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# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## Happy Holidays and MSU Extension Office Closures

We hope you have a great end of the year and get a chance to spend time with family and friends this December! As we move into the end of the year, we want to remind our 4-H families and volunteers that the MSU Extension Office will be closed from December 22nd – January 2nd and both of our 4-H staff will be out of the office too.



### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**Tractor Supply Co 4-H Paper Clover Campaign**  
November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>

**MSU Extension Office Closed for Winter Break**  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**4-H Council Meeting**  
January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

**Livingston County 4-H Hartland Tack & Craft Sale**  
February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 E Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843

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## Join us for the Livingston County 4-H Hartland Tack and Craft Sale on Feb 14th



The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee will be hosting their annual Livingston County 4-H Hartland Tack and Craft Sale on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center Gymnasium at 9525 E Highland Rd, Howell, MI 48843. Entry is free! There will also be a silent auction fundraiser with bidding ending at 1 pm.

Vendors can sign up now and reserve a space. Single spaces are \$25 and double spaces are \$40. Tables are \$10 each. Check out the registration for details on tables sizes.

Registration closes on February 6<sup>th</sup> and there is a late fee for registrations made about January 31<sup>st</sup>. 4-H Members, volunteers, and clubs get a \$5 discount.

General and silent auction proceeds will be used for Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee programming, scholarships, and general funds.

Vendors register for a table here: <http://bit.ly/4HTackSale26>

[Check out the Tack and Craft Sale Flyer here.](#)

## Register for Spark and Share Summit in Frankenmuth on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

The Southeast Region of Michigan Association of Extension 4-H Youth Staff invites you to the **2026 Spark and Share Summit** March 7th at Bavarian Inn Lodge and Conference Center.

This 1-day workshop that brings together volunteers and teen leaders to learn new projects and information that they can take back to teach and share in their local 4-H program. Participants can network with other 4-H members and volunteers throughout the day to gain new ideas and reenergize their passion for 4-H. The conference will include selection of up to 4 breakout sessions, lunch, and an opening and closing session. The conference is scheduled for 1-day, but participants have the option to individually make reservations to spend the weekend.



Registration is \$75 and includes lunch. If you are interested in funding to help with the cost, please contact Kat VanDouser at [krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu) or Jenny Speyer at [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu) before you register. To find out more or register here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SparkShare2026/>



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## Barb Parker, 4-H Volunteer, Awarded Michigan Farm Bureau 2025 Presidential Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Barb Parker, a 4-H volunteer, on receiving the Michigan Farm Bureau 2025 President Volunteer of the Year Award. Barb coordinated the Livingston County Farm Bureau's 2025 Ag Awareness Day which included 69 adult volunteers, almost 700 attending students from 26 classrooms and two home-school groups, 84 parent chaperones and 34 student volunteers from a local FFA Chapter.

Barb also assisted with the county Farm Bureau's Ag Education and Promotion exhibit at the Fowlerville Fair and promoted Farm Bureau at Livingston's Fall Fest event.



[Read the article about Barb here.](#)

## Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign: Opportunity for Clubs



From November 28th – December 14th, 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 during the campaign dates. If your club is interested in helping support the clover campaign, you can reach out to your local TSC to see if you can set up a table during the sale. Clubs have often had bake sales during these campaigns to fund raise for their own club too. Just remember only clubs in our county go toward our county program.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Profits from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.

## Are your 4-H'ers enrolled in 4-H Online?

As we are moving to the end of 2025, we know that many of our 4-H members and volunteers are not yet re-enrolled in [4-H Online](#). In the new year, we will no longer be sending out newsletters and communications to 4-H members who have not re-enrolled. It is also important to re-enroll as youth who are not enrolled in 4-H are not covered by our insurance policies. To make sure you don't miss out on communications, re-enroll now! It only takes about 10 minutes to complete the online enrollment.



If you need a paper copy of an enrollment form, please contact Kat or Jenny or stop by the MSU Extension Office during our business hours (9 am – 4 pm, closed 12-1 pm for lunch).





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## Livingston County 4-H'er, Danykah Muck, Speaks at 4-H Day at the Capitol



On October 8, Michigan State University Extension hosted their third annual Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. This event 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 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 Dr. Quentin 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 our own Danykah Muck from Livingston County 4-H!

"4-H has shaped me into being a better leader, making sure I keep an open mind and stay calm in tough situations," said Muck during the program. "But it doesn't stop there, I am learning something every day in 4-H about how I can grow."

Thank you Danykah, for representing youth across the state of Michigan who participate in our program and speaking so eloquently about your experiences. [You can see the whole video of her speech online.](#)

## Congratulations to our New 4-H Officers!

All our 4-H Committees have had their elections, and we want to congratulate the following youth and adults on their elections.

