



# 4-H Family News

MARCH 2023

Lapeer County



## Have you re-enrolled??

Did you know that 4-H members need to re-enroll every 4-H year (Sept 1 – Aug 31)?

Re-enrollment is easy and FREE! Visit [www.mi.4honline.com](http://www.mi.4honline.com) and log-in to re-enroll or email [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) for a paper enrollment form.

There are many benefits to being an enrolled 4-H member!

- Participate in a Community Club!
- Receive our monthly newsletter and other important email updates. (This will be the last newsletter sent to youth that have not re-enrolled!)
- Attend County, State and National Events that are only open to 4-H members. (Program Scholarships Available)
- College Scholarship Opportunities
- International Exchange Programs
- County and State Awards Programs
- Gain Leadership and Life Skills
- Make Friends and Create Community

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## Spring Achievement



**March 11, 2023 at 10am  
American Legion  
North Branch**

4-H Spring Achievement is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their 4-H projects. Projects are entered, judged & displayed during the event. This year's Spring Achievement will be held on March 11th in North Branch. Registration deadline has been extended to March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm. Forms and additional information are included in this email and available on our website at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../spring\\_achievement\\_style\\_revue](https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../spring_achievement_style_revue)

If you or someone you know may be interested in judging, please let the office know.

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## Exploration Days

Join Michigan 4-H for a pre-college summer program geared towards youth 12-19 years old. Exploration Days takes place June 21-23, 2023 on the campus of Michigan State University and allows youth to explore careers, meet new people, stay on a college campus, and learn new ideas. **Registration opens March 21, 2023.** More information can be found on [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/) and by contacting the county 4-H office. We look forward to you joining us and seeing what paths lead you to 4-H this summer! Lapeer County 4-H Council is providing a \$75 scholarship to Lapeer County 4-H youth to attend Exploration Days.

## Meats Judging

The 4-H meat science project allows you to learn about the different cuts of meat along with the trimness and quality factors that affect the safety and taste of the meat products we consume.

- » Identify the various types of meat cuts.
- » Study the effects that nutrition has on meat products.
- » Learn health regulations and laws associated with meat processing.
- » Explore careers related to meat processing.

Are you interested in learning more about the meat science project area? Want to participate in the meats judging contest in May?

There will be an organizational meeting on March 8th at 6:30pm for all interested Lapeer County 4-H members. Please contact Marie at [curellm@hotmail.com](mailto:curellm@hotmail.com) or 810-614-9390 for more information.

## Tractor Safety Course

There are a few spaces left in the Tractor Safety Course. Youth Ages 14-19 that successfully complete this approved six week safe tractor and machinery operation training program will earn an official certificate of completion from U.S. Dept of Labor. (This Certificate is only required for youth 14-15 years old to operate equipment but is a great learning experience and resume builder for all youth.)

The training will be held in Almont on Tuesdays starting March 7th. There will be a driving test on a pre-arranged Saturday. There is a \$25 program fee and space is limited. Call (810)667-0341 to register by February 28th.



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## Read with the Animals Contest! March is Reading Month.



March is Reading Month so grab a fur buddy and “pig out” on some good books! In collaboration with Lapeer County Farm Bureau, the Lapeer County 4-H Livestock Committee is sponsoring a “Read with the Animals” photo contest during March. Youth ages 5-19 can submit a photo of themselves reading to an animal (stuffed animals count too) by emailing the photo to [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) by March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Photos will be posted on the Lapeer County 4-H Facebook page from March 27-31 and the photo with the most likes will win their choice of a book bundle or \$50 TSC gift card.

Share the photo on your own social media too with #4Hreadswitheanimals

## Springtime Fun – Saturday Workshop

Springtime Fun Craft Workshop will be held March 4, 2023, 9am-12 noon at the MSU Extension Office. Snacks and light refreshment provided. For youth ages 7-12, cost \$10, workshop fee assistance is available. Register by March 2nd by calling 810-667-0341. Projects include seed paper planting, recycled arts and crafts painting, glass bead suncatcher and more.

