



SEPTEMBER 2022

# 4-H Family News

## GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN



### WELCOME TO THE 2022-23 PROGRAM YEAR

I hope the end of your summer and back-to-school season has gone smoothly. It is now September, and that means we have officially begun the 2022-23 4-H program year! That being said, don't forget you must re-enroll in 4-H Online beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>. Information on how to do so can be found in the box below. Please be sure to reach out to the office if you are having any difficulty with enrollment.

We'll be jumping right into programming this fall. I am looking forward to meeting with the leaders for fall leader's update (info on page 2) and hearing their ideas for the year ahead. We already have plans underway for a fall SPIN club (see page 5) and for National 4-H Week in October (see page 7). I hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to get involved and showcase 4-H to our Gratiot County community!

Finally, make sure to check out the county 4-H award categories and submit your nominations by September 25<sup>th</sup> (details on pages 7-9). We look forward to recognizing everyone's achievements from the 2021-22 program year at the awards banquet on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

All the best,  
Stacey Woggon

#### MAKE SURE TO ENROLL FOR THE 2022-23 PROGRAM YEAR!

Don't forget that everyone must re-enroll in 4-H each program year! Enrollment is done through 4-H Online. The system is currently shutdown for updates, but will re-open on September 12<sup>th</sup> for you to begin enrolling for 2022-23. 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment)



\*\*\* 4-H Online enrollment for 2022-23 begins September 12<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*

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# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- GCFFY Fair Board Meeting .....September 8, 2022 @ 7pm, Fair Office
- 4-H Booth at Alma Alive.....September 10, 2022 @ 4pm, Downtown Alma
- BeeBe Beef Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary .....September 11, 2022 @ 4pm, Emerson Twp. Hall
- 2022-23 4-H Enrollment Begins .....September 12, 2022, 4-H Online
- Fall Leaders Update.....September 15, 2022 @ 7pm, Extension Office
- Fall Leaders Update.....September 17, 2022 @ 10am, Extension Office
- County Award Nominations Due.....September 25, 2022
- 4-H Council Meeting.....September 26, 2022 @ 7pm, Extension Office
- National 4-H Week .....October 2-8, 2022
- Fall SPIN Club.....Thursdays in October @ 4pm, Extension Office
- Annual Club Paperwork Due .....October 12, 2022
- Gratiot County 4-H Awards Banquet .....October 23, 2022 @ 2pm, Pins

## Fall Leader Updates

We want to ensure everyone is set up to succeed in the 2022-23 program year. All Gratiot County 4-H clubs must have at least one leader attend a fall leader update. Additional leaders and volunteers are also welcome.

Fall leader updates will be held Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am, both at the Gratiot County MSUE office. Those unable to make the above times are welcome to schedule an individual appointment with Stacey instead.

Please RSVP with your selected date or set up an appointment here: <https://forms.gle/RiSX D7q35pszcN4S9>

Annual club paperwork is due October 12th. We will be reviewing these forms during the fall update meetings.

### GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you looking for the latest information and updates on everything happening in Gratiot County 4-H? Be sure to follow us on social media!



@GratiotCounty4H



@gratiot4h

These are great sources to check out for save-the-dates and reminders in between our monthly newsletters. You can also email us (woggonst@msu.edu) photos and updates if you/your club would like to be featured!





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## MI STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW



Gratiot County 4-H members did a great job at the MI State 4-H Horse Show on August 19-21, 2022. Senior delegate Karlee Whitmore took home grand champion in western pleasure and was top 5 in horsemanship. Junior delegates included Alyssa McPherson, Macie Akers, and Sarah Munger. Alyssa was the western dressage champion and also placed top 5 in English pleasure and English equitation. Gymkhana delegates included Rebekah Ross, Bethany Bowerman, and Jaidyn Butcher. Bethany had a top five run for the junior flag race. Congratulations to all!!



## MI STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

Shout-out to Taylor Gager who represented Gratiot County 4-H at the MI State 4-H Dog Show on August 20, 2022. Great job!!





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Beebe Beef Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1952 - 2022

All present and past members and leaders are invited to an

**Ice Cream Social**  
**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00**  
Emerson Twp. Hall (Beebe Hall)

A short program will recognize past members and leaders, and history of the club will be shared.

