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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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Wayne County Current Events

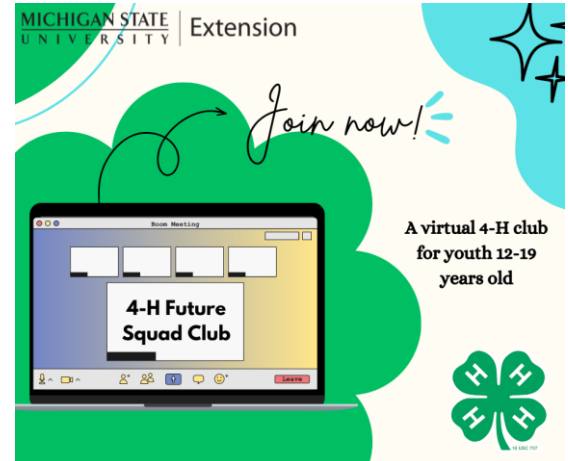
4-H Future Squad

Are you 12-19 years old and looking for a fun virtual club to meet new friends across the state while building skills for your future? Join the 4-H Future Squad! 🚀 ✨

From October 2024 to May 2025, we're meeting twice a month online to explore everything from navigating relationships and getting jobs plus everything in between!

Ready to embark on this exciting journey? 🌟 For more info and to learn how to register, visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/>

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!



Cards for a Cause

Cards for a Cause FUNDRAISER

1. All Occasion #1 Box #645985
2. All Occasion #2 Box #645992
3. Thanks & Blanks Box #646005
4. Kid's Birthday Box #646012
5. Holiday Box #644353 (50 cards*)

Offer boxed sets of 30 beautifully embellished cards with matching envelopes to help your organization reach their fundraising goals.

*Holiday Card Collection Box includes 50 cards and envelopes. Product images are provided for your general information and may change without notice due to availability.

Wayne County 4-H Fundraiser

Interested in supporting the Wayne County 4-H program? Want some greeting cards handy at home for different purposes? Purchase a card box from your 4-H staff member (Ashleigh, Diane, Holly, LaToya, Laurie) by **October 23rd** to support the program. Boxes will be available from the staff member in mid-late November.

There are 30 cards per box (50 in the assorted holiday box) and so the cards are \$1 each! There's always a chance the specific cards in the boxes will change depending on inventory levels but the content within each box will always be the same. Here's a quick video that flips through sample cards: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZMmvKcHPCA>.

The Cards for a Cause fundraising program offers five boxed sets of beautifully embellished cards and envelopes:

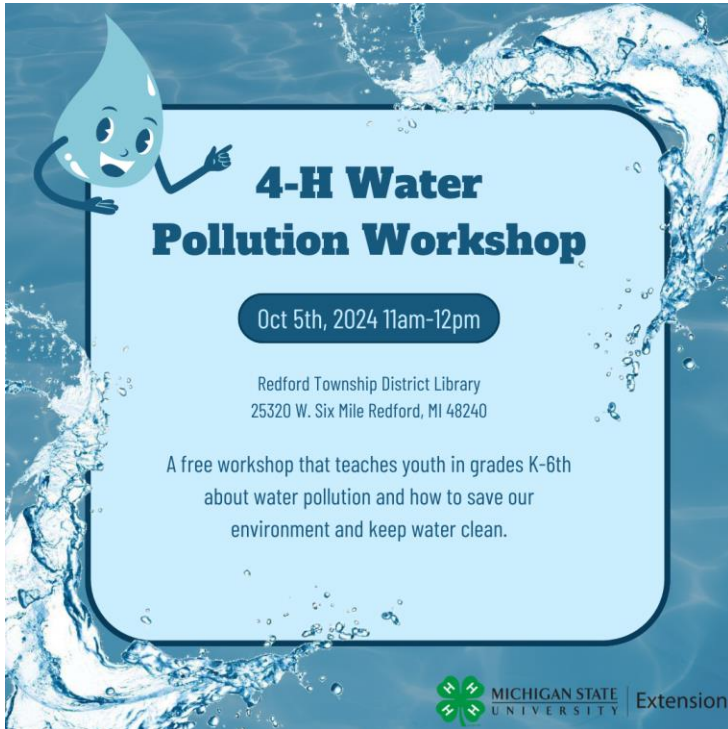
- **All Occasion Box #1** comes in a charming organizer box and includes 30 assorted cards to meet most needs, from birthdays to new homes, get-well to weddings — with colored matching envelopes.
- **All Occasion Box #2** comes in a charming organizer box and includes 30 assorted cards to meet most needs, from birthdays to new homes, get-well to weddings — with colored matching envelopes.
- **Thanks & Blanks Box** is full of 30 unique handcrafted greeting cards with colored envelopes. Includes both blank cards and thank you cards.
- **Kids Birthday Box** includes 30 Happy Birthday cards for kids of all ages, with lots of fun details and colorful envelopes to match.
- **Holiday Cards Box** comes with 50 assorted cards for the holidays! Full of individually designed cards in a keepsake box, complete with white envelopes. Includes cards for most major holidays including New Year's, Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, Christmas and many more!