Adult and Teen volunteers are welcome to help, please contact Jean.

## Garden Planning and Seed Starting Workshop

Saturday, March 25th, 2:00-5:00pm, in Attica

This workshop will provide information about how to start seeds indoors to plant in the garden in the spring. We will explore the benefits of starting seeds and the process to be successful, including how to test seeds for viability. Participants will also engage in the garden planning process; discovering different types of gardens and gardening methods and what to consider when planting a garden. Space is limited. Youth and Volunteers planning to volunteer with the Imlay City Spartan Community Garden this year will be given priority. Activities are best suited for ages 10 and up.

Call (810)667-0341 or email [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) to register by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to help with planning and organizing the Spartan Community Garden in Imlay City but are not able to make it to the workshop, please contact Sarah. Spring will be here soon!



# County 4-H News

## Tell Me More Tuesdays – Virtual Info. Sessions



Have you ever seen the name of a 4-H project area and wondered "what is that"? Are you new to 4-H or interested in joining but want to know more about the projects you can learn about? Join 4-H Staff to learn the basics about 4-H project areas, explore project ideas, discover resources, and gain skills for project presentation.

Every Month on a Tuesday at 7 p.m. - Virtual  
Zoom Link will be sent after Registration is Completed

- February 21 - Buymanship
- March 28 - Child Development and Child Care
- April 25 - Global and Cultural Education
- May 16 - Community Service and Service Learning
- June 13 - Leisure Education

Attend as many sessions as you are interested in.

Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/tellmemoretuesdays/>

## Horse Project Area Info. Meeting

February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Lapeer MSU Extension Office

Lapeer County 4-H Horse Project Area is looking for new members. If you love horses, please attend and learn more about the horse project area, share ideas for the program, and discuss starting a Horseless club for youth who love horses but don't own one! Youth ages 5-19 are invited to attend with a parent/guardian. Pizza will be served so please RSVP (810)667-0341.

## 4-H Summer Camp

Save the Date! Lapeer County 4-H Summer Camp will be held July 10 & 11 (Day Camp) and July 12-15 (overnight Camp). This year's theme is "Welcome to the Movies".

Youth ages 13 and older are needed for camp counselors! The next camp counselor training is Monday, April 3rd from 6-7pm at the MSU Extension office in our downstairs meeting room. For more information contact Jean at 810-667-0341 or email [kreiner@msu.edu](mailto:kreiner@msu.edu).

## Fundraiser Auction

This year's Fundraiser Auctions are scheduled to take place Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> (Celebrity Autograph Items) and Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lapeer Center Building. Profits from the auction help support the county 4-H program with camp, club activities, local and state educational workshops, conferences, leadership training, community service, college scholarships and more.

The success of the auction relies heavily on 4-H leaders, club members and volunteers assisting with collecting business donations. If you would like to help collect donations, please contact Sarah as soon as possible.

As always, we can also use volunteers on the day of the events to help with set-up, monitoring tables, greeting auction guests, registering bidders, and assisting with many other tasks. Please contact Sarah if you are available to help.



# Volunteer Information

## Volunteer Training Opportunity – Build Your Future Curriculum

You can be a future builder! Help youth gain skills in career exploration, skill awareness, interviewing, resumes and professional growth. Learn how to utilize the Build Your Future: Choices, Connections, Careers curriculum during this free webinar on either February 27, 2023 at 7pm or March 2, 2023 at 2pm. Any adult who works with youth is welcome. A curriculum set is available for active participation. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-feb27> or <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2>

## Volunteer Training Opportunity – Project F.I.S.H.

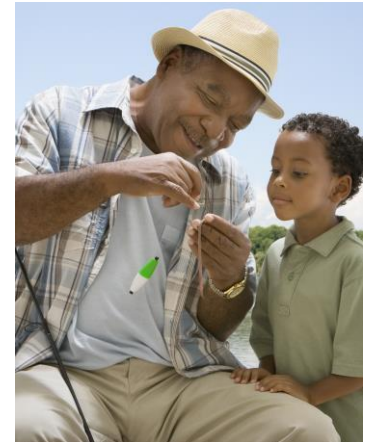
March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 4:00 both days at MSU Campus.

