



NOVEMBER 2026

4-H Family News

Charlevoix County



Falling Into November with Charlevoix County 4-H!

The leaves are falling, the temperatures are dropping, and our 4-H community is still growing! As we welcome November, it's the perfect time to reflect on the experiences, accomplishments, and connections that make 4-H so special. We are incredibly thankful for our amazing youth, dedicated volunteers, supportive families, and community partners who make it all possible. There is always something exciting happening in 4-H, so grab a cup of cider, settle in, and catch up on what's new, what's coming up, and ways to stay involved!



IMPORTANT DATES:

Charlevoix 4-H Council Meeting – 6:30pm.....Date: 11-2-2026
On Zoom

Charlevoix 4-H Leaders/Jr. Leader Inservice – following council mtg..11-2-2026
On Zoom

Charlevoix 4-H Council Holiday Party & Meeting – 2:00pm.....Date: 12-6-2026
At Veterans Pavilion Park in Boyne City

Emmet-Charlevoix Horse Council Meeting –7:00pm.....Date: 11-19-2026
At Emmet County Fair Grounds – Equestrian Center
*No Horse Council Meeting in December

Emmet-Charlevoix Market Livestock Meeting –7:00pm.....Date: 11-16-2026
At Emmet County Fair Grounds – Community Center
MKT Enrollment Forms Due: Dec 1st
Large Beef Contracts Due: Dec 1st
*No Market Livestock Meeting in December

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready: Developing a growth mindset through 4-H



Beyond Ready

Learning often comes through challenges, mistakes and trying something new. 4-H helps youth develop a growth mindset by encouraging them to persevere, reflect and continue improving their skills over time.

Volunteers can reinforce this by celebrating effort, encouraging problem solving, and helping youth view setbacks as opportunities to learn. When young people learn that success comes from persistence and practice, they gain confidence to tackle future challenges. These experiences help youth become more resilient and better prepared for life beyond 4-H.

#BeyondReady

November 10: Wild Spartans – Migratory Fishes are Amazing!

Online

Splash into the underwater world to follow fish along their journeys with Karen Murchie, director of freshwater research at the Shedd Aquarium. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. Ask questions and learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-november

November 12: Adulting 101 – Paws, Claws and Commitment: The Realities of Animal Care

Online

Explore the true costs, responsibilities and lifestyle considerations of caring for animals—from vet bills and training to choosing the right pet for your space and schedule. Learn how to make informed decisions that honor both you and your future pet.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/realities-of-animal-care

November 17: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Explore ways to be highly effective in raising kids to be successful in school and in life with this free online series. Parents of kids from toddlers to teens will explore: developing family routines, developing emotional control in your child, being a calm assertive parent, developing consistent rules and relationships, learning from mistakes, developing empathy and the ability to be thankful.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-nov-dec-2026

November 19: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Growing Money Skills through 4-H

Online

Financial skills are life skills—and they're skills youth can start growing today. Join this webinar to discover easy, engaging ways to plant financial education into your 4-H club meetings, activities and events. Participants will leave with hands-on activities, discussion starters and ready-to-use resources that help youth build money management skills while having fun. Thanks to the support of MSUFCU, randomly selected attendees will receive a free financial education resource for their clubs.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-growing-money-skills-through-4-h

November 27 – December 13: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Co. stores statewide

Embrace the holiday spirit and purchase a paper clover at Tractor Supply Co. (TSC)! The Paper Clover campaign will officially launch on Black Friday; support 4-H youth both online or in TSC stores for just \$1!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 27 – Dec. 13, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com. Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments (a beef cow, lamb and dog), now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.

Michigan 4-H Foundation launches Beyond Ready Campaign to prepare youth for the future

At the Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration on Saturday, October 3, the Michigan 4-H Foundation announced the public launch of the Michigan 4-H Beyond Ready Campaign, a bold fundraising initiative with a goal of raising \$12 million by 2032 to help prepare Michigan youth for the future.

