



October 2025

4-H Family News

Lapeer County



Beyond Ready

A Warm Hello from Debbie!

Hi everyone!

My name is Debbie Studebaker, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new 4-H Program Coordinator working alongside Sarah here in Lapeer County.

A little about me: I'm married and have two wonderful children, a daughter and a son. We also share our home with three dogs and one very confident cat who rules the roost!

In my free time, I enjoy gardening during the spring and summer, bird watching, and relaxing with a good paint-by-number project. I also love hunting for treasures while thrifting and antique shopping. My home is full of great finds from those adventures.

I'm a longtime MSU Extension employee and have had the pleasure of working in several areas of Extension across Macomb and Oakland counties. For the past 13 years, I've served as a Community Nutrition Instructor, and I'm looking forward to bringing that experience to our 4-H programming. I'm especially excited about starting cooking and nutrition focused SPIN Clubs in local school districts, and I hope to launch a club for young adults with special needs in the near future.

Over the next couple of months, I'll be attending committee and council meetings with Sarah, and I'm really looking forward to meeting YOU!



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Looking Ahead! Save the Dates:

County Award Applications Due | Oct. 15th | 4:30pm

Annual Awards Ceremony | Nov. 2nd | 1:00pm | Gerlach's

Jr. Fairboard Applications Due | Nov 5th | EMSF

Spark & Share Summit | March 7th | Frankenmuth

Spring Achievement | March 14th | TBD

Fundraiser Auction | April 17th and 18th | Bells Event Center

Exploration Days | June 24th-26th | MSU Campus

Lapeer County 4-H Day Camp | July 8th-10th | Camp Lael

Eastern Michigan State Fair | July 28th – August 1st | EMSF

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H County Awards Ceremony at Gerlach's



LAPEER COUNTY 4-H

4-H Awards Ceremony and Family Bowling

November 2nd, 2025
1:00pm
Gerlach's Bowling Center - Lapeer

Awards Presentation, Lunch, Dessert, & Bowling

FREE FOR ALL CURRENT 4-H MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

RSVP Required by October 27th.
<https://tinyurl.com/awardsbowl>



*** THIS IS A LOCATION CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PROMOTIONS!***

This year's awards ceremony will be held at Gerlach's Bowling Center in Lapeer. Please arrive at 12:30. The Awards Ceremony will start promptly at 1:00pm and will be followed by lunch and 1 hour of Free Bowling. Please RSVP for Lunch and Bowling at <https://tinyurl.com/awardsbowl>

You can also call the office or email and let me know how many people from your family plan to attend, it will help to ensure there is enough Lunch for everyone!

There is no cost to participate in this family friendly event. At least one responsible adult must be present with each family.

RSVP by October 27th at <https://tinyurl.com/awardsbowl>



LAPEER COUNTY 4-H CAMP

SUMMER CAMP YOUTH CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

AGES 12-19

Adult Volunteers Needed too!



CAMP LAEL
LAPEER, MI
JULY 8-10, 2026

This is a day camp for campers but counselors are able to stay overnight!



*Make Memories
Be a Mentor
Build Friendships
Gain Leadership Skills
Earn Volunteer Hours*

**Meeting and Training
November 20 @6pm**

Contact Sarah if you are interested in being a counselor!



4-H Camp 2026!

Attn: Youth Ages 12-19!

Are you interested in being a camp counselor for 4-H Camp in 2026?

Join us at the Extension Office on November 20th at 6pm for our first meeting for this year!

Lapeer County Camp will be a Day Camp held at Camp Lael in Lapeer from July 8-10, 2026. Counselors will have the option to stay overnight.

Being a camp counselor is a great community service activity that can help build your work or college resume! You can gain hands on experience working with children, event planning, and more. Join us this summer to make lifelong memories!

Counselors do not have to be current 4-H members, so bring a friend!

Let Sarah know if you are interested in being a counselor. (810)667-0341 or graversa@msu.edu



Lapeer County 4-H

FREE CRAFT AND CONFECTIONS WORKSHOP

For Youth Ages 10-19



NOVEMBER 14

10:00am -2:00pm
1800 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer

**MAKE A FALL CENTERPIECE AND A
VARIETY OF MINI TRIFLES TO TAKE HOME!**

Limited Spots Available

Call (810)667-0341 By November 6th to Register. There is no fee for this workshop. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch to the workshop. Youth will need to enroll as 4-H members. MSU programs are open to all.

