



SEPTEMBER 2026

4-H Family News

Livingston County



**Beyond
Ready**

Pick up a Beyond Ready 4-H Sign to Celebrate the New Program Year!

On September 1st, we kicked off a new 4-H Program Year! This means it's time to re-enroll with Livingston County 4-H. We will continue to send newsletters and communications to those enrolled last year until the end of the year, but it's important to re-enroll **before** you start attending 4-H events and club meetings. You can re-enroll on [4-H Online](#).

We also have **Beyond Ready Yard Signs** in our office that families can pick up for free! We want to see them displayed across our county to promote our Livingston County 4-H program. We do ask that you only take one sign per family. You can pick them up during our office hours between 9 am – 12 pm and 1-4 pm. We can also get you a sign if you attend an evening meeting at our office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

4-H Online Enrollment Begins for 2026-27 Program Year
September 3rd

Livingston Conservation District Field Day
September 12th from 10 am – 3 pm at the Nature Center

4-H Council Meeting
September 15th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Annual 4-H Leader Meeting
September 24th at 6 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

County Awards Applications Open September 16th!

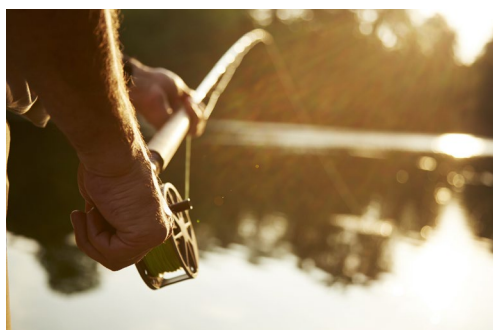
We are looking forward to once again recognizing the many youth and adults in our 4-H program this fall with our annual County Awards. This year we will have some changes based on youth and adult feedback to better reflect our current program.

Applications will be available on September 16th on [our website](#) and we also have paper copies at the MSU Extension Office. Applications will be due **October 15th**.



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!

Livingston Conservation District Field Day Saturday September 12th



The Livingston Conservation District will be holding their annual Fun Family Field Day on Saturday, September 12th, 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!

Families can participate in fishing, wagon rides, and more!

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

Livingston County 4-H Club Leader Meeting: Thursday September 24th

We will be hosting our annual 4-H Leader Meeting on Thursday September 24th at 6 pm at the Livingston County MSU Extension Office. We will be going over the annual required paperwork for 4-H clubs, any 4-H program changes, and a refresher on other policies. This is also an opportunity for you to pick up resources and network with fellow club leaders. All club administrative leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. If you cannot make it, please reach out to Kat to set up a time to chat!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congratulations to our Livingston County 4-H State Horse Show Delegates!



Congratulations to our Livingston County 4-H State Horse Delegation for their great showing at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show! Our delegation included Alexa Glynn from Belts-N-Buckles 4-H Club, Laci Howie from It's a Pleasure 4-H Club, Ava Kraeling from It's a Pleasure 4-H Club, MJ Lucier from Belts-N-Buckles 4-H Club, Danykah Muck from Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club, and Emmalyn Ringle of Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club. Below are their top placings, you can find the full placings [online](#):

Friday Gymkhana:

- Emmalyn Ringle: 12-13– Indiana Flag Race – 5th
- Alexa Glynn: 14-15– Cloverleaf Barrel Race– 3rd TOP 5
- Alexa Glynn: 14-15– Down and Back – 6th
- Danykah Muck: 16-17– Pole Bending – 1st TOP 5
- Danykah Muck- 16-17 – Indiana Flag Race – 2nd
- MJ Lucier: Miniature 11-19 - In Hand Trail 34" and Under – 2nd TOP 5
- MJ Lucier: Miniature 11-19 - In Hand Cloverleaf – 2nd Reserve Grand Champion

Sunday Juniors:

- MJ Lucier: 14 – Showmanship – 3rd
- MJ Lucier: 14 – Western Pleasure – 2nd & Reserve Grand Champion
- MJ Lucier: 14 – Western Horsemanship – 1st TOP 5
- MJ Lucier: 14 – Trail – 1st & Reserve Grand Champion
- Ava Kraeling: 14 - Trail- 5th
- Laci Howie: 15 – Hunter Hack– 3rd TOP 5
- Laci Howie: 15 – Trail– 5th

Congratulations to our Livingston County 4-H State Horse Show Delegates!

