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4-H Family News

Livingston County



Livingston County 4-H Teen Ambassador Program: Apply Now!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new 4-H Teen Ambassadors program! Are you an aspiring leader within your club or community between the ages of 13-18 years old? Are you looking for ways to build your leadership skills? We invite you to apply! 4-H County wide leadership opportunities are a great way to build your resume, college or scholarship applications, and are a great way to make a difference in the Livingston County 4-H program! We are looking for 12-25 youth to serve as a part of this team. **Applications are due by May 15th at 5:00pm**, both email and hard copy submissions are accepted! Questions? Please reach out to Kat VanDouser at Krollkat@msu.edu

You can find the application here:
<https://tinyurl.com/4-HAmbassador>

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Weigh in for Fowlerville Youth Show
May 6th from 8 am – 3 pm at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

Horse Association Meeting
May 9th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Livingston County 4-H Ambassadors Program Deadline
May 15th at 5 pm

4-H Council Meeting
May 16th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Leader Recognition Picnic
May 22nd at 6 pm at Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds

4-H Conservation Quest Pollinator Planting
June 3rd at 10 am at the Livingston Conservation District

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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 families in any county, so please help us spread the word about this exciting event. Questions? Contact Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu.

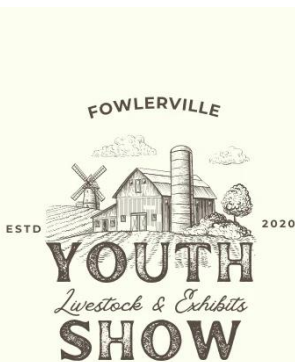
Register Now: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hconservationquest/>

Buyer Letter Writing Clinic: June 10th at 10am at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds - 4-H Building/Pavilion

Are you a 4-H, FFA, or Junior Ag society member exhibiting a market project at fair? This clinic is for you! Join us on June 10th at 10 am to learn about the importance of buyer letters, and how to write them! We invite all 4-H, FFA, and Junior Ag Society youth to participate in this clinic, so please share this free event with your non-4-H friends and families! Questions? Contact Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu or 517-552-6903.



Contact the Fowlerville Fair for Questions about the Fowlerville Youth Show



Do you have questions about the upcoming Fowlerville Youth Show? There are a few ways to keep up to date with the latest news and updates. First, check out their [website](#) for monthly newsletters, information on registration, the Youth Show Book, schedules, and much more! You can also follow them on [Facebook](#). If you have specific questions, you can call the office at (517) 223-8186 or contact them by email at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com.

The staff in the 4-H office would love to help but we no longer coordinate the Fowlerville Youth Show and cannot answer many of these questions.



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Roots and Wings 4-H Club Wildlife Hammock Project with Howell Nature Center Wildlife Rehab Clinic

Roots and Wings 4-H Club got together in March to sew some "baby critter hammocks" for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic of Howell Nature Center. These hammocks hold baby raccoons, squirrels, opossums, and any other baby wildlife that prefer to be nesting together with their peers.

As a group, the club examined the clinic's existing hammocks and mocked up a pattern (the clinic did not have a pattern) and broke it down into steps that many of our group successfully tried as their very first sewing attempt.

The club then brought a box of 16 hammocks to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, and the staff were very excited to receive them!

Kiki, the head rehabilitator for the clinic, is going to take and send photos of the hammocks once they're in full use! Great job Roots and Wings 4-H members on completing this useful project and supporting a local community organization!

If your 4-H club would like to highlight any of their recent club projects or events, please send your photos and information to Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu.



Leader Recognition Picnic: May 22nd at 6 pm at Fowlerville Fairgrounds



We would like to formally invite all of our Livingston County 4-H volunteers to our Leader Appreciation Night on Monday, May 22nd, at 6pm. This event will take place at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds in the Livestock arena and Dan Krebs picnic area. This is a night of celebration, appreciation, and fun for all that you do as volunteers for our Livingston County 4-H Program. We couldn't do this without you!

We do ask that you pre-register for this event, so that we can adequately plan for refreshments and activities. While this event is meant for our volunteers, we understand that some circumstances may require children attend. Please contact staff if your children need to attend so that we can make appropriate accommodations.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4HLivinVolunteers>



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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

- Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds, 8800 West Grand River, Fowlerville, MI 48843
- 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 – Fun Class and Cloverbud* class 5 pm - Show starts 6 pm
- Wednesday, July 12 – 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.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) DPFLI, Detroit

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program Lake Lansing, Haslett

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1

June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.