



# 4-H Family News

Sept 2023

Kalamazoo County



Welcome to the 2023-2024 4-H programming year!

Starting September 15th, 2023, families and volunteers will need to log into the 4-H online database at:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to re-enroll for the new programming year.

**Some reminders:**

- Any youth 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2024 will be able to enroll in the 4-H program
- There is no fee to enroll in 4-H.
- Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) prior to working with youth, unless it has been completed previously.
- VSP completion is required for both virtual and face to face programs. For information on this process please visit: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu\\_extension\\_volunteer\\_selection\\_process](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu_extension_volunteer_selection_process)
- New members may join anytime during the year, but will not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2024
- Re-enrollment is due no later than November 30, 2023.



Thank you *Everyone* for making the 2023 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair a **WONDERFUL** success!

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## 2023-2024 4-H year

### It's time to enroll!!!

Starting on September 15<sup>th</sup> youth and current volunteers will need to enroll in the 4-H online database. If you need assistance please check out these helpful links:

- [4-H online family guide](#)
- [Existing family tip video](#)
- [New family tip video](#)

If you need additional assistance you can log into one of the open office hours:

Tuesday, October 3, 7pm – 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96916368441>

Meeting ID: 969 1636 8441

Passcode: 329374

Wednesday, October 4, 12pm – 1pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98671461238>

Meeting ID: 986 7146 1238

Passcode: 756302



## National 4-H Week – October 1 – 7, 2023

This year's theme is I Love 4-H. Check out the last page of the newsletter for fun ideas on sharing your passion for 4-H. Send your "I love 4-H because . . ." to Veronica at [Bolhuisv@msu.edu](mailto:Bolhuisv@msu.edu) and we'll add those to the October newsletter.

Would you like some cool 4-H swag? Decorate a window, bulletin board, etc. and send that information also to Veronica by October 1, 2023. Names will go into a hat for fun 4-H prizes.

Do you have other ideas on how to share about 4-H? Share it with your community club leader and 4-H staff. Let's work together to get the word out about 4-H.



# Thank you to our 4-H livestock buyers!

**If you stop into one of these businesses or see one of these individuals please say thank you!**

Alamo Family Ag	Ecoverse	Perkins' Farms LLC
Alice Srackangast	Edge Wood Dairy	Pickle Street Veterinary Service
Ambs Family	Farmer's Co-op	Post Foods
Angela Shannon Insurance Agency	Frost Legacy Farms	Professional Apparel Company
Aaron & Meagan Srackangast	Geostar Mechanical	Quality Cylinder Service LLC
B & B Trucking	Greenstone Farm Credit Services	ReGreen Equipment
Bak-Ayr Farms	Greg Feltner	Richard Fuller
Balkema Excavating	Hakman Family	Rose Family
Bartholomew Heating & Cooling	Hall Builders	S & F Propane
Battle Creek Farm Bureau	Harmon's Maple Ridge Farm	Service Master
Bert's Bakery	Harvey's Commodities	Smuts Farms
Bill and Shellie Gibson	Home Energy Solutions	Stafford Farms
Bimbo's Pizza	Jerrid Hisler Agency	Swihart Farms
Bird Electric LLC	Joe's Farm	Sunshine Toyota
Black Gold Transport	John & Ann Zanetti	Thompson Home Improvement
Bob Meyer	John & Susan Compton	Thompson Recycle
Bob & Margaret Goldston	Kalamazoo Podiatry PC	The Buckham Agency
Boerkoel & Boerkoel Ltd.	Kalsee Credit Union	Victory Farms
Bonine Family	Kate's Corner Cupboard	Vosburg Family
Burnips Equipment	Kathlyn Gilfillan	Voyce's East Leroy Elevator
Byma Dairy	Kevin and Jess Kaercher	Wayne Patterson & Sons Trucking
Carleton Equipment	Kings Equipment	
Clint & Trisha Runge	Lakeland Asphalt	
Co-Alliance LLP	Lipscombs LLC	
Cole Carter Inc.	Lyster Exteriors', Inc.	
Commodity Blenders LLC	Martin Spring & Drive	
Coon Creek Farms	Matt & Alisha Gibson	
Cornerstone Ag Management	Matt Millikin	
Create Food Innovations LLC	Marshall Feed & Grain	
CT Electric Service	Maury & Nancy Kaercher	
Crystal Flash	Mike & Diane VanLaan	
D & E Custom Trucking	Motor Shop	
Deanna Ward	Motycka Mechanical	
DeHaan Dairy LLC	Myers Farms LLC	
Dinzik Farms	Nally's Greenhouse	
Dr. Michael Leonard	Neal Family Dentistry	
Dyer Farms	Olmsted & Mulhall Inc.	
Dynapac North America LLC		

