



JUNE 2024

4-H Family News

Barry County



Summer is almost here and so is Fair!

Time is flying by, and I hope everyone is gearing up for a great Summer.

Close to one month left until Barry County Fair! Need some help learning how to get your calf show ready? Check out county news below to learn more about a clinic happening in Hastings this month.

Also, be sure to swing by Very Barry happening at Tyden Park and Hastings Pride festival in downtown!

Sincerely,

LilyRose Arriaga

4-H Program Coordinator

Special Dates

Very Barry | June 8th | 10am-12pm | Tyden Park

50/50 Horse Show | June 9th | 9am | Barry Expo Center

Barry County Explorers | June 10th | 10am | Hammond Hills Trails

How to get your calf show ready | June 17 | 7pm-9pm | Pickard Farms

Exploration Days | June 19th -21st | MSU Campus

Hastings Pride | June 29th | 1pm-6pm | Thornapple Plaza

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Ag Awareness Day Recap



Very Barry

Saturday, June 8th from 9am-12pm come out to Tyden Park in Hastings to check out 40+ community booths and all the summer fun there is to offer. There will be alligators from the Crithchlow Alligator Sanctuary and live entertainment for kids coming from Grand Rapids and free bike helmets for all the kids!

4-H will also be there, so make sure to come say hi! We will have some cool activities, freebies, and animals to show our Very Barry visitors.

SAVE THE DATE for our annual
VERY BARRY
 Family Event
 Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Join us for a morning of fun! We will have 40+ local community booths with lots of FREE giveaways, books, snacks, and more!

All children in Barry County deserve to have a GREAT START!

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE Barry County

Follow us on FB for the updates @Barry County Great Start Collaborative

Early Childhood Connections CSD Questions? BUSSONL@CALHOUNISO.ORG THINK YOU



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ADVENTURE ^{BEGINS AT YOUR} LIBRARY. SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2024

BARRY COUNTY EXPLORERS

All hikes take place on Mondays at 10am

- **June 10 - Hammond Hills Trail, 5.2 mi***
578 Hammond Road, Hastings
 - Parking lot, restrooms
- **June 17 - Paul Henry-Thornapple Trail, 1 hr***
304 S State Street, Nashville (VFW)
 - VFW Parking lot, no restrooms on site
- **June 24 - Maher Sanctuary, 0.8 mi***
108th Street, Freeport
 - From Woodschool Rd, turn left onto 108th, parking lot on left, no restrooms on site
- **July 8 - Hall Lake Trail with Devil's Soup Bowl Loop, 2.7 mi***
Corner of Gun Lake Road and Hastings Point Road
 - No parking lot, no restrooms on site
- **July 22 - Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, TBD***
701 W. Cloverdale Road, Hastings
 - Parking lot, restrooms in the visitor center
- **July 29 - Charlton Park Trail, TBD***
2545 S Charlton Park Road, Hastings
 - Parking lot, restrooms in Historic Village



***Hike length subject to change based on conditions & participants**
Ages 5+, family-friendly - caregivers must participate
Wear bug spray & dress appropriately
Bring a water bottle
Snacks provided



County 4-H News

50/50 Horse Show

Half pleasure and Half speed ... twice the fun!

June 9th starting at 9am, rain or shine at the horse arena in the back of the Barry County Expo Center! Pleasure is first and Speed will start close to 2pm. See our Facebook page for further updates including patterns, showbills, and other information you may need for the day.

Monday, June 17

HOW TO GET YOUR CALF SHOW READY

Join us at Pickard Farms to learn how to get your calf ready for show!

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

3650 Fighter Rd
Hastings, MI 49058

This clinic will take place rain or shine and is intended for beef cattle. Leave your calf at home but bring a chair!

How to Get Your Calf Show Ready

Need some help learning how to get your beef cattle ready for show?

Monday, June 17 stop by Pickard Farms for a clinic from 7pm-9pm. Clinic will take place rain or shine! Please leave you calf at home but bring a chair to sit on.

Thank You Barry County United Way!

A big **thank you** to Barry County United Way for the continuous support to Barry 4-H! MSU Extension 4-H is a proud partner agency of Barry County United Way.





COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Horse Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 06.10.2024
- Goat Developmental Committee
@ Barry Expo Center.....Date: 06.11.2024
- Poultry Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 06.17.2024
- Advisory Council Committee
@ Barry Expo Center.....Date: 06.25.2024
- Livestock Developmental Committee
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 07.03.2024

Committee meetings are open to all 4-H members and volunteers. It is expected and encouraged that each club have a representative attend committee meeting for each species that is offered in the club.

Please note public is allowed to attend meetings but will be limited to speak only during public comments. Rules depend on committee.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.canr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

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

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024. Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 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 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County
- Jordan Davis, Berrien County
- Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County
- Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County
- Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County
- Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County
- Molly Lake, Gratiot County
- Alice Long, Washtenaw County
- Sophia Mason, Monroe County
- Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County
- Natalie Milford Chippewa County
- Emma Rasch, Kent County
- Kylie Smith, Ionia County
- Sydney Specht, Saginaw County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be 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!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.