



JULY 2024

4-H Family News

St. Joseph County



Harvest For All

St. Joseph County Farm Bureau & Centreville FFA would like to THANK YOU for your participation in our annual Harvest For All.

A total of 636 lbs. of food and supplies was collected for those in need. These items were donated to the Centreville United Methodist Food Pantry and delivered by the Centreville FFA.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all the 4-H Clubs who participated in this year!

1 st Place - Sunshine Hills	Howardsville
2 nd Place - Town & Country	Leonidas Do Best
3 rd Place - Lucky 4-H Club	Fawn River Clovers
Burr Oak 4-H Club	Rolling Clovers

Burr Oak 4-H Club News

Burr Oak 4-H Club's next meeting will be July 18th at 6:30 p.m. It will be a potluck for all Cloverbuds, 4-H members, leaders & families. Please bring a dish to pass and table settings.

They will also be tie-dyeing at this meeting – bring something to tie-dye if you are interested!

The Aug 15th meeting we will be an ice cream social. For the community service project this month, please bring school supplies for area schools.

If any questions, please contact

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan Livestock Expo.....	Date: 07.10-13.2024
Turkey Tagging.....	Date: 07.14.2024
Turkey Tagging.....	Date: 07.15.2024
Chicken Hatch Date.....	Date: 07.20.2024
Rabbit Tattooing.....	Date: 08.07.2024
Rabbit Tattooing.....	Date: 08.11.2024
Dairy Cattle Pre-Fair Meeting.....	Date: 08.13.2024
Sheep Pre-Fair Meeting.....	Date: 08.13.2024
Beef Pre-Fair Meeting.....	Date: 08.14.2024
State 4-H Horse Show.....	Date: 08.16-18.2024
Chicken Tagging.....	Date: 08.18.2024
Chicken Tagging.....	Date: 08.19.2024
Poultry Pre-Fair Meeting.....	Date: 08.19.2024
Swine Pre-Fair Meeting.....	Date: 08.22.2024
Goat Pre-Fair Meeting.....	Date: 08.22.2024
Live Carcass Weigh-In.....	Date: 09.07.2024
Fair Week.....	Date: 09.12-22.2024

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.anr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on July 31.

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





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July
2024



August 2024
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11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30 31

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 Office Closed	6
7	8	9	10 Michigan Livestock Expo MSU Pavilion	11 Michigan Livestock Expo MSU Pavilion	12 Michigan Livestock Expo MSU Pavilion	13 Michigan Livestock Expo MSU Pavilion
14 Turkey Tagging 5:00pm Fairground	15 Turkey Tagging 5:00pm Fairgrounds	16	17	18	19	20 Chicken Hatch Date
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

WELCOME...

New Volunteers 2023-2024

- Lisa Frohnapfel (Howardsville)
- Elizabeth Graber (Rolling Clovers)
- Mariah Jansen (Burr Oak 4-H Club)
- Collin Keeslar (Burr Oak 4-H Club)
- Jeremiah Koller (Farmtastic)
- Sheila Nelson (4-H Camp)
- Jenny Pierucki (Horse Council)
- Peter Rambadt (Rolling Clovers)
- Vincent Smith (Kuntry Starz)



Milestone Year Leaders 2022-2023:

1st year:

Elizabeth Geyer

Rick Gould

Amanda Klein

Kristi Losik

Renee Loucks

John Mangus

Abby McNamara

Zoe Orchel

Sabrina Reed

Tommy Reed

Shannon Schuring

Kaiti Strome

Jojo Torrey

Morgan Walton

15 years:

Julie Bruce

20 years:

Debbie Adamski

Holly Jones-Gushwa

30 years:

Gail Miller

Shelly Star

35 years:

Martha Franz

Kevin Yeager

Diana Yeager

40 years:

Doyle Carpenter

Virginia Trattles

60 years:

Joan Lindsley

THANK YOU
for your years
of service to
the 4-H
Program!





ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congratulations 2024 High School Seniors:



Mason Bailey
Cohen Balle
Megan Burke
Emmett Carpenter
Allie Duchene
Rachael Eberstein
Colin Ellis
Tamra Gregory-Staples
Preston Gump
Aaron Hinds
HallieAnn Holtz
Liv Johnson
Karissa Knapp
Hailey Losik
Kortnie Matz

Paityn Modert
Hailey Peck
Alyssa Riley
Jenna Scheffler
Jayna Seekman
Lauren Shane
Zachary Sowards-Haack
Jory Stidham
Blake Stuart
Haley Tillmon
Jaden Ultz
James Logan Ware
Ella Yunker

2024 Youth Council Scholarship Winners:

Congratulations to this year 2024 Youth Council Scholarship Winners!

\$1,500 – Action Service Leadership Scholarship: Blake Stuart

\$1,500 – Youth Council Scholarship: Alivia Stuart

\$1,000 – Jim & Linda Fritz Scholarship: Jacie King

\$1,000 – Youth Council Scholarship – Gavin Bunning & Kadence Jennett

\$750 – Youth Council Scholarship – Emily Byler, Carlie Doehring, & Zachary Sowards-Haack

* The Youth Council still has plat books for sale! You can purchase a plat book at the MSU Extension Office for \$40.00 each. Cash or check for payment.

Ag-Citing Volunteers Needed:

Ag-Citing Tour Experience is looking for tour guides & resource speakers during fair week on the following three days:

Tuesday, September 17th (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 18th (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Friday, September 20th (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

If you are interested in helping, please contact Charity Thompson at the MSU Extension Office (269) 467-5511 or email thom2610@msu.edu for more information.

We are also looking for volunteers to help fill goodie bags in August for all the 3rd graders who attend the event. We will give community service hours to those who help!





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit www.joann.com/4-h to learn more and enroll.

July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024

July 15 – August 12: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024

July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the

Great Lake State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

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

July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

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

July 26: Discover 4-H

Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h

