



4-H Family News

November/December
2023

Lapeer County



Join us on December 12th

6:00pm

at Lapeer MSU Ext.

Crafts, Snacks, and Fun

Learn about upcoming 4-H events and meet other 4-H members from around the county. Open to current and interested members.

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Lapeer County 4-H

Winter Wonderland

QUARTERLY GATHERING



DECEMBER 12TH
6:00PM
MSU EXTENSION
1800 IMLAY CITY RD.
LAPEER

Everyone is welcome!
New, Returning and
Interested Members!

Youth ages 5-7 must be accompanied by an adult

**Door Prizes, Snacks,
and Crafts**

RSVP by Dec 5th

For more Info. and to RSVP,
Contact: Sarah
(810)667-0341 graversa@msu.edu

Join Us to Learn More about 4-H, and
Upcoming Local, Regional, State and
National 4-H Opportunities, and More.
Make Crafts while Visiting with other
4-H Members and Volunteers.

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Ambassador Applications Re-opened



Are you interested in being an ambassador for Lapeer County 4-H but missed the application deadline?

There are currently 4 vacancies for Senior and Junior 4-H Ambassadors and several available spots on Cloverbud Court in Lapeer County. Additional Applications will be accepted until January 2, 2024. Applications are available on the Lapeer County 4-H website or by emailing Sarah at graversa@msu.edu

4-H ambassadors represent and promote 4-H, as well as assist with county-wide or statewide 4-H activities. A 4-H Ambassador is a motivated individual who seeks to become a leader, mentor and teacher, inspiring positive change in their community.

As an ambassador you will participate in community events and parades, meet with community partners, share your 4-H story with Commissioners and more.

Help Spread Some Holiday Cheer with a Community Service Project

Gifts for Foster Parents

Donate an item for a gift basket for local foster parents. We will be putting together 2 gift baskets that will be provided to local foster parents. A basket for a mom and a basket for a dad. Please drop off an item to be put in the basket by November 30th.

Holiday Cards

Make a holiday greeting card to be distributed to homebound citizens and throughout local nursing homes. You can drop off cards to the Extension Office through December 14th. There is a collection bin in the board room.

Here are a few ideas for sayings in the card:

Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

Sending Warm Winter Wishes!

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!

I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Registration for this event is almost full! Register Soon!



**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 27, 2023
10AM - 11:30AM
GOODELLS COUNTY PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Lapeer County 4-H Members
REGISTER BY DECEMBER 20TH
EMAIL SARAH AT GRAVERSA@MSU.EDU
OR CALL (810)667-0341



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- Visit with Birds of Prey
- Feel Feathers
- Explore Skulls
- Connect to the Wild
- Learn about Survival Adaptations and Behaviors

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THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP

TEEN CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED



Thumb Area 4-H Camp is currently looking for youth ages 15-19 to serve as Teen Camp Counselors from June 24th-27th in Lexington, Michigan.



Thumb Area Camp offers an opportunity for youth to share experiences in camping with activities including Great Lakes Ecology, swimming, archery, team building, skits, games, crafts and so much more.

VOLUNTEER TODAY:

Do you like to work with youth ages 9-14? Do you like exploring the outdoors? Do you want to have the best week of your summer? If yes, than becoming a Camp counselor may be for you!



BENEFITS:

- Community Service/Volunteer Hours
- Fun Training
- Hands on Experience
- Leadership Development
- Building Life Long Friendships

CONTACT US:

Contact your local MSU Extension office for an application.

- St. Clair County- (810) 989-6935
- Huron County- (989) 269-9949
- Sanilac County - (810) 648-2525
- Tuscola County - (989) 672-3870
- Lapeer County - (810) 667- 0341

APPLICATIONS DUE:

January 2, 2024



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LAPEER COUNTY 4-H

SUMMER CAMP 2024



Teen Counselors Wanted

- Fun and Adventure
- Make Memories
- Be a Role Model
- Gain Work Experience
- Earn Volunteer Hours



**Next Meeting is
December 5th at
6:00pm
at Lapeer MSU
Extension Office**

July 8-12

**Camp Lael
Lapeer**



**For more information or to RSVP for the meeting,
please contact Tiffany at
satin_chick@hotmail.com or (989)598-7660.**



Lapeer County 4-H Camp Committee

HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

Craft and Vendor Fair

Saturday

December 9th, 2023

10am – 3pm

**Free
Admission**

**Bake
Sale**

Deerfield Township Hall
30 East Burnside Road
North Branch, MI 48461

Many Holiday Gift Options!

