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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



Parliamentary Procedure and Officer Training: January 15th at 5:30 pm

All 4-H volunteers and youth (aged 5-19 years old) from Livingston 4-H clubs, 4-H county committee members, and volunteers are welcome to attend on January 15th at 5:30 pm at the Livingston Educational Service Agency at 1425 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843. There will be pizza and pop served. **4-H teen leaders in clubs and committees are strongly encouraged to attend.** RSVP is required for this event. Youth do not need to be serving in officer roles to attend, and 4-H Gold Volunteers are welcome to attend!

Having successful meetings using good parliamentary procedure is every members responsibility and can make meetings a whole lot more fun as well!



Please pre-register for the event at bit.ly/ParliPro4H.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Sheep, Goat, Camelid Workshop

January 8th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Parliamentary Procedure Training

January 15th at 5:30 at the Livingston Educational Service Agency

4-H Council Meeting

January 21st at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Animal Project Committee Meeting

February 4th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Livingston County 4-H Tack Sale

February 8th from 10- 2pm at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center

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Join us for the 4-H Livestock Husbandry Workshops this Winter/Spring

Do you know a 4-H'er looking to add a new livestock species to your 2024-2025 4-H project list, or looking to brush up on your livestock husbandry knowledge? Join us this winter for our free Livestock Husbandry Workshop Series! Youth can attend one or multiple sessions. The January and February sessions will cover the basics of care and showing for our many livestock projects! These sessions will not have animals present, but will be interactive!



Workshops will take place at the MSU Extension Office Conference room at 2300 E Grand River Ave, Howell MI 48843 at 7 pm on the below dates:

- January 8th - Sheep, Goats, and Camelids (Llamas and Alpacas)
- February 12th - Swine
- April 8th - Hands on Livestock Workshop *Location TBD

To help us prepare for refreshments, space, and door prizes, please RSVP at: <http://bit.ly/3TdBNYz>
Questions? Reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.

Congratulations to the New Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee Officers



Congratulations to our new Horse Committee Officers for 2025. The following youth and volunteers were elected at the November 2024 meeting.

- President: Danykah Muck
- Vice President: Ava Kraeling
- Secretary: MacKenzie Lucier
- Treasurer: Alyson Labadie
- Junior Show Coordinators: Ava Kraeling, Alyson Labadie, Hallie Wilson

- Adult Show Coordinators: Lynn Perry, Melissa Labadie
- Adult Advisors: Paula Snider, Melissa Labadie, Shelley Steadman, Lynn Perry

Thank you to all these youth and 4-H volunteers willing to step up into leadership positions on this committee. Our programs cannot function without your leadership, hard work, and dedication!



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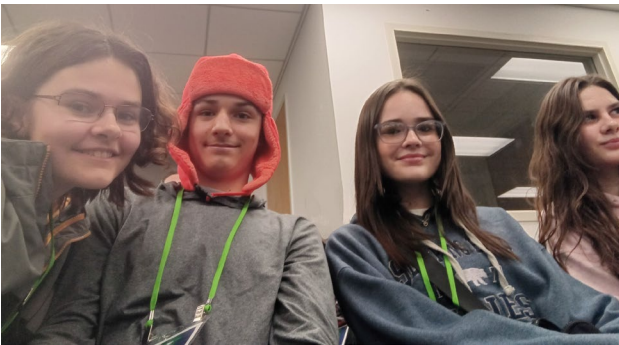
Welcome to Our New 4-H Livingston County Ambassadors

We have 3 new 4-H Livingston County Ambassadors joining us this January! Congratulations to Vincent Coppola, Ava Kraeling, and Raegan Kromer. Vincent is a member of Roots and Wings 4-H Club and enjoys applied technology and visual arts projects. Ava is a member of It's a Pleasure 4-H Club and an officer on the 4-H Horse Committee. Raegan is a member of Tri-County Kids 4-H Club and likes to participate in public speaking, culinary arts, and fine arts.



We look forward to welcoming these new 4-H Ambassadors along with our current Ambassadors who include: Ashley Baize, Ashley Bernardin, Danykah Muck, Rachel Newsom, and Emma Roberts.

