

*Kalamazoo*

# 4-H Family News

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## 4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



As we look forward to the changing seasons, school starting, sweatshirts; and s'mores around the fall campfires, it is also time to start (re) enrolling for the 2018-2019 4-H program year.

We are into our third cycle of re-enrolling using the 4-H Online database. Families will need to log into the 4-H online database at <https://mi.4honline.com/>. For new members there is a family guide to building the family profile and adding family members prior to logging in. This is a step by step guide to help make sure that all enrolled family members are entered correctly.

For families re-enrolling there is a guide for you also! On the homepage before you log in, it says 4-H online reenrollment process. If you need assistance finding the guide or logging in, please contact your community club leader or 4-H office for help. Please make sure that all data in the system is correct, including phone number, e-mail address and child's school.

Some reminders:

- ♦ Any youth 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2019 will be able to enroll in the program
- ♦ Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with youth
- ♦ Enrollment fee is **\$20** and is payable to your community club
- ♦ Re-enrollment is due no later than November 1, 2018
- ♦ New members may join anytime during the year, but will not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2019

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### Welcome Tyler!

Tyler grew up in Decatur, MI and is a graduate of Michigan State University where he studied anthropology, sociology, German, and women and gender studies. After MSU, Tyler went on to earn a M.Sc. in Rural Sociology from Pennsylvania State University. At Penn State, Tyler focused on rural poverty, community development, and inequalities in Internet access and use between rural, urban, and suburban areas. During this time he learned the importance of collaborating with communities to improve the lives of everyone.

After graduate school Tyler spent a year in AmeriCorps VISTA with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. In the UP, Tyler helped K-12 schools find ways to incorporate hands on service and philanthropy experiences into the classroom. Learning chemistry by taking local water samples, learning math by running a fundraising campaign, or learning biology through a school garden is way more engaging than just reading about it (and is better for the community too). After a cold year in the UP Tyler decided to head south to Tennessee where he worked in the Office of Civic Engagement at The University of the South in Sewanee, TN. At Sewanee, Tyler helped lead alternative break trips, get student groups volunteering, and increase democratic engagement on and off campus. The Michigan Magnet is strong though and eventually called Tyler back home.

In his free time Tyler enjoys running, hiking, fishing, participating in local government and pretending he can play the ukulele. He currently lives in Decatur with a spoiled cat named Minerva. Tyler is glad to be back in Southwest Michigan and excited to join the MSU Extension team!



### A Special Thank You to Our Volunteers

**Because You're Special**

*--(Author Unknown)*

We sometimes take for granted  
In the rush of all we do,  
And forget to say a special thanks  
To volunteers like you!

So we send this note to tell you  
How much all you do means,  
Your gifts of time and of yourself  
Are special ones indeed.





## 4-H FUNDRAISER FOR CRAFT PROJECT

September 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

[makestudiokalamazoo.com](http://makestudiokalamazoo.com)

- All materials needed are provided by the studio and our instructors will help you along the way.
- Everyone will leave with a completed project and all projects are completed during the workshop.
- You will have 5 stain options and 35 paint colors to use in our project.
- Can't draw a straight line? That's okay! We guarantee you will leave the studio with a beautiful sign to put in your home.
- Contact the studio online to sign up, choose your project, and pay the \$25.00 fee.  
<https://makestudiokalamazoo.com/>
- Because of liability everyone in the studio needs to be signed up for a project. Thank you for understanding!



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction successful! From the families who supported the youth's hard work and worked together helping their children to the 4-H volunteers, auctioneers and buyers—we couldn't do it without each of you!

Families and leaders help to encourage the kids to be responsible in caring for their animals— Just one of the great life skills that kids learn while participating in their projects.

Youth learn that there is a price to pay for caring for their animals—that price may be time—time away from tv, video games, sleep, other activities, etc. There is a sacrifice made through their passionate care of their projects, but they also learn that with hard work there is a payout.

Our buyers help to support the 4-H youth's future projects and financial goals. Many youth use the funds to purchase future project animals or stashing away for future purchases such as a car or college expenses. Financial management is another piece of the life skills puzzle that kids can learn after selling their animals at the auction!

