



February 9, 2024

# 4-H Family News

Ingham County



## Ingham County 4-H New Members

We would like to extend a welcome to the following new members:

- **Kennedi Frey** - Happy Hustlers 4-H Club
- **Carsen Lewis** - Happy Hustlers 4-H Club
- **Kadon Ridenour Wilson** - Golden Stride Riders 4-H Club and Ingham County Sharpshooters 4-H Club
- **Saadat Sardakbekova** - General 4-H Experience
- **Clenia Hansen** - Dansville Wranglers 4-H Club
- **Therese Hansen** - Dansville Wranglers
- **Riley Schnabelrauch** - Blue Ribbon 4-H Club
- **Molly Tobin** - Inspire U 4-H Club
- **Evelynn PaulRice** - Blue Ribbon 4-H Club

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**Ingham County 4-H**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/Ingham4Hyou>

## Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

[Reserve your free tickets today!](#)

Feb. 24, 2024

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# Congratulations to Youth Participating in State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

**Best In Show Rabbit – Luke Koppin with a New Zealand  
Reserve In Show Cavy – Elizabeth Leibrand with an American Satin**

## **Educational Display**

- Elizabeth Liebrand – 3rd place Senior Division

## **Rabbit Showmanship**

- Emma Roberts – 1st place Senior Division
- Brady Crum – 9th place Pre-Intermediate Division
- Blake Crum – 5th place Junior Division

## **Cavy Showmanship**

- Elizabeth Leibrand – 4th place Senior Division

## **Best of Breed**

- Elizabeth Leibrand – American Satin
- Luke Koppin – New Zealand

## **Best Opposite of Breeds**

- Blake Crum – Dwarf Hotot

## **Best of Variety**

- Elizabeth Leibrand – American - Satin Ticked Solid
- Ellie Koppin – American - Agouti
- Ellie Koppin – American - Tan
- Elizabeth Koppin – American - Ticked Solid
- Luke Koppin – New Zealand - White

## **Best Opposite of Variety**

- Elizabeth Leibrand – American - Ticked Solid
- Blake Crum – Flemish Giant – Sandy
- Luke Koppin – New Zealand- Black







# Let's Get Creative in 4-H!

Sponsored by the Ingham County 4-H Still Life Committee

Discover your creativity and talents while developing your own creations!

February 6 - Valentines Day Cards

Draw a Valentines Day Picture with dice

Create a button of so many buttons

No Bale Cookies

February 20 - Felting - create a work of art with wool fibers

Create a Decorative Calander

February 27 - Crafting with Beads and Buttons

Muslin Painting

Freezer Jam

**Choose to participate in one or all!**

**R.S.V.P. 1 week before to ensure supplies**

**Glenda at**

[weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu) or

(517) 676-7303



**Tuesday  
Night  
Schedule  
6:00 - 8:00**

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## 4-H Still Life Sale Workshop (all youth 8 to 11 years)



- **Thursday,  
February 22,  
2024**
- **6 - 7:15 pm.**
- **Hillard Building,**
- **121 E. Maple St.,  
Mason**



**Dinner (chicken nugget & brownie sundae served**

\*Registration is required for the dinner. To signup, contact the Ingham County 4-H Office, 517-676-7303 or [weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu)

Join your 4-H friends for dinner and brainstorming about the 4-H Still Life Sale

The 2023 Ingham County 4-H Still Life Sale set a new record because of each of you!

We look forward to your participation, creativity and input in this workshop to make the 2024 Sale even better!!

The focus will be on teen input from past Sales in order to enhance the 2024 Still Life Sale at the Ingham County Fair including:

- selecting a project that will sell well
- identifying your buyers
- promoting your Sale entry
- teen leadership



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**STEAM PROGRAMS**

Seeking Volunteers  
Spring/Summer 2024

- Trail Cameras
- Michigan Wildlife
- ECO Challenges at  
Bancroft Park

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**HESSE-EARL YOUTH FISHING PROGRAM**

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR 2024 PROGRAM**  
MAY 4, 11, 18; JUNE 1, 8, 15

Volunteers are needed to offer hands-on activities and supervision during the Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program. Join us and help for an hour or the entire program. Please contact Rachel Ochylski, Ingham County 4-H Program Coordinator, for more details.

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**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

**QUIET ADVENTURE SYMPOSIUM**  
MARCH 2, 2024

To offer assistance with tasks on activities and supervision to youth during the Quiet Adventure Symposium, volunteers can come for an hour or the entire event based on your availability.

Please Contact Rachel Ochylski  
Ingham County 4-H Program Coordinator  
for more details.  
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**quiet adventures symposium**

The Quiet Adventures Symposium is an annual gathering for the joy of exploring recreational outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship.

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# Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan agriculture. While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is the fourth annual competition testing both youth and adult competitors' broad knowledge of Animal Science.

