



MAY 2023

4-H Family News

GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



WELCOME TO MAY!

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to the summer season! We had a great month of April with several county-wide workshops (re-caps on p. 3) and a lot of club engagement (updates on p. 5). May will be another busy month. If you are planning on showing at the GCFFY, watch for registration deadlines. Many projects must be in FairEntry by the 15th of this month.

4-H council has been busy planning radio ads, graduate recognition, and another education class (details on p. 4). There are also many state-wide events coming up. Check out pages 6-9 and follow us on social media for the latest updates.

For those that haven't heard, May will be my last month with you. I have made the difficult decision to resign from my current role as 4-H PC, and my last day will be Friday, May 26th. I have enjoyed working with you all over the past 11 months; 4-H will always hold a special place in my heart. If there is anything I can help you with during this transition period, please don't hesitate to reach out. I wish you all the very best moving forward!

Sincerely,
Stacey Woggon
4-H Program Coordinator

Make sure your 4-H enrollment is current!

A reminder that 4-H Online is our official enrollment system. Anyone participating in a 4-H club MUST be enrolled for the current (2022-2023) program year. Admin leaders, please check your rosters and ensure all members are properly enrolled. Anyone still needing to enroll can do so at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Please reach out to the Extension Office if you have any questions or need assistance enrolling.



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Spring Paper Clover Campaign.....April 26-May 7, TSC Stores
- GCFFY 75th Anniversary Meeting.....May 4, 2023 @ 6pm, Fair Office
- GCFFY Fair Board Meeting.....May 4, 2023 @ 7pm, Fair Office
- Horse Developmental Horse Camp/Open ShowMay 12-14, 2023, Fairgrounds
- Circle B Bake SaleMay 13, 2023 @ 9am-2pm, Family Farm & Home
- GCFFY Registration Deadline.....May 15, 2023, FairEntry
*Dairy, Dog, Horse, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Market Goat, and PeeWee Animal Declaration
- 4-H Council Meeting.....May 22, 2023 @ 7pm, Extension Office
*Meeting is a week early due to Memorial Day. Council typically meets the last Monday of the month.
- Stacey’s Last DayMay 26, 2023
- Memorial Day – Extension Office ClosedMay 29, 2023
- GCFFY Fair Board Meeting.....June 1, 2023 @ 7pm, Fair Office
- 4-H Council Education Series.....June 10, 2023, TBA

GCFFY UPDATES

While the GCFFY is not a MSU Extension/4-H sponsored event, this information is of interest to many in our 4-H community.

- Hannah Reeves has started as the new fair coordinator. Help us give her a warm welcome! Her office hours are Monday – Friday from 8am-3:30pm.
- May is a big month for fair registration! Make sure to register your dairy, dog, horse, market sheep, market swine, market goat, and peewee animal projects in FairEntry by May 15th.
- Ear tags are available at both the Fair Office and the MSU Extension Office for \$3

Please contact the GCFFY directly at info@gcffy.org or 989-466- 5071 for any fair related questions.

Scholarships Available

As you are registering for summer events, don't forget that the Gratiot County 4-H Council provides scholarships! Active 4-H members can receive 50% up to \$250 to offset the cost of a county or state event and 50% up to \$500 to offset the cost of a national event. Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from our website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/gratiot/uploads/files/scholarship%20application%202023.pdf>





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Creative Arts Sampler Re-Cap



Thank you to everyone who join us for the Gratiot County 4-H creative arts sampler on April 15th. Participants had a great time learning quilling, glass etching, and can embossing.

Swine Day Re-Cap

Gratiot County Youth Swine Day returned for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic! Thank you to everyone who joined us on April 29th. A special shout out to MSU Extension's swine educator, Casey Zangaro, for spearheading this event.

We'd also like to thank the following individuals and business for their contributions:

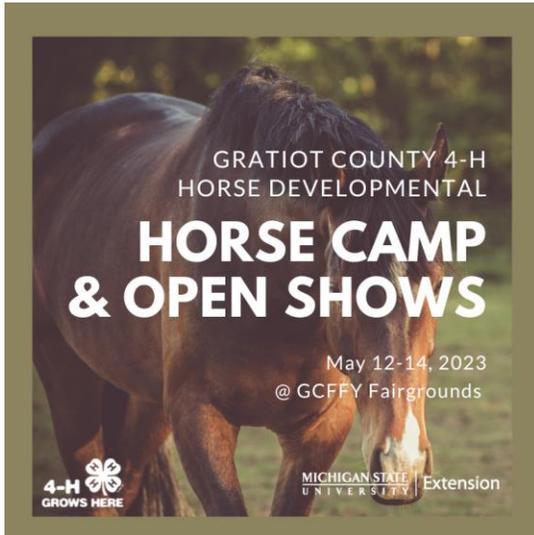
- Kapre Filhart (pig selection speaker)
- Lauren Gorsuch, Mason Jolliff, and Abigail Redman (youth panel)
- GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- Farm Bureau
- Tractor Supply Company
- Gratiot County 4-H Council
- Gratiot County Fair for Youth





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Horse Developmental Updates



Horse camp is Friday May 12th from 6-8pm and Saturday, May 13th from 8:30am-4pm at the GCFY Fairgrounds. Camp is open to all Gratiot County exhibitors ages 5-19. Friday night sessions will focus on gymkhana and Saturday sessions will focus on showmanship, horsemanship, and record books.

Open speed show is Saturday, May 13th. Registration begins at 5pm and the show starts at 6pm.

Open pleasure show is Sunday, May 14th. Registration begins at 8am and the show starts at 9am.

