



AUGUST 18, 2023

# 4-H Family News

## Ingham County



### COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

09.13.2023.....Horse Committee Meeting, Hilliard Bldg, 7 pm  
09.20.2023.....4-H Council Committee Meeting, Hilliard Bldg, 7 pm

### 2023 Ingham County Fair



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## SKILLATHON

# FINAL Results

### 2023 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR

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Department: Arts & Crafts

Division: Arts & Crafts — Ages 8-11

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
41.03 - Treasures from Trash - Repurposed Wood	Evan Roberts	1176	Best Overall
41.06 - Decorative Painting	Chloe Frechette	1645	Honorable Mention
41.09 - Card Making	Eiley Dunsmore	1911	Best Overall
41.13 - Tie Dye	Wade Shunn	1745	Honorable Mention
41.13 - Tie Dye	Chloe Frechette	1625	Honorable Mention
41.18 - K'Nex or LEGO Kit	Ryker Fuentes	1802	Honorable Mention
41.18 - K'Nex or LEGO Kit	Liam Lower	2305	Honorable Mention
41.23 - Cricut and Silhouette Machine Designs	Ryker Fuentes	1814	Best Overall
41.25 - Other	Landyn Bradley	388	Best of Show
41.25 - Other	Lolaah Bradley	385	Honorable Mention
41.25 - Other	Eiley Dunsmore	1912	Best of Show



Department: Arts & Crafts

Division: Arts & Crafts — Ages 12-14

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
41.29 - Treasures from Trash - Other	Keira Roberts	1193	Honorable Mention
41.29 - Treasures from Trash - Other	Alivia Block	674	Honorable Mention
41.29 - Treasures from Trash - Other	Brantley Quinn	2340	Honorable Mention
41.30 - Ceramics, Sculpture & Pottery	Morgan Rogers	705	Honorable Mention
41.31 - Decorative Painting	Lila Ammerman		Honorable Mention
41.32 - Silk & Artificial Flowers	Emma Morlock	1470	Best of Show
41.33 - Sand Craft	Grant Evans	533	Best Overall
41.37 - Jewelry	Emma Morlock	1471	Best Overall
41.38 - Tie Dye	Violet Shunn	1720	Honorable Mention
41.38 - Tie Dye	Leighla Pid	3081	Honorable Mention
41.42 - Soap & Lotion	Reagan Robison	445	Best Overall
41.42 - Soap & Lotion	Evelyn Daniel	942	Honorable Mention
41.47 - Leather Craft	Joshua Hansen	1890	Honorable Mention
41.50 - Other	Eleri Raleigh	1619	Best Overall
41.50 - Other	Emma Morlock	1479	Honorable Mention
41.50 - Other	Zander Morlock	941	Best of Show
41.50 - Other	Grant Evans	534	Best Overall
41.50 - Other	Lilly Meade		Honorable Mention



Department: Arts & Crafts

Division: Arts & Crafts — Ages 15 & Over

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
41.53 - Treasure from Trash - Repurposed Wood	Katie Meade	719	Honorable Mention
41.53 - Treasure from Trash - Repurposed Wood	Katelynn Karkau	1220	Honorable Mention
41.54 - Treasure from Trash - Other	Katie Meade	721	Best of Show
41.54 - Treasure from Trash - Other	Elizabeth Leibrand	2272	Honorable Mention
41.55 - Ceramics, Sculpture & Pottery	Kelsey Garner	1297	Best Overall
41.55 - Ceramics, Sculpture & Pottery	Brenna Raleigh	1600	Honorable Mention
41.55 - Ceramics, Sculpture & Pottery	Elizabeth Leibrand	2255	Best of Show
41.55 - Ceramics, Sculpture & Pottery	Abby Eastman	2321	Honorable Mention
41.56 - Decorative Painting	Kassidy Daniel	588	Honorable Mention
41.56 - Decorative Painting	Elizabeth Leibrand	2287	Best of Show
41.56 - Decorative Painting	Ella Fodge		Best Overall
41.63 - Tie Dye	Vienna Zechar	2323	Best Overall
41.70 - Glass painting, etched and solder stained glass	Ella Fodge-Franklin	1921	Best Overall
41.75 - Other	Katie Meade	727	Best of Show
41.75 - Other	Liam Evans	548	Best of Show
41.75 - Other	Liam Evans	545	Best Overall
41.75 - Other	Liam Evans	546	Honorable Mention
41.75 - Other	Elizabeth Leibrand	2256	Best Overall
41.75 - Other	Vienna Zechar	2324	Honorable Mention



