



Kalamazoo County

4-H Family News

July 2019



Are all of your ducks in a row for the fair?



MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL FAMILIES BRINGING LIVESTOCK TO THE FAIR

The annual Mandatory Livestock meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 1, 2019. (see the schedule to the right for times). 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.

Contact your superintendent if they have not already announced a time they would like to get started on setting up the barns.

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

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Y Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

August 6-10, 2019



Maple Leaf Amusement Carnival Ride Wristbands

Kalamazoo County is partnering with 9 local Harding's Friendly Market stores in the Kalamazoo area to help sell presale Maple Leaf Amusement Carnival Ride wristbands. Presale wristbands are only \$10!

They will be on sale from July 15 through August 5 at the Customer Service desks.

They can also be purchased at the Kalamazoo County Parks Office.

THE FAIR IS ONLY A MONTH AWAY!

The 2019 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is going to be a blast!

Lots of fun activities and attractions are in the works for Fair week.

For everything County Fair related, visit us [here](#)

We are even planning fun stuff just for 4-Hers after the fair closes each night.

2019 Premium Books and Forms are available online at

<https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/fairinfo.htm>

The deadline for entries is MONDAY, JULY 1st .



2019 Kalamazoo County Fair Camping Fees & Information

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

The camping reservation period for 2019 is now open. Deadline for reservations is July 19th. Full payment is required at the time of reservation. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are all accepted.

To make a reservation, please call the Parks Office at (269)383-8778. Reservations can also be made in person at the Parks Office located at:

2900 Lake Street,
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm.

Interviews on Still Project Judging Day



Each year on the Saturday before the fair begins, youth bring in their educational (still) projects to be judged between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. These educational displays can be anything from a livestock poster/notebook to robotics, gardening, crafts and so much more!!

A project tag will also need to be attached to each project. These can be picked up from either your community club leader, any time, or the 4-H office, prior to August 1. They will also be available on the day of judging, but it is much simpler to have them done ahead of time.

When the projects are brought in youth will need to find the judge assigned to the specific project area. Each judge will ask a number of questions about your project and the educational display you made. Going through this process is a chance to practice your interview skills, show the judge what you've learned and practice good communication about your knowledge.

When preparing your educational exhibit know that the judge is looking for progress in your learning. If you've been involved for several years the judge is going to expect to see a project that has a higher level of educational materials than that of a youth who is younger or new to the project.

Here are some tips to a successful interview with the judge:

- ◆ **Dress for the interview—it doesn't have to be your Sunday best, but should be a step up from your everyday clothes**
- ◆ Shake the judges hand
- ◆ Know your materials—you'll be asked specifics about your project, be sure to be able to answer them
- ◆ PRACTICE—have family or friends look at your project ahead of time and have them ask you question
- ◆ Make eye contact
- ◆ Be polite
- ◆ Do your best!! Remember you should be representing yourself to the best of your abilities (set a goal, organize yourself and your materials, finish early –instead of the night before)
- ◆ If the judge asks you a question that you don't know the answer to, tell them you don't know, but WOW them with another fact that you do
- ◆ Remember this is practice for future scholarship and job interviews that you will have in the future
- ◆ Have fun, do your best and we'll see you at the Expo center on August 5!

Still Project Judging Day

August 3, 2019

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Please arrive in plenty of time to have your projects judged before 1PM



Each project needs to have a project record sheet with it. The form alone can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42275/member_award/Project_record_sheets.pdf. It can be found under forms and then under Member Award Record Books on the 4-H website.

The record sheets can also be found in the member record book at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42275/Mem-ber_record_book_revised_December_2013.pdf.

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Have You Sold Cattle on the Farm?

If so, be sure you paid the \$1 Checkoff.

Did You Know?

Every time you sell a bovine animal, regardless of age, sex, breed, purpose, or number a dollar-a-head is due. The dollar is to be collected by the buyer from the seller, although both parties are responsible for remittance. The Checkoff is designed so that everyone pays their fair share.

How are you Checkoff dollars being used?

- Beef and veal television, radio, and print advertising
- Food safety, health and nutrition research
- Product technology and development
- Educating consumers and children about beef's role in a healthy diet
- Refuting issues that could negatively impact the beef industry (such as BSE, E. Coli and Foot-and-Mouth disease.)

