



# 4-H Family News

Sept 2024

Kalamazoo County



Welcome to the 2024-2025 4-H programming year!

Starting September 15th, 2024, families and volunteers will need to log into the 4-H online database at- <http://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll for the new programming year.

### Some reminders-

- Any youth 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2025 will be able to enroll in the 4-H program
- There is no fee to enroll in 4-H.
- Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) prior to working with youth, unless it has been completed previously.
- VSP completion is required for both virtual and face to face programs. For information on this process please visit- [http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu\\_extension\\_volunteer\\_selection\\_process](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process)
- New members may join anytime during the year, but will not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2025
- Re-enrollment is due no later than November 30, 2024.



Thank you *Everyone* for making the 2024 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair a **WONDERFUL** success!

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# Year End Celebration !





## Thank You Pomp's Tire of Battle Creek!

Special thanks to Mike Dyer for helping to arrange the replacement of the bus's rear tires. Not only did Pomp's Tire Service of Battle Creek replace the rear tires, they actually replaced all of the tires on the bus. They donated the tires and all the labor to remove the old tires and install the new ones.

WOW! Kalamazoo County 4-H is very grateful for this wonderful donation!

After the Fair was over, Mike also drove the bus to fill up the gas tank with diesel fuel. It is important for us to have the tank full when storing the bus for longer periods of time, as this helps prevent rust in the tank.

4-Hers signed two poster sized thank you cards during the dance on Friday night of fair. Andrea McCubbin, Leaders Council President gave the huge thank you card to Mike when he came to the fairgrounds to fuel up the bus. She hand delivered the Pomp's thank you card and this framed picture of the bus, which they will display at their business. The banner was a bit too large for them to display at this time, but you will see it again at future fairs! Thanks again Pomp's Tire Service for your generosity!





***Thank you*** to all the business and families who donated towards the trophies and awards for youth who participated in the Kalamazoo County 4-H livestock shows. We appreciate you!

**Platinum**

Co-Alliance Co-Op, Inc.  
Cornerstone Ag Management  
D & E Custom Trucking  
Lyster Exteriors  
Myers Farms, LLC  
Stafford Farms

**Silver**

Battle Creek Farm Bureau  
Blain's Farm & Fleet  
Matt & Alisha Gibson  
Hinga Family & Farm  
Rus & Ann Hollister  
Jaworski Farms  
Maury & Nancy Kaercher  
Kim Lawrence  
Bart & Lisa Mauk  
Rita McClish  
Jeff & Andrea McCubbin  
Joe & Robin Peck  
David & Eileen Rutten  
Shook Farm  
Swihart Farm  
Winding Creek Grain Farms

**Gold**

Sandy Ambs  
Cagney Lamb  
CT Electrical  
The Grounds Keeper  
IBEW Local #131  
Kalamazoo Fraternal  
Order Police #98  
Morrison Landscape Services

**Bronze**

Ryan & Jackie Bounds  
Molly & Gary Cole  
Robert & Sandra DeCoster  
Dickman Road Vet Clinic  
Garden Lane Apartments  
Gray Family  
Meeuwse Farms  
Don Peck Family  
Russell Farm  
Ed & Connie Sturm  
James & Kay Whitehead





## Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement-

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

**Have fun!**



# A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BUYERS, WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

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A+ Well Service  
Aaron & Meagan Srackangast  
Al & Deanna Pattison  
Alamo Valley Solar  
Alan Hinchman  
Alice Srackangast  
Ambs Family  
Anchor Wealth Advisors  
Angela Shannon Insurance Agency  
Ann Nieuwenhuis  
B & T Partnership  
Bak-Ayr Farms  
Balkema Excavating  
Bartholomew Heating and Cooling  
Battle Creek Farm Bureau  
Bill Longest  
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GKS Farms  
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Greenstone Farm Services  
Greg Feltner  
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Hopkins Elevator  
Jay & Sara VanDyk  
Jerrid Hisler Agency  
Joe's Farm  
John & Ann Zanetti  
John & Lissa Garrod  
John Gilfillan  
Jordan Riemersma  
Justin & Kristin Shook  
Kalsee Credit Union  
Kathlyn Gilfillan  
Katz Well Drilling  
Kevin & Cindy Rose  
Kevin & Jess Kaercher  
Keystone Coop  
King's Equipment  
Kristin Blood  
Lakeland Asphalt  
Lipscombs LLC  
Logan & Kara Hunter  
Lyster Exteriors  
M-40 Bar & Grill  
Mark & Veronica Bolhuis  
Marshall Feed & Grain  
Marshall Meats  
Martin Spring & Drive  
Matt & Alisha Gibson  
Matt Millikin  
Maury & Nancy Kaercher  
McCubbin Family  
Meeuwse Farms  
Mezo Trucking LLC  
Mike & Janet Gibson  
MMPA Kalamazoo Area Producers  
Morrison Landscape Services  
Motor Shop  
Myers Farms LLC  
Nally's Greenhouse  
Nancy Shaffer  
Overhead Door Company  
Pam Acker  
Pat Butler  
Patti Huiskamp  
Perkins J Electric LLC  
Phil Gernaat and Sons Greenhouse  
Pickle Street Veterinary Service  
Post Foods  
Quality Cylinder Service LLC  
ReGreen Equipment  
Ride or Dye Hair Salon  
Rings ministries  
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Sara Reeves  
Sarah Dyer  
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Scott VanOosten  
Scott's Country Store  
Scramlin Agency  
Sheriff Fuller  
Shoemaker Garage  
Sikkema Real Estate Team  
Squirrel Hollow Golf Course  
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State Farm Insurance - Kristin Wykoski  
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The Auction Management Company  
The Buckham Agency  
The Subrick Family  
Thompson Home Improvement  
Thompson Recycle  
Tim & Paige Vandegiessen  
TJ & Taylor Gibson  
Tom Alan Morrison  
Triple H Ranch  
Verile Family  
Victory Farms  
Walther Farms  
Wes & Emily Kilian  
Winding Creek Grain Farms  
Woodwork Specialties  
WXC Cattle Company



# Congratulations to Our Fair Winners!

## Top Showman/Best in Show:

- ❖ Makayla K -Rabbit- Top Showman
- ❖ Natalie H -Swine- Top Showman
- ❖ Molly K -Junior and Reserve Swine- Top Showman
- ❖ Eloise W -Sheep and Junior- Top Showman
- ❖ Molly K -Reserve Sheep- Top Showman
- ❖ Lucas W -Beef- Top Showman
- ❖ Rylee T -Rabbit - Best in Show
- ❖ Miles W -Reserve Rabbit - Best in Show



## Grand Champions

- ◇ Aubrey M \*Meat Goat
- ◇ Jackson G \*Roaster, Poultry
- ◇ Annalise J \*Broiler, Poultry
- ◇ Isaac G \*Broiler, Cornish
- ◇ Johnathan S \*Tom Turkey
- ◇ Adeline G \*Hen Turkey
- ◇ Lucas N \*Duck
- ◇ Olivia G \*Stewer, Rabbit
- ◇ Claudia S \*Roaster, Rabbit
- ◇ Miles W \*Pen/3 Rabbit
- ◇ Rylee T \*Fryer, Rabbit
- ◇ Natallie H \*Gilt
- ◇ Henrik A \*Barrow
- ◇ Ryne S \*Carcass, Swine
- ◇ Henrik A \*Ewe
- ◇ Lucas W \*Wether
- ◇ Lucas P \*Carcass, Lamb
- ◇ Eloise W \*Fleece
- ◇ Joe P \*Dairy Steer
- ◇ Andrew D \*Beef Carcass
- ◇ Lucas W \*Beef Steer
- ◇ Tyler P \*Dairy Feeder

## Reserve Champions

- Aubrey M \*Meat Goat
- Olivia G \*Roaster, Poultry
- Levi S \*Broiler, Poultry
- Annalise J \*Broiler, Cornish
- Madelyn G \*Tom Turkey
- Julia S \*Hen Turkey
- Alvin L \*Duck
- Alyssa M \*Roaster, Rabbit
- Izzabella D \*Pen/3 Rabbit
- Rylee T \*Fryer, Rabbit
- Dane S \*Gilt
- Dane S \*Barrow
- Nyle S \*Carcass, Swine
- Alyse V \*Ewe
- Henrik A \*Wether
- Jaxon R \*Fleece
- Maycee P \*Dairy Steer
- Joe P \*Beef Carcass
- Natallie H \*Beef Steer





## Our State Fair Winners

- Jackson G \* Blue Ribbon Acrylic- Birds and Animals
- Miles W \* Blue Ribbon- Educational Poster 8-12 yr olds
- Sebastian W \* Blue Ribbon 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Crafts
- Michaela H \* Blue Ribbon 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Landscape Photography