Thank you to the truck drivers for driving the animals to Pease Packing. Thank to Pease Packing for slaughtering the animals and processing many of them. Thank you also to Galesburg Meat and Barrett's Smokehouse for processing the rest! Thank you to V & V Quality meats for distributing the processed poultry and rabbits.

Thank you to Honor Credit Union for helping with the check in and out process and Fed Ex Office for printing our sale flyers!



### Poultry Project

The poultry project had a great fair! There was so much teamwork and good sportsmanship going on in our barn all week. If you have any super fair memories or pictures, try posting on our Facebook page (Kalamazoo 4-H Poultry Project). I hope that everybody had a good time and there were some great educational experiences and life-long friendships made. Now that we are all inspired, we have the next project meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7pm** in the Expo Center. Reconnect with your fair friends and help plan for our project for the next year. If you have any question, call Jackie at 629-9664.



### New programs offered Fall 2018

The MSU Extension, Kalamazoo County 4-H program is looking into some fun new programming for the fall of 2018 and would like to know how many youth would be interested in some of the following:

- Spa/entrepreneurship class (learn how to make “spa” items and how to sell them to make a profit)
- Quadcopter racing (similar to flying drones) - NEW YOUTH CAN NOW JOIN
- Cooking/baking classes (followed with a cooking competition at the 2019 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair)
- Tentative art classes (at local locations such as Make Studio, Art Bayou, Kalamazoo Glass Association, etc.)
- Geocaching

If you are interested in any of these or have other ideas for countywide projects please contact Veronica by **October 1, 2018**.

### PREMIUM CHECKS

Premiums are cash awards for exhibitors based on their exhibit ratings (A, B, C). Premium checks will be mailed out to all 4-H members. You should have your check in approximately 6 weeks. Please review your statement for mistakes. If you find a problem contact the Josh Gowers at 373-5071. Checks are mailed from the Kalamazoo County Treasurer's office.

## 4-H STATE SHOWS

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### MSU Extension 4-H State Archery Competition

Another HOT, but great year for Kalamazoo at the 4-H State 3-D Archery Shoot! All Aim to Achieve Archers did an AWESOME job and represented well! The event was held at the Blue Water Sportsman's Association in St. Clair County on Saturday, August 4th.

Joe Balkema (3-D Junior Open) - earned the first Open Class State Shoot medal for Kalamazoo County with a 1st place, no less! Last year Joe just missed the medal range at the State Shoot by a couple points, but this year he scored a 298 out of a possible 300. Joe would like everyone to know that the target he lost the 2 points on was the mosquito target and just as he was releasing his arrow a real mosquito decided to mess with him! Great job Joseph Balkema on your nearly perfect shoot today! Darn those nasty mosquitos - They were indeed horrible.

Chase Walters (3-D Senior Sighted) - This was Chase's last year as a 4-H Member and he finished with a bang! Chase placed 2nd in his individual class scoring a personal best and also took home a 1st place medal for his participation on our Kalamazoo County 3-D Sighted Team! Great job Chase and we look forward to welcoming you back next year as a 4-H certified archery leader/instructor!

Sam Balkema (3-D Junior Open) - Sam was new to the 4-H Archery Project this year and it's very exciting to see him score so well his first year at the State Shoot in the most competitive class (3-D Junior Open Class had nearly 40 kids in the class!)

Joey Ackerson (3-D Junior Open) - This is Joey's first year in the archery project also and his first time at State Shoot in the most competitive class! We're so very proud of Joey's positive attitude. He went in to the shoot with the goal of doing his personal best and not worrying about the final placings!

Hailey Funk (3-D Junior Open) and Jordan Funk (3-D Senior Open) - Both were shooting well and having fun on the course! Hailey scored 253 during the 3-D Junior open and Jordan scored 173 in the 3-D senior open. We are looking forward to seeing their growth this next year in their individual disciplines.

