



JULY 2025

4-H Family News

Livingston County



NEW Livingston County 4-H Kitchen Vouchers

The Livingston County 4-H Kitchen is excited to announce that we will be offering 4-H Kitchen vouchers this year!

Vouchers are available in \$5 increments and may only be used as whole \$5 increments. 4-H Kitchen vouchers are valid in the 4-H Kitchen at the 2025 Fowlerville Family Fair only. No cash back and all unused funds will be donated back to Livingston County 4-H.

These can be a great buyer thank-you gift for your auction buyers!!

Stop by the Livingston County MSU Extension office to purchase yours today! The Livingston County MSU Extension Office is open from 9 am – 4 pm and closed for lunch from 12 – 1 pm.

Cash or check only - please make checks out to the Livingston County 4-H Council.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Fowlerville Open Class Registration Closes
July 1st

Night Run Series
July 9th & July 30th at Fowlerville Fairgrounds

Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show
Saturday July 12th

Fowlerville Family Fair
July 19th – 26th

Fowlerville Youth Show Livestock Judging
Sunday July 20th at roughly 7: 30 pm

Fowlerville Fair Spelling Bee
Wednesday July 23rd at 11 am at Historical Village Church

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Fowlerville Family Open Class Registration Open Until July 1st



Have you registered for Open Class yet?

ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 1ST AT 11:59PM

Open Class is where Michigan residents age 5 and up showcase their creativity, talent, and hard work for a chance to win ribbons and cash premiums. From cookies and crafts to sewing, art, and garden goods—your projects deserve a place at the Fair.

Open Class celebrates the heart of our community and is one of the most cherished traditions at the Fair. Youth Show participants are welcome to enter, as well!

OPEN CLASS BOOK: <https://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/fair/open-class/>

OPEN CLASS REGISTRATION: <https://fowlervillefamilyfair-openclass.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22581>

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL: dawnbhajan@gmail.com

Fowlerville Youth Show Needs Auction Volunteers

The Youth Show committee is looking for volunteers to assist at all 3 auctions during fair week. The auction are on July 24, 25, and 26th. Volunteers are sought to help with popcorn, water, and to help with paperwork both ringside and in the office. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the fair office at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com



4-H Kitchen Volunteers Still Needed



We still have open slots for volunteers (mostly adult and cashier positions) in the 4-H Kitchen during the Fowlerville Family Fair. We would appreciate your support in filling these slots so the 4-H Kitchen can run efficiently. 4-H Clubs have been given their requirements for the 4-H Kitchen but we can always use more adults and youth as volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer during the Fowlerville Fair to work the kitchen and you have NOT already been signed up by your 4-H Club leader, you can sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEAE2FA5FBCE9-570924374hkitchen#/>

Adults who are cashier must be GOLD level volunteers.



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Livestock Judging Contest at Fowlerville Youth Show

We are excited to announce that Livingston County 4-H will be hosting a trial Livestock Judging Contest at the 2025 Fowlerville Family Fair!

Exhibitors age 5-21 (20-21 year olds must be participating in the Fowlerville Family Fair) will be eligible to participate this year. We will be using two species - currently planned to be Beef and Sheep, for this contest as our trial year.

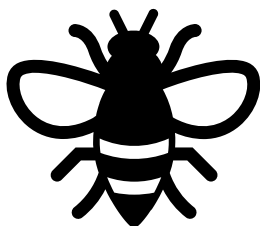
Pre-registration is not required! This event will take place on Load-in Sunday July 20th at roughly 7:30PM.



If your child is interested in joining our livestock judging team for next year, this is a great place to get in some practice! Resources and practice classes were included in a 4-H Online email sent out on June 24th.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kat!

