



JUNE 2024

4-H Family News

Clinton County



I hope you are all as excited as I am for this summer!

Fair planning is in full swing. Registration is open for fair and fair jobs from June 1st to July 1st. Be sure to get yours in. Why wait?

So much is happening in the short weeks ahead with planning, trips, projects, and all things summer. Please, read this newsletter and check your email often. We are sending a lot of direct emails for things that are project specific or age and program-specific.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions!!

Enjoy!

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Fair may look a little different this year!

Due to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) the Michigan Department of Rural Development (MDARD) has issued an order that states:

- No poultry and waterfowl exhibitions in Michigan until the state goes 30 days without a new detection of HPAI in domestic poultry.
- They are prohibiting the exhibition of all lactating dairy cattle, and those in the last two months of pregnancy until the State of Michigan goes 60 days without a new detection of HPAI in dairy cattle.
- No cattle of any age from premises infected with HPAI may be exhibited until further notice.

Unfortunately, we have met the 60-day mark and will not have any lactating or late-pregnancy cattle. The next few weeks will tell what Dairy will look like at the fair.

There is still hope for poultry! We must be free of new poultry cases of HPAI from June 27th to exhibit poultry at our fair.

While this may disappoint some of our 4-H families, we have demonstrated that alternative activities can provide youth with meaningful learning experiences at shows and exhibitions while helping keep Michigan's domestic food animals safe. We have a committed group of volunteers working together to ensure we have alternative activities for 4-H'ers to showcase their knowledge.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

IMPORTANT

DATES & DEADLINES

- ❖ June 1st Fair Entry Opens
- ❖ 4-H Basket Weaving Classes all through the month of June & July
- ❖ June 29th 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament for Muzzleloading, BB, .22, Pellet and Trap at Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club
- ❖ June 30th 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament for Archery at Thorny Acres Sportsman's Club
- ❖ June 21st Teen Superintendent Applications Due
- ❖ June 28th Scholarship Applications Due
- ❖ July 1st Fair Entry and Fair Job Sign-Ups are Due
- ❖ July 15th -19th Stall Reservations Taken at the Clinton County MSU Extension Office
- ❖ July 20th Fair Set-Up

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY TOURNAMENT

This year's Clinton County 4-H Tournament for Rifle will be held on July 29th at the Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club (North of St. Johns) starting at 8 am. The 4-H Archery County Tournament will be held June 30th at Thorny Acres Sportsman's Club beginning at 9 am. Shooting Sports Instructors will distribute registration forms. Forms with signatures and payment are due by June 21st in the MSU Clinton County Extension Office.



BASKET WEAVING CLASSES

Sharon McElroy will be holding Basket Weaving Classes in June and July! For more information click this [LINK](#) or contact Sharon at (517)388-4938.

Dates:

- June 13, 24, 25
- July 2, 8, 9



ADULTS PLANNING TO VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

All adults planning to work a Fair job or help with any 4-H youth program must be either a Gold or Silver Volunteer.

- Gold- For volunteers who will be working directly with kids regularly or if you will be handling money. Includes a background check, 3 references, an interview, and online pieces of training.
- Silver- For volunteers that plan to work a fair job, work with registration, hand out ribbons, or work a gate at 4-H events. This volunteer type will run your background check.

[APPLY HERE!!](#)

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION





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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

If you are a newly graduated Senior or entering your 2nd year of college, here are a few great opportunities to earn a scholarship! These applications are to be completed by June 28th, 2024. Click on each scholarship to be taken to the application. Scholarship award winners will be announced at the 2024 Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair Awards Program.

- [Sleight Memorial Scholarship](#) This competitive scholarship offers \$1000 to a student attending MSU.
- [Clinton County 4-H Scholarship](#) This competitive scholarship is for newly graduated seniors, offering \$1000 toward a 2- or 4-year degree.
- [Clinton County Fair Board Scholarship](#) This competitive scholarship is for college students entering their second year of college, offering a chance at two (2) \$500 one-time scholarships; one to a recipient enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program, and the second to a recipient in a vocational training or certification program.

2024 CLINTON COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR SIGN UP

ITS TIME TO SIGN UP FOR FAIR!!! Log in to Fair Entry using your 4-H Online account information and register for this year's Fair. Registration is open June 1st through July 1st

[Click here for Fair Entry Sign-up](#)

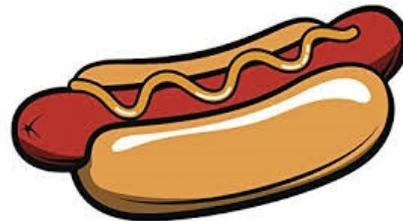
During your Fair Entry signup please complete the [Animal Care Form](#), if you are planning to exhibit any animals.



FAIR FOOD CHARGE ACCOUNTS

Registration for Food Stand and Snack Shack charge accounts is open now through July 1st.

[Register Here!!](#)



2024 Fair Book

Click to View



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

All information, links, and forms can be found on the Clinton County MSU Extension Website under the General 4-H Page and the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair Page [CLICK HERE](#)

2024 4-H &
Fair Resources



FAIR JOBS

If you have not signed up for a Fair Job, there are still slots to fill. We ask that all youth and an adult from each family volunteer for a fair job. Without wonderful volunteers helping to fill the jobs during fair week we would not be able to have a successful Fair. Remember that if you are an adult volunteering for a fair job, you must be a registered volunteer.

[Click here for Fair Job Sign Up](#)

FAIR SET UP

Fair setup will take place Saturday, July 20th, starting at 9 am and running until everything has been completed. Many hands make light work! With your help, we plan to be done by 1 pm.

STALL DEPOSITS

Stall deposits can be paid July 15th- 19th at the Clinton County MSU Extension Office in the Garden Level of the Clinton County Courthouse between 9 am and 4 pm. They may also be paid at the Fair Office (on the Clinton County 4-H Fairgrounds) at Livestock set up on Saturday, July 20th, from 10 am – 12 noon, other times are available by appointment.

- Remember we arrange space for animals based on the space reserved. Failure to reserve stall space by the deadline will result in a non-refundable \$50.00 fee.
- Members must have their stall card before bringing animals in on Saturday.

CLINTON COUNTY STATE HORSE SHOW DELEGATE APPLICATION

Clinton County 4-H Horse members who are 13-19 years old as of January 1st, 2024, and would like to apply to be a delegate at the State Horse show can find the application [HERE](#).



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

**4-H and
FFA
Livestock
Judging
State
Contest**

**Wednesday,
June 26**



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Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024. Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County
- Jordan Davis, Berrien County
- Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County
- Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County
- Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County
- Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County
- Molly Lake, Gratiot County
- Alice Long, Washtenaw County
- Sophia Mason, Monroe County
- Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County
- Natalie Milford Chippewa County
- Emma Rasch, Kent County
- Kylie Smith, Ionia County
- Sydney Specht, Saginaw County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

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

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl

