



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

4-H Family News

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The **Mission** of our 4-H Youth Development Program is to provide personal growth opportunities for youth in Berrien County through educational programs and activities which utilize quality volunteers, trained staff, and community partners.

Our **Vision** is to make a positive difference in the lives of Berrien County youth.

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New Training Required for 4-H Leaders and Volunteers

Since 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) has required all MSU employees and volunteers conducting business on behalf of the university to report child abuse and other harm to children. To help MSU Extension volunteers better understand the reporting expectations, a new online learning module titled “Child Abuse Reporting Protocol” has been developed. The module can be completed in 10-15 minutes. All 4-H volunteers are required to complete this training by **December 31, 2022**.

To review the training, 4-H volunteers may:

- Log into Volunteer Central and complete the module through the system. Within Volunteer Central, the module will be visible on either the screening dashboard (applicants) or the annual compliance dashboard (volunteers). Once completed, Volunteer Central will log this as “completed”.
- Check with your local 4-H program coordinator to determine if they will be hosting a local training or meeting to review and discuss the material. For trainings conducted by MSU Extension professionals, attendance will be recorded in Volunteer Central on your behalf.

Leaders only are required to take training one time.

Save the Date Annual Leader Update Training

The Berrien County 4-H Annual Leader Update Training dates have been set. Don't waste time and mark those calendars now. Club Coordinators, project, and resource leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. It is important that each 4-H club/group is represented. Volunteers that are working on becoming new club leaders are also welcome. This is a valuable opportunity. Leaders only need to attend one time.

Dates:

- September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. EST—Buchanan Westerners Riding Center
- September 22, 2022 at 9:00 am. EST—Via Zoom
- September 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. EST—Berrien County MSU Extension Office

RSVP's are to be done through 4-H Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#!/user/sign-in> or by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office. A confirmation email will be sent upon registering that will include zoom information, etc.

Annual Compliance Process Update

Beginning on July 1, MSU Extension changed the annual compliance process for all volunteers. Moving forward, a background check authorization will not be required beyond the initial authorization submitted at the time of application. Furthermore, background checks will be conducted during a volunteer's birth month. A courtesy email will be sent to the volunteer at least two weeks prior to the date of the background check. **If a volunteer plans to remain active, no action is required until their Volunteer Code of Conduct is due.** If the volunteer would like to resign or has already left the program, the volunteer can respond asking MSU Extension to change their activity status and not conduct the background check.

It is recommended that volunteers review and complete the Volunteer Code of Conduct and Media/Medical Waiver annually to ensure emergency medical information is up-to-date. On occasion, MSU Extension will make updates to the Volunteer Code of Conduct. When this happens, volunteers will be notified and provided with a timeframe in which they must login to https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login and update their Volunteer Code of Conduct and Media/Medical Waiver.

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Club Coordinator— Annual Financial Summary Report Forms

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Annual Financial Report Forms is November 1, 2022.

Forms can be mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, dropped off at the after hours drop mailbox out front or faxed to 269-944-4128.

Forms that need to be submitted include the Annual Financial Report, Civil Rights Statement, Club Profile and Inventory Record.

Forms can be found online at:

[https://
www.canr.msu.edu/
berrien/
berrien_county_4_h/
leader-resources/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/leader-resources/)

4-H Candy Bar Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, is the Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Candy Bars. 4-H Clubs are able to sell candy bars for \$1.50. Candy bars come in a variety of flavors such as Mint Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Peanut Butter, White Chocolate Truffle, Caramel, Raspberry, Crispy, Almond and more. Please note the following 2022 deadlines for ordering:

Monday, August 29, 2022: 1st Order Submission Forms Due
September 16—23, 2022: Candy Bars expected to arrive
Thursday, October 20, 2022: 2nd Order Submission Forms Due
Monday, December 6, 2022: All Money Due

For questions, issues or concerns related to the candy bar sale, please contact Fundraising Chair, Chelsey Sobralski-Cole at sobralski.c@gmail.com or via phone at 269-487-8279.

4-H Leaders Council Annual Election!

