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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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Wayne County Current Events

2024 MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Calling all 4-H alums at MSU: join MSU Extension for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on September 4th! Enjoy free food and networking with other 4-H alumni and MSU Extension staff members from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, 1066 Bogue St. East Lansing, MI 48823. For more info, visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 4

5:30 - 7 p.m.

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Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension 4-H GROWS HERE

Beginner Sewing SPIN Club



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What is it?

Are you ready to dive into the world of sewing? Whether you've never threaded a needle or just want to brush up on your skills, our friendly and supportive Sewing Club is the perfect place to start!

What We Offer:

- Hands-On Learning
- Essential Skills
- Creative Projects
- Community & Support

When is it?

Start Date: September 7th

End Date: October 19th

Time: Saturdays at 1 pm

Location: Ecorse Public Library

Who: Youth ages 10-19 years of age

Cost: FREE



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Wayne County Current Events

Adulthood 101: Changing the World with Your One Vote

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ADULTING 101

CHANGING THE
WORLD WITH
YOUR ONE VOTE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
5-6 PM EST
ZOOM

There are lots of names on a
ballot, but how do you
decide which box to check?



The Michigan 4-H Adulthood 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. Zoom in to the FREE webinar to learn real life skills to help you successfully transition to living independently. Pre-registration and a sign-up in Zoom is required to join.

Changing the World with Your One Vote

Monday, September 16th, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/onevote>

Bees & Pollination Workshop

What: Learn why bees are important to our environment and food system at this interactive workshop!

When: Thursday, September 19th, 6:00 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Where: Flat Rock Library, 25200 Gibraltar Rd., Flat Rock, MI 48134

Who: Youth Ages 7-10

Cost: Free

Contact: Megan Richendollar at
richend4@msu.edu

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WHAT: LEARN HOW BEES MAKE HONEY AND WHY THEY HELP GROW FOOD.

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1-1:45PM

WHERE: WESTLAND LIBRARY (6123 CENTRAL CITY PKWY, WESTLAND, MI 48185)

WHO: CLOVERBUDS AGES 5-7

COST: FREE

Contact: Megan Richendollar (richend4@msu.edu)

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What: Learn how bees make honey and why they help grow food

When: Sunday, September 22nd , 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Where: Westland Library, 6123 Central City Pkwy., Westland, MI 48185

Who: Youth Ages 7-10

Cost: Free

Contact: Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu

4-H Future Squad Club

Calling all Michigan youth aged 12-19! 🧑

Figuring out this whole "adulting" thing can be tough, but we've got you covered! Join the 4-H Future Squad to learn essential life skills for YOUR future. This FREE virtual club meets twice a month from October 2024 to May 2025. 🌟

Grow your "adulting skills," connect with youth from across the state, and most importantly, have a blast! 🎉 Whether it's your primary or secondary club, everyone is welcome!

For more info and to learn how to register, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/>

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4-H FUTURE SQUAD Club

A VIRTUAL 4-H CLUB FOR YOUTH 12-19 YEARS OLD

Get ready for your future!

JOIN TODAY



Announcements

4-H License Plate Signed Into Law

On Wednesday, August 14th, 2024, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and State Representative Reggie Miller were in Van Buren Township, along with Michigan 4-H youth and volunteers, to ceremoniously sign into law legislation that creates a Michigan 4-H fundraising license plate. To read more about this event, read this article:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/michigan-4-h-license-plate-legislation-signed-into-law-by-governor-whitmer>.





Announcements

“Graduating” 4-H Members

Congratulations!

Every year we have 4-H members that are “graduating” from the program, in other words aging out. We would like to give a shoutout and congratulate all of our “graduating” 4-H members here in Wayne County. First, we would like to thank you for your participation in the Wayne County 4-H Program, where we strive to grow current and future leaders. Each of you are a leader in your own way and it is our hope that your experience as a 4-H member has helped to prepare you for success in whatever the next phase is in life. As you move on, we encourage you to consider ways you can give back to the program and support a new generation of 4-H’ers. Whether that’s as a volunteer, an advocate, a donor or something else: you each have a gift you can give. In addition, you each have the opportunity to continue to connect with 4-H and other former 4-H members through the Michigan 4-H Alumni community. We hope that you will be able to join us at our 4-H Recognition Event to receive your formal honor and graduation gift.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Alaina P., ESCOT Youth Development 4-H SPIN Club, 1 year in program

Brooke G., Mustangers 4-H Club, 11 years in program

Meghan R., Four Season 4-H Club, 1 year in program

Zachary S., Chances Are Youth 4-H Club, 4 years in program

Shout Out to our 4-H State Horse Show Delegates



Congratulations Amelia H. and Evelyn S. for your recent achievements at the 2024 4-H State Horse Show in August. On behalf of everyone here in Wayne County 4-H we just want to say we're proud of your achievements and excited that two amazing young equestrians such as you were able to represent Wayne County and the 4-H horse program.



4-H Volunteers

Calling All Volunteers!



Join us for the **Michigan 4-H Fall 2024 Volunteer Webinar Series!** Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or just getting started, these webinars are packed with valuable insights to help you make the most impact.

When? This fall—check out the full list of topics!

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with fellow 4-H volunteers across the state. See you online! 🌟

September Topic:

4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure: Learn the essentials of parliamentary procedure to effectively manage meetings, ensure fair decision-making, and empower youth leaders.