**Proceeds to benefit Lapeer County 4-H Camp Committee
to help support camp scholarships for local youth.**

4-H offers a camp ages 5-12 at Camp Lael in Lapeer County. The Lapeer County 4-H Camp offers kids the opportunity to make new friends, learn something new, focus on personal development and ultimately have a great time.





County Calendar of Events

November

Family Skate and Awards.....	11:30am: 11/04
Auction Committee Meeting.....	5:30pm: 11/07
Ambassador Meeting.....	5:30pm: 11/20
Council Meeting.....	7:00pm: 11/20
Office Closed.....	11/23 & 11/24
Horse Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm: 11/27

December

Lapeer Camp Counselor Training.....	6:00pm: 12/05
Winter Wonderland Quarterly Gathering.....	6:00pm: 12/12
MSU Ext. Winter Break.....	12/22 - 1/02
Birds of Prey Presentation.....	10:00am: 12/27

January

MSU Ext. Winter Break.....	12/22 – 1/02
Ambassador Applications Due.....	1/02
Thumb Area Camp Counselor Application Due.....	1/02
Thumb Area Camp Counselor Training.....	1/07
MSU Ext. Office Closed.....	1/15
Ambassador Meeting.....	6:00pm: 1/15
Livestock Committee Meeting.....	6:00pm: 1/15
Council Meeting.....	7:00pm: 1/15
Horse Committee Meeting.....	6:30pm: 1/22



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension partners with legislators to host first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, October 4, Michigan State University Extension hosted the first Michigan Day at the Capitol, in partnership with State Reps. Matthew Bierlein (R-Vassar) and Reggie Miller (D-Van Buren Twp.). The event, held at Heritage Hall, showcased the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and brought visibility to its efforts throughout the state.

“Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity to educate about and bring awareness to the 4-H program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “We truly appreciate Reps. Bierlein and Miller for their collaboration in hosting this event.”

Michigan 4-H is the flagship youth development program of MSU Extension and reaches nearly 100,000 young people ages 5 to 19 each year. Through various activities, clubs, groups, programs and events, 4-H’ers are offered hands-on learning experiences where they can explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility.

“Michigan 4-H is helping to grow youth in every county of our great state but we would like to reach even more young people with the life-changing program,” continued Tyler. “We hope that our event brings us closer to that goal by increasing the visibility of our 4-H program and all that we offer to youth in our state.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees had the opportunity to visit informational booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was also held, with event hosts Reps. Bierlein and Miller delivering comments to the audience. Also providing comments were Tyler, MSU Interim President Teresa Woodruff, Genesee County Clerk Register of Deeds Domonique Clemons, who is a Michigan 4-H alum, and Lenawee County 4-H’er Lia Kurowicki.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H. To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h.

Michigan 4-H license plate proposed

On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that if passed, will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, sponsored the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State.

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

The bills were referred to the Michigan House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure. On October 11, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller and MSU Extension Associate Director Dr. Deanna East testified before the committee in support of the 4-H fundraising license plate legislation.



Reps. Miller (left) and Bierlein (right) with MSU Interim President Woodruff (center).



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension announces statewide public listening sessions

Adapted from: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/msu-extension-announces-statewide-public-listening-sessions-in-november-and-december>.

Whether it's supporting the dedicated professionals who drive the state's agriculture economy or empowering children to develop leadership skills, helping others is central to the mission of Michigan State University Extension, the community outreach arm of the university.

"Service is at the core of who we are," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "As we think strategically about our organization, we value input from those we serve most of all."

With that in mind, MSU Extension is holding a series of public listening sessions at various locations across the state as part of an ongoing strategic direction process. These sessions will begin in late November and continue through mid-December.

Through these sessions, the organization hopes to gather input from a diverse group of people to determine where MSU Extension is, what is working well and opportunities for improvement. This feedback will be used to help shape MSU Extension's priorities and service for years to come.