Department: Cats

Division: Cat — Breed Class

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
33.02 - Household, age 4 months and older	Nolan Saltman	1334	Best of Show

Department: Communications

Division: Creative Writing

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
43.17 - Ages 15 & Over Poetry	Macy Domrase	619	Best of Show

Department: Communications

Division: Performing Arts

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
43.45 - Ages 15 & Over Solo Dance Performance	Brenna Raleigh	1598	Best Overall

Department: Crops

Division: Crops Classes

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
38.14 - Mixed Hay	Eiley Dunsmore	1908	Best Overall



Department: Fine Arts

Division: Fine Arts Classes

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
39.03 - Ages 8-11 Water Color	Brody Stiffler	1556	Best of Show
39.04 - Ages 8-11 Oil Painting	Evan Roberts	1178	Best Overall
39.04 - Ages 8-11 Oil Painting	Grayson Houghton		Best Overall
39.05 - Ages 8-11 Acrylic	Saide Droscha	794	Honorable Mention
39.05 - Ages 8-11 Acrylic	Tabitha Blauvelt	2437	Best Overall
39.06 - Ages 8-11 Colored Pencil	Evan Roberts	1179	Best of Show
39.11 - Ages 8-11 Other Works	Amelia Bristle	2462	Best Overall

Department: Clothing & Textiles

Division: Fiber Arts

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
36.16 - Ages 8-11 Other	Tabitha Blauvelt	1046	Honorable Mention
36.19 - Ages 12-14 Needlework	Levi Riker	1158	Best of Show
36.19 - Ages 12-14 Needlework	Levi Riker	1159	Honorable Mention
36.19 - Ages 12-14 Needlework	Emma Morlock	1463	Best of Show
36.23 - 15 & Over Needlework	Brenna Raleigh	1604	Best of Show
36.23 - 15 & Over Needlework	Kyleigh Eilf	2405	Best of Show
36.24 - Ages 15 & Over Other	Liam Evans	553	Honorable Mention
36.24 - Ages 15 & Over Other	Brenna Marshall	481	Best Overall
36.24 - Ages 15 & Over Other	Emma Meyers	1254	Best Overall



Department: Clothing & Textiles

Division: Sewing

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
36.03 - Ages 12-14 Intermediate Construction	Rubilynn Schrock	1173	Best Overall
36.04 - Ages 15 & Over Beginners Construction	Elizabeth Leibrand	2260	Honorable Mention

Department: Fine Arts

Division: Fine Arts Classes

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
39.12 - Ages 12-14 Drawing (pencil, ink, charcoal)	Ava Houghton		Best of Show
39.16 - Ages 12-14 Acrylic	Ellen Picken	1055	Best Overall
39.16 - Ages 12-14 Acrylic	Ashlie Columbus	2415	Honorable Mention
39.22 - Ages 12-14 Other Works	Addison Bristle	2460	Best of Show
39.24 - Ages 15 & Over Sketching (pencil, ink, charcoal)	Kelsey Garner	1303	Best of Show
39.25 - Ages 15 & Over Water Color	Elizabeth Leibrand	2278	Best of Show
39.26 - 15 & Over Oil Painting	Kelsey Garner	1205	Honorable Mention
39.27 - Ages 15 & Over Acrylic	Emma Meyers	1253	Best Overall
39.27 - Ages 15 & Over Acrylic	Elizabeth Leibrand	2279	Best Overall
39.33 - 15 & Over Other Works	Liam Evans	555	Honorable Mention
39.33 - 15 & Over Other Works	Elizabeth Leibrand	2442	Honorable Mention



