



Sept 2022

# 4-H Family News

## Kalamazoo County



### Welcome to the 2022-2023 4-H programming year!

Starting September 12th, 2022, families and volunteers will need to log into the 4-H online database at:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

to re-enroll for the new programming year.

Some reminders:

- Any youth 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2023 will be able to enroll in the 4-H program
- Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the *MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process* prior to working with youth, unless it has been completed previously.
- **This includes both virtual and face to face programs.** For information on this process please visit: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu\\_extension\\_volunteer\\_selection\\_process](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process)
- There is no fee to enroll.
- Re-enrollment is due no later than November 30, 2022.
- New members may join anytime during the year, but will not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2023

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### A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for making the 2022 Youth Fair a wonderful success!



**Kalamazoo County**  
**Youth Fair**  
and Family Festival   
August 10-13, 2022



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Up Coming Programs

### Goose Chase:

How would you like a scavenger hunt that everyone can play throughout the year? Instead of looking for hidden objects, you have monthly challenges to gain points. For example, your first challenge is to send us a picture your best back to school outfit.

To participate in the Goose Chase, download the GooseChase App and enter the game code VWEG7D. The password is Kalamazoo. Prizes will be awarded quarterly and grand prizes during the 2023 fair.



### Master Anglers

Location: Lakeview Park in Portage

Join your local 4-H program worker Sam Lawrence for a fun evening learning different fishing techniques, how to tie fishing knots, identifying fish, and more! Then put your newly learned skills to the test and fish the night away. This program will have a \$10 participation fee

Bait will be provided, please bring your own pole.

To participate in the Master Anglers, please register with the Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/X9zjLWy7RPqgjQC69>

September 21, 2022  
4pm- 8pm





## **STRYKEFORCE Open House**

Do you know of a kiddo that might be interested in robotics?

Our VEX IQ robotics program for 7th & 8th grade students will be starting on Tuesday, September 6th.

We are an inclusive organization, and we welcome all students in the Greater Kalamazoo area.

Meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

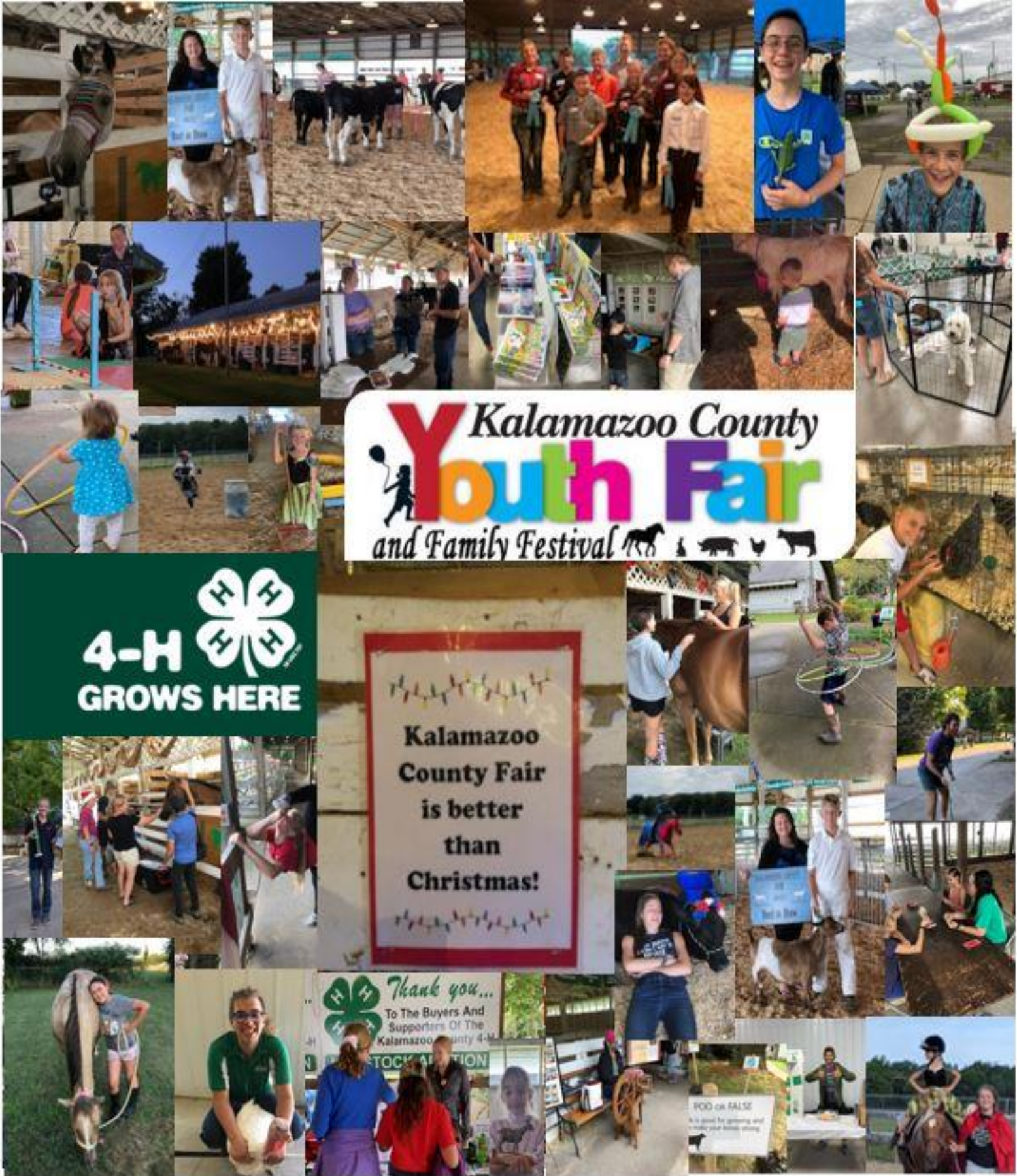
Our season will end with an in-house competition on Saturday, November 19th. Additional information will be coming as we get closer to the start of the season.