**Thank  
you!**



# Dear Fair Kids



**You Did  
AMAZING!**





***Thank you*** to all the business and families who donated towards the trophies and awards for youth who participated in the Kalamazoo County 4-H livestock shows. We appreciate you!

**Platinum**

Co-Alliance Co-Op, Inc.  
Cornerstone Ag Management  
D & E Custom Trucking  
Lyster Exteriors  
Myers Farms, LLC  
Stafford Farms

**Silver**

Battle Creek Farm Bureau  
Blain's Farm & Fleet  
Matt & Alisha Gibson  
Hinga Family & Farm  
Rus & Ann Hollister  
Jaworski Farms  
Maury & Nancy Kaercher  
Kim Lawrence  
Bart & Lisa Mauk  
Rita McClish  
Jeff & Andrea McCubbin  
Joe & Robin Peck  
David & Eileen Rutten  
Shook Farm  
Swihart Farm  
Winding Creek Grain Farms

**Gold**

Sandy Ambs  
Cagney Lamb  
CT Electrical  
The GroundsKeeper  
IBEW Local #131  
Kalamazoo Fraternal  
Order Police #98  
Morrison Landscape Services

**Bronze**

Ryan & Jackie Bounds  
Molly & Gary Cole  
Robert & Sandra DeCoster  
Dickman Road Vet Clinic  
Garden Lane Apartments  
Gray Family  
Meeuwse Farms  
Don Peck Family  
Russell Farm  
Ed & Connie Sturm  
James & Kay Whitehead





## Because of 4-H . . .

During the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair and Family Festival we asked youth, 4-H parents and alumni to complete a clover that answered the question. We had a great response to our request. Many times we think about the projects and what we do better than we did before. Other times we look back on those projects and realize it was so much more. For those who weren't able to take a few minutes to read them we wanted to share a few here:

- I got to meet new people and learned so much and had a ton of fun
- I learned how to show foods and I became a food scientist (alumni)
- I am more responsible and resilient
- I have infinite hope I can learn and grow
- I learned how to care for and show my animals better (paraphrased from what several youth said about their animals)
- I can lead other 4-Her's
- I am more comfortable around animals that I didn't grow up with (alumni)
- I paid for and went to college
- I learned to be more social
- I paid for my first car
- I have more confidence to try new thing
- I was inspired to become a conservation officer in Michigan (alumni)
- I persevere in hard situations
- I can express myself
- I tried something new and loved it
- I can spend more time with my kids (4-H mom)
- I learned to be kind to everyone and to enjoy life more and the little things
- I met my spouse
- I can be a responsible role model for the younger members while learning leadership skills
- I can be a hard worker
- I am more confident to speak to and in front of others (several youth)
- I can lead confidently
- I have a chance to help youth grow (4-H volunteer)
- I learned to save money
- I'm a better listener
- I can be confident in the many challenges I face
- I can find my people
- I experienced great times with my son (4-H parent)
- I can make decisions on my own
- I can watch young members grow into young adults
- I have been able to pass my knowledge and passion down to the next generation of members through volunteer opportunities



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Thank you to all of our volunteers who help guide our youth through their 4-H projects and learning life skills!



## Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement:

