



MAY 2023

# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## May 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline to Participate as a 4-H in Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

This Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, is the deadline to be enrolled in 4-H Online to show as a 4-H'er at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. If you are not sure if you are enrolled, you can check by logging into [4-H Online](#). If you need more assistance, the MSU Extension Office will be open Wednesday from 9 am – 12 pm and from 2-4 pm.

Keep update to on all the upcoming events and deadlines for the Fowlerville Family Fair by checking out their April Newsletters. The first April newsletter is available on their [website](#). The second April Newsletter has been attached to the email in which you received this newsletter.

Some upcoming dates to remember:

- May 4<sup>th</sup> Tagging
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Exhibitor Entry Meeting (RSVP to the Fair Office)

You can contact the Fair Office by calling (517) 223-8186 or emailing [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com). 4-H does not facilitate the Fowlerville YS so please contact the Fair Office for questions.

If you do not already we encourage you to like/follow them on [Facebook](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

#### Deadline for 4-H Online Enrollment to Participate in Fowlerville Youth Show

May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Tagging for the Fowlerville Youth Show

May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

#### 4-H Dog Showmanship Clinic

May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 and 1:30 pm in the 4-H Livestock Arena at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

#### 4-H Cooking Workshop

May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### 4-H Council Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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## Sign up Now for the 4-H Dog Showmanship Clinic on May 11<sup>th</sup>



Looking to spruce up your 4-H Dog Showmanship skills? Maybe you're new to the project and don't know where to begin? Join Livingston County 4-H for a 4-H Dog Showmanship clinic on May 11th at the Fowlerville Family Fair Grounds in the 4-H livestock arena!

Our clinician will be hosting two sessions. We will begin with a beginner level session at 12pm for any youth who are new, or newer, to the 4-H dog program, followed by an advanced session at 1:30pm for our more experienced 4-H dog handlers!

Current Dog Vaccine records are required for this event.

Pre-registration is required, to register please visit: <https://bit.ly/Livin4HDogs>

Questions? Please contact Kat at [Krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:Krollkat@msu.edu) or 517-552-6903!

## 4-H Cooking Workshop on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

We are looking forward to our next 4-H Cooking Workshop on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the MSU Extension Office from 6:30-8 pm. Last month we cooked quesadillas and made salsa and in May we will be making spring rolls! This class will be for ages 8-19 years old, but is targeted for **ages 8-13 years old**.

Register now at:

[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d57o5Zm8X5DB63I](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d57o5Zm8X5DB63I)



## Congratulations to Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club!



Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club! Congratulations to Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club on winning the club challenge pizza party! Thank you to all who participated in the Fowlerville Family Fair / Fowlerville Agricultural Society Fundraising Committee Shoe Drive Club Challenge! Your collective efforts boosted our total within 11 bags of the minimum to complete this campaign! Great job to all of our 4-H clubs that donated to this shoe drive.



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## Fowlerville Family Fair Looking for Volunteers to Help at Auction and Grounds Clean Up

The Fowlerville Family Fair Auction Committee is looking for 2-3 volunteers per auction to make the popcorn and keep water bottles stocked during the auctions. The auctions are:

- Small Animal- Thursday, July 25th at 2:00
- Large Animal - Friday, July 26th at 2:00
- Still Auction- Saturday, July 27th at 10:00

If you are interested, please contact Molly Moulton at 517-294-7687 or [moultonfamily94@gmail.com](mailto:moultonfamily94@gmail.com).

The Fowlerville Family Fair is also looking for volunteers willing to help with Fairgrounds clean up and repairs on Tuesday and Thursdays in the evenings. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Fair Office at by calling (517) 223-8186 or emailing [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com).