### Cloverbuds

- Isla S \* Cloverbud- Flowers and Plants
- Isla S \* Cloverbud- Projects
- Isla S \* Cloverbud- Showmanship Swine
- Isla S \* Cloverbud- Showmanship Rabbits







# Congratulations to all the 4-H swine exhibitors at the 2024 Kalamazoo County Swine Show! What a fun fair week!

## Showmanship

Champion Senior Showman - Natalie H, runner up Brooke V  
Champion Intermediate Showman - Dane S, runner up Nyle S  
Champion Junior Showman - Molly K, runner up Henrik A

Overall Top Showman - Natalie H  
Overall Reserve Top Showman - Molly K

## Market Classes

Gilt Weight Class Winners- Mackenzie W, Molly K, Nyle S, Dane S, Natalie H, Molly K, Collin H  
Gilt Weight Class Runner-ups- Madison W, Ryne S, Blake M, Zoe V, Henrik A, Alyssa M, Zoe V

Barrow Weight Class Winners- Adeline G, Dane S, Chase J, Henrik A, Alex W, Tysen V, Brooke V  
Barrow Weight Class Runner-ups- Ava B, Jackson G, Carson V, Ryne S, Natalie H, Brody V, Brooke V.

Grand Champion Gilt - Natalie H.  
Reserve Champion Gilt - Dane S

Grand Champion Barrow - Henrik A  
Reserve Champion Barrow - Dane S

## Carcass


Grand Champion Swine Carcass - Ryne S  
Reserve Champion Carcass - Nyle S



## Educational Exhibit

Best Educational Exhibit - Alyse V  
Reserve Educational Exhibit - Andrew D & Michael A

## Thank you to our swine award sponsors-

	<b><u>Diamond-</u></b>	Cornerstone Ag Management & Keystone Cooperative
	<b><u>Platinum-</u></b>	TJ & Taylor Gibson
	<b><u>Gold-</u></b>	Sandy Ambs & Lyster Exteriors
	<b><u>Silver-</u></b>	Jill Carlson, Jerrid Hisler Agency, Meeuwse Farms, Ian & Lynne Remijn, David & Eileen Rutten, Neil & Barb VanBruggen
	<b><u>Bronze-</u></b>	Phil Gray

**And a big thank you to all our swine buyers, and everyone who added on finances to support our swine exhibitors in 2024!**



# Goat Project

**Best In Show**

**Reserve Best in Show**

Aubrey M. with *Prisilla* - Senior Meat Breed Doe  
 Nyle S. with *Rosie* - Dairy Milker

**Showmanship**

Senior Showman

Intermediate Showman

Junior Showman

Novice Showman

Top Showman

Reserve Top Showman

Cloverbud Showman

Outstanding Notebook of the Year

Isaac G.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Chase J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Aubrey M., 3<sup>rd</sup> Nyle S., 4<sup>th</sup> Adeline G.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Ryne S., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sakara W., 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward V.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Nolan W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Evan W., 3<sup>rd</sup>: Olivia G.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Chase J.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aubrey M.  
 Luke G., Abigail V., Benson V., Isla S., Emmett S., Briana V.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Nyle S., 2<sup>nd</sup> Aubrey M.

**Market**

Grand Champion Individual

Reserve Champion Individual Aubrey M.

Grand Champion Pen of 2

Aubrey M.  
 Aubrey M.

**Dairy**

Grand Champion Junior Dairy Doe

Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Doe

Grand Champion Dairy Milker Nyle S.

Reserve Champion Dairy Milker Isaac G.

Best Udder - All Dairy Breeds

Nyle S.  
 Aubrey M.  
 Nyle S.

**All Other Meat and Specialty Breed Goats**

Grand Champion Junior Doe

Reserve Champion Junior Doe

Grand Champion Senior Doe

Reserve Champion Senior Doe

Chase J.  
 Aubrey M.  
 Aubrey M.  
 Aubrey M.

**Dairy Dry Doe Classes**

Grand Champion Dry Doe

Reserve Champion Dry Doe

Ryne S.  
 Adeline G.

**All Breed Group Classes**

Dam & Daughter

Get of Sire

Best 3 does owned by exhibitor

Produce of Dam

Best Home Bred Doe

Ryne S.  
 Aubrey M.  
 Aubrey M.  
 Adeline G.  
 Nyle S.

**Pet Wethers**

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Evan W.  
 Edward V.

**Driving Classes**

Driving 1 (exhibitor walking behind)

Driving 2 (exhibitor riding)

Cloverbud Driving

Edward V.  
 Edward V.  
 Abigail V., Briana V.