The boxes also make great gifts! Thanks for supporting the local 4-H program!



Wayne County Current Events

4-H Water Pollution Workshop



Come join us in this free workshop 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.

When: Saturday, October 5th, 2024, from 11am-12pm.

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

Who: Youth Ages K-6th

Cost: Free

Contact: Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu

4-H Garden Salsa Workshop

Learn how to make your very own garden salsa from fresh ingredients you can grow at home! Salsa is a great and healthy snack and is so much more fun to eat when you know how to make it at home. Youth participating in this workshop will also learn about the agriculture background of ingredients found in salsa and how salsa makes it from the garden to your table.

When: Thursday, October 17th, 2024, from 5:30-6:30pm

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

Who: Youth Ages 8-13

Cost: Free

Contact: Megan Richendollar at richend4@msu.edu





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

12/10
6:30PM

FINANCE FESTIVAL AGES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance



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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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Helping you prosper



Wayne County Current Events

Join the 4-H Junior Livestock Executive Board! Calling All Teen Leaders!

Do you have a passion for livestock and agriculture? Are you ready to make a difference and develop your leadership skills? If so, the 4-H Jr. Livestock Executive Board is looking for YOU!

Why Join?

- Build Leadership Skills: Take on important roles and responsibilities.
- Enhance Communication: Improve your public speaking and teamwork abilities.
- Get Involved: Help plan events, manage projects, and make decisions.
- Network & Connect: Meet other youth, mentors, and industry professionals.
- Earn Recognition: Boost your resume and college applications.
- Have Fun!: Make new friends, learn, and grow in a supportive environment.

Who Can Join?

Youth aged 12-19 who are passionate about livestock and want to make a positive impact in the community and impact their positive development in livestock programming.

How to Join:

Send in a short paragraph for why you want to join the Jr. Livestock Board with your current contact information (email and phone number) to Ashleigh Apel (apelashl@msu.edu). We welcome new members to join the jr. board at anytime of the year!
Join us during our monthly meeting before the 4-H Livestock Developmental Meetings

First meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 @ 6pm on Zoom.

Questions?



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4-H GROWS HERE

AM A TRUE LEADER

JOIN THE 4-H JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXECUTIVE BOARD!

WHY JOIN?

- ✓ Build Leadership Skills
- ✓ Enhance Communication
- ✓ Get Involved
- ✓ Network & Connect
- ✓ Have Fun

CONTACT

For more information or to register contact, Ashleigh Apel (apelashl@msu.edu) and Wendy Jerome (jewe0011@umn.edu)

FIRST MEETING OCT 1ST @ 6PM ON ZOOM

Contact Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu or Wendy Jerome at (jewe0011@umn.edu).



Announcements

Wayne County 4-H Enrollment



4-H Online Enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 Program Year!!!

If you are a returning member, log into your 4-H Online account and re-enroll at 4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Need help with your existing family profile? This video will help!: [Existing Family Video](#)

New Member? Check out the link below for a view on how to create a Family Profile: [New Family Video](#)

4-H members who register by October 31st will be entered into a drawing to win some cool 4-H swag! So don't wait, register today!!



Announcements

Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute



The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is a pre-college program at Michigan State University for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the Institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. The Institute will feature a wide variety of engaging and interactive activities focused on youth leadership, community engagement, and global citizenship.

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to ALL teens (ages 13+ by Jan. 1, 2025). The registration fee of \$175 includes meals, program materials, group transportation during the event, and overnight hotel lodging for the evenings of December 6 and 7 at [AC Hotel | Lansing University Area](#). Scholarships are available from many county 4-H programs and for anyone in need of financial assistance.

