



AUGUST 2022

4-H Family News

OGEMAW COUNTY



HAPPY AUGUST!

It's August, and for Ogemaw County that means it's time for the fair! There are lots of fair-related resources found on the Ogemaw County Fair [website](#), and livestock club resources can be found [here](#). Also returning this year is the 2022 Herdsmanship Awards, sponsored by [North Central Feed & Supply](#). North Central Feed and Supply is a locally owned and operated business that has been supporting the West Branch area for generations. The application for this award can be found online [here](#), or you can stop into the office for a printed copy.

I will be at the fairgrounds, in the 4-H cabin, from 9am to 1pm Monday-Thursday of fair week, and from 10a to 3p on Friday. Friday will be dedicated to writing thank you cards for sponsors and buyers! Please remember to stop in and get your thank you cards written!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out! Without further ado, enjoy your August newsletter.

Sincerely,

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H HUNTING & WILDLIFE SPIN CLUB

AUG 4 | 4:30 PM | MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Join me to learn all about hunting & wildlife! This discipline of 4-H Shooting Sports introduces the history of hunting, wildlife identification (scat, skulls, fur, calls, etc.), habitats, animal tracks, safety in the outdoors, camouflage and more over the course of 6 weeks! Activities will range from outdoor games to art to take-home scavenger hunts and more!

"OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY" SUMMER READING PROGRAM

AUG 11 | 1:30 PM | OGEMAW EAST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a program about the bustling underwater cities we know as coral reefs! An estimated 25% of all ocean species live in and around coral reefs - they really are underwater cities!

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OGEMAW COUNTY FAIR

AUG 16 - 20 | OGEMAW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

41st plus one Anniversary - August 16-20, 2022. The fair is a fun-filled environment so that people can learn about and experience what agriculture is and how it is the basis for our very existence.

Learn more: <https://ogemawcountyfair.org/>

4-H HUNTING & WILDLIFE SPIN CLUB

AUG 25 | 4:30 PM | MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

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4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT SYSTEM CLOSES

AUG 31 | 12:00 PM | 4-H ONLINE

In preparation for the 2022-23 4-H season, the 4-H Online system will be unavailable from noon on August 31st until September 12th. On September 12th, 4-H Online will open for members to begin enrolling in the 2022-23 program year.

4-H Fresh Guacamole!



Ingredients

- Two avocados
- One small Roma tomato
- Garlic salt
- One lime
- Pinch of sugar

1. Make sure you cut the avocado all the way around the center, starting at the stem and circling until you reach the stem on the other side. Then, twist softly and pry apart.
2. Remove the pit and then slice the avocado vertically, horizontally – then scoop it out and into a bowl.
3. Add the diced tomato, garlic salt, fresh juice from half a lime and a pinch of sugar.
4. Mash the ingredients together – then, grab some chips, and dig in!



Ogemaw County Fair

August 16-20, 2022

2300 Rifle River Trail
8 Miles East of West Branch

Pre-Fair Grandstand Events

Aug. 14 Tractor & Truck Pulls - 5:00 p.m.

Aug. 15 Super Cross & 4-Wheeler Races - 7:30 p.m.

Grandstand Events

Aug. 16 aTomiC sound - 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 17 Bump N Run Derby - 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18 Monster Trucks - 7:30 p.m.

Music in the Grandstands

Aug. 19 Motor City Memories - 7:00 p.m.

Sawyer Brown - 8:30 p.m.

Tickets available at ETIX.com

Aug. 20 Mud Bog - 7:30 p.m.

**Carnival Rides
& Exhibit Buildings
Open Tuesday, Aug. 16**

**ALWAYS
FREE
PARKING**

Grandstand Events

16 yrs. & Older \$10

6-15 yrs. \$5

5 yrs. & Under **FREE**

Concert Night Aug. 19

Presale tickets

Bleachers \$15

Infield **\$25**

Tickets After August 1

Bleachers \$25

Infield **\$35**

Front Gate Pass

Per Person Per Day \$5

10 yrs. & Under **FREE**

Weekly Pass \$15

- ★ WORKING/HANDS-ON ANTIQUE VILLAGE
- ★ FREE ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE GROUNDS
- ★ ENJOY OUR HOME COOKED MEALS



CARNIVAL & MIDWAY



ogemawcountyfair.com



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE (AS FOUND AT [HTTPS://OGEMAWCOUNTYFAIR.ORG/](https://ogemawcountyfair.org/))

