@yahoo.com

CALHOUN COUNTY 4-H SWINE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship recipients will be selected annually. The applications will be judged on livestock participation, leadership, and citizenship. This scholarship is administered by the Homer Community Foundation an affiliate of the Battle Creek Community Foundation. The application can be found at <https://www.bccfoundation.org/scholarships> Youth must be enrolled in a Calhoun County Youth Club showing swine at the time of application. Recipients will be recognized at the Scholarship Recognition Banquet of the Homer Community Foundation. Deadline is March 1st.

CALHOUN COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants must be from a Calhoun County Farm Bureau family, high school seniors or older including current college students accepted into a post high school program in an agricultural related field. Deadline is March 31 and applications can be found at [Calhoun County Farm Bureau | Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies \(michfb.com\)](http://Calhoun County Farm Bureau | Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies (michfb.com))

FURU FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: One scholarship given annually, announced during the Calhoun County Fair. Must be current or past member of a Calhoun County 4-H Club who has exhibited at the Calhoun County Fair, along with other criteria. Completed application must be received by June 30th at the MSU Extension Office, 315 W. Green St., Marshall, MI 49068

LAVERN SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants must be a member of a 4-H Club or an FFA Chapter within Calhoun County, Michigan. At the time of application for this scholarship, applicants must be either a senior in high school or a high school graduate enrolled in a technical school or college. Previous recipients are not eligible. Deadline for application is April 1. Applications are submitted through the Marshall Community Foundation at <https://marshallcf.org/receive/scholarships/>

For more information or applications, please call our office, MSU Extension: 269-781-0784.

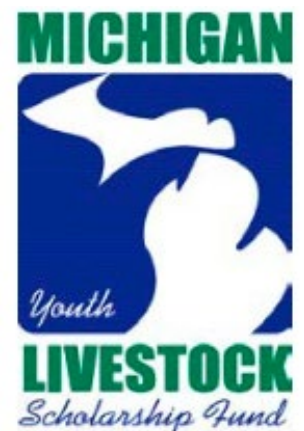
High School Seniors apply for money for school MIYSF

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) has been awarding scholarships annually to outstanding youth who exhibit at the Michigan Livestock Expo and Michigan Dairy Expo. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years before the year of application. For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo or the Michigan Dairy Expo for a minimum of three calendar years before the year of application. Youth must also be a Michigan resident and be a high school senior or high school graduate continuing in their education at an accredited institution in the year they are applying.

There are two scholarship options for 2024: MYLSF Scholarship (UP TO \$5,000 Lifetime) and State-wide Scholarship (UP TO \$1,000).

To apply: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/MYLSF2024>

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 pm on May 15, 2024.



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