Department: Foods & Nutrition

Division: Foods & Nutrition

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
37.16 - Ages 12-14 Breads	Eleri Raleigh	1605	Best Overall
37.17 - Ages 12-14 Main Dish	Ellen Picken	1068	Best of Show
37.19 - Ages 12-14 Cookies	Evelyn Daniel	598	Honorable Mention
37.20 - Ages 12-14 Candies or Brownies	Isaac Bennett	769	Honorable Mention
37.20 - Ages 12-14 Candies or Brownies	Grant Evans	528	Best of Show
37.20 - Ages 12-14 Candies or Brownies	Anderson Karkau	1009	Best Overall
37.23 - Ages 12-14 Dairy Foods	Sophia Nielson	783	Best of Show
37.26 - Ages 12-14 Pies	Eleanor Backhaus	1241	Best of Show
37.29 - Ages 15 & Over Breads	Katelynn Karkau	1233	Best of Show
37.31 - Ages 15 & Over Cakes	Brenna Marshall	482	Best of Show
37.31 - Ages 15 & Over Cakes	Broderick Raleigh	1589	Honorable Mention
37.33 - Ages 15 & Over Candies or Brownies	Brenna Raleigh	1603	Best Overall
37.35 - Ages 15 & Over Specialty Foods	Macy Domrase	612	Honorable Mention
37.36 - Ages 15 & Over Dairy Foods	Addison Anway	1574	Best Overall

Department: Foods & Nutrition

Division: Pickled Products

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
37.91 - First year project - One jar of pickles	Ryker Fuentes	1803	Honorable Mention
37.92 - Second year project - Two jars of the following, each different: relish, chutney, catsup, or BBQ Sauce	Zander Morlock	1780	Honorable Mention





Department: Horticulture & Floriculture  
 Division: Flower/Ornamental Arrangements

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
45.17 - Container Garden, Hanging Basket or Porch Box	Emma Morlock	1451	Honorable Mention
45.18 - Wild and Weedy Arrangement	Emma Morlock	1452	Best of Show

Department: Horticulture & Floriculture  
 Division: Indoor Gardening

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
45.19 - Houseplant	Elizabeth Leibrand	2261	Best of Show

Department: Horticulture & Floriculture  
 Division: Vegetables

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
45.29 - Vegetables First Year Member (9-12 years old)	Alivia Block	676	Honorable Mention
45.29 - Vegetables First Year Member (9-12 years old)	Caroline Gehrs	398	Best Overall



Department: Personal Development

Division: 4-H Market Plan

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
42.01 - Ages 8-11 4-H Market Plan	Matthew West	847	Best of Show
42.01 - Ages 8-11 4-H Market Plan	Helen Curtis	1238	Honorable Mention
42.02 - Ages 12-14 4-H Market Plan	Keira Roberts	1194	Best Overall
42.02 - Ages 12-14 4-H Market Plan	Wesley Rogers	711	Best of Show
42.02 - Ages 12-14 4-H Market Plan	Sophia Nielson	1266	Best of Show
42.03 - Ages 15 & Over 4-H Market Plan	Elizabeth Leibrand	2273	Honorable Mention

Department: Personal Development

Division: Record Keeping

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
42.13 - Ages 12-14 Animal Projects	Lauren Arras	277	Best of Show

Department: Photography

Division: Adjustable Camera - Single Color/B&W Enlargements

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
40.66 - Ages 15 & Over Nature	Abby Eastman	2320	Best of Show
40.67 - 15 & Over People	Katie Meade	737	Honorable Mention
40.70 - Ages 15 & Over Animals	Kya Heinrich	369	Honorable Mention



Department: Photography

Division: Grouping of 4 Photos

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
40.01 - Grouping of 4 Photos – Ages 8-11	Helen Curtis	1104	Honorable Mention
40.01 - Grouping of 4 Photos – Ages 8-11	Chloe Frechette	1669	Best of Show
40.03 - Grouping of 4 Photos - Ages 15 yrs & older	Ellie Koppin	1733	Honorable Mention
40.03 - Grouping of 4 Photos - Ages 15 yrs & older	Ashley Hatfield	2058	Honorable Mention

Department: Photography

Division: Phone or Tablet - Single Color/B&W Enlargements

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
40.30 - Ages 8-11, Animals	Haley Huffman	580	Honorable Mention
40.30 - Ages 8-11, Animals	Helen Curtis	1662	Best of Show
40.34 - Ages 12-14, Nature	Keira Roberts	1188	Honorable Mention
40.38 - Ages 12-14, Animals	Eleanor Backhaus	1243	Best of Show
40.46 - Ages 15 & Over, Animals	Emily West	1709	Honorable Mention
40.92 - Ages 15 & Over, Action	Ashley Hatfield	2057	Best of Show
40.92 - Ages 15 & Over, Action	Ashley Hatfield	2057	Best Overall



