



February 2023

# 4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



4-H is growing current and future leaders: growing kids who are confident and strong, curious enough to question and capable enough to find the answers; growing youth who stick to a job until the job gets done and know how to work with others, as well as lead.

4-H grows from the farms to the towns, and from the suburbs to the cities. Anywhere curiosity roams and confidence thrives. Anywhere technology can be advanced, and achievement is valued. Anywhere positive change is possible and giving back moves communities forward. After all, true leaders aren't born; they're grown!

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4-H  
Awards Night  
&  
Cloverbud Graduation

**Thursday**  
**February 23rd at 6:30**  
**at the MSU Extension Office**

TACO BAR DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED



# Council, Committees, and Club News

## WELCOME...

### New 4-H Volunteers

- Niccie Timberman  
Administrative Leader  
Twenty Four Carrots Horse Club
- Brittany Schaedler
- Jenna Glassburn  
Assistant Meat Type Goat  
Superintendent
- Carri Clabaugh
- Josh Fowler  
Shooting Sports
- Abbygail Pidd  
Shear Madness Project Leader



### Small Animal Committee News

- Youth Superintendent program is launched, and applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Kayela at the MSU Extension Office or Nikki Sobell at 517-416-8652. [APPLY TODAY!](#)
- The Small Animal Committee is actively seeking a Poultry and Assistant Poultry Superintendent. If anyone is interested or wants more information, please call/text Nikki and/or come to the next SAC meeting on March 7th at 7pm
- SAC meetings are open to all 4-Hers, parents, and leaders. One adult and two youths (8-19 years old, enrolled in 4H Online, and enrolled in the represented club) per club are eligible to vote at SAC meetings, but no limit to how many attend our meetings.

### Horse Leaders Committee News

- Save the date: Horse camp will be June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-4:00pm. The cost is \$75 per child, and you must have your own horse to participate.
- Campers will work on groundwork, safety lessons, and arena rides daily. There will also be a daily craft that can be entered in the non-livestock building for fair.
- Our goal is to teach children in a fun learning environment. We are hoping to secure a couple guest speakers/judges as well.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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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Qualifier dates are  
March 4 and 11,  
2023.

This year all youth  
will register through  
**4-H Online**.

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](mailto:4HSkillathon@msu.edu)

### February 14: Wild Spartans Series – Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility, Management of a Threatened Species

Online

Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023)

### February 23: Adulting 101 – Insurance

Online

Confused about how medical insurance works? Join this session to learn the basics.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-insurance](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-insurance)

### February 25: 4-H Leader Meet

MSU campus, East Lansing

Enjoy a variety of fun and interactive sessions, informative presentations, and useful tips for meetings. Open to adult and teen leaders in Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton and Ingham.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-leader-meet-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-leader-meet-2023)

### February 28: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

Online

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm)

### March 3-5: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Roscommon

This weekend workshop will focus on all things dairy cattle nutrition. MSU and MSU Extension faculty, industry partners, and MSU students will lead educational sessions. Open to MSU Extension Gold Volunteers and 4-H youth (ages 12-19). Register by Feb.8.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference)

### March 4: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Register by Feb. 15.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Exploration Day Registration opens MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>!

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. **The Hillsdale County 4-H Council is offering scholarships to the first 20 registrants, families will only be required to pay the \$50 deposit at time of registration.**

**This MSU pre-college program is designed to:**

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, teamwork, 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](https://www.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.

[Learn more here](#)



## World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due March 15!

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 11 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.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address 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 a two- to five-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. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

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. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due March 15.



# Puppy Raisers are Needed!



**4-H and Leader Dogs for the Blind need YOU to make a DIFFERENCE!**

**"Your family temporarily adopts a program puppy for eleven months until they are old enough to head off to school!"**

**New Launch and Rollout at our Informational Meeting**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AT 6:30  
WILL ALSO BE HELD VIRTUALLY  
FROM THE LEADER DOG CAMPUS**



## **APPRECIATING INDEPENDENCE**

The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

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# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2023

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20th	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
23rd	Awards Ceremony	6:30 p.m.

## February

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## March

1st	Beef Possession Date	
4th	Cake Decorating	10:00 a.m.
7th	Small Animal Sale Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
8th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
9th	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m..
11th	Mandatory Beef Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds	10:00 - 12:00
13th	Junior Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
19th	Shooting Sports Safety Meeting	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
20th	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
21st	Exploration Days Registration Opens	7:00 p.m.
22nd	Youth Division Fair Advisory Meeting	6:00 p.m.
27th	Large Animal Sale Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

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10th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11th	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
17th	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

## April