



November 2025

4-H Family News

Lapeer County



**Beyond
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Happy Fall 4-H'ers!

The fall season reminds us of growth, gratitude, and giving back—values that are at the heart of 4-H. In this issue, we'll celebrate our members' accomplishments, share upcoming events, and look forward to another season of learning by doing. Let's carry our 4-H pride into everything we do this fall!



Looking Ahead! Save the Dates:

Jr. Fairboard Applications Due | Nov 15th | EMSF
 Fall Craft and Confections | Nov 14th | Extension Office
 Spark & Share Summit | March 7th | Frankenmuth
 Exploration Days Registration Opens | March 12th
 Spring Achievement | March 14th | TBD
 Fundraiser Auction | April 17th and 18th | Bells Event Center
 4-H Day with The Tigers | May 3rd | Comerica Park
 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

CONGRATULATIONS CATHERINE! - 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Congratulations Catherine Wackler! Catherine has been selected to serve a two-year term on the State Youth Leadership Council.

Established in 2015, the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC) is a statewide leadership opportunity for 4-H youth. SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and can provide youth voice and perspective on the development of 4-H programs and curricula.

SYLC members receive training in public speaking, advocacy, communication and leadership skills. SYLC is Michigan's highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members get to broaden their network and expand their knowledge of 4-H programs beyond their counties.

AUCTION

The office is starting to buzz with Spring Auction activities! Letters are being prepared for out of county and cash donors, flyers are being created, and packets are being put together for our members to use in securing donations for the auction. The auctions are the major source of funding for our 4-H Youth Program in this county and raised over \$36,000 in 2025. We are looking forward to another successful auction in 2026!



CASH COMPOSITION CONTEST



Parents & Youth Leaders!

MSU Extension 4-H is thrilled to announce the return of the Cash Composition Contest for its 6th year! Encourage your students (ages 9–19) to unleash their creativity and take control of their financial future in the Michigan 4-H 2026 Cash Composition Contest!

By participating, they'll develop essential writing skills, gain valuable money management insights, and have a chance to win a \$100 gift card! Let's inspire a brighter tomorrow by fostering creativity, confidence, and financial literacy in our young minds!

Big thanks to our sponsor @ExtraCreditUnion

Learn more here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h.../money-smart-kids-contest>



4-H COUNTY AWARDS - 2025

CLUB MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Congratulations and Thank You to all our volunteers for your service!

First-year pin:

- Tracy Annabel, Camp, and General 4-H Experience Volunteer
- Lindsey Harmon Holcomb, North Branch Finishline Livestock – Goat Leader
- Jennifer Martus, General 4-H Experience
- Shelbi Taylor Reynolds, 4-H Summer Camp
- Mary Ruhlman, Spring Achievement
- Lori Smith, Spring Achievement and 4-H Summer Camp
- Samantha Sny, General 4-H Experience
- Genie Tack, Spring Achievement
- Charlana Tack, Spring Achievement
- Mary Tack-Sheffer, Spring Achievement
- Kirsten Thomson, Spring Achievement



Five-year pin:

- Maria Brown, General 4-H Experience Volunteer
- Will Mullins, Lapeer Livestock Club Leader
- Jason Patterson, Lucky Lambers 4-H Club Leader
- Jacqueline Wellington, General 4-H Experience
- Crystal Wright, Moo Crew Dairy Club

For 10 years of service:

- Joe Ankley, Project leader for North Branch Finishline Livestock and General 4-H Experience Volunteer
- Roslyn Bader, 4-H Council Member
- Allen Rosenbalm, Spring Fundraiser Auction
- Robert Slack, Project Leader for Hot Shots 4-H Club

For 15 years of service:

- Denise Leonard, Camp Committee, 4-H Summer Camp

For 20 years of service:

- Matt Johnston, General 4-H Experience Volunteer
- Julie Slack, Project leader for North Branch Finishline Livestock

Lapeer County 4-H Advisory Council

President: Tiffany Weiss	Kris Johnston
Treasurer: Marie Curell	Jean Kreiner
Roslyn Bader	Allison Pung
Karen Aboukarroum	Janene Wackler

Congratulations to our members on their achievements and thank you for your service!

