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# 4-H Family News

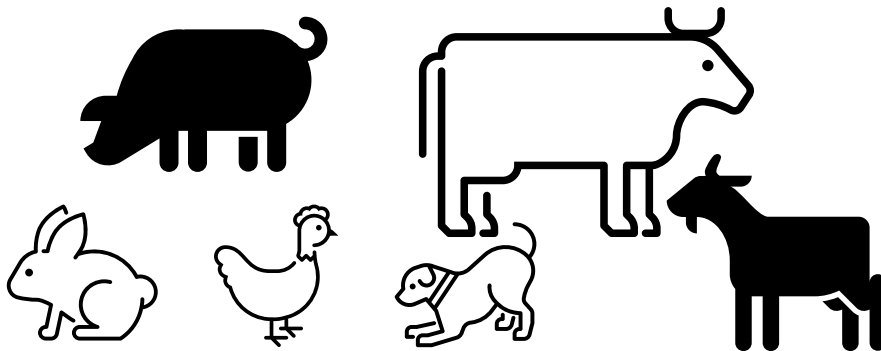
Livingston County



## Animal Education Night: April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm

Join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm at the 4-H Livestock Arena at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds to meet the Fowlerville Youth Show Superintendents and learn more about this year's fair. This event will include superintendents in the areas of beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, llamas/alpacas, rabbits, poultry, dogs, and cats. Bring all your pressing questions and enjoy pizza, pop, and door prizes. This is a great opportunity for all 4-H families looking to show animals in the Fowlerville Youth Show.

Question? Contact Kat VanDouser.



### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

#### Equine Massage and Bodywork Clinic

April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm 5450 Emmons Rd, Fowlerville, MI

#### Horse Committee General Meeting

April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm the 4-H Livestock Arena at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

#### Club Shoe Drive Challenge

April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

#### Deadline for 4-H Online Enrollment to Participate in Fowlerville Youth Show

May 1st

#### Dog Showmanship Clinic

May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 and 1:30 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

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## Equine Massage Body Work Clinic on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm



Join the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee for an Equine Massage and Bodywork Clinic with clinician Cassandra Ford! We will be meeting at 5450 Emmons Rd, Fowlerville MI 48836 on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2pm. The clinic is expected to last approximately 1.5 hours, and demo horses will be provided.

Pre-registration is required: <https://bit.ly/4HHorse2024>

Please reach out to Kat with any questions! [Krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:Krollkat@msu.edu) or 517-552-6903

## Horse Committee General Meeting: Open to all Livingston County 4-H Horse and Pony Youth

Join the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee for our General Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about upcoming 4-H Horse program events, receive updates from the Fowlerville Family Fair Horse Superintendent for the 2024 fair, and meet many of the other youth and volunteers involved in the program!

This event is open to all youth involved in the 4-H Horse and Pony program in Livingston County.



The address is: 8800 West Grand River Rd, Fowlerville MI (Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds) in the 4-H Building. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kat.

## May 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline to Enroll in 4-H Online to Participate in Fowlerville Youth Show



Is a youth in your family planning to show in the Fowlerville Youth Show with 4-H? Make sure they are enrolled in 4-H Online by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline! All youth must be enrolled by May 1<sup>st</sup> in 4-H Online to participate in the Youth Show. Not sure you are enrolled? You can log into your families account at:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Congratulations to Ashley Baize on Receiving the Young Person of Distinction Award from the United Way

Congratulations to Livingston County 4-H'er Ashley Baize on receiving the Young Person of Distinction Award from the United Way. Ashley is a member of Rangers 4-H Club and has been a 4-H member for 9 years. She is also the Youth Secretary of 4-H Council and a 4-H Ambassador for Livingston County. Ashley was also a Key Award recipient at the 2023 County Award Recognition Night. We are very proud to have Ashley as a 4-H member and look forward to seeing all she will do in the future!

You can read the whole article about the United Way Annual Meeting and the award winners [here](#).



## Sign up Now for the 4-H Dog Showmanship Clinic on May 11<sup>th</sup>



Looking to spruce up your 4-H Dog Showmanship skills? Maybe you're new to the project and don't know where to begin? Join Livingston County 4-H for a 4-H Dog Showmanship clinic on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fowlerville Family Fair Grounds in the 4-H livestock arena!

Our clinician will be hosting two sessions. We will begin with a beginner level session at 12pm for any youth who are new, or newer, to the 4-H dog program, followed by an advanced session at 1:30pm for our more experienced 4-H dog handlers!

Current Dog Vaccine records are required for this event.

Pre-registration is required, to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/Livin4HDogs>

Questions? Please contact Kat at [Krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:Krollkat@msu.edu) or 517-552-6903!

## May 4-H Cooking Workshop: Registration Coming Soon!

We are looking forward to our next 4-H Cooking Workshop on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the MSU Extension Office from 6:30-8 pm. Last month we cooked quesadillas and made salsa and in May we will be making spring rolls! This class will be for ages 8-19 years old, but is targeted for ages 8-13 years old.

