



Hillsdale

# 4-H Family News

January

As we transition into 2022, we see that events and programs are beginning to populate the 4-H calendar. There are more and more opportunities that are being offered. As we plan engaging learning experiences, it is also important to increase youth engagement and participation across the county. I believe that growth in participation occurs when our 4-H clubs are healthy and inviting. Let me share some ideas about authentic youth engagement.

**Don't try to do it all.** It is better to do a few things well instead of too many things with mediocrity. Select two or three things your club does really well and focus on those things.

**Recruit the right adults** to help as project leaders. Share the responsibility of leadership.

**Empower and equip youth** to create enjoyable experiences to which they will invite their friends. This invitational culture must seek to meet the needs of others as youth extend hospitality.

**Be strategic and intentional.** It is important to focus on the *Guiding Principles for Youth Development*. How can your club focus on these principles in the coming year?

Youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers.

Youth are physically and emotionally safe.

Youth are actively engaged in their own development.

Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in the learning process.

Youth develop skills that help them succeed.

Youth recognize, understand, and appreciate multiculturalism.

Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and leadership.

**Focus on the foundational element** of knowing and mentoring club members.

Positive, meaningful relationships should be cultivated among club members and with adults.

We are looking forward to a vibrant, healthy, and growing 2022. It is the year of re-engagement and re-connections.

Michael Crafts

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## Hillsdale County 4-H Community Club Highlight

Let us highlight your club in the next newsletter.

Reach out to Kayela Gimenez with club events and happenings.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3, 8:30 a.m.	MSU Extension Office Re-Open After Holiday Break
January 6, 7:00 p.m.	Large Animal Sale Committee Meeting
January 10, 7:00 p.m.	Junior Livestock Meeting
January 12, 6:00 p.m.	Horse Leaders Committee Meeting
January 13, 6:30 p.m.	Small Animal Sale Committee Meeting
January 14	Hillsdale County Fair Youth Premium Book Submissions Deadline
January 19, 7:00 p.m.	4-H Advisory Council Meeting
January 22, 10:00 a.m.	Super Science Saturday
January 25, 6:30 p.m.	Shooting Sports Leaders Committee Meeting
January 26, 7:00 p.m.	Hillsdale County 4-H Awards and Recognition Program
January 29	State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
February 3, 6:00 p.m.	Youth Division Fair Advisory Committee Meeting
February 4 – 5	Horse Judging Workshop & Practice Contest, MSU Pavilion
February 9, 6:00 p.m.	Horse Leaders Committee Meeting
February 12, 10:00 a.m.	Hillsdale County 4-H Club Officer Training
February 14, 7:00 p.m.	Junior Livestock Meeting
February 19, 10:00 a.m.	Super Science Saturday
February 19, 4:00 p.m.	Horse Leaders' Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
February 21, 7:00 p.m.	4-H Advisory Council Meeting
March 20 – 23	Capital Experience
March 26	The Basics: Protecting Your Equine Investment workshop
March 27	4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest, MSU Pavilion
April 2, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Jewelry Making Workshop
June 22 – 24	4-H Exploration Days
June 25 – July 1	Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
July 7	Pre-Fair Meeting
July 10	4-H State Horse Show Entry Deadline
July 23	State Shoot: Centerline, Calhoun County (tentative)
August 1	All Hillsdale County Fair 4-H Entries Due
August 19 - 21:	4-H State Horse Show, MSU Pavilion (entry due July 10)

*All meetings and events will take place at the Hillsdale County MSU Extension Office unless otherwise noted.*

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shift and change, we acknowledge the need to flex and adjust to protect the health and wellness of members, parents, and volunteers. Please rest assured that the MSU Extension staff, here in Hillsdale County, remain committed to serving you and working diligently to create engaging learning opportunities. Our office is open to serve you. As you connect with one another through 4-H club meetings and other volunteer-led events, we encourage all leaders and members to incorporate practices that protect one another. We also trust you to use discernment and discretion regarding your individual participation in the events that are currently being planned and promoted. You are invited to participate in events and activities through Hillsdale County 4-H as you feel comfortable. As we plan for the next several weeks, we are actively working to gain guidance regarding events and spaces on the MSU campus in East Lansing. Please watch for further communication. Current [MSU Extension Guidelines](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Hillsdale County Fair Premium Book Changes

All committees are expected to submit any changes for the 2022 Hillsdale County Fair Youth Division Premium book no later than January 14 to Michael Crafts ([craftsmi@msu.edu](mailto:craftsmi@msu.edu)). He will then submit changes to the Youth Division Fair Advisory Committee by February 1. It is wise to have most of your committee work done so that the process can move forward. YDFA will then present to the Hillsdale County Fair Board.