Outstanding Young Member

- Josie Swain – North Branch Finishline Livestock
- Zoey Suszko – Woodland Walkers
- Alexander Griffin – Spring Achievement
- Ellie Sudbury- Moo Crew Dairy Club

Outstanding Teen Member

- Trevor Benning – North Branch Finishline Livestock
- Isabel Craig – Moo Crew Dairy Club

County Project Pins

- Dairy – Kalley Thomas
- Dairy – Brynley Thomas
- Pocket Pets – Zoey Suszko
- Photography – Zoey Suszko
- Cooking – Zoey Suszko
- Visual Arts and Crafts – Jacklynn Schalaus
- Swine – Charles Wackler
- Goats- Catherine Wackler

4-H Summer Camp Counselors

- Kayleigh Sudbury
- Will Sudbury
- Ellie Sudbury
- Alison Wackler
- Catherine Wackler
- Jamie Stevens
- Alissa Stevens
- Riley McConnell
- Georgianna Annabel
- Jamie Kasprzak
- Aleeah Mikinka-Dechamps
- Grace Henning
- Grace Church
- Zoey Suszko
- Isabel Craig
- Alexander Griffin
- Jacklynn Schalaus
- Jules Smith
- Mina Schellhas







PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

ADULTING 101 - 2025

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful?

Michigan State University Extension's Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an “adult” through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently!



Navigating Tough Talks: Conflict Resolution & Civil Discourse - Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. ET

Learning how to manage disagreements with respect and open-mindedness is an important part of adulthood. In this workshop, youth will gain essential tools for navigating tough conversations, whether with friends, family or classmates. Participants will leave with strategies to approach conflict confidently, express themselves respectfully and find common ground with others. Youth will find ways to handle challenging discussions with patience and empathy, paving the way for stronger, healthier relationships.

All sessions will take place on Zoom and will last approximately an hour. Your registration receipt will contain the zoom information.

Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2025/>

Adulting just got easier!

Missed a session or want to sharpen your life skills? Check out MI 4-H Adulting 101 On Demand—free videos covering careers, money, leadership, organization, mindfulness, and more!

Watch anytime, anywhere, and get the tools you need to thrive as a young adult.

Explore the topics today: <https://bit.ly/adulting101videos>





SHARE YOUR TALENT

EXPLORATION DAYS



Are you ready to help Michigan youth become [#4HBeyondReady](#)?

We're looking for passionate and creative Session and Free-Time Instructors for 4-H Exploration Days 2026, happening June 24–26, 2026, at Michigan State University!

This pre-college event brings together nearly 1,000 youth (ages 12–19) from across Michigan for hands-on learning, discovery, and friendship. As an instructor, you can:

- Share your passion and expertise
- Inspire youth to explore college life
- Help prepare them to be Beyond Ready for their future

Session and free-time proposals are open now through December 1, 2025!

Submit yours today

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YMOMfIH0ovHlhw

JOB POSTINGS

The Lapeer County 4-H Auction Committee is seeking an adult volunteer to serve as the committee treasurer. This position is a great way to give back to the 4-H program. It takes about 5-10 hours a month to complete duties depending on the month. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at (810) 667-0341 or graversa@msu.edu.

Not ready to take on financial duties, but want to help? The committee is always accepting new members to help plan our annual spring fundraiser auction. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 at the Lapeer County MSU Extension office. All committee members must complete the 4-H volunteer selection process.



MSU Extension - Lapeer County is hiring!

Michigan State University Extension has been awarded a one-year grant from the Office of Highway Planning and Safety to educate youth on seatbelt safety and the dangers of distracted driving. As part of this initiative, the 4-H program is hiring for a Temporary On-call position to support the project.

For more information, visit:

<https://careers.msu.edu> and search Position #1088893.





CELEBRATE FALL

MAKE A GRATEFULNESS TREE

A Gratefulness Tree is a fun and creative way to help you be more intentional about what you are grateful for. The four H's of 4-H, Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, are incorporated into this project.



Gather a tree limb of whatever size you prefer for your table piece and provide your family with paper leaf cutouts (found on the next page of this newsletter) and crayons.

Each evening before dinner, have your family decorate a paper leaf with something that they are thankful for. During the dinner meal, have a family discussion on gratitude and what the leaf means to them. When the discussion is done, hang the leaf on your Gratefulness Tree. At the end of the holiday season, your family will have a beautiful display to be proud of!



