



4-H Family News

June 2026

Jackson County Connections



Jackson County Fair Registration

**Cloverbud, Livestock, Small Animal & Still
Exhibit Exhibitors – Don't Forget!!!**

**The deadline to enter projects in the Fair is
June 26th at 5:00 pm**

**Family Pass Forms & Payment Due To The Fair
Office By June 26th at 5PM**

2026 Jackson County 4-H Fair Book

The 4-H Fair Book is now available on our website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/jackson/4-h/jackson-county-fair>

Need Help?

If you need assistance with 4-H side of fair entry or have questions, please contact the MSU Extension Office to schedule a time to meet. We're happy to help!

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Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

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

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Association Meetings Are A Great Opportunity To Meet With Superintendents To Discuss Fair Related Questions, Species Specific Info, & Expectations Packets.
Hope To See You There!!

June Meetings

Friday 15th 5:00pm
Feeder Calf Google Form Due

Tuesday 16th 6:00pm
Cloverbuds
See Flyer For Details

Friday 19th
Swine Showmanship Clinic
See Flyer For Details

Thursday 25th
Flower Arrangements Workshop
See Flyer For Details

Friday 26th 5:00pm
Fair Entries Due

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please read the email regarding IRS federal tax form requirements for all auction participants. These changes will impact youth selling animals through the auctions, so it is important that families review this information carefully.

July Meetings

Monday 13th 6:30pm
Horse Council – MSUE Office

Tuesday 14th 6:30pm
Small Animal Association
MSU Extension Office

Wednesday 15th 6:30pm
Livestock Association
MSU Extension Office

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th
Summer Sewing Workshop
See Flyer For Details

Saturday 18th 8-11am
Pullorum Testing (Poultry Kids)
Jackson Fairgrounds

Sunday 26th – ALL SPECIES
Fairground Setup/Clean up
10am large /Noon small
Jackson Fairgrounds

Monday 27th 6:00pm
4-H Council
Location TBA

JACC FFA & Concord Contenders 4-H

Swine Showmanship Clinic

Join us at the Jackson County Fairgrounds
for a Swine Showmanship Clinic!
Open to all 4-H and FFA members!

JUNE 19th

6:30 pm Check-in

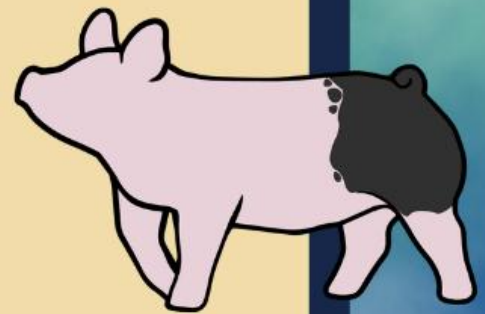
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Showmanship

Feeding

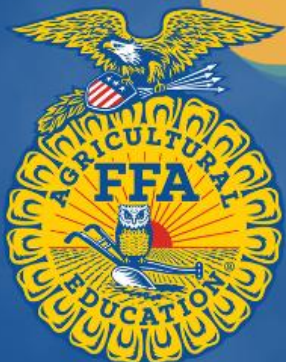
Show Prep

*Exhibitors are welcome to bring 1 pig, but are
not required to participate



**Scan QR Code to sign up
or go to**

<https://showman.app/shows#/ffa-swine-showdown-69f2/>



Questions Contact:
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Jason Gehrke 517-410-2407





Jackson County 4-H

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Workshop

\$10

June 25th @6pm

MSU Extension Office

1715 Lansing Ave. Jackson, MI

Jackson County 4-H'ers – join us for a fun and creative floral arranging class! Learn the basics of floral design while creating a corsage, boutonniere, and small vase arrangement.

This hands-on class is a great opportunity to explore your creativity and learn new skills in a fun environment.

All materials are included.

To Register: Email waldro45@msu.edu
by June 12th

JACKSON CO. 4-H SUMMER SEWING WORKSHOP!



**\$10
INCLUDES ALL
SUPPLIES, DRINKS,
SNACKS &
A LIGHT DINNER**



JULY 16TH

Bille Blanket or Apron: 12:30-6:30pm

Lanyard & Feed Sack/Bag Tote: 12-3:30pm or 3-6:30pm

TWO DAY PROJECTS-

Upcycle Hoodie/Crew Sweatshirt, Rag Quilt or Star Quilt:
12:30-6:30pm

*Star Quilt makes 2 - sign up with a friend!

