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Ogemaw County 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

Is it summer yet?

Happy June everyone! My apologies that the newsletter is delayed this month, I was attending an exciting professional development last week! Bear with me here, tons of great info throughout this newsletter!

Most importantly—a huge congratulations to ALL the seniors who have graduated this year! We wish you best as you embark on your new adventures! A special congratulations to our scholarship recipients:

- Aimee Daly
- Tatum Neubecker
- Jake Morrison
- Ann Goodroe
- Bryce Zettle
- Cade Maeder!

We are excited to send our delegation to the 2022 Exploration Days, and look forward to hearing all about the fun that youth in attendance have as they live in dorms and attend exciting sessions around the MSU campus.

We have also set the dates for a few exciting things coming up this summer! Check them out all in one place on [page 3](#), or click the linked names to learn more! Upcoming events include new [SPIN clubs](#), a [babysitter workshop](#), and some [ocean-themed programming](#) at the West Branch District Library! July is “heating up” with programming as well, including our [“On the Move” Day Camp](#), which will be hosted on July 19th at Rose City Park. Registration is forthcoming!

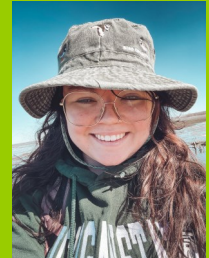
We are looking for community members to join our crew of volunteers starting in September! Volunteer for a workshop, a short-term club, or take on a year-long project—the choice is yours! This is a great way to share your passion and knowledge with youth in the community. Contact me to learn more about this opportunity!

Without further ado... please enjoy this month's newsletter! As always, feel free to reach out with any questions!

-Enya

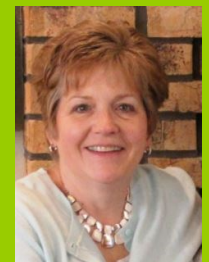
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Share your 4-H story!

Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow.



From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 18—20: Shiawassee 4-H Camp

Camp Neyati, Lake

Join a fun filled overnight camp experience! Campers will be bused to Camp Neyati from Shiawassee County. Open to youth ages 7-12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-camp>

June 27: Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

A fun-filled day of everything outdoors! From nature walks to crafts, and bug hunting to meeting animals, this fun camp is open to youth ages 5-8.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp-1>

June 27-30: 4-H Creative Clovers Camp

Various southeast Michigan locations

Come enjoy a fun filled 4-H camp where you can learn about the creative areas of photography, drawing, music and video production using Apple iPad technology. Locations include the VerKuijen Building in Clinton Township, the MSU Extension office in Pontiac or the MSU Detroit Center in Detroit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-creative-clovers-camp>

June 27: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener June 2022

LISD Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. Youth in grades 5-8 will earn a certificate.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/lenawee-junior-master-gardener-june-2022>

July 13: State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo, the contest allows participants to enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest1>

July 18-22: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

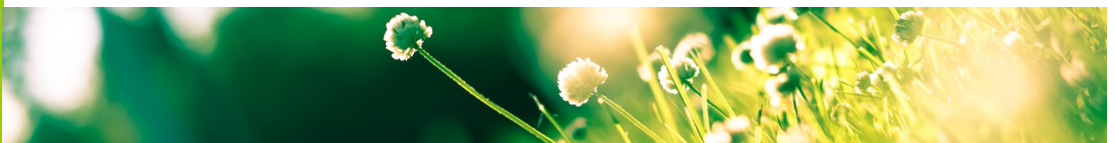
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days>

July 23: 4-H State Shooting Sports Championships

TBD

This one-day event offers competition to youth statewide in BB, hunting and wildlife, air rifle, small bore rifle, target archery, 3-D archery, muzzleloader, trap and more! Anticipated registration window of June 1-25.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-shooting-sports-championships>



Upcoming SPIN Clubs, Workshops, and Community Events!

4-H Future Naturalists: Birds of Prey SPIN Club

Tuesdays at 4:30pm (June 7th—July 12th)

MSU Extension Office, West Branch

Kid's Health and Wellness Celebration

June 8th from 4p-8p

Downtown West Branch

Oceans of Possibilities: Sea Turtle Tuesday

June 14th from 12:30p-1:30p

West Branch District Library

4-H Exploration Days 2022

June 22nd—24th

MSU Campus, East Lansing

Oceans of Possibilities: Michigan Turtle Tuesday

June 28th from 12:30p-1:30p

West Branch District Library

Introduction to Babysitting Workshop

June 29th & June 30th, 12:30p-4:30p

MSU Extension Office, West Branch

Call for volunteers!

