



JULY 2024

4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



2024 Fair Changes

Non-Livestock:

New Classes-

- Diamond Art
- 3-D Printing
- Hide Tanning

Small Animal:

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Equine:

- Classes will now be broken up as follows: Cloverbuds, 8-10, 11-13, 14 & Over.
- A Ranch Riding Class was added
- Equine Record Book was added

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Sheep: Bred and Owned is now open to anyone in Hillsdale County 4-H.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Hillsdale County Horse Leaders

Registration is now open for Horse Camp!

[Horse Camp Registration](#)

Date: July 26-29

Location: Hillsdale County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$75

Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle

Snacks and refreshments will be provided daily.

Please call the MSU Extension Office with any questions.

Small Animal Committee

*Small Animal Committee
Cottage Inn Fundraiser*



*All proceeds will go
towards a new show arena
in the dairy goat barn!*

JULY 21ST

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BECOME A 4-H

VOLUNTEER



JULY

13	MANDATORY FEEDER CALF WEIGH IN- FAIRGROUNNDS	10-12:00
13	MANDATORY GOAT WEIGH IN- FAIRGROUNDS	9-11:00
14	DAIRY LEADERS MEETING- MSU EXTENSION OFFICE	4:00
17	4-H COUNCIL MEETING- MSU EXTENSION OFFICE	7:00
20	MANDATORY GOAT WEIGH IN- FAIRGROUENDS	9-11:00
20	GOAT SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC- FAIRGROUNDS	11:00
20	HORSE LEADERS MEETING- FAIRGROUNDS	1:30
20	4-H HORSE SHOW- FAIRGROUNDS	2:00
25	HORSE CAMP HAUL IN	TBD
26-29	HORSE CAMP- FAIRGROUNDS	8-4:00

AUGUST

10	MADATORY FEEDER CALF VACCINE - FAIRGROUNDS	10-12:00
17	HORSE LEADERS MEETING- FAIRGROUNDS	1:30
17	4-H HORSE SHOW- FAIRGROUNDS	2:00
21	4-H COUNCIL MEETING - MSU EXTENSION OFFICE	7:00
29	YDFAC MEETING- MSU EXTENSION OFFICE	7:00



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit www.joann.com/4-h to learn more and enroll.

July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024

July 15 – August 12: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024

July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the

Great Lake State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 26: Discover 4-H

Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

