



JUNE 2025

4-H Family News

Livingston County



FairEntry Reminders and Exhibitor Registration Assistance Night on June 9th from 5-7 pm

It's time to register for the Fowlerville Youth Show!

FairEntry registration for the Fowlerville Youth Show opened on June 1st and closes on June 15th at 11:59 pm with no exceptions for late entries. Because the 15th falls on a weekend and fair office staff and volunteers will not be available to troubleshoot system issues, please complete your entries no later than noon on Friday, June 13th.

There is also an optional FairEntry Exhibitor Registration Assistance on June 9th from 5-7 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Bring your list of classes you want to register for. Families can get assistance on registering for the Youth Show at this event.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Fowlerville Youth Show FairEntry Registration
June 1st-15th

FairEntry Exhibitor Registration Assistance
June 9th from 5-7 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

4-H Council Meeting
June 24th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

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4-H Kitchen Volunteers Needed for Fowlerville Fair Week



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/10C0E4BAEAE2FA5FBCE9-57092437-4hkitchen#/>

Adults who are cashier must be **GOLD** level volunteers.

Other adults who work in the 4-H Kitchen or at one time events need to complete the **silver** level volunteer screening. This DOES NOT require an interview, references, or trainings. If you completed this screening last year, you do NOT need to redo the screening. You can start the [application here](#).

Make sure to choose Silver level, 4-H Youth Development as the program and Livingston as your county. You will only need to complete an application and consent to a background check. If you have questions about the process, please email Kat at krollkat@msu.edu.

Fowlerville Family Fair Updates & Clean Up

The fair office is looking for clubs or families to help with some pre-fair clean up over the coming weeks. Tasks include painting (barns, fencing, gates, etc.), power washing, general/building cleaning, weeding flower beds, and more. If you or your club is able and willing to help, please reach out to the fair office – as some tasks require additional supplies, such as paint, please let them know in advance!

Horse project youth – English day was incorrectly listed as being Monday, July 22nd. English day will be Tuesday, July 23rd.

Livestock Judging Contest - 4-H will be offering a Livestock Judging contest following load in and species meetings on Sunday, July 20th. We expect to begin the contest around 7:30pm, or as soon as the Horse meeting concludes. Prizes will be awarded to all participants, with reserve and grand champion prizes for each age division. Cloverbuds are invited to participate as non-competitive entries. No pre-registration required. Additional information and resources to come soon! We will be looking to form competitive teams for the 2026 4-H/FFA Livestock judging contest – all are welcome!



4-H Staff do not facilitate the Fowlerville Family Fair so if you have questions about registration, reach out to the Fowlerville Fair Staff at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or 517-223-8186.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Muddy Buddies 4-H Club visits Howell Ceramics Studio

The Muddy Buddies 4-H group had a very fun time at the Howell Ceramics Studio Sunday, May 4th. There were so many beautiful designs made by a big age group. There were many laughs and smiles while making these amazing creations! We chose the Ceramic Studio because it seemed very springy to our 4-H officers. So many bright colors to choose from and different pottery ceramics to paint.

We are so excited to show the designs at our group booth at the Fowlerville Family Fair! This information was submitted by Club Secretary 2024-25 Bella Shreve.



Night Run Series: June 4th, 11th, 25th, and July 9th 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.

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](#).





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Attention 4-H Parents: Want to Enter your Own Projects in Fowlerville Fair?



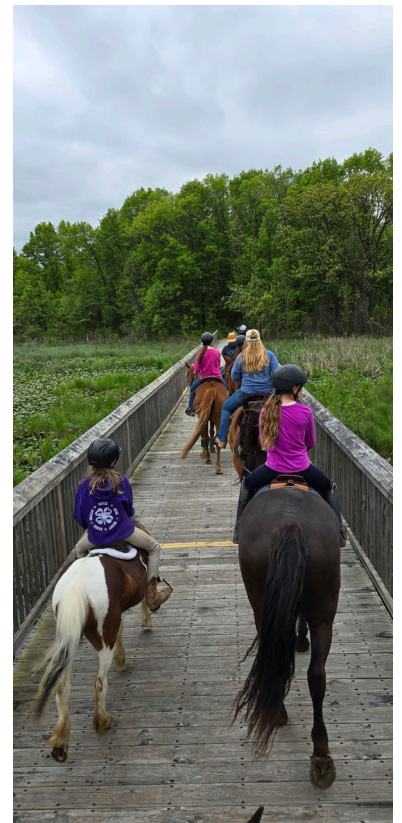
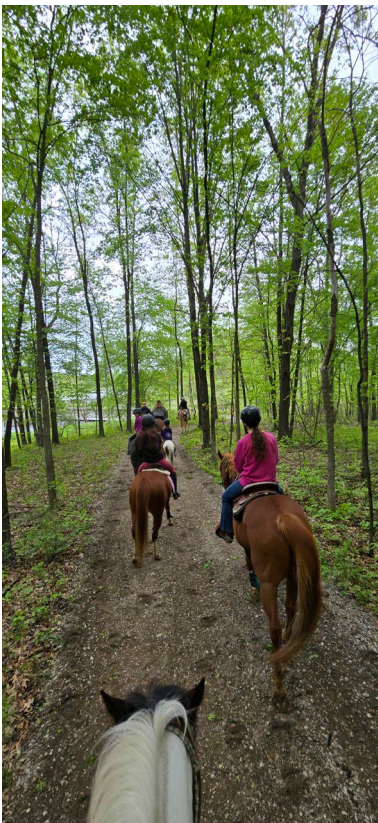
Open Class competition is open to ALL Michigan residents (ages 5+) - NO memberships/affiliations required! Enter baking, canning, art, photography, crafts, collections, sewing, growing, livestock and much more. Registration runs June 16-July 1, after Youth Show registration closes.

