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# 4-H Family News

Huron County



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FAIR ENTRY REGISTRATION

It is time to register your projects for the Huron Community Fair. Thank you for your patience as we all work through this new entry/registration process.

FairEntry is integrated with 4-H Online. 4-H families will register their youth in FairEntry using their login and password for their 4-H Online account. FFA members and Independent exhibitors will register through FairEntry.

Registration opens on May 1, 2024, by going to <http://huron-community-fair.fairentry.com/>. While registration opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>, registration will close on May 15<sup>th</sup> for all JLA and SLA animals. Registration for all other projects will close on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Assistance will be provided for anyone needing help in understanding this new process of registering projects for the Huron Community Fair. Hard copies of the FairEntry step-by-step instructions will be available at the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe.

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The next Huron County 4-H Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, at 5:15 p.m. at the Huron Area Tech Center in Bad Axe.



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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY OWNERS ENCOURAGED TO HEIGHTEN BIOSECURITY



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- [www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/avian\\_influenza/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/)

April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign - Your Local Tractor Supply Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store! [www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign)

May 5 – June 1 - Across the state

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program! [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases - Online

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-her-s-for-fairs-and-showcases](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-her-s-for-fairs-and-showcases)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-her-s-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-her-s-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm)

May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit - Online

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it. [www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit)

May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers Online

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## MICHIGAN 4-H FOUNDATION OPENS 2024-25 GRANT CYCLE

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 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](http://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.** Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingle 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.

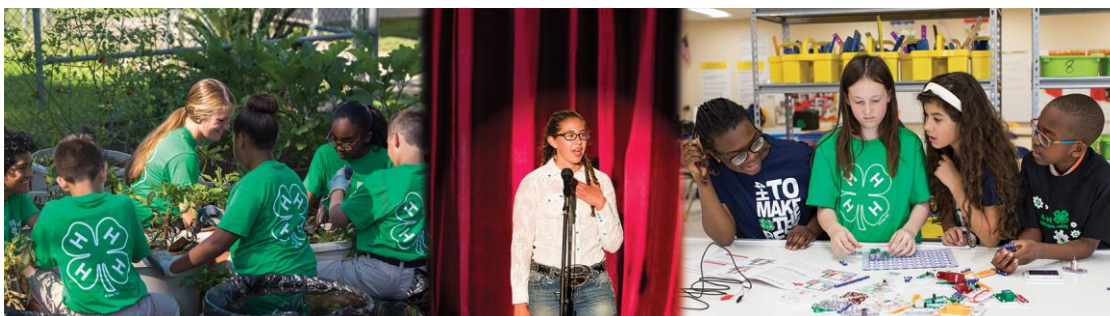


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FairEntry Registrations Open .....	05/01/24
Household Hazardous Waste Collection .....	05/08/24
4-H Council Meeting .....	05/14/24
JLA & SLA Animal FairEntry Registration Closes .....	05/15/24
Warm and Fuzzy 4-H Horse Show .....	05/18/24
Thumb Area 4-H Camp Registration Closes .....	05/24/24
Memorial Day (MSU Extension Closed) .....	05/27/24
4-H Enrollment Deadline for New Youth Prior to Fair .....	06/01/24
Huron County 4-H Horse & Pony Horse Show .....	06/01/24
Huron County 4-H Horse & Pony Horse Show .....	06/02/24
4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) .....	06/05/24
4-H Ambassador Applications Deadline .....	06/07/24
4-H Outdoor Plant Workshop .....	06/09/24
4-H Council Meeting .....	06/11/24
4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) .....	06/12/24
4-H & SLA Small Livestock Clinic .....	06/15/24
4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) .....	06/19/24
4-H Exploration Days at MSU .....	06/19-21/24
FairEntry Registration Closes .....	06/20/24
Huron County 4-H Horse & Pony Horse Show .....	06/22/24
Huron County 4-H Horse & Pony Horse Show .....	06/23/24
4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) .....	06/26/24
Final Teen Counselor Training for Thumb Area 4-H Camp .....	06/24/24
Thumb Area 4-H Camp .....	06/25-27/24

## 4-H Club Pledge:

**“I pledge**  
**My HEAD**  
**to clearer thinking,**  
**My HEART**  
**To greater loyalty,**  
**My HANDS**  
**To larger service,**  
**My HEALTH**  
**To better living**  
**For**  
**My Club,**  
**My Community**  
**My Country and**  
**My World.”**





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## 2024 HURON COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

All currently active 4-H youth enrolled in 4-H Online are invited and encouraged to apply for the Huron County 4-H Ambassador Program. Applications are now available for 4-H Cloverbuds (ages 5 to 7), Intermediate (grades 3-5), Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) at the MSU Extension Office. Completed applications **MUST** be turned in by **4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023**, to the MSU Extension Office. Late applications **WILL NOT** be accepted.

An interview/dinner for all 4-H Ambassador candidates is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9, 2024**. Induction of the 2024-2025 4-H Ambassadors will take place on **Sunday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m.** as part of the 4-H Club Explosion in the Hagen Show/Sale Barn during the Huron Community Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain interviewing experience and to participate in a fun activity, as well as show support for our great Huron County 4-H community!

## LET'S GET READY FOR THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP

Tuesday-Thursday, June 25-27, 2024

Camp Stapleton, Lexington

Youth ages 9 -14 (on or prior to January 1, 2024)

**NEW THIS YEAR**, all registrations will be done online through 4-H Online. All youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H Online to attend Thumb Area 4-H Camp. Not currently enrolled? No problem! Please go to <https://v2.4honline.com> and enroll...**IT'S FREE!!!** 😊 Select Huron County and Thumb Area 4-H Camp Club.

