



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Farm Explorers at Hess-Hathaway Park

Farm Explorers
A fun, educational & interactive event
Thursday, May 16 5:30pm-7:30pm
Hess-Hathaway Park, 825 S. Williams Lk. Rd.

Sponsored by: **OAKLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

Presented by: **Oakland County 4-H**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 4-H Programs Presented
- Up-Close Farm Animal Visits
- Commodity Carnival Challenge
- Hayrides
- Lawn Games
- Craft

Free hotdog, chips & drink
While supplies last

QUESTIONS? Call Waterford Parks & Recreation at 248-674-5441

Join us at Hess-Hathaway Park for a **FREE** event on Thursday, May 16 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for educational and interactive activities! **FREE** Hotdog, chips & drink available! While supplies last. 🍔

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4-H Discovery Day was a SUCCESS!

A **HUGE** thank you to all the 4-H clubs and local organizations that participated in 4-H Discovery Day on April 27, 2024. Over 500 people and 176 volunteers attended this event to enjoy activities such as animal interactions, arts and crafts, and archery! Current 4-H club leaders and members gained a lot of interest from youth who are now planning to join 4-H for the first time!



Michigan State Fair Youth Council Kick-Off Meeting

The youth council is a youth led 4-H Group with a mission to increase their knowledge of rural and urban agriculture, improve leadership skills, and share their experiences and knowledge with others.

This group meets monthly and is for any youth between the ages 13-19 (by June 1, 2024).

Benefits:

- Credit towards MSF Scholarship Applications
- Resume builder
- Networking opportunities
- Free fair admission

Please apply here if interested:

<https://suburbancollectionshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/michigan-state-fair-youth-council-application/>

Kick off meeting on June 9, 2024 at 12 PM

Suburban Showplace Collection
46100 Grand River Ave
Novi MI 48374


Sign up here:

<https://suburbancollectionshowplace.wufoo.com/forms/x1n0g104075e6pt/>





Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp

Registration is now open for the Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp!  Information and all required forms can be found on our website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/oakland-county-4-h-horse-camp-2024>

Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp is June 16–20, 2024 at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg for youth ages 8-19. Four instructional classes daily include: Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback, Ranch Riding, In-Hand Miniature Horse, and Gymkhana. **Registration deadline is 5/15/2024.**



Congratulations Olive F. – Cash Composition Winner!



Congratulations to Olive F. for winning this year's Michigan 4-H Cash Composition Contest! This year's essay was about budgeting, the types of income and expenses in a budget, and how a budget helps with managing money. Their hard work paid off and thanks to a generous sponsorship from Extra Credit Union, each of the 6 winners won a \$100 e-gift card. We are proud of you, Olive!

FREE Food Safety & Preservation Programs

FREEZER JAM & JELLY WEDNESDAY, 6/5, 5:00-7 PM

Learn a new cool jam or a jiggly jelly. Either way, freezer jam will melt your heart with delicious flavor. Find out how you can play with flavors during a demonstration for freezer jam and jelly.

CANNING TOMATOES WEDNESDAY, 9/18, 5:00-7 PM

Have you ever met a tomato you didn't like? Learn how the original love apple can be preserved using a water bath canner.

Location: Oakland County Fair Community Room
12451 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350

RSVP REQUIRED. Please contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu or 248-347-3860, ext. 279.

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Become a Host Family Today!

Want to enjoy a rich cultural experience in your own home? Invite an international youth to live with you and your family through the States' 4-H International exchange program! For 3.5 weeks, you'll expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly a new language all while sharing the American experience! Your children will build lifelong friendships and will gain new perspectives on their own country, too. Apply now at

www.states4hexchange.org.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity
- www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms
- www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza
- www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/

April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your Local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

May 5 – June 1

Across the state

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge

May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

Online

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm

May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit

May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

Online

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.