



# 4-H FamilyNews

November 2023

## Bay County



### Join Bay County 4-H!

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is OPEN! You do not need to own an animal or live on a farm to join 4-H!

Learn more about joining Bay 4-H at [Bay County 4-H - Bay County \(msu.edu\)](https://msu.edu)

#### Choose your OWN path to 4-H membership!

We have many 4-H experiences, programs, and clubs that focus on crafts, science, shooting sports, archery, outdoor education, sewing, baking, gardening, hiking, fishing, camping, and more!

#### PATHWAYS to join 4-H

4-H members can enroll in as many clubs and activities as they wish.

#### Join a 4-H Club

- 1) Look through the club directory.
- 2) Contact 4-H Program Coordinator to inquire about club-specific information.
- 3) Choose a primary club(s) to join. Youth can enroll in more than one 4-H Club.
- 4) Enroll in 4-H Online once you have spoken to the 4-H Program Coordinator.

#### Join as an Independent 4-H Member

Independent 4-H members participate in programs and events outside of a 4-H Club.

- 1) Enroll in [4-H Online](https://msu.edu).
- 2) Select the Bay County 4-H Club \*(non-affiliate) as your primary club. Stay connected to select the 4-H experience you want to join. Sign up when available.

#### Join a 4-H Spin Club – Camp – Event

- 1) Enroll in [4-H Online](https://msu.edu).
- 2) Select the SPIN Club or Event you want to join. Events vary through the year.
- 3) Stay tuned for program details and meeting information from event organizers.

Contact [julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu) or call 989-895-4026 for more information on getting involved with 4-H!

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse).

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at [www.canr.msu.edu/global\\_cultural\\_education/resources](http://www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources).

### November 8: Adulthood 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

*Online*

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23)

### November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

*Online*

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. Learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

[events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/)

### November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

*Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option for the convenience of volunteers.

**12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences)

**7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm)

### November 28: Giving Tuesday

*Online*

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Promote 4-H with the 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, **"Why You Should Join 4-H!"** Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others!

This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024.

A total of six prizes will be awarded to the top videos judged by professionals. There will be two age brackets for this competition:

- 4-H ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2024)
- 4-H ages 14-19 (as of January 1, 2024)

Each age bracket will have three winners, who will receive the following prizes:

- First place prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
- Second place prize: \$75 Amazon gift card
- Third place prize: \$50 Amazon gift card

The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. More information and contest rules can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu).



## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year old youth throughout Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This program is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The FREE club will meet October 2023 through May 2024. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal-setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks. Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom. Club meetings for the 2023-2024 year will take place twice monthly with Monday or Thursday meeting dates on alternating months.

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/).





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/Michigan4H](http://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H). To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h).

## Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

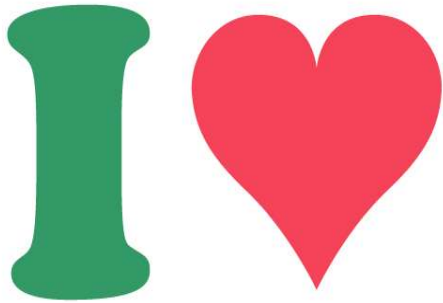
The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



## CrowdPower Campaign

The 4-H Youth Development Program in Bay County provides a variety of research-based programs for schools, after-school programs, camps, and many other youth activities. 4-H gives opportunities for members to connect with peers, adult volunteers, mentors, community leaders, and much more. Programs are available throughout the community, state, nationally, and globally. Learning opportunities are delivered through home-based experiential projects, virtual, face-to-face, and hands-on experiences.

This CrowdPower campaign will help support youth in our community. Your contribution will help provide more programming, such as in-school programming, after-school programming, and support our local 4-H clubs as well.

Our community's support will help us bring embryology into classrooms, educational speakers to youth, educational workshops, provide up-to-date resources to our youth, and other programming. By making a gift today, you will give our youth more curriculum opportunities to learn science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Your gift will allow for new educational materials, deliver educational workshops, and STEM events.

<https://givingto.msu.edu/crowdpower/msu-bay-county-4h>







# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## No Horse Council or Livestock Association Meetings November - December



However, we will be holding Youth Officer and Adult Advisor elections at our January meetings. We will be looking for 4-Youth officers and 4-Adult Advisors for both Horse and Livestock. To be eligible as an officer, a 4-H member must be at least 12 years of age and completed at least one year in the Bay County Livestock Project area.