Registration is open by going to <https://Thumbcamp2024.4honline.com>. You will need to login using your 4-H Online family profile and password. Cost will remain \$135 per camper. Deadline to register will be Friday, May 24, 2024. Payment is also due on Friday, May 24, and is payable to Thumb Area 4-H Camp.

**PLEASE NOTE:** 4-H Online will not allow an 8-year-old or a 15-year-old to register as a camper. The 4-H Online system will also NOT accept registrations after it closes on May 24, 2024. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## 2024 PROUD EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM (PEP)

The Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) is a 10-week therapeutic horseback riding program that offers riding lessons to youth with special needs. If you have a special needs youth and would like more information on how to get them enrolled in this program, please contact the MSU Extension Office.

PEP is held during the summer at the Huron Expo Center (fairgrounds) in Bad Axe on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. except for Sunday, July 28 (fair).

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 10, 17, 24, 28 (fair)

August 7 & 14 (banquet)

PEP is also a wonderful opportunity for volunteer experience and for youth individuals who may need to acquire volunteer hours for college credit, National Honor Society, student council, etc. For more information on volunteering to help PEP participants or assist with the program itself, please contact Patti Error, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 989-550-2971.



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## 2024 HURON COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW DATES



- ❖ Saturday, May 18 - Warm & Fuzzy 4-H Horse Show
- ❖ Saturday, June 1 - Horse & Pony Leaders Association 4-H Horse Show
- ❖ Sunday, June 2 - Horse & Pony Leaders Association 4-H Horse Show
- ❖ Saturday, July 22 - Horse & Pony Leaders Association 4-H Horse Show
- ❖ Sunday, July 23 - Horse & Pony Leaders Association 4-H Horse Show
- ❖ Sunday & Monday, July 28 & 29 - Youth Horse Show - Fair Week
- ❖ Tuesday & Wednesday, July 30 & 31 - Open Horse Show - Fair Week
- ❖ Thursday, August 1 - Youth Horse Show - Fair Week

## JLA AND SLA REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration for JLA and SLA animals will open May 1 and run thru May 15, through the Fair Entry online system at <http://huron-community-fair.fairentry.com>. Registration will close at 11:59 p.m. CT on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. If you have problems, you can get help signing up for JLA and SLA on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, May 7 - 6 to 8 p.m. - Merchant Building at the fairgrounds in Bad Axe

Saturday, May 11 - 9 to 11 a.m. - Youth for Christ office in Pigeon, 7392 W. Michigan Avenue, Pigeon, MI

Tuesday, May 14 - 6 to 8 p.m. - Merchant Building at the fairgrounds in Bad Axe

If you have any questions, please contact Al Kuhn, SLA Representative at [alkuhn15@gmail.com](mailto:alkuhn15@gmail.com) or Janet Devroye, JLA Representative at [janet\\_devroye@yahoo.com](mailto:janet_devroye@yahoo.com).

## FAIR REGISTRATIONS DUE

Registrations for dairy, horses, and still projects (youth & adult open classes) will open May 1 using the FairEntry online system at <http://huron-community-fair.fairentry.com>. Registration will close at 11:59 p.m. CT on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Youth registering animals and wanting to exhibit still projects can make all those entries at one time. If youth choose to only register their animals first, that is acceptable. However, if youth want to make non-animal entries after submitting their animal registrations, they will have to wait for their animal registrations to be approved in FairEntry before more entries can be made.

The Fair Office will be open to help with fair registrations on the following dates:

Friday, June 14 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 20 - 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

A digital copy of the 2024 Fair Book (Youth Division and Open Class Division) is available on the fair's website at [www.huroncommunityfair.com](http://www.huroncommunityfair.com). Hard copies are available upon request at the MSU Extension Office.



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## FAIR BILLBOARD CONTEST

Each participating 4-H Club and FFA Chapter that successfully completes a NEW billboard promoting the 2024 Huron Community Fair will receive \$30 from the Fair Board to cover the expense of a NEW billboard. For those who participated in previous years, please feel free to re-use your billboard from previous years by either:

- A. Changing the dates on it (will NOT be judged), or
  - B. Completely re-vamp your billboard (to be judged).
1. Billboards must be a minimum of 4 ft. x 8 ft.
  2. Billboards must be made of a permanent material, such as plywood.
  3. Billboards must include the name of the fair, dates, and location of the fair.
  4. Billboards must be posted in a prominent location in the county and very visible to passing cars, by Monday, July 1, 2024. They must be positioned at least 33 feet from the edge of the road on private property. Billboard must be taken down within two weeks after the close of fair or award will not be paid.
  5. Billboard will be judged on creativity, design, and its effectiveness in promoting the fair. (i.e. - if it is in a location where many people will see it).
  6. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters need to submit a billboard registration form for the contest at fair registration; include the location of the billboard for judging.
  7. Billboard registration forms will be available in the fair office at the fairgrounds.
  8. Winners will be posted in the fair office during fair week and announced at opening ceremonies on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the Huron Community Fair Billboard Contest, please contact Clark Brock, Fair Board President at 989-550-3097.

## 4-H GROWS HERE SIGNS

There are a few “4-H GROWS HERE” yard signs still available at the MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe. If you are interested in a free sign, please stop by the MSU Extension Office Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The office is also open during the noon hour.

The MSU Extension Office in Bad Axe is located behind the Huron County Health Department at 1142 S. Van Dyke. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway entrance of the Health Department and drive around to the back of the building. Parking is available next to the construction trailer.

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