



FEBRUARY 2024

4-H Family News

Bay County



WELCOME TO THE BAY COUNTY 4-H NEWS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION ELECTED OFFICERS AND ADULT ADVISORS!

YOUR 2023/24 ELECTED OFFICERS:

President: Emilie Ruple

Vice President: Peyton Helm

Secretary: Gracie Schoenbine

Treasurer: Shannon Tanney

Officer at Large: Rose Brandt

Adult Advisors: Lindsey Barbeau, Lindsay Neveau, and Melissa Ruple

STILL NEED 1 ADULT ADVISORS

If you or someone you know has youth that participate in a Livestock project and want to help youth grow in their project areas, an adult advisor role may be for you.

An adult treasurer will be nominated from the adult advisors to serve as assistant to the youth treasurer. Adult treasurer cannot be related to the youth treasurer.

One-year term, Adults elected to these positions will have full voting rights on all matter pertaining to the board.

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STATEWIDE UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H EXPLORATION DAYS – SAVE THE DATE!!



Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live like a college student and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills, and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H Staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration Days will be held on June 19 to 21, 2024 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. All young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact the Bay County MSU Extension office at 989-895-4026.

The cost for the 2024 event is \$220.00 which includes two nights lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt, and free time activities. Bay County 4-H members are offered scholarships through our 4-H Advisory Council. Scholarships will be reimbursed after Exploration Days occurs. A \$50.00 deposit is due at time of registration.

The 2024 event registration is set to open on March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Registration will close on April 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Sessions fill quickly and are first come first serve basis. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions!

Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.

For more information on sessions, how to register, schedule, and more, go to:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/





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4-H Horse Council & Livestock Association

Our 4-H Horse Council and Livestock Association meetings are in the same week a day apart. Horse Council is on Valentine's Day. Even though it's not a major Holiday, I would like to combine the Horse and Livestock meetings. So, it will be a combined meeting.

Livestock Officers will run the meeting.



The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Canteen Building – Bay County Fairgrounds.

4-H Spotlight

Bay County 4-H youth and adults have grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. Young people and adults are impacting their clubs, community, country, and world.

We want to hear your story. To help share this impact with others, we're looking for 4-H Member and/or adults to share their experiences from 4-H county events, or statewide events, or past 4-H experiences. We want to hear from you on how it has impacted you or what you enjoyed the most from that experience.

If you are interested in sharing, please contact Holly Mueller at julianho@msu.edu and your story will be published.



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Start a 4-H Club

Interested in starting your own 4-H Club? Do you have youth you know that would like to be part of 4-H?

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY!!!

- 4-H clubs can be started with as little as 5 youth from two different family's and 1 GOLD volunteer

Join us in helping young people explore their interests through fun, engaging, and hands-on learning experiences.

For more information, please contact Holly Mueller: julianho@msu.edu

SPRING Word Search

For the months of February and March we will be collecting our Spring Word Search, when you bring it back to the Bay County MSU Extension Office, receive some cool 4-H Swag.

Look to flyer for more information (further down in the newsletter) and our winners from the coloring contest.

For more information, email Holly Mueller, julianho@msu.edu



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to clearer thinking,

my **HEART**
to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS**
to larger service, and

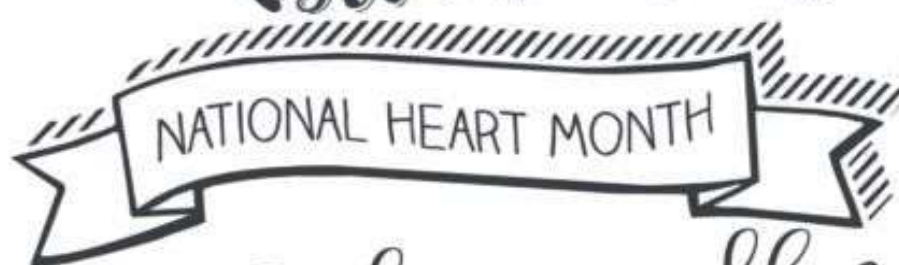
my **HEALTH**
to better living, for

my **Club**, my **Community**,
my **Country**,
and my **World**.



