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## MSU Extension celebrates 4-H volunteers at 50 years



Jacob Becker, 17, of Riga a member of the 4-H Royal Clovers with his 2024 grand champion steer which was bought by Scott, Kelly and Norma Homrich for six dollars a pound at the 2024 4-H Monroe County Junior Livestock Association large animal sale which took place in the Anderson Show Arena on August 2, 2024 at the Monroe County Fair.

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MSU Extension is celebrating 11 volunteers who have dedicated 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H.

The recognition comes following National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reached 139,000 young people ages 5 to 19 last year, according to a community announcement.

"During National Volunteer Week, and throughout the entire year, we give thanks for every volunteer in our program," Quentin Tyler, director of MSU

Extension, said in the announcement. "Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they've done for our organization and Michigan 4-H'ers."

Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H provides hands-on educational opportunities that ready youth for life and work by helping them find their spark, build real world skills and become resilient, adaptable, lifelong learners. These experiences are offered through numerous

delivery models and countless program areas, thanks in large part to the generous support of more than 11,000 volunteers who gave their time to Michigan 4-H last year, according to the announcement.

Across Michigan communities, 4-H volunteers help to guide young people to beyond ready by building skills and growing confidence in after-school programs, summer camps, short-term special interest groups, year-long clubs, special events, fairs and more. As they provide hands-on guidance and real-world experience, these volunteers do more than teach skills — they serve

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## AG won't charge in student's 2019 death

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After seven years of fighting for justice, a grieving mother has been dealt another legal blow — this one from Attorney General Dana Nessel, who has refused to reopen the 2019 criminal case of the death of her son, even though she believes that foul play led to his death.

Denis Preka, a Grosse Pointe Farms college student, died one day shy of his 22nd birthday after friends allegedly slipped him a lethal dose of drugs, laughed at him as he slid into delirium over four hours, all while livestreaming his suffering and death on Snapchat.

Toxicology results showed he had 80 times more than a fatal dose of "Molly" (MDMA) in his system. During his ordeal, no one called 911.

"The Attorney General sympathizes with the Preka family and agrees with their belief that foul play led to Denis's untimely death. However, as we explained to Denis' family, we do not believe we can prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt ..." Nessel spokesperson, Kimberly Bush, said in a statement to the Free Press on Friday, April 24. "We recognize the pain that his family carries and regret that this outcome does not make it any easier."

To date, no one has been held criminally liable for Preka's death. One man was initially charged and held on a \$1 million cash bond for two years. But the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office dismissed the charges in 2022 on alleged prosecutorial misconduct grounds, and because a judge had ruled the Snapchat evidence was inadmissible.

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An undated photo of Denis Preka, 21, of Grosse Pointe Farms, a University of Detroit Mercy student who died in 2019 after his friends slipped him "Molly," police said, then mocked his reaction and posted videos of his suffering and death on Snapchat.

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## Port Sanilac Fourth of July parade schedule

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Port Sanilac will mark Independence Day with its annual Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks on July 4, according to a community announcement from the Village of Port Sanilac Parks & Recreation Committee.

The Fourth of July Parade is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., with participant lineup starting at 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Mary's Church.

Parade organizers ask participants to arrive on time to allow for proper staging and organization, according to the announcement.

Residents, local businesses and community organizations interested in participating in the parade can sign up in advance at the Village of Port Sanilac Office, according to the announcement.

The day's celebration will conclude with the village's annual Fourth of July fireworks display, which is planned to begin at dusk along the Lake Huron shoreline.

Harbor Park is typically a popular gathering spot for public viewing due to its accessibility, according to the announcement.

Village officials encourage attendees to celebrate responsibly and enjoy the community tradition honoring Independence Day in Port Sanilac.

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