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

**Have fun!**



## 2023 Swine Project



## Congratulations to all the 4-H swine exhibitors at the 2023 Kalamazoo County Swine Show! What a fun fair week!

### Showmanship

Champion Senior Showman – Emma E, runner up Josh E

Champion Intermediate Showman – Natalie H, runner up Dane S

Champion Junior Showman – Molly K, runner up Eloise W

Overall Top Showman – Natalie H

Overall Reserve Top Showman – Emma E

### Market Classes

Barrow Weight Class Winners: Molly K, Jaxon R, Nyle S, Natalie H, Blake M

Barrow Weight Class Runner-ups: Arianna M, Eloise W, Ryne S, Dane S, Bryce S

Gilt Weight Class Winners: Josh E, Dane S, Ryne S, Emma E, Michael A

Gilt Weight Class Runner-ups: Emma E, Gabriel H, Natalie H, Arianna M, Asher M

Grand Champion Gilt - Emma E

Reserve Champion Gilt - Josh E

Grand Champion Barrow – Natalie H

Reserve Champion Barrow – Dane S

### Carcass

Grand Champion Swine Carcass - Nyle S

Reserve Champion Carcass - Andrew D

Thank you to all the exhibitors and their families for all your hard work and participation throughout the year, and we look forward to another great fair next year.

*Thank you!*



## 2023 Goat Project Participants



Congratulations to each of you  
on your success and growth at the 2023 fair!  
Everyone did a great job of supporting  
and encouraging one another.



## 2023 Goat Project Participants

### Here's a listing of the placings and awards from the show:

#### Best in Show

Best in Show: Chase J - with Grand Champion Senior Meat Breed Doe

Reserve Best in Show: Edward V - with Grand Champion Dairy Milker

#### Showmanship

##### Intermediate Showman:

1st: Dane S

2nd: Makenzie M

3rd: Nyle S

4th: Chase J

5th: Aubrey M

##### Junior Showman:

1st: Ryne S

2nd: Macie M

3rd: Edward V

4th: Sakara W

##### Novice Showman:

1st: Isaac G

2nd: Adeline G

##### Cloverbud Showman:

Luke G

Emmett S

Isla S

Abigail V

Top Showman: Dane S

Reserve Top Showman: Isaac G

Outstanding Notebook of the Year: Nyle S

#### Market Class

##### Individual Meat Breed Market Goat

1st and Grand Champion Individual Meat Breed Market Goat: Aubrey M (#82)

2nd and Reserve Grand Champion Individual Meat Breed Market Goat: Aubrey M (#78)

##### Pen of 2 Meat Breed Market Goats

1st and Grand Champion Pen of 2 Meat Breed Market Goats: Aubrey M

#### Dairy Breed Kids

##### Intermediate Doe Kid (3-6 mo)

1st and Grand Champion Junior Dairy Doe: Nyle S

#### Dairy Milkers

Intermediate Milker (3-5 years old, in milk) 1st: Isaac G

Senior Milker (5+ years old, in milk) 1st: Edward V

Grand Champion Dairy Milker: Edward V

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Milker: Isaac G

**Best Udder** Grand Champion: Isaac G

#### Meat Breed Kids

##### Intermediate Doe Kid (3-6 mo)

1st and Grand Champion Junior Meat Breed Doe: Aubrey M

2nd and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Meat Breed Doe: Chase J

3rd: Chase J 4th: Aubrey M

#### Meat Breed Adults

##### Senior Yearling (1-2 years old, in milk)

1st: Chase J

##### Intermediate Doe (3-5 years old, in milk)

1st: Aubrey M

Grand Champion Senior Meat Breed Doe: Chase J (with Junior Doe)

Reserve Grand Champion Senior Meat Breed Doe: Aubrey M (with Junior Doe)



## Goat Project continued

### All Breed Group Classes

#### Dairy Breed Dam & Daughter

1st: Edward V  
2nd: Ryne S  
3rd: Nyle S  
4th: Dane S

#### Meat Breed Dam & Daughter

1st: Chase J  
2nd: Aubrey M  
3rd: Aubrey M

#### Best 3 Does Owned by Exhibitor

1st: Dane S  
2nd: Nyle S

### Dry Doe Classes

#### Dry Doe (1-2 years old, never freshened)

1st: Makenzie M  
2nd: Macie M  
3rd: Dane S

#### Dry Doe (2 years and over, freshened at least once)

1st: Nyle S  
2nd: Dane S  
3rd: Ryne S  
4th: Adeline G

#### Dry Doe (2 years and over, never freshened)

1st: Dane S  
2nd: Ryne S

Grand Champion Dry Doe: Dane S  
Reserve Grand Champion Dry Doe: Nyle S

### Pet Wethers

#### Pet Wethers (1-2 years old)

1st: Makenzie M  
2nd: Edward V  
3rd: Macie M  
4th: Sakara W

Grand Champion Pet Wether: Makenzie M  
Reserve Grand Champion Pet Wether:  
Edward V

