



OCTOBER 2022

4-H Family News

GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



HAPPY NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

I hope everyone's fall is off to a great start! Here at the office, we are busy doing annual reporting and re-enrollment. Make sure to enroll in 4-H Online (details below) and complete any outstanding volunteer requirements (see page 3 for details) as soon as possible.

This first week in October is National 4-H Week! Check out our social media pages for spotlights and stop by TSC to purchase a paper clover. There is also a statewide photo/video contest happening – see page 6 to learn more.

I look forward to seeing many of you and celebrating your accomplishments from this past year at the Gratiot County 4-H awards banquet on October 23rd. If you were nominated for an award, be sure to watch for your invitation and RSVP.

There are also several exciting statewide youth leadership opportunities coming up, as well as scholarships up for grabs this fall – check out pages 6 and 7 for more information. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to the office if you have any questions!

ENROLL IN 4-H FOR THE 2022-23 PROGRAM YEAR!

Everyone must re-enroll in 4-H Online each program year. We just began the 2022-23 4-H program year in September. If you did not enroll in September, please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/> to complete your enrollment now. Returning members will choose the "enroll now" link from the family member list. New members will need to create a family profile before enrolling. For further details, including step-by-step instructions and video tutorials, please visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- GCFFY Fair Board MeetingOctober 6, 2022 @ 7pm, Fair Office
- Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training.....October 11, 2022 @ 12pm, Zoom
- Annual Club Paperwork DueOctober 12, 2022
- 4-H Council Election – Ballots DueOctober 17, 2022
- Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training.....October 19, 2022 @ 5:30pm, Zoom
- Gratiot County 4-H Awards BanquetOctober 23, 2022 @ 2pm, Pins
- 4-H Council Meeting.....October 23, 2022 following awards, Pins
- Horse Developmental Committee MeetingNov. 1, 2022 @ 7pm, Fair Office
- 4-H Council Education Series – Holiday Gnomes.....Nov. 6, 2022 @ 2pm, Extension Office

4-H COUNCIL UPDATES

Election:

The 2022 Gratiot County 4-H Council election is going on now. Gold Volunteers and teen leaders who are eligible to vote were emailed a link to their ballot on September 27th. All votes must be cast no later than October 17th to be counted in this election.

We looking forward to welcoming new council members this fall!

Awards Banquet:

Thank you to everyone who made a nomination for 2022 Gratiot County 4-H awards!

The awards banquet is scheduled for October 23rd, 2pm at Pins in Ithaca. Award winners will be receiving a postcard and email invite later this week. Please RSVP no later than October 17th if you plan on attending the banquet. We look forward to recognizing everyone’s achievements from the 2021-22 program year!

Education Series:

The 4-H council will be resuming their education series in November! Mark your calendars for November 6th at 2pm for a holiday gnome crafting class. Additional details and registration information will be released soon.

Reminders for Leaders

Annual club paperwork is due October 12, 2022

- Make sure to submit your club registration form and annual financial summary report to the Extension Office

All club members and volunteers must be enrolled in 4-H Online to participate in 4-H this year

- See information on how to re-enroll in 4-H Online on page 1 of this newsletter

Make sure all of your trainings are up-to-date in Volunteer Central

- Child Abuse Reporting protocol training must be completed by December 31, 2022 to remain active Gold (see details on page 3)

Remember to submit your fundraiser and activity request forms 10 days in advance

- Non-approved activities/fundraisers cannot use the 4-H name or emblem and are not covered under MSU’s Indemnification policy





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VOLUNTEER UPDATES

The process for current volunteers is changing:

- You do NOT have to re-authorize your background check. Annual background checks will be run automatically during your birth month. You will receive an automated email on the 15th of the month prior. If none of your information has changed, you do not need to do anything further. Please update any information that has changed prior to your birth month. If you are resigning and the background check does not need to be run, please contact the office so that we can mark you as resigned and shut off this process.
- You also do NOT have to renew the Code of Conduct every year. On occasion, the Code of Conduct is updated and if this occurs you will be given a 3-month window to review and sign the new version.
- Remember – Gold Volunteers MUST complete the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol training by December 31st to stay active. You can complete this module anytime in Volunteer Central or attend one of the following trainings on Zoom.
 - Tuesday, October 11th @ 12 noon
 - <https://msu.zoom.us/j/96180920080>
 - Meeting ID: 961 8092 0080, Passcode: 234573
 - Wednesday, October 19th @ 5:30pm
 - <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95859211312>
 - Meeting ID: 958 5921 1312, Passcode: 897156

Interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer?