SUNDAY OPENING

(All exhibits must have been preregistered by Aug. 1)

- 7-9 am Swine exhibits accepted & weigh-in
- 10 am-12 pm Beef exhibits accepted & weigh-in
- 10 am – 12 pm Rabbit exhibits accepted
- 10 am – 12 pm Poultry
- 1 pm – 3 pm Sheep & goat exhibits accepted & weigh-in
- 2 pm Church service at “Church in the Woods”
- 3 pm – 6 pm Horse exhibits accepted
- 4 pm MANDATORY SMALL ANIMAL MEETING IN SMALL ANIMAL BARN
- 4 pm – 7 pm Tags are picked up. Still exhibits accepted
- 5 pm [Tractor & Pickup Pull at the Grandstands](#)
- 6 pm Swine Pre-Show
- 6 pm MANDATORY HORSE MEETING between the barns
- 7 pm Mandatory horse meeting between the barns

MONDAY

(All exhibits must have been preregistered by August 1)

- 8-11 am Tags picked up
- 8 am-12 pm Still exhibits & record books accepted
- 9 am Youth Horse Performance
- 9:30 am-11:00 am Dairy exhibits accepted
- 9:30 am Judging of Poultry
- 12 pm Judging of rabbits in Small Animal Barn
- 1 pm Exhibit Buildings closed for judging (will re-open 10 am Tuesday)
- 1-10 pm Bingo in the Bingo Building
- 4 pm Showman of Showmanship – small animals in the Chief Ogemaw Pavilion
- 6 pm Beef & Dairy Beef pre-shows
- 6:30 pm FLAG RAISING AND OPENING CEREMONY at the Freedom Pavilion.
- 7 pm Sheep pre-show
- 7:30 pm [Super Cross and 4 Wheeler Races](#) at the Grandstands

TUESDAY

- 8:30-10 am Milk cows accepted
- 9 am Swine judging at the Pavilion
- 10 am Exhibits on display, Antique Village opens
- 10 am – 9 pm Breastfeeding Area, Courtesy of OCF & DHD #2 , Building 2
- 11 am – 5 pm 3rd Annual Farm Market, Building 2
- Noon – 4 pm Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program & Hands on experience
- Noon-5 pm John Marek Music & More (strolling the grounds)
- Noon-6 pm Three P’s wagon rides
- 1 pm Homemade ice cream demo – Antique Village
- 1, 3 & 5 pm Sneaky Peat and Family in the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village FREE
- 1 pm Judging of the Sheep in the Chief Ogemaw Pavilion
- 1-10 pm Bingo at the Bingo Building
- 2 pm Threshing Machine Demo, Antique Village
- 4-10 pm Virtual Reality FREE
- 5:30-7:00 pm Talent Search in the Chief Ogemaw Pavilion FREE
- 6 pm Open Speed Horse Show
- 7 pm Church Service at “Church in the Woods”
- 7:30 pm aTomiC SoundD at the Grandstands
- 9 pm Antique Village closes
- 10 pm Exhibit Buildings close



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WEDNESDAY (KIDS DAY)

- 10 am Exhibits on display, Antique Village opens
- 10 am-2 pm Car Seat Safety Check
- 10 am Youth Dairy Show-showmanship only and Dairy Show (Open and Youth) in the Pavilion
- 10 am – 9 pm Breastfeeding Area, Courtesy of OCF & DHD #2, Building 2
- 11 am-5 pm 3rd Annual Farmer's Market, Building 2
- Starting at noon:
 - Country Style BBQ Rib Dinner served in the Main Exhibit Building
 - Carnival opens (armbands, 1:00 pm to 5:15 pm \$25.00, 5:45-11 pm \$30.00)
- Noon-5 pm John Marek Music & More strolling the grounds
- Noon-6 pm 3 P's Wagon Rides (free)
- Noon-6 pm Shuttle Rides (free-weather permitting)
- 1 pm Homemade ice cream demo Antique Village
- 1-10 pm Bingo in Bingo Building
- 1, 3 & 5 pm Sneaky Peat & Family in the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village FREE
- 2 pm Thrashing machine demo Antique Village
- 2:30 pm Judging of Goat, Chief Ogemaw Pavilion
- 3:30 pm Showman of Showmanship-small animals in the Pavilion
- 4-10 pm Virtual Reality FREE
- 4:30 pm Registration closes for Bike Drawing
- 5 pm Bike drawing and giveaway in the **Griffin Barn** – must be present to win Sponsored by: [Ann's Hair Affair & Spa](#)
- 7 pm Church service at "Church in the Woods"
- 7 & 9 pm Hypnotist show in the Entertainment Tent in the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village FREE
- 7:30 pm [Bump N Run Derby](#) at the Grandstands 16 & older \$10; 6-15 years \$5; 5 & under free DOES NOT INCLUDE PIT PASSES
- 9 pm Antique Village closes
- 10 pm Exhibit Buildings close

