



MAY 2023

4-H Family News

ALLEGAN COUNTY



Allegan County 4-H May 2023 Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 1 4-H Horse Leaders mtg. 7pm, S.R. | 2 | 3 | 4  4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School | 5  | 6 Karin Wood Memorial Fuzzy Fun Show 8:30am Fairgrounds |
| 7 | 8 | 9 4-H Livestock Leaders meeting 7:30pm S.R. | 10 | 11 4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School | 12 | 13 |
| 14  | 15 | 16 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm, S.R. | 17 | 18 4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School | 19 Spin Around The World 4-H Event! Zimmerman Rm. Speed Series Show 6pm Billy MAC Arena | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 4-H After School Program 3:30pm Glenn School | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29  Office Closed | 30 | 31  | | | |

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CONGRATS TO OUR 4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM!!



Ivy and Olivia Belden, Lena Germain, Carly Koch, Sawyer Maurer, Klynnne and Miley Merica, Karmindy Van Horn and Olivia Wiley participated in the State 4-H FFA Horse Judging contest in April at Michigan State University. They were coached by Heather Maurer and assisted by Amy Germain.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

AROUND THE WORLD MAY 19



AROUND THE WORLD SPIN CLUB

Earn your 4-H Passport while experiencing food, customs, games & crafts.



- ✓ April-August
- ✓ 3rd Friday of the Month
- ✓ No suitcase required!



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Join us May 19th at 6pm in the Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building 3255 122nd Ave., Allegan.

RSVP to Liepe@msu.edu by May 17.

Families welcomed!! No cost! Youth can join 4-H – sign up in 4HOnline or enroll on the 19th.

We will be experiencing Kenya and Tanzania – come prepared to have a fun time and enjoy snacks!

ALLEGAN COUNTY 4H/FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM



WHAT IS LIVESTOCK JUDGING?

ON THIS TEAM, MEMBERS WILL LEARN TO EVALUATE AND DISCUSS ALL LIVESTOCK SPECIES INCLUDING LAMBS, GOATS, CATTLE, AND PIGS

WHO CAN JOIN?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! WE WELCOME BOTH NOVICE AND EXPERIENCED YOUTH JUDGERS.

HOW DO I JOIN?

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Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2023 through States' 4-H International!

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country too! Check out and enjoy this short video available at:

https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/t/1_5emmp6if

Applications to host can be found at

www.states4hexchange.org



Coming soon...



Karin Wood Memorial
"Fuzzy Fun Horse Show"
 Saturday, May 6, 2023 8:30 am
 Allegan County Fairgrounds
 Judge: Kelly Dykstra-Nichols

Pre-entry encouraged!
 See link on Facebook!
 Allegan County 4H Horse Project

LOTS OF AWESOME DOOR PRIZES!!

This fundraiser benefits the Allegan County 4-H Horse program. **OPEN TO ALL!** No show clothes, clipping, bathing, or show equipment required. Come fuzzy, ready to learn and have fun! **COPY OF NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST REQUIRED!** (Unless under 6 mo.) **Entry fee is \$5.00 per class (unless noted) or all-day fee for \$35.00. NO REFUNDS. Pre-entry is encouraged or enter classes at the show.** *EWD classes for Equestrians with Disabilities ** Concessions on grounds **

Camping & Stall Information Camping is available for \$25 per night starting at 6 p.m. Saturday. Payment due at show registration. Stalls are available for a \$20 returnable deposit per stall. Deposit payment due at show registration. Deposit returned after stall has been cleaned and checked by show stall designee.

- 1. Jr. Halter (3 yrs & under)
- 2. Sr. Halter (4 yrs. & over)
- 3. Fuzziest horse class
- 4. Lunge Line (3 yrs & under)
- 5. Showmanship 20 & over
- 6. Showmanship 16-19
- 7. Showmanship 12-15
- 8. Showmanship 8-11
- 9. Showmanship *EWD – all ages
- 10. Showmanship Cloverbud 5-7
- 11. Stick Horse Showmanship (\$1.00 fee)
- 12. Cloverbud Lead line 5-7

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- 25. English Equitation 20 & over
- 26. English Equitation 16-19
- 27. English Equitation 12-15
- 28. English Equitation 8-11
- 29. English Equitation *EWD – all ages (W/T)
- 30. English Equitation Cloverbud 5-7

