



JUNE 2023

4-H Family News

Clinton County



Hello Clinton County 4-H Families,

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? Go ahead and do it today in case there is any questions.

There is so much 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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ATTENTION! UPCOMING COUNTY DATES!

- ❖ 4-H Basket Weaving Classes all through the month of June & July
- ❖ June 14 Swine Workshop by Victor 4-H
- ❖ June 15 Cattle Workshop by Victor 4-H
- ❖ June 21 Sheep & Goat Workshop by Victor 4-H
- ❖ July 1st Fair Entry, Scholarship Applications and Fair Job Sign-Ups are Due
- ❖ July 15 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament for Muzzleloading, BB, .22, Pellet and Trap at Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club
- ❖ July 16 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament for Archery at Thorny Acres Sportsman's Club
- ❖ July 22 Fair Set Up

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS



**VOLUNTEER
APPLICATION**



BASKET WEAVING CLASSES

Sharon McElroy will be holding Basket Weaving Classes all this month through next month! For more information click this [LINK](#) or contact Sharon at (517)388-4938

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY TOURNAMENT

This years Clinton County 4-H County Tournament for firearms will be held on July 15th at the Sleepy Hollow Conservation Club (North of St. Johns) starting at 8am. The 4-H Archery County Tournament will be held June 16th at Thorny Acres Sportsman's Club starting at 9am.

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 that will be working directly with kids on a regular basis or if you will be handling money. Includes a background check, 3 references, interview and online trainings.
- 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!!](#)

**VIEW THE 2023 CLINTON COUNTY
FAIR BOOK HERE!!**



CLINTON COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION

2023 FAIR RESOURCES



FAIR ENTRY



FAIR CHARGE



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 July 1st, 2023. Contact the Extension Office for an Application.

- **Sleight Memorial Scholarship** This scholarship offers \$1000 to a student attending MSU.
- **Clinton County 4-H Scholarship** This is for all the newly graduated seniors, offering \$1000 toward a 2- or 4-year degree.
- **Clinton County Fair Board Scholarship** This is for all 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.

2023 CLINTON COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR SIGN UP

SIGN-UP IS NOW OPEN!!! Log in to Fair Entry using your 4-H Online account information and register for this year's Fair. Registration is open 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!!](#)



CLINTON COUNTY 4-H INFORMATION

FAIR JOBS



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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 22nd, 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 10th- 14th 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 22nd, from 10 am – 12 noon, other times are available by appointment.

* **NEW THIS YEAR** - we will be doing stall reservations through the Fair Entry process, please answer these questions as to how many stalls are needed. This question may be asked multiple times depending on how many entries are in each division. You only need to answer it once. If you answer this question multiple times, we will be able to weed them out. 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.

ANIMAL WORKSHOPS

Clinton County 4-H Members are invited to join Victor 4-H as they host multiple Animal Workshops that will help members with showmanship and preparation for show day at Fair. Please RSVP for these events at <https://bit.ly/4-HAnimalWorkshops> or by calling the Clinton County MSU Extension Office at 989-224-5240.

Animal Workshops Hosted by Victor 4-H

Swine

June 14th at 6 pm

Cattle

June 15th at 6 pm

Sheep & Goat

June 21st at 6 pm

ANIMAL WORKSHOP





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 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 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

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!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.