### Driving Classes

Driving Cart 1st Place: Edward V

### Pack Classes

#### Pack Goat (1-2 years old)

1st: Edward V  
2nd: Sakara W  
3rd: Ryne S

#### Pack Goat (2 years old and over)

1st: Ryne S  
2nd: Nyle S  
3rd: Aubrey M  
4th: Sakara W  
5th: Dane S

#### Cloverbud Pack Goat

Emmett S  
Isla S  
Abigail V

Grand Champion Pack Goat: Ryne Sattler  
Reserve Grand Champion Pack Goat: Nyle Sattler



## Club Updates

### Portage Partners 4-H Group Meeting

We are excited to start the 2023-2024 4-H Year!

Our first meeting will be held on

**Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

The meeting will be at

**Saint Michael Lutheran School (7211 Oakland Drive, Portage, MI 49024) in the gym.**

Please enter through the “Main Door” entry.



We would like each 4-Her (and parent) to bring the following:

- **What projects did you bring to fair?**
- **What was your favorite thing from fair?**
- **What would you like to see done differently at fair?**

We look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting.

If there are any questions, please reach out to

John Hecht ([Masterjohn\\_99@hotmail.com](mailto:Masterjohn_99@hotmail.com)),

Sarah King ([crazy4monkees@yahoo.com](mailto:crazy4monkees@yahoo.com)) or

JulLea Stolsky ([jstolsky@gmail.com](mailto:jstolsky@gmail.com)).





## Small Animals & Pocket Pets Project

Congratulations to Sakara Wank, VB Mustangs, who showed her guinea pig Tribble, bearded dragon Fury, tortoise Scooter and corn snake, Sitres, at this year's fair. Everyone enjoyed interacting with these family pets!

The Small Animals and Pocket Pets project also known as Cavies and Critters will start back up this fall. For the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair & Family Festival these animals are actually entered into fair under Department 14 - Youth Rabbits which includes this project.

We hope to do some joint meetings with the Rabbit project during the 2023-2024 programming year, dates and times of these meetings TBD.

A female cavy is called a sow and a male cavy is called a boar. This should sound very familiar for those of you that participate in the Swine Livestock Project!

We want this project to grown in Kalamazoo County. Many 4-Hers have pets they could show at fair and share with other members for educational purposes. We have also shared these pets at festivals, nursing homes, schools & even at the Kalamazoo Exotic and Reptile shows to promote 4-h!

Over the years Guinea pigs, Hamsters, Gerbils, Mice,. Rats, Chinchillas, Hedge hogs, short tailed-possums, sugar gliders, degus and ferrets have competed at the fair.

A variety of snakes such as corn, boas, king, and ball pythons as well as bearded Dragons, iguanas, frogs, tortoises, turtles and geckos have been introduced to the Kalamazoo Fair.

Did you know Pet birds have also been celebrities at past Kalamazoo County fairs? Pet Parrots, cockatiels, finches, parakeets, love birds, cockatoos and even a parrotlet were shown at the fair. Some of the birds were quite talkative & colorful!

Please contact Andrea McCubbin, 269-598-5231 or [jamccubbin@aol.com](mailto:jamccubbin@aol.com) if you would like to join this project. Don't forget to sign up for this project in the 4-H Online system for the 2023-2024 programming year.





## Poultry Project News

The 2023 Fair is over but the fun and old/new friendships are just starting!

Let's review the fair and start planning for the new 4-H year with a **POULTRY POTLUCK** at our meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21st at 6:30pm.

Bring a dish made with a poultry product to pass, table service and a beverage for your family.