Department: Rocketry & Radio Controlled Vehicles

Division: Rocketry

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
44.04 - Ages 12-14 Rocket Launch	Brendan Post	2124	Best Overall
44.05 - Ages 15 & Over Model Rocket	Katie Meade	741	Best Overall
44.05 - Ages 15 & Over Model Rocket	Emma Meyers	1255	Best of Show
44.06 - Ages 15 & Over Rocket Launch	Jayden Rockwell	2011	Best of Show

Department: Rocketry & Radio Controlled Vehicles

Division: Radio Controlled Vehicles - Brushless Motor

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
44.19 - Ages 8-13 - 2 Wheel Drive - 1/10 Scale	Jayden Rockwell		Best of Show
44.25 - Ages 8-13 - 4 Wheel Drive - 1/10 Scale	Zander Morlock	1768	Best Overall



Department: Science

Division: Veterinary Science

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
46.08 - Ages 12-14 - Anatomy and Related Diseases	Brantley Quinn	2040	Best Overall

Department: Science

Division: Entomology

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
46.29 - Ages 15 & Over -Entomological Skills	Broderick Raleigh	1591	Honorable Mention

Department: Science

Division: Engineering

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
46.39 - Building With Legos Ages 12-14 -Small Engines	Brantley Quinn	2339	Honorable Mention

Department: Science

Division: Natural Resources

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
46.78 - Ages 12-14 -Wildflower and Plant Identification	Emma Morlock	1437	Best of Show



Department: Shooting Sports

Division: Target Archery

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
47.01 - Ages 8-11 Apprentice	Hope Bateman		1st Place
47.04 - Ages 8-11 Open Bow	Gunnar Graf		1st Place
47.06 - Ages 12-14 Unsighted Bow	Isaac Green		1st Place
47.07 - Ages 12-14 Sighted Bow	Reagan Robison		1st Place
47.08 - Ages 12-14 Open Bow	Zander Morlock		1st Place
47.12 - Ages 15 & Over Open Bow	Parker Corbett		1st Place

Department: Shooting Sports

Division: 3-D Archery

Class	Name	Award
47.15 - Ages 8-11 Open Bow	Gunnar Graf	1st Place
47.18 - Ages 12-14 Open Bow	Zander Morlock	1st Place
47.21 - Ages 15 & Over Open Bow	Kingston Stiffler	1st Place



Department: Shooting Sports

Division: Firearms

Class	Name	Award
47.22 - Ages 8-11 BB Gun	Alexzander Heiden	1st Place
47.23 - Ages 9-11 Pellet Gun	Alexzander Heiden	1st Place
47.24 - Ages 9-11 Pellet Silhouette	Alexzander Heiden	1st Place
47.25 - Ages 12-14 BB Gun	Zander Morlock	1st Place
47.26 - Ages 12-14 Pellet Gun	Halia Johns	1st Place
47.27 - Ages 12-14 Pellet Silhouette	Halia Johns	1st Place
47.27 - Ages 12-14.22 cal. Field Rifle	Zander Morlock	1st Place
47.30 - Ages 12-14 Shotgun Trap	Landon Voss	1st Place
47.31 - Ages 12-14 Open .22 cal. Target Rifle	Lilly Meade	1st Place
47.32 - Ages 12-14 Open Muzzle Loader	Zander Morlock	1st Place
47.33 - Ages 12-14 Air Pistol	Zander Morlock	1st Place
47.34 - Ages 15 & Over BB Gun	Katie Meade	1st Place
47.35 - Ages 15 & Over Peller Gun	Cassie Bosworth	1st Place
47.36 - Ages 15 & Over Pellet Silhouette	Cassie Bosworth	1st Place
47.37 - Ages 15 & Over .22 cal. Field Rifle	Jayden Rockwell	1st Place
47.39 - Ages 15 & Over Shotgun Trap	Jayden Rockwell	1st Place
47.40 - Ages 15 & Over .22 cal. Target Rifle	Katie Meade	1st Place
47.41 - Ages 15 & Over Open Muzzle Loader	Katie Meade	1st Place
47.42 - Ages 15 & Over Air Pistol	Parker Corbett	1st Place