Livingston County 4-H'ers Attend the Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute



This year's Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute had five 4-H'ers from Livingston County attending. This annual program provides 4-H'ers between the ages of 13-19 with an opportunity to develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, community engagement, and global citizenship.

Danykah Muck, a member of Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club, was a member of the steering committee for the event and also

attended and proposed and taught a session called "Words Have Power" with a focus on mental health. Along with Danykah, 4 youth from Roots and Wings 4-H Club also attended (pictured to the left). The club members said this about the experience:

- Gianna Coppola: "This taught me how to manage a large group of people who all have different goals and needs."
- Vincent Coppola: "I learned better communication skills to use with different types of people."
- Izzy DePugh: "My takeaway was learning how powerful your voice can be, and how much your actions can impact people positively and negatively."
- Autumn DePugh: "My takeaway was how much of an impact teamwork and leadership can have and I'm grateful for the experience."

One of the service projects at the event also benefited Livingston County when they donated handmade dog toys and blankets to the Livingston County Animal Shelter (Danykah is pictured to the right dropping off the donations). Participants also did service projects with packing and serving lunches for the homeless in the Lansing Area through Punks with Lunch and making Christmas cards for veterans.





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Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee Tack Sale: Saturday February 8th

It's time to mark your calendar for the Livingston County 4-H Hartland Tack and Craft Sale on Saturday, February 8th from 10 am – 2 pm. This Sale will take place in the Hartland Educational Support Service Center Gymnasium at 9525 E. Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843. General and silent auction proceeds will be used for the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee. This is the primary fundraiser for the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee, and we need your help to spread the word about this Tack Sale and help fund our program!

The public are invited to buy or sell and we have spaces available for 6'x8' for \$25 and 6'x16' for \$40. There is a \$5 discount for 4-H members. Tables are available for an additional \$10. To reserve your space/table, use the link below to the flyer and reservation form.



Fees are non-refundable and all reservations must be phoned or emails in with payment postmarked by February 1st, 2025. There will be a \$5 late fee for any reservations made after February 1st.

New this year! There will be a silent auction fundraiser with a drawing at 1:45 pm. Winners must be present to claim their prize.

For any questions or more information, please contact Paula at 517-404-4544 or hartlandtacksale@gmail.com. Check out the [full flyer on our website](#).

Silent Auction Donations Needed for Tack Sale



Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee needs your help for the 4-H silent auction fundraiser at their Annual Tack Sale. This is a great way for clubs and 4-H'ers to help the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee and support our horse programming. Donations can be dropped off at the Vendor/Volunteer check in table 8 am – 10 am of the sale on February 8th. Smaller items can be dropped off to the MSU Extension office before noon Friday February 7th.

Please drop off at large items at the sale as we do not have storage space in the MSU Extension Office. Many items will be on sale after the holidays that would make great donations. Horse-themed toys, clothing or gifts, or any self-care products are always a big hit. If you have any questions about donations or the silent auction, please contact Lynn Perry at lynn_perry@yahoo.com or 517-376-1164.



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Register Now for the 4-H Spark and Share Summit: March 8th in Frankenmuth

Reignite your passion for 4-H at the 2025 Spark and Share Summit March 8th at the Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center in Frankenmuth!

4-H Volunteers and teens can register for this 1-day conference where they can learn new projects and information that they can take back to teach and share in their local 4-H program at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SELeaderMeet2025/>.



This is a great event for new or seasoned 4-H leaders and 4-H members as sessions include information on Marketing your 4-H Project, Meeting Jump Starts, Fair, Effective, Efficient, and Engaging Meetings, Vermicomposting, Digging into the Science of Gardening, and more! This is also a great opportunity to meet other volunteers and youth from across the state who are also interested in similar projects.

Registration is \$50 and includes lunch and selection of up to 3 breakout sessions. A link to session descriptions is available through the registration page. The lowered cost of registration is thanks to a generous donation from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. The deadline for registration is February 8th. There are hotel rooms reserved in a room block if you want to make it a weekend!

4-H Council has funds for scholarships for 4-H events and programs if teens and leaders are interested in attending. Please reach out to Kat, krollkat@msu.edu or Jenny, speyerje@msu.edu for more information.