"Today's youth face a rapidly changing world that requires resilience, adaptability and confidence," said Mary Draves, co-chair of the Michigan 4-H Foundation's Beyond Ready Campaign Committee. "Michigan 4-H is uniquely equipped to support youth in developing these critical skills and more. The Beyond Ready Campaign will provide long-term, stable funding that allows Michigan 4-H to continue offering opportunities and experiences that prepare young people to face challenges and thrive, no matter what the future may bring."

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of 4-H participation. Young people involved in 4-H are more likely to develop leadership skills, contribute to their communities and gain confidence in their ability to succeed. The Michigan 4-H Beyond Ready campaign will help ensure future generations of Michigan youth can experience these same benefits by investing in the programs, people and possibilities that bring 4-H to life.

The campaign focuses on five priority areas: **4-H educational opportunities and skills development; Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens; health, well-being and belonging; emerging needs; and endowment investments**, including **county endowments** for localized impact. The campaign also includes a **planned giving goal of securing 40 planned gifts by 2032**, helping to create a lasting legacy of support for Michigan 4-H.

"Today's young people will soon lead our communities, workforce and future," said Joe Hune, Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee and co-chair of the Beyond Ready Campaign Committee. "This campaign will ensure Michigan 4-H can continue to provide life-changing experiences, deliver innovative programs, support diverse learning needs, and help youth from all communities across Michigan become Beyond Ready for future success through 4-H."

The Oct. 3 public launch builds on strong momentum from the campaign's leadership phase. Already \$7.3 million, nearly 62% of the \$12 million goal, has been raised through more than 5,200 gifts from nearly 2,200 donors. Michigan 4-H alumni, volunteers, families, partners and friends are invited to join the effort to help build a generation that is Beyond Ready through Michigan 4-H.

Every gift to the Beyond Ready Campaign is an investment in Michigan youth and their future. There are many ways to participate, including one-time gifts, multi-year commitments, IRA gifts and qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), gifts of stock, planned/estate gifts, or donations of property, grain or other assets. Together, these investments will help expand opportunities, build confidence, spark curiosity and prepare more Michigan youth to be beyond ready for life, leadership and success.

To learn more about the campaign or make a gift to invest in the future of Michigan 4-H, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org/beyondready.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Show Your 4-H Pride & Support Charlevoix County 4-H Council!

Looking for a way to show your 4-H pride while giving back to your community? Check out our Charlevoix County 4-H Council apparel fundraiser! Choose from three different logo designs and four apparel options, all available in Sport Grey. Best of all, **\$8 from every item purchased goes directly back to the Charlevoix County 4-H Council**, helping support local 4-H youth, programs, and activities. Wear your 4-H pride and make a difference!

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

OPTION 3

T-SHIRT

GILDAN
SPORTS GREY



LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT

GILDAN
SPORTS GREY



CREW SWEATSHIRT

GILDAN
SPORTS GREY



HOODIE SWEATSHIRT

GILDAN
SPORTS GREY





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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H APPAREL ORDER FORM

Choose a logo, garment, size, and quantity. Please print clearly.
Order due November 16, 2026 - Pick Up at the office December 17, 2026

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

LOGO OPTIONS — select one

<p>Option 1</p>	<p>Option 2</p>	<p>Option 3</p>
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GARMENT & COLOR GUIDE

Garment	Available colors	Sizes
T-Shirt - \$18.00	Sports Grey	Youth S–XL • Adult S–XL
Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$24.00	Sports Grey	Youth S–XL • Adult S–XL
Crewneck Sweatshirt - \$30.00	Sports Grey	Youth S–XL • Adult S–XL
Hoodie Sweatshirt - \$35.00	Sports Grey	Youth S–XL • Adult S–XL

PLUS SIZE ADD TO PRICE ABOVE

Size: 2XL +\$3.50
3XL +\$4.50
4XL +\$6.00

ORDER DETAILS

Use one line per item/size/color combination. Add more lines if needed.

Logo #	Garment	Youth / Adult	Size	Price	Qty	Price Each	Line Total

Order Total: \$ _____

Paid: Yes No

Payment method: _____

Notes / special instructions: _____



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

As we wrap up the 2025–2026 4-H year, **I want to take a moment to celebrate and recognize the incredible youth who make Charlevoix County 4-H so special.** I am beyond proud of each and every one of you and all that you have accomplished this year!

