



JULY 2023

4-H Family News

ALLEGAN COUNTY



Allegan County 4-H July 2023 Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



1
4-H Beef Show
Fairgrounds

2 4-H Lamb & Goat Show Fairgrounds	3	4 	5	6	7	8
9	10 4-H Horse Ldrs 7pm Spartan Rm	11	12 State FFA/4-H Livestock Judging Contest MSU Pavilion	13	14	15 4-H Enrollment deadline for 2023 Tagging deadline for Market animals
16	17	18	19	20	21 4-H 5 Day Horse Clinic 7/21 - 26/23 At Fairgrounds	22
MI 4-H YOUTH DAIRY DAYS at MSU PAVILION 17TH - 21ST						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
4-H 5 Day Horse Clinic 7/21 - 26/23 at Fairgrounds						
4-H Cloverbud Day Camp 3pm Fairgrounds		AT FAIRGROUNDS 4-H Council 6:30pm 4-H Livestock Leaders 7:30pm				
30	31	COMING IN AUGUST!! 4-H Small Livestock Clinic August 3 rd , Fairgrounds 4-H Beef Carcass Contest TBA 4-H Swine Carcass Contest August 20 & 22 4-H Lamb & Goat Carcass Contest August 22 & 26 State 4-H Dog Show August 12 State 4-H Horse Show August 18 - 20				

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4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE JULY 15

Link to 4-online: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

CLVERBUDS Day Camp

Sunday
July 23, 2023
3-5pm
4-H 5 Day Clinic,
Fairgrounds

WHO: 5-7 year olds and parents
4-Hers and non 4-Hers
WHAT: make crafts, noodle horse & more
WHY: it will be FUN, make new friends
and learn new things.
COST: FREE but must pre-register by 7/19



Have you enrolled in all your 4-H projects? 4-H Clubs will be sent club rosters listing projects. Please check to make sure youth are enrolled in the projects they are supposed to be enrolled in. If you need to add projects, please email Dian with the child's name and projects to add. Clubs must have an adult leader for every project they offer.

TO PRE-REGISTER: Email Dian Liepe at liepe@msu.edu with the following information: Youth name, age, name of parent attending. Non 4-H youth will be asked to complete more information.



ANY TEEN AGES 13-19 THAT WOULD LIKE TO EARN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

Allegan County is looking to revamp the Teen Leader program. We are looking for teens from all projects who want to earn scholarship money and have some fantastic leadership experiences that are valuable on college and job applications. There are opportunities for workshops, conferences and events.

Allegan County 4-H creates mentors and advocates to promote our values, timeless history, and loyalty throughout our community. The teen leaders play a pivotal role as the face of Allegan County 4-H. If this interests you or a teen in your life, contact MSU extension office or Kerisa Desimone at kerisad@outlook.com
We want you to create this program for us to work for you!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at:

<https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

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.

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

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

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

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H 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.

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

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 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 1**. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

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 went to the county fair

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

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 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 was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for 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 the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.



Robert Geurink Memorial 4-H Scholarship 2023

Purpose is to provide a scholarship to one or more 4-H youth to a post-secondary institution. The amount to be given to one or more applicants in 2023 is \$2000.00. Eligible youth are 4-H members who graduated High School in June 2023 or graduated high school in June 2022 and are enrolled in a post-secondary institution program.

Complete this form and the video and email to Dian Liepe, 4-H Program Coordinator at liepe@msu.edu by August 21, 2023

The Scholarship committee will review the applications and videos. The Committee may decide to have a face to face interview. All applicants will be notified by 9/11/23. The winner or winner(s) will be acknowledged during the Youth Market Livestock Auction on September 13, 2023. Applicants not chosen for the scholarship are eligible to apply next year as long as they are still a student.

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CELL # _____

EMAIL: _____ YEARS IN 4-H: _____

HIGHSCHOOL: _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PLAN: _____

INSTITUTION: _____ FIELD OF STUDY: _____

Please make a video (preferred method is to upload to YouTube and send committee the link) of yourself answering the following questions:

1. What made you decide to get involved in 4-H? How did you get started in 4-H?
2. Have you shared in any community service? if so, what did you learn from this experience and will you use this experience in your future?
3. Do you feel with your 4-H experience that you have gained leadership qualities? if so, give examples of what leadership means to you?
4. How can you use your 4-H experience in your future?
5. What does your Faith mean to you?

2023 Allegan County 4-H Swine Carcass Show

Judge Susan Ostrom

Live Show

SUNDAY, August 20th
Wayland/Hopkins Sale Barn
Check in 4:15pm Show at 5pm



Carcass Judging

TUESDAY, August 22nd
Time 4pm Phone: 616-878-1578
Byron Center Meats, Byron Center

(Call with cutting instructions by 8/21!)

SPECIAL NOTE: Youth participating in the Lamb and Goat live carcass show on 8/22 please contact Laura so you can show first at Byron Center then go to Fairgrounds. We don't want your animal in a hot trailer – we will work with you!!