## Spring Trail Ride at Proud Lake Recreation Area on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm



The next 4-H Horse Committee led trail ride will take place at Proud Lake Recreation Area on May 19th, 2024. Participants should be tacked and ready to ride by 2pm. An equine obstacle course can be found at the staging area for the trails for participants to try out! Youth must be at least 8 years old, and must provide their own horse - rental horses are not available. All youth **MUST** wear helmets, Adults are strongly encouraged to wear helmets. To register, please see: <https://bit.ly/4HSpringTrail24>

## Congratulations to Macie Campbell of Rangers 4-H Club in Mary Poppins!

Congratulations to Macie Campbell of Rangers 4-H Club who played the role of Michael in the Hartland High School Play Mary Poppins! She has been doing an incredible job – especially for someone who is only in 5<sup>th</sup> grade! The play has been sold out almost every day. Great job Macie!





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 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](mailto:grandequestrians@gmail.com) to sign up or for further information!





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



## 2024 Livingston County 4-H Horse Levels of Achievement



Open to ALL 4-H members in Livingston County aged 5-19

### Study Guides Available

**Clubs may schedule demonstration times with the Levels Coordinator -  
Lynn\_Perry@yahoo.com - 517.376.1164**

### You must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes or boots for your demonstration

**Demonstrations are done by interview with a Gold Level Volunteer  
You do NOT need a horse for Level 1 or 2**

**Level 1 Knowledge: Leading, tying quick release knot, grooming, feeding, caring for tack, deworming, natural gaits, safety rules.**

**Level 2 Knowledge: You must have achieved Level 1. Bowline knot, proper tack fit, cooling out, parts of horse, parts of English and Western tack. The final requirement is to show or volunteer at a 4-H horse show.**

**Level 3 Knowledge: You must have achieved Levels 1 & 2 in a previous year. Schedule your individual demonstration time with the Levels Coordinator. Showmanship and horsemanship skills, keeping a horse healthy, and hoof care. Give a talk on a horse topic of your choice to the 4-H Horse Committee.**

**Get Study Guides at:**

**[https://www.canr.msu.edu/livingston/livingston\\_county\\_4\\_h/horse-committee-and-horse-pony-project-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/livingston/livingston_county_4_h/horse-committee-and-horse-pony-project-information) or contact Levels Coordinator**



# May 2024











Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	4-H Staff out of office					<b>12pm - Dog Showmanship Clinic</b> 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<b>7pm - 4-H Horse committee meeting</b> 		<b>6pm - Cooking Workshop!</b> 		<del><b>*Tentative*</b> Clicker Training Clinic</del> POSTPONED
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>2pm - Horse committee Trail Ride at Proud Lake Rec Area</b> 		<b>7pm - 4-H Council Meeting</b> 				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Fair ground cleanup - Volunteers needed!. Contact them at: <a href="mailto:Fair@Fowlervillefamilyfair.com">Fair@Fowlervillefamilyfair.com</a> or (517) 223-8186						
						For more information, see: <a href="https://msrba.net/">https://msrba.net/</a>



# June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 	5 5pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds 	6	7	8
9	10	11 	12 5pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds 	13	14	15 *Tentative* Clicker Training Clinic
16	17	18 7pm - 4-H Council Meeting *Tentative* 	19-21 Exploration Days! 4-H Staff out of office.			22 ARBA Rabbit show at Fowlerville Fair Grounds 
23	24	25 	26 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds 	27	28	29
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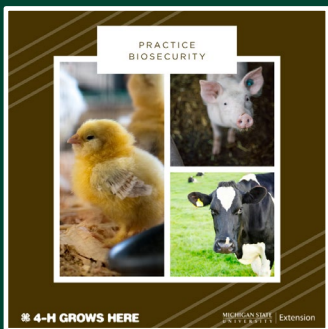
For more information, see: <https://msrba.net/>





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms](http://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](http://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/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/)

### April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Your Local Tractor Supply*

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

### May 5 – June 1

*Across the state*

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

### May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

*Online*

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm)

### May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

*Online*

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit)

### May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

*Online*

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 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 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

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.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

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



## Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock)

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading.** Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.