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# 4-H Family News

Tuscola County



## A time to be Thankful

Please make sure that all 4-H members and volunteers head back into v2.4online.com to re-enroll into 4-H **by January 4<sup>th</sup>**. I will continue to send emails to all 4-H members that are currently enrolled but will stop on January 4<sup>th</sup>. **We are looking for members to form a youth council! Please email [hechtrea@msu.edu](mailto:hechtrea@msu.edu) if you are interested!**

**The 4-H Junior Superintendent position** is open! If you are currently re-enrolled, follow this link and apply for a position of the Junior Superintendent position. As a reminder, you will serve as a Junior Superintendent in one species area, helping educate youth and work with the superintendent before the fair. At the fair, you will be helping another superintendent the day of their show. This is to ensure we do not take away from your species area.

<https://forms.gle/3fURBSSeVR3tGw1M9>

### Scholarships:

Deadline is Nov. 1: <https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/>

Due Nov. 2: <https://form.jotform.com/262104166115143>

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/4-h-scholarship-application/>

<https://www.fcma.com/community/next-generation/collegiate/scholarships>

<https://micorn.org/mcga/member-benefits/profile/college-scholarships>

<https://fundmyfuture.us/scholarships/tuscola-county-community-agriculture-scholarship>

"I pledge my hands to larger service" The fall clean-up of the fairgrounds will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 p.m. helping hands needed!



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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Tuscola Committee News and Meeting Dates

Please visit the Tuscola County 4-H website for information and resources pertaining to specific project areas, committees and scholarships <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4h/>.

Fair forms and resources can be found at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4-h/tuscola\\_county\\_fair](https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4-h/tuscola_county_fair). On this webpage, you will be able to find tagging sheets, record books, animal project forms, rule books and resources.

### Large Livestock

#### Meeting Dates:

- November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Tuscola Technology center in room 403: **By-law proposals from the September meeting will be voted on at the November meeting. These were emailed out in 4honline on 9-29-26. If you need a copy, please email [hechtrea@msu.edu](mailto:hechtrea@msu.edu)**
- February 9, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tuscola Technology center in the Commons
- April 6, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tuscola Technology center in the Commons

**Fairground Set-up:** June 26, 2027, from 10- noon at the Tuscola County Fair grounds

#### Rate of Gain:

- **Fat steer** photos DUE: Friday, February 26, 2027, by 4:30 p.m.
- Weigh In: Saturday, March 6, 2027, at 9-10 a.m. at Marlette Livestock Auction facility (must be there if participating in Rate of Gain for market steers/market heifers)

**Swine, Sheep, and Feeder tagging deadline:** May 21, 2027

**Zoom Link:** <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95575258091> **Passcode:** Large

- If you are planning to show a market Livestock project, it is mandatory that you or an immediate family member attends one meeting from September 2026 –July 2027 and submit an educational tracking sheet to the MSU Extension office. Listed on that sheet you must have the educational requirement you participated in, and the meeting date attended. This is due by the fair paperwork deadline next year, date TBD.
- **If you are selling a fat steer or feeder** you must complete and submit your certificate of YQCA or BQA- **feedlot only, date TBD**. All other livestock species that are exhibiting market animals **must** complete an educational requirement of: YQCA, BQA- **feedlot only**, attend an educational clinic, participate in a jackpot show, be involved in an FFA class, or attend Ag Career night in March (grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> only). **Watching educational videos does not qualify as an educational requirement.**

*\* Please read the, "Tuscola County 4-H/FFA Large Livestock Handbook" for any rule clarification or guidelines located on our website down the page under "Large livestock handbook" [https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4-h/tuscola\\_county\\_fair](https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4-h/tuscola_county_fair)*

### Youth Council

**Meeting Date:** November 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Tuscola MSU Extension office. 4-H youth ages 10 (as of Jan 1, 2027) are welcome to attend and join the committee!



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## 4-H Council

**Meeting Date:** Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Elections of a secretary will be at this meeting**

The meeting will be held in person at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office. If you are unable to attend in person a zoom is available, but it can be difficult to participate in the meeting virtually.

**Zoom Link:** <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97970674071> **Passcode: Council**

## Horse Leaders

**Meeting Date:** Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. ZOOM ONLY

**Dates to remember:**

- Equine connection weekend: Feb 5-7, 2027
- MI 4-H Horse and Teen leader conference: Feb 19-21, 2027
- State 4-H Horse Bowl: Mar. 20, 2027
- Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse show: April 16, 2027
- Mi 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest: April 17, 2027
- MI 4-H & FFA State Hippology Contest
- Michigan 4-H State Horse Show: August 2027

The meeting will be held in person at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office. If you are unable to attend in person a zoom is available, but it can be difficult to participate in the meeting virtually

**Zoom Link:** <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93683812138> **Passcode: Horse**

## Small Livestock

**Meeting Date:**

- November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Extension Office

**Zoom Link:** <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94789150224> **Passcode: Small**

**Small livestock market project expectations:**

To be able to market your small livestock project you must complete these requirements:

1-Complete one Educational requirement by the Fair paperwork deadline, TBD, and fill out the Educational requirement tracking form to submit by the paperwork deadline, TBD, to the MSU Extension office i.e., YQCA certificate, attend a show for small livestock, attend a small livestock clinic.

2- Attend one of the two offered mandatory meetings TBD

3- Complete **all** fair duties listed below to be able to exhibit at the Tuscola County Fair-

Empty the barn-July 17, 2027, at 9 a.m.

Barn set up- July 21, 2027, at 5 p.m.

Barn duty- each family takes at least 1, up to two shifts for each small livestock species exhibited. Sign up will be located in the small livestock barn on the table

Auction set-up- set up chairs in the large livestock arena on Thursday night, following the feeder show, at 6:30 p.m.: July 29, 2027

Barn clean-up, Sunday morning at 5 a.m. in the small livestock barn: August 1, 2027



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPIN: Stem Lab

Oct 26- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

Beith Park Fall clean-up

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Youth Council meeting

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

Small Livestock Meeting

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Crafts

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

4-H Council meeting

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

Large Livestock meeting

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

Horse Leaders Meeting

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuscola MSU Extension Office Closed

Nov. 26-27<sup>th</sup>

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuscola MSU Extension Office Closed

Dec. 24- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

**4-H Re-enrollment deadline**

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Spark and Share Summitt

March 13<sup>th</sup>





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Tuscola Programs Continued



Register with this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeafdPLyCAtbOc6YpWFWvkjoT7fBXtX5CB2ynEfg0S\\_ozNS\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeafdPLyCAtbOc6YpWFWvkjoT7fBXtX5CB2ynEfg0S_ozNS_A/viewform)

OR

use the QR code

Register with this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKAZH9vtz4eeXPUyJz-jo9b8GD9yybyjJIVD9e6UpjE3JvXg/viewform>

OR

Use the QR Code





# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.TractorSupply.com). Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h](http://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](http://www.mi4hfdtn.org/beyondready).

