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4-H Family News

ALLEGAN COUNTY



September – a time of new beginnings....

Welcome to the September issue of the Allegan County 4-H Family Newsletter. September is a time of new beginnings – new school year and new 4-H year. Wishing all our 4-H members good luck at the county Fair. I know you will do your very best, but also treasure these times as they will be great memories as you go thru life..

Congrats to our Allegan County 4-Hers who attended the State 4-H Horse Show in August

Anika Boeske, Makayla Boeske, Lena Germain, Kaylee Horton, Emma Langlois, Gracie Langlois, Moses Vanderbilt and Noel Vanderbilt. They did an awesome job representing themselves and our county very well!

Pictures from the State 4-H Horse Show.... August 19 -21, 2022 at MSU



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Allegan County 4-H September 2022 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Labor Day Office is closed	6 4H Council Booth set up Ag Building at Fairgrounds Help 4:30 -7pm	7	8	9 Youth Goat Show, Arena Youth Sheep Show, Arena	10 Gymkhana Horse Show, Flats Youth Beef Show Dairy Starter & Steers. Arena
11 English Horse Show, Flats Poultry show, barn	12 Youth Swine Show, Arena Rabbit Show, barn	13 Dairy Show, arena Youth Driving Show, Flats	14 Youth Livestock Auction, arena	15 Youth Dog Show, on Hill	16	17 Western Horse Show, Flats Showmanship Sweepstakes, Arena
Allegan County Fair Sept. 9-17						
18	19	20 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Zoom	21	22 First Day of Autumn After Fair Frenzy! 5-7pm Little John Lake Park, Allegan	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	TODAY IS GOING TO BE THE BEST TOMORROW WILL BE EVEN BETTER





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H After Fair Frenzy – Thursday, September 22 – 5-7pm, Little John Lake County Park



4-H Family Fair Frenzy – join us for fun and games with your 4-H friends. This event is FREE for 4-H Families. Pizza will be provided to those who make reservations. Games such as Corn hole, three legged race, egg and spoon, scavenger hunt and more!! Want to help out? Looking for Teen Leaders to help. Contact Dian at liepe@msu.edu. More information will be emailed and put on Facebook.

AWARD Time!!

4-H County Awards – Time to fill out county awards applications!! 4-H members 12 years and older and have completed 2 years in a project and enrolling in their 3rd year are eligible to apply for a county award in that project area. Attached is the form that is to be completed and returned to the office by September 30, 2022.

4-H Leader Awards – Looking for nominations for 4-H Leader of the Year and 4-H Above and Beyond award. Nominations should include your reasons why they should receive the award, what the leader has done to go above and beyond. Nominations may be emailed to liepe@msu.edu.

4-H Teen Leader awards - Looking for that 4-H Teen that shows excellent leadership skills and or that goes Above and Beyond! We like to recognize a 4-H Teen Leader of the Year as well as a 4-H Above and Beyond Teen. Nominations should include your reasons why they should receive the award. Email nominations to liepe@msu.edu

4-H Club of the Year - Need nominations for a well deserving 4-H Club of the Year. Your nomination should contain information of what makes this club the club of the year, what have they done. Email your club of the year nominations to liepe@msu.edu.

Friend of 4-H Award - Please consider nominating a person, organization and or business who has supported Allegan County 4-H and believes in the 4-H Motto and mission. Email your nomination to liepe@msu.edu



More County 4-H News....

WELCOME... NEW 4-H CLUBS

Spin Club Cheshire Critters 4-H
- Danielle Cole, Leader

Ride Happy 4-H Club
- Kerisa Desimone, Leader
- Tonia Cook, Leader

Fennville Young Riders
- Cara DePree, Leader
- Bonnie Luft, Resource



Re-enroll in 4HOnline beginning September 19!

Re-enroll for the new 2023 4-H year! The link is:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Can't remember your password? – you can request help or contact Dian Liepe to reset your password.

Why re-enroll in October? To make sure you are ready to begin the new 4-H year! 4-H Clubs need to have a minimum of 5 members from 2 different families enrolled in 4HOnline in order to vote at County wide meetings. Don't miss out on 4-H events and activities that are emailed to 4-H Families thru 4-Honline.

COMING SOON...

4-H Creative & Ed Leaders mtg., Sept. 27, 7pm, Spartan Room

4-H Leader Training - October 6, 13 and 20, 7pm, Spartan Room

4-H Horse Leaders mtg. Oct. 3, 7pm, Spartan Room

4-H Livestock Leaders mtg., Oct. 11, 7:30pm, Spartan Room

Community Trunk or Treat Oct 26, 4-6pm, HSB parking lot

**4-H Annual Meeting & Awards Celebration
Nov. 5, 5-8pm , The Linking Center, Pullman**





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Nominate an
extraordinary 4-H
alum today!*



**Nomination deadline:
Oct. 1, 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan's 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years.

For details and the online nomination form, visit <http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

September 7 : Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, MSU Campus, East Lansing , MI

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion

Various Locations

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 7 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2022 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways you can celebrate 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. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club 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 — [4-H alumni](#) often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. 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.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) 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/>



Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2