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4-H Family News

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY



WELCOME TO THE TEAM, KAYLA!

Dear 4-H Members, Volunteers, and Families:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kayla Mitchell, and I am the new 4-H Program Coordinator.

I was born and raised here in St. Joseph County. I graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Agribusiness Management and classes specializing in Agronomy. I was a 13-year 4-H member, participating in everything from livestock to still projects, and 7-year Beef Project Leader. My favorite thing about 4-H is how it brings the community together. In my spare time, I enjoy hunting, fishing, and road-tripping with my dog, Bear.

To say that I am excited to work and grow with all of you would be an understatement! I am honored to be able to give back to the program, and the county, that has given so much to me over the years. My door is always open. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,
Kayla Mitchell
4-H Program Coordinator
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FRIENDLY REMINDER:

It is important to be kind to one another!

“Create a welcoming environment for all...bring your best self...create a safe environment...be a team player...be a positive role model...” - Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct.

This applies to youth, volunteers, and parents/guardians alike. It is expected and required to abide by this code of conduct in order to participate in the program in *any* capacity. Let's do all of this and have fun in 2023!

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
6	7 Youth Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED Sheep Post-Fair Mtg 6:30 p.m.	11 Veteran's Day OFFICE CLOSED	12
13	14	15	16 Dairy Cattle Post-Fair Mtg 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21	22 Goat Post-Fair Mtg 6:30 p.m.	23	24 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED @ 1:30 p.m.	30 Beef/D Beef Post-Fair Mtg 6:30 p.m.	December 1 Livestock Assoc Mtg 6:30 p.m.	2	3
4	5 Youth Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6 Horse Council Mtg 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 New Year's Eve
January 1 Welcome 2023!	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

St. Joseph County



4-H Youth Council

2022 St. Joseph County, MI Plat Book & Land Atlas

2022-2023 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for 2022-2023 is now open at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

If you know someone who wants to become a 4-H volunteer, they will need to go to https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home and register where they will then complete the application.

Are you looking for a Christmas present for someone special? Think about purchasing a plat book.

The Youth Council is selling 2022 St. Joseph County Plat Books for \$40.00 each (cash or check). Books are available for purchase at the MSU Extension office or contact a Youth Council member to get your copy.

2022 TROPHIES AT THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the 2022 St. Joseph County Grange Fair. Below is the list of 4-H members that have a trophy/award that is available for pick up at the MSU Extension office.

Mattea Bingaman	Gwendolyn Gentz	Lauren Lindsey
Katelyn Brott	Kiana Gray	Arianna Nieves
Gavin Brueck	Joshua Groff	Ben O'Connell
Emma Garbine	Berkley Holtz	Logan Ware

4-H MEMORIAL PARK BRICKS



Have you ever been to the 4-H office at the fairgrounds? If so, you most likely went through the 4-H Memorial Park to get there. Engraved bricks that have been purchased to recognized someone, thing, or event have been installed at the main walkway to the office. You can donate a brick as well by completing the included form or by going to the following website [https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/uploads/files/Donate-A-BrickDonationForm\(fillable\).pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/uploads/files/Donate-A-BrickDonationForm(fillable).pdf) and returning it with the donation amount to the MSU Extension office.



Donation Form

Brick No(s) _____



4-H Donate-A-Brick Program

(brick(s) will be placed in 4-H Memorial Park in time for the upcoming Fair if received by May 31)

Mail or deliver completed donation form and a check made payable to St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council to the MSU Extension office by May 31 in order for bricks to be in place by the upcoming Fair. The MSU Extension Office mailing address is as follows: 4-H Donate-A-Brick Program, c/o MSU Extension, 612 E. Main St., Centreville, MI 49032 (Form may be reproduced for additional donation/brick orders.)

Donor Name _____ Donor name as you would like it to appear for publicity purposes.

Contact Person/Title _____ Please complete if business/organization.

Complete Address _____ Street/P.O. Box No. City State Zip Code

Home Phone No. (____)_____ Work Phone No. (____)_____

Instructions: Please check the 4-H Youth Program monetary contribution you would like to make, then complete the brick engraving information needed. (Personalization ideas include "In Memory of", "In Honor of", "Dedicated to", etc.)

