



SEPTEMBER 2023

4-H Family News

Clinton County



Welcome Fall!

As we head into fall with the leaves changing and temperatures dropping, I hope that everyone who reads this will take the time to write at least one thank you to someone who has had an impact on their 4-H experiences this year. Send a note of appreciation to one of your 4-H leaders, a teen leader who offered you support, your parents for all their help, the person who sponsored your trophy or bought your animal at the fair, an adult who chaperoned your 4-H trip or another member who really helped you out. Thank you's mean so much to the people who receive them, and it lets them know that while we often neglect to offer our verbal or written thanks, we do notice and appreciate all that they do.

Sincerely,

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ENROLLMENT OPENS SEPTEMBER 15th!!

Submit your enrollment for the 2023-2024 year by logging into your 4-H Online Account starting September 15th.



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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to all Clinton County Shooting Sports members on another successful County Shooting Sports Contest! Many members also moved forward to compete in the State Shooting Sports Contest in Bellevue.



Clinton County Livestock Judging

Congratulations to the 2023 Clinton County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. They competed in the state competition at the Michigan Livestock Expo on July 12th in East Lansing. Members worked hard learning about different species of livestock throughout the program year.



4-H Youth Dairy Days

Members from the Clinton County Dairy Program participated in the 2023 MSU Dairy Days event held at the MSU Pavilion in July. Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days allows youth to demonstrate a wide set of skills and knowledge related to the 4-H dairy project. Congratulations to all who participated.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

2023 BUYERS APPRECIATION DINNER



Thank you to all youth who attended the 2023 Clinton County 4-H Buyers Appreciation Dinner on September 11th at Smith Hall. Thank you also to the Clinton County 4-H Livestock Committee for putting it on and for everyone who made the night a success.

2023 CLINTON COUNTY 4-H FALL FRENZY

The Clinton County 4-H Council will be hosting a Fall Frenzy at the Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds on Tuesday, October 24th from 6-8 pm. There will be a lighted Nature Trail, Games, Karaoke, Hayrides, Crafts, and More! We welcome everyone from the community to join us! Registration is not required but is appreciated. Register at <https://bit.ly/ClintonCounty4-HFrenzy>

**CLINTON COUNTY 4-H
FALL FRENZY**

Lighted Nature Trail - Crafts - Games - Hayrides and More!
Community Welcome! Learn how to join 4-H.

24
October

6:00-8:00 PM
Clinton County 4-H Fair Grounds

SCAN TO REGISTER
**NOT REQUIRED BUT APPRECIATED



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

MAFE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

MAFE is a strong partner of MSU Extension. MAFE (Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions) is offering up to 6 \$1,000 scholarships in 2024. This scholarship is open to applicants who are high school seniors or currently enrolled in an institution of advanced learning such as a college, university, or trade school. Applications can be found at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11DCaHwKkERoS04J6z51ImPTknqouAFMv/edit> and submitted by email to michiganfairs@gmail.com, Subject: MAFE scholarship and include applicant's full name. Please view the procedure and guidelines before submitting.



2023 MAFE Scholarship Procedures & Guidelines

1. Each year up to six (6) scholarships of \$1,000 may be awarded, one being the Neil Kentner memorial scholarship.
2. Scholarship is open to applicants who are high school seniors or currently enrolled in an institution of advanced learning such as a college, university, or trade school. (If the applicant is a high school senior they must have submitted an application to an advanced learning institution.)
3. Applications must be RECEIVED by November 2 via email listed below.
4. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Annual MAFE Convention.
5. Recipients may apply each year they are enrolled in the institution but shall not be eligible to receive a scholarship more than 2 years.
6. The scholarship can be used for all expenses related to the applicants' continued education.
7. The full amount of the scholarship will be paid at the MAFE Annual Convention. If the attendee is not present at the convention, the scholarship will be mailed to the address listed in the application by April 1.
8. Applications must be typed and submitted as a PDF file. Applications can be found on the MAFE website at mifairs.com under the Convention page.
9. The applicant must be involved in a MAFE member fair or festival for the prior 3 years. This can include exhibiting, volunteering, etc.
10. Applications must be received by November 2. Send by email to: michiganfairs@gmail.com Subject: MAFE scholarship and include applicant's full name



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.

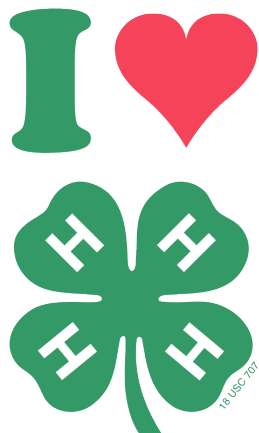
Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

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 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 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: Adulting 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/adulting1019-18-23

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.

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