



June 2023

4-H Family News

Kalamazoo County



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!



4-H MEMBER

CLUB AND YEARS IN 4-H

JOSH E.	Oshtemo Community	13 yrs
EMILY H.	Alamo Achievers	12 yrs
REBECCA G.	Fulton Lucky Clovers	12 yrs
LINDSEY H.	Alamo Achievers	11 yrs
BROOKE V.	Alamo Achievers	11 yrs
PRESTON P.	Hickory Corners Country	9 yrs
EMMA G.	Fulton Lucky Clovers	9 yrs
VICTORIA D.	Stryke Force Robotics	7 yrs
EMMALEE P.	Climax Willing Workers	7 yrs
LAYLA W.	Portage Partners	6 yrs
MAXWELL S.	Stryke Force Robotics	6 yrs
JACOB E.	Stryke Force Robotics	5 yrs
SETH S.	Cooper Cavaliers	4 yrs
ALAYNA B.	Stryke Force Robotics	3 yrs
ARYA S.	Stryke Force Robotics	1 yr.

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Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth-Program-122047197873078>

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Only 2 months away!





Tentative 4-H Animal Show and Sale Schedule

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/4h_participant_info.htm

Friday, July 28, 2023

7:00pm Dairy Show Vlietstra Dairy Farm – Kalamazoo, MI

Monday, July 31, 2023

6:00pm Carcass Program Live Animal Evaluation
Pease Packing – Scotts, MI
(Animals must arrive before 5:30pm)



Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00am Carcass Program Test and Results Announcements Pease Packing – Scotts, MI

Thursday Aug 3rd MANDATORY 4-H EXHIBITOR MEETING

Attendance is mandatory for all 4-H horse and livestock exhibitors

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:00am Horse Showmanship & English Performance Classes Horse Arenas
9:00am Swine Show Livestock Show Arena
2:00pm Rabbit Show Rabbit Barn
Cavies and Critters Show (following Rabbit Show) TBD location
Rabbit Showmanship
6:00pm Sheep Show Livestock Show Arena

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:00am Horse Western Performance & Trail Classes Horse Arenas
9:00am Poultry Show Livestock Show Arena
2:00pm Feeder Calf Show Livestock Show Arena
6:00pm Beef Show Livestock Show Arena

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:00am Horse Dressage & Jumping Classes Horse Arenas
9:00am Goat Show Livestock Show Arena

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00am Horse Versatility & Gymkhana Classes Horse Arenas
1:00pm Livestock Sale – small animals followed by large animals Livestock Show Arena

Saturday, August 12, 2023

9:30am Dog Show TBD location
6:00pm Master Showmanship Livestock Show Arena



As of this program year, youth are required to attend YQCA (Youth Quality Care for Animals) meetings and will receive a certification to show at the Kalamazoo County Fair and Family Festival. The next YQCA meetings will be held on

June 8 in Room B at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 PM.

Pre-registration is required at the [YQCA website](#) prior to attending. The registration fee is \$3.00. There is a YQCA online version, if you prefer. The cost for the online class is \$12.00 per youth. Attending this training will count toward your project meeting requirements.



Animal arrival date and times for Fair:

Livestock will arrive Monday Aug 7th between 9-12. Swine are weighed at arrival. Other livestock will weigh that afternoon. Horses will also arrive Monday but from noon to 3 and will be vet checked upon arrival.

WINNERS! of the Guinness book of world records trial.....

Alamo club - winning entry under 16 – The greatest number of soup cans stacked in under 30 seconds. This also encourages everyone to bring soup cans to the fair to donate to a local food bank.

Portage Partners had the highest number of submissions.

- Most number of toilet paper stacked in under 30 sec
- Highest stack of cream filled cookies in under 30 sec



Largest Audience award:

Largest human shape of 4-H (highest number of people gathered to create 4-H in shape—) Photo to be taken on top of Grandstand during the fair.



Leaders Council is looking for committee volunteers!

- ***Expansion and Review Committee** : 9 volunteers needed for this committee with a minimum of 3 youth volunteers
- ***Fair Planning Committee**: Need 1 teen volunteer
- ***Plan and organize 4-H events/activities** during the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair
- ***Fall Achievement/Awards/Leaders Banquet** - 1 volunteer needed
- ***Awards** Assist in selecting award recipients and evaluating the awards program
- ***Fundraising**: 1) Food Booth - 1 volunteer needed 2) Scrap -a-loo Scrapbook event – 1 volunteer needed 3) Assist with planning the fundraising event
- ***Nominating and Constitution**: 1 volunteer needed
- * **Candidate Recommendation** for Leaders Council offices, annual review of by-laws and Policy and Procedures; recommend changes if required.
- ***Vehicle (4-H Bus)**: 2 volunteers needed

Please keep council informed on the condition, use or any problems with the bus along with an annual review of qualified bus drivers.

For more information please contact:

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Fair Update:

There is no requirement to fill out a Project Record form for fair entries. This is done to encourage 4-H members to bring more projects to fair. Please help grow our fair with more “still exhibit” project submissions.

Still Exhibits Entry

Saturday, August 5, 2023: Still exhibits will be entered and judged between 9:00am-12:00pm.

