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# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## Congratulations on a great Fowlerville Youth Show!

Congratulations to all our 4-H members who exhibited livestock, dairy, small animals, and still projects at the Fowlerville Family Fair! We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication!

We also want to thank the many volunteers that make this all possible.

A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped in the 4-H Kitchen. 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!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

#### 4-H Online Shut Down

August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Animal Project Committee Meeting

September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### Livingston Conservation District Field Day

September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Nature Center

#### 4-H Online Enrollment Begins for 2025-26 Program Year

September 8<sup>th</sup>

#### 4-H Council Meeting

September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### 4-H Annual Leader Meeting

September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Congratulations to our 4-H Club Booth Winners



As always, we loved to see all the creativity that went into our club booths at the Fowlerville Fair. Although everyone did a great job, here are the winners! 1st-3rd place will receive funds towards a club ice cream social or pizza party.

- 1st place - Muddy Buddies
- 2nd place - The "U" Shoes
- 3rd place - Ranger's
- 4th place - Tri County Kids

## County Awards Applications Coming Soon!

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.

Applications will be **available soon** on our website and we also have paper copies at the MSU Extension Office. Applications will be due in October with a date to come soon. This is 4-H'ers chance to be recognized for all their hard work in their 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!



## Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club at Fowlerville Family Fair!



Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club had a great time at the Fowlerville Family Fair! They had their biggest year of clover buds showing! Club members participated in everything from goats, chicken, pigs and cows!!

The photo includes the following club members:

Owen Morris, Allison Miner, Alexis Orr, Johnny Douglas, Jaelyn Miner, Vincent Pizzuto, Brogan Crum, Lydia Pizzuto, Ellora Wojciak, Amelia Orr, and Annie Crum.



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## Livestock Judging at the Fowlerville Family Fair

This year, one of our 4-H Ambassadors and President of Animal Project Committee, Rachel Newsom, pushed for a Livestock Judging Contest at the Fowlerville Family Fair. 4-H was invited to run this contest and did so with the help of Rachel and 4-H Volunteer Marc Hendzel. We were blown away by the turnout, and hope everyone had a fun, educational experience!

Congrats to the grand and reserve champions:

- Novice champion: Kason E.
- Novice reserve: Callie C.
- Junior champion: Nadia H.
- Junior reserve: Riley E.
- Intermediate champion: Jordan H.
- Intermediate reserve: Natalie C.
- Senior champion: Maretta F.
- Senior reserve: Mason M.



## GooseChase Winners from the Fowlerville Fair



We had another great year of GooseChase missions and loved seeing all your submissions and the hard work our teams put into the game. Congratulations to our top teams!

1<sup>st</sup> place – Roots & Wings 4-H Club

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club

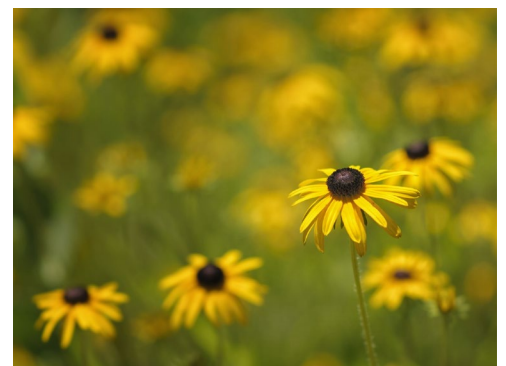
We are proud to report that NO ONE finished the Goosechase this year 😊

## Livingston Conservation District Field Day

The Livingston Conservation District will be holding their annual Fun Family Field Day on Saturday, September 6th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Livingston Conservation District Nature Center in Iosco Township. There will be lots of activities and 4-H will be hosting a fun hands-on activity!

The Nature Center is located at 9585 Roberts Road between Bradley and Gregory Roads in Iosco Township.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Livingston Conservation District at [admin@livingstoncd.org](mailto:admin@livingstoncd.org)





# 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. 3**

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension \* 4-H GROWS HERE

Join MSU Extension for the eighth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 3.

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 2: Breakfast on the Farm

*MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, Lansing*

Live in or around Ingham County? Stop by Breakfast on the Farm at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center. The event will include tours of the farm and great food.

[www.canr.msu.edu/breakfast\\_on\\_the\\_farm/find\\_a\\_breakfast](http://www.canr.msu.edu/breakfast_on_the_farm/find_a_breakfast)

## August 14-17: 2025 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show)

## August 14: Beach Day

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

Celebrate the end of summer at the garden with a day at the beach! Make sand castles, paint shells, play beach games and more. Bring your beach towel and suit and come ready to get wet.

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

## August 18: Adulting 101 - Navigating Life: Addressing and Handling Peer Pressure

*Online*

This interactive presentation will explore the reality of peer pressure and ways to identify, process, and overcome it, to ensure healthy decision making and positive self-confidence.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-navigating-life](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-navigating-life)

## September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress and Deliver with Confidence

*Online*

Learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism)

## September 20: Michigan State 4-H Dog Show

*Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna, MI*

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-H'ers from counties across Michigan. Registration is due by August 31 and spectators are welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Safe food for 4-H events

Food safety is important when hosting food events or fundraisers. A new fact sheet, **Safe Food for 4-H Events**, was created to provide education and resources for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth who are coordinating and participating in 4-H food fundraisers or events. View the factsheet at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events).

In addition, MSU Extension held a training on food safety best practice guidelines for those who are planning for, preparing and implementing food fundraisers or events. 4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at [https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1\\_krsqfes3](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqfes3).

As 4-H families plan fundraisers and other activities throughout the year, remember to review these important resources as a reminder of food safety best practice recommendations.



## Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity\\_tips\\_for\\_animals\\_that\\_went\\_to\\_the\\_county\\_fair](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair).

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
  - Obvious pain or discomfort
  - Decrease in appetite and water intake
  - Fever
  - Lethargy
  - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
  - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
  - Overall weakness




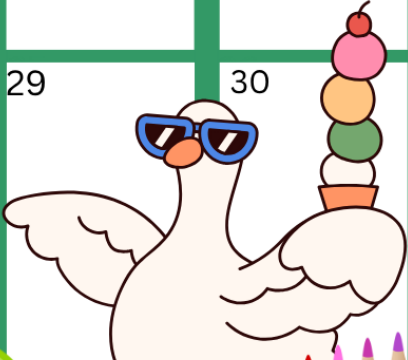
Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





# August 2025



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Jenny out of office.						
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