



4-H Family News

Jackson County Connections

November 2025



Don't Miss Out—4-H Enrollment Deadline is December 1st!

A friendly reminder that all 4-H returning members, youth and Cloverbuds, must complete their enrollment by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 1st.

Don't wait until the last minute—get signed up today to make sure you're ready for another great year of learning, fun, and growth with 4-H!

If you need help or have questions about the process, reach out to the Extension Office before the deadline.

Let's make this the best 4-H year yet!

MSU Extension Field Crops Team Has a Podcast!

Season 5 of 'In the Weeds' began in September featuring episodes on harvest safety, drones, and canola. Bonus episode: November 20 will feature 4-H youth (including some from **Jackson County 4-H**) talking about the crops they showed at fair this year.

Hear about lessons learned this growing season and what they plan to do next year. Find 'In the Weeds' on [Spotify](#), [iTunes](#) and on the [Field Crops Team website](#): https://www.canr.msu.edu/field_crops/in-the-weeds.

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<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Monday 10th 6:30pm
Horse Council
MSU Extension Office

Tuesday 11th 6:30pm
Small Animal Association
*Potluck
MSU Extension Office

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th
Sewing Workshop
See Flyer

Saturday 15th
Welding Workshop
See Flyer

Wednesday 19th 6:30pm
Livestock Association
MSU Extension Office

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Monday 1st 6:30pm
Foundation
MSU Extension Office

AND DON'T FORGET

HEADS UP – Horse Council,
Small Animal & Livestock
Meetings NOW start at 6:30pm

MSU OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
NOVEMBER

4th –2pm-5pm
5th, 11th, 27th & 28th

DECEMBER
24th - 26th

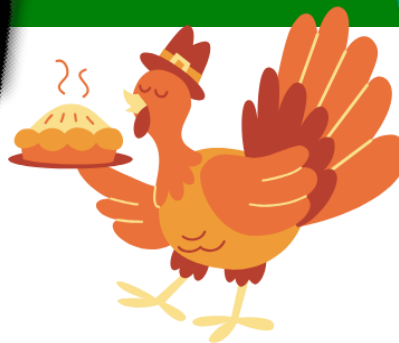
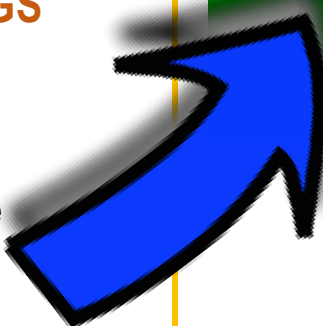


REMINDER

Returning 4-H Members **MUST** be
Enrolled in 4-H Online by 11:59
DECEMBER 1ST, 2025

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

New 4-H Members
Have Until May 1st
to Enroll



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H SEWING CLASS

*November 13th & 14th
6:00pm - 8:00pm*



Jackson County 4-H 8-19 year olds, come join us for a two-night sewing workshop hosted by the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild of Jackson County. Whether you're a beginner or looking to brush up on your skills, this workshop is perfect for you. You'll learn all the essential sewing skills, like common sewing terms, how to wind and load a bobbin, thread a sewing machine, sew straight (ish) lines, cut out fabric using a pattern, and even press fabric with an iron.

Cost: \$5

Location:
MSU Extension Office
1715 Lansing Ave. Ste 257
Jackson, MI 49202

We can't wait to sew with you!

**Register at waldro45@msu.edu
Include child's name and project they
want to make.**

**Registration Deadline
November 3rd, 2025**



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H WELDING WORKSHOP

Jackson County 4-H members join us for morning of fun, creativity, & an introduction to the process of Gas Metal Arc Welding. During this class, you will learn about the welding safety, machine set-up & practices. You will complete the class by welding a customized turkey. All supplies & safety gear are provided.

WHEN: November 15th

TIME: 10AM-12PM

WHERE: The Workshop
3241 County Farm Rd.
Jackson, MI 49201

COST: \$45

*Due at registration

REGISTER AT:

<https://theworkshop.coursestorm.com/course/jackson-county-4-h-welding-workshop3>

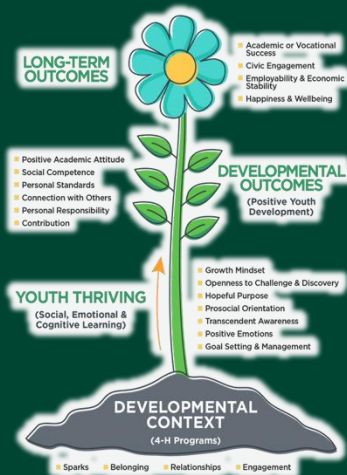
DEADLINE TO REGISTER
November 8th

For Questions, Contact
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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





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



THANKFUL FOR OUR 4-H COMMUNITY



As we reflect on this season of thankfulness, we're especially thankful for our 4-H youth, volunteers, and families. Your dedication, energy, and support makes our program strong and our communities brighter. Every project completed, meeting attended, and every moment spent helping others reminds us how special it is to be part of the 4-H family. Thank you for all you do to make the best better!

Stay Connected With Jackson County 4-H

- Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

- Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

- Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

- Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>



Do you need to get certified as a pesticide applicator or renew an expired license?

This winter, join MSU Extension at one of the 28 in-person testing opportunities across the state. March 4 MSU Extension Jackson will host a review (1715 Lansing Ave, Jackson, MI). There will be a review of core materials followed by the Core exam. Aerial and Fumigation category exams also available. Review session fee \$25. 4 RUP. To register for the Jackson event or any of the other sessions, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026pesttest/> or call the Jackson Extension office 517-788-4292.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 28 – Dec. 14, 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 at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

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.



Fair Prep

BECAUSE IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PREPARING

How To Market Your 4-H Livestock Project



Want to Rock Your 4-H Auction Experience?

Learn how to market your project like a pro, attract potential buyers to the auction, and write a thank you card that really stands out (because it should be more than just "thanks for supporting me")!

Check out these helpful links for tips, ideas, and inspiration to make the most of your 4-H journey!

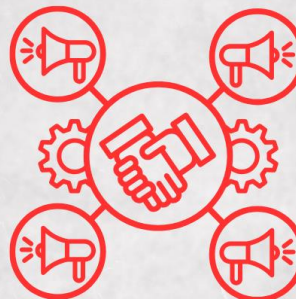


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JACKSON COUNTY FAIR 2026 DATES AUGUST 9TH – 15TH