Sign Up for the Fowlerville Fair Spelling Bee Wednesday July 23rd



The Fowlerville Family Fair will be hosting a Fair Spelling Bee on Wednesday July 23rd sponsored by Kotch's Windows and Mugg & Bopps. This competition is open to youth who have recently completed grades 5-8th and they must sign up by 10 am on July 23rd and the spelling bee starts at 11 am the Historical Village Church. Spelling Bee rules apply to all spellers. There will be awards for each grade level group winner and runner up. Check out the Fowlerville Family Fair website for more information:

<https://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/fair/spelling-bee/>

Night Run Series: July 9th & 30th at Fowlerville Fairgrounds

Save the date for the Night Run Series this summer! Sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee, the series will be held at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds at 8800 West Grand River Ave, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Gates open at 5 pm, entries close at 5:55 pm and the show starts at 6 pm. Cash and check only, no refunds. 4-H rules apply and you must show at least three dates to be eligible for the series prizes of (1st) belt buckle, (2nd) lawn chair, and (3rd) to be determined. Negative Coggins within 365 days of August 31st, 2025 required for each horse.



Questions? Contact Lynn Perry, 517-376-1164 Check out the [full flyer](#) for more information.



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Save the Date for Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show: Saturday July 12th



Save the date now for Saturday, July 12th for Leaders' Day, sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee. Leaders' Day will be held at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd, Howell, MI 48855. Gates open at 7 am and the Show starts at 8 am. Cash or check only, no refunds. 4-H rules apply and negative Coggins with 12 month required for each horse.

Questions? Contact Lynn Perry, 517-376-1164. More information is available on [the flyer](#).

Congratulations to Mark of Excellence Award Winner Asher Smith!

Congratulations to Mark of Excellence Award Winner Asher Smith from Roots and Wings 4-H Club!

Every year, 10- and 11-year-old Michigan 4-H'ers reflect on their 4-H experiences as part of the Michigan 4-H State Awards 4-H Mark of Excellence contest. Youth may submit a video or journal entry with their reflections; each Michigan county 4-H program may select two entries to be recognized as winners.

This year, the essay theme for the contest was "Beyond Ready." Asher wrote about taking 4-H cooking classes, financial literacy, and parliamentary procedure. Please join us in congratulating Asher on his great essay!



4-H Club Booth Contest at Fowlerville Family Fair



4-H Clubs who fulfill their 4-H Kitchen duty assignments are eligible for the club booth decorating contest at this year's Fowlerville Family Fair!

Club booths are judged on the below criteria:

1. Exhibits of club showcased - 30
2. Creativity of Booth - 30
3. Booth helps promote 4-H - 30
4. Pride in club displayed - 10

Prizes include funds toward a pizza party or ice cream social and ribbons for runners up. We can't wait to see your booths!



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WHMI Radio Spots Featuring Livingston County 4-Hers

Keep your radios tuned to 93.5 WHMI during Fair Week! You'll hear familiar voices from Little Barn 4-H and Barnyard Bunch 4-H Clubs as Kason Esch (8), Riley Esch (12), and Elsie Myers (9) help promote the Youth Show Auctions.

Catch the Auctions:

- Small Animal Auction – Thursday, July 24 at 2 PM
- Large Animal Auction – Friday, July 25 at 2 PM
- Still Exhibit Auction – Saturday, July 26 at 12 PM



For the past few years, Mugg 'n Bopps has generously donated their paid radio spots during Fair Week to help promote the Youth Show auctions and grow community support. They team up and enlist local 4-Hers to give listeners a true voice from the barns and the fairgrounds. Youth who are learning, leading, and growing through 4-H.

It's more than just animals and projects. 4-H teaches follow-through, responsibility, and leadership qualities that stand out in the real world. Employers notice it. Our community notices it. And the kids live it.

Jen Esch, leader of the Muddy Buddies 4-H Club and Executive Secretary of the Livingston County 4-H Council, shared that hiring managers at her company often say the same thing: if they see 4-H on a résumé, that candidate goes straight to the interview list. Why? Because 4-H doesn't just build skills—it builds character.



Thank you to our community for supporting the Youth Show and our 4-H exhibitors. And a heartfelt thank you to Mugg 'n Bopps for helping connect us all to this powerful opportunity, reminding us that when we support 4-H, we're not just backing a program. We're building a brighter future, one kid at a time.

Photos include:

Top Right Photo: Laci Simon, Kason Esch, Riley Esch, Elsie Myers, Dion (WHMI) from left to right. Left Photo: Dion, Riley Esch.



