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4-H Family News

Barry County



Spread the 4-H Love

The new year has made its way, bringing many opportunities for 4-H members to participate in! From scholarships, to awards, to fundraisers, to SPIN clubs, Barry County has lots to offer. Find out more as you read!

Along with County opportunities, statewide there are many opportunities rolling out. Get ready for 4-H Exploration Days 2024 taking place June 19th -21st . Keep an eye out as registration opens soon!

We encourage you to share events with friends and family. A quick reminder, youth can enroll in 4-H at any time. However, individual clubs can close enrollments at their discretion and fair dates and deadlines must be followed.

Sincerely,

LilyRose Arriaga

4-H Program Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-H Online

- Youth, 4-H leaders, and volunteers need to be enrolled in 4-H Online. Use this link to enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com> . If you need any assistance during the process, please reach out to the extension office.
- If you are re-enrolling in 4-H Online, be sure to use the same family profile as in the past. Please do not create a new family profile as duplicate records cause problems in the system. If you have any problems let us know.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Advisory Council 2024 Scholarships



In order to support Barry 4-H members the advisory council raises money every year to help fund continuing education beyond high school.

The advisory council is happy to announce that the application for 2024 scholarships are now open and available on the Barry County MSU Extension 4-H website.

More than one 4-H member will be awarded a scholarship. High school seniors are highly encouraged to apply. Millions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed around the country because of lack of applicants!

To learn more about scholarships, click [HERE](#)

Goat Developmental Committee Brick Fundraiser

Get ready for some changes coming to the goat/sheep barn at the Barry Co. Expo. The goat developmental committee and the fair board are teaming up with a goal to pave the goat side of the barn!

The goat developmental committee is having a fundraising project to help achieve their goal. Help support our friends in the barn by purchasing a personalized engraved brick to be added to the pavement. Bricks can be engraved with words of your choice, family members, in memory of-, businesses, and 4-H member names! Choose from two different size bricks to display your message.



Scan the QR to view order form. To learn more contact Shelia Barnard (269)-838-1910.

4-H SPIN Clubs



Ever heard of SPIN clubs? Also known as **SP**ecial **IN**terest clubs.

A 4-H SPIN club is a special interest club where 4-H members get together to learn about a topic of interest. SPIN clubs differ from normal clubs in that SPIN clubs only meet for 6-8 weeks.

Starting this month, Forest Friends 4-H SPIN club will meet Thursdays throughout February and March to explore the woods for an hour each week from 11am-12pm!

If you have an idea for a SPIN clubs, let us know and we will help you get started!

To learn more about SPIN clubs, click [HERE](#)



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4-H Exploration Days- You've found your place, now let's grow!



4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state of Michigan.

This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. Experience college life during this three-day event! Youth will be able to attend a variety of educational sessions, stay in campus dorms, and eat in the cafeteria. Plus, there will be plenty of time for fun, including skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball – even a great dance Thursday night.

The 2024 event is set for June 19-21, 2024 on the campus of Michigan State University.

To learn more about Exploration Days, click [HERE](#)

4-H Day at the Breslin

Join 4-H families from all over the state as the Spartans Women's Basketball Team take on Rutgers Women's Basketball Team!

Tickets are FREE for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni and their families!

The Spartans will host the Rutgers Scarlet Knights on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 2 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 12:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

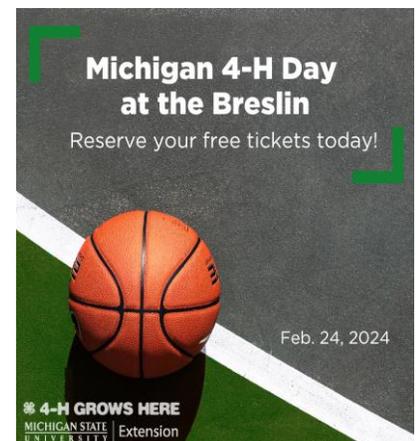
To learn more about 4-H Day at the Breslin, click [HERE](#)

Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Join Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game.

To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

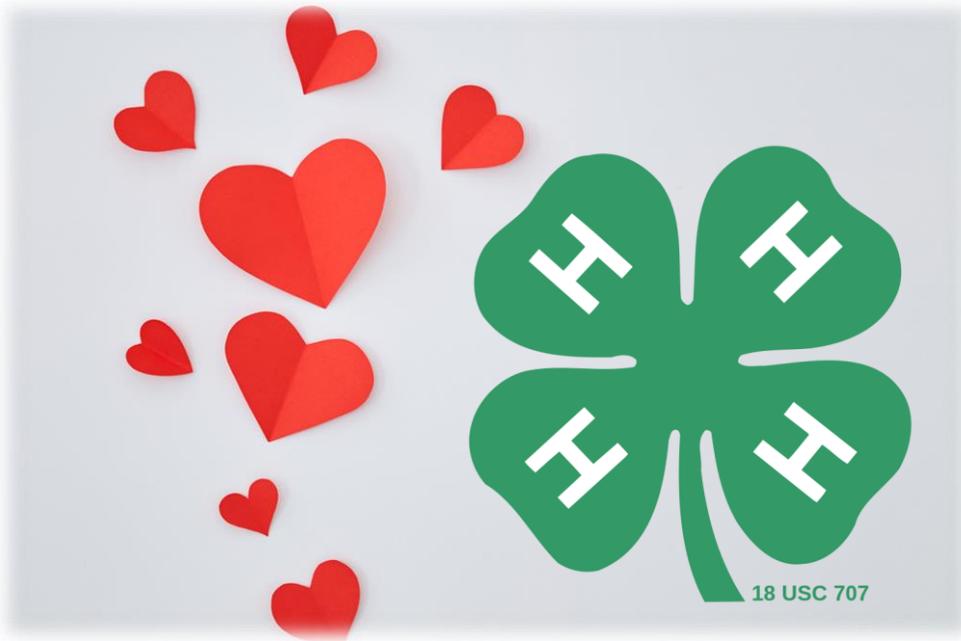
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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 02.06.2024
- Goat Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 02.13.2024
- 4-H Advisory Council Meeting.....Date: 02.20.2024
- Horse Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 03.25.2024
- Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting.....Date: 03.26.2024



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

For more information and to get tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. This series will provide 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.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm

February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

Online

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1

February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb

March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024

March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.

www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon





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Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 17-19, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts, and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights and youth advocacy, crime and law enforcement, education and teacher retention, environment and natural resources, health, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Make a difference for food security with World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/.



Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.