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4-H Family News

Lapeer County



A Warm Hello to Fall and a New 4-H Year

Wow! Another amazing 4-H year has flown by. We have had some amazing events and activities take place this year and I have enjoyed them all and hope you have too. Be sure to complete your member re-enrollment for the 2024-25 4-H year to participate in all the fun that is being planned for this year.

Check out the inside of this newsletter for re-enrollment details and information on upcoming events.



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Save The Date: 4-H Awards and Family Bowling

November 10th, 2024

1:00pm

Almont Hideaway Lanes



4-H Families- Please join us Sunday, November 10th for the 2024 Lapeer County 4-H Awards Ceremony and Family Bowling. It will be held at Hideaway Lanes in Almont. The Awards Ceremony will start at 1:00pm and will be followed by Lunch and 2 games of free bowling. All Lapeer County 4-H members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend! There is no cost to participate in this event.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Time to Re-Enroll



4-Honline Member and Volunteer enrollment is now open for the 2024-2025 program year. Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com/> and log-in to re-enroll. If you need assistance, please contact the office. Please re-enroll as soon as possible. **Current enrollment is required to participate in most 4-H events and to be eligible for awards.** Be sure to update any changes in medical information, emergency contacts, phone numbers or emails. You can add an email for each person enrolled if members would like to receive their own email updates and newsletters. If you are unsure which clubs, you will be participating in, you may register in the club “General Experience” and we can add clubs to your profile later. If you have any questions regarding enrollment, call the office at 810-667-0341 and Tina or Sarah can help you.

County Awards: Applications and Process

County Awards recognize youth for their outstanding efforts, progress, growth, and achievements as Lapeer County 4-H members. There are a variety of awards available, and all youth can directly apply for any award that they are interested in and eligible to receive. I encourage all members to look at the awards overview and to think about applying for a county award. Youth and Parents can also nominate a leader or other volunteer or supporter for an award too!

The awards overview and all award applications are available at the 4-H office, by email or online at www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/county_awards_program

All Applications and nominations are due by October 21st.

Lapeer County 4-H Annual Kick-Off and County Info. Meeting

LAPEER COUNTY 4-H

4-H is so much fun!

JOIN THE CLUB

Annual Kick-Off and Info. Meeting

Everyone is Welcome!
New, Returning, and Interested Members!

Thursday, October 10th
6:30pm

1800 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer

Information, Prizes, Snacks, Crafts

Join Today!

To ensure enough craft supplies and snacks, Please RSVP by October 7th.

To RSVP or For More Info., Contact: Sarah (810)667-0341 or graversa@msu.edu

New, Returning and Interested Members:

Join Us to kick-off the 2024-25 4-H year! Lapeer County 4-H members and interested youth are invited to a fun filled evening of activities, snacks and information. Connect with other 4-H members, build friendships, hear about the prospects in other project areas and find out about regional, state and national 4-H opportunities.

Thursday, October 10th at 6:30pm at Lapeer MSU Extension Office. Bring a Friend or two!

To RSVP or for more information contact Sarah at (810)667-0341 or graversa@msu.edu
You can also RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/dv85fL7gBVDAf9Q69>



County 4-H News

Annual Leader Update

Annual Leader Updates are short meetings that provide important information and policy updates to Club Administrative Leaders. **Attendance during an update is required for at least one representative or Administrative Leader from every club and committee, in order for them to remain active**, however, all County 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend. Leader updates can be helpful to anyone in a volunteer role. Leader updates will be offered at the Lapeer County MSU Extension office on the following dates and times or by appointment. Please select a day from below and let Sarah know the day you plan to attend.

September 23rd at 5:30pm

October 8th at 10:00am

October 21st at 6:00pm



Annual Financial Reports and Club/Committee Paperwork

All Club and Committee annual financial summary reports, civil rights compliance and club registrations are due to the office no later than October 1st. If you need assistance, please contact Sarah prior to September 27th to allow for enough time to complete the form before the 1st. All paperwork has been emailed to the designated club/committee contact on file.

CrowdPower Campaign

CrowdPower is the MSU crowdfunding platform, which functions similarly to sites such as go fund me. However, CrowdPower is a free resource available to colleges and units at Michigan State University.

Lapeer County 4-H will launch a CrowdPower campaign on October 1st that will run until October 31st. We have a goal of raising \$2,500. 100% of the funds raised will come directly to Lapeer County 4-H.

Our goal of raising \$2,500 will assist in purchasing updated curriculums, art and craft supplies, wildlife identification items, STEM kits, gardening tools, fishing poles and gear, and much more to make the educational goals of local youth a reality.

There are many ways you can help!

- Stop by the office and pick up a "4-H Grows Here" yard sign to put up at your home or business for the month of October.
- Share the following message on your social media:
 - 4-H helps thousands of young people explore what interests and excites them as they grow through the program. From program areas ranging from arts to animal science, environmental education to engineering, and leadership to life skills, 4-H provides fun, educational opportunities that empower young people with skills to lead for a lifetime and become the foundation for future success. By clicking the link below and making a gift today, you will provide our youth more opportunities to explore their passions through Short Term Special Interest (SPIN) Clubs, Workshops/Clinics, Day Camps, Leadership Trainings and Conferences and Community Service Projects.
<https://givingto.msu.edu/crowdpower/lapeer-4h>
- Ask three people to donate \$10. We can far exceed our goal of \$2,500, if each family were able to secure just \$30 in donations.
- Share your 4-H Story! Tell people what 4-H has meant to you or your children and let them know how they can help!



