



JULY 2023

4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



FAIR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

<https://hillsdale4h.fairwire.com/>

Registration closes August 1st!

The 4-H/FFA Fair Book can be found here:

[Fair Book](#)

Project Reports for your fair livestock project can be found on our website at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/hillsdale/hillsdale_county_4_h/Livestock-Animal-Projects/

These must be accompanied with your animal when checking in at fair.



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2023 Calendar of Events

July

1st	Possession of Feeder Calf, Horse, Breeding Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Dairy, Market and Breeding Goats	
4th	Office Closed	
6th	Horse ID's DUE	
10th	4-H Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
10th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
15th	Mandatory Feeder Calf Weigh-in	10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
17th	Cloverbud Camp (Call Office to register)	
30th	Earliest day for meat chickens	
26th	Large Animal Sale Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

4th	Babysitting 101/CPR Training	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
5th	Babysitting 101/CPR Training	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
9th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
10th	Small Animal Sale Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
14th	4-H Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
14th	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
15th	Dairy Leaders Scholarship Application Due	
16th	Dairy Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
20th	Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship Workshop	6:00 p.m.

Small Animal Barn, Bring your own animal

August

September

4th	Labor Day - MSU Extension Office Closed	
11th	4-H Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.
13th	Horse Leaders Meeting	6:00 p.m.
13th	Mandatory Rabbit tattoo @ Fairgrounds	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

-only market rabbits

All events will take place at the MSU Extension Office unless otherwise noted



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at: <https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H 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.

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

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

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

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

As we explore the wonderful world of bubbles we will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

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

August 11: 4-H Children's Garden 30th Birthday Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We will celebrate the garden's pearl birthday with activities and games. We will open the time capsule, eat cake and much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-30th-birthday-party

August 13: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the insect pollinators around you? Join us for prizes, vendors, a bee petting zoo, face painting and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 13: Tri-County Archery Tournament

Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Ypsilanti Township

Archers to the line! 4-H archers aged 9 and up are welcome to meet fellow competitors and test their skill. Registration is due Aug. 6.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tri-county-archery-tournament





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 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 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

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 went to the county fair

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

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 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 was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for 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 the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



If you are not familiar with the State 4-H Dog Show, here are some quick facts:

- The show is open to all youth aged 8-19 enrolled in the 4-H Dog project; youth **DO NOT** have to qualify locally to attend the show.
- There are classes in agility, obedience, showmanship, and rally as well as photography and poster contests.
- Obedience and showmanship classes will be held for Cloverbuds.
- Volunteers must register through Events Management and all volunteers must be silver level; if they are not a silver they must register at www.msu.samaritan.com.
- **NEW for 2023!** Volunteers who complete a 3 hour shift at the show will be refunded the cost of one class with a maximum of two class refunds per family.
- Camping is available!
- Registration will close on July 30.



Hillsdale County News

Horse Leaders Committee

The Hillsdale County Horse Leaders Committee would like to thank everyone that helped make Horse Camp a success. Thank you to the Shilling family for donating craft supplies, Tom Guthrie for teaching the kids about plant safety, Rebecca Jorgenson for the draft horse driving demonstration, and G&D Wood Products for the generous shaving donation.



Small Animal Committee

Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship Workshop

Sunday, August 20th - 6:00 p.m. at the Small Animal Barn on the fairgrounds.

Bring your own rabbit or cavy.

MANDATORY market rabbit tattoo date is Wednesday, September 13th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Small Animal Barn.

