



FEBRUARY 2025

4-H Family News

CLINTON COUNTY



Welcome to February Clinton County!

Dear 4-H Families,

Spring will be here before we know it. It is hard to think that with the temperatures as they have been. Use this time to prepare your projects for this year. In this newsletter you will see some opportunities to start projects, project tagging information and other opportunities.

Read this entire newsletter, there is good information on these pages for local and out-of-county programs. 4-H Club meetings are a great source of information and a great place to share your knowledge so that others too learn from you.

Stay safe out there & see you soon!

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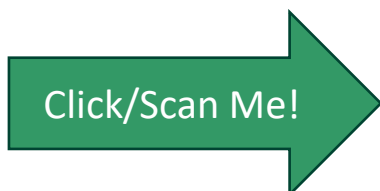


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ENROLLMENT IS OPEN: Submit your enrollment for the 2024-2025 year by logging in to your 4-H Online Account.



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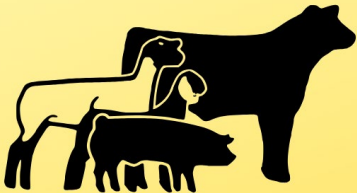
ALL SPECIE ANIMAL TAG DISTRIBUTION & INFORMATION EVENT

Clinton County 4-H All Species Tag Distribution Event

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



- Market Beef
- Sheep
- Swine
- Prospect Beef
- Goat

This year the Clinton County 4-H Livestock Committee will be hosting another Tag Distribution Event like last year. You can arrive to Smith Hall on the Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds between 9 and 11 am on April 26th to pick up your Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, Prospect Beef and Goat tags (no animals are required to attend). Once you have your tags you will tag your animals and submit pictures of your animal and information to a google form. This information will be given to you when you pick up your animals tags. If you are unable to make the animal tag distribution event please contact your animal department chair as soon as possible.

SHOW CLOTHES SWAP

During the All Specie Tag Distribution Event we are going to have a Show Clothes Swap Table set up for you to bring and share your lightly used show clothes with other 4-H members.

CLINTON COUNTY 4-H SEWING WORKSHOP

Join us for another Sewing Workshop hosted by Sewing Department Chair Ivy Thomas! This time we will be creating a Cinch Sack, registration is required and there are only a limited number of spots available, so register NOW! The Clinton County 4-H Program has a hand full of sewing machines to share so if you do not have a sewing machine don't let that stop you from joining us!

Register [HERE!](#)

CLINTON COUNTY 4-H SEWING PROJECT
Cinch Sack Workshop

1 MARCH 2025
2PM-6PM
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 RABBIT WORKSHOP



4-H Rabbit Workshop





March 15th
10 am at Smith Hall
Clinton County 4-H
Fairgrounds

You can bring your rabbit to practice showmanship but a rabbit is not required to attend.

Registration Required:
<https://bit.ly/4-HRabbitWorkshop25>



Join us for a Clinton County 4-H Rabbit Workshop on March 15th in Smith Hall on the Clinton County 4-H Fairgrounds. All enrolled 4-H Members are welcome. You can bring your rabbit if you wish to practice for showmanship but a rabbit is not required to attend. Registration is required and can be done so at <https://bit.ly/4-HRabbitWorkshop25>.

Registration will close on March 12th.

VICTOR 4-H HOSTS FUNDRAISER

Join other members of the community as they support Victor 4-H with a Rabbit and Squirrel Hunt on February 15th.

- Registration from 7 – 9 am in person at Smith Hall on the Clinton County 4-H Fairgrounds.
- Check in/Weigh in at 4 pm
- Hunt any legally permitted land in Michigan
- Cash Only



2025

Victor 4-H

Rabbit and Squirrel Hunt

Location: Clinton County Fairgrounds
Smith Hall
800 W. Sickles St, St. Johns, MI 48879

February 15th, 2025

- **4 people per team - \$30 per team for Rabbit only or Squirrel only - \$40 for a combination**
 - Most rabbits or squirrels
- **Quantity Hunt Prizes:**
 - 1st – 25%
 - 2nd – 15%
 - 3rd – 10%

- **\$5 fee per person to participate in the heaviest rabbit or squirrel competition**
- **Heaviest Hunt: Winner gets 75%**

- **Registration from 7 am – 9 am in person**
- **Check-in/Weigh-in at 4 pm**
- **Hunt any legally permitted land in Michigan**
- **CASH ONLY**

All payouts are based on profits from the hunt per entry in each division

FEBRUARY 15th, 2025

HOSTED BY:
VICTOR 4-H CLUB

DON'T BE SHY-TELL THEM WHY THEY CAN'T MISS IT!

FOOD AVAILABLE BY DONATION ONLY

CASH PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAMS

Clinton County Fairgrounds
 Smith Hall
 800 W. Sickles St,
 St. Johns, MI 48879



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/>.