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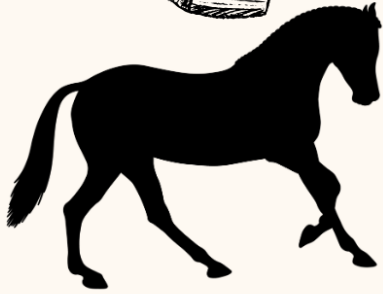
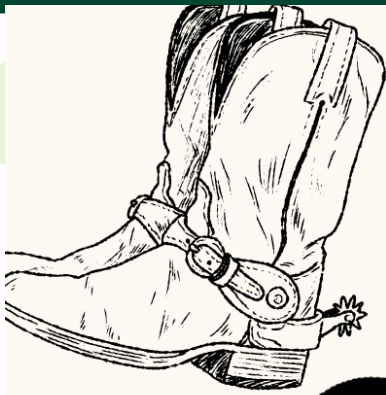
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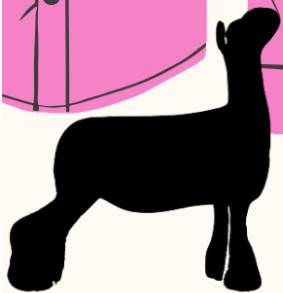
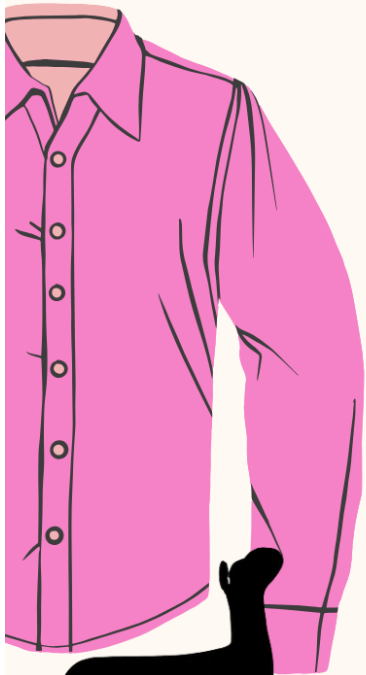
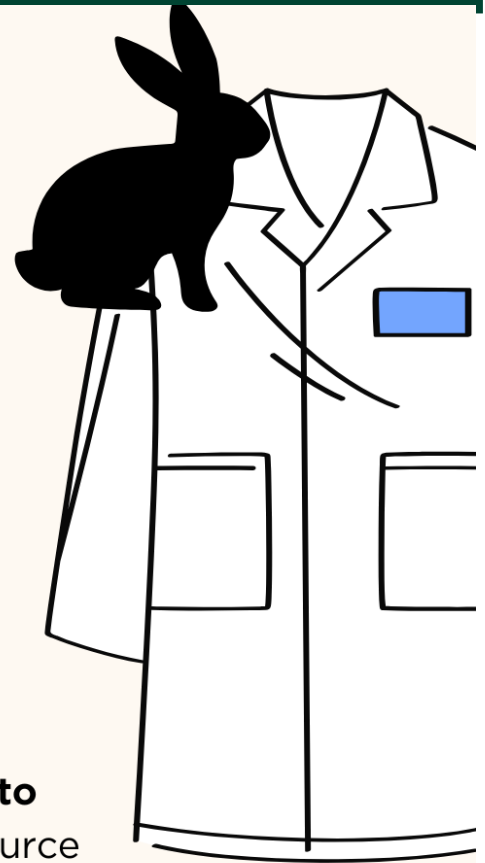
REGISTER BY JULY 3RD

<https://signup.com/go/ZkRzrpG>





4-H Closet



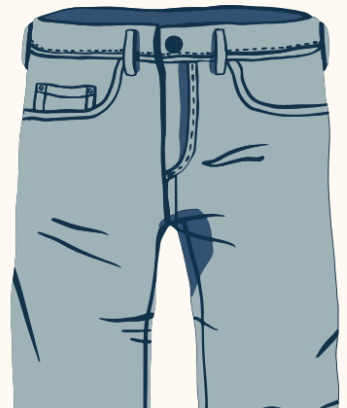
Jackson County 4-H is excited to launch the 4-H Closet, a new resource that helps families avoid buying new show clothes each year as youth grow. Donations of gently used, clean show clothing and equipment are being accepted at the MSU Extension Office. They will be available to all Jackson County 4-H members during the Jackson County Fair.

Some items needed include:

Long-sleeve white button-up shirts, show shirts, jeans, rubber boots & boots, belts, show equipment, and white lab coats.



Together, we can support youth participation while easing costs for families.

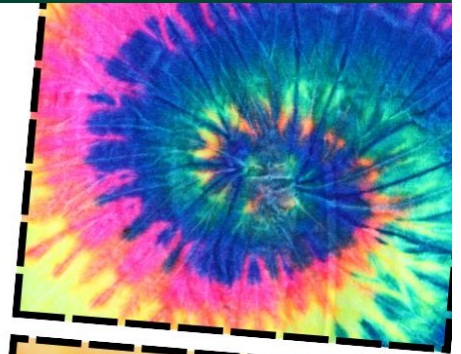




JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUDS

JOIN THE FUN!!