Josie Buchkowski (3-D Junior Sighted) - Josie scored a personal best record and all-time high score today! She received 1st place as an individual and a 1st place for the Sighted Team along with Chase and Gabe! Josie was very proud of the fact that she had all 10s and 8s (no 0s or 5s), but then on her very last target where you had to shoot from inside a hunting blind, sitting on a bucket...she skipped her arrow dead center into a big tree ending her best shoot ever with a big fat 0...but on the positive side - her \$12 arrow was dirty, but unharmed!

Sophia Pierce (3-D Beginner Open) - This was Sophia's first year attending State Shoot and she did absolutely AWESOME. Great things are yet to come for this little, but spunky, purple archer!

Gabe Buchkowski (3-D Beginner Sighted) - This was Gabe's first State Shoot ever! After a no-show and a disqualification, Gabe ended up in a class all by himself and earned 1st place as an individual and 1st place as a team along with Josie and Chase! Gabe could be heard chatting away to his relay members, who were very patient and supportive of him!

Thank you so much to our parent volunteers - Mr. Funk, Mr. Walters, and Ms. Ackerson! Your help was much appreciated and I'm so proud that Kalamazoo County 4-H parents stepped up to provide EXTRA volunteers to help! THANK YOU!

**Congratulations  
to all of the  
youth who com-  
peted in the MSU  
Extension 4-H  
State Horse Com-  
petition. The fi-  
nal results have  
not been pub-  
lished by campus  
yet and we don't  
want to miss any-  
one. Look for the  
results in the  
October news-  
letter.**

## Beekeeping and Pollinator Project

Have you ever wondered how plants get pollinated? Wonder what birds, bats and bees have to do with pollination? Wanted to know the difference between native bees, honey bees, wasp and hornets? Come check out the 4-H beekeeping and pollinator project.

4th Tuesday of each month

Great Lake Bee Supply Company, 47 W. Michigan Ave., Galesburg, MI

6:30 PM

We'll be covering many topics over the next few months (even during the winter).

**September**—come to help finish the native bee house that will be housed near the pollinator garden at the fairgrounds and then make your own to take home.

**October**—it's a great time to learn about bats and make your own bat house. You can keep it for your own house or donate it.

**November**— We'll learn a little about butterflies and make our own butterfly house to keep or give as a gift to someone.

**December**—no meeting

### TSC Paper Clover Promotion – Wed., October 4 through Sun., October 15

4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at Tractor Supply Co. stores for \$1 to support their local 4-H program. Both of our local TSC stores would like to have 4-H events during that week. Statistics show that if there are 4-H events going on in the stores, people are more willing to purchase the clovers—therefore supporting the 4-H program in our county.

#### HOW ARE THE FUNDS USED?

- Funds must be used as scholarships to send 4-H members to 4-H camps or leadership experiences.
- 70% is donated to the county program
- 10% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops
- 5% to the State 4-H Office
- 5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation
- 10% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

**Remember**—there are two TSC stores in Kalamazoo, one on Gull Rd. and the other on Shaver Rd. If you purchase your clovers at either of these stores you will be helping to



Example of a native bee house



Example of a bat house



## VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

Michigan 4-H depends on the caring adult volunteers who are willing to offer their time and talents to make a difference. If you have already completed the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) and are serving as a screened adult volunteer—THANK YOU! If you have thought about sharing your gifts and talents with youth in our community there is a place for you and youth who would benefit from your knowledge. We're always looking for volunteers to share their talents—parents, grandparents, neighbors, community members, etc.

### **ADULT VOLUNTEER TYPES:**

**Administrative Leader**—Individuals who have complete VSP and provide overall leadership to a club or group. They are responsible for the organization of the project groups within the club or group. They may also be known as General or Club Leader.

**Project Leader**—Individuals who have completed VSP and provide on-going leadership to a project within a club or group. It is possible for a club to have more than one project leader per project. These volunteer leaders provide support to members enrolled in specific projects. For example a project leader may have 4-8 youth from their community club that they meet with to work on a cooking project once a month depending on the volunteer's schedule.

**Activity leader**—Individuals who have completed VSP and provide leadership or assist with an activity or variety of activities in the 4-H program. They may work independently or with a club, council, group or committee to carry out an activity.

