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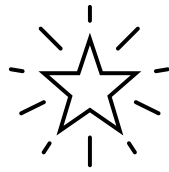
4-H Family News

Livingston County



Join us on November 8th at the Annual 4-H County Awards Program

Get ready to celebrate the best and the brightest 4-H youth, volunteers, and supporters at the Annual County Awards Program on Friday, November 8th from 6-8 pm. This year's program will be held at the 4-H Building at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds with the theme "Red Carpet." Families are welcome to come in whatever is comfortable, but youth or families can dress up if they would like. 4-H youth who attend will also be invited to participate in a runway contest using your own outfit and/or trying out some of the fun accessories provided by the 4-H staff. Light refreshments, appetizers, and desserts will be served. Even if you aren't receiving an award this year, come cheer on your fellow 4-H members, volunteers, and supporters!



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Rabbit and Poultry Workshop

November 6th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Committee Meeting

November 12th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Council Meeting

November 19th at the MSU Extension Office

Grand Equestrians Committee Meeting

November 26th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Cooking Class

December 5th at 6 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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4-H Ambassadors Applications Due November 1st



Do you know a youth between the 4-H ages of 13-18 who is interested in growing as a leader? Encourage them to submit an application to become a Livingston County 4-H Ambassador! The 4-H Ambassadors Program is for youth ages 13-18 who are interested in serving as 4-H teen leaders in our county. The 4-H Ambassadors meet about every other month and help plan our annual county awards program, an outreach program, a service project, and activities at the Fowlerville Family Fair. They also have opportunities for public speaking and serving as representatives of Livingston County 4-H. It's not all planning and business, we also do fun ice breakers and team building activities. This is a great way for youth to grow as leaders and get to know other youth in our county.

[Complete the 4-H Ambassadors application](#) and turn it back into Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu. Applications are due on November 1st!

Remembering Dale Hartwick's Contributions to Livingston County 4-H

Livingston County 4-H lost an amazing volunteer and supporter this September with the passing of Dale Hartwick. Dale Beecher Hartwick, age 95, passed away on September 11, 2024. He was born on September 8, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Harry Dalton and Marion Gertrude (Creighton) Hartwick. He is survived by his wife, Sandy of 24 years, his children Garry (Joan) Hartwick of Howell, and Roy Hartwick of Goodyear, AZ; two stepchildren, Donna McGill and David (Marilyn) McGill; along with many grandchildren and extended family members.

Dale loved his family, horses, being a union electrician (journeyman inside wireman), doing woodworking, farming and his country. His passion was starting the Livingston County 4-H Grand Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program with his wife, Carolmae, in the 1980's. The Livingston County 4-H Grand Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing equine facilitated therapy to youth with disabilities. Dale continued to support this program after the passing of his first wife Carolmae in 1993 and was actively involved along with his second wife Sandy. Livingston County 4-H is thankful for the hard work and dedication that Dale and Carolmae provided to the Grand Equestrian program and also to Sandy who continues to dedicate her time to this program.





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Livingston County 4-H State Award Winner Vincent Coppola Featured in MSU Extension Article

Livingston County 4-H member Vincent Coppola of Roots and Wings 4-H Club was featured in an MSU 4-H State Award Spotlight article in October. Earlier this summer, Vincent received the junior Michigan 4-H State Award for Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development. State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old).

Vincent joined 4-H in 2017 and has participated in many county programs and also attended state programs like 4-H Exploration Days.



“Being in 4-H has increased my interest in helping the community and has encouraged me to be a part of improving my county’s welfare,” said Vincent. You can read the [full article here](#).

Do you know a 4-H that deserved to be recognized for their work in 4-H? 4-H State Award Applications will be released in February 2025 and are a great way for youth to build real life-skills and get recognition for their work on a statewide level.

Livingston County 4-H Cooking Workshops: December and January Still Open



Back by popular demand, 4-H Program Instructor Jenny Speyer and Community Nutrition Instructor Shelley Frazier, will be hosting 4-H Cooking Workshops this October, December, and January at the MSU Extension Office.

- Thursday December 5th from 6-7:30 pm: Mac n Cheese and Toppings
- Thursday January 2nd from 1-2:30 pm: Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, and Squash Pie

These workshops are designed for ages 8-12 years old but 12-19 can also participate. Please make sure to sign up for each youth separately on the registration as we are capped at 12 youth per session. We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies.

Sign up now! https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1AmCvug9wNu439c



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



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 fall-winter for our free Livestock Husbandry Workshop Series! Youth can attend one or multiple sessions!

Our first four 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! Our final session will be a hands-on workshop covering all species except Swine - location to be announced at a later date!

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:

- November 6th - Poultry and Rabbits
- 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.

