



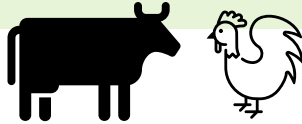
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4-H Family News

Livingston County



Upcoming Livestock Clinics



Are you looking to add a new livestock species to your 2024-2025 4-H project list, or looking to brush up on your livestock husbandry knowledge? Join us this fall-winter for our FREE Livestock Husbandry Workshop Series! Youth can attend one or multiple sessions!

Our first four sessions will cover the basics of care and showing for our many livestock projects! These sessions will not have animals present, but will be interactive! They will take place at the MSU Extension office Conference room at 7pm on the below dates.

Our final session will be a hands-on workshop covering all species except Swine - location to be announced at a later date!

- October 9th - Beef, Dairy, and Feeder Calves
- November 6th - Poultry and Rabbits
- January 8th - Sheep, Goats, and Camelids (Llamas and Alpacas)
- February 12th - Swine
- April 8th - Hands on Livestock Workshop *Location TBD

To help us prepare for refreshments, space, and door prizes, please RSVP at: bit.ly/3TdBNYz

Questions? Reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Animal Project Committee Meeting

October 1st at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

National 4-H Week: Beyond Ready

October 6-12th

Horse Committee Meeting

October 8th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Cattle Workshop

October 9th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Cooking Workshop: Pizza

October 24th at 6:30 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Grand Equestrians Committee Meeting

October 29th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Online Enrollment for 2024-25 Program Year is Now Open!



Enrollment is now open for the 4-H 2024-25 program year! Youth and volunteers can now re-enroll at [4-H Online](#). It is important to re-enroll so that you continue to receive all the communications from the Livingston County 4-H Staff.

Volunteers will have an additional question this year asking if they are gold or silver volunteers. Most volunteers in our county are gold:

volunteers who are project leaders, administrative leaders, etc. If you are not sure your volunteer status, please contact Kat or Jenny.

Join us for the 4-H Ambassadors Bonfire Night: October 12th at 6:30 pm

Do you know a youth between the 4-H ages of 13-18 who is interested in growing as a leader? Please join us on October 12th at 6:30 pm for the 4-H Ambassadors Bonfire Night. Current Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors will be there along with food, drinks, and games. This is a great chance to hear about what our 4-H Ambassadors do and also get to know other teens in Livingston County 4-H. All 4-H'ers 4-H age 13-18 are welcome to attend.



Not able to attend but still interested in becoming a 4-H Ambassador?

[Complete the 4-H Ambassadors application](#) and turn it back into Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu.

Applications are due on November 1st!

County Awards Program: November 8th from 6-8 pm at the 4-H Building



Get ready to celebrate our 4-H youth, volunteers, and supporters at the Annual County Awards Program on November 8th from 6-8 pm. This year's program will be held at the 4-H Building at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds with the theme "Red Carpet." Get out your favorite fancy attire and join us as we recognize the best and the brightest in our county. 4-H youth who attend will also be invited to participate in a best dressed contest and other fun activities. Light refreshments, appetizers, and desserts will be served. Even if you aren't receiving an award this year, come cheer on your fellow 4-H members, volunteers, and supporters!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Join Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee for a Trail Ride in Pinckney

The 4-H Horse Association will be hosting a trail ride in Pinckney on October 20th. This is open to Livingston County 4-H youth ages 8-19 years old and adults. You can participate by bringing your own horse or renting one from the Hell Creek Equestrian Center.

If bringing your own horse, be ready to ride at 2 pm at Pinckney Staging area: 3683 Monks Rd, Pinckney, MI. Cider and donuts for all riders at 3 pm at the Hell Creek Equestrian Center. 10828 Cedar Lake Rd, Pinckney, MI.

There are rental horses available at Hell Creek Equestrian Center and the fee is up to \$50 (TBD). If you would like to rent one, please complete the registration form and indicate this. Do not make your own reservation.

Register here (Both members and adults should register if riding):

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5jLjT9eWFeDlGYe



4-H Cooking Workshops Fall and Winter



Back by popular demand, 4-H Program Instructor Jenny Speyer and Community Nutrition Instructor Shelley Frazier, will be hosting 4-H Cooking Workshops this October, December, and January at the MSU Extension Office.

- Thursday October 24th from 6-7:30 pm: Pizza from Scratch!
- Thursday December 5th from 6-7:30 pm: Mac n Cheese and Toppings
- Thursday January 2nd from 1-2:30 pm: Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, and Squash Pie

These workshops are designed for ages 8-12 years old but 12-19 can also participate.