Please share with other alumni.

RSVP is appreciated –  
Send email to [BeebeBeef70@gmail.com](mailto:BeebeBeef70@gmail.com)  
Or call (989) 875-4747

## BEEBE BEEF 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the BeeBe Beef 4-H Club on their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

All past and present BeeBe Beef members are invited to an ice cream social on September 11, 2022 at 4pm. This event will be held at Emerson Township Hall, a site where the club was first organized and many meetings were held. A short program will recognize past club leaders and review the history of the club. Please spread the word and RSVP to [BeebeBeef70@gmail.com](mailto:BeebeBeef70@gmail.com)

## GRATIOT COUNTY 4-H @ ALMA ALIVE

Come visit Gratiot County 4-H at the Alma Alive event on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have a 4-H information table and activity set up in the non-profit/community organization section located on Superior Street from 4-8pm.

We are also participating in the Downtown Alma lamp post decorating. Look for our 4-H lamp post on the south side of Superior Street near Kens Culligans and the Nichols Finance Office.

If you are interested in helping out at this event, please contact Stacey ([woggonst@msu.edu](mailto:woggonst@msu.edu)).

**Alma Alive!**  
A celebration of our amazing community.  
**September 10 9am - 10pm**

An All-Day block party on Superior Street in Downtown Alma, MI.

- ◆ Family activities
- ◆ Sidewalk sales
- ◆ Art Show
- ◆ Farmers Market
- ◆ Cornhole tournament
- ◆ Live music & performances

**and SO MUCH MORE!!!**

For more information, contact the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce at (989) 463-5525 or [GACC.Gratiot.org](http://GACC.Gratiot.org)

 **GRATIOT AREA**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## FALL SPIN CLUB



### GRATIOT 4-H FALL SPIN CLUB

a 4-week series exploring art and science in nature!

#### WHEN:

Thursdays in October  
4:00-5:30 PM

#### WHERE:

Meet at the Gratiot MSU  
Extension office  
(219 N State St, Alma, MI)

Dress for the outdoors as we  
will be walking down to the  
riverwalk/park area

#### WHO:

Gratiot County 4-H members

Activities are best designed  
for those in elementary  
school, but all are welcome.

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#### October 6, 2022: Exploring Fall Colors & Textures

Nature is full of colors and textures! We'll go on a scavenger hunt to see what we can find. Youth will use their findings to create leaf art.

#### October 13, 2022: Identifying Michigan Trees

There are two types of trees: deciduous and coniferous. We'll be exploring the difference between these and identifying some common species found in Michigan. Youth will leave with a leaf rubbing collage.

#### October 20, 2022: An Up-Close Look at Leaves

Ever wondered how leaves function or why they change colors? We'll be doing a chromatography experiment to explore these questions and more. Youth will leave with an imprinted leaf bowl.

#### October 27, 2022: Halloween STEM

We'll be exploring chemical reactions as we erupt jack-o-lantern volcanos and set off ghost rockets. Youth will leave with a decorated pumpkin.

#### Pre-registration is required, and spots are limited!

Cost is \$20/youth. Includes all supplies and a snack each week.  
Registration deadline: September 30, 2022

Return the form and your  
\$20 fee to the Gratiot MSUE  
Office (219 N State St,  
Alma, MI) to register.  
Checks payable to MSU.

Youth must be enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2022-23 program year.

We are excited to announce the details of our first SPIN club for the 2022-23 program year! Thursdays in October we will be exploring art and science in nature. This club is geared towards elementary-aged 4-Her's. We'll meet at the Extension Office and then proceed down to the riverwalk and parks. Pre-registration is required, and spots are limited. Register by submitting the registration form (available on page 6) and the \$20 fee to the Gratiot MSUE Office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Youth must enroll in 4-H Online for the 2022-23 program year to participate in this SPIN club.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## FALL SPIN CLUB REGISTRATION



2022 Gratiot 4-H  
Fall SPIN Club Registration



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Michigan Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_

Current 4-H Member: \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

(If no, you must enroll in 4-H Online at this link: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> )

