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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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Wayne County Current Events

Wayne County Fair July 29 - August 3 - 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

Come enjoy the 78th Annual Wayne County Fair! Support your fellow 4-H'ers during their shows, enjoy the rides, food, family fun, and so much more! To learn more about the fair this year visit <https://www.waynecountyfairgrounds.net/wayne-county-fair>.

4-H POWER HOUR EVENTS

- JUL 29 SOLAR OVEN S'MORES**
- JUL 30 FIREFLY PAPER CIRCUITS**
- JUL 31 AG BOT HARVEST**
- AUG 02 MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT**

FROM 1-2PM IN THE COZADD BUILDING

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Wayne County Youth Livestock Auction

Wayne County Fair Youth Auction! All year long 4-H'ers work extra hard to raise their livestock projects, so come support them at the 2024 Youth Livestock Auction Thursday, Aug 1, 2024.

2024 Wayne County Fair
10871 Quirk Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Wayne County Youth Livestock Auction
Thursday, August 1, 2024
Livestock Pavilion

Buyer Registration 5:00pm
Meet & Greet Dinner 5:15pm – 7:00pm
Auction 6:45pm

Bring this brochure to the Fair Gate to gain free admittance to the Wayne County Youth Livestock Auction



4-H Power Hour Events

4-H youth and fair exhibitors can take part in fun STEM activities from 1-2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of fair week in the Cozadd Building! Experiment with cooking food in the sun, engineering robots and more! For questions, please contact Ashleigh Apel at (apelashl@msu.edu).



Annual 4-H Goosechase

The Annual 4-H Goosechase during the Wayne County Fair is back by popular demand! MSU Extension 4-H will be hosting a week-long Goosechase for 4-H exhibitors and their families. Cash prizes will be available this year for top placements. Be sure to check in with Ashleigh Apel on July 28 during mandatory fair meetings to get access to the game!



Wayne County Current Events

4-H Volunteer Open House

Receive a free treat of appreciation and **FREE** parking/entry into the county fair, pick up club leader packets, meet MSU Extension staff, and more! **Must present the postcard invitation received in the mail to receive free entry into the fair! Postcard is valid for Friday Aug 2, 2024, only! (sample below)**

Date and Time: Friday, August 2, 2024, from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville, MI 48111) in the Cozadd building.

Contact: For questions, please contact Ashleigh Apel (apelashl@msu.edu).



Taylor 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 9-14

Date and Time: Tuesdays, July 30th, **August 6th, August 13th, August 20th from 2-4pm**

Location: Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee Rd, Taylor, MI 48180

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/wEJkUPZotxxamshPA>

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



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!

CONTÁCTANOS:

Ashleigh Apel: Wayne County 4-H Program Coordinator

apelashl@msu.edu) or 734-727-7408



Announcements

2023-2024 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event Planning Committee Search!

2023-2024 WAYNE COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION EVENT

JOIN OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE!



Are you creative and innovative? Do you enjoy working on a team and planning events? Do you want to have a voice and be able to make decisions? Then join our planning committee for the 2023-2024 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event. 4-H youth and Gold Level Volunteers are both welcome!

COMPLETE THE SHORT SURVEY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE NO LATER THAN AUG 16, 2024



We are searching for dedicated 4-H volunteers and youth to serve on the 2023-2024 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event planning committee. The 2023-2024 Event is tentatively scheduled for the end of January 2025.

Expectations and requirements:

- Youth must be a registered 4-H member for the 2023-2024 program year
- Adults must be Gold Level Volunteers
- Attend monthly meetings, September 2024 - January 2025
- Help come up with creative ideas to make the recognition event fun and engaging for all 4-H families
- Serve on at least one sub-committee (i.e., fundraising, awards, games and activities, food, decorations, supplies, etc.)

If you would like to be a member of this committee, please fill out this survey <https://forms.gle/uTZunXasJ38FmoQU8> no later than Aug 16, 2024.

Coming Soon! 4-H License Plate





4-H Volunteers

Attention Leaders it's Club Renewal Time!!!

Pick up your leader packets for club renewal from Ashleigh Apel during fair week, at the Volunteer Open House, or schedule a time for pick up. All club renewal paperwork is due by September 30, 2024, and can be delivered/mailed to Ashleigh Apel at 33030 Van Born Rd., Wayne, MI, 48184, or emailed to apelashl@msu.edu.

Southeast Michigan 4-H Leader Meet

Want to expand your skills, learn a new club activity, and connect with other 4-H volunteers? A 4-H Leader Meet is being planned for March 2025 and we want to know.... What do you want to learn about? What topics are you interested in? What project areas would you like to hear more about? Please share your ideas with us by completing the interest survey at <https://tinyurl.com/y2d4ppzn> by August 4, 2024.