This is a workshop based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or in an after school setting. The workshop is partially funded through the BOSCH Community Fund, grants, and donors to Project F.I.S.H. (lunch will be provided).

Contact: Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700, [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu), space is limited.

Registration info at <http://www.projectfish.org/pfworkshopanrweek2023.pdf>

Workshop costs \$75. Reimbursement is available from Council.



## Council Openings

Lapeer County 4-H council is looking to fill 1 adult and 2 teen representative openings. Meetings are held once a month (generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month). You can attend the meetings in-person or virtually.

- Provide Guidance in County Decision Making
- Assist with Developing and Implementing County Programs and activities

If you are interested in filling one of the vacancies or would like to suggest someone, please contact Sarah at [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu) or (810)667-0341.

Information regarding Auction and Spring Achievement will be emailed to Leaders.



# County Calendar of Events

## February

Horse Committee Meeting and Pizza Party..... 6:30pm: 2/27

## March

4-H Read with the Animals Contest Begins.....3/01

Spring Achievement Registrations Due (extended).....4:30pm: 3/03

Springtime Fun Craft Workshop.....9:00am: 3/04

Auction Committee Meeting.....5:30pm: 3/07

Tractor Safety Course Begins.....6:00pm: 3/07

Meats Judging Meeting.....6:30pm: 3/08

Spring Achievement.....10:00am: 3/11

Ambassador Meeting.....6:00pm: 3/20

Council Meeting.....7:00pm: 3/20

Exploration Days Registration Opens.....7:00pm: 3/21

4-H Read with the Animals Photo Submission Deadline.....3/24

Garden Workshop: Planning & Starting Seeds.....2:00pm: 3/25

Horse Committee Meeting.....6:30pm: 3/27

Child Development and Child Care Virtual Info. Session.....7:00pm: 3/28

## April

State Award Applications Due.....4/01

Camp Counselor Training.....6:00pm: 4/03

Fundraiser Auctions.....4/14 & 4/15

Exploration Days Registration Closes.....4/20



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. 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). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).



## MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

**February 28th**  
Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

**March 16th**  
Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club

**April 13th**  
Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings

ALL TRAININGS OFFERED 12-1PM EST AND 7-8PM EST

REGISTER HERE:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series)

## Register for Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series!

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

There will be a minimum of six topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice (once as a daytime and once as an evening option). Everyone who attends at least four of the live webinars will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

The session dates and topics for the first three months are:

- **Building the Value of Your 4-H Club:** This session will focus on the key components of creating a club environment and how that leads to positive outcomes.
  - February 28, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club:** This session will allow you to learn new strategies as well as share methods that have worked for you.
  - March 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings:** Learn quick and engaging activities to make your next meeting both fun and functional. Have fun and learn ways to help everyone participate at their own comfort level.
  - April 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series).



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Win prizes with 4-H Money Contests



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, MSU Extension is coordinating two contests with an opportunity to win... money!

Youth ages 9-12 can write a short essay of 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card in the Cash Composition Contest.

Youth ages 13-19 can participate in a 30-question online challenge for a chance to win a \$25 gift card in the Show Your Money Smarts Contest.

Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts). Prizes for the contests are generously sponsored by Extra Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.