In Case of Emergency:

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies, dietary restrictions, or health conditions that staff need to be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

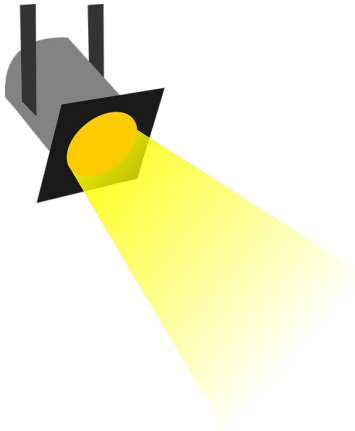
This form and the \$20 registration fee must be returned to the Gratiot County MSUE Office (219 N. State St, Alma, MI 48801) by September 30, 2022. Checks should be made payable to MSU. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H Online and have the consent forms/medical release completed. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Limited spots are available in this SPIN club. Please watch your email for updates after you register. Sessions may be modified or cancelled in the case of inclement weather.

The registration form is also available as a pdf download:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xsoX4COgMohED2CqW9sM0Mtd00fclp3d/view?usp=sharing>.  
Hard copies can be picked up at the Extension Office.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHTS & MORE



National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2022. We are encouraging all of our clubs, members, and volunteers to help us promote 4-H to our Gratiot County community.

We'll be spotlighting 4-H members on our social media channels all week long. 4-Hers who would like to be featured can fill out the following Google Form and upload a photo: <https://forms.gle/muNRUQ5g2J3iF7L76> Youth must be enrolled in 4-H for 2022-23 and have accepted the publicity release to be featured. The deadline for submitting the form is September 25, 2022.

We're also working on teaming up with some local businesses to host activities and giveaways. Stay tuned to your email and the Gratiot County 4-H social media sites for updates!

Additional ideas on celebrating National 4-H Week can be found under 'Statewide 4-H News' on page 11 of this newsletter.

## 4-H COUNCIL UPDATES: ELECTIONS & AWARDS

Council elections will be taking place in October. We are accepting nominations of Gold Volunteers and teen members who would like to serve on council. We'd encourage those who are interested to attend the next council meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to learn more and submit their name to appear on the ballot.

The 2022 Awards Banquet is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. The awards nomination form is due no later than September 25<sup>th</sup> and can be submitted online at <https://forms.gle/gNp6eNn8iVQ54W9C9> or hardcopy at the MSU Extension Office. Check out pages 8-9 for details on the awards categories and nomination process.

Council would also like to thank Shelly Brittain for making the signs for their "Friends of 4-H Breakfast" held at the fair.



## SHARE YOUR CLUB UPDATES TO BE FEATURED HERE



Please send any club updates and event photos to Stacey Woggon ([woggonst@msu.edu](mailto:woggonst@msu.edu)) to be featured in our newsletter and on our social media. We look forward to sharing what you're up to!



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## AWARDS INFORMATION

### 2022 Gratiot County 4-H Awards

Registered **4-H club leaders**, **4-H volunteers**, **4-H members** (including youth), and **parents** are allowed to make nominations in all categories. Members may also nominate themselves for Project Awards. Please fill out a separate form for each nomination.

1. Members may be nominated for more than one award but can only submit applications for two awards per year.
2. Nominated members must have completed at least one full year of club work and be current 4-H members in good standing.
3. Members must be eight years (by January 1, 2022) or older to be nominated.
4. Nominations are **due NO LATER THAN September 25, 2022**. Nominations can be submitted online at <https://forms.gle/gNp6eNn8iVQ54W9C9> or hard copy to the MSU Extension Office.
5. Categories with asterisk (\*) do not require an application from the nominee.
6. The Gratiot County 4-H Council Awards Committee will make final selections.
7. Please contact the MSU Extension office at (989) 875-5233 or email [woggonst@msu.edu](mailto:woggonst@msu.edu) with any questions.

**Nominee:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Club:**

**PROJECT AWARD:** *Select category from page 2.*

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Recognizes a 4-H'er who strives to develop leadership skills and outstanding character. He/she desires to broaden his/her knowledge of 4-H projects and activities. This youth sets goals, makes decisions, accepts responsibilities, and establishes the basis for a highly productive life.

