



4-H Family News

April 2025

Jackson County Connections



PRE FAIR CHECK-IN April 28th – May 2nd

Forms due by Friday, May 2nd at 5:30pm

The office will be open the following to accommodate this-

Monday -8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed for lunch from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Tuesday- 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, closed for lunch from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday- 7:30am-5:30pm no lunch closure

Thursday- 7:30am-5:30pm no lunch closure

Friday- 7:30am-5:30pm no lunch closure

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Stay Connected

* Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

* Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

* Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

* Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April Meetings

Wednesday April 2nd 6pm
YQCA

Tuesday April 8th 6pm
Cloverbuds
See Flyer

Thursday April 10th Pocket Pets

Monday April 14th 6:30pm
Horse Council Meeting

Saturday, April 26th 9-11am
Beef Rate of Gain
See Beef Expectations Packet

May Meetings

Saturday May 3rd doors open at 5:30pm
DJ Trivia Night
See Flyer

Monday May 12th 7:00pm
Horse Council Meeting

Tuesday May 13th 7:00pm
Small Animal Association

Monday May 19th 6:00pm
4-H Council

Wednesday May 21st 7:00pm
Livestock Association

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YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Food Safety - Animal Well Being - Character

Jackson County 4-H'er's who are taking MARKET BEEF, SHEEP & OR SWINE to fair will need to be YQCA certified. You can either take the class in-person class or do it online at your convience.

In-Person

April 2nd at 6pm

Jackson Area Career Center

\$3 per person

Register & pay by March 31st

At <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Pizza dinner will be provided at 5:30pm

Or

Online

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism

April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

Online

This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm

April 24: 4-H Fly Fishing Series

Adrian, Michigan

Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series

April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30

May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs

May 3: Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens

Owosso, Michigan

Learn about 4-H Shooting Sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 – August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUDS

JOIN THE FUN!!

- *JANUARY 7TH - DREAM CATCHER
- *FEBRUARY 4TH - CANVAS PAINTING
- *MARCH 4TH - CHEF CLOVERBUD
 - *APRIL 1ST- COUNCIL NIGHT
- *MAY 6TH - DAHLEM CENTER
- *JUNE 3RD- GARDENING

OPEN TO ALL JACKSON COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS 5-7 YRS OLD FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA WALDRON AT 517-788-4292 OR WALDRO45@MSU.EDU

ALL ACTIVIES ARE FROM 6-7:30PM COST \$7 PER ACTIVITY MSU EXTENSION OFFICE 1715 LANSING AVE STE 257 JACKSON, MI 49202



REGISTER AT:
WALDRO45@MSU.EDU
BY THE FRIDAY
BEFORE EACH CLASS

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**JACKSON COUNTY 4-H
SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS**



DJ TRIVIA

**TEASE YOUR BRAIN & WIN
CASH PRIZES**

MAY 3RD

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30PM**

AMERICAN LEGION ROSE CITY POST #324

1190 FALAHEE RD
JACKSON, MI 49203

**TACO BAR \$8.00
KIDS EAT FOR FREE!**

**SILENT AUCTION &
BAKE SALE**

**ADMISSION
ADULT \$10
KIDS \$8
(10 & UNDER)**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TO SUPPORT JACKSON
COUNTY 4-H SMALL
ANIMAL YOUTH**

