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2022

4-H Family News

Lapeer County



Congratulations!

It has been an amazing 4-H year! Lapeer County 4-H members have been busy and their hard work, determination, and leadership skills have shined at Spring Achievement, Summer Showcase at Gallery 194, Exploration Days, The State Shoot, Eastern Michigan State Fair, and many other County, Area, and State-wide activities and contests. I am positive that members will continue to excel during this weekend's State Horse and Dog Shows.



Congratulations to All youth members, leaders, volunteers, and parents on another successful 4-H year!

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Lapeer County 4-H Open House

Saturday, September 17th | 10am-2pm | Lapeer County MSU Extension



Clubs, Youth and Adult Volunteers are needed to help with the 2nd Annual 4-H Open House.

Help with an activity, greeting guests or set up a club table to recruit new members.

Attend the planning meeting on August 22nd at 5:30 or contact Jean for more information.

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County 4-H News

County Awards



There will be a new process this year for Youth County Awards. There will no longer be a nomination process. Instead, all youth will be able to directly apply for any award that they are interested in and eligible for. An awards committee is looking over the application to make improvements and then the application period will be opening soon. All members will receive an email when the application becomes available. Applications will be due October 17th.

Also new this year, The awards ceremony will be taking place in the Fall to better align with the end of the program in which the awards are earned. This year's awards ceremony is being tentatively planned for November 19th. Save the date! It is sure to be an evening of fun!

Congratulations to the following 4-H Record Book Winners from the Eastern Michigan State Fair: Audrey Johnston (Rabbits), Eli Bickel (Swine), Caleb Armstrong (Poultry), Avis Schapman (Sheep), MiKayla Winter (Horses), Nathan Dahn (Dairy), Alanah Hannigan (Goats), and Jake VanDam (Dogs). Winners will be recognized with an additional award from the Livestock Committee during the Fall Award Ceremony.

Fall Leader Updates and Volunteer Training

Fall Leader Updates are short meetings that provide important information and policy updates to Club Administrative Leaders. All County 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend a Leader Update as they can be helpful to anyone in a volunteer role, however, attendance during at least one update is **required for Administrative Leaders** for the club to remain active. There is a new training module in Volunteer Central that must be completed by all volunteers this year. This training will be provided during the leader update or can be completed in Volunteer Central. Leader updates will be offered at the Lapeer County MSU Extension office on the following dates and times:

- September 19th at 5:30pm
- September 22nd at 1:00pm
- September 26th at 5:00pm
- Or by appointment

Please contact Sarah to let her know when you plan to attend.

2021-2022 4-H Yearbook

I am working on a 4-H yearbook for the 2021-2022 4-H program year that will be distributed to all current 4-H members. The yearbook will highlight club and county activities and meetings as well as individual member accomplishments and participation in state and national activities. I would also like to include members that are finishing their final year as a 4-H member.

If you have any news, pictures, show results etc., that I can include, please email them to me at graversa@msu.edu by September 15th.





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Flint River Environmental Leadership Council

The Flint River Watershed Coalition in partnership with the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and Michigan State University Extension 4-H is building a hybrid council to promote youth-adult partnerships that increase environmental understanding and promote community action for the protection of our water resources and communities.

The Flint River Watershed Coalition covers most of Lapeer County. Do you know any students, teachers, and/or informal educators who want to work to improve the Flint River? Encourage them to apply for our Flint River Environmental Leadership Council.

Apply for the Council at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKPEIK0bsZ3Y9MZAwnlrycZ4ZPsGzEBsDmm-1tp5obRyfZQ/viewform>

Educators and youth will work together to learn about the Flint River, serve in an advisory capacity for the youth educational programs, and work on community action projects to improve the Flint River.

Wild Spartans

Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly Sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm starting in October. Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023/>

More Resources and Previous Recordings:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series



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FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING
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Begins October 11 | 6:30 PM EST
then on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023/>



Save the Date! 2023 Fundraiser Auction

The 2023 Lapeer County 4-H Annual Fundraiser Auction will be held April 14th and 15 at the Lapeer Center Building. Put your thinking caps on and start brainstorming themes for your club basket!

