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# 4-H Family News

Livingston County

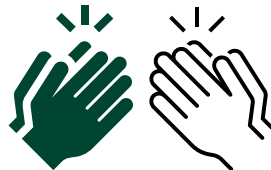


## Thanks for a Great Fowlerville Family Fair!

Thank you to all of our 4-H leaders, volunteers, families, and youth who helped out at the Fowlerville Family Fair. A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped lead craft activities, helped in the 4-H Kitchen, and covered the 4-H Office throughout the week. We also appreciate everyone who helped set up and clean up the 4-H building and kitchen.

4-H'ers, please remember to take a few minutes to write any remaining thank you notes to trophy sponsors, ribbon sponsors, animal/still project buyers, and other individuals and businesses you may know of who supported our event in some way. Your words mean a lot to them!

If you have questions about trophies, ribbons, buyers, or other Youth Show related questions, please contact the Fowlerville Fair at (517) 223-8186 or by email at [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

### Livingston County 4-H Staff Out of Office

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

### 4-H Online System Shut Down

August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>

### 4-H Online Reopens for the 2024-25 Program Year

September 11<sup>th</sup>



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## Congratulations to 4-H Club Booth Winners



Congratulations to the following 4-H Clubs for winning the top 5 spots in our 4-H Club Booth contest. Club booths are judged on the following criteria,

1st-3rd place will receive a pizza party or ice cream social

- 1st place - Gusty Acres 2.0 (featured in the photo)
- 2nd place - Tri-County Kids
- 3rd place - Little Barn
- 4th place - Muddy Buddies
- 5th place - Awesome Paws

## Fun 4-H Ambassador Activities at the Fowlerville Family Fair

Thank you to Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors Emma Roberts, Danykah Muck, Ashley Bernardin, Ashley Baize, and Rachel Newsom for helping plan and coordinate two fun activities during the Fowlerville Family Fair! On Tuesday, we hosted a snow globe craft activity that allowed youth to make a snow globe or snow globe jar with various farm themes animals and glitter. On Wednesday, we hosted a roping practice and youth got to learn the technique.

Do you know a 4-H youth ages 13-19 who would like to join the 4-H Ambassadors? Keep an eye on your email and Facebook for the 4-H Ambassadors Application coming in September!



## Livingston County 4-H History Exhibit by Kounty Klover Kids 4-H Club



Thank you to 4-H Club Leader Teena Munsell and 4-H Club Kounty Klover Kids for creating a beautiful display of Livingston County 4-H History that was displayed in the 4-H Building during the Fowlerville Family Fair. This exhibit included photos, historical 4-H bulletins, county awards, trophies, and so much more. We appreciate their efforts to create this exhibit and share the history of Livingston County 4-H with visitors.



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## Congratulations to our GooseChase Winners: Roots and Wings 4-H Club

Congratulations to our Goosechase winners, Roots and Wings 4-H Club for winning this year's Fowlerville Family Fair Goosechase online scavenger hunt (The Coppolas, members of the club, are pictured with the trophy). The crocheted goose trophy was created by Kat VanDouser, our 4-H Program Coordinator, and will be displayed on the winning club's booth next year during the Fair!

We appreciate all the teams that participated and hope you had a great time learning new facts and meeting new friends through the missions. Kat looks forward to coming up with the next Fair's list of questions to stump you all!



## Livingston County 4-H Staff Out of Office August



Both of your Livingston County 4-H staff members, Kat VanDouser and Jenny Speyer will be out of the office on this August. This means we will not be in the office to answer any questions between August 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan accordingly if you need anything from us before then. The MSU Extension Office will still be open during this time for the regular hours but may not be able to answer all of your questions. We look forward to seeing you when we return!

## Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop September 21-22<sup>nd</sup> in Owosso

Registration is now open for the Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop! Join the Michigan 4-H staff for 2 days of classes focused on everything you need to know to teach Shooting Sports fundamentals to youth as part of a 4-H Youth Development Program. This workshop is for both adult volunteers and teens ages 14 and up who are interested in leading shooting sports programs. Adults MUST be a gold volunteer before they can attend this training. If you are not already a volunteer and interested, please contact Jenny Speyer, [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu), to start the volunteer selection process.