THURSDAY

- 9 am Judging of market beef & dairy beef in the Pavilion
- 10 am Exhibits on display, Antique Village opens
- 10 am – 9 pm Breastfeeding Area Courtesy of OCF & DHD #2, Building #2
- 11 am-5 pm 3rd Annual Farmer's Market , Building #2
- Starting at noon:
 - Country Style BBQ Rib Dinner served in the Main Exhibit Building
 - Carnival opens (armbands, 1:00 pm to 5:15 pm \$25.00, 5:45-11 pm \$30.00)
- Noon-5 pm John Marek Music & More strolling the grounds
- Noon-5 pm Senior Citizen's Day Sponsored by the Ogemaw County Voice, In the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village
 - Noon Sneaky Peat
 - 1 pm Red Accordion
 - 1:30 pm John Marek The Entertainer
 - 2 pm Sweet Adeline's
 - 3 pm Sneaky Peat
 - 4 pm Senior Vendor Drawings
 - 4:30 pm Crowning of the Senior King and Queen
- Noon-5 pm John Marek Music & More strolling the grounds
- Noon-6 pm 3 P's Wagon Rides
- Noon-6 pm Shuttle Rides (free – weather permitting)
- 1 pm Homemade ice cream demo Antique Village
- 1-10 pm Bingo in Bingo Building
- 2 pm Thrashing machine demo Antique Village
- 4 pm Small & Large Animal Auction & Gallon of Milk Auction (in the Chief Ogemaw Pavilion)
- 4-10 pm Virtual Reality FREE
- 7 pm Church service at "Church in the Woods"
- 7 and 9 pm Hypnotist Show in the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village FREE
- 7-11 pm Teen Glow Paint Party FREE
- 7:30 pm Monster Trucks & Beverage Tent at the Grandstands
- 9 pm Antique Village closes
- 10 pm Exhibit Buildings close



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE (AS FOUND AT [HTTPS://OGEMAWCOUNTYFAIR.ORG/](https://ogemawcountyfair.org/))

FRIDAY

- 9 am Showman of Showmanship Competition Large Animals (in the Chief Ogemaw Pavilion)
- 10 am Exhibits on display, Antique village opens
- 10 am – 9 pm Breastfeeding Area, Courtesy of OCF & DHD #2, Building #2
- 11 am Youth Horse Speed Show
- 11 am Printing Press Live Demo Antique Village
- 11 am-5 pm 3rd Annual Farmer's Market, Building #2
- Starting at noon:
 - Chicken BBQ Dinner served in the Main Exhibit Building
 - Carnival opens (armbands, noon to 5:15 pm \$25.00, 5:45-11 pm \$30.00)
- Noon Animal record books MUST be turned in for judging
- Noon Free Ice Cream Social at the Wangler Pavilion Until Gone
- Noon-5 pm John Marek Music & More strolling the grounds
- Noon-6 pm 3 P's Wagon Rides
- Noon-6 pm Shuttle Rides (free – weather permitting)
- 1 pm Homemade ice cream demo Antique Village
- 1-10 pm Bingo in the Bingo Building
- 2 pm Thrashing machine demo Antique Village
- 4-10 pm Virtual Reality FREE
- 5:30-7:00 pm Yesterday's Country Band and Veteran Tribute in the Chief Ogemaw Pavilion FREE
- 7:00 pm Music in the Grandstands
- **Motor City Memories**
- **Sawyer Brown**
- [Buy tickets from ETIX >>>](#)
- 7 pm Church service at "Church in the Woods"
- 7 & 9 pm Hypnotist Show in the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village FREE
- 7-11 pm Teen Zone Paint & Glow Party FREE
- 9 pm Antique Village closes
- 10 pm Exhibit Buildings close