Lapeer County 4-H Camp Committee Presents



HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

Embrace the season's spirit and discover
a treasure trove of unique handmade crafts, delightful treats, and festive joy

*Free
Admission*

December 13

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Deerfield Twp. Hall

30 E. Burnside Road
North Branch, MI 48461

*4-H
Bake Sale &
Concessions*

Vendor Spaces Available: \$25 for 8ft. Space

For more information or to obtain a vendor application, contact
Jean Kreiner at (810) 656-1532 or email kreinerjt@yahoo.com



Profits from vendor fees, bake sale, and concessions benefit Lapeer County 4-H Camp. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.





County Calendar of Events

October

EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....	10/1: 7:00pm
Auction Committee Meeting.....	10/7: 5:30pm
Awards Applications Due.....	10/15: 4:30pm
Camp Committee Meeting.....	10/16: 6:00pm
Leader Update (RSVP Required).....	10/18: 10:00am
Leader Update (RSVP Required).....	10/20: 5:30pm
Council Meeting.....	10/20: 7:00pm
Council Bylaw Review Sub-Committee.....	10/27: 6:30pm
Horse Committee Meeting.....	10/27: 6:30pm

November

County Awards Ceremony at Gerlach's.....	11/2: 1:00pm
Auction Committee Meeting.....	11/4: 5:30pm
EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....	11/5: 7:00pm
Fall Craft and Confections Workshop.....	11/14: 10:00am
Ambassador Meeting.....	11/17: 6:00pm
Livestock Committee Meeting.....	11/17: 6:00pm
Council Meeting.....	11/17: 7:00pm
Camp Counselor/Committee Meeting.....	11/20: 6:00pm
Horse Committee Meeting.....	11/24: 6:30pm
Office Closed.....	11/27 & 11/28



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Wild Spartans!

Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will explore the unexpected world of working with wildlife in the armed forces. Join us on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 at 6:30pm EST for "Wildfire, Wildlife, and Warriors: Science Where You Least Expect It" You will meet Michele Richards, Natural Resources and Wildland Fire Program Manager with the MI Army National Guard. You'll 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. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST. Pre-registration is required: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Hey, leaders of tomorrow - if you're age 12-19 and ready to grow skills, make friends, and become beyond ready for your future, join the 4-H Future Squad!

4-H Future Squad is a virtual 4-H club that was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fifth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2025 through May 2026, virtually through Zoom. Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Club meetings for the 2025-2026 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail. This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

4-H scholarships available!

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at:

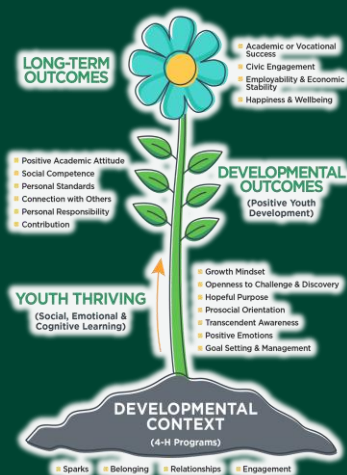
www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Why 4-H? This is a question asked many times of our youth and adults. What made you want to get involved and what keeps you coming back?

This is the SPARK of 4-H and serves as one of the four developmental context areas of the Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development. We strive to reach our members where they are and help them grow through the 4-H program.

To do this, we need to know what your spark is...

- Is there a specific project that brought you here?
- Is there a project you would like to see us add?
- Did you show up because you had friends in the program?

Reach out to your local 4-H staff to share your ideas.

October 4: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2025

October 5-11: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H in various ways!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 6: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth With Skills for Life

Online

Life doesn't come with a manual—but 4-H comes pretty close! Join Michigan 4-H State Leader Jodi Schulz for a fun and practical look at how volunteers can help young people build the skills they need to be Beyond Ready. This session will be offered twice:

- 12 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life
- 7 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-beyond-ready-equipping-youth-with-skills-for-life-7pm

October 14: Wild Spartans – Helping Others Help Nature

Online

Join 4-H staff for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This session will feature Trish Brockman, and ecologist with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., who will help to explore the world of helping threatened and endangered wildlife. Open to youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Officers in Action: Empowering Youth through Leadership Roles

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. Learn how to support club officers in meaningful ways that promote responsibility, teamwork and real-life leadership skills. This session will be offered twice.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-officers-in-action-empowering-youth-through-leadership-roles-7pm



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