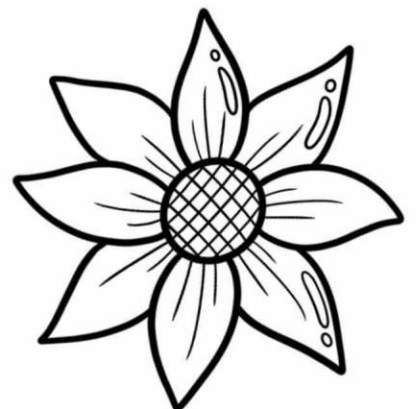
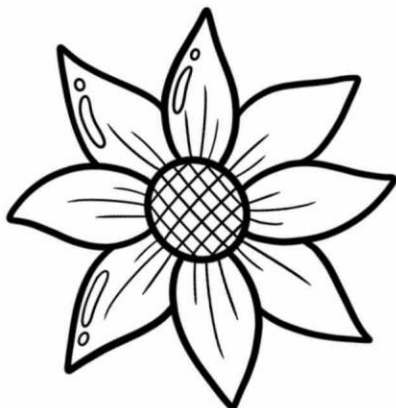
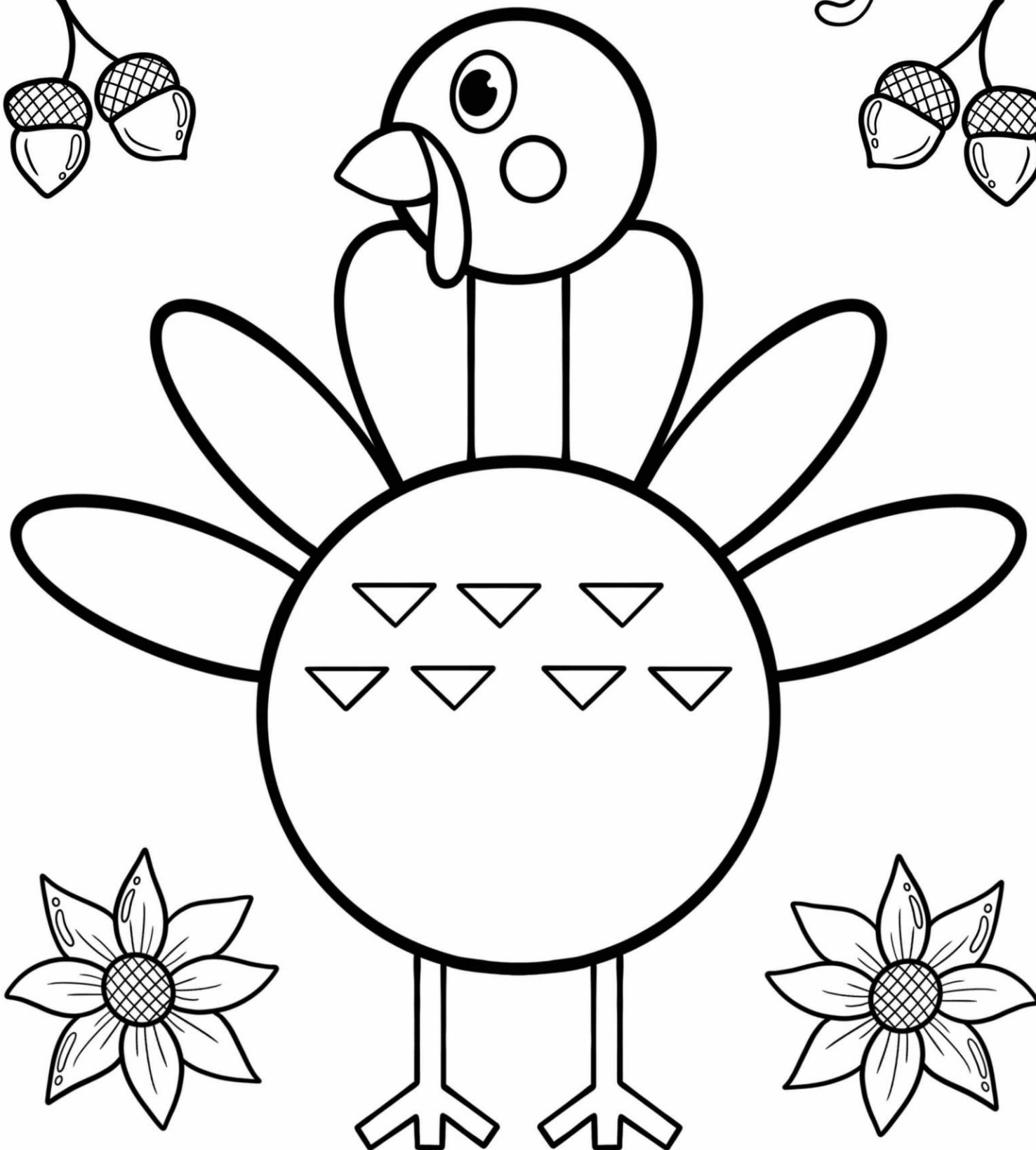
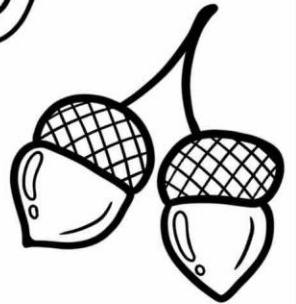
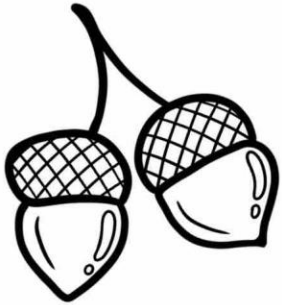