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Do you have an interest in any of the following topic areas?

- Cooking/baking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Art
- Gardening
- Embryology/Poultry
- Outdoor Skills
- Or any other fun topics?

We are looking for adults in the community to join the Ogemaw County 4-H volunteer team and lead SPIN Clubs! SPIN clubs are short, 6 to 8 week clubs that focus on one topic & project for the duration of the club.

Sound like fun? Please reach out to me to learn more!

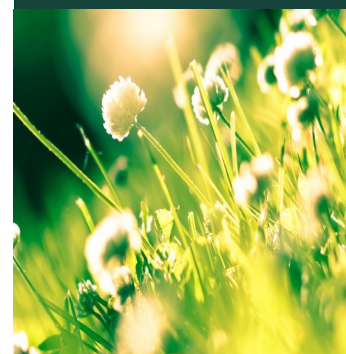
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2022 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

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 2022, the following 15 4-H members from 11 counties were selected as the 2022 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- **Berrien County:** Maizie Murphy and Gemma Richards
- **Cass County:** Conner Baker
- **Gratiot County:** Joshua Grigar
- **Isabella County:** Ben Kropf and Grace Russell
- **Lenawee County:** Eliana Pinson
- **Midland County:** Benny Scott
- **Monroe County:** Morgan Schmidt
- **Muskegon County:** Layla Behm
- **Saginaw County:** Samantha Hecht or Elliana Specht
- **Van Buren County:** Karleigh Stamp
- **Washtenaw County:** Amelia Long and Westin Rogers

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were 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!

Register now for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp!

Teens ages 13-15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp. It could be the highlight of your summer or even change your life!

This fun MSU pre-college program helps youth to explore natural resources, environmental stewardship, career choices and so much more. In addition, they'll have fun charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

The 2022 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp will be hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, July 31–August 6. Registration is now open! The 2022 camper fee is \$500.00, which includes six nights in a cabin setting, all meals and snacks, water activities, camp crafts, night hikes and charter fishing, plus a t-shirt!

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Bird biosecurity reminders

With cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza on the rise, owners of poultry projects and other birds are encouraged to implement preventative measures. This includes keeping animals contained at their own facilities, as well as:

Preventing contact between domestic and wild birds by bringing them indoors or ensuring their area is enclosed.

Washing hands before and after handling birds and when moving between different coops.

Disinfecting boots and other gear when moving between coops.

Not sharing equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms.

Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and other supplies between uses.

Using well or municipal water as drinking water for birds.

Ensuring there is no contact between poultry feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.

Wearing clean clothing and footwear that has not been worn in a home coop into public venues.

If you suspect a bird in your flock may be sick with avian influenza, contact MDARD immediately at 800-292-3939 (daytime) or 517-373-0440 (after-hours). Signs of HPAI include unusual deaths, drop in egg production and significant decrease in water consumption.

4-H Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp

July 31-August 6, 2022
Hosted at Camp Chickagami



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natural_resources_camp](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp)

Click the photo above for
more info!



This camp's a winner!

2012 - Named one of eight top 4-H science programs nationally

2009 - Received National 4-H and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Natural Resources Conservation Education Award

2008 - Named a National 4-H Program of Distinction

Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer!!

Learning sessions and recreation are designed to:

- Increase teens' appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors, natural resources, and science.
- Increase teens' knowledge about the Great Lakes, natural resources ecology and management issues.
- Develop strong attitudinal attachment to Michigan's unique natural resources and bioregional features.
- Foster scientifically rooted environmental stewardship.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Increase social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.

Who should attend?

The camp is for teens aged 13 to 15, or going into 8th-10th grades in the fall, who are functioning at grade-level or above. (We use the public school cut-off date for school-year eligibility which is that 2022 campers must be born before 12/01/2009 to be entering 8th grade in the fall.) **You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend.**

Maximum camper capacity is 70 campers, so apply early to increase your chances of getting a spot. Registration will open in early May and spaces are limited!

Contact

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4-H SPIN Club: Birds of Prey

Join me to learn all about birds of prey - from eagles to vultures and everything in between! Activities will include owl pellet dissection, art projects, games, tips for identification, and more!

meetings held at the MSU Extension office in West Branch!

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm
starting June 7th



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Contact: Enya deFeijter, 4-H Program Coordinator
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Current 4-H members can contact me and I will enroll your youth for you!



Enroll/login at 4-H Online (bit.ly/4Henrollment) and select "4-H Future Naturalists: Birds of Prey" to sign up!

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4-H SPIN Club: Hunting & Wildlife

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!

