



JUNE 2023

4-H Family News

Livingston County



Join us for the Buyer Letter Writing Clinic on June 10th at 10 am at the 4-H Building

Are you a 4-H, FFA, or Junior Ag society member exhibiting a market project at fair? This clinic is for you whether you are a first-year market exhibitor or seasoned market exhibitor. Join us to learn about the importance of buyer letters, what they should include, and how to write them!

Questions? Contact Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Pollinator Planting

June 3rd at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District Nature Center

Night Run Series Speed Shows

June 7th, 14th, 28th, & July 12th at Cohoctah Park, 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI

Buyer Letter Writing Clinic

June 10th at 10 am at the 4-H Building at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Horse Committee Meeting

June 13th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Council Meeting

June 20th at 7 pm at the 4-H Building on the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show

July 8th at Cohoctah Park 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

A Great Volunteer Appreciation Night



Thank you to all our Livingston County 4-H leaders who attended the Volunteer Appreciation Night on May 22nd. We had a great time socializing, celebrating the many years of service of our volunteers, and playing some team building games. We also honored Sue Grover, who has been volunteering for over 50 years with Livingston County 4-H! Sue is a 4-H Leader for the Clover Valley 4-H Club in Howell Michigan. She is also a project area expert in Dairy. Over the last 50 years, Sue has made a huge impact on countless youth by sharing her passion and expertise in various livestock project areas. We are grateful to Sue for giving so much of your time, hard work, and expertise to the Livingston County 4-H Program. Thank you to all our volunteers for all your dedication and hard work.

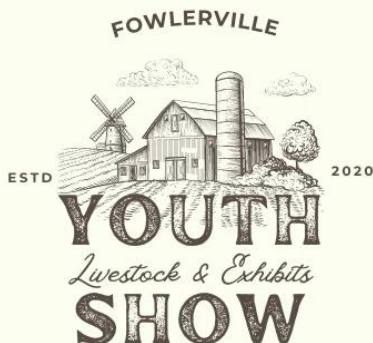
Livingston County 4-H Conservation Quest: Pollinator Planting Day on June 3rd

Join Livingston County 4-H, Michigan Pheasants Forever, and the Livingston Conservation District on June 3rd at 10 am for our Pollinator Planting day at the Livingston Conservation District in Gregory!

We will be broadcast seeding and learning about pollinators. The whole family is welcome to join at this FREE event. Lunch will be provided after planting by the Livingston County Pheasants Forever Chapter. Families are also welcome to bring fishing poles to fish in their pond. **This event is open to non-4-H families, so please help us spread the word about this exciting event.** Questions? Contact Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu.

Register Now: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hconservationquest/>

Fowlerville Youth Show Registration is Now Open!



[Registration for the Fowlerville Youth Show is now open.](#)

Registration will be open between now and June 15th. You can find more information about the Youth Show on the [Fowlerville Family Fair website](#). If you have questions about the Youth Show, please contact the Fowlerville Family Fair at (517) 223-8186 or fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com. The 4-H office is happy to help with any resources needed for showmanship, but we do not facilitate the Youth Show and cannot help with registration. If you need any help with showmanship guides, please contact Kat at krollkat@msu.edu.



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Upcoming Livingston County 4-H Summer Horse Shows

Do you know a youth or adult interested in horse shows this summer? Check out the Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show and Night Run Series Speed Shows. For more information on both of these shows, [visit our website](#) and look under Livingston County show bills.

Leaders' Day Youth Horse Show

- Saturday, July 8, 2023 Cohoctah Park – 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI 48855.
- Gates open at 8 am – Show starts at 9 am
- Age Divisions: 14-19; 8-13; Pony 8-19 (Cantering); Walk-Trot 8-19; Clover Bud 5-7*
- Highpoints by Age Divisions: English, Western, Gymkhana (Showmanship counts toward both English and Western)
- Park Fee per Horse/Rider \$10 (4-H May 1 Horse/Rider Park Fee \$5)
- Per Class Fee \$6 – OR Blanket Fee \$40 - Cash or check only – NO REFUNDS
- Highpoint \$8 per highpoint – you must sign up before earning points
- *Cloverbud rules: Helmets required for all Clover buds. Loaner helmets may be available. Participant awards only; no placings
 - Age 5 (6 or 7) Horse must wear a halter and lead. Youth must be directly accompanied one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on foot holding the animal's lead or halter to maximize safety.
 - Age 6 (or 7) May ride a horse unaccompanied, but only at the walk. Adult volunteers to be in the ring at all times.
 - Age 7 only: May participate in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times.



2023 Night Run Series Speed Shows

- Cohoctah Park – 1000 Allen Rd., Howell, MI 48855
- Wednesday, June 7 – Barrels Clinic 5 pm - Show starts 6 pm
- Wednesday, June 14 – Poles Clinic 5 pm - Show starts 6 pm
- Wednesday, June 28 (TENTATIVE) – Fun Class and Cloverbud* class 5 pm - Show starts 6 pm
- Wednesday, July 12 (TENTATIVE) – Fun Class and Cloverbud* class 5 pm - Show starts 6 pm
- Gates open at 4 pm – Registration starts at 4:30 pm and ends at 5:55 pm
- PRIZE DIVISIONS: Adult (20+) Senior (15-19) Intermediate (12-14) Junior (8-11) Walk-Trot (8-20+)
- Poles on June 28 and July 12
- *Cloverbud – ages 5-7 – Walk Only on a lead line with an adult – participation prizes for all. No horse/rider fee for clover buds. Loaner helmets will be available for clover buds who don't have their own.



