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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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Wayne County Current Events

4-H Junior Livestock Board



**We Are Recruiting
4-H Junior
Livestock
Board**

Leadership opportunities, creative ways to get involved in 4-H livestock planning, promote fellowship, develop teamwork, and have fun while creating community.

Join Us June 4th, 2024 @6pm

First Meeting to be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Abbott building

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Date and time: Tuesday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Abbott Building, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

For questions contact Ashleigh Apel, Wayne County 4-H Program Coordinator at 734-727-7408 or apelashl@msu.edu

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS

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SUPPORTING LGBTQIA+ YOUTH: CREATING INCLUSIVE & AFFIRMING SPACES
Hear from LGBTQIA+ Youth and Gain a Better Understanding of their Experiences

June 5, 2024

7:00 – 8:00pm (Zoom)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: <https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtdeiqrD0pGtXVAPFkEfGm0A8AWBn7a5IN>

Deadline: June 4

For more info, email Diane at wisnews3@msu.edu



PRESENTED BY MOASH – Michigan Association on Adolescent Sexual Health

MOASH envisions a society that respects and celebrates youth identities, advocacy, and informed choices.



Wayne County Current Events

4-H Jr. MANRRS Spin Club



Jr. MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences) is a pre-college initiative program that provides an opportunity for students in grades 7-12 to grow in academic, professional, and leadership skills to maximize their success in life. **By Joining the 4-H Jr. MANRRS program, YOU will reap the benefits of both amazing organizations!**

Open to youth in grades 7-12 Cost: FREE! Register now at: <https://4honline.com/#/user/sign-up> (select 4-H JR MANRR Club)

For questions contact Ashleigh Apel, Wayne County 4-H Program Coordinator at 734-727-7408 or apelashl@msu.edu

Date and time: June 5 and 19; July 3, 17, 31 (and every other Wednesday after), 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Westminster Church of Detroit, 17567 Hubbell Ave, Detroit, MI 48235

*Transportation not provided, refreshments included

Adulting 101 – Traveling on a Budget



Adulting 101



Anticipating future travel plans? Tap into strategies for traveling on a budget to ensure you reach your next destination.

For questions contact Katherine Jamieson at jamies13@msu.edu

Date and time: Thursday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Location: ZOOM

Register Here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/travel>



Wayne County Current Events

Cadillac Urban Gardens Stem Pathways 4-H Spin Club

CLUB DETAILS:

Location: Cadillac Urban Gardens
(4601 Merritt St, Detroit, MI 48209)

Dates and Times: Friday's 1-2pm

June 14th and 28th

July 12th and 26th

August 16th and 23rd



What is 4-H?

Many people think 4-H is just for kids who live on farms or those interested in raising and selling animals – but that's not true! Offering a diverse range of topics and interest areas, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in Michigan. 4-H provides fun, educational opportunities that empower young people with skills to lead for a lifetime and become the foundation for future success through a variety of program areas ranging from STEM, agriculture, textiles, art and more!!

STEM Pathways Summer 4-H Club

Embark on a 6-week journey and explore careers in STEM and Agriculture fields. Participate in exciting hands-on activities, learn how to build a resume, and become a true leader in your community by making positive change. By the end of this program, you will have a better understanding of various career fields in the STEM and Ag industry and feel more confident in your post-secondary education choices. Examples of the activities you will be participating in may include, but is not limited to, water pollution, robotics, engineering, geology, agronomy, and much more!

Please reach out to Ashleigh Apel, Wayne County

4-H Program Coordinator apelashl@msu.edu

Cadillac Urban Gardens Club 4-H de Verano en Carreras STEM

DETALLES DEL CLUB:

Ubicación: Cadillac Urban Gardens
(4601 Merritt St, Detroit, MI 48209)

Fechas y horas: viernes de 1-2pm

14 y 28 de junio

12 y 26 de julio

16 y 23 de agosto

¿Qué es 4-H?