The 4-H Leaders Council is currently seeking names of teens and adult leaders who would be interested in serving on the Council. Adult leaders serve a term of 3 years, while teen leaders serve a 2-year term. Leaders Council serves as Board of Directors of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association. It also serves as the counsel to the 4-H Program Coordinators. The Council usually meets the fourth Monday of each month at the MSUE Office in Benton Harbor.

Vacancies to be filled:

- Two (2) - Teen Leaders
- Three (3) - Adult Leaders

Interested individuals can make submissions by emailing Deanna Sobralski at sobralskimd@gmail.com or by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension office. Deadline for interest is **September 1, 2022**. For questions contact Elections Chair Deanna Sobralski at sobralskimd@gmail.com.

Annual County Curriculum Order

Taking new projects! Need a Member Record Book! Leveling Up in your project! Need a new project book! Don't waste time, reach out to your local 4-H Project Leader on what resource books you need as we look towards kicking off the new 4-H year!

This year's countywide curriculum order is scheduled to be placed on October 3, 2022. Club Coordinator & Project Leaders can submit their requests for member & leader resources by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office. When requesting please include Club Name, Resource Name (s), & # needed.

2022 4-H Member & Leader Recognition Nominations Save the Date!

As the 4-H year comes to an end, now is the time to start thinking about recognizing club members and leaders for their amazing accomplishments throughout the 2021- 2022 4-H year. The newly updated 2022 Berrien County 4-H Recognition Handbook has been sent out to Club Coordinators/ Administrative Leaders. Please note, nomination forms and applications are due back to the Berrien County MSU Extension office no later than **September 22, 2022**.

Forms, Record Books, and applications can be submitted by the following methods:

- Dropping off at the Berrien County MSU Extension office in Benton Harbor, MI
- Mailing forms to the Berrien County MSU Extension office in Benton Harbor, MI
- Emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu
- Emailing Clara Jungermann, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu
- Dropping off at the Annual Leader Update Training

For questions about Recognition please reach out to the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or by emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu or Clara Jungermann, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu.

2022 4-H Senior Award Cords Nominations Due

September 22, 2022

Each year Berrien County 4-H Senior Awards are presented to Berrien County 4-H members who have been a member for five or more years and have plans to graduate from high school during the current 4-H year.

4-H Senior Awards Cords are presented during the Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition Banquet that is held in the fall of each year.

If you are eligible for a 4-H Senior Award Cord, please talk to your local 4-H Club Coordinator. Club Coordinator and Administrative Leader verification/nominations are due back no later than September 22, 2022. Nominations/Verifications can be submitted by Club Coordinators on the Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form in the Berrien County 4-H Recognition Handbook.

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4-H Recognition Handbook Overview

Join us in learning about the new recognition handbook rolled out in 2022. We will cover forms, eligibility lists, answer questions, etc.

Date:

August 29, 2022

Time:

6:30 p.m.

Register through 4-H Online to receive the zoom link at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



Upcoming Countywide Projects & Kits

Registration is now open for countywide projects and project exploration kits. Registration can be done through 4-H Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and logging into your family profile. Once logged in you can find all workshops and kits in the event section of your profile!

Pre-registration is required and space is limited for each workshop regardless of participation via virtually or in-person. All supplies are included unless noted during the registration process.

4-H at the LMC Fab Lab

Join us at Lake Michigan College's Fabrication Laboratory to learn about 3D printers, laser cutters, woodworking tools and so much more! Participants will work with instructors to use the laser cutter to carve a design into a decorative pumpkin for autumn.

Date: September 17, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Lake Michigan College—Benton Harbor, MI

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.

4-H Ceramics Workshop

Join us in the 4-H Ceramics Workshop! Participants will be able to paint their very own ceramic project!

Date: September 24, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.

4-H Personalization Kit to Go

Join us in creating your own personalization project. Limit of 20 kits on a first come, first serve basis until full.

Date: September, 2022

Location: Kit to Go

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.

Deadline: Registration due by August 31, 2022

4-H Tissue Paper Painting

Join us in creating a colorful master piece with the Tissue Paper Painting 4-H Kit to Go! Limit of 30 kits on a first come, first serve basis until full.

Date: September, 2022

Location: Kit to Go

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.