We still have availability for more students in the VEX program. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please share this information with them.

For more information or to get signed up, please contact Sarah at [strykeforcevexiq@gmail.com](mailto:strykeforcevexiq@gmail.com).







# Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival

**4-H GROWS HERE**

**Kalamazoo County Fair is better than Christmas!**

Thank you...  
To The Buyers And Supporters Of The Kalamazoo County 4-H STOCK AUCTION

**POOD or FALSE**  
It is good for growing and to make your friends strong





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Swine Project

### What a fun Fair week!

Congratulations to all the 4-H swine exhibitors at the 2022 Kalamazoo County Swine Show!

#### Showmanship

Champion Senior Showman – Josh Engel, runner up Ethan Oh  
Champion Intermediate Showman – Dane Sattler, runner up Nyle Sattler  
Champion Junior Showman – Bryce Srackangast, runner up Brody Vosburg

Overall Top Showman – Josh Engel  
Overall Reserve Top Showman – Dane Sattler



#### Market Classes

Weight Class Winners: Dane Sattler, Brody Vosburg, Josh Engel, Nyle Sattler, Bryce Srackangast, Blake Morrison  
Weight Class Runner-ups: Nyle Sattler, Johnny Hunter, Kayla Meeuwse, Johnny Hunter, Dane Sattler, Blake Morrison

Grand Champion Gilt – Josh Engel  
Reserve Champion Gilt – Dane Sattler

Grand Champion Barrow – Nyle Sattler  
Reserve Champion Barrow – Bryce Srackangast

#### Carcass

Grand Champion Swine Carcass - Brody Vosburg  
Reserve Champion Carcass - Dane Sattler

**Thank you to all the exhibitors and their families for all your hard work and participation throughout the year, and we look forward to another great fair next year. *Thank you!***

## Poultry Project News

A Big Thank-you to all of the families (and chickens) for such a fun time at the fair this year.

The buyers were wonderful and fabulously generous with their support!!!

Now --- onto the next year. Our next project meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29th at 6pm for our hopefully annual Chicken Potluck/Picnic. Let's meet up at the Expo Center room B to share some great food- something made with chicken or eggs, fair stories and future plans for our next poultry year.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Dairy News



## Feeder Calf and Beef News



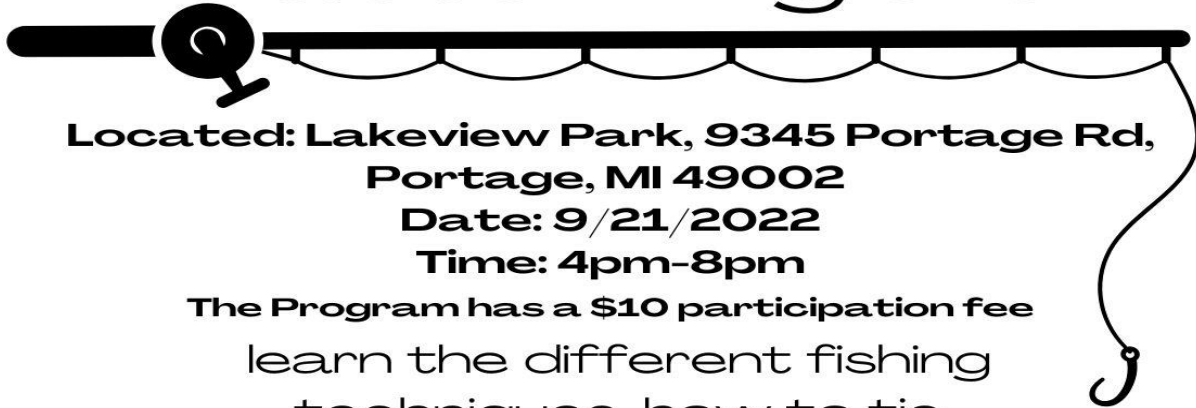


# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**Participants 17 and older will need a Michigan Fishing license to fish in the state of Michigan.**