LAPEER COUNTY 4-H

CLUB LEADER & VOLUNTEER

ANNUAL UPDATE & TRAINING

Choose one of the following dates and let Sarah know which day you plan to attend:

SEPTEMBER 23 | 5:30 PM

OCTOBER 8 | 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 21 | 6:00 PM

Topics Include:

- **4-H ONLINE & CLUB MEMBER ENROLLMENT**
- **FINANCIAL POLICIES & DEBIT CARDS**
- **RESOURCES FOR LEADING A CLUB**
- **VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**
- **YOUTH CONFERENCES AND TRIPS**
- **ANIMAL CLINIC SPONSORSHIPS FROM LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**
- **COUNTY AWARDS**
- **SPRING ACHIEVEMENT**
- **FUNDRAISER AUCTION** and More!



At least one adult volunteer from every club/committee must attend a leader update.

If you need to attend virtually or you are not able to attend any of the scheduled dates, contact Sarah to make arrangements.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Now Hiring: Lapeer County Americorps Member



Looking to make a meaningful impact and gain hands-on experience in youth development and community wellness? 4-H HealthCorps seeks a dedicated individual to serve as a 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator with Lapeer County. This position offers the opportunity to work alongside Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H staff in Lapeer County!

This full-time position will start on October 1, 2024, and end on September 12, 2025. You can expect occasional evening and weekend events. This full-time position will require 36 - 40 hours/week.

4-H HealthCorps is dedicated to promoting mental, emotional, and physical well-being among youth and families in our community. We aim to foster healthy habits and positive relationships through programming and family events.

Compensation and Benefits: \$18,700 living stipend, \$7,395 education award, Qualified student loan forgiveness, Health coverage that includes dental and vision, Childcare assistance.

Email your resume and cover letter to graversa@msu.edu

Now Hiring: Lapeer County 4-H Program Coordinator

Come join the Lapeer County 4-H Team and Help Youth Thrive!

MSU Extension is hiring a second full-time 4-H Program Coordinator for Lapeer County!

- Recruit, select, and train volunteers
- Identify opportunities for program promotion, expansion, and evaluation
- Promote the visibility of 4-H and strengthen public understanding of 4-H and MSU Extension programs
- Work to build new partnerships which will result in programs being delivered within schools and community groups
- Ensure that youth and volunteer audiences are reached through established and newly developed programs, including 4-H clubs, after school programs, camps, community events, youth mentoring, etc.

Compensation and Benefits: Salary \$45,900 and comprehensive benefits package
<https://hr.msu.edu/benefits/index.html>

View full job description and apply through the MSU careers page.
<https://careers.msu.edu/>

Search for posting 962207 using the Job Search field.



Current Posting
Closes 9/17

Watch for an additional job posting later this fall for a fundraiser/auction coordinator.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



Achievement: Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

Beef Science: Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

Birds & Poultry Science: Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

Civic Engagement and Service: Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

Companion Animal Science: John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

Environmental Science: Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

Goat Science: Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

Leadership: Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

Rabbit and Cavy Science: Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

Sheep Science: Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

Shooting Sports: Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

Swine Science: Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts: Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will: serve full-time, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

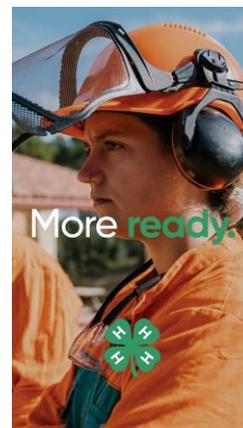
Have a 4-H Reunion — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Raise Awareness — On October 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/ that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from:
4-h.org/about/blog/
10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



For more information and registration, visit www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year-old youth in Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Club meetings for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

- 2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.



County Calendar of Events

September

- Extension Office Closed..... 9/2
- EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....9/4: 7:00pm
- Leader Update.....9/23: 5:30pm
- Horse Committee Meeting.....9/23:6:30pm
- Livestock Committee Meeting.....9/30: 6:00pm
- Council Meeting.....9/30: 7:00pm

October

- Auction Committee Meeting.....10/1: 5:30pm
- EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....10/2: 7:00pm
- Camp Committee Meeting.....10/3: 6:00pm
- Leader Update.....10/8: 10:00am
- Fall Kick Off and Quarterly Gathering.....10/10
- 2023-2024 4-H Awards Applications Due.....10/21
- Leader Update.....10/21: 6:00pm
- Council Meeting.....10/21: 7:00pm
- Horse Committee Meeting.....10/28:6:30pm
- Award Interviews.....10/28 & 10/29: By Appt.

Save the Date!

- Awards Ceremony and Family Bowling.....11/10
- Jr. Fair Board Representative Applications Due.....11/15



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_volunteers
www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_treasurers

September 4: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

Online

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure7pm-1

September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

Online

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Center, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

October 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024

October 6-12: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol

October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

Online

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm



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Learn more about how you can grow with Lapeer County 4-H!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/

Facebook: @LapeerCounty4H

