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# 4-H Family News

Jackson County Connections



## 4-H Registration is Now OPEN!

To enroll in the 24/25 4-H year please go to

<http://v2.4honline.com/>

**DEADLINE TO ENROLL FOR RETURNING 4-H members IS DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>!**



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## Stay Connected

\* Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

\* Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

\* Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

\* Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>

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# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## November Meetings

Monday 11: Horse Council at 7:00pm

Tuesday 12: Small Animal at 7:00pm

Wednesday 20: Large Animal Meeting at 7:00pm

Monday 25: 4-H Youth Council at 7:00pm

**SMALL ANIMAL AUCTIONS  
CHECKS ARE READY FOR PICK  
UP AT THE MSUE OFFICE**

## December Meetings

Friday 6: Leather Stamping Workshop

\*See flyer for details

Monday 9: Horse Council at 7:00pm

MSU Extension Office  
1715 Lansing Ave Ste #257  
Jackson, MI 49202

**MSU Extension Office  
will be closed on the  
following days:**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>-Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**





## Jackson County 4-H HOLIDAY LEATHER STAMPING PARTY

### DATE & TIME:

December 6th, 2024

At 6:00PM

COST: \$7

Location:

MSU Extension  
Office

1715 Lansing Ave  
Jackson, MI 49202



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All Jackson County 4-H members of ALL ages are welcome to attend. You'll learn how to stamp leather by using various tools while designing your own tree, angel & star ornament. There'll be light snacks and refreshments.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Email [waldro45@msu.edu](mailto:waldro45@msu.edu) or call (517) 788-4292

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: November 26<sup>th</sup>**

\*Pay for class day of class

Dates & details for Session 2 Intermediate & Session 3 Advanced will be out soon. Registrants for Session 2 will have had to of taken the Session 1. Registrants for Session 3 will have to of taken Sessions 1 & 2.

For any questions, please contact  
Jessica Waldron at [waldro45@msu.edu](mailto:waldro45@msu.edu)



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/)

### November 19: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

The Michigan 4-H Adulting 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H).



# 2024 - 2025 Pesticide Classes

## 2024-2025 Pesticide Training and RUP Testing Sites



MSU Extension, MDARD PPPMD, and MSU Pesticide Safety Education Program are offering in-person Core Manual review classes followed by Core pesticide applicator certification testing. Fumigation and Aerial Standard tests will also be available.

PRIVATE CORE, FUMIGATION STANDARD, AERIAL STANDARD AND COMMERCIAL CORE TESTS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL CATEGORY TESTS.

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE CORE REVIEW IS MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IN-PERSON TESTING. REFUNDS OR DEFERRING TO OTHER LOCATIONS ARE ALLOWED ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.**

The 4-hour review covers the chapters of the National Pesticide Applicators Certification Core Manual. The review is held in the morning and the MDARD exams are given that afternoon. We recommend participants read and study the Core Manual before attending the review. Copies may be ordered from: <https://npsecstore.com/pages/michigan>. County Extension offices may also have copies available. Please call ahead for availability.

**TIME:**

- 8 a.m. Check-in
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 Core review class
- 12:30 Lunch is provided
- 1:00 p.m. MDARD testing session

**REVIEW CLASS COST:** Fee for the Core review class is \$25.00. Payable to Michigan State University or MSU.

**MDARD TESTING COST:** Fee for applicator certification is paid to the STATE OF MICHIGAN. Commercial Applicator certification fee is \$75.00, Private Applicator fee is \$50.00 and Registered Applicator fee is \$45.00. Military Veterans Private applicator certification fees are waived if a copy of their DD214 is provided.

A check payable to "State of Michigan" is the only payment accepted for the applicator certification fee. **Cash or credit card payments are not accepted.** MDARD will provide a Postage paid envelopes to send certification payment. **MDARD will NOT accept payment the day of the session**

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## 2025 Regional Crop and Pest Management Updates

Learn about the latest recommendations for managing weeds, diseases, insects and nematodes from MSU Extension educators and specialists.

**Jan 10—Bad Axe, Franklin Inn**  
Contact Huron County MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949

**Jan 15—Ithaca, Gratiot Isabella RESD**  
Contact Isabella County Extension at 989-317-4079

**Feb 5—Dowagiac, Dowagiac Conservation Club**  
Contact the St Joseph MSU Extension Office at 269-467-5511

**Feb 7—Frankenmuth, SVREC**  
Contact Saginaw County Extension Office at 989-907-6520

**Feb 11—Alpena, Alpena Community College**  
Contact Isabella County Extension Office at 989-317-4079

**Feb 20—Hillsdale, Hillsdale ISD**  
Contact Jackson County Extension Office at 517-788-4292

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For more information and to register visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025CropPestUpdate/> or scan the QR code



Registration is \$40 and includes lunch and the 2025 Weed Control Guide for Field Crops

RUP and CCA credits will be available at each meeting.