Southeast Michigan 4-H

Leader Meet

@ Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth

COMING IN EARLY 2025

Full day workshop for adult volunteers and teen leaders to learn new skills, share ideas, and explore interests through a variety of hands-on activities.

HELP US PLAN!

Please Complete the Interest Survey by August 4th to help provide valuable input to the planning committee.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2d4ppzn>

Thank You





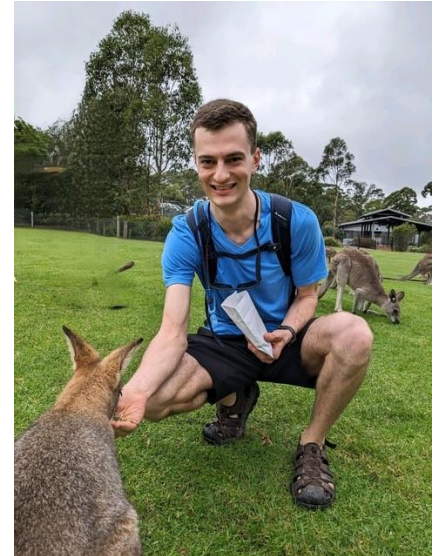
Volunteer Spotlight – Joshua Klein

Where do you volunteer, and how did you get started?

I got started as a volunteer at the beginning of 2019 in Ingham County while I was a student at Michigan State University. Ashleigh Apel was a 4-H STEAM Corp AmeriCorps volunteer, and she knew I had an interest in working with youth. She also knew I had experience coaching basketball and teaching karate. So, she asked me to be a SPIN (special interest) club volunteer. Once I became a volunteer, I ran two 6-week SPIN clubs, one being basketball, and the other was karate. Then the pandemic hit, and I eventually moved to Wayne County. From there, I became a registered volunteer in Wayne County and was immediately made the Lead Male Chaperone for 4-H Exploration Days at MSU. I do not have a formal volunteer role but am always ready to assist at community events or programs whenever called upon.

What has been your favorite or most fulfilling part of volunteering with 4-H?

My favorite part of volunteering with 4-H has been my involvement with so many youth. I've always wanted to be a teacher, but due to certain circumstances, it wasn't in the cards. Being a volunteer has helped fill my passion of working with and inspiring youth. My most fulfilling part of volunteering with 4-H is seeing the impact it has on the youth. Especially at Exploration Days, while it is only a 3-day event, I get to see so many great changes in the youth and watch them start developing into young adults. Without 4-H, this would not be possible.



What volunteer projects would/do you most like to be a part of?

4-H Exploration Days is definitely the event I enjoy being a part of the most. But, there is no particular project that I look to get involved in. Anytime someone needs an extra volunteer, I'm always willing to help because I know it will benefit the youth. I really enjoy working with our high school aged youth as I feel they are just slowly figuring out how to exist in this complicated world, and I like to be there to offer them advice or guidance. I like doing this through active/sport programs as it can teach youth very valuable lessons such as communication, teamwork, and independence.

Do you have any advice for other 4-H volunteers?

The best advice I have for other 4-H volunteers is to be as involved as possible. Do not limit yourself on what you can or cannot be involved in. If you struggle to find a role, always reach out to an MSU Extension employee. If you still struggle to find a role, find an employee that you mesh well with, and then just go ahead and marry them. For anyone who is confused, Ashleigh (4-H Program Coordinator) is my wife.





Wayne County Success Story

Family Fun Day at DPFLI

Fishing, Sewing, Crafts, APPLE iPad Spheros, & More!



Erica Clites works with youth at DPFLI Family Fun day



Holly Sysol works with youth at DPFLI Family Fun day



Vivian Washington works with youth at DPFLI Family Fun day



Youth at DPFLI Family Fun day



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 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.



Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension * 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

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

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

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

August 13: 2024 Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

Paddles & Petals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Registration deadline is August 9.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2

August 16-18: 2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024

August 18: Bee Palooza

Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing

Michigan State University is hosting a Bee Palooza event on campus for everyone who is interested in bees to attend!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-beepalooza

August 22: 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 run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20\(COPY_1719621752959\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20(COPY_1719621752959))

September 21: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing

Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



Achievement: Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

Beef Science: Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

Birds & Poultry Science: Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

Civic Engagement and Service: Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

Companion Animal Science: John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

Environmental Science: Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

Goat Science: Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

Leadership: Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

Rabbit and Cavy Science: Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

Sheep Science: Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

Shooting Sports: Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

Swine Science: Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts: Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Become a 4-H HealthCorps 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, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.

