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4-H Family News

Kalamazoo County



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MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL FAMILIES BRINGING LIVESTOCK TO THE FAIR

The annual Mandatory Livestock meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 4, 2022. This is a time to get the final details about bringing your livestock to the fair, setting up and decorating the barns and working together to help create a fun, inviting and clean environment for the animals and fairgoers.

BARN CLEANUP is July 30th 9am-noon! Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, and a smile!

Meeting Schedule:

- 6:00 PM Horse and Poultry
- 6:15 PM Beef/Dairy Steer
- 6:30 PM Rabbits
- 6:45 PM Sheep
- 7:00 PM Dairy/Dairy Feeders
- 7:15 Swine
- 7:30 PM Goats



Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival

August 10-13, 2022

Food Vendors:

- **4-H Food Booth - little bit of everything!
- **Honey Bunnies's Gourmet Waffles
- **JR's Concession - elephant ears
- Summar's Hawaiian Breeze - shaved ice
- Rolling Soul - BBQ
- Serious Dogs - gourmet hot dogs
- Bomba's - BBQ
- Curry in A Hurry - Indian
- Big Foot Burger - burgers and fries
- **open Wed-Sat



Camping at the Fair?

Make your reservations to camp at Fair by July 31. Cost is \$120 per site (8/8-8/14) plus \$5 reservation fee. Call the Parks Office at 269-383-8778 to make your reservation.

Barn Clean Up JULY 30th!

9 am to Noon at the Fairgrounds. Please bring any rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brushes /rollers you may have and don't forget your smile!

Fair Fees

We will not be charging an exhibitor fee this year to show at the Fair. However there will be a vehicle admission fee. 4-H families can purchase a vehicle pass good for the entire week for \$10 per vehicle. We will sell these at the mandatory meeting and during still-project judging. Vehicle passes are required for everyone whether camping or not camping. General admission for the public will be \$5/vehicle Wed-Fri and \$15/vehicle on Sat.





2022 Fair Schedule



► Wednesday, August 10, 2022

9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Showmanship & English Performance	Horse Arena
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Cavies and Critters	TBD
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Rabbit Showmanship	4-H Arena
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Goats	4-H Arena
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Sheep	4-H Arena
TBD	Live "Clue" Activity	TBD

Thursday, August 11, 2022

9:00am - 12:00pm	Swine	4-H Arena
9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Western Performance & Trail	Horse Arenas
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Beef	4-H Arena
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Feeder Calves	4-H Arena

Friday, August 12, 2022

9:00am - 3:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Dressage & Jumping	Horse Arenas
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Auction Buyer Luncheon	Livestock Mall
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Livestock Auction	4-H Arena
7:00pm	4-H Dance	4-H Arena

Saturday, August 13, 2022

9:00am - 7:00pm	Commercial Exhibits & Education Displays	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Antique Tractor & Farm Equipment Display	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Pony Rides	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Inflatable Fun!	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 7:00pm	Food Vendors	Fairgrounds
9:00am - 4:00pm	4-H Horse Versatility & Gymkhana	Horse Arena
9:30am - 10:30am	4-H Dog Show	TBD
10:00am - 2:00pm	Barn Educational Activities	Fairgrounds
10:00am - 6:00pm	Kids Entertainment Stage*	Fairgrounds
12:30pm - 2:00pm	4-H Goat Obstacle Course, Costume Class	4-H Arena
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Milk Drinking Contest	4-H Arena
3:30pm - 4:30pm	4-H Livestock Judging Contest	4-H Arena
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Master Showmanship	4-H Arena

**Check back often for new events as we plan the Fair!
(Events, times & locations are subject to change)

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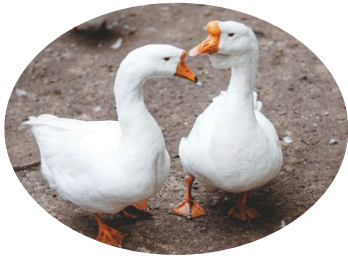
*Performances every hour! Magician, Princesses, Balloon Guy and more!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Our annual swine project Fit 'n Show clinic will be held on Thursday, July 14th at Sattler's house - 7:00 pm. Their address is: 2786 D Drive S. East Leroy, MI 49051. Looking forward to seeing everyone then!



Poultry Ban Lifted for the Fair!

And we have GOOD NEWS!!! The ban on poultry shows has been lifted and we are planning on having our birds at the fair. So, make sure you have your birds in their best feathers and prepare for a fair. It's been a few years since we have had birds housed in the barn for the fair and there are lots of things to do to get ready. Start collecting food safe plastic bottles to use as food and water dishes in your bird's cages. These will be sent for recycling at the end of the fair and not brought back to your home as a biosecurity measure. You will also need to bring your own bag of shavings to clean your cages daily.