How Do You Pay?

Complete a remittance form and mail it along with your check to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Additional remittance forms are available through the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, MI 48864. Fax: (517) 347-0919

Who Pays?

When cattle are sold or imported, the buyer of the cattle must withhold a \$1 per head, or equivalent, from the seller's purchase price. **Failure to do so is a violation of the law and may be subject to a \$5,500 penalty. It's the law—no one is exempt.**

Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development defines Health Requirements for Livestock exhibited in

Michigan.

2018 requirements can be found https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/2019_Fairs_and_Exhibitions_Requirements-Web_645562_7.pdf

4-H Pollinators Project is happy to welcome you

To their next meeting on July 25th at 6:30pm

**We will be meeting at the farm and getting into the hives.
If you would like the address please contact Veronica.**

**You do not have to be a member to join us, but please
RSVP with Veronica at bolhuisv@msu.edu.**



**Are you interested in learning more about Rock
and Gems in a hands on learning environment?**

Kalamazoo County 4-H would like to start a geology project for youth 5-19 years old.



If you are interested contact Veronica Bolhuis at
[Bolhuisv@msu.edu](mailto:bolhuisv@msu.edu)



Never limit yourself
because of others'
limited imagination;
never limit others
because of your own
limited imagination.

— MAE JEMISON





Interested in more information on the SPIN clubs listed?



Or maybe you have an idea for a new SPIN club???

contact:

Tyler Augst
augsttyl@msu.edu
 (269) 383-8878

New tabletop role playing games (RPGs) starts in July!

Come check out our new 4-H Tabletop Gaming SPIN Clubs for 12-19 yr. olds that are forming now! No experience with table top role playing games (RPGs) (Like Dungeons and Dragons) is needed. You will learn how to play the popular tabletop RPG Dungeons & Dragons as you play through an epic story.

Learn how to let your inner creativity flow, work as a team, problem solve puzzles and battles, and so much more!

The club will start meeting in early July through Mid August:

Saturdays 5 pm to 7 pm

Fanfare

4415 Westnedge Ave

Kalamazoo, MI 49008



New Air Rifle 4-H Club Forming in Kalamazoo!

Kalamazoo County 4-H is looking for youth to help start a new

Kzoo Rifle Crew 4-H Club!



This club is open to youth ages 8 -12 and is hoping to begin meeting soon.

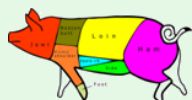
Join other youth and 4-H volunteers to experience a safe, fun environment where you learn to be safe with air rifles and gain confidence through participation and ***potentially competitions!***

If you are interested please contact Tyler Augst for more information (augsttyl@msu.edu or 269.383.8878).

*You don't
have to al-
ways be the
best*



*just always
DO your
best!*



July Carcass Project News



JUDGING DATES AND DETAILS

The first portion of our competition is the last day of this month! Call Pease packing by the July 15th to inform them what animals you are bringing. Then have your animals there by 5:30 PM on Monday, July 29th. We will evaluate the animals live along with our judge Kate Spaans.

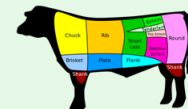
Then Wednesday, July 31, at 10 AM we return to Pease for the written evaluation, followed by the judging results and ribbon awards.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Remember that you must have attended two meetings during the year in order to participate. You still have two opportunities:

1. **For those who needed to attend the May meeting: there will be a make-up meeting July 16, at the fairgrounds at 7 pm, Room C. If you were at the May meeting, don't come to the July 16 meeting. It is the same content.**
2. Monday, July 22, 2017, is the last regular meeting before the competition. It will be held at the fairgrounds at 7 pm, Room C.

If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com, or text /call 269-317-3462.