### 4-H Council

President: Jeremy Roberts  
 Youth President: Ashley Bernardin  
 Vice President: Judy Paulsen  
 Secretary: Jen Esch  
 Youth Secretary: Vincent Coppola  
 Treasurer: Lynn Perry  
 Fair board Liaison: Donna Smith  
 Youth Show Liaison: Jen Esch

### 4-H Horse Committee

President: Danykah Muck  
 Vice President: Ava Kraeling  
 Secretary: Penelope Harrison  
 Treasurer: Alyson Labadie

### 4-H Animal Project

President: Rachel Pollok-Newsom  
 Vice President: Ruby Krebs  
 Secretary: Kady Isaacson  
 Treasurer: Alyson Labadie

### Grand Equestrians Committee

President: Kat Black  
 Vice President: Cheryl Derryberry  
 Secretary: Jennifer Ballou  
 Treasurer: Wendy Parks  
 Deputy Treasurer: Cheryl Derryberry



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## Livingston County 4-H Club Updates

### Roots and Wings 4-H Club Community Service Project

On the 24th of November, the Roots & Wings club met for a project meeting. The meeting started off with a group community service project of making cake kits, which consisted of a cake mix, soda, a can of frosting, and sprinkles. The members will be donating the cake kits to food pantries in Howell, Fowlerville, and Brighton.

Thank you to Lucy Coppola, the Roots and Wings 4-H Club Reporter for providing this information and the photo.



### Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club Planning and Christmas Cards



Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club was busy this month setting new goals, planning out their Year at a Glance Calander and getting in the holiday spirit by starting their Christmas cards for the local senior homes! These cards will be sent out after their December meeting.

Thanks to Gusty Acres 2.0 Club Leader Danille Legowsky for sending in this update! We love to hear about service projects like this that help out those in our local communities.

### Little Barn 4-H Club Elections & Float Decorating

The Little Barn 4-H Club has been very busy lately. At our November meeting we elected board positions the President, the VP, the Secretary, and the Club reporter. Also, at our last meeting we collected food for the family impact center in Fowlerville. The weekend of the 22nd our club built our float for the Christmas in the Ville Parade in Fowlerville. Little Barn 4-H club has been very busy.

Thank you to Club Reporter, Audrey Robinson for sending in this information about Little Barn 4-H Club





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## Thanks for a Great Livingston County Awards Night!

We had a great turn out for the County Awards Program on November 8<sup>th</sup> where we recognized 4-H youth, 4-H leaders and volunteers, and community supporters. We had great turn out and appreciate all the folks who came out to celebrate everyone.

We want to thank our 4-H Ambassadors who helped plan, set up, and announce at this event including: Ashley Baize, Ashley Bernardin, Vincent Coppola, Raegan Kromer, Danykah Muck, Rachel Pollok-Newsom, and Emma Roberts.

Also thank you to all the wonderful 4-H families and individuals who brought food! This year we brought back a meal and also enjoyed a 1980s theme with décor and trivia.



This year's **Leader Service Award** went to Melissa Labadie and Jessy Meyers! We also honored Cheryl Derryberry and Jan Wylie with the **Special Service Awards**.

We also want to recognize the following volunteers for their years of service:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Year:** Kerry Archibald, Amber Beal, Mary Bonds, Jeffrey Campbell, Erica Duncan, Katelynn Elias, Alison O'Neil, Kyle Orr, Katie Pikkarainen, Amy Shaffer, Katie Timer, Annjanette Weaver, Kelly Zabawa.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Year:** Michelle Baize, April Dertian, Melissa Labadie, Lisa Perschke, Shelley Steadman, Barbara Williams
- **10<sup>th</sup> Year:** Shelley Frazier, Andrea Lautenschlager, Carley Lehman, Catherine Luke, Matt Williams, Melissa Williams
- **15<sup>th</sup> Year:** John Bullen, Don Pentico, Elizabeth Pentico, Donna Smith
- **20<sup>th</sup> Year:** Donald Hath, Julie Hath
- **30<sup>th</sup> Year:** Cheryl Derryberry

Congratulations to the following youth who received awards:

**Grand Equestrian Wranglers Award:** Chloe Cory, Natalie Campbell, Juliana Campbell, Emily McLellan

**Cloverbud Award:** Ava Decker, Harper Mathes, Reese Myers, Rowan Shearer

**Junior Incentive Award:** Kate Kelley, Lilly Witt

**Junior Achievement Award:** Leighton Beal, Luke Brown, Elsie Myers, Asher Smith, Oliver Smith, Hallie Wilson

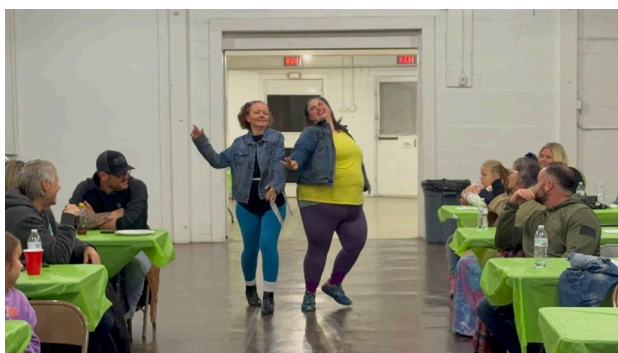
**County Medals:** Danykah Muck – Arts and Community Service, Alaina Brown – Beef, Benjamin Cooper – Clothing/Textiles and Foods, Rachel Pollok-Newsom – Crafts and Poultry, Vincent Coppola – Electrical, & Ethan Baize – Electrical.





