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4-H Family News

Livingston County



Congratulations to Livingston County State Award Winners Gianna and Vincent Coppola

Congratulations to Livingston County 4-H members Gianna and Vincent Coppola who were recognized at the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program on June 19th. Gianna received a State Award for Environmental Science (Senior Division) and Vincent received a State Award for Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts (Junior Division). Both Gianna and Vincent are members of Roots and Wings 4-H Club. Gianna is also a member of State Youth Leadership Council. Please join us in congratulating Gianna and Vincent on this great accomplishment!



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

Night Run Series Horse Shows

July 10th & 31st at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds, 8800 West Grand River, Fowlerville, MI

Leaders Day Open Youth Horse Show

July 13th gates open at 8 am at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd, Howell MI

Veterinarian Guest Speaker Dr. Brenda

July 13th at 1 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Fowlerville Family Fair Open to the Public

July 22nd-27th at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

4-H Ambassador Activities at Fowlerville Fair

July 23rd and 24th at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

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Veterinarian Guest Speaker Dr. Brenda from the Incredible Dr. Pol on July 13th at 1 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds



Calling all 4-H members interested in Veterinary Medicine! On July 13th at 1pm, we will be hosting a Veterinarian Guest Speaker at the Fowlerville Family Fair Grounds at 8800 W. Grand River Ave, Fowlerville, MI! Join us to ask Dr. Brenda from the Incredible Dr. Pol Show questions and learn more about veterinary medicine!

Please note, this is a location change from our prior posts.

Pre-registration is required. To register: <https://bit.ly/4HVetTalk>

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu

2024 Leaders Day Open Youth Horse Show July 13th at Cohoctah Park

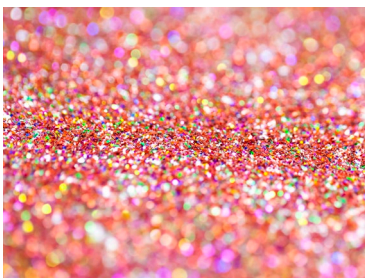
Join us on Saturday, July 13th for our 2024 Leaders Day Open Youth Horse Show at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd, Howell MI. 48855, sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Association. Gates open at 8am, show starts at 9am.

Check out more information on the show bill: <https://bit.ly/24LeadersDay4H>

Questions? Please contact the show manager, Lynn Perry 517-376-1164



Fowlerville Family Fair Activities from the 4-H Ambassadors



Our Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting two fun activities for all ages at the Fowlerville Family Fair. Come join us for the following fun activities (there will be glitter!):

- Tuesday, June 23rd at 2 pm: Snow Globe Craft in 4-H Building
- Wednesday, June 24th at 11 am: Roping Practice outside 4-H Building

We will have more information coming soon about other activities happening in the 4-H Building during the week of the Fowlerville Family Fair!

Fowlerville Family Fair Looking for Help at Still Auction Saturday

The Fowlerville Family Fair Auction Committee is looking for volunteers on Saturday morning from 9 am – about 2:00 pm to make the popcorn and keep water bottles stocked during the Still Auction.

If you are interested, please contact Molly Moulton at 517-294-7687 or moultonfamily94@gmail.com.





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4-H Kitchen Volunteer Sign Ups for the Fowlerville Family Fair

We have most of our shifts covered by our 4-H Clubs for the 4-H Kitchen but still need more help on Friday and Saturday. If you have club members able to help with an additional shift, please let your club leader know! Youth who are helping in the 4-H kitchen should be at least 8 years old and able to follow directions independently.



The 4-H Kitchen is one of our only county wide 4-H fundraisers and assists in our ability to maintain and improve the 4-H building, provide 4-H camp and program scholarships to youth, and to fund county wide 4-H events and programs. It takes many hands to make this fundraiser possible!

Reminder: Adults who sign up do 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.

Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee 2024 Night Run Series Horse Shows



The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee is excited to once again offer the Night Run Series Horse Shows this June and July 2024. This year's Night Run Series will be held at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds on the following dates:

- Wednesday July 10: Show starts at 6 pm
- Make Up Date: Wednesday July 31st: Show starts at 6 pm

For the show bill please see: <https://bit.ly/24NightRun4H>

Questions? Please contact our Show Manager: Lynn Perry 517.376.1164

Silent Auction Items Needed for Leaders Day Fundraiser

The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee is looking for donations of items to include in the silent auction at the Leaders Day Show on July 13th to raise funds for a new horse warm up arena. Funds will help support the local youth raise funds for sand and labor to build the new 80 x 100 warm up arena on the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Items can be dropped off at the MSU Extension Office, 2300 E Grand River Ave, Howell, MI by July 10th. You can also sponsor the fundraiser for amounts of \$1000, \$500, and \$100.



Sponsors will be recognized on a plaque displayed near the new arena. Questions? Please contact Lynn Perry at 517-376-1164 if you have questions about the Leaders Day Silent Auction. Please reach out to Fowlerville Agricultural Society about sponsorships.



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Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You! If you love working with horses and children, this could be for you!

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program helps children with special needs through therapeutic horseback riding, and there are volunteer opportunities available to help bring in horses on the day of classes, grooming, tacking, and helping children get ready to ride.

Once the rider is mounted, up to three volunteers are needed per horse:

- One or Two side walkers who walk alongside the horse and rider to offer support, and one person who leads the horse.
- Side walkers and horse leaders need to be 14 years old, younger volunteers are able to help with grooming, tacking, assisting with games, etc.

Riders are put through patterns of walking, trotting, reversing, changing directions, and stopping. We also play games on horseback like Egg and Spoon, and Red Light Green Light. The Grand Equestrians riders also show at Fair, which is especially awesome!

It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the kid's faces and see the progress they make! We also sign for community service hours



2024 Riding Classes start June 4th and run through July 16th on Tuesdays only from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no class the week of July 4th. Email grandequestrians@gmail.com to sign up or for further information!



4-H Exploration Days 2024 Recap



We had a great time this year at 4-H Exploration Days with 8 youth from Livingston County 4-H! This year's keynote was in Munn Ice Arena and youth got to enjoy the air conditioning during a very hot week. Youth enjoyed free MSU Dairy Store Ice Cream on Wednesday evening and the dance and roller skating were a highlight on Thursday evening. A few of our youth joined us for an edible plant walk (see the photo) too! We are looking forward to next year and you can mark your calendars for June 18th-20th, 2025. This event is open to youth 4-H ages 12-19 years old. **We will be looking for a male and female chaperone willing to attend with our delegation!**



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit www.joann.com/4-h to learn more and enroll.

July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024

July 15 – August 12: 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 meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024

July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lake State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

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

July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

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

July 26: Discover 4-H

Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h





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Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



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.

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.