Deadline: Registration due by August 31, 2022

4-H Chocolate Adventure

Join us during the winter season as we dive into sweet chocolate treats! In this workshop youth will learn how to make hot chocolate cocoa bombs!

Date: December 3, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.

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**Stay up to date on
new countywide
projects being
offered!**

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County 4-H Social
Media—Berrien
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TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The fall 2022 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place October 5—16!

Shoppers at the Stevensville & Niles TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Berrien County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a \$1.00 or more at checkout.

All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and a portion will support 4-H youth development program activities in our county. These funds are used to provide Leadership experiences to members.



Michigan 4-H Horse Show

Berrien County 4-H has selected two youth to attend the State 4-H Horse Show on August 19-20, 2022.

- Camille Czech of Tumbleweed 4-H Club
- Madeline Stockman of Tryon 4-H Saddle Club

Camille and Madeline each received county a scholarships of \$75.00 to cover their registration fee for the State 4-H Horse Show.

Volunteers Needed!

Is there a countywide project you would like to see be offered? Or do you have a unique skill you would like to lead a workshop on? As the new 4-H year approaches we are looking for individuals to lead countywide projects.

If interested reach out to the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or by emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu or Clara Jungermann, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu.

Project F.I.S.H Instructor Training

Love fishing? Become a volunteer instructor for kids! The project F.I.S.H. training helps adults of all ages learn the essentials of how to teach youth about fishing. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join the two-day, hands-on course, where participants will learn:

- Angling Skills
- People and Fish Management
- Aquatic ecology
- Tackle Crafting

Attendees will receive curriculum for activates, equipment, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with youth.

Date: September 9, 2022 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. & September 10, 2022 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
 Location: Lost Lake Woods Club in Alcona County
 Badger Lake Pavilion
 4243 Lost Lake Trail
 Lincoln, MI 48742
 Deadline: Registration due by September 2, 2022
 Cost: Basic Registration \$50
 Basic + Full Service Camp Site \$85
 Basic + Hotel Room \$115



Limited availability- register today! www.bit.ly/ProjectFishSept22
 Limited amount of scholarships are available to 4-H Leaders in the amount of \$50 to attend. Reach out to the Berrien County MSUE 269-927-5674 to learn more.

Chapin Returns as Director of Michigan State University Extension Children and Youth Initiatives

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension announced the appointment of Julie Chapin, Ph.D., as director of the MSU Extension Children and Youth Institute (CYI), the unit focused on programming for those from birth to age 19, including Michigan 4-H. Chapin reassumes the role after serving as the CYI director from 2010-2018.



“We are thrilled to have Dr. Chapin back at the helm of CYI,” said Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension director. “Julie’s strong vision, leadership acumen and passion for the 4-H Youth Development program make her an ideal candidate to help increase and improve our children and youth programs.”

Chapin has a long history with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H that spans 36 years. A 4-H alumna from Ottawa County, Chapin began her professional career at MSU Extension in 1981 as a 4-H youth agent. She later became a youth animal science specialist before serving as state 4-H program leader for volunteer development. In 2010, Chapin became the first director of CYI when the institute was established, a role she served in until she retired in 2018. She has been honored for her Extension service with the Michigan and National Distinguished Service Awards.

“I’m so happy to be back working with the talented professionals that make up CYI and the amazing youth and families across our Michigan 4-H community,” said Chapin. “The work being done across the state by our staff and volunteers is truly making a difference in the lives of children. I look forward to helping elevate and advance this work moving forward.”

Chapin’s appointment was effective June 1, 2022.

2022 Michigan State Fair!

The 2022 Michigan State Fair is celebrating 10 years! 4-H’ers across the state will have the chance to showcase their projects at the 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the State Fair on September 1-5, 2022.

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 scholarships.

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Canine Good Citizenship Evaluation and Testing

Hosted by the Best Friends 4-H Club

Date:

September 10, 2022

Time:

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Location:

Mutterly Love Saint Joseph, MI

Cost:

Free for 4-H Members & Leaders
\$15.00 for general public

More information coming soon!



Save the Date! Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

Save the date for the
Michigan 4-H
Creative Arts
Celebration!