- Learn more about the volunteer selection process and start your application at the link below
 - <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/completing-an-application>
 - Contact the Extension Office at 989-875-5233 for additional details

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SEPTEMBER OUTREACH



We are always looking to promote 4-H in Gratiot County! During September, we participated in the Downtown Alma Fall Lamp Post Decorating. We also had a 4-H booth at the Alma Alive event on September 10th. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!

If you are aware of any community events that 4-H might be able to participate in, please contact Stacey at woggonst@msu.edu. If your club is interested in doing outreach events, the Extension Office can help provide brochures and other display materials.



FALL LEADER UPDATE RECAP



Thank you to the club leaders and volunteers who attended our Fall Leader Update meetings on September 15th and 17th. We greatly appreciate your time and input brainstorming for the coming year. Individual appointments are being scheduled and club folders are available for pick-up at the Extension Office for clubs that were unable to attend. Remember that annual paperwork must be turned in no later than October 12th. Contact Stacey ASAP at woggonst@msu.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

CONGRATS JOAN – SERVICE AWARD

A big congratulations to Gratiot County MSU Extension office manager Joan Taylor! Joan won a meritorious service award at the 2022 Fall Extension Conference for her extra work in helping keep the 4-H program running between coordinators. Thank you, Joan – we appreciate you!!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 5-16TH 2022

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



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 at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 5-16.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 3-24: Adulting 101 Webinar Series

Webinar

Michigan State University Extension's FREE Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently. Join us every Monday during October 3-24, 2022, 6-7 p.m. Eastern Time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22>

October 7: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

October 11: Wild Spartans Series

Webinar

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a leap into wetlands and riparian areas and climb to the high desert grasslands to take a closer look at plant biodiversity.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-october-2022>

November 11-13: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Center, Roscommon, MI

Join this popular overnight 4-H workshop with sessions in sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, art of cooking, photography, poetry, music, folk art, and much more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-creative-arts-celebrate>





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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Michigan 4-H Photo/Video Contest

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a photo/video contest to help celebrate National 4-H Week – October 2-9, 2022!

We are asking 4-H volunteers, youth and alumni to share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H.”

Contest Details

- Contestants will share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H” on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok including the hashtag #iloveMI4H. (Make sure the post is public.)
- For members of the Michigan 4-H community without social media access, submissions may also be sent by email to Gwyn Shelle at heyboerg@msu.edu.
- Ten prizes will be awarded randomly to those who share a photo or video, either through social media or by email, during National 4-H Week. Prizes include MSU Extension 4-H swag!
- The contest will go live on Oct. 2 and submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 9, 2022.

For video guidelines/support and full contest rules, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/contest>.



4-H scholarships available; apply by Nov. 1

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.



A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years).

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.



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MICHIGAN 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

4-H members aged 15-19 are invited to apply for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. This group serves as advocates, spokespeople, leaders, and advisors for Michigan 4-H programs statewide. Serving on SYLC is a great way to meet youth from across the state, expand your understanding of Michigan 4-H, and build your resume and leadership skills.

More information, including the application and information sessions, is available online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/>.

Applications are due October 31.

MI 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Applications due October 31
<https://events.canr.msu.edu/sylc23/>

MICHIGAN 4-H SPECTACULAR YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SAVE THE DATE!

SPECTACULAR!
YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

EAST LANSING
DECEMBER 3-4, 2022
(2 DAY - OVERNIGHT PROGRAM)

DETROIT KALAMAZOO
DECEMBER 3, 2022
(1 DAY: 10 AM - 3 PM)

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The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is an event for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the Institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Attend the Institute and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The Institute will feature a wide variety of incredibly fun and interactive sessions focused on 4 tracks: personal development and leadership, community leadership, global citizenship, and leadership for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Participants who register for the overnight event in East Lansing will attend a MSU Men's Hockey game on Saturday, December 3 as part of our evening entertainment!

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to **ALL** teens (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2023) and to adult leaders who have Gold Level Volunteer status with MSU Extension.

Space will be limited for this workshop. Registration details will be available and shared in early October. The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

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