SATURDAY

- 9 am Open Horse Show (performance only)
- (must be pre-registered by August 1st; current negative coggins required)
- 10 am Exhibits on display, Antique Village opens
- 10 am – 9 pm Breastfeeding Area, Courtesy of OCF & DHD #2, Building #2
- 11 am, 2 pm, 4 pm and 6 pm Printing Press Demo Antique Village
- 11 am-5 pm 3rd Annual Farmer's Market, Building #2
- Starting at Noon:
 - Country Style BBQ Rib Dinner served in the Main Exhibit Building
 - Carnival opens (armbands, noon to 5:15 pm \$20.00, 5:45-11 pm \$25.00)
- Noon-5 pm John Marek Music & More strolling the grounds
- Noon-6 pm 3 P's Wagon Rides
- Noon-6 pm Shuttle Rides (free – weather permitting)
- 1-2 pm Sign up and weigh in (80# weight limit) for Pedal Tractor Pull at the Grandstands
- 1-10 pm Bingo in Bingo Building
- 1 pm and 3 pm Sweet Adeline's on the "General Store Steps"
- 2 pm Thrashing machine demo Antique Village
- 2 pm Pedal Tractor Pull (80# weight limit) at the Grandstands
- 4-10 pm Virtual Reality FREE
- 5:30 pm **Amateur Talent Search Finals** (from 11 fairs) Chief Ogemaw Pavilion
Sponsored by 94.5 The Moose
- 7 pm Church service at "Church in the Woods"
- 7 & 9 pm Hypnotist Show in the Griffin Barn near the Antique Village FREE
- 7-11 pm Teen Glow and Paint Party FREE
- 7:30 pm [Mud Bog](#) at the Grandstands
- 9 pm Antique Village closes
- 10 pm Exhibit Buildings close

MSU EXTENSION 4-H CaBIN Hours



Monday - Thursday..... 9a - 1pm

Friday..... 10a - 3pm

***thank you cards available all week during open hours, Friday is designated for writing
thank you notes!***

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 **4-H GROWS HERE**

MSU EXTENSION 4-H CaBIN



Record Book Covers..... \$4.00

Green "Ogemaw County 4-H" tee..... \$10.00

White "Ogemaw County 4-H" tee..... \$5.00

 **CASH SALES ONLY** 

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 **4-H GROWS HERE**



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

OGEMAW COUNTY 4-H AT THE FAIR

“The most important attitude that can be formed is that of desire to go on learning.” – John Dewey

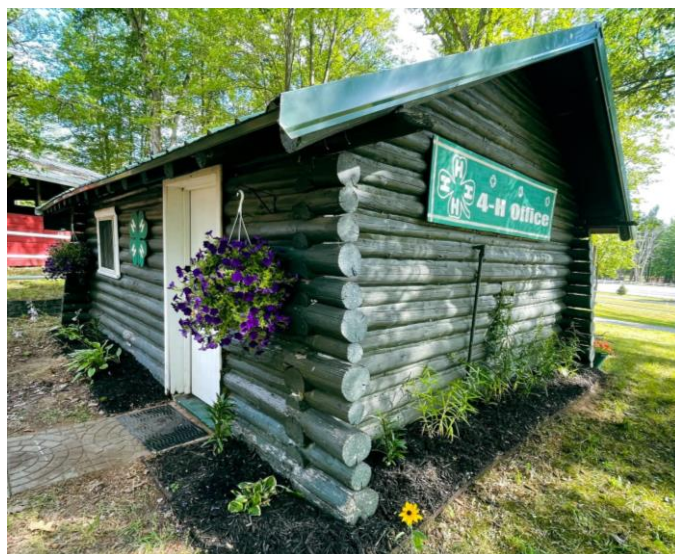
In Ogemaw County, more than 125 youth participated in a livestock club in the 2021-22 4-H season. From small animals to steers, youth took on a variety of project animals – some even took on more than one! Many of them will be showing and/or marketing at the upcoming 2022 Ogemaw County Fair!

When it comes to 4-H livestock projects, many only get to see the final project – the show, the auction, and the ceremony at the fair. What we don’t always see is the hard work in the barn, the passion in the early morning chores, and the learning of life skills and new techniques that has culminated in these precious moments in the ring. Through their 4-H projects, youth are contributing to their local food production, learning about farm management, animal husbandry, and leadership. Not only are the youth learning these livestock-specific skills, they are also learning crucial life skills – including problem solving, planning, communication, resiliency, and goal-setting. I want to extend a special thank you to the caring adults in our community – our 4-H volunteers, our parents and guardians, and our local leaders for their support of these youth in their projects. We couldn’t do what we do without each and every one of you.