- September 18th 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- September 18th 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Help Wanted AmeriCorps Member

EMPOWER YOUTH, ENRICH LIVES: BECOME AN

AMERICORPS MEMBER

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional, and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

MEMBERS WILL:

Serve full time, 40 hours/week, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025

Be paid \$18,700, split into equal paychecks, bi-weekly

Receive a \$7,395 education award after service, transferable to a child or grandchild if you're 55+ when starting

Receive free health coverage, child care assistance, and student loan forbearance (subject to eligibility)

Continual professional growth and networking opportunities as a part of Michigan State University Extension, 4-H, and Michigan's AmeriCorps



Send a cover letter and resume to: [Andrea Villanueva at villan17@msu.edu](mailto:Andrea.Villanueva@msu.edu)



4-H'er Spotlight – Emmet K.



What are your recent/past 4-H achievements?

I made a short film about water pollution after we finished the 4-H Extension Water Pollution class. I like to make films and do photography and Ms. Megan, and the class inspired me to make one about water pollution.

How and when did you get involved with 4-H?

I joined 4-H this summer to take part in the Water Pollution class at the Flat Rock Library.

What drew you to be a part of the 4-H program?

I joined 4-H because I like learning about the environment. When I was in third grade, my teacher Ms. Masland, at Chapman Elementary School in Gibraltar, taught us a lot about pollution and the things we can do to help the environment. My friends and I started a group called the WLPC, Wildlife Protection Crew and tried to come up with ways to help clean up the oceans.

What have you gained from being a part of 4-H?

I met new people in 4-H and have learned more about how our rivers are formed and our impact on our water system.

What advice would you give to someone else in 4-H or thinking about joining 4-H?

People should join 4-H if they are thinking about it. It is fun and you learn a lot!

What is your favorite memory of 4-H?

My favorite memory is making a water filter with my brother, Brady. Our water was the clearest, but there were still pollutants in it. It was challenging but fun.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to become a professional film director and screenplay writer.



4-H Club Spotlight!



Join the Exciting World of STEM!

Are you passionate about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics? Or just curious and eager to learn more?

The STEM Club invites you to be a part of our dynamic community!

What We Offer:

- Expert Speakers: Hear from industry professionals and passionate experts!
- Engaging STEM Topics: Dive into fascinating subjects and discover new interests!
- Exciting Quizzes: Test your knowledge and win cool prizes!

Who Can Join? Youth aged 8-18 years.

When? Every Saturday at 5 PM EST.

Where? Via Zoom – Join from the comfort of your home!

Interested? Email us at simranadnani7@gmail.com to get involved!

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Volunteer Spotlight – Donna Budd

Donna Budd – Winner of the 2024 MFB 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award



The Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes outstanding achievements of Michigan 4-H volunteers who have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the agricultural sciences. Donna was selected for her excellence in her 4-H volunteer leadership with the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee and Superstock 4-H Club in the areas of goat and plant education. Congratulations Donna on this special achievement!

Donna Budd is truly the definition of an amazing 4-H volunteer that believes in the importance of 4-H and teaching about agriculture practices. Growing up in 4-H and on a farm herself, she has always been driven to instill the importance of AG related careers in youth from an early age. Donna excels in teaching youth about goats and crops, however, is always willing to jump in with any livestock project and help them learn and grow. Donna became a 4-H volunteer in 2008 when her children became involved in the 4-H program showing goats and plants at the local Wayne County Fair. Eventually, she joined the 4-H Livestock Development Committee and became the chairperson for the protégé program.

Currently, Donna is the 4-H Leader for Superstock 4-H Club, and this is where she puts a lot of her volunteer energy. In her role as a 4-H leader, it is her goal not only to give youth agricultural experiences, but also to give youth opportunities to learn skills that will make them successful in the future. She has witnessed a number of youth come through her club that were shy and introverted; grow and blossom into young individuals who command a room with little to no effort and present themselves with grace and intelligence. Her club is very youth driven which allows youth to build confidence, make decisions, teach responsibility, and work ethic.

As the winner of this award, she receives a \$1,000 grant which can be designated to any 4-H related programming. Donna has decided to designate this grant to the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee to fund and improve their annual livestock clinic held for 4-H members each spring. Thank you, Donna, for your recent achievements and dedication to the Wayne County 4-H Program.



Wayne County Success Story

Goosechase Scavenger Hunt

Wayne County 4-H had another very successful Goosechase Scavenger Hunt during the 2024 Wayne County Fair. We would like to give a huge shout out to our top 3 placing teams!

1st place went to American Youth team congrats Rory, Aria, and Annabelle. 2nd place went to a solo player, congrats Nyla. Then 3rd place went to the team Goat Go Getters, congrats Ava, Chesney, Emma, and Tanner.

We would like to thank all the teams and members that participated this year, and we cannot wait to see what crazy missions are in store next year!



First Place
"Winning Team" American Youth
Rory, Aria, and Annabelle



Second Place
Solo Player
Nyla



Third Place
Team Goat Go Getters
Ava, Chesney, Emma, and Tanner

Fun submissions from other teams and participants





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_volunteers
and
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_treasurers.

September 4: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

Online

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure

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September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

Online

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

October 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Have a 4-H Reunion — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Raise Awareness — On October 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/ that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from:
4-h.org/about/blog/
10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/.