You have shown determination, learned new skills, stepped outside your comfort zones, overcome challenges, worked together as a team, and lifted one another up along the way. You have shown us what it means to support each other, lead with purpose, and stand up for what you believe in—even when it isn't easy. Those moments of growth, courage, and perseverance are what 4-H is all about.

One of the things I am most proud of is the youth voice in Charlevoix County 4-H. This year marks our 12th year of having a youth-run Charlevoix County 4-H Council Board! Twelve years of young people stepping up, taking ownership, sharing ideas, advocating for their peers, and helping shape the future of our 4-H program. That is something truly worth celebrating! Our youth board is a wonderful example of what can happen when young people are given the opportunity to lead, the confidence to speak up, and the support they need to succeed. With guidance and encouragement from our amazing adult volunteers, our youth work together as a team to identify needs, share their wants and ideas, and advocate for what matters to the youth of our county. It is a partnership built on listening, learning, respect, and working together toward a common goal.

To our youth: Never underestimate the power of your voice. Keep asking questions, keep learning, keep supporting one another, and keep standing up for what you believe is right. Leadership isn't always about having all the answers or having the loudest voice. Sometimes, it's about having the courage to speak up, the willingness to listen, and the determination to keep moving forward when things get difficult. And to every 4-H member who tried something new, faced a challenge, helped a friend, showed kindness, or made a difference in their club or community—you should be proud of yourself. Every step forward matters, and every one of you has something valuable to contribute. The future of Charlevoix County 4-H is bright because of YOU!

Congratulations on a successful 2025–2026 4-H year! Thank you for reminding us why youth leadership matters and why 4-H continues to make such a lasting difference in the lives of young people and our communities. I am so proud of who you are, who you are becoming, and all the incredible things you will continue to accomplish. Keep growing, keep leading, keep advocating, and keep being YOU!

Here's to our youth, our leaders, our teamwork, and 12 years of a strong youth voice in Charlevoix County 4-H!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Charlevoix County 4-H Awards Banquet 2025-2026 Program Year





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

To the Amazing Charlevoix County 4-H Volunteers & Leaders:

From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!



I hope you all know just how much I appreciate you, value you, and count on you. You are the people who show up, lend a hand, offer support, step in when needed, and always find a way to make things happen for our 4-H youth. Whether it's the big things or the little things that often go unnoticed, every bit of what you do matters more than you know.

Being the Charlevoix County 4-H Coordinator is a job I truly love, but I could never do it alone. I could not do my job without each and every one of you. Your time, dedication, patience, generosity, and willingness to help are what make our 4-H program so special. You give so much of yourselves to our youth, and I hope you know the lasting impact you are making in their lives.

But more than just volunteers and leaders, you have become so much more to me. You are my support system, my helping hands, my sounding board, my problem-solvers, and sometimes the people who help keep me going when things get overwhelming. You celebrate the victories with me, help me work through the challenges, and remind me that we are all in this together.

You aren't just 4-H volunteers and leaders — you are my 4-H family. And I am so incredibly grateful to be part of this family with you.

Thank you for believing in our youth, believing in our program, and believing in me. Thank you for answering the calls, saying yes when you can, stepping up when things get tough, and giving your hearts to something bigger than yourselves. Please never underestimate how much you mean to me or how much of a difference you make.

I see you, I appreciate you, and I am so thankful for you.

Charlevoix County 4-H is stronger because of YOU! Thank you for everything.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Beyond Ready
Support Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

The Hal & Jean Glassen Foundation will match every gift dollar-for-dollar.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Your gift today can go twice as far to strengthen the future of Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports through the Hal & Jean Glassen 4-H Shooting Sports Endowment.

Every gift is matched 1:1 until available matching funds are fulfilled.