Online registration will begin October 1 at: <https://SYLI24.4honline.com> The deadline to register for the conference is November 1, 2024.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

For more information, please contact MSU Extension educators Roxanne Turner (turnerr@msu.edu ~ 517-546-3950) or Brian Wibby (wibby@msu.edu ~ 906-439-5065)



Announcements

2023-2024 Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event!



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.

More details on the celebration and formal invitation to follow.

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 coming soon at (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/wayne/4-h/>). 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 – Chesney B.



What are your recent/past 4-H achievements?

This past year I was able to show a heifer. Each year I have shown a larger animal. I started with just showing rabbits & chickens. I now show rabbits, chickens, pigs, turkeys & a heifer.

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

I became involved with 4-H when I was 4 which was when my brother started to show animals. I really loved helping him feed and liked playing with the animals.

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

I really enjoy learning about new animals & raising them. It is also fun making new friends.

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

I have met a lot of new people. I have learned a lot of new life experiences like how to be prepared for things like public speaking, talking to adults, learning how much it costs to raise my projects & be able to break that down to & explain that to my buyers.

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

Have fun & be open to learning!

What is your favorite memory of 4-H?

I really enjoy the dances that we have with all of the Wayne County 4-H exhibitors & their families come to each year at the end of fair week.

What are your plans for the future?

My immediate plans for the future are to breed my heifer and raise calves. That is the next step along my 4-H journey that I am excited about.

Is there anything else you want to share about yourself, 4-H, or recent experiences that we may include?

I really enjoy being a part of 4-H. It has helped me learn so much and to appreciate hard work and value the work that others put forth.





Wayne County Success Story

Cadillac Urban Gardens STEM Pathways 4-H SPIN Club

Cadillac Urban Gardens is a 1-acre urban garden located in southwest Detroit that provides fresh produce and education to local Detroiters. Cadillac Urban Gardens' mission is to create equitable access to culturally relevant foods by fostering multigenerational knowledge and leadership in Detroit.

MSU Extension Wayne County 4-H developed a partnership with Cadillac Urban Gardens at the beginning of 2024. The goal was to provide youth with educational opportunities to explore agricultural and STEM-related careers while exposing youth to life skills through hands-on learning. In the summer of 2024, the Wayne County 4-H staff led a 6-week STEM Pathways 4-H SPIN Club that met bi-weekly June-August. During this club, the youth were able to participate in a variety of hands-on activities that explored various careers in STEM and agriculture as well as taught valuable life skills. Youth explored a variety of career pathways including, but not limited to, Agronomist, Agriculture Engineer, Finance Officer, Environmental Engineer, Geologist, Geophysicists, Polymer Scientist, Electrical Mechanical Technician, and Quality Manager. Additionally, youth learned how to work as a team, solve problems, think critically, goal setting, financial planning, and more!

Each week youth were presented with a problem and then it was up to them to find a solution and experiment with the materials given. For example, during the Ag Bot Harvest Challenge, youth were challenged to engineer a device that harvests the most grain in the least time, the problem being due to the rapid growth of the world's population, farmers will need to figure out a way to grow and harvest crops more efficiently and in shorter periods to meet the demand. Using basic supplies such as tape, popsicle sticks, cups, etc. Youth were able to use the process of engineering to design, test, and re-design a prototype to solve this problem. Once the youth completed the activity, we then discussed the different career pathways and the job outlooks for careers related to that specific activity.

Overall, the club served on average 10 youth a week with a total of 12 enrollments. One of our high school members claimed, "The material and activities were interesting. I liked learning about the different careers, and the activities are hands-on and super fun. It's not like anything I have learned in school." Additionally, we were able to successfully onboard one new Gold Level Volunteer who is interested in continuing 4-H programming at the gardens next year and hoping to connect more Junior MANRRS related items to the programming. While this SPIN club was a pilot program, we are interested to see how this partnership with Cadillac Urban Gardens and Wayne County 4-H will evolve as we look for ways to expand our outreach throughout Detroit and all of Wayne County.



Pictured above are youth participants creating and testing harvest bots during the Ag Bot Harvest Challenge.



Pictured above are youth participants learning what Geologists do in their careers and pretending to mine using different cookie samples.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024

October 6-12: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol

October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

Online

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. 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-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



For more information and registration, visit www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12–19-year-old youth in 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 will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. 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 for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

- 2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

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/.