Your 4-H member can also enter in Open Class - it's an entirely separate program offering its own ribbons and cash awards!

View the Open Class Entry Book at: <https://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/fair/open-class/> and contact Superintendent Dawn Bhajan with questions: (810) 923-4582, dawnbhajan@gmail.com.

Horse Committee Trail Ride on May 18th

The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee hosted a Trail Ride on May 18th in Holly, Michigan.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Little Barn 4-H Club: A Year of Growth and Learning



The Little Barn 4-H club has had an incredibly active and enriching year, with our young members diving into diverse learning experiences that embody the true spirit of 4-H. Our club has focused on building well-rounded youth who understand both their roles within the organization and their responsibilities to the community.

Highlights from Our Year

Community Engagement Our members proudly participated in the Fowlerville float decorating event and marched in local parades, showcasing their 4-H pride and connecting with the broader community. Additionally, our youth showed their caring hearts by creating handmade Valentine's cards for residents at the local senior center, spreading joy and demonstrating the importance of community service. These events have helped our youth develop confidence, public speaking skills, and compassion while representing the values of 4-H.

Hands-On Learning Experiences

We've hosted engaging workshops that have expanded our members' knowledge in multiple areas:

- Animal education sessions where youth learned about livestock care, animal behavior, and responsible ownership
- Team building activities that strengthened friendships and taught collaboration skills
- Leadership development focused on understanding 4-H roles and organizational structure

Life Skills Development

Our quilting sessions have been particularly popular, teaching patience, precision, and traditional crafts while creating lasting keepsakes. These activities demonstrate how 4-H combines practical skills with personal development.

Leadership Focus

A major emphasis this year has been on youth leadership development. Our members have been learning about the various roles within 4-H and the responsibilities that come with being active club participants. This foundation is preparing them to take on greater leadership roles as they grow within the organization.

Looking Ahead

The Little Barn 4-H club continues to grow stronger as our members embrace new challenges and learning opportunities. Through regular meetings and diverse programming, we're building confident, capable young people who will carry the 4-H mission forward.

We're grateful for the support of our volunteers and families who make these enriching experiences possible for our youth. Here's to continued growth and learning in the months ahead!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Showcase your photography, videography and graphic design skills at 4-H Dairy Days!



New for 2025, Michigan 4-H Dairy Days will have feature three new contests! These contests are open to any Michigan 4-H youth ages 8-19, regardless of their enrolled project area.

Showcase your creative skills by submitting your entries to:

- Photography
- Graphic design
- Videography

So grab your cameras, get those creative juices flowing and show us what you've got!

Submissions are due June 5. Learn more at tinyurl.com/DDcreative.

June 6: Fairy Garden Workshop

Britton

Youth ages 5-19 will learn the basics of miniature gardening and some fairy lore.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/fairy-garden-workshop25

June 7: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. We will be finding new caches, trading travel bugs, exploring the gardens and much more.

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

June 13: 4-H Terrarium Workshop

Britton

Youth ages 8-19 will create a miniature, self-sustaining ecosystem, in a controlled indoor environment.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-terrarium-workshop

June 20: Garden to Table Summer Workshop Series

Taylor Community Library, Taylor

In this hands-on program, youth will explore the journey of food from seed to plate! Participants will learn how to plant and care for a garden, harvest fresh produce, and turn their homegrown ingredients into simple, healthy meals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-to-table-summer-workshops

June 24: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

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

June 28: Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Come test your dairy industry knowledge against other 4-H'ers! This free event is open to any 4-H youth ages 8-19. Youth may enter as individuals or as teams.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-mi-4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are competing in the Michigan Livestock Expo but are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award!. Registration is due by June 12. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2025.

Ten Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service in 2025

For the fifth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“Simply put, our Michigan 4-H programs would not be possible without the help of caring volunteers who give their time and talent,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “MSU Extension is grateful for every volunteer in every program, but these ten individuals deserve special recognition. They have given so much to 4-H over their five decades of service and we offer our heartfelt thanks for all they have given to support 4-H youth.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2025 are:


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| • Cheryl Barton, Shiawassee County | • Vanessa Powell, Jackson County |
| • Linda Bogue, Cass County | • Diane Shepherd, Sanilac County |
| • Lisa Coe, Barry County, | • Paul Shoup, Mason County |
| • Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Ingham County | • Bernadette Strahl, Menominee County |
| • Sharon Mitchell, St. Joseph County | • Marla Wedge, Allegan County |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



Livingston County 4-H June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Fair entry open for Youth Show 	2	3	4  6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	5	6	7
8	9  5-7pm Exhibitor Entry Night @ Fairgrounds	10	11 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	12	13	14
15  LAST DAY for Fair Entry for Youth Show!	16	17 7pm - Council Meeting	18 19 20 Exploration Days! 4-H Staff out of office.			21
22	23	24	25 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	26	27	28
29	30	31 				

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



Livingston County 4-H July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4  Extension office closed	5
6	7	8	9 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	10	11	12 8am- Leaders Day Horse Show at Cohoctah Park
13	14	15  5-8 pm- Fowlerville Family Fair Clean Up	16	17	18  12-8pm Optional club booth decorating time	19  9am - Still exhibits judging
20 8am-6pm Fair Animal Check In 	21 	22 	23 	24 	25 	26 
<div> <div>Fowlerville</div> <div>Family</div> <div>Fair</div> <div>Are you ready for a goosechase?</div> </div>						
27  8am-12pm Fair Clean Up	28	29	30	Kat out of office.		

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