



# 4-H Family News

Oakland County



## Tack & Craft Sale!



**2023 OAKLAND COUNTY  
TACK & CRAFT SALE**

*\*\*HOSTED BY OAKLAND COUNTY 4-H HORSE COUNCIL\*\**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**  
**10AM - 2PM**  
SPRINGFIELD OAKS ACTIVITY CENTER  
12451 ANDERSONVILLE ROAD, DAVISBURG, MI 48350  
**ADMISSION \$1**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

### 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: Debbie Morgan at 248-347-3860, ext. 279 or [morga194@msu.edu](mailto:morga194@msu.edu)

**\*\*Hosted by Oakland County 4-H Horse Council\*\***

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## Achievement Awards- Save the Date!

**SAVE THE DATE – January 20, 2023 - 4-H Achievement Awards!**

The [Oakland County 4-H Awards Portal](#) is live and **applications are due November 30, 2023. More details to follow soon!**

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. Please use the portal above to learn about each award.

### Youth & Adult Awards

[Spark Award \(Youth\)](#) Age: 5-19

[4-H County Medal \(Youth\)](#) Age: 10-19

[Michigan 4-H Key Club Award \(Youth\)](#) Age: 15-19

[AYF National Leadership Award \(Nomination\) \(Youth\)](#) Age: 15-18

[4-H Volunteer Years of Service \(Adult\)](#)

[4-H Lifetime Achievement Award \(Nomination\) \(Adult\)](#)

### 4-H Club & Group Awards

[4-H Club Community Service Award](#)

[4-H Club Standards Award](#)

### Other Awards & Recognition

[Friend of 4-H Award \(Nomination\)](#)

[Thomas Schneider Global Citizenship Award](#)

For questions, please contact Cheyenne Shields [shield69@msu.edu](mailto:shield69@msu.edu) or 248-858-0435



## Successful Fundraiser for Tollgate Farm 4-H Club!



4-H Club members at Tollgate Farm worked hard to prepare for their fundraiser at Pumpkin Fest! They made goodies such as goat milk soap, dehydrated veggies grown on the farm, flower bouquets, granola and muffins to sell at Pumpkin Fest to raise money for their club.

Featured in this photo are club members Dulcie MacQueen, MollyAnne MacQueen, Zainab Ali, Lucy Dely and Susan Dely. Way to go, 4-H Tollgate Farm club members!



## 4-H O.C Sport Rocket Club Looking for Members!

Oakland County Sport Rocket 4-H Club is looking for new members to join the club! Members will **BUILD** and **FLY** their own model rocket! For members 8-18 years old. No previous experience is needed.

If interested, please contact Ron Bieri at [bierirp@charter.net](mailto:bierirp@charter.net) 248-627-6031 or Ken Meek 248-225-9267 



## Congratulations to Kate Bell!

Congratulations to Kate Bell, for winning the Oakland County 4-H Volunteer award at the 2023 Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards at Michigan State University. Kate has been an active and dedicated member of the 4-H community at Bowers Farm for several years. Click on link to see her featured in the Bloomfield Hills newspaper!

<https://www.bloomfield.org/about-bhs/news-and-spotlights/news-posts-page/~board/district-news/post/bowers-farm-manager-kate-bell-wins-4-h-award>



## Come Join the Fun at Novi Pet Expo! December 8-10, 2023

4-H is at the Novi Pet Expo, Friday thru Sunday, December 8-10, 2023 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>

For more information, contact Deb Morgan at [morga194@msu.edu](mailto:morga194@msu.edu)







## 2024 Oakland County Fair Junior Fair Board Application Process

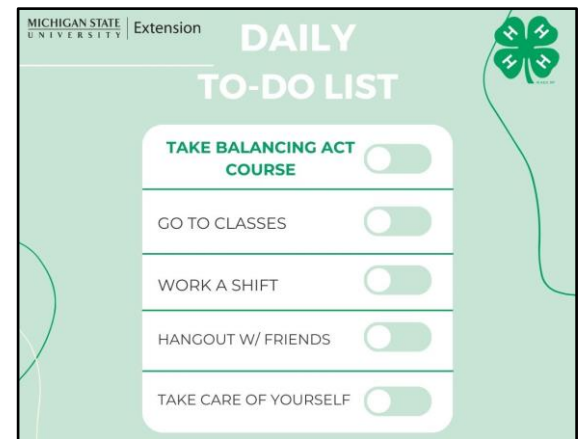
For youth fair exhibitors age 13-21 (as of 1/1/24 – Fair age) interested in the planning, preparation, and presentation of the annual Oakland County Fair, please find application info at:

<https://www.oakfair.org/p/getinvolved/2022-2023-oakland-county-fair-junior-advisors>

## Balancing Act: Self Guided Course for Youth!

Youth today can have a lot going on including work, school, a social life, family, extracurricular activities, and self-care. This interactive, self-paced, online class will share information on how to find balance in life with competing options and obligations. Learn about ways to stay organized and manage your time, the importance of building a supportive social network, options for working as a student, avoiding burnout, and getting academic support and enrichment to round out your education. With opportunities to reflect and apply in your own life, you will leave with tips to find balance in your Wheel of Life! Add this course to your To-Do list and complete at your own pace. Find out more and take the free virtual class at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/balancingact>



## Exploration Days 2024 is in Need of Instructors

Michigan State University Extension 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. The 2024 event is set for June 19-21, 2024 on the campus of Michigan State University. Must complete the MSU Volunteer Selection Process. Contact office for assistance on applying!

What are the benefits to you as an instructor? You will get to:

- Share your passion and knowledge about a topic important to you and youth
- Support youth experiencing college life on the campus of Michigan State University

**Please use this link to complete the survey for each session (or free time activity) you wish to have considered:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3fmWPGJ4EoO9bdI](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fmWPGJ4EoO9bdI)

If you need assistance with the survey, have questions, or would like to brainstorm session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please send an e-mail to: [4h.expodays@msu.edu](mailto:4h.expodays@msu.edu)



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse).

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at [www.canr.msu.edu/global\\_cultural\\_education/resources](http://www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources).

### November 8: Adulthood 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

Online

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23)

### November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

Online

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. Learn about his work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

[events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/)

### November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H 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 for the convenience of volunteers.

**12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences)

**7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm)

### November 28: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/Michigan4H](http://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H). To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h).

## Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).