Each listening session will begin with a welcome from MSU Extension leadership and staff. Then, participants will be divided into two groups – external participants and partners will gather in one room, and MSU Extension faculty and staff will gather in another. In each of these rooms, participants will be invited to share their perspectives and insights through a series of facilitated activities. Questions will center on topics such as: emerging social, economic, and other trends that participants expect will impact them in the future; what participants know MSU Extension for; what participants believe MSU Extension does well, and what they think can be improved; and what participants envision a thriving MSU Extension would look like in the future. Common themes heard from participants will be identified and reflected to the entire group for each activity.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend – youth, parents, community and statewide partners, all MSU Extension-affiliated faculty and staff, and curious community members. Translation and interpretation services, as well as other accommodations, may be available upon request.

Listening Session Locations and Dates:

- **Nov. 28** - Detroit - 1-3:30 p.m. - MSU Detroit Center
- **Nov. 28** - Troy - 6-8:30 p.m. - Troy Continuing Education Building
- **Nov. 29** - East Lansing - For public attendees only, 9-11:30 a.m. - Hannah Community Center
- **Nov. 29** - East Lansing - For MSU Affiliated Staff only, 1-3:30 p.m. - MSU Campus, Conservatory
- **Dec. 11** - Marquette - 4-6:30 p.m. - Northern Center, Northern Michigan University
- **Dec. 12 - Grayling** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Kirtland College Event Center
- **Dec. 13 - Frankenmuth** - 4:30-7 p.m. - Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center
- **Dec. 14 - Muskegon** - 4-6:30 p.m. - Muskegon Community College
- **Dec. 18 - Kalamazoo** - 4-6:30 p.m. – Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center

Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Walk-in registrations may be limited due to facility capacity. Register now at events.anr.msu.edu/listeningseries. Questions? Contact Kathy Walicki at walicki@msu.edu or Marie Garcia at garci434@msu.edu.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Explore the globe with Crafts Around the World!



Curious about other countries around the globe? Like making crafts? The Michigan 4-H Crafts Around the World series provides lessons and instructions for youth to create simple crafts and increase cultural awareness.

In its latest piece, youth can learn about the European country of Norway while making a Norwegian gnome. In Norway, a gnome is called a nisse: a creature who lives in barns or homes, protecting the countryside and the people who live there.

View this activity at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/crafts-around-the-world-series-europe-norwegian-gnome-nisse.

View all the Crafts Around the World activities at www.canr.msu.edu/global_cultural_education/resources.

November 8: Adulthood 101 - Professionalism in the Workplace

Online

Participants will increase their awareness of what it means to be professional and gain tips on different aspects of the work environment to consider, including: shared workspace, relationships with coworkers, communicating and setting boundaries. This free online series is open to teens and young adults (17 and under) and youth development professionals, teachers and adults (18 and up).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood10111-8-23

November 14: Wild Spartans – Careers in the Exotic Animal Industry

Online

Jump into the world of breeding and caring for amphibians and reptiles. Meet Zach Brinks, vice president of live operations at Josh's Frogs. 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 online series is open to youth ages 12-19.

events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Youth Engagement in 4-H Experiences

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help to increase the level of youth engagement in their 4-H experiences. This series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option for the convenience of volunteers.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-youth-engagement-in-4-h-experiences7pm

November 28: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving — and support 4-H! From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate by giving their support financially or helping spread the word. Michigan 4-H has a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period. County 4-H endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs and every dollar is an investment in 4-H!

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>





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Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 2: Oakland County Tack & Craft Sale

Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg

Come shop for one of a kind unique holiday gifts! Admission to the sale is \$1. All are welcomed to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10111-8-23

December 12: Wild Spartans – Casting for a Career in Coldwater Conservation

Online

Dive into the Great Lakes and rivers to explore their coldwater residents! Meet the Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator for Trout Unlimited, Jamie Vaughan. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024dec

MSU Extension Listening Session Series

Various locations

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Kettunen Center Inventory Closeout

Kettunen Center was the first 4-H volunteer and youth training center in the nation, owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation from 1961 to 2021. The center's remaining merchandise, such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, mugs and more, is now available for sale! We know the Kettunen Center meant so much to the 4-H community and this is an opportunity to purchase something by which to remember the center. Purchase yours today at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/shopkett/>.

KETTUNEN CENTER MERCHANDISE SALE

SHOP NOW



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