BREAK

- 31. Western Horsemanship 20 & over
- 32. Western Horsemanship 16-19
- 33. Western Horsemanship 12-15
- 34. Western Horsemanship 8-11
- 35. Western Horsemanship *EWD – all ages (W/T)
- 36. Western Horsemanship Cloverbud 5-7
- 37. Egg & Spoon Cloverbud 5-7
- 38. Egg & Spoon 13 & Under (W/T)
- 39. Egg & Spoon 14 & Over
- 40. Boot Race
- 41. Trot Race
- 42. Ranch Riding Pleasure - Open
- 43. Ranch Riding Pattern - Open
- 44. Gymkhana - Barrels
- 45. Gymkhana - Indiana Flag
- 46. Gymkhana - Down & Back

BREAK

- 13. Saddle Seat Pattern
 (Held in second ring until class #20 completes)
- 14. Costume Class 13 & Under
- 15. Costume Class 14 & Over
- 16. Groom/Parent Walk/Trot *not entered in other riding class
- 17. Walk/Trot 13 & Under (any seat)
- 18. Walk/Trot 14 & Over (any seat)
- 19. Stick horse Walk Trot (\$1.00 fee)
- 20. Saddle Seat Equitation - Open
- 21. Driving 50/50 pleasure/reinsmanship 49" & over
- 22. Driving 50/50 pleasure/reinsmanship, 48" & under
- 23. Bareback - Walk/Trot (any seat)
- 24. Bareback - WTC (any seat)

Horsemaster Level testing at FUZZY SHOW!! Paul Balgoyen will be available to test riders' levels to prepare them for registering for 4-H 5 Day Horse Clinic.

CIRCLE CLASSES ABOVE TOTAL # CLASSES _____ X \$5 (OR \$35) = _____ PAID: _____ CK CASH

NAME: _____ AGE (as of 1/1/23) _____ HORSE'S NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ Adult / Youth (Circle one) Male / Female (Circle one)

BACK NUMBER:

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Show Chair: Nora Balgoyen nbalgoyen@gmail.com 269-532-0541

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Save the Date
ALLEGAN CO. 4H HORSE PROJECT
2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT SPEED SERIES
 MAY 19
 JUNE 16
 AUGUST 11

KARIN WOOD MEMORIAL FUZZY FUN SHOW
 MAY 6

OPEN HORSE SHOW
 JUNE 10

5-DAY HORSE CLINIC
 JULY 21-26

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES AND SHOWBILLS!

2023 Allegan County FRIDAY NIGHT Speed Series

Brought to you by the Allegan County 4-H Horse Leaders



May 19
 June 16
 August 11

Billy MAC Arena – 6:00 p.m.
 1511 14th St. Otsego, MI
 Concessions on Grounds!

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|--|--|
| 1. Speed & Action | <i>Class Age Groups (Not open classes)</i> |
| 2. Poles | <i>Age as of 1/1/23</i> |
| 3. Indiana Flag | Lead line |
| 4. Barrels | 8-11 |
| 5. Open Barrels (3D \$100 Added)* | 12-15 |
| 6. Open Payback entry (2D \$50 Added)* | 16-19 |
| | 20 & Over |

NEW!! \$50 ADDED PAYBACK CLASS BY SHOW DATE AS LISTED

Additional \$15 fee to enter age group run time

May 19 – Speed & Action

June 16 – Poles

August 11 – Indiana Flag

***Open Classes need a minimum of 15 entries for added money – 70% payback**

PRE-ENTRY ENCOURAGED!
 See link on Facebook on Allegan County 4H Horse Project

SERIES AWARDS for each age group! High Point BUCKLE Award! Reserve prize award!

Exhibitors Name: _____ Back Number: _____

Horses Name: _____ Adult / Youth (Circle one) Male / Female (Circle one)

of Age Classes _____ x \$5 = \$ _____ Email: _____

Jackpot/Open Classes _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Total Amount Due: = \$ _____ Payment type Cash/Check # _____ (circle if open) Paid _____

Helmets are required for all youth 19 & under and recommended for 20 & over
 Show Committee decisions are final. Lead line may not enter any regular classes
 Proof of Negative Coggins is Required
 No Refunds

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Coming up soon....



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Overview

WHEN: June 3, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ionia County Fairgrounds

WHO: All youth ages 8-19 (as of January 1) and coaches

COST: \$75 per youth, coaches attend free

During this one-day clinic, youth and coaches will have the opportunity to learn from industry leaders about all things livestock evaluation. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats.

Participants will pre-select breakout sessions to attend in the morning and rotate through each species in the afternoon.

Breakout sessions include Analyzing Data and Scenarios, Oral Reasons 101, Advanced Reasons, Selection Priorities, Intro to Livestock Judging Contests, and a Coaches Corner session.

canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp

Registration opens mid-April and will close on May 15.

Spots limited to 100 youth, 15 coaches



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) DPFLI, Detroit

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program Lake Lansing, Haslett

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.