



August 2023

4-H Family News

HILLSDALE COUNTY



The 4-H/FFA Fair Book can be found here:

[Fair Book](#)

Project Reports for your fair livestock project can be found on our website at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/hillsdale/hillsdale_county_4_h/Livestock-Animal-Projects/

Do not forget to sign up for your volunteer shift in the 4-H Kitchen!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACA62CA1FACF8-small>

Small Animal Barn Set-Up Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACA62CA1FACF8-small>

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2023 Calendar of Events

August

16th Dairy Leaders Meeting 6:00 p.m.
20th Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship Workshop 6:00 p.m.
Small Animal Barn, Bring your own animal

4th Labor Day - MSU Extension Office Closed
11th 4-H Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
13th Mandatory Rabbit tattoo @ Fairgrounds 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
-only market rabbits
16th Small Animal Barn Set Up 9:00 a.m.
16th Horse Leaders Committee Fun Show 5:00 p.m.
@ fairgrounds
20th Large Animal Barn club set-up 5:00-7:00 p.m.
24-30th Hillsdale County Fair

September

October

9th Awards Packets Due
9th 4-H Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
11th Horse Leaders Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

All events will take place at the MSU Extension Office unless otherwise noted



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Small Animal Committee



Huge Congratulations to all the youth that attended the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show. Hillsdale County was very well represented.

Donations Needed!



The Hillsdale County Small Animal Committee is asking clubs to donate shavings to the Small Animal Barn for fair. Unfortunately, the company that has donated in the past is unable to do so this year. The Small Animal Committee has purchased bins for the shavings to be placed in so they can be used by everyone during fair week. Please call the Extension Office with any questions.



Hillsdale County Awards

The Hillsdale County Award packets are now available!!!

Deadline to turn these into the MSU Extension Office will be OCTOBER 9th

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/hillsdale/uploads/files/2023%20County%20Award%20Application%20Packet.pdf>



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COUNTY

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AWARDS

Application





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 22 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

"All of our 4-H'ers across the state are amazing but the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished," said Julie Chapin, state 4-H leader for Michigan and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "They have demonstrated their dedication to improving themselves and their communities through 4-H, service and more."



Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2023 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidl of Menominee County (senior division)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Career Development:** Avery Stallman of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bliesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 6

5:30 - 7 p.m.



North lawn outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension # 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the sixth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 6.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the 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.

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

As we explore the wonderful world of bubbles we will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

August 11: 4-H Children's Garden 30th Birthday Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We will celebrate the garden's pearl birthday with activities and games. We will open the time capsule, eat cake and much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-30th-birthday-party

August 13: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the insect pollinators around you? Join us for prizes, vendors, a bee petting zoo, face painting and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 13: Tri-County Archery Tournament

Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, Ypsilanti Township

Archers to the line! 4-H archers aged 9 and up are welcome to meet fellow competitors and test their skill. Registration is due Aug. 6.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tri-county-archery-tournament

August 15: Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles and Pedals, Bellaire

Learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

August 16: Adulting 101 – Eating Healthy on a Budget

Online

Preparing healthy food and staying within your budget does not have to be a challenge. Planning, preparing, and purchasing strategies will be shared so you can stretch your food dollars further.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-8-16

September 16: Festival of the Pines Archery Tournament

Maple Grove Park, Lake City

Archers to the line! 4-H members are invited to meet fellow competitors and test their skill

www.canr.msu.edu/events/festival-of-the-pines-archery-tournament