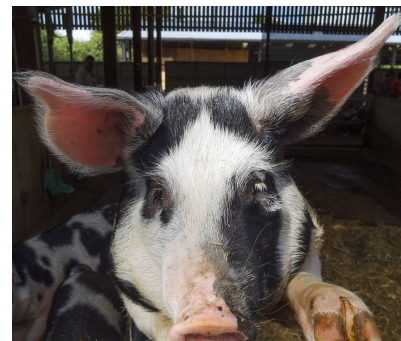
SWINE PROJECT NEWS:

YQCA/PQA Training - every swine exhibitor is required to be certified through either PQA or YQCA. Veronica is offering training/certification at the fairgrounds, or you can take the online version. Everyone will need to register with the MSU Extension events management website, links below, no walk-in registration accepted.

https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCA_July_18_2019_MSU/

https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCA_July_23_2019_MSU/

Online - <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>



Swine Flu Vaccine - every pig coming to Kalamazoo County Fair will need to be vaccinated for swine influenza (initial vaccine plus a booster). If you have not already done so, please send your proof of vaccination to your superintendents asap.

July Fit & Show Meeting - scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th, 7:00 pm. Hosted by Emma & Josh Engel at 33458 22nd St. Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding your swine project. Thank you, Pam (cell-517-930-1297) and Mick (cell-269-312-0949)

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Upcoming Goat project meetings



The goat project will be meeting at the

Expo Center on :

July 27, Room B, 1pm—3pm

Educational superintendent Hannah Walters (269) 998-2182

Organizational superintendent Char Balkema (269) 312-2635

First year/mentor superintendent Kerri Marti(269) 420-3438



Countywide Sheep Project

Gibson Farms

Friday July 26th

6:00 PM



July 27- Barn and grounds cleanup

Starting at 8 am – we will be cleaning up barn/yard at the fairgrounds.

Please bring rags, buckets, scrub brushes, paint brush/rollers, and a smile! Pizza and pop will be provided for those that help.



Poultry Project news

Get Ready for FAIR 2019! To get all of the info you will need, come to our

Fit and Show meeting on

July 16th at 7pm.



We will meet in the Livestock Arena of the fairgrounds and can practice showmanship and/or agility at the end of the meeting. If you want to participate in an agility demo at fair, you need to teach your bird to follow your hand for treats---watch a few You Tube videos to see what chicken agility looks like.

Don't forget to download the Market Journal from the Kalamazoo 4-H website and record your chick's weights as they grow. Print an extra copy of the Market Journal to fill out for stills judging.

Cattle:

Dairy: If you have not yet picked out a heifer—Please contact Sara.

The dairy show will be held Friday, August 2 at 7:00 at Vlietstra Dairy Farm. Please contact Sara if you have questions! Members, please join the Kalamazoo County 4-H Dairy Club on Facebook for additional info.



For Feeder calves.

July 18-Fitting and Showmanship clinic

We will be combining with the Beef project for a fitting and showmanship clinic on July 18 at 6pm at the Myer Farm ([7565 40th St South, Scotts MI 49088](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7565+40th+St+South,+Scotts+MI+49088)). We will be going over the basics of fitting steers for show as well as having some showing tips. This will be a potluck, so we ask every family to bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Hot dogs, lemonade, and paperware will be provided.



August 1- Pre- Fair Mandatory Meeting

Meet at the dairy/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).

August 3- Still Exhibit check in/Calf check in

Bring your feeder calf educational exhibit to the fairgrounds to be judged. Here is the link for the required notebook for feeder calves :

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 also be filled out and included in your educational exhibit for your calf to be sold in the auction (as well as minimum calf weight of 364.75 lbs. at weigh-in on Sunday, August 4). Please contact Sara or Greg if you have questions and join us on the Kalamazoo County 4H Feeder Calf Club page on Facebook!

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

SMALL MAMMALS & POCKET PETS (Cavies and Critters)

Do you have a small and furry pet like a guinea pig, rat or chinchilla or maybe a leopard gecko, bearded dragon or a snake? What about a finch, parakeet or parrot? This may be the 4-H project for you!

The following meeting is scheduled for the Cavies & Critters project:

Tues. July 16 6:30pm Room B

To show your pet in this project at the Kalamazoo County Youth fair in August 2019, 4-H youth need to attend at least 3 county wide meetings / events for the Small Mammal, Reptiles & Pet Bird project.

We also have opportunities to participate in the Kindleberger Park Petting Zoo **Saturday July 12.**

Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

If you have any questions please contact :

Andrea McCubbin, Superintendent, 598-5231 or jamccubin@aol.com

**Rabbit Project Update**

Mandatory Market Rabbit check in on July 13, at 10:00 am in the rabbit barn.