### Hillsdale County 4-H Council

Welcome the following officers to the Hillsdale County 4-H Council.

Kayela Gimenez, President

Chris Clabaugh, Vice President

Lisa Tinkey, Secretary

Jenny Leininger, Treasurer

The following are recognized as members of the 4-H Council

Lisa Tinkey

Kayela Gimenez

Chris Clabaugh

MeLissa Clabaugh

Jenny Leininger

Emersyn Leininger

Brody Tinkey

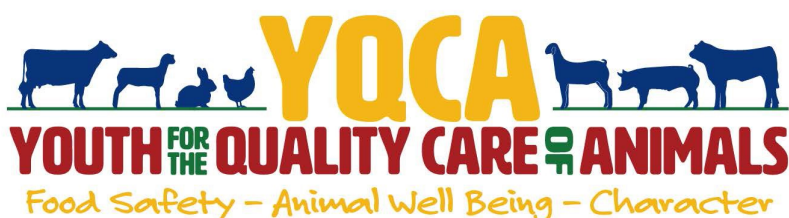
Victoria Brown



The 4-H Council is currently seeking new members! The 4-H Council meets once a month. Their role is to help build and support the Hillsdale County 4-H Program. Your input and ideas are needed. Contact any of the current 4-H Council members or Michael Crafts at the Extension Office, or simply attend an upcoming 4-H Council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for, January 19 at 7:00 p.m., at the Hillsdale County MSU Extension Office.

### YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness. It is a requirement for exhibitors of swine at the Hillsdale County Fair. Michael Crafts is seeking certification to lead face to face instruction for YQCA right here in Hillsdale County for youth ages 7- 18. Watch for the dates of these 60 – 80 minute workshops and how to register online.



### 4-H Capital Experience

[4-H Capitol Experience](#) is tentatively scheduled for March 20-23, 2022, at Okemos Conference Center. The organizing committee is hoping to open registration in early January. Registration (and paid in full) deadline is **February 13**. There is limited enrollment of 56 students state-wide.

### 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

[4-H Citizenship Washington Focus](#), (CWF) is June 25-July 1. Details are pending. Watch for more information.

### Jewelry Workshop

Mark your calendar! Learn how to create gorgeous one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces using resin.

**On Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Alex Schweda, the general superintendent for the non-livestock projects, will lead a workshop at the MSU Extension conference room. Participants will explore their inner creativity as they apply the skills learned during the workshop.

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### Graduating Seniors

We want to honor our graduating seniors and highlight them in a spring edition of the newsletter. Please click on this [survey](#) link to provide requested information. Also, send a picture to Laura Miller at [lmiller@msu.edu](mailto:lmiller@msu.edu) before March 1, 2022.



### Save the Date Horse Events

February 4-5: Horse Judging Workshop & Practice Contest, MSU Pavilion  
March 27: 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest, MSU Pavilion  
August 19-21: 4-H State Horse Show, MSU Pavilion (entry deadline of July 10, 2022)  
Coggins testing: April 2022 with Dr. Hammer (specific date to be determined)



### Re-Enrollment

Before the holiday break, we had 275 participants enrolled in Hillsdale County 4-H. This is significantly above the pace of previous years. We acknowledge that many club members wait to re-enroll until after the first of the year. If you haven't re-enrolled yet, now is the time. All returning leaders and members should re-enroll in 4-H Online 2.0 - <http://v2.4honline.com/>. Also, all 4-H leaders should ensure that their annual background check is up to date. Remember that 4-H Online and Volunteer Central are two separate systems. Leaders should be sure updated information is in both systems.

