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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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Wayne County Current Events

Ecorse Stem Club

Welcome to the STEM Club, where curiosity meets innovation! Our club is dedicated to fostering a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics among students of all backgrounds. We believe that these fields are not only vital for understanding the world around us but also for shaping the future.


When: November 2 – December 7, 2024 , Saturdays at 1 pm

Where: Ecorse Public Library, 4184 W. Jefferson., Ecorse, MI 48229

Who: Youth Ages 10 - 19

Cost: Free

Register: 4honline.com



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STEM/STEAM SPIN Club

What is it?

Welcome to the STEM Club, where curiosity meets innovation! Our club is dedicated to fostering a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics among students of all backgrounds. We believe that these fields are not only vital for understanding the world around us but also for shaping the future.

What We Offer:

- Hands-On Learning
- Essential Skills
- Creative Projects
- Community & Support

When is it?

Start Date: November 2nd

End Date: December 7th

Time: Saturdays at 1 pm


Location: Ecorse Public Library

Who: Youth ages 10-19 years of age

Cost: FREE

Register: 4honline.com

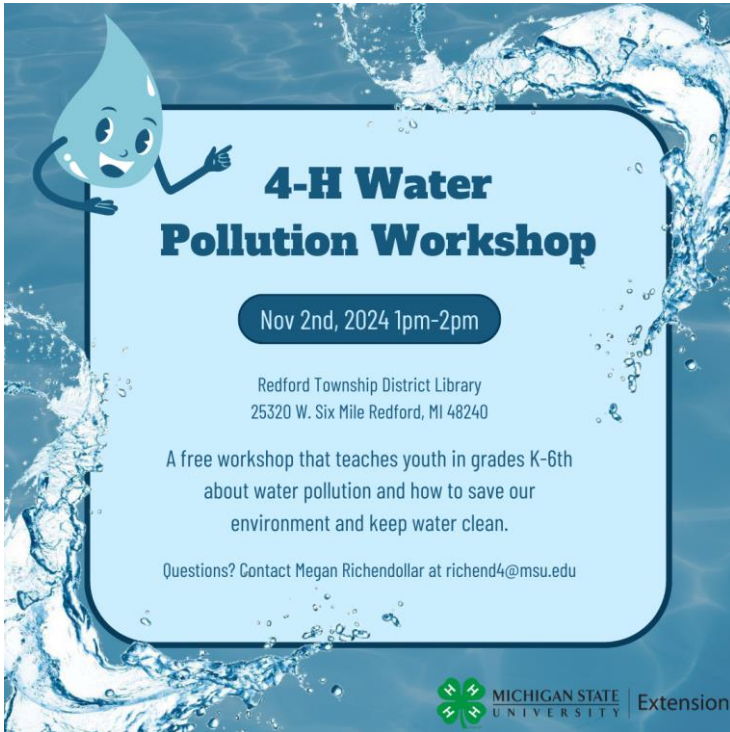
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Wayne County Current Events

4-H Water Pollution Workshop



4-H Water Pollution Workshop

Nov 2nd, 2024 1pm-2pm

Redford Township District Library
25320 W. Six Mile Redford, MI 48240

A free workshop that teaches youth in grades K-6th about water pollution and how to save our environment and keep water clean.

Questions? Contact Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu



Join Wayne County 4-H this November at the Redford Public Library for a fun and engaging workshop on water pollution and learn how you can leave a lasting impact on the environment. This program is open to youth in grades K-6th, **4-H enrollment not required**. Call the Redford Library at (313) 531-5960 to confirm your spot.

When: Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 1 pm – 2 pm.

Where: Redford Township District Library, 25320 Six Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240

Who: Youth Ages K-6th

Cost: Free

Contact: Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu

Agriculture Art and Textures

Join Wayne County 4-H at the Flat Rock Library this November for a fun and interactive, FREE workshop that explores various textures within agriculture and learn how to make beautiful works of art. This workshop is open to any youth ages 5-9, 4-H membership is not required. **Pre-registration is required:** <https://forms.gle/445Yrm3dfnbXymoq5>

When: Saturday November 9, 2024, from 11:00 am – 12:00pm

Where: Flat Rock Public Library, 25200 Gibraltar Rd., Flat Rock, MI 48134

Who: Youth Ages 5-9

Cost: Free

Contact: Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu



Agriculture Art and Textures

Explore the various textures within Agriculture and learn how to make beautiful works of art!

