



4-H Family News

Oakland County



Novi Pet Expo! December 8-10, 2023



4-H is at the **Novi Pet Expo, Friday thru Sunday, 12/8-10/23 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi!** Stop by and visit our booth or join us in the 4-H Youth Activities Area! There will be NO COST to 4-Hers (parents/volunteers or youth) staffing the booth or presenting educational info/demos etc. This is a great opportunity to support and promote 4-H! 4-Hers and their horses from Young Riders 4-H horse club will be presenting demos and educational information throughout the weekend! Bring YOUR pet (dog, cat, bunny, chicken or whatever 😊) and talk about your 4-H project, watch some educational demos and just have fun! For complete information about the show please visit: <https://www.novipetexpo.com/show-info>

Volunteers are needed and encouraged to help us promote 4-H! Please sign up for a shift at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BA5A82BA2FE3-45568434-2023>

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Tack & Craft Sale!

2023 Oakland County Tack & Craft Sale!

Come shop with us for one of a kind unique holiday gifts!!!!

Several new & used vendors!

Admission \$1

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10am - 2pm

Springfield Oaks Activity Center

12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI 48350

10x10 vendor space \$35/4-H \$25

For table reservation or more info, please contact:

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Hosted by Oakland County 4-H Horse Council

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2022-2023 Achievement Awards!

Thank you to everyone that applied to receive an award. Invitations will be going out soon via mail.

Oakland County 4-H has a proud county-based awards program that can be traced back to 1980. Hundreds of 4-H youth have been awarded since that time and the tradition has grown into the present day 4-H Achievement Awards.

The 4-H Achievement Awards is a fun evening that honors youth 4-H members and volunteers for their efforts and accomplishments throughout the year. It is their commitment and dedication that encourages each individual to grow, makes our community stronger, and contributes to shaping the future.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Time: 1-4 p.m.

Location: Lafayette Grande Banquet Facility, 1 Lafayette St, Pontiac, MI 48342

Please use this link to RSVP:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hachievementawards2023/>

For questions, please contact Cheyenne Shields shield69@msu.edu or 248-858-0435

4-H Achievement Awards

January 20, 2024

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Congratulations to the New 23-24 Horse Council Officers!

Let's congratulate the following officers recently elected at the Oakland County 4-H Horse Council November meeting:

Youth President- Allie Zaluski

Youth Vice President- Alaina Parmeter

Youth Secretary- Juliana Henry

Youth Treasurer- Billie Honomichl

Adult President-Jeff Bodway

Adult Vice President-Melissa Zaluski

Adult Secretary-Brittany Stangle

Adult Treasurer-Michele Honomichl

The Oakland County 4-H Horse Council meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Fair Office Community Room. This group provides guidance and leadership in developing and managing the county 4-H horse project, based on the needs as well as the interests of youth. Meetings are open to anyone interested in the 4-H horse program!

The Oakland County 4-H Horse Council along with the 4-H office, supports and coordinates many equestrian programs and activities throughout the year, including the tack sale, educational events, horse shows, mentor programs, camps and recognition events. For more information, please contact Deb Morgan at morga194@msu.edu

2024 Outbound Programs

Welcome to Outbound 2024! Curious which countries States' 4-H will be venturing to in 2024? Here they are! Argentina, Costa Rica, Japan, Korea, Norway, and Taiwan!

2024 States' 4-H Outbound Program Application program deadline is December 15, 2023, at 11:59 PM PST (Midnight). For Michigan 4-H processing of applications, we need youth to apply by December 8, 2023!

2024 Online Application Link: <https://smr.to/p92010>

Interested in joining us and want to know more?

For more information:

Contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator Jan Brinn

brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 2: Oakland County Tack & Craft Sale

Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg

Come shop for one of a kind unique holiday gifts! Admission to the sale is \$1. All are welcomed to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10111-8-23

December 12: Wild Spartans – Casting for a Career in Coldwater Conservation

Online

Dive into the Great Lakes and rivers to explore their coldwater residents! Meet the Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, Jamie Vaughan. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

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

MSU Extension Listening Session Series

Various locations

MSU Extension is holding a series of public listening sessions. Through these sessions, MSU Extension hopes to gather input on where the organization is, what they do well, and where there are opportunities for improvement. This feedback will be used to help shape MSU Extension's priorities and service for years to come. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

- **Dec. 11 - Marquette** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Northern Center, Northern Michigan University
- **Dec. 12 - Grayling** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Kirtland College Event Center
- **Dec. 13 - Frankenmuth** - 4:30-7 p.m. - Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center
- **Dec. 14 - Muskegon** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Muskegon Community College
- **Dec. 18 - Kalamazoo** - 4-6:30 p.m. – Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center

Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Walk-in registrations may be limited due to facility capacity. Register now at events.anr.msu.edu/listeningseries.

Kettunen Center Inventory Closeout

Kettunen Center was the first 4-H volunteer and youth training center in the nation, owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation from 1961 to 2021. The center's remaining merchandise, such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, mugs and more, is now available for sale! We know the Kettunen Center meant so much to the 4-H community and this is an opportunity to purchase something by which to remember the center. Purchase yours today at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/shopkett/>.

KETTUNEN CENTER MERCHANDISE SALE

SHOP NOW





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension announces statewide public listening sessions

Adapted from: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/msu-extension-announces-statewide-public-listening-sessions-in-november-and-december>.

Whether it's supporting the dedicated professionals who drive the state's agriculture economy or empowering children to develop leadership skills, helping others is central to the mission of Michigan State University Extension, the community outreach arm of the university.

"Service is at the core of who we are," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "As we think strategically about our organization, we value input from those we serve most of all."

With that in mind, MSU Extension is holding a series of public listening sessions at various locations across the state as part of an ongoing strategic direction process. These sessions will begin in late November and continue through mid-December.

Through these sessions, the organization hopes to gather input from a diverse group of people to determine where MSU Extension is, what is working well and opportunities for improvement. This feedback will be used to help shape MSU Extension's priorities and service for years to come.

Each listening session will begin with a welcome from MSU Extension leadership and staff. Then, participants will be divided into two groups – external participants and partners will gather in one room, and MSU Extension faculty and staff will gather in another. In each of these rooms, participants will be invited to share their perspectives and insights through a series of facilitated activities. Questions will center on topics such as: emerging social, economic, and other trends that participants expect will impact them in the future; what participants know MSU Extension for; what participants believe MSU Extension does well, and what they think can be improved; and what participants envision a thriving MSU Extension would look like in the future. Common themes heard from participants will be identified and reflected to the entire group for each activity.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend – youth, parents, community and statewide partners, all MSU Extension-affiliated faculty and staff, and curious community members. Translation and interpretation services, as well as other accommodations, may be available upon request.

Listening Session Locations and Dates:

- **Nov. 28** - Detroit - 1-3:30 p.m. - MSU Detroit Center
- **Nov. 28** - Troy - 6-8:30 p.m. - Troy Continuing Education Building
- **Nov. 29** - East Lansing - For public attendees only, 9-11:30 a.m. - Hannah Community Center
- **Nov. 29** - East Lansing - For MSU Affiliated Staff only, 1-3:30 p.m. - MSU Campus, Conservatory
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