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More Photos from County Awards Night!

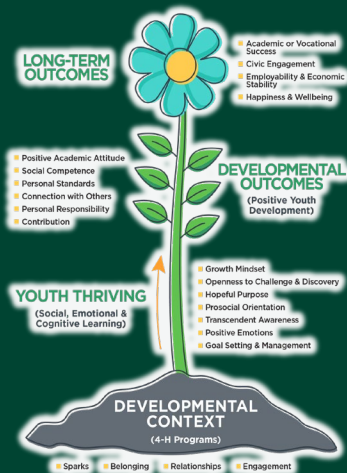






# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Have you ever been to a club meeting that starts with a roll call question? Building a sense of belonging in the 4-H community is one of four core concepts of the 4-H Thriving Model that any 4-H program can intentionally do.

We strive to build this welcoming feeling and offer kindness to help develop a sense of belonging throughout project meetings, club meetings, workshops and events offered. What better way to build a community than to find similarities among the membership?

Some of the questions are simple, some are silly, and some can get more involved depending on the purpose of the meeting. Regardless, it's a great way to get to know everyone. Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

### November 28 – December 14: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Local Tractor Supply Co.*

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store! Seventy-percent of funds raised stay in the local community where the paper clover was purchased.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### December 2: Giving Tuesday

*Online*

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that makes 4-H so extraordinary. 4-H'ers are leading the way in a world full of change and together, we can build a generation ready for anything. We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

[mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/](http://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/)

### December 9: 4-H Wild Spartans

*Online*

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session is "Adventures in Wildlife Medicine: From the Field to the Clinic." Meet Avery Tilley, a veterinary student at the University of Georgia. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Open to youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-december](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-december)

### December 13: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Hanukkah

*Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland*

Learn, create and celebrate the Festival of Lights! Open to all youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop includes storytelling, candle-making, snacks, games and festive music. Pre-register by December 8.!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-hanukkah](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-hanukkah)

### December 20: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Christmas in Norway

*Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland*

Celebrate Norwegian Christmas traditions! Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop includes gnome-making, butter-churning and festive cookie decorating. Pre-register by December 15.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-christmas](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-christmas)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Mandatory reporting guidelines for Michigan 4-H volunteers

MSU Extension has updated its mandatory [reporting guidelines](http://www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil_rights_diversity_multiculturalism/civil_rights_compliance) ([www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil\\_rights\\_diversity\\_multiculturalism/civil\\_rights\\_compliance](http://www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil_rights_diversity_multiculturalism/civil_rights_compliance)) to align with MSU's policy (UW-02-01). All volunteers are required to report incidents of child abuse, neglect, or misconduct promptly. Reports should be made to MSU's Office for Civil Rights (MSU OCR) and, when applicable, to Children's Protective Services (CPS)/Department of Health and Human Services. In short, volunteers should:

1. In emergencies: Call 911 immediately.
2. Child abuse/neglect: Call CPS at 855-444-3911 and file [DHS-3200](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters) (available at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters)) within 72 hours.
3. All other incidents: Report to MSU OCR via online form at <https://msu.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting/>; phone at (517) 353-3922 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; by mail at 408 W. Circle Dr., Suite 105, Olds Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824; or by email at [ocr.isr@msu.edu](mailto:ocr.isr@msu.edu).
4. Please notify your local MSU Extension staff after submitting a report.

## Shop with purpose: 4-H gifts that give back

'Tis the season to spread joy and support 4-H youth while doing it! Consider the following options in your holiday shopping to make the holidays merry, bright and meaningful!

**Michigan Shop 4-H Store:** 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, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H. Visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>.



**My Pottery Place:** Get crafty with 4-H pottery! From mugs to ornaments, you can paint your own masterpiece while supporting youth programs—5% of every 4-H licensed pottery purchase goes to 4-H. Learn more at [mypotteryplace.com/product-category/all-products/4-h/](http://mypotteryplace.com/product-category/all-products/4-h/).

**Mickman Brothers:** Decorate your home with beautiful greenery and purpose: 15% of the proceeds from each wreath or evergreen purchased at [4hwreaths.com](http://4hwreaths.com) will benefit 4-H.

**Twisted X:** Step into the season with style! The Twisted X 4-H Collection has shoes for the whole family and 6% of each pair sold supports 4-H! Learn more at [twistedx.com/pages/4h-collection](http://twistedx.com/pages/4h-collection).

**Georgia Boot:** Built for hard work and big dreams, Georgia Boot is a proud supporter of 4-H. Consider giving their boots, which are ready for any adventure, especially a 4-H project! Shop at [georgiaboot.com](http://georgiaboot.com).

## Michigan 4-H Dog Showmanship Manual updated

The Michigan 4-H Dog Showmanship Manual has been updated! A major update to the previous version, this guide provides the basic information needed to compete successfully in 4-H dog showmanship classes. Be sure to check out the resources section of the manual for additional useful books, websites and videos.

View the updated manual at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-dog-showmanship-manual](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-dog-showmanship-manual).



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