Department: Foods & Nutrition

Division: Canning

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
37.80 - First year project - Single container of fruit or vegetables	Alivia Block	675	Best of Show Runner Up
37.89 - Non-meat Sauces	Addison Anway	1573	Best Overall

Department: Foods & Nutrition

Division: Decorated Foods

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
37.52 - Ages 12-14 Artificial Cakes (2nd year or more)	Grant Evans	530	Best Overall
37.54 - Ages 12-14 Decorated Mixes in a Jar (2nd year or more)	Lilly Meade	882	Honorable Mention
37.57 - Ages 12-14 Decorated Molded Candies (1st year)	Reagan Robison	446	Best of Show
37.52 - Ages 12-14 Artificial Cakes (2nd year or more)	Grant Evans	530	Best Overall

Department: Foods & Nutrition

Division: Dehydration

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
37.98 - Dried Herbs	Grant Evans	529	Best of Show Runner Up





Department: Foods & Nutrition

Division: Foods & Nutrition

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
37.01 - Ages 8-11 -Appetizers or Beverages	Caroline Gehrs	396	Best of Show
37.03 - Ages 8-11 Breads	Eli Picken	1082	Best Overall
37.05 - Ages 8-11 Cakes	Caroline Gehrs	397	Honorable Mention
37.05 - Ages 8-11 Cakes	Eli Picken	1083	Honorable Mention
37.06 - Ages 8-11 Cookies	Eli Picken	1081	Best Overall

Department: Woodworking

Division: Woodworking

Class	Name	Entry #	Award
48.01 - Ages 8-11 Apprentice	Matthew West	848	Honorable Mention
48.04 - Ages 12-14 Apprentice	Wesley Rogers	710	Honorable Mention
48.04 - Ages 12-14 Apprentice	Luke Koppin	1721	Best of Show
48.04 - Ages 12-14 Apprentice	Luke Koppin	1721	Best Overall
48.07 - Ages 12-14 Refinished Furniture and Wood Products	Zander Morlock	1754	Best of Show
48.07 - Ages 12-14 Refinished Furniture and Wood Products	Zander Morlock	1754	Best of Overall
48.09 - Ages 15 & Over Handyman	Nick West	822	Best of Show
48.09 - Ages 15 & Over Handyman	Nick West	822	Best of Overall
48.10 - Ages 15 & Over Craftsman	Katie Meade	752	Honorable Mention



# 2023 Skillathon Results

New this year 4-H hosted an animal science skillathon and Master Stockman Contest. Youth chose which species to participate in and some participated in all of the species to better their chances at Master Stockman. The contest sponsor is **Ingham County Farm Bureau**. Could all youth who participated come forward to receive your awards. Please hold your applause until the end of each species.

## In the cavy area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Austin Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

## In the swine area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Austin Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan & Alivia Block

## In the horse area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Austin Rogers & Kinley Sheridan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

## In the rabbit area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

## In the cat area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

## In the dog area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Owen Sheridan
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan

## In the poultry area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

## In the beef area

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Sophia Nielsen
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block



**In the dairy area**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Alivia Block
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Sophia Nielsen

**In the sheep area**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Owen Sheridan & James Sheridan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Sophia Nielsen
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

**In the goat area**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Austin Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Quinton Hill
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Alivia Block

The team contest offered teams of up to four youth to solve three scenarios. The results are:

Place	Members
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alivia, Eleri, Broderick
1 <sup>st</sup>	Madyson, Emersyn, Kinley, Davis

Master Stockman is the total scores of all of the species.

**Junior Contest**

4 <sup>th</sup> Place	James Sheridan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ben Oesterle
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Austin Rogers
1 <sup>st</sup> Place receiving a belt buckle	Quinton Hill

**Senior Contest**

5 <sup>th</sup> place	Wesley Rogers
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Owen Sheridan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Sophia Nielsen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kinley Sheridan
1 <sup>st</sup> Place receiving a belt buckle	Alivia Block



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Monday September 18, 2023

5:00 PM  
Zoom



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Build your wealth by exploring different types of saving and investment products, evaluating your risk tolerance, and setting goals.

Wednesday October 18, 2023

6:00 PM  
Zoom







# 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.