To get ALL THE DETAILS, come to the Fit and Show meeting on Thursday, July 21st at 7pm in the Livestock Arena of the fairgrounds.



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Dairy News

Happy Summer! Watch the Dairy Club Facebook page for upcoming meeting dates.

**The dairy show will be held
Friday, August 5 at 7pm at Vlietstra Dairy Farm.**



Feeder Calf and Beef News

July 30- Barn cleanup

9 am at the Fairgrounds – We will be cleaning up the beef/feeder calf barn at the fairgrounds. Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, and a smile! Pizza and pop will be provided for lunch to those that help.

August 4- Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting

Meet at the Beef/Feeder calf barn for a meeting at 7pm- don't forget to sign in- if you cannot come, you must make arrangements with Veronica at the fair office ([\(269\)383-8830](tel:2693838830)).

We will be decorating the barn in a Red/ White/ Blue theme this year- (check out Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's for post 4th July good deals!)

August 6- Still Exhibit check in

Bring your Beef/ Feeder calf educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required notebook for Beef/Feeder Calves: Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Books http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book. It is considered **the minimum-** be creative! A profit and loss statement must be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction.

August 9- Calf check in/ Weigh in/ Showmanship clinic

You can check in your steers/calves into the Beef/Feeder Calf barn Tuesday August 9- time: TBD- Greg or Sara must look at your calf before the calf comes off of the trailer. Feeder calf weigh in will take place after the beef are weighed in.

August 11–& Beef show & Feeder Calf Show

Beef show will be held at 2:00pm
Feeder Calf show will be held at 4:00pm
Pizza party 6:00pm
Set up for Auction 6:45pm



August 12- Auction 1pm

For your calf to be eligible to go through the auction:

- You must have submitted a picture via Facebook/email/ mail to Sara or Greg by earlier in the year (per project requirements),
- A picture of a clean calf/clean 4H member must be given to either Sara or Greg on Tuesday of fair (to be given to your buyer), and
- You must have a profit and loss statement filled out per Project Record Book Requirements.
- Dairy Feeder Calf must have weighed at least 363.5 lbs. on Tuesday August 9.

August 13- @ Noon THANK YOU NOTES DUE!



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Open Class Exhibits

Are you creative? Do you like building things? Do you have a green thumb?

Show off those skills at this year's fair!

The fair offers open class exhibit opportunities for both youth and adults.



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Benefits of participating in the 2022 Open Class Division:

- Chance to show your skills and projects in a public setting
- A-C ribbons will be awarded to all entries
- Any child under the age of 12 who enters a project will receive a free admission pass good for Saturday



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4-H Community-wide Events

National 4-H Congress: Unforgettable Past, Innovative Future



When: November 25-29, 2022

Where: Atlanta, GA

Cost information:

\$100 non-refundable deposit is due August 1

Total cost is approximately \$1800.00-\$2000.00, but could be adjusted once airline tickets are purchased
Who can Attend: Youth aged 14-19, perfect for those still in high school

Committed Chaperones: Tonya Pell and Darren Bagley

Website: [National 4-H Congress](#)

Campus contact: Laura at potterla@msu.edu

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.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly—Squat Lesson



The newest lesson is available in the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series. The purpose of this series is not to teach specific content, but to teach the process of science – asking questions and discovering answers. The activities encourage young people to try to figure things out for themselves rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

The newest lesson is "Is precooked bacon a better value?" To access this lesson and other resources in the series, visit: canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series.

July 11-13: Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This three-day camp is designed to prepare youth for fair and local horse shows. A variety of sessions and clinics will be offered ranging from English, Western, gymkhana and dressage. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-ingham-county-horse-committee-4-h-horse-project-camp>

July 12: Adulting 101 Summer Series

Online

Adulting 101 help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an “adult” through educational sessions. Sessions occur weekly on Tuesdays and will each cover a new topic. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101summer>

July 13: State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo, the contest allows participants to enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest1>

July 18 - 20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive day camp will educate youth ages 11-15 about forestry in Michigan. Participants will learn about forest ecosystems, how to manage them and forestry-related career operations.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp>

July 27-28: 4-H Money Crunches Boot Camp

Various locations across Michigan

Get financially fit this summer for FREE in this fun-filled two-day boot camp for youth in grades 8-10! Topics covered include banking, saving, investing, spending plans, fraud, taxes, goals, paying for secondary education and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/moneycamp22>

August 20: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The Michigan 4-H State Dog Show will provide classes in agility, obedience, rally, team, brace and showmanship. Register by July 17.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-dog-show>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!



MSU Extension is happy to partner again in 2022 with the Michigan State Fair for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 1! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more. There is no cost to participate, and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting project photos and videos. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 1-5.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

Michigan 4-H Foundation 2022-23 grant cycle re-opened

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently re-opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 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. Applications are due by the extended July 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.