Rangers 4-H Club Facilitates Annual Seed Donations



The Ranger's 4-H Club received a very large donation of vegetable and flower seeds again this year. If you know someone who has a community garden, or if you need seeds for your own garden, please stop by Livingston Educational Service Agency at 1425 W Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 from January 6-9th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and pick up some seeds. Bring a bag to take home your seeds. Thank you, Ranger's for providing these donated seeds for our community!



4-H Club Happenings

Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club Participates in the Christmas in the Ville Parade

Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club participated in the Christmas in the Ville Parade in Fowlerville on December 7th with some of their horses and a tractor. Everyone, including the horses, looked very festive for this annual parade. The night was very cold, but everyone had a great time. Thanks, Barnyard Banditz for helping represent Livingston County 4-H at this community event!



Rangers 4-H Club Community Service Day & Christmas Party

For more than 8 years, the Ranger's 4-H Club has held a Community Service Day in December and decorated cookies for first responders in the county. In 2024, members decorated 38 dozen cookies, which were then delivered to various first responders in the county. Members also donated the fabric and made 26 no-sew fleece blankets, which were also given to various agencies in the community.

Additionally, each year the Ranger's 4-H Club forms a committee to plan a Christmas party. This year members planned a couple of activities, exchanged presents, and visited over refreshments. We try to get everyone involved in the activities. Members were divided into teams, and each team was assigned a Christmas character and "decorated" an adult using leftover Christmas decorations. It was fun for all ages!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attend the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & Expo



Join us for the 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo at the MSU Pavilion! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as to compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, educational display, showmanship, and new this year -skillathon.

Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 17. All other contest registrations are done onsite at the show.

Educational sessions will also be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at:
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy_show.

January 6: Online Parent Talk System Series (Mondays in January and February)

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This class is for caregivers of toddlers to teens and will take place on Monday evenings for six weeks, beginning on Jan. 6.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-january-february-25

January 14: Wild Spartans – Working my dream job with Michigan Sea Grant

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, delve into the freshwaters and skies that surround as you meet Elliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant. You'll 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 virtual series is youth ages 12-19. www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025

January 14: Adulting 101 – Decreasing Stress with Mindfulness

Online

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks related to finances, home, health or finding a career? Adulting 101 can help you learn real life skills to successfully transition to living independently. In this session, learn how stressors can affect physical and mental health and practice mindfulness techniques to use in everyday life.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025

January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automotive research and development

Online

Are you passionate about vehicles and ready to jump-start your career? Enjoy technology, robotics and hands-on problem solving? Join this webinar designed to provide valuable insight into the skills and certifications you need to excel in today's fast evolving automotive industry.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success

January 30: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building a Culture of Appreciation by Recognizing 4-H Volunteers and Youth

Online

Discover simple, impactful ways to celebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 16-18, in Lansing.

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on:

agriculture; civil rights; crime, law enforcement and corrections; education; energy, environment and natural resources; health and human services; and jobs and the economy.

The cost to register in 2025 is \$365, which includes most meals, materials, and lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



SAVE THE DATE – Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin returns on March 1, 2025! For nearly two decades, this has been exciting event attended by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers and families. We look forward to continuing this event in 2025 as 4-H'ers from across the state come together for a day of fun, comradery and basketball at MSU.

Make plans to join us on March 1 as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Gophers. Tickets will be available soon; visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin for more information.



January 4-H Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1  Extension office closed. Happy New Year!!	2  6pm - Cooking Class!	3	4
5	6  5:30, 6:30. 7:30pm - Crafty Crochet SPIN Club	7	8  7pm - Sheep, Goat, and Camelid Workshop!	9	10	11
12	13  5:30, 6:30. 7:30pm - Crafty Crochet SPIN Club	14	15  5:30pm - Parliamentary Procedure & Officers Training @ LESA	16	17	18
19	20  MLK Day Extension office Closed	21 7pm - 4-H Council Meeting	22	23	24	25 4-H Rabbit Show at MSU Pavillion 
26	27  5:30, 6:30. 7:30pm - Crafty Crochet SPIN Club	28	29	30	31	

Have a club event you want to highlight? Send it to Kat and we will try our best to add it here!

