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4-H Family News

Livingston County



Congratulations on Another Great Fowlerville Youth Show!

Congratulations to all our 4-H members who exhibited livestock, dairy, small animals, and still life projects at the Fowlerville Family Fair! We are so proud of all your hard work and dedication!

We also want to thank the many volunteers that make this all possible. A special thank you to all our volunteers who helped in the 4-H Kitchen. We also appreciate everyone who helped set up and clean up the 4-H building and kitchen.

4-H'ers, please remember to take a few minutes to write any remaining thank you notes to trophy sponsors, ribbon sponsors, animal/still project buyers, and other individuals and businesses you may know of who supported our event in some way. Your words mean a lot to them!

We also saw many of our 4-H'ers demonstrating strong leadership skills and mentoring younger youth. Keep it up!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

4-H Online Shut Down

August 31st– September 2nd

Animal Project Committee Meeting

September 1st at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congratulations to our 4-H Club Booth Winners



As always, we loved to see all the creativity that went into our club booths at the Fowlerville Fair. Although everyone did a great job, here are the winners! 1st-3rd place will receive funds towards a club ice cream social or pizza party.

- 1st place – Little Barn 4-H Club
- 2nd place – Tri-County Kids 4-H Club
- 3rd place – Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club
- 4th place - Barnyard Banditz 4-H Club, 5th place - U Shoes, 6th place - Roots & Wings, 7th place – Rangers, 8th place - Keepin It Country

Updated County Awards Applications Coming Soon!

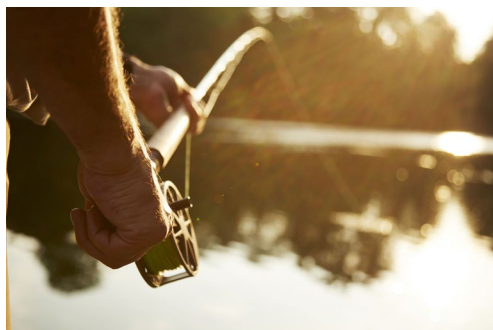
We are looking forward to once again recognizing the many youth and adults in our 4-H program this fall with our annual County Awards. This year we will have some changes based on youth and adult feedback to better reflect our current program.

Applications will be **available soon** on our website and we also have paper copies at the MSU Extension Office. Applications will be due in October with a date to come soon.



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



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Congrats to Our Livestock Judging Contest Winners!

This year, we once again hosted Livestock Judging at the Fowlerville Family Fair on Wednesday afternoon. This contest was led by 4-H Ambassador and President of Animal Project Committee, Rachel Pollok-Newsom, 4-H'er Nadia Harshbarger, and 4-H'er Natalie Grover.

The contest included 24 youth in Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. The contest was judged by Kestlyn Willert, the MSU Livestock Judging Team Coach and Nate Scovill. We hope everyone had a fun, educational experience!

Congrats to the grand and reserve champions:

- Novice champion: Aubrey Rush
- Novice reserve: Elsie Meyers
- Junior champion: Lina Sneed
- Junior reserve: Haiden Vansickler
- Intermediate champion: Nolan Rush
- Intermediate reserve: Kenton Archibald
- Senior champion: Brenna Williams



If you are interested in future Livestock Judging opportunities, contact Kat VanDouser about joining our Livingston County 4-H Livestock Judging Team!

GooseChase Winners from the Fowlerville Fair



We had another great year of GooseChase missions and loved seeing all your submissions and the hard work our teams put into the game. Congratulations to our top teams!

1st place – Roots & Wings 4-H Club

2nd place – Little Barn 4-H Club

3rd place – Fuzzy Critters 4-H Club

We will once again be seeing the decorated Goose Trophy on the Club Booth of the Roots and Wings 4-H Club in 2027.