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm Eastern**  
**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am Eastern**

## NO QUALIFIERS

- EVERYBODY COMPETES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

## NEW CATEGORIES

- LARGE ANIMAL (COMBINED: BEEF, DAIRY, EQUINE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS)
- SMALL ANIMAL (COMBINED: DOGS, RABBITS/CAVIES, AND POULTRY)
- NUTRITION
- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
- MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)

## LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS

- NOVICE: 25 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (125 TOTAL) *WAS 150 PREVIOUSLY.*
- JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) *WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.*
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) *WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY.*

## REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- YOUTH REGISTRATION: <https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/>
- ADULT REGISTRATION: [https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0rHvZQzj93dmM2](https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rHvZQzj93dmM2)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon>



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# REGISTRATION OPEN!

## MICHIGAN 4-H State Hippology Contest

March 16, 2024 at Michigan  
State University

The annual Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest allows youth in horse and pony projects to test their equine knowledge.

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to participate in the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest. Cloverbuds, Junior and Senior divisions as well as Junior Novice and Senior Novice allow for youth to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/EVENTS/MICHIGAN-4-H-HIPPOLOGY-CONTEST-2024](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024)



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**4-H VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB**  
For Youth Ages 11-19

February Book:  
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson  
In Honor of Black History Month

Explore a new book each month with a virtual group discussion at the end of the month. The club will also explore creative writing, careers in literature, library science, author studies, project exhibit ideas and more.

Join the Club at <https://v2.4honline.com>,  
Select SPIN Club 4-H Virtual Book Club



Registration is now open! 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

Where? Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

When? July 28-Aug 3, 2024

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/)

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**CLICK INTO YOUR FUTURE**  
With 4-H Future Squad

Renting 101-Mon, February 12  
Navigating Relationships-Mon, February 26  
MSU College Admissions- Thurs, March 14  
Cultivating Leadership-Thurs, March 28  
Mindfulness and Mental Health-Mon, April 8  
Voices of Influence - Public Speaking-Mon, April 29  
Creating a Network & Pitching Yourself-Thurs, May 9  
Last Meeting-Mon, May 20

All sessions 7:00 pm –8:00 pm

Your future is bright! Explore your interests, make new connections, and build skills for your future with 4-H Future Squad! Youth 12-19 are invited to join this virtual club, meeting twice monthly, to dive into their futures!  
Visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/> for more information!

[Join 4-H Future Squad Here](#)

**4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE CAREER QUEST**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024**  
**MSU ANTHONY HALL**

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**EXPLORE THE FARM THROUGH THE SEASONS**

Date: February 24  
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am  
Topic: All About Goats – jump in the goat pen and build something for the goats. Learn about how to prevent disease and biosecurity.

**WORKSHOP SERIES**

**CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST**

Write a 300 word essay about budgeting for a chance to win \$100

**Due February 29**

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Extra Credit UNION



**Michigan 4-H  
Spring Livestock Workshop 2024**

**March 2, 2024**

**Anthony Hall, 474 S Shaw Lane  
East Lansing, MI 48824**

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 breakout sessions. Session topics could include intro to your species project, animal evaluation, marketing your livestock project, and more!

Contact: Autumn Converse, [conver20@msu.edu](mailto:conver20@msu.edu)

**Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar:  
Group Management  
For 4-H Clubs and Groups**

March 18, 2024 ~ 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ~ Zoom ~ [Register](#)  
Or

March 18, 2024 ~ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM ~ Zoom ~ [Register](#)

Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.



**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN**  
DATES: MARCH 17-19

[Registration & Information](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)

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**Join Michigan 4-H for the  
Winter/Spring 2024  
Adulting 101 Series**

Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships- February 12 at 5pm 

Keeping Your Money Safe- March 19 at 6pm 

Cover Letter and Resume Writing- April 10 at 6pm 

Build and Protect Your Credit- May 15 at 5pm 

**Webinars are free. Register online.**

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# Project F.I.S.H. Fishing Instructor Training

MSU Campus  
Room 152 Natural Resources Building

February 27th and 28th, 2024  
9:30-4:00 each day

Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife invites teachers, educators and volunteers to 2 days of:

*“Place Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education”.*

This workshop is open to anyone, even those who may want to learn a bit more about fishing to be able to volunteer for local fishing events, or even teach your own family!

Coordinated through Michigan State University’s Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, this workshop is a partnership with MSU Extension, MSU 4-H Youth Development, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, schools, and community service organizations and many others to educate young people about our natural resources through FISHING.

This is a workshop based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or in an after school setting. The workshop is partially funded through the **BOSCH Community Fund**, grants, and donors to Project F.I.S.H. (lunch will be provided)

## Cost for the Workshop is only \$75

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu), or Early registration will insure your participation, space is limited.

Registration info at <http://www.projectfish.org/pfworkshopanrweek2024.pdf>

You can register online at

[https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu\\_3804](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3804)

Registration deadline: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024





# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## 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/](http://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/](http://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](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).