DONATE TODAY

www.mi4hfdtn.org/glassen

 MICHIGAN 4-H FOUNDATION

The Hal and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation has committed a \$50,000 matching challenge over the next five years to grow the Hal and Jean Glassen 4-H Shooting Sports Endowment at the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Through this commitment, up to \$10,000 in gifts will be matched annually, providing an opportunity to add \$20,000 each year to the endowment.

The endowment provides permanent support for Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports, helping ensure youth continue to have access to high-quality educational experiences that build leadership, responsibility, confidence, outdoor skills, and conservation awareness.

To donate: please visit the dedicated giving page at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/glassen/>




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MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR

INFUSING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INTO YOUR 4-H CLUB

October 27th at Noon

Beyond Ready

Want to make your 4-H club even better? Join us October 27 at noon for Infusing Positive Youth Development into Your 4-H Club! Get fresh ideas to build belonging, encourage youth voice, and help your members become Beyond Ready!

More information and Registration: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



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REGISTRATION OPEN

Click here

[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/LCCE/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/LCCE/)

SPECTACULAR YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026
COST \$150**

Ralph A MacMullan Conference Center
Roscommon MI

TEENS! DO YOU WANT TO ELEVATE
YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS? THEN
THIS IS THE EVENT FOR YOU!

Learn to be "Beyond Ready"!



**Beyond
Ready**

The Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute (SYLI) is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! Participants in this exciting, energetic, interactive Institute will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, community engagement, and global citizenship. The 2026 event will include a special focus on leadership. The Institute is open to current and aspiring teen leaders ages 13 and older (by Jan. 1, 2027, who seek to develop skills to serve in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state and the world. Attending the 2026 SYLI will help teens become outstanding leaders who approach life with their head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures and perspectives.

The objectives of the SYLI are for participants to:

- Develop skills and knowledge as youth leaders and global citizens

- Provide teens with tools to start a citizenship, leadership and service projects in their community (or build on and enhance existing programs and activities)

- Meet and share ideas with other teens, adult leaders, and MSU staff

It's Paper Clover time! November 27 thru December 13, 2026



**TSC TRACTOR
SUPPLY CO.**



🍀 Shop TSC & Support Charlevoix County 4-H!

Make a difference while you shop this holiday season! From **November 27 – December 13, 2026**, stop by the Boyne City Tractor Supply Co. and support the **4-H Paper Clover Campaign**. When you purchase a Paper Clover, you're helping provide valuable opportunities, experiences, and resources for local 4-H youth. The best part? **All funds raised at the Boyne City TSC location go directly back to support Charlevoix County 4-H!** Every clover makes a difference, so be sure to add a little green to your holiday shopping and help our 4-H youth grow! 🍀 🍀



Learn
Grow
Make a
Difference



4-H
Builds
Leaders

2026 - 2027 Charlevoix 4-H Council MEETING DATES

Every 1st Monday of the month unless it falls on a holiday week
at Boyne City - City Hall in the Commission Chambers (2nd floor) or Zoom



Youth (8-19) are required to attend 2 council meetings & 1 Educational Event
OR 3 Council meetings to be eligible to show at fair.



SEPTEMBER 14, 2026



BC City Hall - Commission Chambers
6:30 pm

OCTOBER 11, 2026



Sunday, 2:00 pm
Awards Banquet @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

NOVEMBER 2, 2026



Zoom 6:30 pm
(Leader In-service following mtg)

*Creature Clan

DECEMBER 6, 2026



Sunday, 2:00 pm Holiday Party @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

*Mavericks & Charlevoix County Critter Club
(Responsible for Holiday Games & Activities)

JANUARY 2027



NO MEETING

FEBRUARY 2027



NO MEETING

MARCH 1, 2027



Zoom 6:30 pm

*JVABHCCC

APRIL 2027



NO MEETING

MAY 3, 2027



BC City Hall - Commission Chambers
6:30 pm

*Maple River Hoof Prints

JUNE 7, 2027



BC City Hall - Commission Chambers
6:30 pm

*Burnin' Daylite

JULY 18, 2027



Sunday, 2:00 pm Annual Picnic @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

*Country Kids

AUGUST 2027



NO MEETING

*4-H club responsible for Education/Social Activity at meeting



Better Together





EMMET-CHARLEVOIX MARKET LIVESTOCK MEETING CALENDAR 2026 - 2027

SUPPORT
EDUCATE
DEVELOP
TOGETHER

Livestock
Today
Leaders
Tomorrow
♥

Every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the
Community Center or T-Barn in Petoskey or on Zoom

Youth (8-19) are required to attend 5 Market Livestock meetings, 2 work
bees, 1 Fundraiser as needed by the association and actively participate on a
committee to be eligible to show at fair.