**KEY CLUB AWARD:** Minimum requirements: Reached 15 4-H age, completed 3 calendar years of club work, completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas, completed a Teen Leadership Project, participated in 3 district and/or State 4-H Events, been recommended by local leader.

**I DARE YOU\*:** Presented to two youth in the county. Members must be at least 15 years old to be nominated. A person who has shown dedication and drive under what may be unusual or difficult circumstances.

**MOST DESERVING 4-H-ER AWARD\*:** Presented to a county 4-H member who is a dedicated, hard worker, but who does not usually receive an award or special recognition for his/her efforts.

**4-H CLUB SECRETARY OR TREASURER:** Awarded to 1 club secretary and 1 club treasurer. The record book must be submitted along with a nomination form.

**GREEN CLOVER SOCIETY 4-H ALUMNI\*:** Presented to one (1) past 4-H member who has been actively involved in the county 4-H program.

**FRIEND OF 4-H\*:** Presented to one (1) 4-H volunteer who has been actively involved in the 4-H program, but was not involved in 4-H as a youth.

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTER\*:** Presented to a community member, group, or organization who has been a strong supporter (financially, offering facilities, etc.) of county and/or state 4-H programs.

**OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER\*:** Awarded to a 4-H volunteer, who goes above and beyond what is expected. This is an honor for someone who puts our youth first.

**OUTSTANDING 4-H CLUB OR COMMITTEE\*:** Awarded to a 4-H group that has excelled in providing programming or presented an exemplary role in 4-H programs.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## AWARDS INFORMATION CON'T

### 4-H Project Awards

- Beef Science** (Programs, projects and activities related to beef science and management)
- Biological Science** (Aquatic science, biological science, entomology and bees, food chemistry such as meat science, embryology, veterinary science)
- Birds and Poultry Science** (Programs, projects and activities related to birds, poultry science and management)
- Civic Engagement** (Citizenship and civic engagement, global and cultural education, community service, service learning, Folk patterns, global and cultural heritage)
- Communications and Expressive Arts** (Communication, expressive arts, visual arts, performing arts, photography)
- Companion Animal Science** (Dogs, cats, small animals, pocket pets, lab animals, llamas/alpacas)
- Consumer and Family Science** (Child development, childcare, clothing and textiles)
- Dairy Science** (Dairy cattle, milk production and processing)
- Environmental and Earth Science** (Environmental resource management, environmental science and natural resources, outdoor education/recreation, soils and soil conservation, wildlife and fisheries, shooting sports)
- Equine Science** (Horse and pony, horseless projects, Proud Equestrian Program)
- Goat Science** (Programs, projects and activities related to goat science and management)
- Healthy Lifestyles** (Food and nutrition, health and fitness, safety)
- Leadership and Personal Development** (Business and entrepreneurship, career exploration and workforce preparation, college and independent-living readiness, financial literacy, Introductory 4-H projects, leadership skills development, leisure education, life skill and character education)
- Plant Science** (Horticulture, agronomy, crops)
- Rabbit and Cavy Science** (Programs, projects and activities related to rabbit and cavy science and management)
- Sheep Science** (Programs, projects and activities related to sheep science and management)
- Swine Science** (Programs, projects and activities related to swine science and management)
- Technology and Engineering** (Aerospace, computer and digital technology, engines and transportation, GPS/GIS, mechanical sciences, robotics)

*Why does the nominee deserve the Award? Please provide as much information as possible. Attach a separate sheet if needed.*

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Winners will be invited to the Gratiot County 4-H Awards Banquet on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to receive their awards!\*\*\*



# 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 3-24 : Fall Adulthood 101 Educational Series**

*Zoom*

Join us for our FREE Fall Adulthood 101 educational series Mondays in October from 6-7 pm ET. Learn valuable life skills not taught in a classroom. Sessions include: Changing the World with Just One Vote (Oct. 3), Choose your Future (Oct.10), Make a Spending Plan Work for You (Oct.17), and Avoiding Money Mishaps (Oct. 24). <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22>

## **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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2).

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