**Pack Classes**

Grand Champion Pack Goat

Reserve Champion Pack Goat

Cloverbud Pack Goat

Nyle S.  
 Ryne S.  
 Emmett S., Isla S., Benson V.



Congratulations to each of you on your success and growth at the 2024 fair! Everyone did a great job of supporting and encouraging one another!



## Poultry Project News

Such a great week for our fair!!! I hope that everybody learned a lot, made new friends and had a great time. Now it's time to start thinking about our next project goals. First up is the September Poultry Potluck on Thursday, Sept. 19th at location to be confirmed. Bring a poultry related dish to pass, table service, a beverage and catch up with all of your poultry friends. *Let's plan some topics for our meetings!*

**Top Poultry Showman-** Edith W.  
**Best Poultry Market Journal-** Johnathan S.  
**Champion Show Chicken-** Remington D.  
**Champion Waterfowl-** Juliet D.  
**Champion Eggs-** Sebastian W.

**Roaster Chicken**  
Grand Champion - Jackson G.  
Reserve Champion - Olivia G.

**Broiler Chicken**  
Grand Champion - Annalise J.  
Reserve Champion - Levi S.

**Cornish Chicken**  
Grand Champion - Isaac G.  
Reserve Champion - Annalise J.

**Tom Turkey**  
Grand Champion - Johnathan S.  
Reserve Champion - Madelyn G.

Upper Weight Class Grand Champion - Julia S.  
Upper Weight Class Reserve Champion - Madelyn G.  
Lower Weight Class Grand Champion - Johnathan S.  
Lower Weight Class Reserve Champion - Claudia S.

**Hen Turkey**  
Grand Champion - Adeline G.  
Reserve Champion - Julia S.

Upper Weight Class Grand Champion - Adeline G.  
Upper Weight Class Reserve Champion - Isaac G.  
Lower Weight Class Grand Champion - Julia S.  
Lower Weight Class Reserve Champion - Johnathan S.

**Duck Pen**  
Grand Champion - Lucas N.  
Reserve Champion - Alvin L.





# Congratulations to our State Horse Show Winners!

## English

<u>Gymkhana Keyhole Race</u>	<u>13-14 yr old</u>		<u>Aliyah S.</u>
<u>Showmanship</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>		<u>Paige M (2)</u>
	<u>16 yr old</u>		<u>Natalie B</u>
	<u>14 yr old</u>		<u>Sophia C</u>
	<u>13 yr old</u>	<b>Reserve Champion</b>	<u>Megan B (2)</u>
	<u>13 yr old</u>		<u>Aubrey M</u>
			<u>Alyssa T</u>
<u>Dressage Seat Equitation</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>		<u>Ashlee G (2)</u>
	<u>16 yr old</u>		<u>Emmit N (2)</u>
	<u>14 yr old</u>		<u>Lexi C (2)</u>
<u>Hunter Hack</u>	<u>16 yr old</u>		<u>Emmit N</u>
<u>English Pleasure Hunt Seat</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>		<u>Paige M</u>
			<u>Ashlee G</u>
	<u>17 yr old</u>		<u>Kayla H</u>
	<u>16 yr old</u>		<u>Holley C</u>
	<u>14 yr old</u>		<u>Sophia C</u>
			<u>Lexi C</u>
	<u>13 yr old</u>		<u>Megan B (2)</u>
<u>English Equitation Hunt Seat</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>		<u>Paige M</u>
	<u>17 yr old</u>		<u>Kayla H</u>
	<u>16 yr old</u>		<u>Emmit N</u>
	<u>14 yr old</u>		<u>Sophia C</u>
			<u>Lexi C</u>
	<u>13 yr old</u>		<u>Alyssa T</u>
<u>Dressage Test I</u>	<u>19yr old</u>	<b>Grand Champion</b>	<u>Ashlee G (2)</u>
	<u>14yr old</u>		<u>Lexi C</u>
<u>Dressage Test II</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>		<u>Ashlee G</u>





## State Horse Show Winners Continued

### Western

<u>Western Horsemanship</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>	<u>Emily B</u>
	<u>16 yr old</u>	<u>Holley C</u>
	<u>14 yr old</u>	<u>Natalie B</u>
	<u>13 yr old</u>	<u>Sophia C</u>
		<u>Aubrey M</u>
		<u>Megan B</u>
		<u>Alyssa T</u>
<u>Western Pleasure</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>	<u>Emily B</u>
	<u>17 yr old</u>	<u>Paige M</u>
	<u>13 yr old</u>	<u>Kayla H</u>
		<u>Megan B (2)</u>
		<u>Aubrey M</u>
		<u>Alyssa T</u>
<u>Trail</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>	<u>Emily B</u>
<u>Western Dressage Test I</u>	<u>19 yr old</u>	<u>Emily B</u>





## Submit Your 4-H Member Record Book for Awards & Recognition

The Kalamazoo Co. Farm Bureau and 4-H Leader's Council sponsor awards recognizing members for their involvement in 4-H project areas and the Member Record Book is submitted as your 4-H involvement documentation.

