



Mecosta County

4-H Family News

June/July 2022

Fair is Coming!

Fair is just around the corner! Livestock Superintendents are needing stall counts by the 16th to start planning barns for the upcoming fair. I have received a few clubs counts so far but am missing a few. Feel free to email them to me so I can let superintendents know. Community Service is due July 1st as well as Record Books. So please make sure to get those turned in as soon as possible. I am getting excited to see all our youth shine at the fair next month with all their projects. You all have worked so hard to bring these projects to fair. Keep the momentum going and let's finish strong!

Sincerely,

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The Mecosta County 4-H Council is hosting a shirt fundraiser sale where proceeds will go towards providing funding for scholarships for high school seniors, My Last Bootprint, or statewide 4-H event scholarships. Order forms are available in the Extension Office. Color options for shirt material are heather gray, black, or Kelly green. Design #2 and #3 will have the 4-H clover on one shoulder. Last round of orders are due July 1st with payment. Checks need to be made out to Mecosta County 4-H Council. Contact a Council Member or Extension Office with any questions.

Mecosta County 4-H Presents:

Cooking 101

For 5th and 6th graders

June 27 - 29, 2022
from
9am - 11am
@ Mecosta County Services Building

Students MUST register by calling
MSU Extension at 231-592-0792

\$20 for 4-H Members
\$40 for non 4-H Members

Calling all youth going into 5th and 6th grade, Mecosta County 4-H is offering a Cooking 101 Spin Club where kiddos can learn how to cook some tasty food. Deadline to enroll is June 24th. Call Karen or Jennifer at the Mecosta County MSU Extension office to enroll today. Cost is \$20 for 4-H members and \$40 for non 4-H members.

2022 Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair

EXHIBIT BUILDING

540 West Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307

**JULY 9TH
CHECK-IN &
JUDGING**

**JULY 10TH
BAKED
GOODS
AUCTION**

**OPEN TO
YOUTH AND
ADULTS**

**STATIC
PROJECT
SILENT
AUCTION**



Contact the Mecosta MSU Extension Office for Details!

The Exhibit Building is going to be open this year and we are hoping to fill it up with static projects! Early registration is due to the Mecosta County MSU Extension office by July 1st. Registration form can be found out on the Mecosta County Fair website. You may email the forms to Jennifer at myersj50@msu.edu. There will also be same day registration available. If interested in auctioning off your exhibit, you are able to do so. There is a separate form for this that is also located on the Mecosta County Fair website. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Jennifer.

MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12	13	14	15 <i>Fairground Clean Up</i> 9 am—2 pm @ Fairgrounds	16 <i>Fair Board Meeting</i> 7 pm @ Fairgrounds	17	18 <i>Horse Show</i> 8 am @ Fairgrounds
19 <i>ROC Show</i> 1 pm @ Spedowski Farms	20 <i>Jr. Fair Board Meeting</i> 7 pm @ Fairgrounds	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Cooking 101</i> 9 am—11 am @ MCSB	28 <i>Cooking 101</i> 9 am—11 am @ MCSB	29 <i>Cooking 101</i> 9 am—11 am @ MCSB	30	COMMUNITY SERVICE IS DUE JULY 1ST	

2022 MECOSTA COUNTY PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

EXHIBIT BUILDING CHECK-IN @ 9 AM - 2 PM

EXHIBIT BUILDING JUDGING @ 4 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH

SWINE WEIGH-IN @ 6 AM

RABBIT WEIGH-IN @ 9 AM

ALL OTHER LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN @ 11 AM

POULTRY SHOW @ 1 PM

BAKED GOODS AUCTION @ 6 PM

2022 MECOSTA COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 11TH

RABBIT SHOW @ 9 AM
GOAT SHOW @ 1 PM
ROPING & OBSTACLE COURSE @ 3 PM
MIDWAY OPENS 5 PM - 11 PM
SHEEP SHOW @ 6 PM
HORSE DEMONSTRATIONS @ 7 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH

SWINE SHOW @ 9 AM
MIDWAY OPENS 1 PM - 11 PM
HORSE & PONY SHOW @ 2 PM
(VERSATILITY AND TEAM COMPETITION)
HORSE RACING @ 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH

MARKET BEEF, MARKET DAIRY, & BABY CALF SHOW @ 9 AM
KIDS DAY 12 PM - 11 PM
HORSE & PONY SHOW @ 1 PM
(JUMPING, HUNTSEAT, SADDLESEAT, ENGLISH, AND
GYMKHANA)
AG OLYMPICS @ 5 PM
HORSE RACING @ 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 14TH

DAIRY BREEDSTOCK SHOW @ 9 AM
HORSE & PONY SHOW @ 9 AM
(TRAIL AND REINING)
MIDWAY OPENS 1 PM - 11 PM
LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALE @ 5 PM
RODEO @ 7 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH

HORSE & PONY SHOW @ 9 AM
(FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP, WESTERN, AND GYMKHANA)
MIDWAY OPENS 1 PM - 11 PM
YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT @ 2 PM
MICHIGAN TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULLERS @ 7 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH

HORSE & PONY @ 10 AM
(CLOVERBUD AND PEEWEE CLASSES INCLUDING
CLOVERBUD COSTUME CLASS)
MIDWAY OPENS 1 PM - 11 PM
HORSE & PONY SHOW @ 1 PM
(COSTUME CLASS AGES 8-19)
DEMOLITION DERBY @ 7 PM

Share your 4-H story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 18—20: Shiawassee 4-H Camp

Camp Neyati, Lake

Join a fun filled overnight camp experience! Campers will be bused to Camp Neyati from Shiawassee County. Open to youth ages 7-12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-camp>

June 27: Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

A fun-filled day of everything outdoors! From nature walks to crafts, and bug hunting to meeting animals, this fun camp is open to youth ages 5-8.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp-1>

June 27-30: 4-H Creative Clovers Camp

Various southeast Michigan locations

Come enjoy a fun filled 4-H camp where you can learn about the creative areas of photography, drawing, music and video production using Apple iPad technology.

Locations include the VerKuilen Building in Clinton Township, the MSU Extension office in Pontiac or the MSU Detroit Center in Detroit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-creative-clovers-camp>

June 27: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener June 2022

LISD Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. Youth in grades 5-8 will earn a certificate.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/lenawee-junior-master-gardener-june-2022>

July 13: State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo, the contest allows participants to enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest1>

July 18-22: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days>

July 23: 4-H State Shooting Sports Championships

TBD

This one-day event offers competition to youth statewide in BB, hunting and wildlife, air rifle, small bore rifle, target archery, 3-D archery, muzzleloader, trap and more! Anticipated registration window of June 1-25.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-shooting-sports-championships>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

2022 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2022, the following 15 4-H members from 11 counties were selected as the 2022 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- **Berrien County:** Maizie Murphy and Gemma Richards
- **Cass County:** Conner Baker
- **Gratiot County:** Joshua Grigar
- **Isabella County:** Ben Kropf and Grace Russell
- **Lenawee County:** Eliana Pinson
- **Midland County:** Benny Scott
- **Monroe County:** Morgan Schmidt
- **Muskegon County:** Layla Behm
- **Saginaw County:** Samantha Hecht or Elliana Specht
- **Van Buren County:** Karleigh Stamp
- **Washtenaw County:** Amelia Long and Westin Rogers

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](#) and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!



Register now for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp!

Teens ages 13-15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences at 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp. It could be the highlight of your summer or even change your life!

This fun MSU pre-college program helps youth to explore natural resources, environmental stewardship, career choices

and so much more. In addition, they'll have fun charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

The 2022 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp will be hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, July 31—August 6. Registration is now open! The 2022 camper fee is \$500.00, which includes six nights in a cabin setting, all meals and snacks, water activities, camp crafts, night hikes and charter fishing, plus a t-shirt!

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

Bird biosecurity reminders



With cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza on the rise, owners of poultry projects and other birds are encouraged to implement preventative measures. This includes keeping animals contained at their own facilities, as well as:

Preventing contact between domestic and wild birds by bringing them indoors or ensuring their area is enclosed.

Washing hands before and after handling birds and when moving between different coops.

Disinfecting boots and other gear when moving between coops.

Not sharing equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms.

Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and other supplies between uses.

Using well or municipal water as drinking water for birds.

Ensuring there is no contact between poultry feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.

Wearing clean clothing and footwear that has not been worn in a home coop into public venues.