RULES

1. Limited to the 25 swine total. Youth who are enrolled in market swine project will have first priority. If there is more room available other youth who are taking a large livestock project may be added. If youth do not bring either their swine market project or large market livestock project to the fair they forfeit their carcass premium and forfeit participation in swine carcass the next year. Allegan County 4-H carcass contests are open to all Allegan County youth – who are showing an animal at the fair: in-line with existing carcass entry rules. Non-Allegan County 4-H youth will be charged an entry fee equal to the 4th place premium payment and will be required to sign a waiver of liability. In the event that demand for entries exceeds capacity of the contest, then priority will be first given to Allegan County 4-H youth. If the number of youth seeking to participate exceeds available spots, then priority shall be given in the following order: to one Allegan County 4-H member of each family, then to additional Allegan County 4-H members, then to one member of each non- Allegan County 4-H family, and then to additional non- Allegan County 4-H youth
2. Industry swine standards certification is required for those participating in carcass class even if they are not showing a market swine at the fair.
3. 4-H and youth families may tag up to 4 swine per youth per family. Any of those pigs tagged may go to carcass. Youth must also bring a large animal to fair to exhibit (swine, steer, dairy steer, lamb etc.) to be eligible for carcass class.
4. Swine must be tagged & tag forms in office by July 15, 2023. Tag # on Swine at Carcass Contest Check-in must match Swine Tag # on Swine Carcass Show Tag Form.
5. 4-H Leaders must confirm with the show chairperson by **August 1st** which youth in their club entered in carcass class and have large market projects that will be shown at fair. Failure to do so eliminates the individual from carcass premiums, placings and forfeits the right to participate the following year. **NO changes (other than death of animal) after this date.**
6. Carcasses will be placed on a calculated carcass price per hundred weight. A base carcass price will be determined at the time of the show. Deductions from the base will be taken for carcasses that are outside an acceptable range. These deductions are based on data from published USDA reports.
7. All participants must be in attendance and active at both the Live Show and Carcass Judging.
8. Awards will be on a graduated scale.
9. Participant is responsible for the processing and slaughter costs.
10. Participants & parents must sign a waiver of liability regarding the transportation of swine from the Wayland Hopkins Livestock Auction to the slaughterhouse. Participants and parents must sign a food safety waiver for Caledonia Packing. A copy will be held by Caledonia Packing.
11. Champion and Reserve 4-H Swine Carcass will be sold at the Allegan County Fair Youth Livestock Auction. The processing cost for the Champion carcass will be covered by Byron Center Meats. Reserve Champion processing cost TBD. Champion and Reserve Carcass winners need to make arrangements to deliver the meat to the buyer at the fair. 2 pictures of the Champion and Reserve Carcass will be given to the youth to give one to the buyer and one to hang on their pens.

The Allegan County 4-H Livestock Leaders sponsor this program with help from local businesses and individuals who donate money towards expenses. *Thank you cards will be available at the event for youth to sign. These will be sent to sponsors.*

**For more information contact show chairpersons: Bruce or Laura Modreske
Confirm participation via email: modreskeswinefarm@hotmail.com or text: 616-293-2549**

2023 Allegan County 4-H Lamb and Goat Carcass Show

Judge: Alex Schut

Live Show

Allegan County Fairgrounds

August 22nd 2022

Weigh in 5-6 p.m.

Show starts: 6 p.m.



Carcass Judging

August 26th 2022

2:30 p.m.

Caledonia Packing

(616) 891-8447

(Call with cutting instructions)

RULES

1. Youth who are enrolled in market lamb and market goat projects will have first priority. If there is more room available other youth who are taking any livestock project may be added. If youth do not bring either their lamb/goat market projects or other market livestock project to the fair they forfeit their carcass premium (exception will be in case of death of the project animal).
2. The 2023 Allegan County lamb and goat carcass show will be open to none 4-H livestock youth participating in the Allegan County Fair market livestock program. 4-H members have first priority and non-4-H members will have the 4th place premium amount deducted from their participation checks. Non-4-H members will also be required to sign waivers to participate in the event.
3. Lambs **must** be sheared within 2 weeks of the live show. Lambs and goats **must** be trained at least to halter at time of live show. Goats can have horns. Animals must be less than one year of age.
4. 4-H members may tag up to 4 lambs/goats (these tag #'s must also be the same as those lambs/goats tagged for the Market Livestock program.) Members may bring only 1 lamb and/or 1 goat to carcass evaluation. Youth must also bring market lambs/goat **or other market livestock** to the Allegan County Fair.
5. Lambs/goats must be tagged & tag forms to Kami Morley (k_hokse@hotmail.com) by July 15. Tag # on lamb/goat at Carcass Contest Check-in must match lamb/goat Tag # on lamb/goat Carcass Show Tag Form.
6. 4-H Leaders must confirm with MSU Extension office by August 4th 2022 that all youth in their club entered in carcass class have market lamb/goat projects that will be shown at fair. Failure to do so eliminates the individual from carcass premiums, placings. **NO changes (other than death of animal) after this date.** [SEP15]
7. Carcasses will be placed by USDA standards. Deductions from the base will be taken for carcasses that are outside an acceptable range. These deductions are based on data from published USDA reports. [SEP]
8. All participants must be in attendance and active at both the Live Show and Carcass Judging.
9. Participant is responsible for the carcass and slaughter costs. * see number 11.
10. Caledonia Packing will cut, wrap & freeze for an additional cost.
11. 1st & 2nd Place lamb/goat carcass will be sold at the Allegan County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction. The processing cost for the 1st place carcass (also known as champion carcass) and 2nd place (Reserve Champion) processing will be donated by Caledonia Packing if required numbers are met. 1-5 animals = grand lamb 8-10=grand goat 14-16 reserve lamb 18+ reserve goat. If numbers are not met buyers will pay processing. Champion and Reserve Carcass winners need to make arrangements to deliver the meat to the buyer at the fair. Two pictures of the Champion and Reserve Carcass will be given to the youth to give one to the buyer and one for their picture plaque.

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For more information Contact: Kami Morley at 616-218-8225

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