2024 Plat Books Now Available at the MSU Extension Office

2024 Plat Books are now available at the Livingston MSU Extension Office! Books include a business directory, land descriptions, general road map, municipal maps, and more. Books are \$25 cash or check made out to Livingston County 4-H Council.

This is a 4-H Council fundraiser that supports Livingston County 4-H programs. Tell your family and friends to come purchase one and help support our program. The MSU Extension Office is open Monday-Wednesday, and Friday 9 am – 4 pm, but we always recommend calling before you come to make sure staff isn't out of the office. We will be closed on Thursdays until the end of the year.

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The 4-H Horse Association hosted a trail ride in Pinckney on October 20th and members of Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club participated! Participants to this event brought their own horses or rented horses from the Hell Creek Equestrian Center. The group started at the Pinckney Staging area and had cider and donuts for all riders at the Hell Creek Equestrian Center. We are glad everyone had a great time at this fun event!

great job!!

Draw a picture of your favorite 4-H thing to do!

This section is optional.

The fair




Thank You!

Check out this fun submission for the Cloverbud Award for this year's County Awards. Jersey Wintland of Rangers 4-H Club submitted this drawing of her favorite 4-H thing to do, which is the Fowlerville Family Fair. We are also excited she featured the 4-H Kitchen! We look forward to recognizing our winners at the County Awards Program on November 8th.



November 2024 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6  7pm - Rabbit & Poultry Workshop!	7	8  6pm - County Awards Night	9
10	11  Extension office closed	12 7pm - Horse Committee Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 7pm - 4-H Council Meeting	20	21	22 MSRBA  Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion	23 MSRBA  Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion
24 MSRBA  Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion	25	26 7pm - Grand Equestrians Committee Meeting	27	28  Extension office closed	29	30

 = this event is not run by Livingston County 4-H. Please see the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association for more information: <https://msrba.net/show-schedule/>

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



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



To embrace the holiday spirit, the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover campaign has moved from its traditional October dates to November and December this year! Now from Nov. 29 – Dec. 15, TSC customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

New for 2024, you can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.



November 6: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Careers

Online

November is National Career Development Month! Learn easy activities to help youth explore career pathways and develop skills to be ready for the workforce. Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey. 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-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers

7 – 8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm

November 12: Wild Spartan Series – Behind the Scenes in the Life of a Park Ranger

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans will fly into the refuges that many migrating birds depend on for migration. Join us at 6:30 p.m. to meet Andrea Martinson, park ranger for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. 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 virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/

November 19: Adulthood 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

The Michigan 4-H Adulthood 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. In this session, explore the admission and application process and get tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/college

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Positive Youth Development 101; Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, we will explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. Learn how to support and engage with youth effectively, recognizing that each young person develops at their own pace. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to foster meaningful connections with youth at every stage of their growth.

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

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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Starting the 4-H season off right: Suggestions for the year's first meeting

Adapted from an article by Michelle Neff at www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting.

A new 4-H year has started and that means it is time to start thinking about the goals and plans for educational, inspirational and recreational activities for Michigan 4-H clubs! No matter what project youth are participating in, it is important to start the year off right!



MSU Extension has resources for volunteers to help lead and manage their 4-H club on the 4-H Club Development website, www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index. A good start to the 4-H year will allow youth members, club leaders and parents to be clear about expectations and plans for the group and be excited for what will take place. Some tips to get you started include:

- Get to know youth and adults and share about 4-H! Clubs transition from year to year. There may be members new to 4-H, youth trying new project areas, and members who have left or transitioned to different activities. Make sure everyone knows each other with a fun icebreaker activity.
- Prepare a list of activities for the year. The 4-H year goes fast and there is a lot to do in a short period of time. Preparing a list of club activities for meetings is important to ensure youth are learning the life and technical skills of their 4-H project.
- Create a calendar. Once you have your activities picked out, it's time to plan when and where it will all happen!

MSU Extension hosts successful second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On October 9, MSU Extension hosted the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We were so excited to bring this event back in 2024," said Deanna East, MSU Extension associate director who served as the event emcee. "Michigan 4-H is certainly worth celebrating every day of the year and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight this impactful program to our state's leaders."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program featured East as well as: legislative host Representative Reggie Miller; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Emma Young, policy analyst for Governor Whitmer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Everett Howell, Michigan 4-H youth from Leelanau County; and Brianna Sierra, Michigan 4-H youth from Genesee County.



Mich. 4-H youth with Rep. Miller (fourth from left).

"The Michigan 4-H program serves an incredible number of youth each year but we hope to reach even more young people in the years ahead" continued East. "Elevating awareness of the program is one of our primary goals for Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol and we believe this event will help connect more youth with our program and all that Michigan 4-H has to offer."

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H.