**Resource Volunteer**—Individuals who have completed VSP and serviced as a resource for the 4-H program. They may provide leadership for a single learning experience, short-term learning experience or be utilized as needed for their expertise.

**Mentor**—Individuals who have completed VSP and serve as a designated mentor. 4-H mentors are matched with one to four youth for the purpose of developing a long-term mentoring relationship. This includes those who volunteer with 4-H Tech Wizards, one-on-one mentoring programs and other small group mentoring efforts.

**Episodic Volunteers**—Individuals who have NOT completed the VSP process but assist the 4-H program through their efforts. These may include instructors, judges, committee members, industry representatives, etc. These individuals may not serve as chaperones or be left unattended with members.

### **YOUTH VOLUNTEER TYPES**

**Club Officer**—Youth 4-H members who serve as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or reporter of their 4-H club.

**Teen Leader**—Youth between the ages of 13-19 years old who, in cooperation with 4-H staff and their administrative or project leader, are learning and developing leadership skills through various 4-H activities and projects.

For more information on becoming a 4-H volunteer, please contact the 4-H office or see our website at [http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu\\_extension\\_volunteer\\_selection\\_process](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process).



### **Save the Date!**

November 17: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Meet others from across the state passionate about creative arts while engaging in hands-on activities that build your creative talent. Registration available in September.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/save\\_the\\_date\\_michigan\\_4\\_h\\_creative\\_arts\\_celebration](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/save_the_date_michigan_4_h_creative_arts_celebration)



## Carcass Project News

Judging for the Carcass Project happens the week before fair. On July 30th all the participants delivered their live animals to Pease Packing where we practiced live judging and predicted how the animals would place on the rail. On Wednesday, August 1st, the judge gave us her official results and we got a chance to compare the carcasses in the cooler. Congratulations to our winners (pictured below)! **Thanks to Pease Packing for hosting our contest.**

### WRITTEN EVALUATION WINNERS!

On Wednesday, August 1st, while the judge was determining the results, each carcass contestant participated in a written evaluation over the topics we had studied over the year. This year the focus was on retail cuts. There were 6-9 photos of different cuts as well as 4 actual cuts to identify. For each cut, the specie, wholesale cut, and retail name were put on an ID scorecard like the ones used in state meat judging contests. Contestants also had to place a class of 4 eye of rounds and give their reasons for the placement. Everyone must take the test for the species brought and may also take an overall test which covers all the species.

There are senior and junior written evaluation winners for each species. This year's winners are:

Senior Beef: Alyssa Gibson	Junior Beef: Bobby Gibson
Senior Swine: Sara Gray	Junior Swine: (no contestants this year)
Senior Lamb: Jeremiah Rose	Junior Lamb: Dakota Sult
Overall: Jeremiah Rose	

### JOIN US!

It's not too early to be thinking about 2019 Fair since re-enrollment begins November 1. Join the Carcass Program. Look for it under MEAT SCIENCE and add it to your list of projects.

Last year our education focus was on retail cut identification; this year we will be focusing on whole carcass evaluation. There are separate classes for Beef and Dairy Steers as well as classes for Swine, Sheep and Goats.

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations--in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

We will not have a meeting in September, but you need to sign up on-line when re-enrolling. We will post the meeting schedule next month. If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at [kevintherose@aol.com](mailto:kevintherose@aol.com).

**CHARACTER  
GROWS  
HERE.**





## Carcass Project News

### MEET THE MEAT CHAMPIONS!



2018 Grand Champion  
Beef Carcass winner: TJ Gibson



2018 Reserve Champion  
Beef Carcass winner: Blake Borden



2018 Grand Champion Dairy Steer  
Carcass winner: Connor Gibson



2018 Reserve Champion Dairy Steer  
Carcass winner: Jason Myers



2018 Grand Champion  
Swine Carcass winner: Sara Gray



2018 Reserve Champion  
Swine Carcass winner: Denis Harmon



2018 Grand Champion  
Lamb Carcass winner: Grant Piper



2018 Reserve Champion  
Lamb Carcass winner: NaMe Greymountain



**A GOOD FRIEND  
IS LIKE A  
FOUR LEAF CLOVER,  
HARD TO FIND  
AND  
LUCKY TO HAVE**

### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



**National 4-H  
Youth Summits  
registration now  
available**



Participate in 4-H Maker, Agri-Science, Healthy Living or Photography summits to gain real world exposure and meet other 4-H'ers from across the nation that share your passions.

