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# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## Livestock Showmanship Clinic June 27th

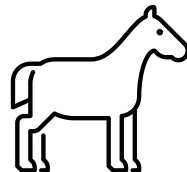
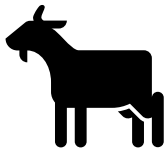
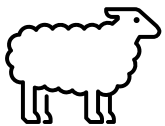
Ready to brush up on your showmanship skills, or need to learn the basics? Join the 4-H Animal Project Committee on Saturday, June 27th at 10am for our Livestock Showmanship Clinic at the 4-H Livestock Arena at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds at 8800 W Grand River Rd, Fowlerville, MI. This program is youth led!

We will be working with sheep, goats, feeder calves, horses, and pigs (beach balls).

Demonstration animals will be provided - **please do not haul in your animals.**

RSVP required: [bit.ly/4HLivestockClinic26](https://bit.ly/4HLivestockClinic26)

Questions? Contact Kat at [Krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:Krollkat@msu.edu).



### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

#### Fowlerville Youth Show Registration Opens

June 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Night Run Series

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and July 8th at 6 pm at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds

#### Get Ready for Fair

June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at the Auction Office/4-H Livestock Arena

#### 4-H Council Meeting

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

#### Livestock Showmanship Clinic

June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am at the 4-H Livestock Arena at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds

#### Market Poultry Washing Clinic

July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the 4-H Livestock Arena at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds

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## Fowlerville Youth Show Registration Opens June 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

### Fair Entry

It's time to register for the [Fowlerville Youth Show! FairEntry registration](#) for the Fowlerville Youth Show opened today June 1st and closes on June 15th at 11:59 pm with no exceptions for late entries.

Don't forget the Fowlerville Family Fair facilitates the Youth Show and you should call them if you have questions about registration or FairEntry.

## Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee 2026 Night Run Series & Leaders Day

Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee is excited to announce the upcoming dates for their 2026 Night Run Series and the 2026 Leaders Day Open Youth Horse Show!

The Night Run Series is in its second week this June 3<sup>rd</sup>, continuing on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Rain date is July 12<sup>th</sup>. Prizes for each division are 1<sup>st</sup> Belt Buckle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawn Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Picture Frame, and Open Payback. This is an open show for Adults (+20), Seniors (15-19), Intermediate (12-14), Juniors (9-11), and walk/trot (8+).

Events include barrels, poles, and other speed games. For more information and to enter, check out the full Showbill: <https://bit.ly/4HNightRun26>

The 2026 Leaders Day Open Youth Horse Show will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> at Cohoctah Park, 1000 W Allen Rd., Howell, MI 48855. Highpoints for English, Western, Gymkhana. Rosette Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place. There are four divisions: 8-13, 14-19, Pony 8-19, and Walk/Trot 8-19. Also there are Cloverbud and PEP/TRP classes.

For more information, check out the full Showbill: <https://bit.ly/4HLeadersDay26>



## Get Ready for Fair Night at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds: June 8<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm



Do you have questions for the Fowlerville Youth Show Superintendents or need help with FairEntry? On Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds (Auction Office and 4-H Livestock Arena) you will have a chance to meet with superintendents to ask questions, you can also get help with writing a buyers letter and signing up for FairEntry. Make sure to bring a list of projects with you!

Questions? Please contact the Fairgrounds Office at [fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com](mailto:fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com).



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors Promote 4-H at Local Farmers Markets

The Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors have been hard at work reaching out to Farmers Markets and setting up dates to have a Livingston County 4-H booth! Our 4-H Ambassadors will be at Brighton, Hartland, and Howell Farmers Markets in June-October representing our program and sharing information with local families.

The 4-H Ambassadors also led a practice session of their Marketing Your Best Self session that they will be teaching at 4-H Exploration Days on MSU's campus in June.

If you see some of these hardworking leaders out in your community, please thank them for their hard work promoting 4-H in our county.



## 4-H Kitchen Volunteer Shifts for Fowlerville Family Fair Week



4-H Clubs will be given their requirements for the 4-H Kitchen soon and they need their club members and families help to fill their required shifts!

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](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu).