### Reinvigorate Your 4-H Club

Considering investing in this [online learning experience](#) created for youth (including teen leaders and 4-H Club Officers) and adult volunteers. Each module includes a series of tips, resources, and activities to help make operating your 4-H club "EZ". The goal is to share promising practices of organizing a 4-H Club that youth and adult volunteers can implement together.

### 4-H Officers' Training

Do you want to lead well? What is Parliamentary Procedure? How do you run a club meeting, so people don't get bored? We will be providing 4-H Officer Training on February 12 from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. This training is open to all ages 8 and up! We encourage everyone serving as an officer or desiring to be one in the future to attend this fun and engaging training. You will learn communication and collaborative skills that are applicable to everyday life.

*Spaghetti Dinner  
and  
Silent Auction*

*February 19, 2022  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Waldron Area School's Cafeteria*

*All proceeds to benefit youth involved  
in the Hillsdale County 4-H Horse Project*



## WORKSHOP AND EVENTS

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### Super Science Saturday – Galactic Quest

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Location: Hillsdale County MSU Extension, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale, MI 49242

Contact: Insa Raymond, Extension Educator, [raymon65@msu.edu](mailto:raymon65@msu.edu)

Join us at the Super Science Saturday - Galactic Quest workshop and explore the mysteries and adventures of space exploration with us! This workshop is based on the National 4-H STEM Challenge - Galactic Quest. You will learn how telescopes have been used to explore space and build your own telescope. You will also engineer a mechanical arm that works to harvest crops in space.

This workshop is open to all youth age 8 and up.

#### Register

You must register for the event by January 15, 2022, by calling the Hillsdale County MSU Extension Office at 517-439-9301, or by emailing Insa Raymond at [raymon65@msu.edu](mailto:raymon65@msu.edu)



### State Skillathon 2022

It's Back. Skillathon 2022 registration opens in January! **What is the Skillathon?** A comprehensive test of your knowledge about all things agriculture, especially livestock! Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and management in 10 different Market Livestock Categories.



Contestants have two options to qualify for the State Championship.

First Qualifier – March 5, 2022

Second Qualifier – March 12, 2022

#### Age divisions\*:

Novice (8-11 years)

Junior (12-14 years)

Senior (15-19 years)

Adult (20+)

- Youth contestants must be 8, but not yet 19, before January 1, 2022.

There is no registration cost.

#### Note

This workshop will be an in person event. There will be plenty room for social distancing. Mask wearing is a requirement.

### State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 29, 2022, at the MSU Pavilion (4301 Farm Lane) in East 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. Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome. Additional educational competitive opportunities: breed identification contest, educational poster, photography. Check out the [web-site](#).



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### State Youth Leadership Council

We congratulate the following Hillsdale County youth who are representing Michigan 4-H on the [State Youth Leadership Council](#) during the upcoming 2022 year: **Victoria Brown, Joscelyn Layman, and Daisy Rodgers.**



### 4-H State Awards Process and Trainings:

A 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member. 4-H State Award winners become part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in learning, leadership, and service.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program provides 4-H members a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio similar to a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement. The application process will help youth build their skills in communication, literacy, record keeping, and marketability. The application will require youth to reflect on their past 4-H experiences and provide thoughtful responses. 4-H State Awards recognize youth for their engagement and learning in the 4-H program, focusing on the skills they have gained. Once completed, a 4-H State Awards portfolio may be a useful tool that can be referenced when completing future job, college, or scholarship applications.

Have you ever thought about applying for a 4-H State Award but you just do not know where to start or maybe you have submitted an application in the past but you need suggestions on your cover letter or resume? Consider joining a virtual training. Each training will start at the stated time, there will be a short video played around that topic and then staff will stay on to answer specific questions. Training begins January 19. Registration is required, registration will stay open through each event. Check out the [website](#).

### Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish.

The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

1/4/22: Positive Discipline

1/11/22: The Resilience Toolbox

1/18/22: ABC's of Early Literacy

1/25/22: Talking With Kids About Race

Class Times: 8:00PM to 9:30PM

Registration: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gYeHtwokSDKUtD-Y7ynA0w](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gYeHtwokSDKUtD-Y7ynA0w)

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)



### Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent.

