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# 4-H Family News

MECOSTA COUNTY



## Happy New Year!

Where did 2022 go?!? I am excited for the new year and opportunities ahead for Mecosta County 4-H! I hope everyone was able to enjoy time with their loved ones over the holiday season. We are still looking for a few volunteers who have interest in different project areas to host educational workshops for our youth. Let me know if interested!

What are some goals you have for 2023? S.M.A.R.T goals is a great concept to do at the beginning of the new year to try and stay on track for the year. These goals are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely. I would love to hear some of your goals and see how I can assist you in achieving them!

Sincerely,

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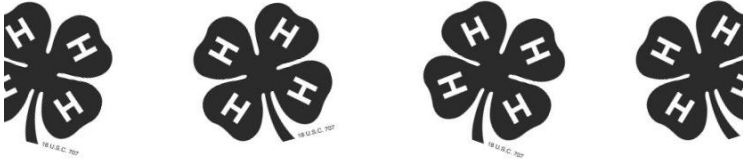
# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Extension Office Closed	3	4	5 4-H Council Committee Meetings 6:30 PM @ MCSB	6 Hippology Club Meeting 6:30 PM @MCSB	7
8 Back Road Country Kids Meeting 5 PM @ Wheatland Fire Hall - Remus	9	10	11	12	13 Hippology Study Mtg 6:30 PM @MCSB	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day Extension Office Closed	17 Jr. Fair Board Committee Meetings 6:30 PM @ MCSB	18 Youth-Adult Partnerships Training 6:30 PM @ MCSB	19	20 Hippology Study Mtg 6:30 PM @MCSB	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Learn to Sew SPIN Club 3:45 PM @MCSB Hippology Study Mtg 6:30 PM @MCSB	28 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show @ MSU Pavillion
29	30 Tiny Clovers Meeting 5:30 PM @MCSB	31				



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Tiny Clovers – a group just for Cloverbuds!

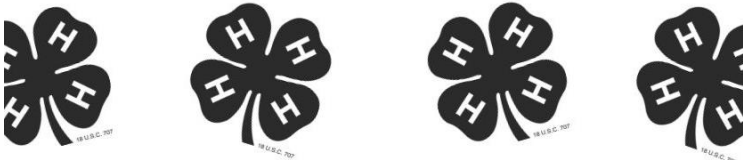


### 2023 CLOVERBUD 4-H MEETINGS

## SAVE THE DATES

January 30      February 27  
March 27        April 24  
May 22          June 26

5:30-7 PM, Mecosta County Services Building  
14485 Northland Dr., Big Rapids, MI 49307



Mecosta County 4-H is excited to announce... 2023 Cloverbud Meeting Dates!

Save the dates for your 5-7 year old youth, as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, to come and have some fun with hands on learning while experiencing 4-H.

Youth must enroll via <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and register into the club listed as SPIN Club Tiny Clovers to participate.

Contact Jennifer at [myersj50@msu.edu](mailto:myersj50@msu.edu) with any questions!



## Learn to Sew with 4-H

Do you have a kiddo who is interested in sewing and you don't know where to start in sparking their interest more? Look no further! Mecosta County 4-H has a new SPIN Club in town where youth are able to learn the basics of sewing with a sewing machine while creating a project they can be proud of. There is a \$20 one time fee per child to purchase supplies – checks or cash only. This SPIN Club is available to ALL youth in Mecosta County between the ages of 5 and 19 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Register online at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com).

Select SPIN Club Learn to Sew as the club and associated project areas.

Questions? Call Jennifer at the Extension Office for more details.



## LEARN TO SEW WITH 4-H

- 4th Friday of every month (January-May)
- 3:45-5:45 pm at the MSU Extension Office
- For ALL Mecosta County youth, ages 5-19
- \$20 one time fee to purchase supplies
- Register at: [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)
  - select "SPIN Club Learn to Sew"
  - select associated project areas
- Questions?  
Contact Jennifer Myers





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Youth-Adult Partnerships Workshop



Mecosta County MSU Extension will be hosting a Youth-Adult Partnership workshop where all youth and adult volunteers are *HIGHLY* encouraged to attend. This workshop is developed for organizations who want to incorporate youth into their governance and decision-making processes. This training discusses the benefits of youth and adults sharing roles of authority and responsibilities while working together in groups. The program provides strategies and best practices for developing and sustaining youth-adult partnerships and highlights the benefits of youth-adult partnerships in terms of assets gained by individuals (youth and adults), organizations and communities.

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MecostaCounty/>.

Questions? Contact Jennifer at [myersj50@msu.edu](mailto:myersj50@msu.edu)

## Seeking Volunteers

Youth and families have expressed interest in the following project areas:

- Entomology
- Bees
- Photography
- Woodworking
- Cake Decorating
- Robotics
- Foods
- Gift Wrapping
- Scrapbooking
- Collections
- Visual Arts



I would love to get adults who have interest in these project areas to provide workshops for our 4-H youth. If interested in doing a workshop to help educate, please contact Jennifer at [myersj50@msu.edu](mailto:myersj50@msu.edu). Know someone who you think would be interested? Reach out to them about our need and let me know!



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Ezra S., Faith K., Shaylee W., Alexander B., Joelle S., Thomas W., Emma B., Lyle A., Rebel F., Sadie W., Lizzie E., Chad S., Ellaina M., Madox Z., Darcie M., and Janet S.!



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 4-H TERMINOLOGY WORD SEARCH

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Auction

Beef

Calf

Chicken

Clover

Cloverbuds

Clubs

Communication

Community

Crafts

Dairy

Ducks

Entrepreneurship

Exhibits

Fair

Foods

Friendships

Goats

Hands

Head

Health

Heart

Horses

Leadership

Life Skills

Photography

Poultry

Rabbits

Responsibility

Ribbons

Scrapbooking

Sewing

Sheep

Steer

Swine

Turkey

Volunteers

Woodworking

Youth



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Save the date for Michigan 4-H equine events



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, be sure to mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

- February 3-4: Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest
- March 18: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest
- April 15: Hairy Horse Show
- April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest
- August 18-20: State 4-H Horse Show

For more information on events, [www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](http://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information).

### January 10: Wild Spartans - Working Towards a Career as a Wildlife Biologist

*Online*

Meet Erin Johnston, wildlife biologist - wildlife and habitat section lead for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the Michigan Natural Resources Department. Learn about researching, managing and protecting species with cultural significance, as well as Johnston's field work, and the education and career path she followed.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023)

### January 14 – 15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference

*MSU Pavilion, Lansing*

This annual event is open to all judges, horse show managers and adult volunteers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference)

### January 16-20: 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

4-H members test their shooting sports and natural resources knowledge with peers across the nation. Registration should open around Jan. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl)

### January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

*MSU Pavilion, Lansing*

This one-day event is open to participants aged 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023)

### January 31: Adulting 101- International Conversations

*Online*

Join us for an engaging cultural conversation live and learn about another county. Gain new knowledge and ask questions that interest you with an international guest.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations)

### February 11: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

*Paw Paw Conservation Club, Paw Paw*

Interested in leading Hunting & Wildlife shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a Certified Instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes Feb. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 2023 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Make plans to join us for the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, February 12, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 3 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 1:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff for this annual event! Tickets will soon be available at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).



## Registration is now open for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest!

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields.

This event will be on February 18-19 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers, and participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay! Register now at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>.

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

*Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension.*

*Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.*

As we start to think ahead to 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.

