



NOVEMBER 2022

4-H Family News

GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



HELLO & HAPPY NOVEMBER!

It is hard to believe it is already November and the holiday season is upon us! We had a great time wrapping up the 2021-22 program year at the Gratiot County 4-H awards banquet last month (details on pages 3-5). Congratulations again to all of our county award winners!

The 4-H council will be kicking off our November programming with their gnome crafting class on the 6th. I am also working on putting together a few additional holiday themed classes – stay tuned to your email and the Gratiot County 4-H social media sites for updates.

At the state-wide level, there is a brand new 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute coming up the first weekend in December. Please check out the details on page 7 and get your registrations in soon (registration closes this Friday). I will be attending as a chaperone and hope to be joined by some of our teen leaders.

Finally, make sure your 4-H Online enrollment and volunteer screening pieces are up-to-date so you don't miss out on any of the opportunities coming up this program year. Have a great rest of your fall and a happy and healthy holiday season!

-Stacey Woggon, 4-H PC

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GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK, JOAN!



Joan Taylor wrapped up her tenure as office manager at the Gratiot County MSU Extension Office on October 31st. Joan has been a strong asset to 4-H and Extension programs in Gratiot County for the past 6 years and will be greatly missed. We wish her the best in the future!

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Horse Developmental Committee Meeting	Nov. 1, 2022 @ 7pm, Fair Office
GCFFY Fair Board Meeting	Nov. 3, 2022 @ 7pm, Fair Office
4-H Council Education Series – Holiday Gnomes.....	Nov. 6, 2022 @ 2pm, Extension Office
Veterans Day – Office Closed.....	Nov. 11, 2022
Exchange Club Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser	Orders due by Nov. 12, 2022
Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed.....	Nov. 24 -25, 2022
4-H Council Meeting.....	Nov. 28, 2022 @ 7pm, Extension Office
GCFFY Fair Board Meeting	December 1, 2022 @ 7pm, Fair Office

REMINDERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please keep in mind that anyone volunteering with 4-H programs must complete MSU Extension’s volunteer selection process and remain up-to-date with annual trainings and background checks.

Background checks will now be run automatically during your birth month. You will receive an email notification on the 15th of the month prior alerting you to this and asking you to update any information that may have changed in the past year. If you are resigning, please contact the office so we can shut off this process.

All current volunteers will need to complete the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training by December 31, 2022 to maintain their Gold status. You can complete this module anytime in Volunteer Central. New volunteers will complete this training as part of the onboarding process.

Interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer? Learn more about the volunteer selection process and start your application at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/completing-an-application>

REMEMBER TO ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE

Don't forget that anyone participating in 4-H programs must be enrolled in 4-H Online. The 4-H program year runs September through August and annual re-enrollment is required. If you haven't already done so, please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/> to complete your enrollment. Returning members will choose the "enroll now" link from the family member list. New members will need to create a family profile before enrolling. For further details, including step-by-step instructions and video tutorials, please visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

The Gratiot County 4-H Council hosted the 2021-22 County Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 23, 2022. We were proud to recognize our outstanding 4-H youth and the adults who support them.

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners!

Specialty Awards

- Achievement Award - Nicole Hollabaugh
- I Dare You Award - Kylea Braman
- Most Deserving 4-Her Award - Benjamin Munro, Brayden Bonga
- Outstanding Supporter - Rick Bongard/Ithaca Public Schools
- Outstanding Volunteer - Angie Lake
- Outstanding Club or Committee - Teen council reps
- Years of service to council – Patty Macha, Jenni Derby, Shelly Brittain