## Master Anglers



**Located: Lakeview Park, 9345 Portage Rd,  
Portage, MI 49002**

**Date: 9/21/2022**

**Time: 4pm-8pm**

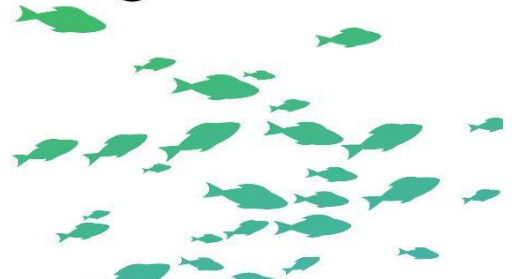
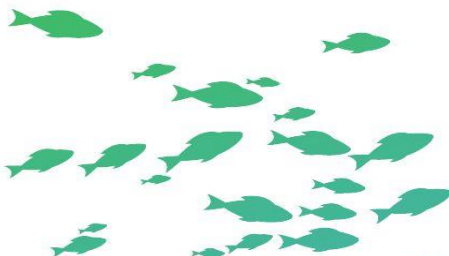
**The Program has a \$10 participation fee**

learn the different fishing techniques, how to tie Fishing knots, how to identify fish and more!

bait will be provided.

please bring your own Fishing poles.

**Register online at <https://forms.gle/MhLZ2WnSybDdYtHZ9>**







# 4-H Community-wide Events

## MI Diaries project seeking youth interns

The **MI Diaries project** is currently accepting applications from youth ages 13+ who are interested in serving as Youth Interns with the project team. This is an incredible opportunity for middle and high school aged students to explore academic and career opportunities, learn and practice leadership skills, and build their resume. Youth who serve as Youth Interns have the opportunity to work alongside the whole MI Diaries research project team, which is led by MSU faculty members Dr. Suzanne Wagner and Dr. Betsy Sneller, who are both from the MSU Sociolinguistics Lab. As a Youth Intern, participants learn about sociolinguistic research at Michigan State University, work with MSU faculty and students, and help to brainstorm new weekly prompts that are used by MI Diaries participants to make audio recordings about their lives.

## 4-H Community Health Ambassadors

Do you know a youth who is passionate about health and wellness for Michiganders? Or interested on building skills in leadership, communication, and marketing? Want to learn more about science, communication, childhood & adolescent vaccines, or healthcare? If so, click to learn more about the [4-H Community Health Ambassador Program](#) and register for the upcoming training. Questions? Email Alyssa at [piconeal@msu.edu](mailto:piconeal@msu.edu).



# The Michigan State Fair Youth Council

ages 13 - 19

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## What is the MSF Youth Council?

For any youth ages 13-19 (by January 1, 2022) interested in rural and urban agriculture. Must be available for monthly Zoom meetings and occasional in person activities and projects throughout the year.

The council is a youth led 4-H group with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills, and share their experiences and knowledge with others.



## Annual goals include:

- Improving leadership skills via workshops and team activities
- State Fair planning, including Steering Committee meetings
- Connecting urban and rural youth with conversations about agriculture and food
- Enhancing personal growth in a fun and creative environment
- Creating opportunities for project coordination and hands-on learning

If you are interested in joining the Michigan State Fair Youth Council, please complete the application below.

Scan the QR code with your camera!



<https://suburbancollectionshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/michigan-state-fair-youth-council-application/>

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Nominate an extraordinary 4-H alum today!*



**Nomination deadline:  
Oct. 1, 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan's 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years.

For details and the online nomination form, visit <http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

## **September 7 : Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception**

*Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, MSU Campus, East Lansing , MI*

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

## **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 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion**

*Various Locations*

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

## **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. Agenda items include: 2022 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways you can celebrate 4-H!

**Wear Your 4-H Gear** — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

**Shout-Out a 4-H'er** — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

**Storefront Displays/Information Booths** — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

**Become a 4-H Volunteer** — If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club by becoming a volunteer.

**Share Your 4-H Story** — Take to social media to [share a 4-H memory](#), express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

**Have a 4-H Reunion** — [4-H alumni](#) often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**Send a 4-H 'Thank You'** — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

**Give Back** — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>



## Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips\\_for\\_a\\_successful\\_4-h\\_club\\_part\\_2](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2).