## Open Class at the Fowlerville Family Fair: Open to all 5 years and up

Open to ALL Michigan adults and kids over the age of 5 - no memberships required - Open Class gives everyone, including Youth Show families, a chance to win place ribbons, Best of Shows, and cash prizes at the Fowlerville Family Fair! Whatever you grow, sew, bake, can, craft, build, collect, paint, design, photograph, or make from a kit, can be entered in Open Class. Check out details at the [Fowlerville Fair Website](#), or call/text Open Class Coordinator Dawn Bhajan with questions: (810) 923-4582.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Volunteers Needed for 4-H Booth at Brighton Country Boots and Beats Fest



Do you want to help out Livingston County 4-H but don't have a lot of time? We have an upcoming one-time opportunities for 4-H teen leaders and 4-H volunteers. We will be at Brighton's Country Boots and Beats Festival on June 20<sup>th</sup> and need volunteers to help with STEM activities for kids and families attending. Volunteers are needed between 12 pm and 7 pm for a 2-3 hour shift. We can also sign off on volunteer hours for teens that need them for school, NHS, or other organizations.

Not a volunteer yet? Contact Jenny or Kat for more information on the process.

## Market Poultry Washing Clinic: Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

New to market poultry? Looking to improve your market poultry washing techniques? Join us on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Fowlerville Family Fair 4-H Livestock Arena, 8800 W Grand River Rd, Fowlerville, MI, to learn how to get your chickens in tip-top shape for show day! This is open to both 4-H members and non 4-H Members.

Demonstration birds will be provided - **please do not bring your birds with you!**

RSVP is required: [bit.ly/4-HChickenWash](https://bit.ly/4-HChickenWash)

Questions? Please contact Kat at [Krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:Krollkat@msu.edu).



## Backyard Chickens with MSU Extension at Brighton District Library on July 8<sup>th</sup>









We are excited to be partnering with Brighton District Library to offer a Backyard Chicken workshop for families interested in starting their own backyard flock. This workshop is a drop-in program on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 pm on their pavilion. If you are interested or have friends interested in chickens, please encourage them to attend. You can find more information about this program on the [Brighton District Library Website](#).

We are also looking for 4-H teens interested in helping with this workshop. Anyone with experience raising laying hens (sorry, we aren't talking about meat birds at this one) that is interested should contact Jenny at [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu) or 734-436-1362.



# June 2026





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



# July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3 Extension office closed	4 4TH OF July	
5	6	7	8  6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Fowlerville Fairgrounds	9	10	11 6pm - Leaders Day Show @ Cohoctah Park 	
12	13	14 5pm - Poultry washing clinic 	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21 5pm - Fair Cleanup 	22	23 	24	25 8am - Still project judging 	
26 Animal haul in day 							
 2pm-8pm - Optional Booth decorating time						6pm - Dog practice 	



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Preparing Youth to Be Beyond Ready Through 4-H Livestock Projects



## Beyond Ready

4-H livestock projects provide powerful, real-world learning that helps youth become Beyond Ready for life, work and leadership. Caring for animals teaches responsibility, time management and problem solving, all of which are essential skills for future success. Through chores, recordkeeping and making informed decisions, youth practice accountability and perseverance.

Livestock projects also build confidence as members explain their work to judges, interact with buyers and demonstrate professionalism in the show ring. When volunteers encourage reflection, support goal setting, and help youth connect these experiences to life beyond the barn, young people begin to see how their efforts today prepare them for tomorrow. Are your project activities helping youth become Beyond Ready?

#BeyondReady

### June 6: 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. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache)

### June 9: Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

*Online*

Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26)

### June 11: Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

*Online*

As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai\\_and\\_you](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you)

### June 18: Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party)

### June 23: 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 communities.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day)

### July 1: 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

*Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing*

Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026)





# 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 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 15. Find registration information at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026).



## MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service in 2026

For the sixth 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.

“We give thanks for every volunteer in our program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they’ve done for our organization and Michigan 4-H’ers.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2026 are:

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| • Kay Booth, Barry County          | • Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County      |
| • Joyce Goerge, Clinton County     | • Linda Preston, Cass County       |
| • Betty Groth, Cass County,        | • Peter Preston, Cass County       |
| • Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County | • Kathy Williams, St. Clair County |
| • Gary Koppelman, Monroe County    | • Mary Yeomans, Midland County     |
| • Michael Lee, Osceola 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/>.