Project Awards

- Beef Science - Brock Bonga, Kylee Anderson, Molly Lake
- Birds and Poultry Science - Jake Gorsuch, Joshua Grigar, Lauren Gorsuch
- Civic Engagement - Julie Becker
- Communications and Expressive Arts - Kali Gorsuch, Faustina Quinlann
- Companion Animal Science - Marissa Bloomquist, Miranda Bloomquist, Anna Gardner
- Dairy Science - Thad Whitmore, Eli Whitford
- Environmental and Earth Science - Thomas Quinlann
- Equine Science - Lauralie McGill, Aubree Reisterer
- Goat Science - Jacob Munger, Alexis Hitsman
- Healthy Lifestyles - Gabriel Grigar
- Leadership and Personal Development - Megan Goward
- Plant Science - Brayden Bonga, Dillon Goward, Kayla Goward
- Rabbit and Cavy Science - Ella Gardner, Sophia Gardner
- Sheep Science - Makinna Foglesong, Pazlee Donovan
- Swine Science - Adalee Gruden, Tanner Lamey

Graduating Cloverbuds

- Teagan Akers, Easton Becker, Molly Blemaster, Delaney Clark, MacKenzy Jensen, Sofia LaRose, Delilah Lawson, Sevron Leonard, Zandy Marr, Ava McCune, Kinley McFall, Landon Moomey, Kiley Peck, Maggie Powell, Sawyer Skinner, Norah Slavik, Olivia Smith, Waylon Spiekerman, Charlotte Welch, Madison Whitford

Award winners who missed the banquet can pick up their awards at the Gratiot County MSU Extension Office.





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GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CON'T.



Years of Service to 4-H Council, Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Supporter



Animal Science Project Award Winners



Most Deserving 4-Hers, I Dare You Award, Achievement Award Winners



Project Award Winners



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GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CON'T.



Graduating Cloverbuds (above)



Outstanding Committee (right)



Group photo of all award winners



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

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State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

Saturday, January 28, 2023

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture
and Livestock Education

4301 Farm Ln
East Lansing, MI

Enter Day of Show



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 28, 2023, at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing.

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19.

Participants must enter the day of the show.

To be eligible to enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they wish to enter.

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023>.

November 3: 4-H in the Kitchen – Whodunit Edition

Baldwin, Scottville or online

Get your sleuth on and explore a world of mystery, intrigue, and espionage. 4-H in the Kitchen will explore the world of forensic science by learning how to prepare a pair of dishes inspired by some of the best mystery writers of the past 30 years. This will be a hybrid workshop so participants will have the option of attending in person or virtually.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-whodunit-edition>

November 8: Wild Spartans – Exploring Michigan's Largest State Park

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! 4-H Wild Spartans Series will hike to the heights of the Porcupine Mountains and along the shores of Lake Superior as we meet Katie Urban, interpreter for the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-november-2022>

November 17: 4-H Entrepreneurship Guidelines and Resource Training

Online

Do you want to learn more about how to run an entrepreneurship club? Do you have questions about how to handle the income and profits from an entrepreneurship project? Are you looking for youth entrepreneurship resources? This workshop is for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-entrepreneurship-guidelines-and-resource-training>

December 3-4: Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Various locations

The institute will feature a wide variety of incredibly fun and interactive sessions focused on four tracks: personal development and leadership, community leadership, global citizenship, and leadership for diversity, equity, and inclusion. The institute will be held as an overnight event in East Lansing, Mich. (Dec. 3-4), and as a day-long program in Wayne County and Kalamazoo County on Dec. 3.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spectacular-youth-leadership-institute>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29

On Nov.29, Michigan 4-H is once again participating in Giving Tuesday.

The Giving Tuesday movement is a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that make 4-H so extraordinary.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Giving Tuesday by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

County 4-H endowments are funds created by gifts from one or more donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. These endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs, where the principal amount remains intact and the investment income supports annual needs for a county 4-H program.

Every dollar is an investment in 4-H! Learn more about 4-H Giving Tuesday at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>.



Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute December 3-4

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is an event for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Attend the institute and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

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The institute will be held as an overnight event in East Lansing on Dec. 3-4, and as a day-long program in Wayne County and Kalamazoo County on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Participants who register for the overnight event in East Lansing will attend a MSU Men's Hockey game on Sat., Dec. 3, as part of the evening entertainment!

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to ALL teens (ages 13 and older by Jan. 1, 2023) and to adult leaders who have Gold Level volunteer status with MSU Extension. Space will be limited for this workshop. Learn more at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spectacular-youth-leadership-institute>.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

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