Held at the National 4-H Conference Center, these multi-day programs allow youth to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities and engage with nationally-recognized leaders. Students typically attend in groups comprised of two to eight youth and are accompanied by an adult chaperone.

Registration and more information about these events are available at <https://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summits/>.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

September 13: Completing Your 4-H Groups Annual Financial Report

*Online Webinar*

Join MSU Extension staff in this online webinar to learn how to complete an Annual Financial Report Summary, required by Michigan State University Extension.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/completing\\_your\\_4\\_h\\_groups\\_annual\\_financial\\_report](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/completing_your_4_h_groups_annual_financial_report)

September 22: Michigan 4-H Goat Project Youth Workshop

*Ionia Fairgrounds, Ionia*

Learn about parasite management, the digestive system and dairy goat judging at this hands-on workshop. Registration closes September 12.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018\\_michigan\\_4-h\\_goat\\_project\\_youth\\_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2018_michigan_4-h_goat_project_youth_workshop)

September 29: 4-H Night at MSU's Observatory

*MSU Observatory, East Lansing*

Gaze into the sky using MSU's 24 foot reflecting telescope and others. Engage in hands on astronomy-related activities. Preregistration required by September 22.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h\\_night\\_at\\_msus\\_observatory](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_night_at_msus_observatory)

October 5: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing*

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members (donors of \$25 or more) are invited to attend and vote on items. Major donors to Michigan 4-H from the past fiscal year will also be recognized.

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/event/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting/>

October 5: Michigan 4-H Emerald Awards

*Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing*

Michigan 4-H Citation Award, Emerald Clover Society, Salute to Excellence and Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award winners will be honored at this event.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_emerald\\_awards](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_emerald_awards)

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

### Accepting nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2018, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2018. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond to make the best better.

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:

- Nomination form found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive\\_event\\_resources](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources)
- Nomination letter
- Letter of support from county staff

### Reminder of upcoming changes to Michigan 4-H Age Policy

The new 4-H programming year is finally here, and with it comes changes to the Michigan 4-H Age Policy. Beginning September 1, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy reflects a younger beginning age for 4-H members. The new age for 4-H members is 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of the program year as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5-7.



Youth ages 8 to 19 as of January 1 of the program year are eligible to be Michigan 4-H members.

This policy change has been implemented by MSU Extension after lengthy consultation with early childhood and Michigan 4-H youth development staff, as well as careful consideration of research regarding youth and competition. Furthermore, it moves Michigan 4-H into alignment with counterparts across the country, including National 4-H.

As always, age appropriateness and safety remain a top consideration for 4-H programming areas and Michigan 4-H continues to support minimum age limits for certain learning environments that may not be appropriate for children 8 years of age. Additionally, individual county 4-H programs with MSU Extension also retain their right to determine the beginning age for 4-H involvement within that county.

Furthermore, Michigan 4-H partners such as fairs and exhibitions may choose to implement age limits for certain projects where they feel 8-year-old participation (or older age groups) may not be safe or appropriate (for example, market beef projects). Alternatively, fairs and exhibitions may offer activities that are not consistent with 4-H Cloverbud policies, such as competition for youth below age 8. These are not considered a Michigan 4-H Youth Development activity and participation is the decision of the young person and his or her family.

### Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting



All Michigan 4-H Foundation members (those who have donated \$25 or more in the past year) are invited to attend and vote at the Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting. This meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 5, at 2:30 p.m. at the MSU Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Agenda items include trustee elections, audited financial statement report, 2018 president's report and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year. Michigan 4-H donors are encouraged to attend. Admission to the annual membership meeting is complimentary.

Register by Sept. 20 at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/event/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting/>.