Follow this link to learn more and register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024SSInstructorFallWorkshop/>





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## Another Great Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee Night Run Series



The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee Night Run Series finished last week. We hope everyone who participated had a great time and we want to congratulate the top finalists in each age group.

### Adult:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kirsten Lahti & Hercules
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paige Krager & Mikey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paige Krager & Durango

### Senior:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sienna Lahti & Minnie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyndall Rodriguez & TR
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gretchen Wilson & Henan

### Intermediate:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Allison Harvey & Light it up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Allison Harvey & Tyson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Augustine Hansen & Fifty

### Junior:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alyson Labadie & Comet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alyson Labadie & Katniss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Raelle King & Ace

### Walk Trot:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rosalie Good & Marty
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Simeon Hansen & Centaur

## Volunteers Needed to Plan a Project Day in Livingston County 4-H

4-H Staff are exploring the idea of hosting a county wide project day in the winter of 2025. This would focus on mostly still projects and be open to youth from across the county.

If you are an adult or teen interested in helping plan this event, please contact Jenny Speyer, [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu). We will need volunteers willing to help plan to the event and also to lead project sessions.





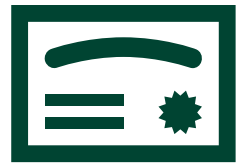
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## County Award Applications Now Available

We are looking forward to once again recognizing the many youth and adults in our 4-H program this fall with our annual County Awards.

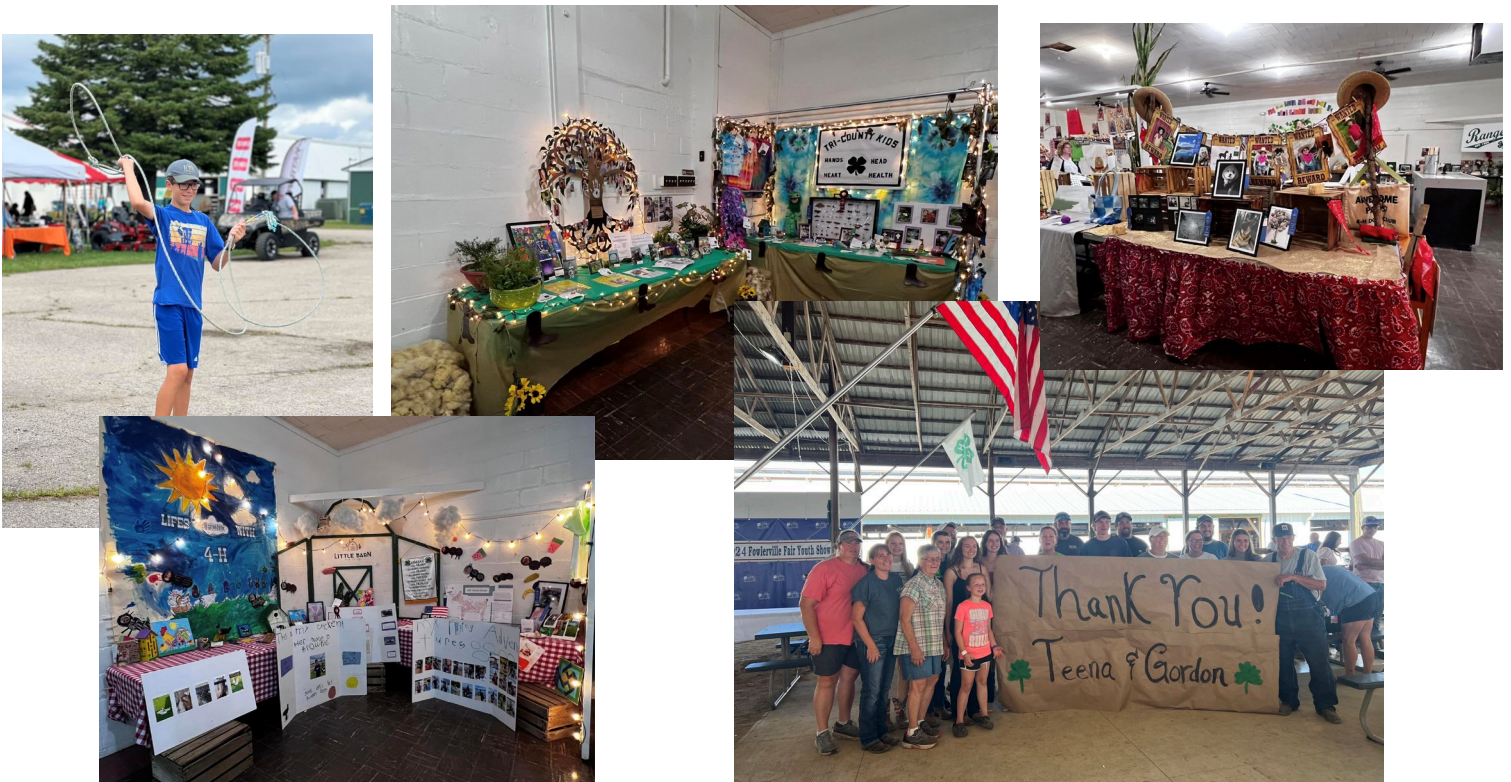
All applications can be found on our website [https://www.canr.msu.edu/livingston/livingston\\_county\\_4\\_h/4-h-member-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/livingston/livingston_county_4_h/4-h-member-information) under County Awards. We also have paper copies at the MSU Extension Office. Applications will be due in October with a date to come soon. This is your chance to be recognized for all of the hard work you do in your project areas throughout the year! In addition to your own awards, please consider nominating a leader or volunteer that has made your year in 4-H fantastic! Applications can be sent to the MSU Extension Office address listed on the forms or you can complete the electronic version and there is no need to print or return the form.

