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# 4-H Family News

Livingston County



## Now Accepting County Awards Nominations

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.

All applications can be found on our website [https://www.canr.msu.edu/livingston/livingston\\_county\\_4\\_h/4-h-member-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/livingston/livingston_county_4_h/4-h-member-information) under County Awards. We also have paper copies at the MSU Extension Office. Applications are due by October 1st.

This is your chance to be recognized for all of the hard work you do in your 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!

Applications can be sent to the MSU Extension Office or you can complete the electronic version and there is no need to print or return the form.

More details to come about the County Awards Program!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### 4-H Online System Shut Down

August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>

### Animal Project Committee Meeting

September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

### 4-H Online Reopens for the 2024-25 Program Year

September 11<sup>th</sup>

### 4-H Council Meeting

September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the MSU Extension Office

### Grand Equestrians Committee Meeting

September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office (*Special Monday Meeting*)

### 4-H Administrative Leader Open House

September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Serve on a Livingston County 4-H Committee



We are looking for interested 4-H youth and volunteers who would like to serve on a Livingston County 4-H Committee. This is your chance to have your voice heard and shape the 4-H program in our county! These committees can not function without 4-H youth and volunteers. Adults interested in serving on a committee must be Gold level volunteers prior to being elected. Each committee has its own years of volunteering requirements. Youth interested must be enrolled 4-H members prior to being elected. Each committee has its own age

requirements. If you are interested in running for an elected position on any of the following committees, please contact Kat VanDouser, [krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu).

Below is information about the committees and the dates are on the next page of the newsletter.

- Animal Project Committee (1st Tues) 7pm
  - The Livingston County 4-H Animal Project Committee is the overseeing body for all animal species excluding horses in the Livingston County 4-H program. This youth-led, volunteer-supported committee works to improve and provide animal science, livestock, and other animal related programming to youth in our county.
- 4-H Council (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues) 7 pm
  - Livingston County 4-H Council is the overseeing body for the entire program, and for our other three committees. Through sub-committees and 4-H staff, Council organizes and oversees the 4-H Kitchen at the Fowlerville Family Fair, assists in organizing the annual County Awards night and awards application process, and helps provide the funding and volunteer-power that allow our many programs to thrive.
- Grand Equestrians (4th Tues) 7pm
  - The Grand Equestrians Committee is the overseeing body for our Therapeutic Riding Program, Grand Equestrians. This group plans summer horse-related programming for disabled youth in our area, including riding and out of the saddle programs.
- Horse Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues) 7 pm
  - The Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee is the overseeing body for our Livingston County 4-H Horse Program. This is a youth-led, volunteer-supported committee that works to provide equine centered programming, shows, and our tack sale to Livingston County 4-H Horse Program participants.





# 4-H Committee Schedule for 2024-25



## 2024-2025 COMMITTEE SCHEDULE LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-H

Month	Council	Horse	Animal Project	Grand Equestrians
September	17th - 7pm		3rd - 7pm	
October		8th - 7pm	1st - 7pm <b>VOTE</b>	29th - 7pm
November	19th - 7pm <b>VOTE</b>	12th - 7pm <b>VOTE</b>		26th - 7pm <b>VOTE</b>
December				
January	21st - 7pm			
February			4th - 7pm	25th - 7pm
March	18th - 7pm	11th - 7pm	4th - 7pm	
April		15th - 7pm ★	8th - 7pm ★	
May	20th - 7pm	13th - 7pm	6th - 7pm	
June	17th - 7pm			
July				
August				

★ General Meeting



General Meeting with Elections





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## 4-H Online Annual Roll-Over for New 2024-25 Program Year

August is the end of our program year and families and volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2024-25 program year. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the 4-H Online system will shut down and families and volunteers will not be able to log into their accounts. The system will be closed until September 11<sup>th</sup> when it will open to allow families and volunteers to re-enroll. We will send out email reminders when it reopens to remind everyone to re-enroll. 4-H Club leaders and other members should remind families to re-enroll as soon as possible to continue to get 4-H communications. We don't want anyone to miss any newsletters or important emails.



