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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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You don't want to miss these fun opportunities!





COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

Pingree Farms Planting Day

Pingree Farms needs YOU! Join Pingree Farms for their annual planting day; the food you plant will go to local Detroit families through the Pingree Farms Victory Garden Program. Every family deserves fresh, healthy produce- and your actions can make a difference!

For more information, visit <https://pingreefarms.org/>

Location: Omira St, Detroit, MI 48203

Date and time: June 3, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Pancake breakfast from 7:00 – 9:00 AM

Rainbow Spartans

Join the Rainbow Spartans series on Wednesday, June 7th on Zoom to learn about two online resources for LGBTQ+ youth: Q Chat Space & “imi”! CenterLink, a community organization for LGBT centers in Michigan, will be joining us to share these resources with youth and families. Chat Space is a live chat-based support groups for LGBTQ+ teens. “imi!” is an online guide built for and with LGBTQ+ teens to help explore their identity and support their mental health.

For more information and registration: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-hwrh/rainbow-spartans>

Date and time: June 7, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Midwest Invitational Rodeo

Cowboys are an important part of African-American history. Through the Midwest Invitational Rodeo, you can see that history continued! The Rodeo provides a fun and exciting way for the whole family to witness the nation’s top Black cowboys and cowgirls, while learning more about Black history and culture. On Friday, June 9, there will be a kid’s rodeo- witness the next generation of cowboys and cowgirls!

For more information and tickets, visit <https://midwest-invitational.com/>

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd. Belleville, MI 48111

Date and time: June 9 & 10, 7:00 PM



DPFLI Garden SPIN Club

Are you interested in learning more about gardening? Would you like to contribute to a great community space? Join us at the Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation (DPFLI) for the Garden SPIN Club! Participants will be able to take part in hands-on learning as they explore the ins and outs of plants, gardening, and their environment.

Location: Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation, 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, MI 48219

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM (no session June 7 & June 21)



COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

DPFLI Explore SPIN Club

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

DPFLI EXPLORE

Learn Grow Connect

2nd & 4th Monday of Every Month
5:30 - 7:30 PM
16745 Lamphere St. Detroit, MI

If you want to explore a wide variety of fun and educational topics, join MSU Extension in the DPFLI Explore 4-H Club! Youth aged 8-13 can learn a wide range of topics, from leadership to money management, all while forming meaningful relationships with their peers. This month, youth can take part in Garden Décor and Fun with Farm Animals!

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli>

Location: Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation, 16745 Lamphere, Detroit, MI 48219

Date and Time: June 14 & June 28, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Sewing is a fun way to hone your craft skills and build up your closet - but it can also be a way to give to the global community! YOU can help make a difference by joining 4-H's Global and Cultural Community Service Project with the Virtual Head, Heart, and Hands for the Health of Tanzania 100 Dresses Challenge! Learn how to sew a pillowcase dress as we work towards our goal of sending 100 dresses to Tanzania.

For more information and registration, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

Date and time: June 16, 2:00 PM

HEALTH OF TANZANIA
VIRTUAL SEW-ALONG

JOIN 4-H AS WE SEW FOR TANZANIAN YOUTH!

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Heritage Park Early Risers SPIN Club

For early risers, mornings are a time of great excitement, and an excellent way to start the day off right! If you're looking for a fun way to start your morning and spend time in your community, join Wayne County 4-H for the Heritage Park Early Risers SPIN Club! Participants will be able to explore Heritage Park, Goodwill Community Garden, Taylor Botanical Conservatory, and the Heritage Park Petting Farm.

Location: Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Rd, Taylor, MI 48180

Date and time: Saturdays beginning June 17, 8:00 – 10:00 AM



COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

Wayne County Horse and Pony Learner's Show



Join MSU Extension and the Wayne County Horse & Pony Association for the annual Learner's Show! Horse & pony showings include showmanship, horsemanship, equitation, and more. Participants can also join Wayne County 4-H in activities that are fun for the whole family!

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd. Belleville, MI 48111

Date and Time: June 18, 9:00 AM

Flat Rock Library SPIN Club

Take part in this free six-week 4-H club and learn more about food and making fun snacks. Students aged 3rd to 5th grade will explore where our food comes from and also get the opportunity to practice their cooking skills. Each week will highlight a new ingredient and feature making a new snack. Students will try their hand at making homemade butter, applesauce, mug cakes, and more! If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Megan Richendollar at: richend4@msu.edu.

To register, visit <https://forms.gle/wNEH4Hfs1JBKL5SM8>

Date and Time: Mondays beginning June 19, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Location: Flat Rock Public Library, 25200 Gibraltar Rd, Flat Rock, MI 48134

4-H at New Hope Baptist Church Day Camp

Join 4-H at the New Hope Baptist Church Day Camp to learn more about mindfulness! It's never too early to learn about emotional recognition and regulation- these skills can be taken anywhere! Elementary aged youth have the opportunity to engage in self-reflection through a fun, hands-on activity designed to visualize and work through big emotions.

To learn more, visit <https://www.newhopeworship.org/vbs/>

Date and Time: June 19 & 20, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

4-H at Racquet Up Detroit 4-H Summer Day Camp



Wayne County 4-H and Racquet Up Detroit share a common goal: to support and empower local youth! 4-H has partnered with this organization to provide Detroit youth with fun, educational, and exciting programming! If you are interested in getting involved with 4-H or Racquet Up, join us for these days of learning, growth, and adventure!

To learn more, visit <https://racquetup.org/>

Date and Time: June 26 – 29, 9:45 AM – 2:45 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer with Wayne County 4-H!

Whether you are a leader, a change-maker, a peace-bringer, or someone who cares for your neighbors, Wayne County needs YOU! If you want to make an impact in the lives of youth, join the Wayne County 4-H Volunteer Team to help shape your community and the lives of those who grow up in it. From club leadership to chaperoning, there is an opportunity for everyone!

If you are interested, please contact Program Coordinator LaToya Jones at CainJone@msu.edu, or visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer/ to learn more about our volunteer process.



Sandy Brand Memorial Scholarship for MSU Student

Hey, Wayne County 4-H Alum! Are you currently attending MSU, or planning to attend in the fall? If so, we may have a 4-H Scholarship for you!

To apply, please compile a max one-page essay on what 4-H means to you, and how 4-H has contributed to your success as a current or incoming MSU student. Please submit essays and inquiries to LaToya Cain-Jones at cainjone@msu.edu.

Deadline: June 25, 2023

Award: Up to \$1,500





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 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 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

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!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.