If you are not eligible or applying for awards this year, we hope you will still join us in recognizing all of the hard work that our 4-Hers and volunteers have put in over the last year. This year's awards are still being planned and more details will come next month!



## Photos from the Fowlerville Family Fair

We had a great time seeing all of our 4-H'ers showing off their hard work at the Fowlerville Youth Show! Here are some photos from the week.





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

### Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome  
Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 4

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H  
Children's  
Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension \* 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the seventh annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 4.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception).

Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

### August 8: Bubble Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Come celebrate the end of summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day)

### August 13: 2024 Kayaking Days Presented by Antrim County 4-H

*Paddles & Petals, Bellaire*

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. Registration deadline is August 9.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h-session-2)

### August 16-18: 2024 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show-2024)

### August 18: Bee Palooza

*Michigan Horticulture Gardens, East Lansing*

Michigan State University is hosting a Bee Palooza event on campus for everyone who is interested in bees to attend!

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

### August 22: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

*Online*

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will run each Thursday from August 22 – September 19 from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20\(COPY\\_1719621752959\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024%20(COPY_1719621752959))

### September 21: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

*Molecular Plant Sciences Building, East Lansing*

Join us for an afternoon reception as we recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 19. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 35 4-H members from 21 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 15 of the 21 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2024 awards are:



**Achievement:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County

**Beef Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior)

**Birds & Poultry Science:** Ezri Westrate of Allegan County (junior) and Emily Seifert of Oakland County (senior)

**Civic Engagement and Service:** Elliana Specht of Saginaw County (junior)

**Companion Animal Science:** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior) and Bryant Janetzke of Kent County (senior)

**Environmental Science:** Amelia Long of Washtenaw County (junior) and Gianna Coppola of Livingston County (senior)

**Goat Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior) and Makayla Dopkowski of Cass County (senior)

**Leadership:** Daisy Branham of Monroe County (junior) and William Rogers of Washtenaw County (senior)

**Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior) and Caitlyn Janicek of Shiawassee County (senior)

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior)

**Sheep Science:** Clara Heath of Hillsdale County (senior)

**Shooting Sports:** Taliesan Cox of Luce County (senior)

**Swine Science:** Katelyn Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior)

**Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Vincent Coppola of Livingston County (junior)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

## Become a 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps member!

Join 4-H HealthCorps and lead engaging mental, emotional and physical health programs for youth! You'll plan workshops, host youth clubs, and work with volunteers to give youth skills to navigate life's challenges and build a foundation for a healthy future.

Members will: serve full-time, October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025, and be paid \$18,700. Members also receive a \$7,395 education award, free health coverage, childcare assistance, and student loan forbearance. Apply at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/emp/employers/75110>.