FEBRUARY

bucket list



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DECORATE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

HAVE A SUPER BOWL PARTY

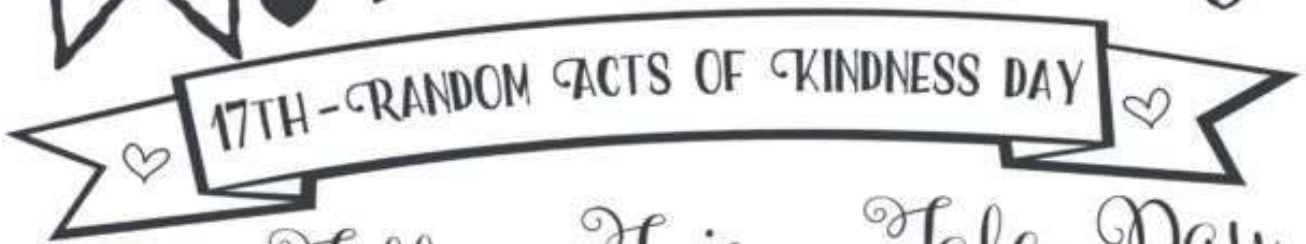
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CELEBRATE PIZZA DAY

MAKE VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

28TH-PANCAKE DAY


14 Valentine's Day



26th-Tell a Fairy Tale Day



Bay County 4-H Calendar of Events February 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15 Horse Council Livestock Rabbit Showmanship	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Advisory Council	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community 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.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, 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.

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.

For more information and to get tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. 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-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm

February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

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 explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1

February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, 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-2023-2024feb

March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024

March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.

www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon





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Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 17-19, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts, and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights and youth advocacy, crime and law enforcement, education and teacher retention, environment and natural resources, health, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Make a difference for food security with World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/.

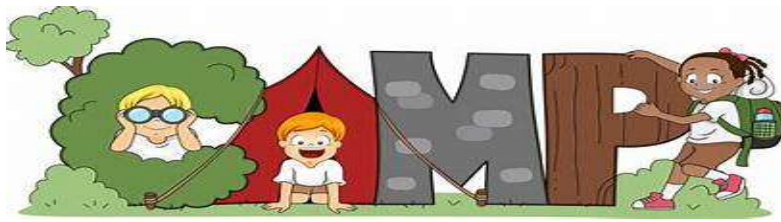


Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



4-H ADVENTURE CAMP

It's official! Saginaw and Bay Counties are teaming up and heading to summer camp this year! Are you ready for summer fun? Camp activities will include swimming, boating, fishing, biking, archery, arts and crafts, games, campfires, hiking, bouldering, and so much more!

Save the date - for 4-H Adventure Camp from June 23-25, 2024 at Camp Neyati in Clare, MI. Registration will open in March of 2024. Stay tuned for more information to be released in the upcoming weeks!

Camp is open to youth ages 9-14 (as of January 1st).

4-H Adventure Camp needs volunteers! June 23-25, 2024 at Camp Neyati in Clare, MI. Saginaw and Bay Counties are teaming up and heading to summer camp this year!

Camp could not happen without 4-H volunteers and we need your help! Busy schedule, you can help at camp for a few hours, for a day, or more. There are many different ways you can volunteer at camp.

- Chaperone (day or night or both)
- Health officer (prerequisites are required for this role)
- archery instructor
- boating/waterfront supervision
- Arts and crafts
- Sewing project
- Fishing
- Cooking classes
- Leading camp games and challenges
- Cook assistant
- General help
- Tye Dye T-shirt classes
- Field games
- More!



Fill out the volunteer interest form at <https://forms.gle/PBdiInSPidbxZsjIA> and 4-H staff will reach out to you to discuss opportunities!

You can also contact gathstac@msu.edu (Saginaw 4-H) or julinho@msu.edu (Bay 4-H) to learn how you can help support this camp experience for 4-H youth!

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**Be sure to enter
the Word Search
contest in this
month's
Newsletter!**



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**Drop off your
puzzle or email
to the MSU
Extension office
to receive your
4-H Swag.**

MSU Extension, 515 Center Ave.,
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or Email: msue.bay@msu.edu



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Word Search



Contest



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 ASPARAGUS
 FLOWERING
 RAINCOAT
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 RABBIT
 SHOWERS
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