



NOVEMBER 2025

4-H Family News

Livingston County



Join us for Livingston County 4-H Awards!



We are excited to our Livingston County 4-H County Awards will be held in the 4-H Building on Saturday November 8th from 5-7 pm. The Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors have been working hard on making this night fun for all. We will have dinner and fun 1980s themed games and fun. We strongly encourage families to wear your 1980s best outfits for our outfit runway show! Also, families are welcome to bring a dessert or appetizer to share (we will have signs to put any potential allergens).

We are looking forward to recognizing our fantastic 4-H members, 4-H volunteers, and community supporters at this program. Everyone from our program is invited whether they are receiving an award or not and we encourage everyone to come and recognize the hard work of our 4-H members, volunteers, and supporters!

If you plan to attend, please let us know by RSVPing here:
<https://forms.gle/WoimV8zhDwMK4MS88>

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Ag Society Annual Meeting

November 6th at 7 pm at Fowlerville Fair Grounds

County Awards Program

November 8th from 5-7 pm at the 4-H Building at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Horse Committee Meeting (Elections)

November 11th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Council Meeting (Elections)

November 18th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

MSU Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 27-28th

Tractor Supply Co 4-H Paper Clover Campaign

November 28th – December 14th

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Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors Application Due November 10th



Calling all teens 13-18 years old! We are now accepting applications for the 4-H Ambassadors program 2025-26. 4-H Ambassadors meet once a month (usually Friday evenings) throughout the year and work on leadership skills like public speaking, problem-solving, marketing, and planning. We also have a great time together!

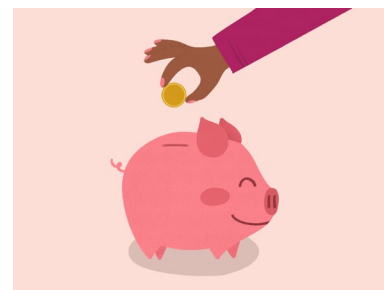
The 4-H Ambassadors also help plan countywide events, activities for the Fowlerville Fair, and much more! Please encourage youth to apply, especially those that have shown an interest in leadership or are currently leaders in your club or committee.

The deadline for applications has been extended to November 10th and they can be turned in at the MSU Extension Office or via email. If you have questions about the application or program, please contact Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu.

You can find [the application on our website](#).

Updates from Fowlerville Family Fair

We wanted to pass along a few updates from the Fowlerville Family Fair. First, for 4-H families who received Fowlerville Fair exhibitor checks, please make sure to deposit your checks as they are only good for 90 days after being issued. Also, save the date for the Ag Society Annual Meeting on November 6th at 7 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. If you have any questions about the annual meeting or fair exhibitor checks, please contact the Fowlerville Fair at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or 517-223-8186.



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 Livestock Judging Team Starting in November!

The Livingston County 4-H Livestock Judging team is ready to get rolling for the 2025-2026 program year! Participants will learn about livestock conformation, selection, evaluation, and how to judge a class of livestock! Primary species of focus are Beef Cattle, Swine, Market Lambs, and Market Goats - we will also cover basics on dairy animals, rabbits, poultry, and dogs as time permits!

4-H members age 8-19 are encouraged to join us for our first meeting on Monday, November 17th at 6:30pm. We will be meeting at the MSU Extension Office conference room at 2300 E Grand River Ave, Howell MI 48843.



There is no cost for participation in the team. No animals or experience necessary! Not a 4-H member yet? Reach out and we will get you registered!

No pre-registration required, but RSVP's are always appreciated. For additional information, or to RSVP, please contact Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu

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.

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You!

The Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program assists children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding. There are many volunteer opportunities available. Some tasks include: grooming horses, tacking horses, helping children get ready to ride, and support riders during lessons. We also show at the Fowlerville fairgrounds!

Contact us at the email below for information on any of the opportunities above and more! Email grandequestrians@gmail.com to sign up or for further information!



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Congratulations to Judy Paulsen on Receiving a 2025 Governor's Service Award



For more than 43 years, Judy Paulsen has been a cornerstone of Livingston County 4-H, serving an estimated 22,000 volunteer hours since 1981. As the 4-H Club Leader of Rangers 4-H Club, she has guided multiple generations of families, inspired thousands of youth, and shaped the program into one of the strongest in Michigan. Not only does Judy run one of the largest clubs in Livingston County, but she also serves as the Vice President on 4-H Council and has led the county's Plat Book fundraiser for many years. We are grateful for Judy's commitment to our program and pleased to see her get the recognition she deserves for her hard work and dedication. For more information about Judy's service, you can read the [whole press release](#) which includes other awardees.

State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC) Announces New Members from Livingston County 4-H

We are excited to have Livingston County 4-H member on the State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC) for the 2025-26 program year. 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. Last year, Danykah Muck of Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club was accepted onto the council and this year we added Vincent Coppola, of Roots and Wings 4-H Club. Both of these youth are also member of the Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors. Please join us in congratulating these 4-H'ers on this accomplishment!



4-H Kickstarter SPIN Club in Brighton in 2026



We want to create more opportunities for youth across our county to engage with Livingston County 4-H programs and one part of Livingston County with few 4-H clubs is Brighton. To help find parents and individuals interested in volunteering and forming 4-H SPIN or community clubs, we are looking to host a 4-H Kickstarter SPIN Club in early 2026.

One of the challenges is finding a location in Brighton that will allow us to use their facilities for free or low cost. We have looked into the Brighton District Library but unfortunately their meeting rooms are booked in the evenings when we would like to offer this program. If you know a location that would be interested in hosting us, please contact Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu.



4-H Club Happenings

Roots and Wings 4-H Club First Meeting



Thank you to Club Reporter, Lucy Coppola, for this summary of the Roots & Wings 4-H Club Meeting!

Roots & Wings met for our October meeting and voted in our club officers. Vincent Coppola was voted as President, Asher Smith as Vice President, Alessandra Bechtel as Secretary, and Lucy Coppola as Reporter. Members did an applied tech project practicing using a multimeter, candle making, soap making with glycerine, and a baking project- dirt pudding cups with a Halloween theme."

Club members pictured left to right are Vincent Coppola, Asher Smith, and Ethan Wagner practicing gauging voltage with a multimeter.

Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club Members Attend Speed Clinic in October



Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club members got together at Hardy Farms for a Speed Clinic October 19th, instructed by Alex Tyson. They worked on Barrels, Flags and steering around cones. It was raining cats and dogs, but these dedicated families came out to ride!

Want us to feature the fun things happening in your 4-H Club? Send in your newsletter submissions to Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu or text them to 734-436-1362. This is a great role for your club reporter!



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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Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

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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 for 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.



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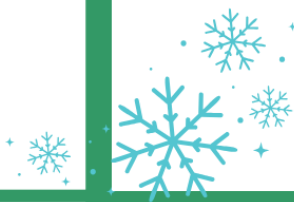
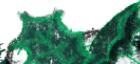
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For more information, see: <https://msrba.net/>



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