If words don’t convince you of the value 4-H has in the lives of youth and their communities – try these numbers on for size! Let’s say you have a 1300 lb. steer – after considering carcass weight and processing, you may be left with 580 lbs. of “take-home” beef. According to estimates by 4-H Canada, when you compare the cost of beef at the grocery store with the cost of a local 4-H steer, there is an average of \$1900 in savings when purchasing the 4-H animal. Not only do you feel the savings in your wallet, but you can also feel it in the smile of the youth you purchased the animal from, in the “thank you for your purchase” from the local meat processor and in the satisfaction you get from supporting your local community.

So, at the end of the day, you may ask yourself, what does buying an animal at the fair mean? It means that you are supporting a dream, a passion, a youth....and your community. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your support of the youth in the community – at the fair, and through the whole year!

MSU EXTENSION 4-H CABIN GETS A FACELIFT





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 7

5:30 - 7 p.m.



North lawn outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 7.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the 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.

Learn more canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

August 1-5: MSU Tollgate Farm Vet Science Camp

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

Campers ages 12-14 can explore the Tollgate barns and pastures as they investigate the worlds of veterinary science and animal medicine. Gain animal handling experience, learn about veterinary tools and technology, practice physical exams, and take the opportunity to explore various animals and animal care with visiting vets and animal care specialists.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-vet-science-camp-2022>

August 2: Adulting 101 – Healthy U

Online

Learn strategies and ways to advocate for your wellness and to stay mentally and physically healthy as you transition into adulthood.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101summer8-2>

August 15-19: MSU Tollgate Farm Outdoor Adventure Camp

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

Campers ages 12-14 can take survival camp to a whole new level and challenge themselves with exciting wilderness skill-building experiences. Try your hand at fire-building, wilderness first aid, outdoor cooking, shelter-building, climbing, and team-building trust initiatives. An optional Thursday overnight campout on the farm is included.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-outdoor-adventure-camp-2022>

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. Spectators welcome!

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

August 20: 4-H Bullseye Bash

Northern District Fair, Cadillac

Participate in the first Wexford County archery competition! This new event is designed to help 4-H members meet new friends, test skills, and provide positive experiences through friendly competition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-at-northern-district-fair>





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:** Jadyn 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.



BIOSECURITY TIPS FOR FAIR

FAIR & EVENT RESOURCES



Protecting animal and human health is a main priority during Michigan fairs and exhibitions. With diseases such as avian influenza and swine influenza threatening animal and human populations in the past few years, it is imperative that tools and resources exist to support fair and exhibition planners in their efforts to protect both animal and human health. The website below serves as a primary information hub to assist in the planning for, responding to and recovery after a variety of animal health situations that may occur at a local fair or exhibition.

MSU Extension:
Fair & Exhibition Animal Health

HOW YOU CAN REDUCE BIOSECURITY RISKS IN 4-H PROJECTS: WASH YOUR HANDS!

Animal barns at exhibits should have numerous hand and foot washing stations, instructions for proper washing of hands, and an appropriate animal population in the barn. Visitors to the barn should properly wash their hands upon entering the barn and then again upon exiting the barn in order to reduce the risk of spreading diseases from barn to barn. In addition to wearing separate clothes and shoes in animal areas, another everyday biosecurity practice is proper and frequent handwashing. Our hands have the ability to touch a million different surfaces in a variety of locations each day. Washing our hands properly with soap and water can help reduce the spread of pathogens from various locations to others, animals and ourselves.

Always remember to wash your hands before and immediately after handling your animals. If you have sick animals, remember to care for healthy animals first, wash your hands, and then care for any sick animals.

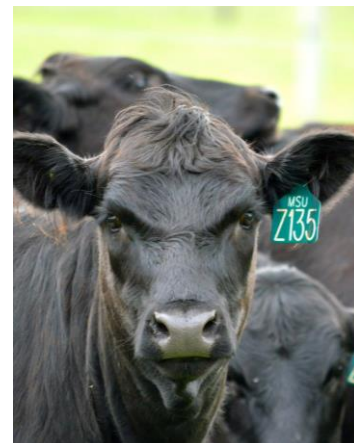
HOW YOU CAN REDUCE BIOSECURITY RISKS IN 4-H PROJECTS: CLEANING!

An important biosecurity tip is regularly washing the equipment that you use within your facility. In this instance, equipment includes feeders, water tanks, buckets, feed pans, brushes, grooming stands or chutes, floor mats, trailers and many other specie specific items.

