



4-H Family News

June/July 2024

Lapeer County



Congratulations!

Read with the Animals Contest Winners!

Congratulations Bristol and Lynken Sny for winning the 2024 Read with the Animals photo contest. Lynken won a book bundle donated by Farm Bureau and Bristol received a TSC gift card from the Lapeer County 4-H Livestock Committee.



"Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader."
—Margaret Fuller

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Registration Now Open for Eastern Michigan State Fair



EMSF Registration is now open until June 30, 2024. Fair registration is open to all youth on FairEntry. Camping is also included in FairEntry as well this year. Please register using this link. <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19782>

EMSF be offering in person FairEntry assistance on June 22 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Fair Office. All exhibitors are required to register through this site in order to show at the Eastern Michigan State Fair on July 23-27, 2024.

If you registered with FairEntry last year, you can use the same email address/username and password to enter your animal registrations for your family exhibitors. Questions with registration or FairEntry, please email Tammy Hyatt, EMSF Youth Coordinator at youth@emsf.org.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Americorps Position Now Open, Program Coordinator Position Opening Soon.



Looking to make a meaningful impact and gain hands-on experience in youth development and community wellness? 4-H HealthCorps seeks a dedicated individual to serve as a 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator with Lapeer County. This position offers the opportunity to work alongside Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H staff in Lapeer County!

This full-time position will start on October 1, 2024, and end on September 12, 2025. You can expect occasional evening and weekend events. This full-time position will require 36 - 40 hours/week.

4-H HealthCorps is dedicated to promoting mental, emotional, and physical well-being among youth and families in our community. We aim to foster healthy habits and positive relationships through programming and family events.

Compensation and Benefits: \$18,700 living stipend, \$7,395 education award, Qualified student loan forgiveness, Health coverage that includes dental and vision, Childcare assistance.

The additional 4-H program coordinator position for Lapeer County has recently become vacant and there will be a job posting later this summer to help fill that position.

State Shoot Registration is now Open, Closes July 10th.



We are excited to announce that the 2024 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament website has been updated and that registration for the event is now OPEN. Please head to the tournament website for event details and registration.

We encourage you to review the rules for the 2024 Tournament so you can be sure your members are prepared for this event. Please carefully review the general rules and the discipline rules as there have been some changes.

Please help your members register for this event and check over their registration confirmations. Every registered participant will receive a complimentary patch. T-shirts are optional and may be ordered when you register as a participant.

Please be aware that due to the scope of this event, any errors in registration must be corrected prior to the event and cannot be made onsite. Ensuring that registrations are accurate is the responsibility of each participant with the help of county club leaders and staff. Please make sure that you:

Confirm with your members that their registration is accurate.

Reach out to 4h.shootingsports@msu.edu with any registration questions or corrections.

Interested in becoming a shooting sports leader? The next training is Sept. 21st and 22nd in Owosso!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Fourth of July Parade in North Branch

Thursday July 4th

Parade starts at 11am, Line up begins at 9am
Walkers with no animals to unload can meet us at 10:15

Meet at Parson's Parking lot at the end of Banker St. in
North Branch

All 4-H Members are welcome to walk with us and help pass out candy and flyers. Parents and Siblings are welcome to join us also. Strollers, Wagons, and approved well-behaved leashed animals welcome. (Contact Sarah to discuss bringing an animal.)

Candy donations are appreciated and will be accepted at the office July 1st – 3rd or you can bring them with you to the parade.



Please wear a 4-H or green shirt or red/white/blue clothing!
Ambassadors: Wear ambassador shirt and sash.

The parade theme is "Sounds of Freedom" so feel free to bring/wear all types of bells or other noise makers!

Items needed for Lapeer 4-H Day Camp

Lapeer County 4-H Camp Committee is collecting some items to be used for different crafts and activities at this year's summer day camp. Any of the following items can be dropped off at the office on July 1,2,3, or 5th. Please make sure the items are rinsed clean. Thank you!

- Soup cans
- Gatorade bottles
- 2 Liter pop bottles
- Plastic coffee containers





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024. Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 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 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

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| • Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County | • Alice Long, Washtenaw County |
| • Jordan Davis, Berrien County | • Sophia Mason, Monroe County |
| • Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County | • Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County |
| • Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County | • Natalie Milford Chippewa County |
| • Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County | • Emma Rasch, Kent County |
| • Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County | • Kylie Smith, Ionia County |
| • Molly Lake, Gratiot County | • Sydney Specht, Saginaw County |

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be 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!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship 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](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

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. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 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 left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated 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

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





County Calendar of Events

June

Horse Committee Feedback Show.....	6/1
Auction Committee Meeting.....	5:30pm: 6/4
Horse Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm: 6/5
Virtual Book Club.....	7:00pm: 6/6
Ambassador Meeting.....	TBD: 6/17
Livestock Committee Meeting.....	6:00pm: 6/17
Council Meeting.....	7:00pm: 6/17
Exploration Days.....	6/19-6/21
Horse Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm: 6/24
Extension Office Closed.....	6/24-6/28
Thumb Area 4-H Camp.....	6/25-6/27
Last Day to Register for EMSF.....	6/30

July

Extension Office Closed.....	7/4
Lapeer County 4-H Day Camp.....	7/8-7/12
Skillathon Contest at EMSF.....	7/21
Eastern Michigan State Fair Activities.....	7/21-7/27



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.canr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl





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Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit www.joann.com/4-h to learn more and enroll.

July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024

July 15 – August 12: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024

July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lake State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 26: Discover 4-H

Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h



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