



JULY 2022

4-H Family News

GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



HELLO & HAPPY JULY!

It is hard to believe I've been your new 4-H program coordinator for almost a month now! Thank you for the warm welcome during our Community Ice Cream Social. It has been a such a pleasure getting to know some of our amazing 4-H youth, leaders, and volunteers, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. Summer is always an exciting time for 4-H – I'm looking forward to the return of Cloverbud Day (more info on p. 2) and seeing all of your awesome projects exhibited at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth. There are also an array of state events coming up that I hope you'll check out (see p. 4). Don't forget you can reach me via email, phone, or by stopping into the office (it's best to call and set up an appointment first).

All the best,

Stacey Woggon
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“4-H GROWS HERE” YARD SIGNS

Free to Pick-up | 8:00am – 4:30pm | Extension Office



Learn more about the Agriculture and Economic Development millage that residents will be asked to renew on August 2 by visiting <https://www.canr.msu.edu/gratiot/index>

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD DAY 2022

“Seeds & Bees”

WHEN:

July 26, 2022
8:30am – 2:30pm

WHERE:

Gratiot County Fair for Youth Fairgrounds
701 S Lincoln Ave.
Alma, MI 48801

WHO:

Youth ages 5-7
(as of 01/01/2022)

COST:

\$10 per youth
(includes t-shirt, snack, lunch, all activities, and a goodie bag)

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ACTIVITIES:

Join us for sessions with crafts, games, and food. Learn about pollinators and their importance to Michigan's ecosystem.

SCHEDULE:

8:30-8:45 Check-In
8:45-9:00 Welcome & Overview
9:00-9:15 Group Photo
9:15-9:45 Seed Art
9:45-10:15 Pollination Game
10:15-10:45 Snack/Nutrition Education
10:45-11:30 Craft Stations
11:30-12:30 Lunch (provided)
12:30-1:30 Apiculture Education
1:30-2:00 Caterpillar Race Game
2:00-2:30 Finish Crafts/Mindfulness Activity
2:30 Pick-Up



REGISTRATION:

Deadline: July 15, 2022

Instructions: Login to your family profile in 4-H Online. Click on events and select “Seeds & Bees”. Send or drop-off your registration fees to the Gratiot MSUE Office (219 N State St, Alma, MI 48801). New to 4-H? Join by signing up at <http://v2.4honline.com>, then sign-up for the event.

Sponsored by the
Gratiot County 4-H Council

Dates to Save:

GCCFFY Board Meeting

July 14, 2022

7pm @ Fair Office

4-H Council Meeting

July 18, 2022

6pm @ GCCFFY Pavilion

Gratiot County Fair for Youth

July 30 – August 6, 2022

** Visit the 4-H booth on Kid's Day (Thursday) from 10am – 2pm **

** Watch for Ag Olympics on Saturday @ 2:30pm **

We are excited to announce that Cloverbud Day is back for 2022! Youth ages 5-7 are invited to join us at the GCCFFY Pavilion on July 26th from 8:30am-2:30pm. Our theme this year is “Seeds & Bees” – sessions, including crafts, games, and food, will focus on pollinators and their importance to Michigan's ecosystem. We also have an apiculture (beekeeping) educator coming from MSU. The 4-H Council has agreed to sponsor this event, resulting in a participant cost of just \$10. This includes all activities for the day, snack, lunch, t-shirt and a take-home goodie bag. Please register through 4-H Online and drop off your \$10 participation fee to the Extension Office by July 15th.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SHARE YOUR CLUB UPDATES TO BE FEATURED HERE

We know our Gratiot County 4-H Clubs are having a blast and doing a lot of great work this summer. Please send any club updates and event photos to Stacey Woggon (woggonst@msu.edu) to be featured in our newsletter and on our social media. We look forward to sharing what you're up to!

EXCHANGE CLUB HEADS TO TEXAS



After 3 years of waiting and planning, our Gratiot County 4-H State Exchange Club is off to Texas! They have exchanged with Guadalupe County and will be exploring San Antonio and surrounding areas from June 28th - July 5th. A fantastic week of events is planned, including visits to the river walk, a waterpark, rodeo, the gulf coast, and 4th of July parade. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures and host Guadalupe County here in Gratiot County next year!

AGRILIQUID IQ HUB TOUR

On June 17th, Somethin' Special 4-H Club had a great visit to Agriliquid IQ Hub. Members and leaders toured the facility and learned all about worm composting – how cool!



BEEBE BEEF ANNIVERSARY

The BeeBe Beef 4-H Club is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and would like to contact as many past club members as possible. If you were a BeeBe Beef club member, please send your name, email, phone number, and address to beebebeef70@gmail.com. They are planning an ice cream social in September at Emerson Township Hall, a site where the club was first organized and many meetings were held. Help us spread the word to past and present BeeBe Beef members!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly—Squat Lesson



The newest lesson is available in the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series. The purpose of this series is not to teach specific content, but to teach the process of science – asking questions and discovering answers. The activities encourage young people to try to figure things out for themselves rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

The newest lesson is "Is precooked bacon a better value?" To access this lesson and other resources in the series, visit: canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series.

July 11-13: Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This three-day camp is designed to prepare youth for fair and local horse shows. A variety of sessions and clinics will be offered ranging from English, Western, gymkhana and dressage. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-ingham-county-horse-committee-4-h-horse-project-camp>

July 12: Adulting 101 Summer Series

Online

Adulting 101 help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an “adult” through educational sessions. Sessions occur weekly on Tuesdays and will each cover a new topic. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101summer>

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.

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

July 18 - 20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive day camp will educate youth ages 11-15 about forestry in Michigan. Participants will learn about forest ecosystems, how to manage them and forestry-related career operations.

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

July 27-28: 4-H Money Crunches Boot Camp

Various locations across Michigan

Get financially fit this summer for FREE in this fun-filled two-day boot camp for youth in grades 8-10! Topics covered include banking, saving, investing, spending plans, fraud, taxes, goals, paying for secondary education and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/moneycamp22>

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. Register by July 17.

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

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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



MSU Extension is happy to partner again in 2022 with the Michigan State Fair for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 1! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market 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. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 1-5.

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. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

Michigan 4-H Foundation 2022-23 grant cycle re-opened

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently re-opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. Applications are due by the extended July 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

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