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Fall





HAPPY Fall y'all





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 10th 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.

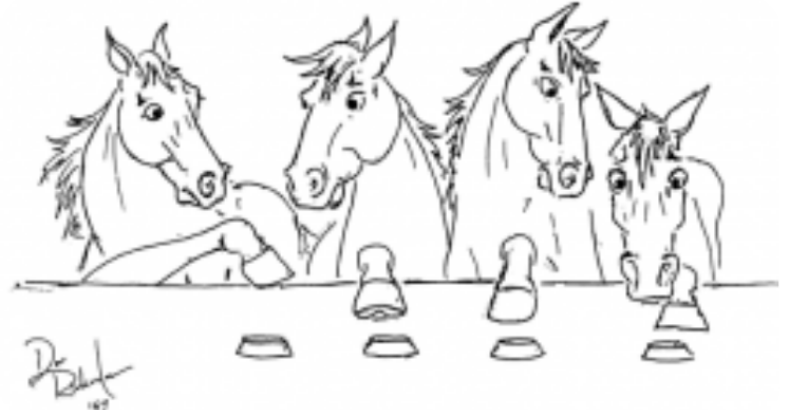


Lapeer County 4-H Horse Committee Presents:

Equestrian

Trivia Night

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 5TH
6:00 PM**



Lapeer County MSU
Extension
1800 Imlay City Road
Lapeer, MI 48446

- **Trivia**
- **Pizza**
- **Tack Swap**
- **Horse Craft**
- **2025 Horse Awards**

Open to Youth Ages 5-19

**Current, New and
Interested Members
Welcome!**

Register by
**December
1st**

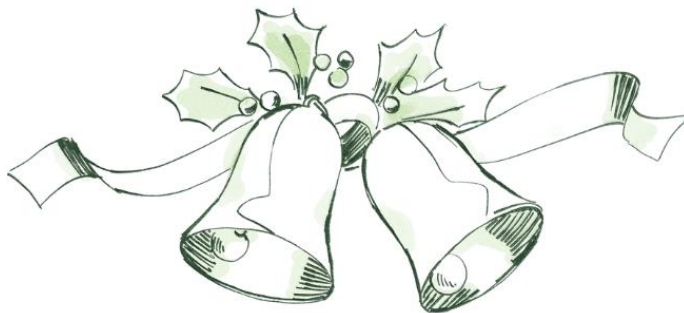
**Test your horse knowledge and win prizes!
Enjoy some delicious pizza!
Bring your unwanted tack and trade with others!
Make a craft to show at Spring Achievement and Fair!**

To Register or For More information Contact: (810)667-0341 or graversa@msu.edu

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Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Sarah at (810)667-0341 by November 24 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

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.
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County Calendar of Events

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
Livestock Committee Meeting.....	11/17: 6:00pm
Council Meeting.....	11/17: 7:00pm
Camp Counselor/Committee Meeting.....	11/20: 6:00pm
Ambassador Meeting.....	11/20: 7:45pm
Horse Committee Meeting.....	11/24: 6:30pm
Office Closed.....	11/27 & 11/28

December

Exploration Days Session Proposals Due.....	12/1
EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....	12/3: 7:00pm
Horse Trivia and Tack Swap.....	12/5: 6:00pm
Camp Craft and Vendor Fair.....	12/13: 10:00am





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 28 – Dec. 14, Tractor Supply Company (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.