Muchas personas piensan que 4-H es solo para niños que viven en granjas o aquellos interesados en criar y vender animales, ¡pero eso no es cierto! 4-H es la organización de desarrollo juvenil más grande en Michigan y ofrece una amplia gama de temas y áreas de interés. 4-H brinda oportunidades educativas y divertidas que empoderan a los jóvenes con habilidades para la vida y el liderazgo, construyendo la base para el éxito futuro a través de una variedad de programas que van desde STEM, agricultura, textiles, arte ¡y más!

Club 4-H de Verano en Carreras STEM

Embárcate en un viaje de 6 semanas y explora carreras en los campos de STEM y Agricultura. Participa en emocionantes actividades prácticas, aprende a construir un currículum y conviértete en un verdadero líder en tu comunidad al hacer cambios positivos. Al final de este programa, tendrás una mejor comprensión de diversos campos laborales en la industria de STEM y Agricultura, y te sentirás más seguro en tus elecciones de educación postsecundaria. Algunas de las actividades en las que participarás son (pero no se limitan a): contaminación del agua, robótica,

ingeniería, geología, agronomía ¡y mucho más!

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Wayne County Current Events

Flat Rock Library Water Pollution 4-H Spin Club

Come join us in this free 4-H Club about water pollution. Youth will get to explore how water pollution occurs and its effects on the environment through hands-on, engaging, and STEAM-based experiments in each class session.

Youth will learn about how they can protect clean water from pollution and how they can make a difference in their community. *Free – Youth Ages 10 - 13

Date and time: Wednesdays, June 19, 26; July 3, 10, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:

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

Megan Richendollar (4-H Program Assistant)
richend4@msu.edu

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/mF1b1LFdGeX91bVm9>

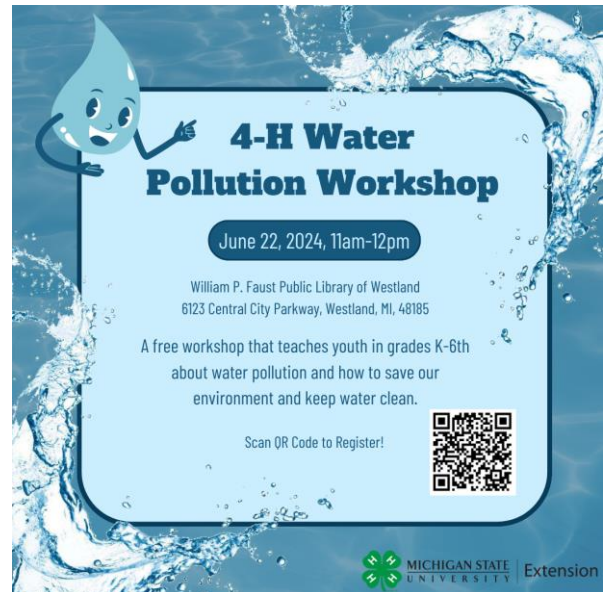
4-H Water Pollution Workshop

Date and time: Saturday, June 22, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: William P. Faust Public Library of Westland (6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, MI, 48185)

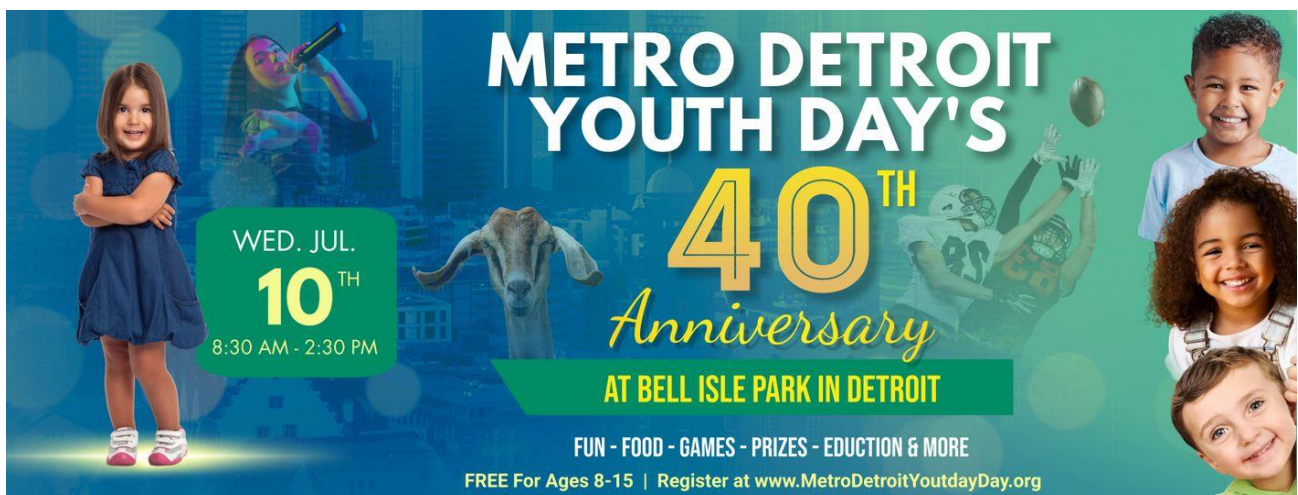
For information, contact Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu or Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu or 734-727-7408