To clean your equipment, you can use an all-purpose sanitizer that is approved for use with animals, dish soap or bleach. For youth projects, it is strongly suggested to use dish soap because it is a safe and easy-to-use product.

When washing your equipment, it is important to remove all organic material from every surface of the item. Organic material could include manure, dirt, grass hair, and feed residue. Use a scrub brush to thoroughly scrub the item. When rinsing the item, make sure that the rinse water runs clear before you stop rinsing, to ensure that all of the remaining soap has been removed. Allow the item to dry completely before using.

- [Katie Ockert](#)





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4-H Money Crunches Goosechase Game

August 15-18, 2022

Want to get fiscally fit this summer? Come join the 4-H Money Crunches Goosechase game! Played through an app, this scavenger hunt game will allow youth to have fun, learn about money management, take on some competitive challenges, and add in some movement too! The game takes place August 15-August 18, is free to join, and winners receive prizes. The 4-H Money Crunches Goosechase game is for youth of all ages but youth under the age of 13 should join the GooseChase app with an older sibling, parent or guardian. This program is made possible, in part, through a grant by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. For more information and to register, click on the image to the left.

ONLINE EXTENSION EXTRAS: WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW TO START SCHOOL



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- What does it mean to be ready for kindergarten? Many parents wonder if their child is ready to start kindergarten on time or if they should wait another year. What Children Need to Know to Start School will help parents and caregivers learn what skills kindergarten teachers expect children to have at the beginning of school. This workshop will help participants understand the five essential domains of school readiness, understand the critical importance of social & emotional development in school readiness, and become more familiar with what skills children need to be successful in Kindergarten across all five essential domains. LEARN MORE & REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/3PUKeUU>

The Michigan State Fair Youth Council

ages 13 - 19

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What is the MSF Youth Council?

For any youth ages 13-19 (by January 1, 2022) interested in rural and urban agriculture. Must be available for monthly Zoom meetings and occasional in person activities and projects throughout the year.

The council is a youth led 4-H group with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills, and share their experiences and knowledge with others.



Annual goals include:

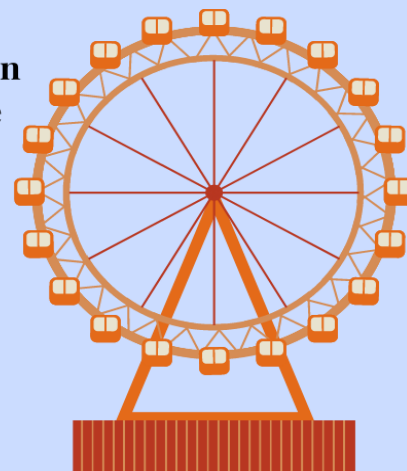
- Improving leadership skills via workshops and team activities
- State Fair planning, including Steering Committee meetings
- Connecting urban and rural youth with conversations about agriculture and food
- Enhancing personal growth in a fun and creative environment
- Creating opportunities for project coordination and hands-on learning

If you are interested in joining the Michigan State Fair Youth Council, please complete the application below.

Scan the QR code with your camera!



<https://suburbancollectionshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/michigan-state-fair-youth-council-application/>



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2022-23 4-H SEASON

4-H Online Rollover will occur on August 31st, 2022

There will be a **brief SHUTDOWN** to the 4-H Online enrollment system from September 1st – September 12th for system updates.

4-H Online will be turned back on **September 12th** for members to begin re-enrollment.



FUTURE GARDENING PROGRAM: COMING SOON!

Stay tuned as we work on developing a gardening program for Ogemaw County! We have a new volunteer coming on board, Ray, who is a certified Master Gardener and wants to share that expertise with others! Focusing on topics like native plant species, pollinators and pollination, wildlife gardening, invasive species, and sustainable agricultural practices, we are hoping to have a club coming next season! Youth will learn from a passionate and experienced volunteer, with the potential for community members to serve as guest speakers on various topics.

Please join me in welcoming Ray to the team!

WE WANT YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

As you may know, we can't do the work we do without the efforts, time, and dedication of our volunteers. When I began in this role last fall, my goal was to bring unique, new, and engaging programs to youth in our community through SPIN clubs, workshops, and community programs. I've been hard at work offering community programming and clubs, as well as working with schools and community partners to offer programs in classrooms and summer camps. But I don't want to stop there!

In order to offer even more programming, and expand the opportunities available to youth in the county, I need the help of YOU! Caring, dedicated community members willing to donate their time, and their passion, to engaging youth in Ogemaw County.

If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available. Please contact me!

