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4-H Family News

Clinton County



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear 4-H Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Spring will be here before we know it. Use this fantastic white (cold) weather that we have now to work on projects, do some research and learn from your peers and leaders. Share your projects and ideas. Soon 4-H'ers with animal projects will be picking out their critters, if they haven't done so already. Please notice the Market Livestock Tag Distribution & Information below.

Stay informed with everything that is happening in 4-H. There is so much that is included here and so much more in the works that will be shared soon. Read this entire newsletter, there is good information on these pages. If you have Facebook, like the "Clinton County 4-H" page. Attend your 4-H Club meetings and if you miss one be sure to contact your 4-H Club Leader to find out what information was shared.

Be safe out there!

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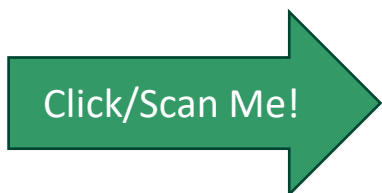
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ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK TAG DISTRIBUTION & INFO

EVENT: Will be held on April 26th, 2025 at the Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds.

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN: Submit your enrollment for the 2024-2025 year by logging in to your 4-H Online Account.



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4-H TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN



It's that exciting time of the year where our youth sign up for a 4-H trip based on their grade level. All information can be found [HERE!](#) To make sure that our Trips happen, we are also looking for Chaperones for all trips. If you are interested in Chaperoning, there is information at the above link on how to register and the requirements that are involved. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Clinton County MSU Extension Office at 989-224-5251.

SEWING WORKSHOP

There is still time to register for the Clinton County 4-H Sewing Workshop on January 12th. The workshop will be held in Smith Hall from 2-5pm and taught by our Sewing Department Chairperson, Ivy Thomas. Please make sure to register no later than Monday, January 6th at <https://bit.ly/PillowcaseWorkshop>

CLINTON COUNTY 4-H SEWING PROJECT
Pillow Case Workshop

 **12** JAN 2025
2PM-5PM
SMITH HALL

- This event is being led by 4-H Sewing Department Chair Ivy Thomas.
- All ages are welcome but we ask that if you are registering a clover bud that you stay with your child during the workshop to help them.
- If you do not have your own sewing machine that's okay, we have some to share.
- Contact the MSU Clinton County Extension Office at 989-224-5251 if you have questions.



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CLINTON COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING BEGINS SOON!!!

Attention 4-Hers interested in learning about livestock judging...we will begin meeting at the Clinton County Courthouse in January to learn livestock judging basics for market animals and breeding stock. Livestock judging training starts indoors in a classroom setting January through April, and then we visit farms in May and June. The end goal is to compete in the Michigan 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest in June/July and the Clinton County Fair contest during fair week.

Last year the Clinton County senior team won first at the state contest and went on to compete at a national judging contest in Virginia! The Clinton County junior team placed in the top 10 in questions in the state! We have a lot to learn and build upon. New for 2025, we plan to practice at the Green and White Pig Show on January 24th at 4 pm and the Michigan Beef Expo February 21st at 5:30 pm, both events are at the MSU Pavilion.

Here are some dates to get on your calendar now. Each of these meetings are from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Clinton County Courthouse. Monday, January 13. Tuesday, January 21. Monday, February 3. Monday, February 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Bounds, Clinton County 4-H livestock judging coach at 559-901-1720.

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST

Join [Michigan 4-H](#), the [MSU Department of Animal Science](#), and the [MSU College of Veterinary Medicine](#) for [4-H Animal Science Career Quest](#) on Feb. 15, 2025, at MSU's main campus in East Lansing. Youth will learn all about the opportunities an animal science education can bring them, not just as an undergraduate student, but long-term post-graduate career options and beyond.

The event will focus on animal science careers; the schedule is filled with hands-on sessions to learn about everything animal science has to offer and many career skill-building activities. Species faculty and staff will share what they study and the numerous disciplines to explore that allow you to work with animals. Animal Science Career Quest is open to youth ages 12-19 (as of Jan. 1, 2025).





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4-H CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST

💰💡 *Calling all Michigan youth!* The 2025 4-H Cash Composition Contest is now open! If you're 9-19 years old (as of Jan. 1, 2024), it's your chance to win a \$100 gift card, thanks to Extra Credit Union!

🎯 This year's topic: *Credit*—Write a 300-word (or less) essay answering this year's question.

📅 **Deadline:** February 28, 2025

🏆 **Winners:** Three youth from each age bracket!

Don't miss your chance to show off your money smarts and snag that prize! Full details and entry info: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest>

2025 4-H Cash Composition Contest

Learn about credit

Answer this year's question in 300 words or less

Submit your essay by February 28, 2025

Possibly win a \$100 gift card!

Open to 9-19 year olds in Michigan

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

These events are open to all Michigan 4-H Youth!



2025 MI 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

March 1-2	MI 4-H Dairy Conference Michigan State University
June 28	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest Anthony Hall, Michigan State University
July 14-17	MI 4-H Dairy Days Michigan State University
Sept. 28- Oct. 2	National 4-H Dairy Conference Madison, WI

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attend the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & Expo



Join us for the 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo at the MSU Pavilion! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as to compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, educational display, showmanship, and new this year -skillathon.

Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 17. All other contest registrations are done onsite at the show.

Educational sessions will also be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at:
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy_show.

January 6: Online Parent Talk System Series (Mondays in January and February)

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This class is for caregivers of toddlers to teens and will take place on Monday evenings for six weeks, beginning on Jan. 6.

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

January 14: Wild Spartans – Working my dream job with Michigan Sea Grant

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, delve into the freshwaters and skies that surround as you meet Elliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant. You'll learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is youth ages 12-19. www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025

January 14: Adulting 101 – Decreasing Stress with Mindfulness

Online

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks related to finances, home, health or finding a career? Adulting 101 can help you learn real life skills to successfully transition to living independently. In this session, learn how stressors can affect physical and mental health and practice mindfulness techniques to use in everyday life.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025

January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automotive research and development

Online

Are you passionate about vehicles and ready to jump-start your career? Enjoy technology, robotics and hands-on problem solving? Join this webinar designed to provide valuable insight into the skills and certifications you need to excel in today's fast evolving automotive industry.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success

January 30: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building a Culture of Appreciation by Recognizing 4-H Volunteers and Youth

Online

Discover simple, impactful ways to celebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon

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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 16-18, 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; crime, law enforcement and corrections; education; energy, environment and natural resources; health and human services; and jobs and the economy.

The cost to register in 2025 is \$365, which includes most meals, materials, and lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



SAVE THE DATE – Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin returns on March 1, 2025! For nearly two decades, this has been exciting event attended by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers and families. We look forward to continuing this event in 2025 as 4-H'ers from across the state come together for a day of fun, comradery and basketball at MSU.

Make plans to join us on March 1 as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Gophers. Tickets will be available soon; visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin for more information.