We are proud to report that NO ONE finished the Goosechase this year 😊 and the Goose is looking quite fancy!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Thank you to Tri-County Kids 4-H Club Retiring Leaders



Tri-County Kids 4-H Club is giving thanks to four special leaders for all their leadership and caring to their youth and families over the years. As this chapter in their lives comes to an end with their retirement from the 4-H program we wish them the best as they start new chapters in their lives. Please join us in recognizing their long-term commitment to the youth of 4-H and celebrating their years of service: Julie Hath 40 years, Donald (Jim) Hath 37 years, Jessica Modert 11 years and April (Jody) Royce 11 years of leadership. Not pictured is Jody.

Congrats to Tri-County Kids 4-H Club Small Animal Sweepstakes Winners

Tri-County Kids 4-H Club celebrating the hard work and determination with the Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes participants and winners.

Pictured to the right are Hunter Hath, Raegan Kromer, Ava Modert and Myla Lange, leader Jeannie Bauer-Bosworth. (From left to right)



New 4-H Program Year Begins on September 3rd!



Our new 4-H program year will begin on September 3rd, and we recommend re-enrolling as soon as possible! For youth to participate in 4-H, they must be re-enrolled every year and 4-H volunteers are also asked to re-enroll. Re-enrolling early means you don't miss any communications from our County staff or statewide broadcasts about opportunities and programs.

Fowlerville Fair Photos





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Grand Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program Celebrates 50 Years!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Building work
readiness skills
through 4-H**



Beyond Ready

4-H programs create intentional opportunities for youth to build essential work readiness skills that prepare them for future success. Through structured, hands-on activities, young people practice communication, collaboration, problem solving and time management. Volunteers play a key role by guiding youth through meaningful tasks, helping them set goals, and encouraging personal responsibility and follow through.

As youth take on leadership roles, complete project work, and participate in real-world or simulated experiences, they begin to demonstrate growth in professionalism, work ethic and organizational skills. Every activity can help youth connect what they are learning in 4-H to what will be expected of them in the workplace.

How is your club helping youth build the skills they need to be work ready?

#BeyondReady

July 1 - August 7: Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Online

As part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase, youth ages 8-19 are invited to create a video or non-video promotional piece encouraging others to purchase the 4-H license plate.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-license-plate-promotion-contest

July 1 - August 7: Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest

Online

Participants may present a business they already own, currently operate or hope to start in the future, including product, service or community impact ideas. Youth will create a two-minute video pitch introducing themselves, explaining their business idea, identifying the problem they are solving, and sharing why their product or service stands out.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan4-hbusinesspitchcontest

August 12: Adulthood 101 – Roadmap to a Smart Used Car Purchase

Online

Are you wanting to purchase a used car, but have no idea where to start? Learn tips, resources and strategies to help you make an informed decision with confidence.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-roadmap-to-a-smart-used-car-purchase

August 13-16: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, Mich.

This annual event brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show

August 17-20: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp 2026

Traverse City, Mich.

Join us for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity. This camp is designed to encourage sustainability and growth from the inside out through a fun and engaging hands-on approach. Register by August 17.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026-session-2

September 9: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing, Mich.

Join MSU Extension for the ninth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. 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!

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H alumni & supporters invited to get connected by the clover!

As a valuable member of the Michigan 4-H community, you already know the importance of the 4-H connection. We invite those age 18 and older to take that 4-H connection one step further by joining a new statewide community of 4-H supporters: Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends.

The Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends database will connect 4-H families, alumni, volunteers, supporters and others across Michigan with one another – connecting them by the clover! We hope you will take a few moments to sign-up for this free community and grow your connection.

As a member of Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends, you will receive information about opportunities to support 4-H youth and programs; 4-H programming and participants; upcoming events for the Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends community and more!.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends is open to anyone age 18+ who cares about Michigan 4-H: 4-H parents, staff members, volunteers, grandparents, supporters, partner organization representatives, donors and more. Learn more about Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends and find the link to join by visiting extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F.

**Join
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4-H
Alumni &
Friends**



Stay informed. Support youth.
Strengthen communities.
Get connected by the clover today!

Join for free at:
extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F

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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.