Open to youth ages 5-9

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



Saturday,
November 9th
11am-12pm

Pre-registration required
More details - richend4@msu.edu



Wayne County Current Events

Cloverbud Germs & Biosecurity Workshop

Join Wayne County 4-H at the Westland Library this November for a fun and interactive, FREE workshop that explores how germs are spread and how you can help reduce the spread of germs that make humans and animals sick. This workshop is open to you ages 5-7, 4-H membership is not required. Call the Westland Library at (734) 326-6123 to confirm your spot!



Cloverbud Germs & Biosecurity Workshop

Learn the ways germs are spread and why it's important to be aware of how germs can make us and animals sick.

Join Us on Sunday, November 17th from 1-1:45pm at the Westland Library (6123 Central City Pkwy, Westland, MI 48185)

Open to youth ages 5-7
Contact: richend4@msu.edu

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Wayne County Current Events

Smart Finances Bright Futures

MSU Extension in Monroe County, in partnership with First Merchants Bank, is offering a Fall Program Series on Finances. Anyone is welcome! **Being in 4-H is not a requirement to attend!** RSVP Here <https://bit.ly/SFBFFall2024>

SMART FINANCES BRIGHT FUTURES



FALL 2024

9/26
6:30PM

MONEY MASTERS AGES: 13-19

MSU Extension Office 963 S. Raisinville Rd. Monroe MI 48161

FOREVER FINANCE AGES: 13-19

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

10/23
6:30PM

11/19
6:30PM

MONEY CARNIVAL AGES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

FINANCE FESTIVAL AGES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

12/10
6:30PM



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RSVP TODAY:**

Monroe County 4-H Entrepreneurship Program & First Merchants Bank Partnering to Help Our Community Prosper



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Announcements

****Apply Now - 2023-2024 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event!****



4-H'ERS AND VOLUNTEERS SAVE THE DATE for the [2023-2024 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event](#) on January 25th, 2025, at the WCCCD Ted Scott Campus (9555 Haggerty Rd, Belleville, MI 48111). Wayne County 4-H has proven to be made up of passionate, hard-working individuals: from volunteers who help to shape youths' futures, to the 4-H'ers who help lead and shape their communities. MSU Extension Wayne County 4-H is continually grateful for and wowed by the 4-H family. It's time to celebrate the accomplishments of Wayne County 4-H and showcase the many achievements and talents held by our volunteers and 4-H'ers! Join us in 2024 for our annual Award and Recognition Ceremony, where we can celebrate the efforts of the Wayne County 4-H community.

Apply for Awards! Now is your chance to apply for County Level Awards! We have a variety of awards for youth, volunteers, and clubs. Applications will be open no later than Friday, October 4th. You can find all corresponding applications for the following awards below at (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/wayne/4-h/2023-2024-4-h-recognition-event>). All awards applications are due no later than December 15th, 2024, late submissions WILL NOT be considered.

Youth Awards: (note, age is based on your 4-H age as of January 1, 2024)

- [4-H Project Area Awards](#) (Youth ages 8-19)
- [4-H Member Community Service Award](#) (Youth ages 13-19)
- [4-H Member Leadership and Personal Growth Award](#) (youth ages 8-19)
- [4-H Member Sportsmanship Award](#) (youth ages 12-19)
- [Wayne County 4-H High Achievement Award](#) (Youth ages 14-19) Adult Awards
- [4-H Leader of the Year Award](#) (must be a 4-H club leader)
- [4-H Volunteer of the Year Award](#) (must be a Gold Wayne County 4-H Volunteer)
- [Friend of 4-H Award](#) (individual or organization who has greatly supported Wayne County 4-H) Club Awards
- [4-H Club Outstanding Achievement Award](#)

All 4-H members and Volunteers will automatically be recognized for their years of service/membership at the 2023-2024 4-H Recognition Event.



4-H'er Spotlight – Wyatt H.

What are your recent/past 4-H achievements?

I showed my cavy for the first time and took first place in Beginner Showman at fair.

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

I got involved when I was 5 and did virtual cloverbuds during covid.

What drew you to be a part of the 4-H program?

I watched Dr. Pol and wanted to work with animals.

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

Lots of friends and learned a lot about cavy.

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

That showing animals takes a lot of time to get to work with them.

What is your favorite memory of 4-H?

Having my guinea pigs at fair this year..

What are your plans for the future?

I really want to raise my own pig and show them at fair. I also want to get into wildlife and fishing.





4-H Club Spotlight! – Chances Are Youth 4-H Club

The mission of the Chances Are Youth 4-H Club is to inspire a passion for equine care, leadership, and lifelong learning by providing hands-on experiences with horses. We aim to foster responsibility, teamwork, and a deep understanding of horsemanship while empowering youth to develop confidence, respect for animals, and skills that will serve them both in and out of the arena.

