

MSUE welcomes new Extension livestock educator to the Children and Youth Institute

EAST LANSING, Mich. – [The Michigan State University Extension](#) Children and Youth Institute has announced that Julie Thelen will be the new Extension educator for the 4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science Youth Program. Starting June 10, Thelen will be working with various faculty and staff members, 4-H volunteers and stakeholders to implement and evaluate programs that provide opportunities for youth to develop content knowledge and life skills.



“I am pleased that we have been able to fill this very important position in our 4-H program support efforts,” said MSUE Children and Youth Institute director Julie Chapin. “With the addition of Julie Thelen we have taken a big step in rebuilding our capacity to support 4-H livestock and veterinary science programming across the state and strengthening our partnership with the MSU Department of Animal Science, the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and the various industry groups that support our work across the state.”

Julie Thelen brings a strong background in animal science and teaching and years of experience to this position including 4-H leadership and a plethora of animal science based activities, awards and membership. A Michigan State University graduate with degrees in agriscience education and animal science and a teaching certificate, Thelen will also receive a master’s degree in agricultural education this May from Iowa State University. She is a former member of the State 4-H Livestock Programming Committee and continues her involvement with 4-H as a leader and volunteer.

“Having a great passion for agriculture, it is my intention not only to be an innovative educator but also to evaluate and continue to improve animal and veterinary science programs,” Thelen said.

For more information on MSU Extension and 4-H livestock and veterinary science youth programming, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h_youth.

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