For more information and to download showbills, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/gratiot/gratiot_county_4_h/horse-camp-and-open-shows

4-H Council Updates

Next Meeting: The next council meeting date was changed to May 22, 2023. Meetings are normally the last Monday of the month, but due to Memorial Day council will meet a week early this month. Meetings begin at 7pm, and we are offering a hylflex option – join in person at the Extension Office or via Zoom. All are welcome!



Education Series: The 4-H council education committee is working on planning another class. Mark your calendars for June 10, 2023. The topic will be around horticulture. Additional details and sign-up will be forthcoming!

4-Her's of the Week: The Gratiot County 4-H Council has again teamed up with WMLM to feature 4-H members on the radio leading up to the fair. Interviews will air May 1st through July 21st. Tune into 105.9FM or 1520AM to hear from this year's winners. The 4-Her's being featured include Kali Gorsuch, Miranda Bloomquist, Aubree Reisterer, Molly Lake, Anna Gardner, Aidan Jorae, Olivia Stoneman, Brayden Bonga, Gerreck McKenzie, Alyssa McPherson, Kylee Anderson, and Lauren Bailey.



4-H Graduating Seniors: The 4-H council will again be recognizing our graduating seniors. Active 4-H members who have been in 4-H for 4+ years will be presented with a certificate and a green and white 4-H honor cord at their high school's senior night. Help us in congratulating this year's graduates: Parks Allen, Julie Becker, Marissa Bloomquist, Benjamin Cary, Emilee Fish, Michael Fox, Lauren Gorsuch, Calista Goward, Shayla Jolliff, Emily Lewis, Jeffrey Lombard, Abigail Redman, Phoenix Shaw, Grace Stoneman, and Ryan Wolfgang.



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New Social Media

Don't forget to follow our new Facebook page "Gratiot County 4-H MSU Extension" for the latest updates and reminders!



Club Updates

- **Gratiot County Livestock 4-H Club** had two teams of members participate in the livestock judging contest at the Michigan Beef Expo last month. They finished 1st and 3rd overall!
- **Gratiot County Lucky Stars 4-H Club** put their hands to larger service and cleaned up the covered arena at the GCFFY fairgrounds.
- **Critters & Crafts 4-H Club** had a cake decorating demonstration at their April meeting.
- Several clubs (including **Somethin' Special**, **Critters & Crafts**, and **Gratiot County 4-H Exchange**) teamed up to do a yard clean-up for a senior resident in the community.
- **Circle B 4-H Club** will be having a bake sale on May 13th from 9am-2pm at Family Farm & Home. Stop on by for some delicious treats!
- **Wags & Wiggles 4-H Club** will be resuming dog practices after Memorial Day. If you are interested in showing dogs this year, join their Facebook group and connect with leader Nicole Gorsuch.

Remember to send in your club updates and event photos to be featured in our newsletter and on social media!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign!



T tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

May 6: Michigan 4-H Day with the Great Lakes Loons

Dow Diamond, Midland

Watch the Great Lakes Loons take on the Quad Cities River Bandits. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.

https://fevo.me/loons_4h_day

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program

Lake Lansing, Haslett

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knotting, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes May 22.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 17: Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Michigan 4-H goat members and volunteers are invited to attend the State 4-H Goat Show. Registration will open in early May.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show>





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Children's Day Celebration

Join Michigan & Kentucky 4-H and Japanese partners from Western Michigan University, University of Central Oklahoma, Mayville State University, Western Carolina University, West Liberty University, University of Nebraska, and Delta State University, along with the Japan Outreach Initiative, the Japan/American Society of Kentucky, and the Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures and Educational Center for a virtual online learning opportunity to celebrate Japanese Golden Week Children's Day!

Everyone is Welcome! Register at <https://forms.gle/DVJdphGerIWgWub9>

Helping with Rainbow Hands Meet & Greet

On May 3rd at 6:30 PM, join MI 4-H members from the Helping with Rainbow Hands club & 4-H staff from the LGBTQIA+ Advocacy Team to learn more about the work they've been doing around LGBTQIA+ inclusion in MI 4-H. This Rainbow Spartan session is open to youth interested in starting their own Helping with Rainbow Hands 4-H club, adults who are interested in supporting those youth & 4-H staff from across the country who are interested in learning how to implement some of our learnings into their work! Register here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-hwrh/rainbow-spartans>

Livestock Judging Camp

Looking to sharpen your livestock judging skills? Join us for the NEW Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp on Saturday, June 3rd at the Ionia County Fairgrounds. The camp is open to all youth ages 8-19 and their coaches. Find all the details, including the event flyer and registration, here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp>



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Michigan 4-H Dog Program Updates

A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores. Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt. Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.



"Break, walk it, target, tunnel, go weave!" "GOOD dog!!!" The Agility Workshop is now open for registration. This workshop will be held Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club. Please note that there are two different sessions. Morning (9am-12pm) is for beginners, afternoon (1-4pm) is for advanced. Dogs **MUST** be able to work off-leash and have a recall. Space is limited to 20 beginner spots, and 20 advanced spots. Cost is \$35.00. Youth and their canine partners will be working at four different stations: contacts, weaves, tunnels and jumps. For more information and to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/AgilityJune2023/>

4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour

Registration is open for the 4-H/MMPA Milk Marketing Tour! Youth ages 15-18 (as of January 1, 2023) with a keen interest in dairy are invited to attend the tour, held at MMPA Headquarters in Novi, MI June 13-14. This event is free thanks to the generous support of Michigan Milk Producers Association.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/20234HMMPATour/>



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Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

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