An adult treasurer will be nominated from the adult advisors to serve as assistant to the youth treasurer. Adult treasurer cannot be related to the youth treasurer.

Youth officers must be 4-H members in good standing.

Elected adults must successfully complete the MSUE Volunteer Selection Process (VSP). Youth will take the lead whenever possible in all activities. Adults will serve as an advisor/mentor position.

**President-** The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, create agendas, appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed, and in general carry out the usual duties of president.

**Vice-president-** to preside in the absence of the president and as the president shall direct.

**Secretary-** to keep the minutes of all meetings, return them to the Extension office for distribution with the notices of the next meeting or as is appropriate, and record all correspondence to the association.

**Treasurer-** shall work with the adult treasurer in understanding the financial accountability of the association. Report at monthly board meetings the current financial state of the association.

**Adult Treasurer -** shall keep record of income and disbursements, make deposits and have check writing authorization, distribute a monthly financial report at 4-H Livestock Association meetings and prepare and distribute an annual financial report. The adult treasurer serves as a signatory on the account, with two additional board members to serve as signatories as appointed by the association. They will follow the procedures outlined in the Michigan 4-H Financial Guidelines.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Bay County 4-H Advisory Council



Members should be familiar and supportive of the 4-H philosophy and purpose.

All Adult members are required to successfully complete the volunteer selection process.

Youth members must be currently enrolled as a Bay County 4-H youth member and must be 13 years old as of January 1st or older. There shall be 8 youth members on the Advisory Council, serving a 2-year term.

The purpose of the Advisory Council shall be to assist in planning, helping, advising, and promoting the 4-H Youth program in Bay County, Michigan by:

- Providing an organization to aid the MSUE Staff in determining the needs of the 4-H Program of the County.
- Acting as a representative body in 4-H Program relationships with other organizations and individuals.
- Providing a local organization to act as custodian of properties of the 4-H Program of Bay County.
- Providing monetary sponsorship of 4-H Programs and events.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining the Bay County 4-H Advisory Council to help make a change to the youth in our community. Please have them contact Holly Mueller at [julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu)



Many Dreams.  
One Love.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 4-H Spotlight!



Bay County 4-H youth and adults have grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. Young people and adults are impacting their clubs, community, country, and world.

We want to hear your story. To help share this impact with others, we're looking for 4-H member and/or adults to share their experiences from 4-H county events, or statewide events. We want to hear how it has impacted you or what you enjoyed the most from that experience.

If you are interested in sharing, please contact Holly Mueller at [julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu) and your story will be published.

## Start a 4-H Club!!!

Interested in starting your own 4-H Club? Do you have youth you know that would like to be part of 4-H?

**Here is your opportunity!**

- 4-H Clubs can be started with as little as 5 youth from two different families and 1 Gold Volunteer

Join us in helping young people explore their interests through fun, engaging, and hands-on learning experiences.

For more information, please contact Holly Mueller:  
[julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu)

### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.







# Bay County 4-H Calendar of Events November 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4 Bay County Fair & Youth Expo Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Williams Twp Hall 5:00-7:30pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Community Service Event Canteen Bldg.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 MSU Extension CLOSED <b>Thanksgiving</b>	24 MSU Extension CLOSED	25
26	27	28	29	30		



# fall bucket list



Go Apple Picking

Go for a Nature Hike



BUILD A SCARECROW

make apple cider donuts



CARVE PUMPKINS 

Drink Hot Chocolate

make chili

 make leaf art



Roast pumpkin seeds

Make caramel apples 



PLAY IN A LEAF PILE

Turn your Clock back





# 18th Annual **COWBOY CHRISTMAS** *Horse Show*

## November 24-26, 2023

MSU PAVILION, 4301 FARM LANE, E. LANSING, MI

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

- ★ **VERSATILITY CONTEST**
- ★ **TRAIL CLASSES**
- ★ **FUN CHRISTMAS CLASSES**
- ★ **PLEASURE SHOW**
- ★ **TONS OF SHOPPING**

COME AS YOU ARE –  
*No show clothes or fake tails!*



**HOLIDAY  
SHOPPING**  
FOR EVERYONE ON  
YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST!  
*(NOT JUST FOR HORSE LOVERS)*