Animal Science Exhibits
 All Animal Notebooks & Diaries
 Crops
 Gardening
 Foods
 Clothing & Knitting
 Home Economics

Arts & Crafts
 Photography
 Mechanical Exhibits
 Natural Sciences
 Sports/Leisure Activities
 Cloverbud
 Club Reports

Fashion Review, Demonstration and Performances - TBD.

Still Exhibits Release

Still Exhibits may not be removed from display until the completion of the Fair. Ribbons will be forfeited if exhibits are removed before the time specified. Fair Management and MSU Extension staff will not be responsible for articles left after release time.



Y Kalamazoo County **Youth Fair** and Family Festival

We are excited to be planning an outstanding event for 2023 that will focus on highlighting the 4-H programs and youth education, while also providing agricultural education to children and families in our community.

- 4-H livestock and horse shows along with additional 4-H activities will take place starting Wednesday, August 9, with the 4-H livestock auction on Friday afternoon.
- The fair will culminate with our family festival for the public on Saturday, August 12 that will offer fun entertainment and activities, plus hands-on demonstrations and educational activities for the community. Learn more here:

https://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/4h_participant_info.htm

We will be registering for Fair using FairEntry once again this year

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18541>

For information and tips on how to register please visit:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/general-info

Scroll down to find this years Fair Book, and detailed tips on how to sign up for Fair using FairEntry and details on this years Youth Fair and Family Festival!

On-Site Camping during Fair:

The Expo Center will begin taking campground reservations on May 1,
The deadline for camping reservations is July 30, 2023.



Camping will be \$150.00 for the week (8/7-8/13) plus a \$5 reservation fee. Campers may arrive as early as Monday, August 7, 2023, with check-out on Sunday, August 13, 2023. See the Fair Book page 3 for additional camping information.



Project Updates



Swine Project

A couple quick reminders for the swine project: **Thursday, June 8th is the last in-person YQCA training date.** If you have not already completed your YQCA training, please register and attend this session, or plan to complete the online version. Also note that **our second round of swine flu vaccines will be available at this June 8th meeting at 6:30 pm** at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center.

Our next and final swine meeting is our annual "Fit & Show" meeting, which will be held on Thursday, July 20th at 6:30 pm at the Sattler's House: 2786 D Drive S. East Leroy, MI 49051.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297) and Mick Swihart (home – 269-778-3767)



Goat Project News

Goat Project meeting on **June 15th at 7 pm**, location to be determined.

We will also have a Fit and Show to help with fair prep on **June 27th at the Sattler's**. Address and details will be provided to goat families via e-mail and the goat project Facebook page.

Reminder – goat paperwork (registration form, copies of registrations and/or scrapie tag information, and required pictures) need to be submitted to Crystal Sattler **by JUNE 1st**. E-mail to knsattler@att.net. You can also text pictures and information.

If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Sattler at 269-492-8750



Poultry Project News

We have a project meeting scheduled for **Thursday, June 22nd** in the livestock arena **at 7pm**. Bring a Bird to review and practice showmanship skills. Get your fair questions answered!

Don't forget to pick up your chicks at the Feedbag!!! Call them first to make sure that they have been delivered.

All 4-H members that are planning on entering a market project - the last face to face class offered by Veronica Bolhous is on **June 8th at 6:30 room B**



Shooting Sports dates for 2022-2023 – *more on the way!*

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshops:

- June 3, 2023, Escanaba: Featuring Archery and Rifle Certification ([Calendar event here](#); registration opens soon)
- *Additional 2023 workshops may be announced. Help provide your local program needs by contributing to [this needs assessment](#). (Deadline to participate March 23, 2023.)*

Events and Tournaments:

- June 11, 2023, [2023 SW Michigan 4-H Regional Tournament](#), Pawpaw
- July 15, 2023, [2nd Annual Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament](#), Cadillac
- August 13, 2023, [2023 Tri-CAT Event](#) (Tri-County Archery Tournament), Ypsilanti
- August 19, 2023, [2023 4-H State Shoot](#), Bellevue (Registration expected in late May-June)
- September 16, 2023, [Festival of the Pines Target and 3D Tournament](#), Lake City
- *Have an event open to members outside your county? Contact Laura for advertising support!*

2023 Re-certification process:

- October 15 – December 31: Recertifications accepted during this timeframe. Please await 2023 application prior to submission.
- December 31, 2023 – Final date Instructor Certifications expiring in 2023 may be used.

Ambassadors

- August 2023 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Leadership Institute

Questions?

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Visit us on our [website](#).

Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports [Facebook page](#).



MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes, publications and handouts for parents and caregivers of children of all ages, as well as early childhood professionals, to help equip parents and caregivers with the tools to raise children and youth with positive social and emotional wellness so they can thrive in life.

Help is just a click away!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/child-family-development/>



You can also connect on the Facebook page at:

[MI Stronger Family - MSU Extension](https://www.facebook.com/mistrongerfamily)
<https://www.facebook.com/mistrongerfamily>



Show your Support!

4-H Grows Here yard signs are available for purchase from the 4-H office for \$5.00 each.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 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 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

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!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.