Please make sure to sign up for each youth separately on the registration as we are capped at 12 youth per session. We will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions and food allergies.

Sign up now! https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1AmCvug9wNu439c



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congratulations to this year's 4-H Animal Project Committee Board!



Congratulations to the new Animal Project Committee Board that was voted in October 1st. We appreciate these youth and adults' willingness to act as officers in this important committee. Here is our new board:

Left to right:

Secretary: Paula Klein

Treasurer: Thomas Labadie

President: Rachel Newsom

Vice President: Ruby Krebs

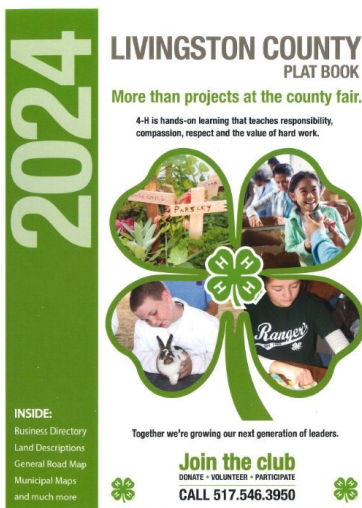
Volunteers Needed to Plan a Project Day in Livingston County 4-H

4-H Staff are exploring the idea of hosting a county wide project day in the winter of 2025. This would focus on mostly still projects and be open to youth from across the county.

If you are an adult or teen interested in helping plan this event, please contact Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu. We will need volunteers willing to help plan to the event and also to lead project sessions.



2024 Plat Books Now Available at the MSU Extension Office



2024 Plat Books are now available at the Livingston MSU Extension Office! Books include a business directory, land descriptions, general road map, municipal maps, and more. Books are \$25 cash or check made out to Livingston County 4-H Council.

This is a 4-H Council fundraiser that supports Livingston County 4-H programs. Tell your family and friends to come purchase one and help support our program. The MSU Extension Office is open Monday-Friday 9 am – 4 pm, but we always recommend calling before you come to make sure staff isn't out of the office.



UPDATED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE 2024-25



2024-2025 COMMITTEE SCHEDULE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H






| Month | Council | Horse | Animal Project | Grand Equestrians |
|-----------|---|--|--|---|
| September | 17th - 7pm | | 3rd - 7pm | |
| October | | 8th - 7pm | 1st - 7pm  | 22nd - 7pm |
| November | 19th - 7pm  | 12th - 7pm  | | 26th - 7pm  |
| December | | | | |
| January | 21st - 7pm | | | |
| February | | | 4th - 7pm | 25th - 7pm |
| March | 18th - 7pm | 11th - 7pm | | |
| April | | 15th - 7pm  | 24th - 7pm  | |
| May | 20th - 7pm | 13th - 7pm | 6th - 7pm | |
| June | 17th - 7pm | | | |
| July | | | | |
| August | | | | |

 General Meeting

 General Meeting with Elections



October 2024 Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|---|---|--|-----|--|
| | | 1 COUNTY AWARDS DUE!! 7pm - Animal Project Committee Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| National 4-H Week: Beyond Ready! | | | | | | |
| | | 7pm - Horse Committee Meeting |  7pm - Cattle Workshop! | | |  6:30pm - Teen Ambassadors Bonfire |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Extension office closed - ALL Staff Conference | | | | | | |
| 20 2pm - Horse committee Trail Ride at Pinckney/Hell Creek Equestrian Center  | 21 | 22 7pm - Grand Equestrians Committee Meeting | 23 | 24 6pm - Cooking Class!  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Happy Halloween!  | | |

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



November 2024 Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  7pm - Rabbit & Poultry Workshop! | 7 | 8  6pm - County Awards Night | 9 |
| 10 | 11  Extension office closed | 12 7pm - Horse Committee Meeting | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 7pm - 4-H Council Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 MSRBA Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion  | 23 MSRBA Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion  |
| 24 MSRBA Convention Rabbit Show - MSU Pavillion  | 25 | 26 7pm - Grand Equestrians Committee Meeting | 27 | 28  Extension office closed | 29  | 30 |

 = this event is not run by Livingston County 4-H. Please see the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association for more information: <https://msrba.net/show-schedule/>
Have a club or livestock event you want to highlight? Send it to Kat or Jenny and we will try our best to add it here!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024

October 6-12: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol

October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

Online

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS
 MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES
 FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING
 SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION
 October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

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For more information and registration, visit www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series.



Join
4-H FUTURE SQUAD
 A virtual 4-H club for youth 12-19 years old focused on life skills for the future

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Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year-old youth in Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Club meetings for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

- 2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.