To apply is simple:

1. Go to [https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_1/4-h-member-resources-forms](https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/4-h-member-resources-forms) and download the Kalamazoo County 4-H Member Award Application.
2. Complete the form indicating what project areas you're applying for.
3. Be sure your record book includes a Project Record Sheet (available on the same web page) for each project you participated in each year, so the judges have an accurate picture of your involvement and achievements.
4. Have your leader sign your award application.
5. Submit your record book and signed award application to the 4-H office by the fourth Friday of October (Oct. 25, 2024).

**Congrats and Good Luck!**





## 4-H Future Squad- Virtual 4-H Club



### What is 4-H Future Squad?

The 4-H Future Squad is a 4-H virtual club created for Michigan 4-H youth, ages 12-19 as of January 1, 2025, to learn new skills for their future. The club will meet October 2024-May 2025. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks.

Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom twice monthly along with occasional, fun, optional virtual events.

4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club.

### How to Join

4-H membership is free and joining 4-H Future Squad unlocks access to all 4-H benefits and programs!

Are you ready to sign up? Complete the interest form on the 4-H Future Squad website to receive more information on how to enroll in this club.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

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Visit the 4-H Future Squad website at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/>

"My favorite part of 4-H Future Squad was learning new things and meeting wonderful people."

2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

Photo shows members of 4-H Future Squad members meeting, in person, at the 2023 4-H Exploration Days event.

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## Michigan Fair and Exhibition Industry Offers Scholarships



Community volunteers and youth have always been the backbone of Michigan fairs and festivals. In addition to youth involved with fairs, there are a number of partners such as carnivals, concessionaires and entertainers that support the Michigan fair industry. Beyond the annual fair event, there are insurance providers, equipment providers and a multitude of companies that provide support to fairs, festivals and exhibitions throughout the state. The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) is a member organization of these fairs, festivals and industry partners founded in 1885.

MAFE is excited to announce that **scholarships for youth involved with a MAFE member fair, festival or associate will be offered this year and presented at the annual convention banquet on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.**

Up to six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded based on an **application due November 2.** The MAFE scholarships are a coveted award with over 100 applicants annually. Applications are available on the MAFE website. <https://form.jotform.com/240988554571065>. The applications are reviewed by a committee of industry volunteers with winners notified in December.

“Supporting the next generation of fair leaders through scholarships and post-secondary education is vital to our industry’s sustainability,” shared John Schut, MAFE Executive Director. “In addition to leadership and growth opportunities at the annual convention, Michigan youth are also able to network with leaders in the fair and exhibition industry.” MAFE was established in 1885 and is a voice for the Michigan fair and festival industry. MAFE member fairs and festivals serve all 83 Michigan counties.

Michigan agricultural fairs are an economic and social asset to their communities and the state. They are the ultimate showcases of Michigan agriculture. With a normal attendance of nearly 4.5 million attendees, which is roughly half the population of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food, and entertainment they provide of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food, and entertainment they provide.

**For more information please contact the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions office at 517-317-4544 or [mifairs@gmail.com](mailto:mifairs@gmail.com).**





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at  
[www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers)  
[www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers).

### September 4- Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

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

### September 18- 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

*Online*

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure)

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### September 24- Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

*Online*

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24)

### October 4- Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*Kellogg Center, East Lansing*

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include- 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting)

### October 5- MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

*Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi*

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## National 4-H Week- October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 4-H!

**Wear Your 4-H Gear** — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

**Shout Out a 4-H'er** — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

**Storefront Displays/Information Booths** — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

**Become a 4-H Volunteer** — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

**Share Your 4-H Story** — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout out your 4-H club.

**Have a 4-H Reunion** — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**Send a 4-H 'Thank You'** — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

**Raise Awareness** – On October 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol).

**Give Back** — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at [mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/](http://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/) that can help support your county 4-H program.

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