Keep an eye on our Facebook as we will be releasing the registration soon!





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Fowlerville Family Fair Shoe Drive - Club Challenge on April 27th



Join Livingston County 4-H in supporting the Fowlerville Family Fair / Fowlerville Agricultural Society youth show pen project! 4-H clubs, Junior Ag, and FFA groups have been invited to participate in a Club Shoe Drive Challenge - the club that brings the most pairs of shoes to drop off day on Saturday, April 27th, will win a Pizza Party!

Shoes should be gently worn, used, or new and can be dropped off at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds from 10 am – 2 pm on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions, please reach out to Kelly Turner at 248-343-0916.

## 4-H Ambassadors Visit Fowlerville Jr. High Farm Club

Thank you to 4-H Ambassadors Danykah Muck and Emma Roberts for helping out Jenny and Kat at Fowlerville Junior High School's Farm Club to teach about 4-H and how to use cattle flight zones and instincts to build better cattle chutes. We had a great time seeing all the different types of cattle chutes the different groups created.

Both Danykah and Emma spoke about what they enjoy about 4-H and everything they have gained from their 4-H experience. We appreciate both of their willingness to represent our Livingston County 4-H program and help recruit more youth to 4-H.

If you know any groups or clubs that would like to have a visit from 4-H Ambassadors, let Jenny know!



## Opportunity for 4-H Clubs to Explore Project Areas



Is your 4-H club interested in exploring any of the following projects: First Aid, Public Speaking, Animal Science or Record bookkeeping? Besides being a 4-H volunteer, Barb Parker is also the superintendent of these projects, and would be happy to come to one of your 4-H meetings and discuss/demonstrate information about a specific project or the projects in general. Contact her at Barb Parker (810) 957-0390.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You! If you love working with horses and children, this could be for you!

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program helps children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding, and there are volunteer opportunities available to help bring in horses on the day of classes, grooming, tacking, and helping children get ready to ride.

Once the rider is mounted, up to three volunteers are needed per horse:

- One or Two side walkers who walk alongside the horse and rider to offer support, and one person who leads the horse.
- Side walkers and horse leaders need to be 14 years old, younger volunteers are able to help with grooming, tacking, assisting with games, etc.



Riders are put through patterns of walking, trotting, reversing, changing directions, and stopping. We also play games on horseback like Egg and Spoon, and Red Light Green Light. The Grand Equestrians riders also show at Fair, which is especially awesome!

It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the kid's faces and see the progress they make! We also sign for community service hours 😊

2024 Riding Classes start June 4th and run through July 16th on Tuesdays only from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no class the week of July 4th. Email [grandequestrians@gmail.com](mailto:grandequestrians@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information!

## March Entomology and 4-H Cooking Workshops



We hosted two exciting county wide workshops in March. First, we hosted a 4-H Cooking Workshop with Community Nutrition Instructor Shelley Frazier where youth learned to make quesadillas and salsa. Then we also hosted a 4-H Entomology Workshop with volunteers George Campbell and Nan-Marie Fox. Youth got to make their own DIY net and even take it home. We hope to see youth showing in these project areas at the Fair!



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Reminder for Market Rabbit Exhibitors at Fowlerville Family Fair



Are you planning to bring market rabbits to the Fowlerville Family fair this year? It's almost time to start breeding your litters for fair! To ensure your meat pens and fryers are within the fair age limits, all breedings should take place between April 4th and April 25th. All market rabbits must be raised from birth by the exhibitor. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Fowlerville Family Fair Rabbit Superintendent, Donna Carpenter at [Havanadonna@yahoo.com](mailto:Havanadonna@yahoo.com).

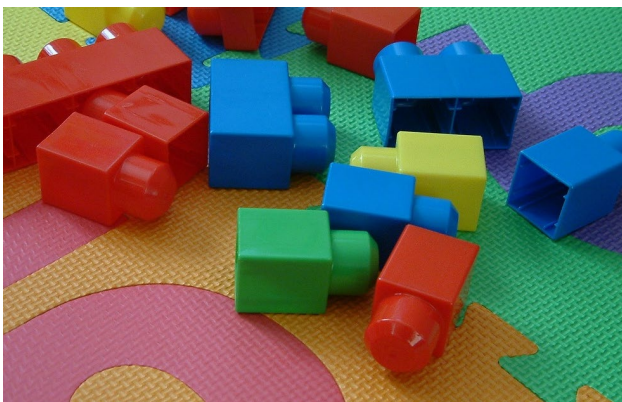
## Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds Camping During the Fowlerville Youth Show

Camping on the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds during Fair week will open to Youth Show Superintendents on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will end at 3pm on Friday April 26th. On Saturday April 27th the office will be open from 8am-11am for open camping registrations to the public. It will be on a first come first serve basis and is expected to fill that day.

Questions? Please contact the Fowlerville Family Fair who coordinates the camping by email at [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com) or by phone at (517) 223-8186.