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Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H Club Easter Egg Hunt & Giving Back to the Community

Each year, Gusty Acres 2.0 4-H club gets together for a team building 4-H driven Easter egg hunt. Along with all their eggs here are 4 special eggs with H's in them, if a 4-H'er finds one, they get to tell you what the H stands for in 4-H and win a prize! 4-H Parent Lindsay Pizzuto comes up with these creative ideas each egg hunt and the members have a blast running around.

Gusty Acres also gives back to the community! Their crew spent a morning cleaning out garden beds and planting bulbs to help make the city of Howell beautiful! We love to see our 4-H clubs teaching their members about 4-H and also engaged in service projects around their community.



Roots and Wings 4-H Club Animal Science Mentorship Project

Gianna Coppola, 2024 Michigan 4-H State Award winner of the Senior Animal Science award, and Ava Decker, a Cloverbud, just finished up an animal science mentorship project that Ava decided she wanted to do when she met Gianna's quails. Ava designed what she wanted to learn, helped load an incubator and hatch a quail, and watched the quail progress from a tiny newborn through an adult. Ava then created a project board about it, with Gianna's guidance.

This is a great example of how 4-H can provide opportunities for mentorship to our older members and also opportunities for our youngest cloverbuds to learn from teens.



Send Livingston County 4-H Your Fowlerville Fair Photos!



As you get ready for the Fowlerville Family Fair, we want to remind our 4-H families and volunteers to send us your photos of fun at Fair! **We do need to make sure all the youth photographed have photo releases in 4-H Online, so we will need the names of youth included.** You can send your photos to Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu or text them to 734-436-1362.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

August 2, 2025

Registration is open for the 2025 Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament! To be held August 2 at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club in Saginaw, this event provides 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills, earn recognition and build camaraderie with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Events at the tournament include: .22 rifle, 3-D archery, air rifle, BB gun, hunting and wildlife, muzzle loading, pistol, target archery, trap and skeet.

The deadline to register is **July 13, 2025**.

To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-4-h-state-shooting-sports-tournament

July 8-10: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 9: Adulting 101 – Mastering Meal Planning

Online

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars, including how to cook once and eat twice, making a meal plan that will save you money at the store, and other great tips!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mastering-meal-planning

July 16-17: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2025

July 16 - August 13: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

This free course is for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2025

July 17: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

July 24: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will collect, observe and even make bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 29-31: Camp Monet

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young artists will spend three days in the gardens creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/camp-monet





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2025 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.



There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 8 at 5 p.m..** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 28 – September 1.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2025 Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 10 and 11, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Beyond Ready" and the youth referred to the various ways that 4-H is helping to prepare them to be ready for their future, be it work, college or life in general.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2025, the following 28 4-H members from 22 counties were selected as the 2025 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Simran Adnani, Wayne County
- Abigail Baker, Cass County
- Claire Blaszyk, Oakland County
- Snyder Dunlap, Jackson County
- Lilly Edick, Gladwin County
- Alicia Etter, Sanilac County
- Chloe F., Ingham County
- Adreann Guikema, Newaygo County
- Colton Guy, Barry County
- Autumn Johnloz, St. Joseph County
- Nolan King, Branch County
- Jude Martin, Ionia County
- Madison McGuire, Midland County
- Richie McNutt, Washtenaw County
- Trula Michel, Monroe County
- Penelope Moore, Sanilac County
- VanAnder Noordyk, Marquette County
- Victoria Perez, Washtenaw County
- Madeline Piwowarski, Wexford County
- Breelyn Pullins, Berrien County
- Hadley Schafer, Monroe County
- Kristina Schwarz, Oakland County
- Asher Smith, Livingston County
- Jolene Smith, Ionia County
- Bette Stemaly, St. Joseph County
- Autumn Wellington, Lapeer County
- Tierney Westrate, Allegan County
- Josephine Wiltshire, Osceola County




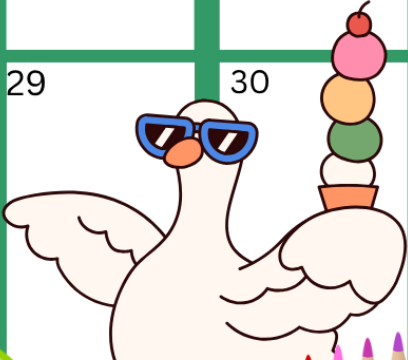
Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.



August 2025



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BACK TO SCHOOL