\$50 Donation: Donor receives a 4 in. x 8 in. brick engraved with two (2) lines of text (maximum of 13 characters per line including spaces and punctuation).

Grid for engraving text on a \$50 brick (2 lines x 13 columns)

\$100 Donation: Donor receives an 8 in. x 8 in. brick with four (4) lines of text (maximum of 13 characters per line including spaces and punctuation).

Grid for engraving text on a \$100 brick (4 lines x 13 columns)

+ Write in additional cost of \$2.00/brick if 14 or 15 characters are needed for one or more lines of text (versus the standard 13). Record extra characters at end of appropriate line(s).

+ Write in additional cost of \$5.00/brick if an additional line of text is needed for one or more bricks. Record text for additional line below appropriate fill-in grid. Limit of one extra line per brick.

= Write in total amount of contribution, including any extra engraving costs if applicable.

Important Note: Your contribution to the 4-H Donate-A-Brick Program is tax deductible if you itemize your deductions on your federal income tax form. Your cancelled check will serve as documentation of your donation. (Receipts are available upon request.)

Office Use: Receipt No. _____ Date Received ____/____/____ Check No. _____ Amt. \$_____



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

Save the Date 

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
Saturday, January 28, 2023

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture
and Livestock Education

4301 Farm Ln
East Lansing, MI



Enter Day of Show

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 28, 2023, at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing.

This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19.

Participants must enter the day of the show.

To be eligible to enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they wish to enter.

For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023>.

November 3: 4-H in the Kitchen – Whodunit Edition

Baldwin, Scottville or online

Get your sleuth on and explore a world of mystery, intrigue, and espionage. 4-H in the Kitchen will explore the world of forensic science by learning how to prepare a pair of dishes inspired by some of the best mystery writers of the past 30 years. This will be a hybrid workshop so participants will have the option of attending in person or virtually.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-whodunit-edition>

November 8: Wild Spartans – Exploring Michigan's Largest State Park

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! 4-H Wild Spartans Series will hike to the heights of the Porcupine Mountains and along the shores of Lake Superior as we meet Katie Urban, interpreter for the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Learn about her work and the education and career path she 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.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-november-2022>

November 17: 4-H Entrepreneurship Guidelines and Resource Training

Online

Do you want to learn more about how to run an entrepreneurship club? Do you have questions about how to handle the income and profits from an entrepreneurship project? Are you looking for youth entrepreneurship resources? This workshop is for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-entrepreneurship-guidelines-and-resource-training>

December 3-4: Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Various locations

The institute will feature a wide variety of incredibly fun and interactive sessions focused on four tracks: personal development and leadership, community leadership, global citizenship, and leadership for diversity, equity, and inclusion. The institute will be held as an overnight event in East Lansing, Mich. (Dec. 3-4), and as a day-long program in Wayne County and Kalamazoo County on Dec. 3.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spectacular-youth-leadership-institute>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday, Nov. 29

On Nov.29, Michigan 4-H is once again participating in Giving Tuesday.

The Giving Tuesday movement is a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that make 4-H so extraordinary.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Giving Tuesday by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

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 are funds created by gifts from one or more donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. These endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs, where the principal amount remains intact and the investment income supports annual needs for a county 4-H program.

Every dollar is an investment in 4-H! Learn more about 4-H Giving Tuesday at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>.



Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute December 3-4

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is an event for teens who want to improve their communities and our world through leadership and youth power! Attending the institute will help teens gain leadership skills and approach life with their head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Attend the institute and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The institute will feature a wide variety of incredibly fun and interactive sessions focused on four tracks: personal development and leadership, community leadership, global citizenship, and leadership for diversity, equity and inclusion.

The institute will be held as an overnight event in East Lansing on Dec. 3-4, and as a day-long program in Wayne County and Kalamazoo County on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Participants who register for the overnight event in East Lansing will attend a MSU Men's Hockey game on Sat., Dec. 3, as part of the evening entertainment!

This Michigan 4-H workshop is open to ALL teens (ages 13 and older by Jan. 1, 2023) and to adult leaders who have Gold Level volunteer status with MSU Extension. Space will be limited for this workshop. Learn more at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spectacular-youth-leadership-institute>.

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.