## Help Collect Mega Bloks for the Little Red Barn at the Fowlerville Family Fair



Looking for donation of Mega Bloks for the Children's Play Area in the Little Red Barn at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Please search your basements, attics, and closets for lonely Mega Bloks. Donations can be dropped off at the 4-H office at 2300 E Grand River Ave, STE 111, Howell, MI. Any questions contact Barb Parker (810)957-0390.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs Horses!

Do you have a gentle horse that needs to be worked but don't have time?

The Livingston County 4-H Grand Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program helps children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding and are looking for gentle horses to use for this program that operates out of Fowlerville.

Prospective horses will be tested before being accepted into the program. Horses should be able to tolerate loud noises, sudden movements, and riding double.

We would free lease your horse for 6 weeks in June/July, covering these items:



- Proof of negative Coggins test within 12 months will be required before horse can be tested or used for the program.
- Leased horse will stay at the Wylie Farm during the program dates at no charge to you.
- Leased horse will be fed a 12% sweet feed once a day, turned out on green pasture, and given hay when needed.
- The TRP Committee will purchase Coggins tests and 4-way inoculations for horses taken to Fair for our riders.
- The TRP Committee will pay for one Wormer and one hoof trim for leased horses during the program dates.
- If leased horse needs medical attention while horse is at the Wylie Farm, TRP will call Kern Road Vet and pay for expenses. Owner will be called.

**Horse Testing is scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2024**

**2024 Classes start June 4th and run through July 16th on Tuesdays only from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no class the week of July 4th.**

Email [grandequestrians@gmail.com](mailto:grandequestrians@gmail.com) to reserve your testing spot or for further information!



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



From April 24 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign).

### March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

*Stores across Michigan*

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign)

### April 3: Keeping Your Money Safe

*Online*

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/keeping-your-money-safe-4-3>

### April 10: Adulting 101 Series - Cover Letter and Resume Writing

*Online*

By attending this workshop, you can start or improve a resume or cover letter. Gain tips and tricks and be ready to apply for that opportunity!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumewriting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resumewriting)

### April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Working with Cloverbuds

*Online*

Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and project ideas that work well with this age group. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm)

### April 27-28: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

*Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, Charlevoix*

Learn about Mich. 4-H Shooting Sports mission, policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up and more. Registration deadline: April 4.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens)

### May 8: 4-H and FFA State Meats Judging Contest

*East Lansing*

By participating, contestants show their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest will include individual and team competition.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Sign up for the Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge!

Starting May 5, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program. Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Miles walked/ran will be collected weekly through a Google form; this form will be sent upon completion of the registration. Each week, the top contestants will be based on the number of miles logged from Sunday to Saturday. Individuals will report their miles by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET. Submissions received later than Sunday by 11:59 p.m. ET will not be eligible for weekly prizes.

Learn more and register at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge>.



## Michigan 4-H presents Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Join Michigan 4-H for a fun contest leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges.

### Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Learn how to keep your money safe in this year's sixth annual online contest. Compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>.

## Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

New this year, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers hat. Hats are redeemable on gameday in section 332.
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity. Timing and logistics of this opportunity will be released within a month of the game date.

Only tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link are eligible for these exclusive opportunities. This year, tickets will be available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers).





# MSU Extension Child and Family Development

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals.

## Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

### Class dates:

- 5/07/2024: NO CLASS
- 5/14/2024: Unlock the Conversation: Gun Safety for Parents
- 5/21/2024: Mindfulness for Children
- 5/28/2024: ABC's of Early Literacy

**Registration:** [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YboL-GkQT522eCkEf\\_qxaQ](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YboL-GkQT522eCkEf_qxaQ)

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

## Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available.

**Class dates/times:** Mondays, April 22,29,May 6,13,20 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm EST

**Class dates/times:** Wednesdays, May 29,June 5,12,19, 26 from 11:30am-1:00pm EST

**Registration:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpZf3ks77yZZGu)

For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)



## Parent Talk System

Do you feel like the children in your care aren't listening to you? Do you find yourself constantly repeating yourself trying to gain compliance? This 6-week series is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. Certificates of attendance are available.

**Class dates:** May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20 from 7:30pm-9:00pm EST

### Registration:

[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bj8nWuROCeXu6vY](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bj8nWuROCeXu6vY)

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## Online Self-Paced Classes

These free online classes can be completed on your own at your own pace.

### Positive Discipline

Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class has a “parent and caregiver” track and a “professional” track. Certificates of attendance are available for all who take the class and professional development training hours are available for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

**Registration:** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/positive-discipline-online-course>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

### Infant Safety

MSU Extension has partnered with the Livingston County Child Abuse Prevention Council to create a self-directed online infant safety course called “Sleeping, Crying, Driving.” This three part course contains videos and interactive content on infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely. A certificate of completion is available for those who need proof of attendance.

**Registration:** [https://www.canr.msu.edu/early\\_childhood\\_development/infant-safety/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/infant-safety/)

### MI Parenting Resource

This free, online program is meant to support caregivers across the state in strengthening their parent-child relationships and gaining new tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

**Registration:** <https://miparentingresource.org/>

For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at [aldric82@msu.edu](mailto:aldric82@msu.edu)