Youth are required to be at October or November Meeting

Youth are required to be at July or August Meeting

- ☘ **September 20, 2026 (Sunday)** – Cookout at 4:00 pm,
meeting at 6:00 pm
- ☘ **October 19, 2026** – Review and approval of Bylaws, Rules,
Enrollment & Contracts
- ☘ **November 16, 2026** – Enrollment Form & Large Beef Contracts Due
- ☘ **December 2026** – NO MEETING
- ☘ **January 18, 2027** - Zoom Meeting
- ☘ **February 15, 2027** - Zoom Meeting
- ☘ **March 15, 2027**
- ☘ **April 19, 2027**
- ☘ **May 17, 2027** – Dairy Feeder, Goat, Jr. Beef, Lamb & Swine
Contracts Due
- ☘ **June 21, 2027** – Duck, Geese, Rabbit & Turkey Contracts Due
- ☘ **July 19, 2027** – Pre Fair Meeting, Fair Registration & Chicken
Contracts Due
- ☘ **August 2, 2027** – Pre Fair Meeting

Same Passion ♥ Brighter Future

KIDS
ANIMALS
COMMUNITY
OPPORTUNITY
FAIR

Beyond
Ready



Emmet - Charlevoix 2026-2027 4-H Horse Council Meeting Dates

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

at the Equestrian Center or T-Barn at the Fair Grounds in Petoskey

Youth (8-19) are required to:

- attend 3 horse council meetings with one of them being a pre-fair meeting in July or August
- complete a fundraising activity
- attend 1 horse sponsored clinic/show/club ride
- complete a record book
- actively participate on a committee

**Cloverbuds (youth 5-7) are strongly encouraged to attend meetings but MUST attend one pre-fair meeting in July or August & complete a cloverbud horse record book.*

September 17, 2026

October 15, 2026

November 19, 2026

December 2026 - NO MEETING

January 2027 - NO MEETING

February 18, 2027

March 18, 2027

April 15, 2027

Reminder: May 1, 2027 *Horse Membership Form Due

May 20, 2027

June 17, 2027

July 15, 2027 - Pre-Fair Meeting *Horse Registration Form Due

Reminder: July 19, 2026 (Monday) - *Fair Registrations Due in Fair Entry

August 5, 2027 - Pre-Fair Meeting

Fair Week: Friday, August 20-Sunday, August 29, 2027

**4-H Still Projects & Record Books Fri 8/20 & Sat 8/21, Animals Arrive Sun 8/22,
Animals Released Sun 8/29**



Ready to Join?

Scan the QR code below to view the 4-H Future Squad Website and Interest Form



For program support, questions, or assistance with registration, please contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu

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4-H Future Squad

A Virtual 4-H Club to Grow YOUR Future

Youth aged 12-19 (as of Jan 1, 2027) are invited to join 4-H Future Squad, designed for youth to build skills, confidence, and connections for a successful future.

The club will meet virtually October 2026 – May 2027.

Topics for education include financial literacy, college and career readiness, stress management, building healthy relationships, studying abroad, goal setting, nutrition, and much more... based on the topics you share that will help you be beyond ready for your future!

Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the Upcoming Programs webpage.

Why Join 4-H Future Squad?

- **Adulthood is a big job — we'll help you get ready!**
Learn essential skills alongside new friends and mentors who can guide you toward your goals.
- **Gain access to all 4-H benefits and statewide events**
A variety of events will be shared with the group often, and youth are encouraged to participate!
- **Attend as you can!**
Join 4-H Future Squad as your primary or secondary club – attend as many sessions as you wish.



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