- * January 20th - Tie Dye Time
- * February 17th - Chef Cloverbud
- * March 17th - Canvas Painting
- * April 21st- Rock Lab: Explore, Sort, & Create
- * May 19th - Buzz Builders: Inside The World of Bees
- * June 16th- 4-H Council Night (activities the youth council)



ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FROM 6-7:30PM
COST \$5 PER ACTIVITY
MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
1715 LANSING AVE
STE 257
JACKSON, MI 49202

OPEN TO ALL JACKSON CO. 4-H MEMBERS
5-7 YRS OLD.
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA WALDRON AT
517-788-4292 OR
WALDRO45@MSU.EDU



REGISTER AT:
WALDRO45@MSU.EDU
BY THE FRIDAY
BEFORE EACH CLASS

Food Grade Grains Field Day at Boyer Livestock

2 RUP
credits

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 11:00am- 2:30pm
7731 Clark Lake Rd, Clarklake MI 49234

Join us for a day for learning and networking to strengthen the local grain value chain

- 11:00 am-12:30 pm Field tour and wheat, rye, barley, and oat management with Brook Wilke (MSU), Dennis Pennington (MSU), Jamie Zbinden (Legacy Seed & Chem), John Meadows (Nutrien)
- 12:30 pm-1:15 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm-1:45 pm Cover crop benefits and seed production with Jeff Boyer and Madelyn Celovsky (MSU Extension)
- 1:45 pm -2:30 pm Food grade grain value chain discussion moderated by Julie Doll (Michigan Ag Advancement) featuring Joe Goetz (Goetz Brothers Organics), Todd Wright (Knappen Milling), Claire Smith (Tenara Grains), Robert McIntosh (Original Grains), & Josh Palmer (Upstart Bakery)

Featured crops: wheat, barley, cereal rye, and oats

REGISTER BY JUNE 5

This event is free but please preregister so we have an accurate headcount for lunch.

Scan the QR code or visit
forms.gle/nbUCTEJ7mR5WM2N46

Or contact Madelyn Celovsky
248-385-7886 or celovsk2@msu.edu





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing Youth to Be Beyond Ready Through 4-H Livestock Projects



Beyond Ready

4-H livestock projects provide powerful, real-world learning that helps youth become Beyond Ready for life, work and leadership. Caring for animals teaches responsibility, time management and problem solving, all of which are essential skills for future success. Through chores, recordkeeping and making informed decisions, youth practice accountability and perseverance.

Livestock projects also build confidence as members explain their work to judges, interact with buyers and demonstrate professionalism in the show ring. When volunteers encourage reflection, support goal setting, and help youth connect these experiences to life beyond the barn, young people begin to see how their efforts today prepare them for tomorrow. Are your project activities helping youth become Beyond Ready?

#BeyondReady

June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache

June 9: Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

Online

Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26

June 11: Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

Online

As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you

June 18: Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party

June 23: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

July 1: 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Jackson County 4-H 2026 Expectation Packets

[Poultry Expectation Packet](#)

[Rabbit Expectation Packet](#)

[Goat Expectation Packet](#)

[Dog Expectation Packet](#)

[Beef Expectation Packet](#)

[Sheep Expectation Packet](#)

[Dairy Expectation Packet](#)

[Swine Expectation Packet](#)



Jackson County 4-H Exhibitors:
Please take time to review your project expectations packet, where you'll find important details for each species.

These can all be found on our MSU Extension website under 4-H [Jackson County Fair](#)



• 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>



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!



[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/YOUTH BUSINESS GUIDE TO SUCCESS/4-H-ANIMAL-PROJECT-MARKETING-RESOURCES/BUFF](https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/4-h-animal-project-marketing-resources/buff)

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/YOUTH BUSINESS GUIDE TO SUCCESS/4-H-ANIMAL-PROJECT-MARKETING-RESOURCES/SHEEP-GOATS](https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/4-h-animal-project-marketing-resources/sheep-goats)



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JACKSON COUNTY FAIR 2026 DATES AUGUST 9TH – 15TH



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 15. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026.



MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service in 2026

For the sixth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“We give thanks for every volunteer in our program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they’ve done for our organization and Michigan 4-H’ers.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2026 are:

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| • Kay Booth, Barry County | • Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County |
| • Joyce Goerge, Clinton County | • Linda Preston, Cass County |
| • Betty Groth, Cass County, | • Peter Preston, Cass County |
| • Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County | • Kathy Williams, St. Clair County |
| • Gary Koppelman, Monroe County | • Mary Yeomans, Midland County |
| • Michael Lee, Osceola County | |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.