Date: November
11—13, 2022

Location: Ralph A.
MacMullan (RAM)
Conference Center
Roscommon, MI

Michigan 4-H
Creative Arts
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2022

Ralph A. MacMullan
(RAM) Conference
Center in Roscommon



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[https://forms.gle/
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z7](https://forms.gle/DmvLn7o9YdCokH5z7)

Going home: Biosecurity Tips for Animals that Went to the County Fair

Adapted from an article authored by Katie Ockert, MSU Extension. Read the complete article at 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

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately.

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.

Serve as a Member of the 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

This group serves as advocates, spokespeople, leaders, and advisors for Michigan 4-H programs statewide. Serving on SYLC is a great way to meet youth from across the state, expand your understanding of Michigan 4-H, and build your resume and leadership skills.

4-H members age 15-19 are invited to apply for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. More information, including the application and information sessions coming soon!

Berrien County 4-H Foundation

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation is a non-profit corporation created to provide income to finance 4-H youth programs throughout Berrien County. The 4-H Foundation assets are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors and Advisors who represent a cross-section of people with diverse backgrounds and expertise.

Every donation is placed into an investment trust fund. The principle is not touched. Income earned from the trust fund is applied to educational youth programming. your gift helps youth throughout Berrien County

Why does the Berrien County 4-H Foundation need my help?

Federal, state, and county resources contribute to the 4-H program, as do the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council, 4-H Club leaders and parents. These combined contributions fall short of what is needed to adequately support youth.

What benefit will I receive from my donation?

Besides the wonderful feeling of helping 4-H youth to succeed, there may be tax incentives for individuals and businesses.

How do I make my donation?

Your donation should be made payable to the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc. Most donors use one of these methods:

- Cash or Check
- Pledge payable over a three-year period
- Memorial or tribute in honor of special people or occasions
- Planned giving—Estates/Wills
- Annual giving

Participate in Michigan's World Food Prize Youth Institute

The Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience coordinated by Michigan State University where high school students engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Michigan and around the world.

Students research issues they care about and propose their ideas to solve these grand challenges. To participate in the Michigan Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a global challenge paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor. A mentor can be a 4-H Leader/ Volunteer who works with youth who are interested in learning about global food security to complete the global challenge paper as a part of their 4-H experience.

Students who are in grades 7 through 12 during the 2022-2023 school year are eligible participate in the Michigan Youth Institute on May 11, 2023 at MSU Campus in East Lansing. Youth must register by submitting a three to five page paper by March 15, 2023.

If interested in participating as a club or individually contact Clara Jungermann, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu. For more information about this event visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-world-food-prize-michigan-youth-institute>

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State 4-H Scholarships Available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception



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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception).

Statewide Calendar of Events

August 15-18: 4-H Money Crunches Goode Chase Game

Online via GooseChase App

This fun money management scavenger hunt game is played on the GooseChase app and is open to youth of all ages.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/moneycrunchesgoosechase>

August 15-20: Northern District Fair

Wexford County Fair Grounds, Cadillac

Open to all Michigan youth, the Northern District Fair offers families a fun week up north, just before school starts back up - August 15-20, 2022 in Cadillac, MI.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/northern-district-fair>

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>

August 20: 4-H Lake to Table

Happy Days Fishing Camp, Columbus

Join 4-H for a fun day of fishing! Fish from a pontoon boat, learn proper knife use and care, fillet your own fish, and learn about Michigan's aquatic ecosystems!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-lake-to-table>

October 5- 16: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Online or at Local Tractor Supply Co Stores

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 17: Fall - Backpack to Adventure: Youth Leaders in a Global World Curriculum

Online

Fall Youth Leaders in a Global World Curriculum Virtual Session. An introduction to the "Backpack to Adventure: Youth Leaders in a Global World" Curriculum.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-backpack-to-adventure-youth-leaders-in-a-global-world-curriculum>

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:** Jadyne 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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Enrollment Reminders!
If you have not enrolled yet for the 2021-2022 4-H Year please do so immediately!
4-H Online is scheduled to close on August 31, 2022.
4-H Online will reopen for the new 4-H year (2022-2023) on September 12, 2022!