Certificates of attendance are available.

- Class Dates: January 6<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Class Times: 1:00PM to 2:30PM EST
- Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/GuidingPrinciplesJanuary2022/>
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

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### Shooting Sports News

SAVE THE DATE! National 4-H Quiz Bowl! Michigan teams should assemble to compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country! Get your teams together and begin practicing! Registration details and study guide available January 1, 2022 at from National 4-H Shooting Sports. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### Recertification Update

February 28, 2022: [2021 Instructor Certifications](#) has been extended to February 28, 2022.

### Workshops

January 8, 2022: [Train-the-Trainer Event](#). Shootings Sports Instructors with 3+ years' experience are invited to apply to become trainers to facilitate workshops for teen and adult volunteers.

January 22, 2022: Archery Instructor Certification, Level 1. (Wisconsin). Limited capacity.

Winter TBD: Coordinator Discipline, Level 1 Online Certification Workshop. This course will train administrative leaders and staff how to best support shooting sports projects at the local and state level. Team-taught with North Central Region 4-H state programs.

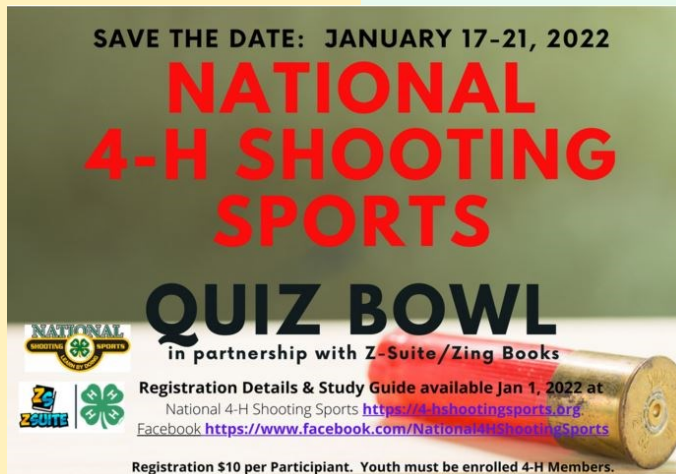
April 9, 2022: [Instructor Certification Event](#). DNR RAM Center at Higgins Lake State Park. One-day training event offered for Rifle, Archery, Hunting & Wildlife, Shotgun, Project WILD/PLT, and First Aid/CPR. Will require gold volunteer status and prior viewing of required online content.

April 10, 2022: (*Tentative*) Instructor Certification Event. DNR RAM Center at Higgins Lake State Park. One-day training event offered for Rifle, Archery, Hunting & Wildlife, and Shotgun. Will require gold volunteer status and prior viewing of required online content.

### Tournaments

Mail-In Match: watch for the return of this event, in a similar format to the Fall 2021 event.

July 23, 2022: State Shoot: Centerline, Calhoun County. *TENTATIVE - SAVE THE DATE*



SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 17-21, 2022

# NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS QUIZ BOWL

in partnership with Z-Suite/Zing Books

Registration Details & Study Guide available Jan 1, 2022 at National 4-H Shooting Sports <https://4-hshootingsports.org>  
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports>

Registration \$10 per Participant. Youth must be enrolled 4-H Members.

### Livestock Showmanship Clinic

A Large Animal Showmanship Clinic is tentatively being planned June 18 at the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds. The workshop will provide training on how youth should prepare themselves, and their animal in advance of the fair. Experts will provide tips on how to best prepare for and



perform for Show Day. It is an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to learn about and/or expand their knowledge of sheep, beef, and swine. Principles of animal selection, health / nutrition, showmanship, and management will be addressed.

**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR 4-H CAPITOL  
EXPERIENCE!**



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience) for more information.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 4: Cross Country Skiing

*Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon*

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

### January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

### January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

*Zoom Webinar*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

### January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

*Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1*

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

### January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

*Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing*

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

### January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

*Online*

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*MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing*

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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.



## Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!**

**MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H**



Feb. 27, 2022

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

## 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.

Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more 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).

