



June/July 2023

4-H Family News

Lapeer County



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the five Lapeer County 4-H youth that competed at the 2023 Michigan 4-H/FFA State Meats Judging Contest on May 10th. This fun contest gives youth an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats.

Jr. Division

Zoey Suszko – 2nd

Cash Hanks – 4th

Sr. Division

Rowan Conley – 4th

Rayana Slack – 6th

Alanah Hannigan – 7th



Also, Job Well done goes out to all of the youth that participated in Lapeer County 4-H Spring Achievement on May 6th. There were many impressive projects! Great Job Isaac Brown, Lauren Brown, Madelyn Furgerson, Zoey Suszko, Tyler Mette, Jacklynn Schalau, Autumn Wellington, Abigail Fox, Corbin Voss, Stasha Clemens, and Kenleigh Redford.

All Species Skillathon and Ice Cream Social



Sunday, July 23

2-5pm

EMSF Recreation Dome

Youth Ages 5-19



The Skillathon will include a written test consisting of questions related to any of the species shown at the fair (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Horses, and Dogs). The skillathon contest may also be comprised of practical tests such as breed, feed, or meat cut identification.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Join us in the North Branch Parade!



Tuesday July 4th

Parade Line up at 9am

Meet at Parson's Parking lot at the end of Banker St. in North Branch

Parade starts at 11am

All 4-H Members are welcome to walk with us and help pass out candy and flyers.

Parents and Siblings are welcome to join us also. Strollers, Wagons, and approved well-behaved leashed animals welcome. (Contact Sarah to discuss bringing an animal.)

Please wear a 4-H or green shirt!

Ambassadors: Wear ambassador shirt and sash.



Save the date for these future parades!

August 12 – Imlay City
August 19 – Lapeer
August 26 - Metamora

Do you have a truck, wagon or trailer that can be used as a float in future parades?

Call Sarah (810)667-0341



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Senior Scholarships



The Lapeer County 4-H Program has two scholarships available this year to assist 4-H'ers with continuing educational expenses: Scholarships are a one-time award and may be used for any advanced schooling, including trade schools, technical programs, colleges, and junior colleges. Scholarship eligibility includes: a minimum 2.0 GPA, current enrollment and active participation in Lapeer County 4-H and minimum of at least four years participation in the Lapeer County 4-H program. Applicants must be a current graduating high school senior or graduated within the last 2 years at the time of application.

- 4-H Council Scholarship - open to all 4-H project areas
- Tina Novotney Scholarship - open to 4-H beef project area

Applications are due by 4:30pm on June 30, 2023. For more information or an application, call the office at (810)667-0341 or email graversa@msu.edu

4-H National Congress Scholarship

National 4-H Congress serves as the premiere educational and recognition event for 4-H members. National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's dates are November 24-28, 2023. National Congress provides participants an exciting opportunity to explore careers, engage in a variety of quality learning experiences, and have great fun by getting to know other 4-H members from across the country.

The cost for this trip is typically \$1,800 - \$2,000, which covers round-trip airfare to Atlanta, registration fee, lodging and most meals. Lapeer County 4-H is offering a full scholarship for one 4-H member (ages 14-19) to attend this amazing event in 2023. Youth Selection is based on overall accomplishments in 4-H, completed application and an interview. For more information and a scholarship application, contact Sarah. Scholarship Applications will be due June 30, 2023 by 4:30pm.

Environmental Education Training for Volunteers



Project Learning Tree and Project Wild Training

Friday, August 11th

9:00am – 4:00pm

Lapeer County MSU Extension

Pre-registration is required.

\$70 cost for community members, Free for Lapeer County 4-H volunteers.

Project Learning Tree (PLT) is an award-winning international environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents and community leaders working with youth from preschool through grade 12.

PLT and Wild provides educators with tools, training, and resources to bring the environment into their classrooms. Educators have used these curriculums to teach about both the natural and built environment—forests, wildlife, water, air, energy, waste, climate change, invasive species, community planning, and culture to name a few. The materials are multi-disciplinary and aligned with state and national education standards.

Professional development (SCECH credits) are available.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Cloverbuds and Cookies SPIN Club



New to 4-H? Interested in Joining?

Join us for some fun activities to introduce young kids to the 4-H Program and 4-H projects at

“Cloverbuds and Cookies”.

August 7-10, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.,
at the Lapeer County 4-H Office

Ages 5-7 \$15 per child. Call or email the office to register.
(Older Youth that are new 4-H members or interested in joining are also welcome to join but activities are designed for younger children.)

BubbleMania!

Bring the family for some bubble fun and magic.

BubbleMania!

Thursday, August 3rd

10:30am – 1:00pm

at the Lapeer County 4-H Office

Square bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, bubble tornados,
bubble crafts and more!

Register by July 28th by calling the office at (810)667-0341.



Retirement Celebration in honor of Jean Kreiner

After 18 years of dedication to the Lapeer County 4-H program, Jean will be retiring at the end of this 4-H year. Her last day of work will be August 31, 2023. Please join us for an open house celebration to share memories and wish her well.

Monday August 28th

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Lapeer County 4-H Office

Please feel free to invite past 4-H members, volunteers and parents that would like to join us also.



LAPEER COUNTY 4-H

Wildlife Adventure

DAY CAMP

AUGUST 16TH AND 17TH
10AM - 2PM

Lions Bear Lake Camp-Lapeer, MI

Register by
July 28th

Wildlife Education, Nature Crafts, Map Reading,
Survival Skills, Outdoor Cooking, & Fishing

- Activities are designed for **youth ages 9-13**. Older youth may attend. Camp is for both days August 16th and 17th. There are different activities on each day.
- Camp cost is **\$25 per child**, Scholarships are available.
- Youth will need to **bring a cold lunch**. Snacks will be provided.
- Youth must be current 4-H Members. They may enroll in 4Honline or complete a paper enrollment. Enrollment is Free. Enroll in 4Honline at <https://v2.4honline.com>, Select Wildlife Adventure Day Camp as Club. Paper forms are also available.
- If already enrolled in 4-H, let staff know and the club will be added to the youth's profile. Be sure all medical and emergency contact information is entered in 4Honline and up to date.
- **4-H Enrollment and Payment must be complete by July 28th.**
- Details regarding drop off/pick up and what to wear/bring will be sent in an *emailed* confirmation letter after registration is complete. *Make sure we have valid email to send the letter to.*

For More Information, call (810)667-0341 or email graversa@msu.edu

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship 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](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

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. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.



County Calendar of Events

July

- North Branch ParadeLine-up 9:00am: 7/4
- MSU Extension Office Closed.....7/4
- New Adventures Day Camp.....7/12-7/14
- Community Garden Workday.....10:00am: 7/20
- Eastern Michigan State Fair.....7/23-7/29

August

- BubbleMania!.....10:30am: 8/3
- Cloverbuds and Cookies SPIN Club.....8/7-8/10
- Project Learning Tree and Project WILD Training.....9:30am: 8/11
- Imlay City Parade.....8/12
- Wildlife Adventure Day Camp.....8/16-8/17
- Lapeer Parade.....8/19
- Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 8/21
- Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 8/21
- Metamora Parade.....8/26
- Jean's Retirement Open House.....3:00pm-6:00pm: 8/28
- Horse Committee Meeting.....6:30pm: 8/28



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at: <https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills. Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day



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