Come celebrate another well-done year of the Poultry Project and the start of a great new year! Bring a dish that includes any type of poultry product (eggs, chicken, turkey, duck, etc.) along with table service and beverage for your family



# Want to hear about upcoming events and programs from MSU Extension?

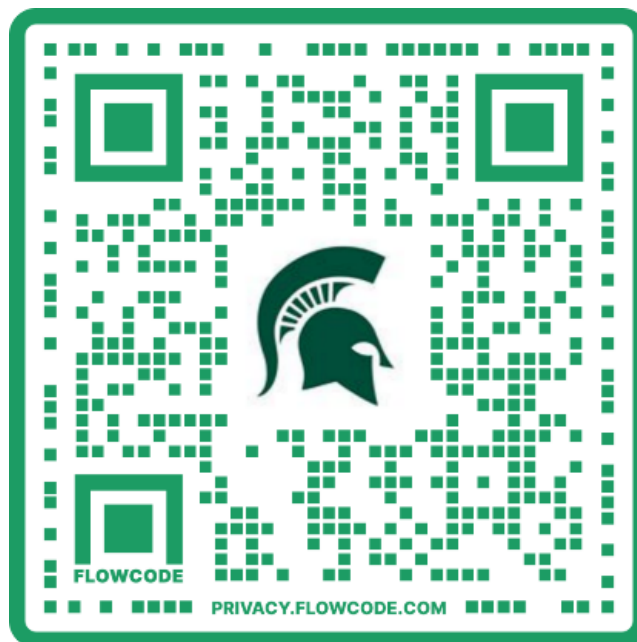
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**Use the QR code below and sign up for our Monthly Newsletter!**

Or go to

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/SoKxe0p>

**And Sign Up!**





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

### Events and Tournaments:

- 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.

Jody Schultz - [schulzi@msu.edu](mailto:schulzi@msu.edu)

Mike George – Kalamazoo County Archery Instructor

Email: [arch3rynut1@comcast.net](mailto:arch3rynut1@comcast.net)

Visit us on our [website](#).

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



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### Show your Support!

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





The Bronson Children's Hospital Run & Walk is designed for both competitive runners and families who prefer a casual stroll. Some participate in celebration, some just for fun, and others in remembrance. Together, we run and walk to raise awareness and support for Bronson Children's Hospital and the vital programs for our patients and families. The route takes participants on a tour through beautiful downtown Kalamazoo.

**WHEN: Sunday, September 24, 2023**

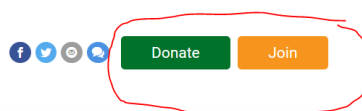
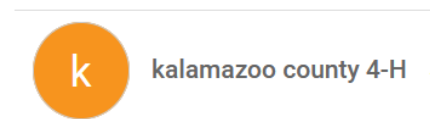
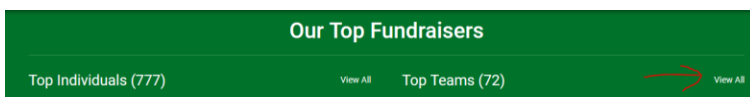
**Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. | Run/Walk begins at 10 a.m.**

**WHERE: Bronson's "401 Lot" (corner of Lovell & Jasper in downtown Kalamazoo)**

To sign up-  
Go here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Kalamazoo/BronsonChildrensHospital5K>

- Scroll down and find Top Teams and click on View All.
- Scroll to Kalamazoo county 4-H and click.
- Then Join, Donate or Both!





## Michigan Farm Bureau's 2023 High School REGIONAL Discussion Meet Registration

Each year, Michigan Farm Bureau hosts the High School Discussion Meet competition for high school students active in FFA, 4-H, and Farm Bureau member dependents. The purpose of the Discussion Meet is to build students' public speaking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills, while exposing them to the agriculture industry's largest challenges and the organization of Michigan Farm Bureau.

Registration opens on September 1st and ends one week prior to your specific region's competition date. Each FFA chapter, 4-H club, and county Farm Bureau can register up to three competitors.

The top three competitors from each regional competition will move on to compete at the State High School Discussion Meet held on Wednesday, November 29th in Grand Rapids during the Michigan Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting.

Register Here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQc2UGXyCy-wExU3WPjUXrX2ImFLxZGk6vg4CCn8xv8LuNpQ/viewform>

REGION	EVENT DATE	REGISTRATION DUE DATE	TIME	LOCATION
I	Nov. 13	Nov. 6	5 p.m.	Vicksburg High School



## 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>

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# ADULTING 101

## FALL 2023 SERIES



**REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/ADULT101FALL23/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101fall23/)**

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** HOW TO TELL PRINCIPALS & POLITICIANS THEY ARE FULL OF POOP WHILE BEING POLITE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM





# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1)

### September 18: Adulthood 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/adulthood1019-18-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood1019-18-23)

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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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# 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](http://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/>.

