



August/September 2023

4-H Family News

Lapeer County



A note from Jean

As I am approaching my retirement date of August 31, 2023, I would like to say it has been a pleasure getting to know you—parents, volunteers and youth. I am happy I have been able to provide you with my support, programming and friendship as Lapeer County's 4-H Program Aide. Thank you to the volunteers and parents for all you do to for our youth in Lapeer County. To all 4-H members it has been a pleasure having you be a part of camp, Saturday workshops or taking part in school programming or seeing you enter your projects at Spring Achievement and Fair and grow as you work with your animal projects. May your years in 4-H continue to excite you, challenge you, surround you with new friends as you try new things or just grow in what you are currently doing.

And although I will no longer be a 4-H staff member I look forward to staying active by taking on a new role as volunteer to help my grandchildren grow into active members of our 4-H community and family.

-Jean



Join us for a
Retirement Celebration
In honor of
Jean Kreiner

Monday, August 28th

3:00 – 6:00pm

Lapeer County MSU Extension Board Room

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

2023 County Awards



There will no longer be a nomination process for youth county awards. Instead, all youth will be able to directly apply for any award that they are interested in and eligible for. In addition to eliminating the nomination process, last year, we updated applications and added several new awards including awards for Cloverbuds. The awards overview and all award applications are available at the 4-H office, by email or online at www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/county_awards_program. I encourage all youth to look at the awards overview and to think about applying for a county award. Youth and Parents can also nominate a leader or other volunteer or supporter for an award too!

All Applications and nominations are due October 13th.

Family Skate and Awards Ceremony

All Lapeer County 4-H members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony and Family Skate on November 4th at 11:30am at L.A.S.E.R. Skating Center in Lapeer. The Awards Ceremony will start at 11:30am and will be followed by pizza, pop, ice cream cake and FREE skating until 4pm.

Lapeer County 4-H Year Kick-Off and County Info. Meeting



Join Us to kick-off the 2024 4-H year! Lapeer County 4-H members and interested youth are invited to a fun filled evening of activities, snacks and information. Connect with other 4-H members, build friendships, hear about the prospects in other project areas and find out about regional, state and national 4-H opportunities.

Tuesday, September 19th at 6pm at Lapeer MSU Extension Office. Bring a Friend or two!

Leader Update and Club/Committee Year End Financial Summaries

Fall Leader Updates are short meetings that provide important information and policy updates to Club Administrative Leaders. All County 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend a Leader Update as they can be helpful to anyone in a volunteer role, however, **attendance during at least one update is required for Administrative Leaders for the club to remain active.** Leader updates will be offered at the Lapeer County MSU Extension office on the following dates and times or by appointment.

September 18th at 5:30pm

September 25th at 6:00pm

All Club and Committee annual financial summary reports are due to the office no later than October 13th. If you need assistance, please contact Sarah prior to October 6th to allow for enough time to complete the form before the 13th.



County Calendar of Events

August

- BubbleMania!.....10:30am: 8/3
- Cloverbuds and Cookies SPIN Club.....8/7-8/10
- Project Learning Tree and Project WILD Training.....9:30am: 8/11
- Imlay City Parade.....8/12
- Wildlife Adventure Day Camp.....8/16-8/17
- Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 8/21
- Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 8/21
- Jean’s Retirement Open House.....3:00pm-6:00pm: 8/28
- Horse Committee Meeting.....6:30pm: 8/28
- 4-H Online Shutdown for 22-23 Program Year.....Noon: 08/31

September

- Office closed for Labor Day.....9/4
- Info Booth and Activity at Kiwanis Duck Dash (volunteers needed).....9/9
- 4-H Online Opens for 23-24 Program Year Member Enrollments..... 09/15
- Leader Update.....5:30pm: 9/18
- Livestock Committee Meeting.....6:00pm: 9/18
- Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 9/18
- Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 9/18
- 2024 Kick-Off Meeting.....6:00pm: 9/19
- Leader Update.....6:00pm: 9/25
- Horse Committee Meeting.....6:30pm: 9/25



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 1-7, 2023

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "I ♥ 4-H." As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of you can celebrate 4-H and show all the ways you ♥ 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 4, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the first 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.

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 <https://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/> that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 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, 22 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"All of our 4-H'ers across the state are amazing but the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished," said Julie Chapin, state 4-H leader for Michigan and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "They have demonstrated their dedication to improving themselves and their communities through 4-H, service and more."



Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2023 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidl of Menominee County (senior division)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Career Development:** Avery Stallman of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bliesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior 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.

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.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H has grown 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 and 4-H alums to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their 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.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

September 6: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 16-17: 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Adult and teen 4-H volunteers can learn about 4-H shooting sports' mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1

September 18: Adulging 101 - How to Tell Principals & Politicians They are Full of Poop While Being Polite

Online

This session will provide some skills and practice on how to influence people in power to make change in your community and world.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulging1019-18-23

September 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources

Online

This session will explore a variety of resources that 4-H volunteers can use in meetings to support Michigan 4-H'ers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm

September 29: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

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

October 4: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol



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