Make up meeting for requirements July 23rd at 5:00 in the Rabbit barn.

FAIR WEEK BEGINS AUGUST 3 AND RUNS THROUGH THE 10TH.

4-H members - Practice with your rabbits!

Even 15 minutes a day will prepare you and your rabbit for fair.

Start saving empty pop/juice bottles to freeze for hot weather during fair week. Label your bottles with your last name. A freezer is available in the barn.

August 3rd: Still exhibit judging, and Rabbit check-in 5-7 pm

August 4th Rabbit check-in , 9-12 and 3-5

August 5th is **SHOW DAY** beginning at 9:00 am

August 5th: Group Project picture in front of the barn at 8:45 am

Direct any questions to Janelle Gray or Roxanne O'Neil



Display Your Vegetables at the County Fair!

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Do you have a green thumb? Are you or your family planting a garden this summer? Did you know you can display your flowers and vegetables at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair this summer?

For more information on how to pick your best vegetables and how to display them, visit:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/selecting_vegetables_for_exhibit_4h1175

Meating the Need

For those of you selling your livestock at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair, your buyers can help to make a difference in our county! Buyers can designate their purchase to be donated to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes or 12 Baskets. All help those who are in need.

Please share this tax-deductible option to your livestock buyers.

Gardening Donations

Don't forget that if you have extra produce in your garden, you can also donate it to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes for use by clients who are in need.



Helping Hands 2019 BARN CLEANUP DAY

This year's barn/yard cleanup day will be held on July 27th at 8 am. The Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is offering an all-day ride voucher to any youth who helps cleanup their barns on that day.

Let's help to make the 4-H mall shine again for the 2019 Fair!



Michigan 4-H Healthy U at MSU Camp is a one day program where you will explore fields relating to health as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities on nutrition, physical fitness and emotional health. You don't have to be a 4-H member to join. We look forward to this event sharing our love for Healthy Living with all youth from all across the state!!

Come prepared to have fun and try some new experiences related to keeping healthy!

Michigan 4-H Healthy U Camp begins at
9:30 a.m. at the MSU campus
Friday, Aug. 2, 2019.

The cost for this one day experience will be
\$35 for 4-H Members \$50 for nonmembers.

This includes: lunch at MSU, t-shirt, snacks, handouts and give ways!

Register today--<https://events.anr.msu.edu/HealthyUatMSU/>

Deadline to register is July 12th.



"Someone's sitting
in the shade today
because someone
planted a tree
a long time ago."

-Warren Buffett-



We are pleased to announce the dates for this year's **National 4-H Congress!**

The 2019 National 4-H Congress will take place **November 29 to December 3** in Atlanta, Georgia. During 4-H Congress, participants attend workshops about **leadership development, character education, agriculture, cultural awareness and diversity education, workforce preparation, environmental stewardship, science and technology literacy, and communication skills development.** This is a wonderful leadership and personal growth opportunity for youth. Janelle Stewart and Eric Dobbrastine will be serving as chaperones for up to 20 youth and Laura Potter-Niesen will be handling logistics.

It is never too late
to be what you
might have been.

GEORGE ELIOT

In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. The exact cost will be determined based on the number of delegates and airfare, but will be around \$1500. Fees include registration, hotel, airfare, and most meals. For more information, contact the MSU Extension Kalamazoo County office at 383-8830. Be sure to check out the website at <http://national4-hcongress.com>

Delegate Identification

Congress is designed for youth aged 14 to 19. Typically, Michigan sends around 20 delegates. Youth are limited to attending the program once as the program is very similar year to year. There is no state or regional selection for trips to National 4-H Congress, however, many counties have a selection process. While the MSUE State 4-H Office coordinates the delegation, counties identify the delegates.

Cost

Counties or the delegates are responsible for the trip's cost (approximately **\$1500 per delegate**). This covers the delegate's round-trip airfare to Atlanta, registration fee, lodging, meals, a shirt and a group photo. Delegates will also want to bring about \$100 for additional meals and souvenirs. Payment in full for the event must be in one week prior to the Conference.