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.

Join the 4-H For Good Challenge!

A simple act of kindness can spark a ripple of good — and you can be the spark! National 4-H Council is teaming up with Universal Pictures leading up to the release of *Wicked: For Good* on November 21 by celebrating the power of young people and communities and creating a wave of kindness.

Just like Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked: For Good*, your choices can change the world. This challenge is open to everyone — youth, families, schools, workplaces, and community groups — and it's your chance to show how one good deed can inspire another.

Join the #4HForGoodChallenge in four easy steps:

1. **Do something good.** Big or small, every act counts. Help out, give back or simply show someone you care.
2. **Share your heart hands.** Snap a pic of your heart hand and write a short post about your good deed.
3. **Post it online.** Use the hashtag #4HForGood and tag 4-H.
4. **Challenge your crew.** Tag your friends and invite them to keep the good growing!



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



On October 8, MSU Extension hosted the third 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're immensely proud of the Michigan 4-H program, which has been shaping futures and transforming communities for more than 115 years," said Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension director. "We're grateful for the opportunity to showcase this remarkable program to our state leaders for the third consecutive year and to bring additional awareness to the life-changing impact of 4-H."

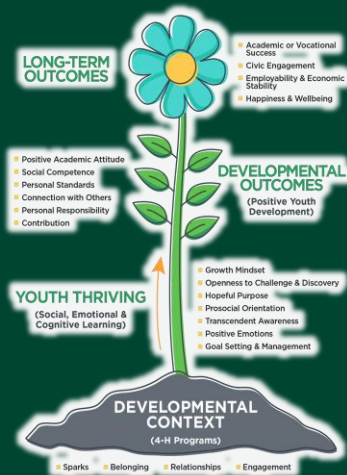
Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was held, featuring Tyler, as well as: Representative Jerry Neyer; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Jackie Venton, Michigan Department of State Chief Operating Officer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Logan Dole, Michigan 4-H youth from Clare County; and Danykah Muck, Michigan 4-H youth from Livingston County.

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



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



The 4-H Thriving Model and 4-H Beyond Ready work hand-in-hand to prepare youth for success. The Thriving Model focuses on how quality 4-H experiences help young people grow by building sparks, relationships, and a sense of belonging that leads to thriving. Beyond Ready builds on this foundation by helping youth take what they've learned and apply it school, careers and real life.

Together, they ensure that 4-H youth don't just gain skills, but also the confidence, adaptability, and resilience to use those skills in the future. Through this connection, young people are not only supported in their personal growth today but are equipped to be "beyond ready" for whatever comes next.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 10 – December 15: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Caregivers of toddlers to teens will explore eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence and developing character. Participants will meet for six week on Mondays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-november-december-2025

November 11: Wild Spartans – Wildfire & Warriors: Science Where You Least Expect It

Online

Meet Michele Richards, natural resources and wildland fire program manager with the Michigan Army National Guard. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

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

November 12: 4-H Chef Turkey Cheese Ball

Lenawee County MSU Extension Office, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will create a cheese ball that is perfect as a Thanksgiving appetizer.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-turkey-cheese-ball

November 13: Adulthood 101 – Conflict Resolution and Civil Discourse

Online

Participants will learn how to manage disagreements with respect and open-mindedness, paving the way for stronger, healthier relationships. Leave with strategies to approach conflict confidently, express oneself respectfully, and find common ground with others.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-toughtalks

November 15: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Diwali

Flat Rock Public Library, Flat Rock

Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop invites participants to learn about the traditions and cultural significance of Diwali, one of India's most celebrated holidays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-diwali

November 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: So You Want to Be a Club Leader?

Online

Thinking about leading a club or want to refresh your leadership skills? Join to learn what it takes to be an effective and inspired club leader—from logistics and communication to culture and connection.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-7pm



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Learn more about how you can grow with Lapeer County 4-H!

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