We are looking for volunteers that are interested in helping with office tasks, mailings and online donation requests this fall and winter. If you can help, please contact Sarah.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Jean's Tid-Bits

2nd Annual Open House



Thank you to those who were a part of helping make last year's 1st annual Open House a success! We are looking forward to our 2nd annual 4-H Open House on Sept. 17th from 10am-2pm. With that being said, we are now looking for volunteers, both youth and adults to help make this year's open house another successful event. This is an opportunity for youth and parents to come meet current 4-H members and volunteers, to learn about 4-H and what we have to offer through hands on fun activities. We are looking for some animals to be present as well as hands activities and games. So far we have dog agility, the blow up archery activity, yard games (such as lawn Jenga, cornhole, ladder ball), popcorn, and cotton candy. If you are free to help and/or have ideas for activities please give me a call and/or come to our planning meeting, Monday, Aug 22 at 5:30pm here at the extension office. Thanks-look forward to you being a part of this fun filled event!

North Branch Fall Festival

Saturday, October 8th is Fall Festival Day in North Branch, and I am coordinating some activities at the park for promotional and recruitment efforts. Again, looking for youth and adult volunteers. This is a good way for you to promote for new members in your clubs and help us show what 4-H has to offer. Please contact Jean at 810-667-0341 for more information or interested in helping. Thanks.



NB HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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| Arts and craft vendors | Harvest Hustle 5k walk/run |
| Demonstrations in the Park | Tri-county money drop for kids |
| Live Music in the Park | Hay rides |
| Live Music at Ila J's Event Center | Scarecrow making class |
| Scarecrow contest for businesses | Magician |
| Antique Tractor Show | Face Painting |
| Farmers Market | Car Show |
| Library book sale | Food Trucks |
| Horseshoe Tournament | Catholic Church activities |
| AND MUCH, MUCH MORE! | |

Tractor Safety Certification Class

We are in the process of planning a tractor safety certification class for youth ages 14-19 with a fee of \$25 to be held in March and April 2023 . We need 10-25 participants to hold the class. If interested please contact the office, giving us your name and best way to contact you. The course will not conflict with any FFA meetings held on Thursday nights.

Obtain your Tractor Operation Certificate as well as learn about topics such as but not limited to: Electrical Safety, Hazardous Materials, Truck Driving, Livestock Dangers



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Lapeer County 4-H Council Meeting.....	7:00pm: 08/15
Open House Planning Meeting.....	5:30pm: 08/22
Horse Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm: 08/22
Auction Committee Meeting.....	5:30pm: 08/29
Last Day of 21-22 4-H Program Year	08/31
4-H Online Shutdown for 21-22 Program Year.....	Noon: 08/31
First Day of 22-23 4-H Program Year	09/01
4-H Online Opens for 22-23 Program Year Member Enrollments.....	09/12
Livestock Committee Meeting.....	7pm: 09/12
4-H Open House.....	10am-2pm: 09/17
Leader Update.....	5:30pm: 09/19
4-H Council Meeting.....	7pm: 09/19
Leader Update.....	1pm: 09/22
Leader Update.....	5pm: 09/26
Horse Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm: 09/26
TSC Clover Campaign Starts.....	10/05
North Branch Fall Festival.....	10/08
County Award Applications Due.....	10/17
Club Year End Financials and Club Rosters Due.....	10/17

Fundraiser and Recruitment Opportunity



Host a Bake Sale or Information Table at a local TSC location during the Fall TSC Clover Campaign
Oct. 5th – 16th

Contact Sarah for more info.





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.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2022 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced



The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 20 4-H members from 16 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"With tens of thousands of 4-H'ers across the state, the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished 4-H'ers," said Julie Chapin, 4-H state leader of Michigan 4-H and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "Their commitment to bettering themselves

and their communities through service and extensive 4-H work make them true leaders in their clubs, counties and across our state."

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 19 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills, and experience. Recipients of the 2022 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Charlee Klink of Delta County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Malachi Sims of Shiawassee County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Sophia Nielsen of Ingham County (junior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Vishal Swamy of Oakland County (junior division)
- **Equine Science:** Jayleigh Williams of Lenawee County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Rebecca Thomas of Ionia County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Brooke Richards of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Caitlynn Pratt of Otsego County (junior division) and Audrey Martin of Midland County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Noah Hecht of Saginaw County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Jady Herzog of Allegan County (junior division) and Jaycie Brown of Livingston County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Blake Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Corinna Aulph of Monroe County (junior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

Senior delegates (ages 16-19) and groups then complete an interview using video conference technology. Completing a video interview provides an opportunity for 4-H members to practice real-world skills that are trending in the workforce.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

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Learn more about how you can grow with Lapeer County 4-H!

