



JANUARY 2024

4-H Family News

Barry County



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe new year celebration. We look forward to 2024 and all that Barry 4-H will accomplish this year.

As we go into 2024, the Barry County Extension office would like to hear any suggestions or request our 4-H families may have regarding 4-H. A QR code has been created for an easy way to allow members and volunteers to leave comments or concerns. Use the QR code below to fill out a survey and connect with our office. This QR code will be available throughout the year and submissions are not anonymous.

As a quick reminder youth are able to enroll in 4-H at any time. However, individual clubs can close enrollments at their discretion. 4-H Leaders, don't forget to enroll yourself for the year.

Sincerely,

LilyRose Arriaga and Arin Bowen

4-H Program Coordinators



Announcements

4-H Online

- Youth, 4-H leaders, and volunteers need to be enrolled in 4-H Online. Use this link to enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com> . If you need any assistance during the process, please reach out to the extension office.
- If you are re-enrolling in 4-H Online, be sure to use the same family profile as in the past. Please do not create a new family profile as duplicate records cause problems in the system. If you have any problems let us know.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Barry County Rabbit and Cavy Fun Night – January 5th 2024

BARRY COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY

COUNTY FUN NIGHT

January 5th at 6:00 pm
Hastings CERC
 Hastings High School

Join us in an evening full of games, snacks, and bonding! We invite all Barry County 4-H members and those interested in showing Rabbits and Cavies! Please stay tuned for more information! Any questions please contact Emily Casarez at emilycasarez24@gmail.com

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Join other Barry County 4-H members for a fun night at the Hastings CERC. This event will be filled with games, snacks, and bonding! All Barry County 4-H members are welcome. 4-H members do not need to have Rabbit or Cavy as a 4-H project to attend. This event will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please use this link: <https://forms.gle/7c2Yy5Ua8ahLeMgR8> to register for the event.

For any other information reach out to Emily Casarez at emilycasarez24@gmail.com

Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest 2024

Interested in Judging Horses? Are you on a horse judging team and want practice before the State contest? Here is a great opportunity for you!

Consider attending the 2024 Horse Judging workshop and Practice Horse judging contest! This year youth and adults alike will start on Friday night hearing from carded judge and clinician Dr. Karen Waite, teaching Ranch Riding and Ranch Rail. Things pick back up Saturday morning with the chance to judge a halter class, as well as a Ranch riding and rail class. Concluding the performance classes, attendees will have time to present oral reasons and receive scores and feedback. Register now at :

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/horse-judging-workshop-and-mini-contest-2024>

For any other information reach out to Carla McLachlan; Event Coordinator at carlam@msu.edu or David Lindsay; Extension Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu

HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP

WHEN
February 2-3, 2024
 Friday workshop, 6:30-8:30p
 Saturday contest, 8:30-10:30a

WHERE
MSU Pavilion
 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

FEATURING
 Friday evening's workshop will feature carded judge & clinician Dr. Karen Waite, teaching Ranch Riding & Ranch Rail

ALL AGES WELCOME
 PRE-REGISTER
 \$15 per youth/adult/coach

REGISTER AT THE DOOR
 \$20 per youth/coach/adult

CONTACT
 Carla McLachlan
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BENEFITING
 All proceeds of event will go directly to the MSU Horse Judging Team

Online registration and payment is available at:
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu-3645>



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Barry County Rabbit and Cavy County Fun Night.....Date: 01.5.2024

Horse Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 01.08.2024

Goat Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 01.09.2024

Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 01.10.2024

4-H Advisory Council Meeting.....Date: 01.16.2024

Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 01.23.2024

Don't forget to register!

State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Register by: January 19th

Where to register:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/

Date of event:
January 27th , 2024

Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest

Register by:
January 30th

Where to register:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/horse-judging-workshop-and-mini-contest-2024>

Date of event:
February 2nd – 3rd , 2024





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reserve your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals! 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy discounted tickets. In addition, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers item (details to be released shortly).
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

Tickets are available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. To order your tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

January 9: 4-H Wild Spartans - Anishinaabe Perspectives in Natural Resources Management
Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will delve into how tribes use traditional knowledge and values (giikendaasowin) in natural resources management. Meet Brad Silet, biologist with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024-jan

January 17: Adulting 101 - Psychology of Spending and Saving
Online

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to reflect on your personal financial journey, your emotional connection to money, and gain budgeting resources to help you along the way.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/psychology

January 22: The Parent Talk System Webinar Series
Online

The Parent Talk System is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-webinar-series-january-2024

January 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat
Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize a series of science lessons from MSU Extension that can be taught with no science background and household materials. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat7pm

January 27: Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join other 4-H'ers from all over Michigan in the state rabbit and Cavy expo and show on January 27th. Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, and educational display. Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 19, 2024. Educational sessions will be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit

School. https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2024 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

MSU Extension invites 4-H members, families, volunteers and staff members to join them Feb. 24 for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The 18th annual event celebrates the 4-H and MSU Extension community. Attendance is free for MSU Extension friends, Michigan 4-H members and their families, MSU Extension and 4-H volunteers, as well as MSU Extension professionals. Make ticket reservations at extension.msu.edu/4HDayatBreslin2024.

"Our 4-H programs reach every county in the state and 4-H Day at the Breslin is a fun way to bring that community together for a day of comradery and celebration," said Julie Chapin, director of MSU Extension children and youth programs. "We can't wait to join with the youth, families, volunteers and staff that make these programs possible."

4-H Day at the Breslin participants are encouraged to come early to partake in MSU Extension games and activities throughout the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Visitors to Breslin Center events must comply with MSU's [clear bag policy](#). For more information on this event, contact your local MSU Extension office.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

