



MAY 2025

4-H Family News

Livingston County



4-H Kitchen: Become a Silver Volunteer Now!

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.

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.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Fowlerville Family Fair Tagging

May 3rd from 8 am – 2 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Animal Project Committee Meeting

May 6th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Committee Meeting

May 13th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Council Meeting

May 20th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

FairEntry Exhibitor Registration Assistance

June 9th from 5-7 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

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FairEntry & Fowlerville Family Fair Information



The Fowlerville Family Fair Youth Show is quickly approaching. May 1st forms for swine, horses, dogs, cats, and camelids. Forms should be turned into the Fair Office before or on May 1st! The forms can be dropped off via email or in person.

FairEntry registration opens on June 1st and closes on June 15th at 11:59 pm. There is also an optional FairEntry Exhibitor Registration Assistance on June 9th from 5-7 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Families can get assistance on registering for the Youth Show at this event.

Animal Tagging and Weigh In is scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2025, from

8am to 2pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. There is also a map on the Fowlerville Youth Show page of the website labelled Tuesday Animal Unloading Map and is required for the following animal projects:

- Market Beef
- Market Feeder Steers
- Market Sheep
- Market Goat

We also want to remind families that one change this year is that the Still Auction will be done in random order this year.

Superintendent Positions Open at Fowlerville Family Fair

The Fowlerville Family Fair has three superintendent openings for the Fair this year: Swine Superintendent, Still Life Auction Superintendent, and Homemaker Superintendent. If you or someone you know are interested in these positions, please contact the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds office for more information. You can email them at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or (517) 223-8186.



Attention 4-H Parents: Want to Enter your Own Projects in Fowlerville Fair?



Open Class competition is open to ALL Michigan residents (ages 5+) - NO memberships/affiliations required! Enter baking, canning, art, photography, crafts, collections, sewing, growing, livestock and much more. Registration runs June 16-July 1, after Youth Show registration closes.

Your 4-H member can also enter in Open Class - it's an entirely separate program offering its own ribbons and cash awards!

View the Open Class Entry Book at: <https://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/fair/open-class/> and contact Superintendent Dawn Bhajan with questions: (810) 923-4582, dawnbhajan@gmail.com.



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Sign up Now for Horse Levels of Achievement May 2-4th

Attention 4-H horse and pony exhibitors, it's time to sign up for Horse Levels of Achievement. This is open to ALL enrolled 4-H members in Livingston County ages 5-19. Evaluations are done by interview with a Gold Level Volunteer. Levels 1 & 2 do not require a horse. Achieving Level 1 is a requirement to be a Delegate to the 4-H State Horse Show.

Level 1 & 2 Evaluation dates are:

- Friday May 2nd: 6 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday May 3rd: 10 am – 1 pm
- Sunday May 4th: 2 pm – 5 pm



Youth must sign up in advance for an evaluation time. Arrive early before your time slot:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEAE2FA5FBCE9-55655335-levels#/>

See the [flyer](#) for more information. Clubs may also schedule evaluations with [Lynn Perry@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynn_Perry@yahoo.com) or 517.376.1164

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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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.

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](#).



Little Barn 4-H Club Highlights: Quilting!



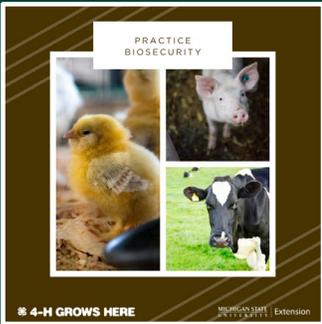
Here is a submission from 4-H'er Lily Witt of Little Barn 4-H Club. "On April 16th, at our 4-H meetup, we were sewing. Over the past few months we have made quilt squares. That is what we are sewing. We had to learn how to use a sewing machine first. Miss Moulton taught us. We had paper with all sorts of lines, like zigzags, squiggles and straight lines. That's what we were practicing sewing on. After we practiced sewing and everybody knew what to do, we started to sew our quilt squares. We are sewing the quilt squares into a big quilt. Look for the quilt at the fair, in our 4-H Little Barn booth."

We can't wait to see the quilt at the Fowlerville Family Fair! Thanks for sharing Lily!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged remain vigilant about biosecurity



In recent years, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and poultry across the country and Michigan. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity
- www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms
- www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza
- www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/

May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Talk the Talk

Online

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. This session covers tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value, and empower youth with practical tips for impactful auctions and markets.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-may-7

May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn how to keep track of what you spend and earn so you can make smart choices for your project. Discover the power of record keeping and learn how to calculate your break-even point to make smarter decisions in livestock marketing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-14

May 15: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill

Online

This webinar will focus on supporting youth who face rumors about their projects and how to prevent the spread of misinformation.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-noon

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-7pm

May 15: Adulthood 101 Webinar – Stay Safe Out There

Online

Practical strategies to help you stay aware, prepared and confident, no matter where you go.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/staysafe

May 19: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences

Online

Discover strategies to engage parents and implement shared leadership in your 4-H club.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-noon

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-7pm

May 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

Delve into the 5 Ps of marketing and explore innovative strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales, and build valuable connections in the industry.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-21





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H license plate now available!

Michigan drivers have a new way to show their 4-H pride while supporting 4-H youth development programming: through the purchase of the newly released Michigan 4-H license plate. Available at the Michigan Secretary of State, the plate prominently displays the signature 4-H clover and part of the proceeds from every sale and renewal will go to support Michigan 4-H youth.

“We are elated that the Michigan 4-H license plate is officially here,” said Quentin Tyler, director of Michigan State University Extension, which is home to the Michigan 4-H program. “We hope the many members of our Michigan 4-H community – youth, parents, alumni and supporters – will consider supporting 4-H by purchasing a plate as they renew their licenses this year.”

Similar to other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate will cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee will also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting Michigan.gov/sos, by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks.

To learn more, visit extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.



Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2025-2026 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs. **All applications are due June 1.**

“County 4-H programs and clubs have so many unique programs,” said Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. “Thanks to the support of our generous 4-H donor community, we are pleased to offer mini-grants to support these many wonderful programs.”

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.





Livingston County 4-H May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 URGENT MAY 1 FORMS DUE!!	2	3  8:00-2:00pm Tagging for Market Beef, Feeder, Goats, and Sheep
4	5	6  7pm - Animal Project Committee Meeting	7	8	9	10  Beef, Feeder, Sheep, & Goat clinic @ Fairgrounds
11	12	13  7pm - Horse committee meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20  7pm - Council Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30 	31 
 ARBA Rabbit show at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds - For more information, see: https://msrba.net/						



Livingston County 4-H June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Fair entry open for Youth Show 	2	3	4  6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	5	6	7
8	9  5-7pm Exhibitor Entry Night @ Fairgrounds	10	11 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	12	13	14
15  LAST DAY for Fair Entry for Youth Show!	16	17 7pm - Council Meeting	18-20 Exploration Days! 4-H Staff out of office.			21
22	23	24	25 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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