## 4-H Leader Open House: September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 pm



We will be hosting an open-house style leader update on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm in the MSU Extension office Conference room. This meeting is for our club administrative leaders and committee treasurers. We will have resources, light refreshments, and staff will be available to answer any questions and assist with paperwork. This will be a space for leaders to meet each other and swap tips and ideas for this year! **This is not a requirement but is strongly recommended.** If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kat prior to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## Livingston County 4-H Horse Recognition Program

Livingston County 4-H Horse Recognition Program is for every child enrolled in the Livingston County 4-H horse/pony project area. Members do not need to have a horse or have any prior knowledge of horses to join a club and participate in this program. All participation must be reported to the point secretary by **September 30**. Point totals will be available at the October meeting for members to review. If a member feels there is a problem with the points awarded they should have their leader contact the point secretary. A reward will be given at the year-end County Awards Program or at the Fall General Meeting to all



participants who meet the requirements. A \$50 gift certificate award will be given to the Clover Bud who obtains the most points and a \$50 gift certificate will be given to the 8-19 year old member receiving the most points. These gift certificates apply only to the Horse Recognition Program. If you have questions about the horse recognition program please reach out to Kat. Check out the links below for the full rules and tally sheet:

- [Livingston County 4-H Horse and Pony Rules](#)
- [Horse Recognition Program Tally Sheet](#)



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## Volunteers Needed to Plan a Project Day in Livingston County 4-H



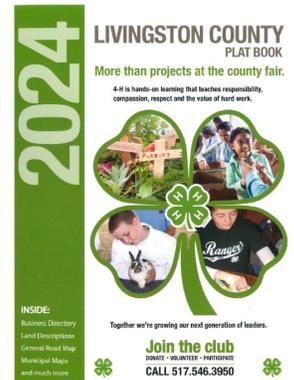
4-H Staff are exploring the idea of hosting a county wide project day in the winter of 2025. This would focus on mostly still projects and be open to youth from across the county.

If you are an adult or teen interested in helping plan this event, please contact Jenny Speyer, [speyerje@msu.edu](mailto:speyerje@msu.edu). We will need volunteers willing to help plan to the event and also to lead project sessions.

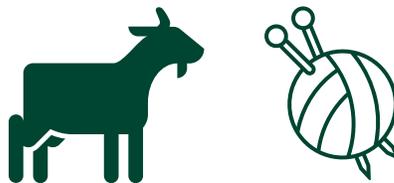
## 2024 Plat Books Now Available at the MSU Extension Office

2024 Plat Books are now available at the Livingston MSU Extension Office! Books include a business directory, land descriptions, general road map, municipal maps, and more. Books are \$25 cash or check made out to Livingston County 4-H Council.

This is a 4-H Council fundraiser that supports Livingston County 4-H programs. Tell your family and friends to come purchase one and help support our program. The MSU Extension Office is open Monday-Friday 9 am – 4 pm, but we always recommend calling before you come to make sure staff isn't out of the office.



## More Photos from Fowlerville Fair from Gusty Acres 2.0 & Little Barn 4-H Club!





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers) and  
[www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers).

### September 4: 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!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception)

### September 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

*Online*

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure)

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### September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

*Online*

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24)

### October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*Kellogg Center, East Lansing*

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting)

### October 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

*Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi*

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, 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.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 4-H!

**Wear Your 4-H Gear** — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

**Shout-Out a 4-H'er** — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

**Storefront Displays/Information Booths** — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

**Become a 4-H Volunteer** — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

**Share Your 4-H Story** — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

**Have a 4-H Reunion** — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**Send a 4-H 'Thank You'** — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

**Raise Awareness** — On October 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol).

**Give Back** — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at [mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/](http://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/) that can help support your county 4-H program.

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