



4-H Family News

Livingston County

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4-H Exploration Days Male Chaperone Needed

4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime.

We need a male chaperone for this event! We are looking for adults ages 21+ years old who are already 4-H volunteers or willing to become a 4-H Volunteer to attend.

There will be no cost to attend but volunteers will need to arrive on campus on the morning of June 18th and stay until the afternoon of the 20th. Chaperones are responsible for supervising youth and helping with other assigned tasks at the event. All meals are provided and there is usually some free Dairy Store Ice Cream!

If you are interested, please contact Jenny Speyer,
speyerje@msu.edu

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Livestock Hands On Workshop

April 8th at 7 pm at Labadie Farm

Horse Committee Meeting

April 15th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Meet the Superintendent Night

April 24th at 6 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

May 1st Deadline to Enroll in 4-H for Fowlerville Family Fair Participation

April 30th by Midnight for 4-H Online and May 1st for Fowlerville Family Fair Forms

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Fowlerville Family Fair May 1st Deadline



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 April 30th at midnight! All youth must be enrolled by April 30th at midnight in 4-H Online to participate in the Youth Show. Not sure you are enrolled? You can log into your families account at [4-H Online](#).

Fowlerville Youth Show also requires forms for youth exhibiting horses, swine, llama/alpaca, dogs, and cats due on May 1st. Please contact the Fowlerville Family Fair office, at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or 517-223-8186, if you have questions about these forms.

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You!

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program needs more volunteers. Our program assists children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding. There are many volunteer opportunities available for adults and youth (teens). Some tasks include:

- Grooming horses
- Tacking horses
- Helping children get ready to ride
- Support riders during lessons

We also show at the Fowlerville fairgrounds!

Do you have a passion for both horses and teaching? We are also looking to add an additional paid instructor to our program. 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!



Volunteers Needed to Help with Fowlerville Elementary School Garden



Is your 4-H Club looking for a service project or way to give back to the community? Fowlerville Elementary School teacher Tracy Muck is looking for help with setting up and maintaining a garden for her elementary school students. This would be a great opportunity for a 4-H club to help out a local school and learn about gardening. If your club or 4-H'er is interested in helping, please contact Tracy Muck at muckt@fowlervilleschools.org.



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Save the Date for Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show: Saturday July 12th

Save the date now for Saturday, July 12th for Leaders' Day, sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee. Leaders' Day will be held at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd, Howell, MI 48855. Gates open at 7 am and the Show starts at 8 am. Cash or check only, no refunds. 4-H rules apply and negative Coggins with 12 month required for each horse.

Questions? Contact Lynn Perry, 517-376-1164. More information is available on [the flyer](#).



Night Run Series: June 4th, 11th, 25th, and July 9th at Fowlerville Fairgrounds



Save the date for the Night Run Series this summer! Sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee, the series will be held at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds at 8800 West Grand River Ave, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Gates open at 5 pm, entries close at 5:55 pm and the show starts at 6 pm. Cash and check only, no refunds. 4-H rules apply and you must show at least three dates to be eligible for the series prizes of (1st) belt buckle, (2nd) lawn chair, and (3rd) to be determined. Negative Coggins within 365 days of August 31st, 2025 required for each horse.

Questions? Contact Lynn Perry, 517-376-1164 Check out the [full flyer](#) for more information.

Superintendent Night on April 24th at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Mark your calendar for Superintendent's Night at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds on April 24th at 6:00 pm. Bring your fair-week questions and prepare to learn about rules changes, general best practices, and more! This is a great opportunity for exhibitors and families to get prepared for the Fair! Interested in serving on next year's Animal Project Committee? Join us after the event for our general meeting!

We will be meeting in the Livestock Arena this year, weather permitting.

There will be door prizes, pizza, and water provided.

Questions? Contact Kat, krollkat@msu.edu.





