



4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY

February 2025



Seniors- If you would like to have 4-H Honor Cords at graduation, please let the Extension Office know, no later than April 1st!



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HILLSDALE COUNTY AWARD CEREMONY

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27TH
AT 6:30
AT THE MSU
EXTENSION OFFICE



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB

09

DAIRY LEADERS
MEETING

1:30

FEB

09

HORSE LEADERS
COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00

FEB.

24

LARGE ANIMAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00

FEB.

27

HILLSDALE COUNTY
AWARD CEREMONY

7:00

MAR

05

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

7:00

MAR

09

HORSE LEADERS
COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00



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 March 1! 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 Minnesota Golden Gophers.

In addition to the game, attendees will also enjoy 4-H activities around the concourse. 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.

Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-Breslin.

A member of the 4-H alumni community? Consider also stopping by the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception on March 1! More information and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 4: Crash Course: Credit Survival 101

Online

Youth learn the basics of credit: advantages and disadvantages, credit vs. debit, credit scores, interest, and tips to managing credit wisely.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/crashcreditcoursefeb-4

February 11: 4-H Wild Spartans – The Relationship Between Tribes and Fish

Online

Plunge into the world of Great Lakes fisheries and meet Jason Smith, Great Lakes fisheries assessment biologist for the Bay Mills Indian community. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. Open to youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-february-2024-2025

February 12: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This weekly series will be offered Wednesdays from Feb. 12 – Mar. 19 at no cost.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-february-march-25

February 13: Ace the Interview: Tips to Land Your Dream Job

Online

Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will explore a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills to take on their goals. This second offering in the five-part webinar series will focus on tips for a successful interview.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview

February 15: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest 2025

Online

A career exploration program for youth ages 12-19 interested in pursuing a career in animal science. Learn about everything animal science has to offer and many career skill-building activities through hands-on sessions. Register by Feb. 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2025

February 25: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series; Facilitation Skills for 4-H Clubs

Online

Gain essential facilitation skills to engage every voice and increase efficiency in your 4-H club. This session offers tools to create inclusive, dynamic discussions, making sure all members feel heard while streamlining club activities. This webinar will be offered at two different times:

12 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-noon

7 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

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 contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online 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.

Participate in the 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 8 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 a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 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. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens Feb. 1 and closes Mar. 15.



Seeking outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteers

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is seeking nominations of remarkable agricultural 4-H volunteers for the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award. This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of 4-H beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; horticulture, crops and soils; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine; and veterinary science.

Up to five MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award honorees are recognized each year. Selected recipients will be recognized by both Michigan 4-H and MFB. In addition, honorees receive a \$1,000 grant they designate to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice. The award is supported by an endowment with the Michigan 4-H Foundation that was established by MFB.



Nominations for the MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award should be submitted by March 15. To nominate a deserving individual or learn more about the 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/mfb-4-h-excellence-in-agriculture-award/>.



Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



For the third year, Michigan 4-H will be hosting Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers. This event will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 1:40 p.m. when the Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game and members of the 4-H and MSU Extension community will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will include:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity for youth (a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game).
- A portion of each ticket sale donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H/Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be obtained by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey.

To order your tickets, visit [Michigan 4-H Day](#) with the Tigers. Please consider joining us for this fun day with the 4-H community!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27! Receive a co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey and make a donation to 4-H with your ticket! To purchase tickets, visit <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/MI4H>.



Michigan 4-H Day



at the

Breslin Center



March 1, 2025

What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Minnesota Women's Basketball team.

When: March 1, 2025. Gates for the event will open at **12:30 p.m.** with a game tip-off scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: The Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families!

Cost: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above.

Transportation & parking: FREE for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse before the game and at half-time.

Get in the game! Order your tickets at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated or any other county-specific arrangements exist.



2025 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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January 25	State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show & Expo
February 15	4-H Animal Science Career Quest
March 1-2	4-H Dairy Conference
March 8	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
March 15	4-H Hippology State Contest
March 29	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
April 12	4-H Spring Dog Workshop
May 8	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 11-12	Youth Livestock Judging Camp
June 25	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
June 28	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
July 7-8 & 9-10	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
July 15-17	4-H Youth Dairy Days
August 14-17	4-H State Horse Show
September 20	4-H State Dog Show

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