



SEPTEMBER 2026

4-H Family News

Shiawassee County Clover Connection



**Beyond
Ready**

A NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS

As the kids head back to school, we reflect on all the great opportunities our members experienced through Shiawassee County 4-H this summer. As always, we've included information on **upcoming statewide events**, along with several local highlights. Be sure to check out the statewide opportunities your child(ren) may be interested in participating in.

Locally, we recognized several youth members who received **scholarships** and represented Shiawassee County 4-H at the **State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament**. We also celebrate our **2026 4-H Youth of the Year** and **2026 4-H Volunteer of the Year**.

You'll also find information about **re-enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H program year**. If you plan to continue your 4-H journey, be sure to complete your enrollment in **4-H Online**.

We can't wait to see what this new program year has in store for Shiawassee County 4-H!

Sincerely,

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SHIAWASSEE 4-H ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Did you know that as a Shiawassee County 4-H member or volunteer, you can attend county advisory board meetings as a guest? Below is a list of the September meetings for Shiawassee County 4-H advisory boards.

All meetings take place at the Shiawassee County MSU Extension office (149 E. Corunna Ave., Corunna, MI 48817), unless otherwise stated. We hope to see you there!

SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION | SEPTEMBER 2 | 6:30 PM

4-H COUNCIL | SEPTEMBER 8 | 7:00 PM

4-H HORSE LEADERS | SEPTEMBER 14 | 7:00 PM

4-H DAIRY PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE | SEPTEMBER 21 | 6:30 PM

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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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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

Registration required:
www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Celebrating Our 2026 4-H Youth and Volunteer of the Year



Congratulations to our **2026 Shiawassee County 4-H Youth of the Year, Shelby T.,** and **2026 Shiawassee County 4-H Volunteer of the Year, Helen G.!**

These two remarkable individuals embody the principles of 4-H and serve as shining examples of what it means to live the 4-H pledge each day:

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

Shelby and Helen's commitment, leadership, and service have made a lasting impact on our 4-H program and community. Through their dedication to helping others and leading by example, they truly represent the best of Shiawassee County 4-H.

It's Time to Re-Enroll for the 2026-2027 4-H Program Year!

The 2025-2026 4-H program year ended on August 31, 2026, which means it's time to re-enroll for the **2026-2027 4-H program year!** 4-H Online opens for enrollment on **September 3.**

Families will need to log in to 4-H Online to enroll their child(ren) for the new program year. Volunteers, don't forget that you'll need to complete your own enrollment through 4-H Online as well to remain active as a 4-H volunteer.

Re-enrolling ensures that members and volunteers stay connected to the opportunities, events, and resources available through 4-H throughout the year. Enrollment must be completed and approved by county staff before members and volunteers can participate in any 4-H activities.

Enroll through **4-H Online:** <https://v2/4honline.com/>

Shiawassee 4-H Members Compete at State Tournament



Congratulations to the Shiawassee County 4-H members who competed in the **State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament** on August 15. We had six youth represent Shiawassee County 4-H at the tournament: **Abigail M., Dustin C., Gavin C., Emmalyn T., Grace R., and Ben S.**

We are proud to recognize **Abigail**, who earned **1st place in 3-D Archery Jr. Sighted**, and **Dustin**, who earned **3rd place in both 3-D Archery Jr. Bowhunter and Hunting and Wildlife Jr.**

Congratulations to all of the youth who participated. We are proud to have you represent Shiawassee County 4-H at the state level and showcase the skills, dedication, and sportsmanship you have developed through 4-H.



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Congratulations to Our 2026 4-H Scholarship Recipients!

We are proud to recognize the outstanding individuals who were awarded college or project scholarships this year through the support of our local 4-H advisory boards.

Shiawassee County 4-H Council Scholarship Recipients: Meredith K., Hailey T., Shelby T., and Barrett Y.

Shiawassee County 4-H Horse Leaders Scholarship Recipient: Barrett Y.

Shiawassee County 4-H Dairy Programming Committee Scholarship Recipients: Kamryn A., Luke A., Emma G., Angel R., and Bryce R.

Shiawassee County Jr. Livestock Association Scholarship Recipients: Dalton B., Olivia B., Reece E., Emma G., Brenna K., Meredith K., Camden S., Taylor T., and Barrett Y.

Shiawassee County Small Animal Association College Scholarship Recipients: Kennedy A., Emma G., and Camden S.

Shiawassee County Small Animal Association Project Scholarship Recipients: Charlotte A., Madison D., Karly S., and Caroline T.

These scholarships reflect the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our 4-H members, and we wish each of them the best of luck with their future endeavors.



Share Your 4-H Fair Photos!

Do you have photos of **Shiawassee County 4-H members or volunteers** from the Shiawassee County Fair? We would love to highlight them on our Facebook page and in future newsletters.

If you have photos you would like to share, please email them to wheel297@msu.edu and include the names of all individuals pictured. Please note that we must have a media release on file for any youth featured in the photos in order to use them.

Thank you for helping us showcase the great experiences and accomplishments of our Shiawassee County 4-H members and volunteers!