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Fowlerville Family Fair Tagging Saturday May 3rd



If you plan to exhibit market livestock at the Fowlerville Family Fair, make sure you mark your calendars for the Saturday, May 3rd tagging date. This is for market animals- Sheep, Goats, Beef (Market Beef & Market Dairy), and Feeder Calves. Animals must be tagged at this tagging to be shown in the market class and sold in the auction.

Contact the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds Staff if you have questions about tagging, at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or 517-223-8186.

Livingston County 4-H'ers Attend Ignite by 4-H in Washington D.C.

Ignite is a nationwide 4-H event where kids from all over the US and territories, Canada, and a few other countries, meet up in Washington, DC and take workshops related to their interests and future aspirations. Gianna and Vincent Coppola of the Roots & Wings club went there from Wednesday to Sunday, attending the Community Accelerators track.

"My favorite part of the experience was meeting other 4-Hers from all over." Gianna, age 17, said. According to 14 year old Vincent, his favorite class was the Startups 0 to 1, about startup business.

Ignite by 4-H is a four-day interactive summit helps teens find their spark through inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, off-site experiences, career exploration and connecting with peers. Youth pick a track, and besides Community Accelerators there were options for Agriscience, Healthy Living, and STEM. If you know a 4-H interested in attending in the future, please check out the information on the [4-H.org website](http://4-H.org).



Roots and Wings 4-H Club Happenings



Roots and Wings 4-H Club met this previous month for their club meeting. Pictured to the left are older members working with younger 4-H'ers on STEM activities at their meeting. We love to see the older youth acting as mentors in their club!

Do you have photos and updates from your 4-H Club? Send them to Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu and we can include them in the next newsletter.



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Silver Level Volunteer Screening for 4-H Kitchen Volunteers

Are you planning to volunteer this July at the 4-H Kitchen? Get started now on your volunteer screening. MSU Extension is firmly committed to ensuring the safety of those who take part in our programming by providing a thorough screening and selection process for MSU Extension volunteers. This ensures those who work alongside us or directly with youth and the people we serve are safe and have positive experiences that enrich their lives.

Adults who work in the 4-H Kitchen or at one time events need to complete the **silver** level volunteer screening. This DOES NOT require an interview, references, or trainings. If you completed this screening last year, you do NOT need to redo the screening. You can start the [application here](#).



Make sure to choose Silver level, 4-H Youth Development as the program and Livingston as your county. You will only need to complete an application and consent to a background check. If you have questions about the process, please email Kat at krollkat@msu.edu.

This level of volunteer is only for one-time events like the 4-H Kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering more than for 4-H Kitchen, please reach out to Kat about the process. We are always looking for folks interested in volunteering for our 4-H programs.

Livingston County 4-H'ers Compete in Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest



Livingston County 4-H'ers Ashley Baize and Adelyn Grima of Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club competed as novices (first timers) at the Horse Judging Contest on March 29th at the MSU Pavilion. They got to judge Stock Horses, Arabians, Miniature Horses, and Percherons at halter, and judged performance classes of Hunt Seat, Ranch Rail, Saddle Seat, and Western Horsemanship. They also supported their placings with a set of oral reasons given in person to a judge. It was a great day of growth and exposure to a variety of high-quality horses. Practices for horse judging will resume in the fall.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 – August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

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 Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. 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, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – 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.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism

April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

Online

This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm

April 24: 4-H Fly Fishing Series

Adrian, Michigan

Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series

April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30

May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs




May 3: Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens

Owosso, Michigan

Learn about 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.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  6pm - Pastabilities cooking class!	4	5
6	7	8  7pm - Hands on livestock workshop	9	10	11	12
13	14	15  7pm - Horse committee meeting	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22 	23	24  6:30pm - Meet the superintendents night	25	26
27	28	29	30 11:59pm - 4-H online enrollment deadline!!  			

Have a club event you want to highlight? Send it to Kat and we will try our best to add it here!