## 2023 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon Qualifiers

March 4 or 11, 2023

via Zoom

**Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management in 10 different Market Livestock Categories.**

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Poultry        | Swine             |
| Rabbits/Cavies | Dairy             |
| Dogs           | Beef              |
| Sheep          | Horses            |
| Goats          | General Knowledge |

*Contestants scoring above the minimum percentile in their respective division will be notified via email within two days of the qualifier contest that they have advanced to the State Championship on March 18, 2023.*

### Age divisions:

- ◆ Novice (8-11 years)
- ◆ Junior (12-14 years)
- ◆ Senior (15-19 years)
- ◆ Adult (20+)

*Youth competitors must be 8, but not yet 20, before January 1, 2023. Those who are 20 years and older are eligible to compete in the Adult Division.*

<b>REGISTRATION/INFORMATION:</b> <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon" style="color: white;">www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon</a>	<b>CONTACT:</b> <a href="mailto:4HSkillathon@msu.edu" style="color: white;">4HSkillathon@msu.edu</a>
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Skillathon Registration  
Closes Feb. 28th





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## Puppy Raisers are Needed!

4-H and Leader Dogs for the Blind need YOU to make a DIFFERENCE!

"Your family temporarily adopts a program puppy for eleven months until they are old enough to head off to school!"

New Launch and Rollout at our Informational Meeting

**FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AT 6:30**  
WILL ALSO BE HELD VIRTUALLY  
FROM THE LEADER DOG CAMPUS



### APPRECIATING INDEPENDENCE

The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

### CONTACT INFO:

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Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
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• LeaderDog.org
- Kristi Schreiber  
• 4-H P.C Isabella Co.  
• 4-H State Companion  
• Animal Point of Contact  
• schrei61@msu.edu  
• 989-330-5131

# Rescheduled to March 9<sup>th</sup>!

Registration is still open!

If you have never participated in the Michigan 4-H Dog Project area, you have an exciting opportunity to foster a puppy from Leader Dogs for The Blind as a 4-H Dog Project and community service opportunity. We will be having an informational meeting both in person and virtually on March 9, 2023, at the Leader Dog Campus in Rochester Hills, MI. It is a hybrid event so people do not have to travel to participate. We will start with a tour of the Leader Dog Campus, then Children and Youth Institute Director Julie Chapin, will kick off the event with talking points. We are honoring a 4-H leader of 40 years who raised 50 puppies, with 49 of them being successful leader dogs. Laura Fisher, Leader Dog puppy coordinator will explain the process of fostering and raising a puppy, with time for questions after the program.

Instead of a ribbon cutting ceremony, we are having a leash unfastening ceremony to celebrate the re-kindling of this worthy partnership. Light refreshments will be provided. 4-H had a rich partnership with Leader Dog in years past, and we would like to restore and grow that partnership. Please enjoy us for this exciting program opportunity where 4-H youth can become part of a statewide 4-H Leader Dog Puppy Raising Club!

Please use the link below to register for this exciting event!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/LeaderDogFeb23/>



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Save the date for Michigan 4-H equine events



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, be sure to mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

- March 18: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest
- April 15: Hairy Horse Show
- April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest
- August 18-20: State 4-H Horse Show

For more information on events, [www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](http://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information).

### March 2: Build Your Future - Career Education for Youth

*Online*

Adults who work with youth are encouraged to join this webinar session to learn ways to implement career education and workforce development skills with youth!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2)

### March 10: 4-H Teen Fun Night

*The Northern Center & Fox Den Restaurant, Houghton Lake*

Teens from Roscommon and surrounding counties are invited for a night of video games, basketball, board games, cards, food, fun and making friends.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-fun-night-march-2023>

### March 11-12: Tollgate Farm Maplefest

*Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Identify and tap a maple tree, tour the sugar shack, explore fun maple-themed activities, take a wagon ride, taste maple sap, syrup and sugar, and explore maple tools and technology. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, cocoa and real maple syrup in the historic 19th-century barn.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest)

### March 14: Wild Spartans Series - Upland Bird Conservation

*Online*

Meet Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Education and Outreach Manager Marissa Jensen. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023)

### March 16: Adulting 101 – Paycheck and Taxes

*Online*

Understanding why and how taxes and other items are deducted from a worker's paycheck is an important step toward gaining financial knowledge. Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23)

### March 18: 4-H Hippology Contest

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches and practical horse management. Register by March 3.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest)



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