By joining Chances are Youth 4-H Club members will:

- 1. Develop Horsemanship Skills:** Teach members the fundamentals of equine care, riding, and handling through hands-on experiences with horses.
- 2. Foster Responsibility:** Encourage youth to take responsibility for the health and well-being of horses, including feeding, grooming, and basic veterinary care.
- 3. Promote Leadership and Teamwork:** Provide opportunities for members to take on leadership roles within the club and work together to achieve common goals.
- 4. Encourage Personal Growth:** Help members build confidence, self-discipline, and resilience by challenging them to set and achieve personal goals related to horsemanship and equine care.
- 5. Teach Safety Around Horses:** Instill a strong understanding of safety practices when working with horses, both in and out of the saddle.
- 6. Enhance Communication Skills:** Encourage effective communication with both peers and instructors, as well as learning how to communicate with horses through body language and cues.
- 7. Promote Sportsmanship:** Instill values of fairness, respect, and integrity, whether in competitive settings or recreational riding.
- 8. Increase Knowledge of Equine Science:** Introduce members to equine anatomy, nutrition, behavior, and health care to deepen their understanding of horse welfare.
- 9. Encourage Community Involvement:** Participate in community service projects, horse shows, and educational events to contribute to the broader community and promote equine awareness.
- 10. Have Fun and Build Lifelong Friendships:** Create a supportive and enjoyable environment where members can bond over their shared love of horses and make lasting friendships.

If you are interested in learning more about this club or would like to join please contact the Club Leader, Diane Sloan at dianesloan123@yahoo.com or 734-330-3868. Club meetings are typically held the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm (subject to change) in the Belleville area.



Photos of Chances Are Youth 4-H Club at the 2024 Wayne County Fair



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



To embrace the holiday spirit, the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover campaign has moved from its traditional October dates to November and December this year! Now from Nov. 29 – Dec. 15, TSC customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

New for 2024, you can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.



November 6: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Careers

Online

November is National Career Development Month! Learn easy activities to help youth explore career pathways and develop skills to be ready for the workforce. Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12 – 1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers

7 – 8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm

November 12: Wild Spartan Series – Behind the Scenes in the Life of a Park Ranger

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans will fly into the refuges that many migrating birds depend on for migration. Join us at 6:30 p.m. to meet Andrea Martinson, park ranger for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about her work, and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/

November 19: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

The Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. In this session, explore the admission and application process and get tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/college

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Positive Youth Development 101; Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, we will explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. Learn how to support and engage with youth effectively, recognizing that each young person develops at their own pace. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to foster meaningful connections with youth at every stage of their growth.

12 – 1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Starting the 4-H season off right: Suggestions for the year's first meeting

Adapted from an article by Michelle Neff at www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting.

A new 4-H year has started and that means it is time to start thinking about the goals and plans for educational, inspirational and recreational activities for Michigan 4-H clubs! No matter what project youth are participating in, it is important to start the year off right!



MSU Extension has resources for volunteers to help lead and manage their 4-H club on the 4-H Club Development website, www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index. A good start to the 4-H year will allow youth members, club leaders and parents to be clear about expectations and plans for the group and be excited for what will take place. Some tips to get you started include:

- Get to know youth and adults and share about 4-H! Clubs transition from year to year. There may be members new to 4-H, youth trying new project areas, and members who have left or transitioned to different activities. Make sure everyone knows each other with a fun icebreaker activity.
- Prepare a list of activities for the year. The 4-H year goes fast and there is a lot to do in a short period of time. Preparing a list of club activities for meetings is important to ensure youth are learning the life and technical skills of their 4-H project.
- Create a calendar. Once you have your activities picked out, it's time to plan when and where it will all happen!

MSU Extension hosts successful second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On October 9, MSU Extension hosted the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We were so excited to bring this event back in 2024," said Deanna East, MSU Extension associate director who served as the event emcee. "Michigan 4-H is certainly worth celebrating every day of the year and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight this impactful program to our state's leaders."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program featured East as well as: legislative host Representative Reggie Miller; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Emma Young, policy analyst for Governor Whitmer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Everett Howell, Michigan 4-H youth from Leelanau County; and Brianna Sierra, Michigan 4-H youth from Genesee County.



Mich. 4-H youth with Rep. Miller (fourth from left).

"The Michigan 4-H program serves an incredible number of youth each year but we hope to reach even more young people in the years ahead" continued East. "Elevating awareness of the program is one of our primary goals for Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol and we believe this event will help connect more youth with our program and all that Michigan 4-H has to offer."

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H.