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4-H Family News

Wayne County



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WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Wayne County 4-H Livestock Showmanship Clinic

WAYNE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Free, open to all Wayne County 4-H Youth Ages 5-19
Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9 am-12 pm
Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Livestock Pavilion

Registration Required by May 9th

CHOOSE UP TO 3 SPECIES

- ✓ Beef and Dairy
- ✓ Rabbits/cavies
- ✓ Poultry
- ✓ Goats
- ✓ Swine

Scan QR Code to Register!

Wayne County 4-H and the 4-H Livestock Developmental Committee are hosting a livestock showmanship clinic for all Wayne County 4-H youth ages 5-19. This is a great opportunity to sharpen up your showmanship skills just in time for show season, practice for Master Stockman, or learn a new species for protégé!

Clinics will be run by professional clinicians in the industry who are up to date on all showing standards. You will get to pick up to 3 species to focus on for the day. Lunch will be provided to the showman concluding the clinic.

For registration, please fill out the registration form here:

<https://forms.gle/W9rXjpUEzjjRRVqR9>

Registration closes: May 9

Date and time: May 18, 9 AM – 12 PM

Location: Wayne County Fairgrounds, Livestock Pavilion, 10871 Quirk Rd, Belleville, MI 48111

Adulting 101: Build and Protect Your Credit

The Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. Zoom in to the FREE webinar to learn real life skills to help you successfully transition to living independently. Pre-registration and a sign-up in Zoom is required to join.

In May: Learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit>

Date and time: May 15, 5 - 6 PM

4-H/Leader Dogs for the Blind Collaboration



By being a volunteer puppy raiser, you and your family create life-changing moments, while helping a person who is blind or visually impaired regain independence.

WHAT DOES A PUPPY RAISER DO?

- Devote 12-15 months of your time, energy and love to raising a puppy
- Provide daily care, such as feeding and walking
- Teach basic commands based on Leader Dog guidelines
- Introduce the puppy to a variety of people and environments
- Receive tons of ongoing support from Leader Dogs for the Blind

There are multiple puppy raising options to fit your lifestyle.

ONE HOUSEHOLD

This traditional way to puppy raise is perfect for families, college students, active singles, retired couples and empty nesters.

CO-RAISING (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY RAISER)

This option is for someone who wants to share duties with a person from another household.

PASS-ALONG

One raiser has the puppy for the first six months and a second raiser has the puppy for the next six months.

- Ideal for people who can commit only to a limited time raising a puppy
- Individuals with pet weight/size restrictions or who may be more comfortable handling a younger, lighter dog can raise for the first six months, while individuals who prefer a dog that already has foundational behaviors may prefer raising the last six months.

CAMPUS PUPPIES

- For college students raising on campuses approved by Leader Dog.
- Must participate in campus puppy club and meet with assigned puppy counselor
- All supplies, veterinary care and food paid by Leader Dog



Looking for a new way to give back to your community? Ready to try something new in your 4-H Dog project? Leader Dogs for the Blind is looking for puppy raisers! Participating families can select the time commitment that works best for them, including a 6-month program, 12-15 month program, or a co-raising program with another household! Your family can help a person who is blind or visually impaired regain independence, while creating life changing moments and growing in your 4-H Dog Program skills!

For other questions, or if you have accessibility needs, please reach out to Kat VanDouser at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.

To register for the informational Zoom session, visit

<https://bit.ly/4HLeaderDogs24>

Date and time: May 18, 12 PM



To get more information, scan this QR code or visit LeaderDog.org and click on Volunteer.





SPOTLIGHT: 2022-23 RECOGNITION EVENT

Goosechase Top Scorers!

Congratulations to the top scorers of the 4-H Goosechase, a scavenger hunt meant to get you moving, talking, and having fun!

Wyatt H.

Andrew H.

Amelia H.



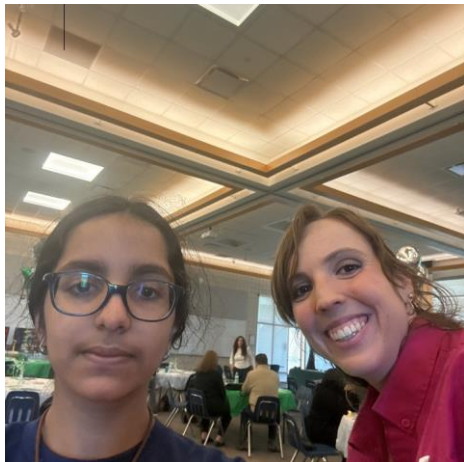
The Wayne County 4-H Recognition Event held for the 2022-2023 program year took place on Saturday, April 13th at Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), Ted Scott Campus. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this was the first year an event like this took place in Wayne County since 2019. Although the Wayne County 4-H staff was new to planning this event, they were ready to take it on!

Planning for the event started in late September 2023. Staff members Ashleigh Apel, LaToya Jones, and Waverly Eubank, got together on multiple occasions in the fall to begin working out the details. Small and simple is what they were looking for! Staff secured the date and location, the space was generously donated by WCCCD which significantly cut down on costs, and award applications were starting to be accepted.

When looking over the award applications, there were some amazing applicants which made it very difficult to award the final prize! Simran A. was the winner of the Personal Growth and Leadership Award. She is a young 4-H'er who started her career as a Cloverbud and has shown great interest in raising awareness on community health and STEM-related fields. She has the vision to make 4-H accessible to all and created her own virtual STEM 4-H club early on in her 4-H experiences. Additionally, Linda Willman was recognized for 50 years of volunteer service in Wayne County, such an amazing and rare accomplishment

With persistence and dedication, the event was coming together in the weeks leading up to it. Ashleigh was able to recruit 10 youth to present the awards for the event. A 4-H parent also volunteered to DJ and provide live music, for guests to enjoy. There was a photo booth, club displays, and fun activities for families to participate in before the awards ceremony.

Overall, the event went off without a hitch! Guests were happy, about 65 people were in attendance, and the staff received so many compliments on how well things went. It was clear everyone missed this event and were happy to see it return. From now on, this will become an annually scheduled program, the Wayne County 4-H family is excited to see more youth and volunteers get involved in the planning process.





SANDY BRAND SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship to attend Michigan State University

If you currently attend or are planning to attend Michigan State University this fall, please consider applying for the Sandy Brand Memorial Scholarship. The amount will be between \$1250 - \$2500 (depending on the number of applicants chosen).

To apply, complete a one-page essay (double spaced; size 12 font) on '*How 4-H has prepared you for your future*'.

Please send your essay to 4-H Program Coordinator, Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu.

Deadline: June 1, 2024.

APPLY TODAY!

SANDY BRAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Apply by June 1, 2024
Email applications to Ashleigh Apel

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) *DPFLI, Detroit*

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program *Lake Lansing, Haslett*

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers *Comerica Park, Detroit*

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop *Escanaba*

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp *Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia*

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 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. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 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.