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Reminder: Fundraiser Forms Must be Completed Before 4-H Club Fundraisers



Planning a fundraiser for your 4-H club or committee? All fund-raising activities must be reviewed and approved by the 4-H office, before the activity can be held or promoted. This is a federal regulation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires such approval for all 4-H groups. Prior staff approval of a 4-H group's fund-raising activity is important because it gives the group permission to use the 4-H name and emblem, declares the event meets 4-H policies, and allows 4-H volunteers to be covered by the MSU Indemnification Policy (the University

will support volunteers against a suit or legal proceeding when performing services, in this case the 4-H fund-raising event). The Fundraiser Application Form is available at our office or you can find it [online here](#). Once you receive staff approval and hold a fundraiser, you then need to submit a [Fundraiser Report Form](#) within 10 days of the event. These forms can be emailed or dropped off at our office. If you have questions about a potential fundraiser, please contact Kat VanDouser at krollkat@msu.edu.

Reminder: All 4-H Volunteers Must Complete Our Volunteer Selection Process

MSU Extension is firmly committed to ensuring the safety of those who take part in our programming by providing a thorough screening and selection process for MSU Extension volunteers. This ensures those who work alongside us or directly with youth and the people we serve are safe and have positive experiences that enrich their lives. All 4-H volunteers who work directly with youth in a 4-H club or 4-H program need to be screened. This includes 4-H club leaders, project leaders, committee members, and others working directly with youth in 4-H programs.



If you are acting a parent, you do not need to be screened. Most of our volunteers will be screened at the GOLD level, unless you only want to volunteer at the 4-H Kitchen or at a one-time event. These volunteers are SILVER level and will complete a shorter screening that doesn't include an interview, references, or trainings. You can find out more information about the screening process at the [MSU Extension Volunteer Central Website](#). If you are not sure if you or someone assisting your club needs to be screened, please contact Jenny (speyerje@msu.edu) or Kat (krollkat@msu.edu).



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Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program Needs You! If you love working with horses and children, this could be for you!

Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program helps special needs children with therapeutic horseback riding, and there are volunteer opportunities available to help bring in horses on the day of classes, grooming, tacking, and helping children get ready to ride.

- Once the rider is mounted, up to three volunteers are needed per horse:
- One or Two side walkers who walk alongside the horse and rider to offer support, and one person who leads the horse.
- Side walkers and horse leaders need to be 14 years old, younger volunteers are able to help with grooming, tacking, assisting with games, etc.
- Riders are put through patterns of walking, trotting, reversing, changing directions, and stopping. We also play games on horseback like Egg and Spoon, and Red Light, Green Light. The Grand Equestrians riders also show at Fair, which is especially awesome!

It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the kid's faces and see the progress they make!

We also sign for community service hours 😊

2023 Classes will start June 6th and run through July 18th on Tuesdays only from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be no class on July 4th. Volunteers must complete the [MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process](#) before volunteering. The 4-H staff are happy to help anyone with questions about this process.

Email grandequestrians@gmail.com to sign up or for further information!





Livingston County 4-H June 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10am - Pollinator Planting @ Livingston Conservation District
4 2pm - Trail Ride at Pinckney Recreation Area	5	6	7 6pm - Night Run Clinic Horse Show at Cohoctah Park	8	9	10 9am - Sheep, Goat & Beef Practice Show 10am - Buyer Letter Clinic @ Fairgrounds
11	12	13 7pm - Horse Committee Meeting @ Howell MSU Extension Office	14 6pm - Night Run Clinic Horse Show at Cohoctah Park	15 FOWLerville FAMILY FAIR ENTRIES DUE!	16	17 9am - Dan Kiesling Memorial Sheep Show @ Fairgrounds
18	19	20 7pm - Horse Committee Meeting - @ Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds	21 4-H Exploration Days	22 4-H Exploration Days	23 4-H Exploration Days	24
4-H Staff Out of Office						
25	26	27	28 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Cohoctah Park	29	30	

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Livingston County 4-H July 2023 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 MSU Extension Closed Happy 4th!	5	6	7	8 8am - Leaders Day Horse Show @ Cohoctah Park
9	10	11	12 6pm - Night Run Horse Show at Cohoctah Park	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 9am - Fowlerville Family Fair - Still Exhibit Project Judging
23 8am-6pm Fair Animal Check In	24 Fowlerville Family Fair	25 Fowlerville Family Fair	26 Fowlerville Family Fair	27 Fowlerville Family Fair	28 Fowlerville Family Fair	29 Fowlerville Family Fair
30 Fowlerville Family Fair Clean Up	31 4-H Staff Out of Office					

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 – How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge

Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: **Ezri Westrate**
- Berrien: **Brady Pullins**
- Cass: **Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk**
- Monroe: **John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph**
- St. Claire: **Jinger Vantroostenberghe**
- Alpena: **Jazzmyne Kowalski**
- Branch: **Gwendolyn Berry**
- Menominee: **Dodge Sundberg**
- Oakland: **Natalie Keen**

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!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

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. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County
- David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- Judith Missler, Monroe County
- Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- Linda Willman, Wayne County

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/>. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.