Our 4-H Horse Recognition Program deadline is quickly approaching! The Livingston County 4-H Horse Recognition Program is for every child enrolled in the Livingston County 4-H horse/pony project area. Members do not need to have a horse or have any prior knowledge of horses to join a club and participate in this program. Youth earn points towards their recognition awards through a variety of activities, which can be found at the bottom of this email. The deadline to submit the tally sheet is September 30th at 11:59pm. Tally sheets can be submitted electronically via email to krollkat@msu.edu or shellsteadman@gmail.com, mailed to the 4-H office. Tally sheets can be found on our [Horse Committee Website](#). Questions? Contact Kat VanDouser.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Starting the new 4-H year with a focus on being Beyond Ready



Beyond Ready

A new 4-H year is the perfect time for volunteers and youth to set the tone for growth, learning and readiness. Beginning the year with intentional activities helps young people build confidence, explore their interests, and understand how their 4-H experiences prepare them for life beyond the club.

Early goal setting, reflection and hands-on project work encourage youth to practice important skills such as communication, decision making and responsibility. Volunteers play a key role by helping youth make connections between what they do in 4-H and the skills they will need in future school, work and community settings.

By starting strong and reinforcing these ideas all year long, clubs can help ensure youth are truly Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.

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September 9: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Plan to stay after for the first meeting of the fall semester for MSU Collegiate 4-H!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 20: Saginaw 4-H Fall Festival

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Join the Saginaw 4-H Fall Festival for a fun-filled afternoon at Schomaker Farms! Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun, learning, and community. The public is welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-4-h-fall-festival

September 23: Adulting 101 – Are You Ready?

Online

Get ready for anything! This workshop will teach youth how to stay calm, make a plan and handle emergencies with confidence and safety.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026

October 2: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

University Club of MSU, Lansing

4-H donors and staff with 4-H responsibilities are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Register by September 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

October 3: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

University Club of MSU, Lansing

Join us to celebrate and recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff. Register by September 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration

October 4-10: National 4-H Week

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities.

Celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week! Learn more and find ideas of how to celebrate in your community online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>

October 5: Go Green for 4-H!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN in support of 4-H!

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Re-enroll for the 2026-2027 program year!

Welcome to September and the new 4-H program year! Beginning Thursday, September 3, you may login to your family's 4-H Online (mi.4honline.com/) account and enroll your 4-H members for the 2026-2027 program year. All returning families should utilize the same email address to access their account as they have in the past.

If you do not remember your login email, do not create a new account, simply contact your county staff member (www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county/) for assistance. Thanks for being a part of the 4-H community!



How to Register with 4-H: Returning Family

1. Visit **mi.4honline.com**.
2. Log in to your account.*
3. Click "Enroll Now" for the returning member(s).
4. Update information.
5. Continue until you click the final SUBMIT button.
6. Add members if needed.

*If you need assistance accessing your account, contact your local 4-H staff; do not create a new account.

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National 4-H Week: October 4-10

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 4-10, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

Join with 4-H'ers around the country in activating on two important initiatives:

Monday, October 5: Go Green!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN in support of 4-H! Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag National 4-H, Michigan 4-H program, and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

Thursday, October 8: Thankful Thursday

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the mentors, educators and volunteers who are making positive impact on your people's lives in 4-H. Share who you're thankful for and celebrate how they are making a difference on Thursday, October 8! Share your 'Thankful' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

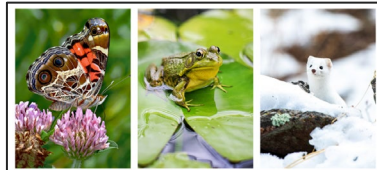
Learn more about more ways you can celebrate during National 4-H Week at www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week.

Wild Spartans returns!

Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as they take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration required:

www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm - Animal Project Committee Meeting	2	3  4-H Online Re-Enrollment Begins!	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10	11	12 Livingston Conservation District Fall Fest 
13	14	15 7pm - Council Meeting	16	17	18	19 State 4-H Dog Show 
20	21	22 	23	24 6pm - Leader Update Meeting	25	26
27	28	29 Club Paperwork Due	30			

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