Enroll/login at 4-H Online (bit.ly/4Henrollment) and select "Hunting & Wildlife" to sign up!

Current 4-H members can contact me and I will enroll your youth for you!

Thursdays @ 4:30pm

starting July 14th (no class Aug 18th - Fair Week!)

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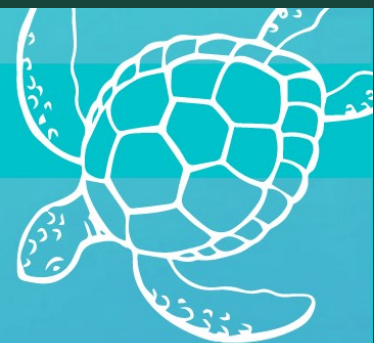
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OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM

TURTLE TUESDAY: PART 1



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Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a lesson all about sea turtles! Get ready to dive in and learn the types of sea turtles, their favorite foods, and more!

The program will feature a sea turtle story time, sea turtles 101 lesson, and an activity!

**@ WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY
JUNE 14TH | 12:30PM**

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OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM

TURTLE TUESDAY: PART 2



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Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a lesson all about Michigan's turtles! We may not have sea turtles in the Great lakes, but we have lots of other species of our shelled friends! Learn about the different adaptations turtles have to live in Michigan, how to recognize and help our turtles, and more!

The program will feature a story time, turtles 101 lesson, a visit from Enya's turtle - Cinnamon - and an activity!

**@ WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY
JUNE 28TH | 12:30PM**

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Introduction TO BABYSITTING

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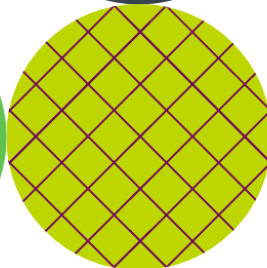
**JUNE
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30TH**



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FREE TWO-DAY WORKSHOP, 12:30P-4:30P BOTH DAYS

Youth who participate will learn about the responsibilities of babysitting and becoming a capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitter, practice skills and techniques needed to become a good babysitter, work with peers to help develop the confidence needed to handle situations that could happen when babysitting, and develop a positive attitude about the care of children.

Youth must be enrolled in 4-H to attend.
Contact me for instructions on how to register - space is LIMITED! Registration opens June 1st & closes MONDAY June 27th, 2022.

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**JULY
19TH**



Rose City Park
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OGEMAW 4-H

On the Move

DAY CAMP

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOU ON THE MOVE!!

Hosted outdoors, activities will include smoothie bike, pound class, magical movement, minute to win it, and simple machines! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12 > not a member yet? Joining 4-H is FREE!! Contact us to learn more!

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OCEAN VOYAGERS



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Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a program about some of the great voyagers of the ocean: sharks and whales! Learn about some of the largest sharks & whales in the world, fun facts, and more in this exciting ocean voyagers program!

The program will feature a story time, ocean voyagers lesson, and an activity!



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JULY 14TH | 11AM

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UNDERWATER CITIES: CORAL REEFS



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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!

The program will feature a story time, coral reef lesson, virtual underwater reef dive, and a craft!

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JULY 28TH | 11AM

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**LOCAL
PROGRAM!**

The StoryWalk® Project

Take a walk. Read a book.

MSU Extension 4-H and C.O.O.R. ISD have partnered together to bring four StoryWalk® projects throughout the area. Each location has a different book to read! At the start of your walk, scan the QR code for additional ideas on how engage with the book and extend the family fun!

Be sure to read all the way to the end of the book to find out how you can get a new free book for each child in your family!

"The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson."

StoryWalk® Locations

- **Grayling City Park**
100 S James St
Grayling, MI
- **Boney Memorial Park**
1386-1398 Maple Dr
Fairview, MI
- **Surline Elementary School**
147 State St
West Branch, MI
- **Houghton Lake Playhouse**
1701 W Houghton Lake Dr
Prudenville, MI



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4-HYPE: A TEEN LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCER RETREAT

AUGUST 10TH TO 12TH

BAROTHY LODGE, WALHALLA, MI

WHO

If you are currently a Michigan 4-H Ambassador at the national, state, county or project level or are interested in serving as one this program is for you!

WHAT

4-H ambassadors from across the state will come together to learn new skills, share their ambassador experiences, and have fun! The event will include workshops on public speaking, social media outreach, cultivating your message, professionalism, communicating through conflict, and more!

WHY

This is an opportunity to learn new skills, explore new career paths and improve your ability to be a leader in your community.

**COST AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION PENDING. PLEASE INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS.
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