



MAY 2023

# 4-H Family News

Barry County



## April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Many flowers and 4-H activities are popping up this May!

Look at special dates below to see what your family can participate in! 4-H events are open to all. Families are encouraged to attend to support other fellow 4-H families.

If you would like to add to monthly newsletter, please let me know.

All members that have poultry and dairy as a project please check email from RegMax regarding HPAI order by MDARD.

Sincerely,

LilyRose Arriaga

4-H Program Coordinator

### Special Dates

**Young Riders Pancake Breakfast | May 5th | 8:00am-1:00pm | VFW Delton**

**Cookies & Canvas | May 5th | 1:00-3:00pm | Delton VFW | Register on 4-H Online**

**Scrapbook Saturday | May 18th | 2:00-4:00pm | Tyden Center | Register on 4-H Online**

**Non-livestock Craft Workshop | May 11th | 9:00am-12:00pm | UAW Local 138**

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## Young Riders Pancake Breakfast- Cinco De Mayo theme!

May 5th 8:00-1:00 VFW Delton



Join Young Riders 4-H club this Sunday at the VFW in Delton for a pancake breakfast party.

\$7 for adults and \$5 for kids (12 & under). Gluten free option is available.

To learn more contact Sandy Campbell (269)-838-8604

Following the pancake breakfast at VFW in Delton is the Cookie and Canvas event.

## Cookies and Canvas Painting

After the pancake breakfast, join the Cookies and Canvas painting event for youth ages 5-12. Youth will follow painting instructor step by step to create an spectacular piece of art.

\$5 per participant. Register for this event through 4-H Online.

To learn more contact Arin Bowen (907)-740-8673



## Scrapbook Saturday



Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> stop by the Barry Extension office from 2:00pm-4:00pm for scrapbooking fun!

For \$5 participants will receive everything needed to create a scrapbook!

Register for this event through 4-H Online.

To learn more contact Arin Bowen (907)-740-8673



## Non-Livestock Craft Workshop

### Barry County Craft Workshop

Join us and make a craft to take to this year's Non-Livestock day at the Barry County Fair.

Each date to participate is \$10 per youth.

You can sign up for one craft per date except woodburning can only be signed up for session one.

May 11th 9am-12pm

WOOD BURNING

SILVERWARE  
WINDCHIME

MANDALA DOT  
PAINTING



Stop by the UAW local 138 on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm for a day filled with crafts that 4-H members can take to non-livestock day at the Barry County Fair.

Youth will get a chance to try wood burning, make silverware windchimes and create a mandala dot painting!

Use the QR below and at the bottom of picture to register. Limited number of signups, so get registered today! \$10 per youth.



Scan the code to  
save your spot!



UAW Local 138  
127 W Apple St.  
Hastings, MI 49058

## Barry 4-H Dates to Remember!

**Shooting Sports-** Practice every Thursday at Barry County Conservation Club 6:30pm

**K9-** Obedience and Rally every Monday at Barry County Fairgrounds 6:30pm. Agility and Showmanship every Tuesday at Barry County Fairgrounds

**Horses-** Test out May 8<sup>th</sup> at Barry County Fairground 6:30pm. Point show May 19<sup>th</sup> at Barry County Fairgrounds 8:30am.

**Goats-** Two options for mandatory clinic May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm or May 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am at Barry County Fairgrounds. Showmanship workouts May 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Barry County Fairgrounds 6:00pm

**Poultry-** Mandatory meeting followed by clinic June 8<sup>th</sup> at Barry County Fairground 9:00am.

**Rabbits & Cavies-** Two options for mandatory clinic, exhibitor must attend one June 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am or June 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Barry County Fairground.

**•Swine-** Initial 2cc dose **MUST** be given between May 20 and May 24, 2024. Booster dose **MUST** be given between June 10 and **NO LATER THAN** Jun 14, 2024. Get your vaccinations at the BC Veterinary Service in Hastings (269)378-8522 or South Kent Vet Clinic, Caledonia (616)891-9073.

**•Carcass-** Email BJ Donnini by June 15 to enroll in the contest. Drop off day is July 1 from 5-6:30pm at Jones' Meats. Carcass Judging is July 9 at Byron Center Meats (time TBA).

**Dairy & Dairy Feeders-** Workshop June 1<sup>st</sup> at Barry County Fairgrounds 1:00pm-3:00pm.





# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Horse Developmental Committee  
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 05.13.2024
- Goat Developmental Committee  
.....MAY meeting CANCELED
- Poultry Developmental Committee  
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 05.15.2024
- Rabbit Developmental Committee  
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 05.28.2024
- Livestock Developmental Committee  
@ Tyden Center.....Date: 07.03.2024

Committee meetings are open to all 4-H members and volunteers. It is expected and encouraged that each club have a representative attend committee meeting for each species that is offered in the club.





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- [www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/avian\\_influenza/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/)

### April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Your Local Tractor Supply*

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### May 5 – June 1

*Across the state*

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

### May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

*Online*

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. 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-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm)

### May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

*Online*

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit)

### May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

*Online*

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. 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-managing-risk-for-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



## Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock)

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading.** Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.