*Free – Youth in grades K-6th [Register Here](#)



Metro Detroit Youth Day

The 40th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day will take place on July 10, 2024, at Belle Isle and is open to children aged 8-15. More info can be found at <https://miyouthfdn.org/>.





Meet the Newest Member of the Wayne County 4-H Team

Holly Sysol



Holly was a 4-H member in Wayne county for eight years. She showed chickens, turkeys, ducks, rabbits, swine and lambs. She is currently a gold level volunteer and assisted with a number of MSU Extension and 4-H events through the years. Holly's biggest passion has always been her dogs. Currently, Hazel (Cockapoo) and Willow (Welsh Springer Spaniel) go everywhere with her...including kayaking and most recently, hiking the Great Channels of Virginia (a labyrinth of sandstone formed during the last ice age).

Holly previously served as teacher at the Creative Montessori Academy in Southgate, MI, where she taught math and Spanish. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education Mathematics and Curriculum from Eastern Michigan University. Holly also received an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, MI and an Associate's Degree of Arts from Wayne County Community College in Detroit, MI.

In her free time, Holly likes to cook, bake, and ride horses. She loves to travel and will go anywhere she hasn't been to before! Her motto is, *"Time is Precious; Use it wisely, and live with grace."*



Holly and her mom riding horses in the Gulf of Mexico. March of 2024.



Holly with her tri-colored Mini Rex, M&M, in the 2018 Wayne County Fair. She won best of breed.



4-H'er Spotlight – Amelia



What are your recent/past 4-H achievements?

I think some of my most memorable achievements are, when I learned to do a flying lead change, when I won Jr Master Stockman, and when I was asked to present at the walk-through Michigan display at Project RED in front of over 200 people. I try not to focus on big achievements. I just try hard to be better than I was last year or the last time I did something.

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

I started riding horses at the Wayne County Fair at four. I became a part of American Youth 4-H club as a protégé/clover bud at five. I love 4-H in Wayne County!

What drew you to being a part of the 4-H Program?

My mom was in 4-H in Wayne County and that is why we started, but I really love 4-H. It's fun making friends, meeting new 4-H'ers, and trying new projects and experiences!

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

Many things! Friends, public speaking skills, communication skills, record keeping skills, animal keeping skills, compassion, leadership, the list goes on! There is something for everyone in 4-H.

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

I think someone new should find a club that you love, you will make long lasting friendships! For someone who is already in 4-H, try something new and out of your comfort zone! I joined the Washtenaw Dairy Quiz Bowl Team when they invited other participants this year and have had so much fun learning with new friends.

What is your favorite memory of 4-H?

I think my favorite memory of 4-H was watching Gabby C. win Grand Champion Market Steer last year! I was so excited for her because I know that has been a goal that she has wanted to achieve.

What are your plans for the future?

I am not sure how to answer this question. My long-term goal is to go to college for either Animal Science or Criminal Justice. My short-term livestock related goals are to start breeding beef cattle and participating in MLE. My short-term horse related goals are to compete in freestyle reining at the Quarter Horse Congress!