**FREE  
ADMISSION!**  
**FREE  
PARKING!**  
**FAMILY  
FUN EVENT!**



### **FUN & EXCITING HORSE SHOW**

Friday Noon | Saturday & Sunday 8:30am

Ribbons thru 8th Place All Weekend

High Point Awards Each Day

Buckles & Trophies

Halter, Trail, Versatility, Fun Christmas Classes,  
English & Western and Small Fry Classes



**BRING THE FAMILY ~ ENJOY THE HORSE SHOW & THE GREAT SHOPPING!**

Contact **ROCHELLE RONDY** (989) 763-3276 | Email: cowboychristmas@yahoo.com  
with any questions or if you would like to sponsor an award or become a vendor.

**STALLS AVAILABLE IN SOUTH BARN**



Showbill on Facebook:  
*Cowboy Christmas*

**NO ENTRY BEFORE 9:00 AM**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2023**



**VENDOR  
SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

**Reservations  
(989) 763-3276**







## 2023 Bay County 4-H Community Outreach Event

This holiday season we have chosen  
**The Good Samaritan Rescue Mission** as the recipient  
of our community outreach event efforts.

### What Will We Do To Help?

**Tie Blankets, Of course!! Blankets are always a  
big hit to mission residents. And are well  
needed during our winter months!**

**PLEASE BRING SCISSORS and FLEECE FABRIC.**

**We will also have a list of Items that Mission is  
in great need for. Many times this is under  
garments and warm socks; for  
men, women, and children.**

TIE BLANKET PIZZA PARTY

*Let's spread some holiday cheer!*

**When: Saturday Nov. 11th**

**Time: 10am**

**Where: Canteen Building at BCFYE**







# SOCKS AND UNDERGARMENTS

2023 BAY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY-OUTREACH EVENT

We will be collecting donations for men, women, and children as part of our Community Outreach Event for the Rescue Mission.

All sizes needed.

Drop Off Donations Nov. 11th at 10am-2pm

Canteen Building

800 S Livingston St, Bay City, MI 48708



Give the Gift of Comfort!



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Entries Close at Superintendent's Office 12:00 NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted, except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show Rules.



## Premium List

All-Breed Dog Shows

(Unbenched)

# Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.

(Member of the American Kennel Club)

Michigan State University  
Pavilion for Agriculture & Livestock Education  
4301 Farm Ln., Lansing, Michigan 48824

**Saturday & Sunday  
December 2 & 3, 2023**

Show Hours: 6:00 A.M. To 10:00 P.M. - Each Day  
All Judging Will Be Indoors

AKC National Owner-Handled Series ~ Each Day  
4 & Under 6 Months Puppy Competition - Each Day  
Meet The Breeds - Saturday Noon

No Miscellaneous Classes offered with Breed Shows  
See Open Shows on pages 25 - 32 for Miscellaneous & FSS Breeds

### Specialty Show

Wolverine Great Dane Club of Western Michigan - Saturday & Sunday

### Supported Entries ~ Both Days unless otherwise specified

Mid-Michigan Golden Retriever Club

Heart of Michigan English Cocker Spaniel Club

Huron Valley Saluki Club - Saturday

Saint Bernard Club of Greater Detroit

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Detroit

Pomeranian Club of Michigan

Yorkshire Terrier Club of Southeastern Michigan, Inc.

Southeastern Michigan Bichon Frise Club

Dalmatian Club of Greater Detroit, Inc.

Southern Michigan Schipperke Club

Wolverine Belgian Tervuren Club of Southern Michigan

Midwest Collie Club

Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA - Saturday



Kick Off The New Year  
**4-H CELEBRATION**

**DEC. 30TH - 4-9PM**  
**Canteen Building**

**Pizza, Snacks, & Drinks.. Oh my!**  
**Dancing, Karaoke, Crafts,**  
**& more! You don't want to miss it!**

You get a new year, you get a new start,  
you get a new opportunity.

**All Bay County 4-H Families are welcome!**

**Please rsvp by registering at**

**<https://forms.gle/PLba5FyY8t72yPuMA>**

**Hosted by Bay County 4-H Advisory.**



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THURSDAY  
JANUARY 18TH!  
6:30PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



# 4-H RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC WITH KATIE HESSOU

STARTS AT 6:30 PM AFTER THE  
LIVESTOCK ASSOC MEETING.  
BRING YOUR BUNNIES IN A CARRIER.