Volunteer Spotlight – Linda Willman



Linda Willman has been a 4-H volunteer for over 50 years and was recently awarded for her 50th year of service in the 2022-2023 4-H program year. Here is a little history of Linda's involvement of the 4-H program over the years in Wayne County:

As soon as she was old enough her parents got her into the 4-H in a club in Plymouth, MI. She then moved to the Cherry Hill 4-H club ran by her parents and finished her 4-H youth career in the High Flyers 4-H club. During her time as a 4-H'er, she attend 4-H Exploration Days, both as a participant and an instructor. She served on the Youth State Rabbit Committee, as a member of both the 4-H Meats and Livestock Judging teams and ran a clown 4-H club where they attended many events and parades as clowns. She was a member of the Juvenile Arthritis Awareness team as a teen leader, participated in Capital Experience, and Washington Citizen Focus, and also served in the 4-H Teen Leaders Program where they learned how to run clubs, parliamentary procedures and other skills to help them become effective leaders not only in 4-H but in life. This program also allowed them to become official registered leaders in 4-H, which is why she has achieved 50 years what seems to be so earlier on.

After graduating from the program, she spent many years as a project leader for High Flyers, then took over the Mustangers 4-H club and eventually joined American Youth 4-H Club as a leader. Additionally, she has served on the State 4-H Veterinary Science Committee for over 30 years. Many of those years were spent as the State Chairperson. She also served on the State Livestock Committee for over 30 years and has spent many years judging photography and art at the State 4-H Horse Show. She also taught photography to 4-H youth and was once named the State Photography Leader. Here in Wayne County, she has served for many years on the Wayne County 4-H Equine Committee and the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee. Most recently, she has also competed in the 4-H State Animal Science Skillathon contest finishing as the State Grand Reserve Champion her first 2 years and Grand Champion the last year she competed. Now she has moved on to teach and prepare other 4-H youth for the State competition. She is both a legend and an asset to the 4-H Program at the state and county level.



Wayne County Success Story

Money Smart

With National Financial Literacy Month in April, many Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H money management education programs for youth took place across Wayne County. A few of the amazing highlights:

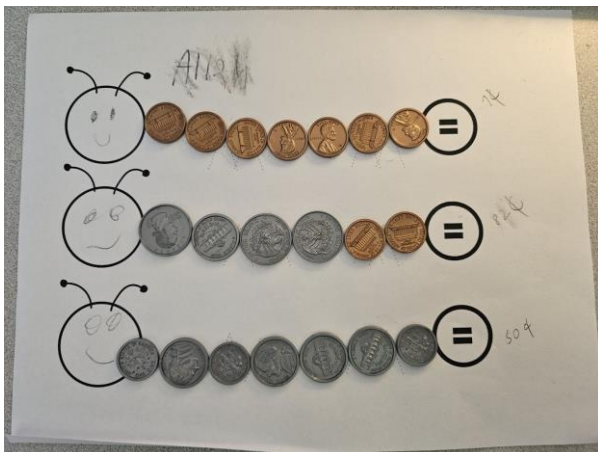
- 5 educational sessions for the 5th, 6th, 7th/8th, and high school youth at Racquet Up Detroit site culminating in two financial reality simulations for the youth, Money Masters and Financial Reality Fair in partnership with Michigan First Credit Union; a total of 80 youth engaged in financial education
- A workshop for teens on budgeting and credit at Redford Township District Library; 8 teens in attendance
- A school field trip lesson on needs and wants and the value of coins, creating coin caterpillars, at the Knapp branch of the Detroit Public Library; 23 youth participated
- Cash Composition Contest where youth wrote an essay on budgeting for a chance for a prize; 1 youth winner from Wayne County
- Show Your Money Smarts Contest where teens responded to 30 questions on keeping their money safe for a chance to win a prize; 10 youth from Wayne County participated



Holly Sysol works with youth during Money Masters financial simulation at Racquet Up Detroit



Racquet Up Detroit high school youth work to solve puzzles in a money management break-out box



Coin caterpillars created at the Knapp branch of the Detroit Public Library



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.

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

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