



FEBRUARY 2026

# 4-H Family News

## Huron County



### 2026 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are two local scholarship opportunities for local high school seniors to apply for through the MSU Extension Office. Hard copies of both scholarship applications will be available the MSU Extension Office and at local high schools mid-January 2026. **Deadline for both applications is by 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2026.**

The Huron County 4-H Council is offering up to four \$500 scholarships. To be eligible for the Huron County 4-H Council Scholarship, students must be a high school senior who is currently enrolled in the Huron County 4-H Program and enrolled in a college/trade school.

Since 1981, the Huron County Dairy Promotions Scholarship Fund has given several \$500+ scholarships awarded annually to Huron County's outstanding college-bound high school seniors. Criteria for this scholarship include high moral character, initiative, and scholastic achievement, as well outstanding achievements in 4-H and/or FFA. Students are only eligible if they will be focusing on a major in agriculture or an ag related field.

#### 4-H COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Hannah Booms
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- Amanda Murray, Secretary
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- Vivian Thuemmel
- Jack Wasierski, 4-H Teen Representative
- Ashlynn Waugh, 4-H Teen Representative

The next regular 4-H Council Meeting will be Saturday, February 7, at the HATC after 4-H Projects Galore Workshop.



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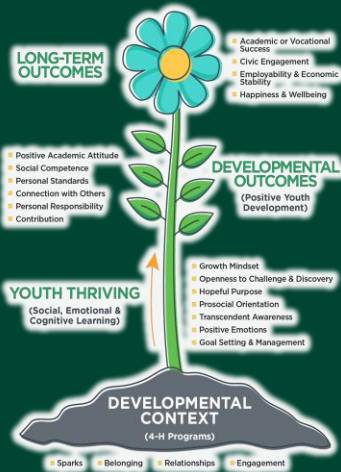
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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H THRIVING MODEL OF POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Building a sense of belonging in our 4-H program has been a long-standing tradition. What does this look like?

It may be a project leader, club leader, or event organizer welcoming you to each meeting or event. It may look like a “roll call” or “ice breaker” at the beginning of a meeting.

The initial welcome allows people to know that they have been seen in the room. So, the next time someone asks you a roll call question of “What’s your favorite cheese?”, know that there is a reason.

We want to get to know you. We want to hear your voice. We want the ability to start building relationships by finding likenesses among us. Contact your local 4-H staff for more information. #BeyondReady

### February 10: 4-H Wild Spartans

Online

In this month’s session, take a walk through the woods on the wild side with “Walking a Path of Conservation.” Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is for youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february)

### February 11: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences

Online

Teambuilding isn’t just an activity—it’s a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences)

### February 11: Avoiding Money Mishaps

Online

This webinar will focus on how youth can protect themselves from fraud, scams, identity theft and predatory lending.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11)

### February 11: 4-H Chef Tasty Dog Treats

Lenawee MSU Extension Demo Kitchen, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will prepare delicious treats to bake at home for your dog. Ages 5-7 need adult helper. Registration deadline is February 7.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats)

### February 19 –March 26: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026)

### February 19: Ace the Interview: Skill Building and Practice for Teens

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This free workshop will help youth (ages 12-19) confidently handle interview experiences with tips and hands-on practice. Any teen is welcome to attend! Registration deadline is February 17.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens February 1 and closes March 15.

## TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN

Join MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H on March 1 for the 20th celebration of Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin! This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women’s Basketball team takes on the Ohio State Buckeyes!

Those interested in attending can purchase tickets at a price of \$7.50 plus fees. This is a discounted rate available to the Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension communities; complimentary tickets are no longer available due to the rising popularity of college sports. MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families are all encouraged to attend.

Tickets can be purchased through a two-step process. First, guests should register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBreslin2026/>. Within one week, registrants will receive a custom purchase link to the email provided in registration. Attendees must then use this custom link to purchase tickets for the event. Additional ticketing information is available on the registration website. Registration will close on February 17.

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 12 p.m. Gates to the Breslin will open at 10:30 a.m., with a variety of pre-game activities hosted by MSU Extension professionals around the concourse. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Families for whom cost is a barrier should contact their local 4-H program coordinator.



## SHOW YOUR 4-H PRIDE WHEREVER YOU GO!

Did you know you can make a difference for 4-H every time you hit the road? By purchasing the Michigan 4-H specialty license plate, you’re not only showing your 4-H spirit—you’re helping fund programs that empower young people across the state. A portion of each plate sale and renewal benefits Michigan 4-H, supporting hands-on learning experiences that help Michigan youth become beyond ready for the future.

Whether you’re a current member, alumni, volunteer, or simply a proud supporter, this is an easy way to give back and keep 4-H growing strong. Ordering is simple through the Michigan Secretary of State.





# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rockin' Around 4-H Projects Galore Workshop .....	02/07/26
4-H Council Meeting .....	02/07/26
Registration Closes for 4-H Winter Day Camp .....	02/12/26
MSU Extension Office Closed for Presidents Day .....	02/16/26
Registration Closes for 4-H Day at the Breslin .....	02/17/26
4-H Winter Day Camp .....	02/21/26
Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin Center .....	03/01/26
2026 Michigan 4-H Cash Competition Essays Due .....	03/01/26
Registration Closes for 4-H Bowling Event .....	03/02/26
High School Senior Scholarships Due .....	03/02/26
4-H Bowling Event .....	03/08/26
4-H Council Meeting .....	03/10/26
Registration Closes for World Food Prize .....	03/15/26
Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience .....	03/15-17/26
Michigan 4-H State Awards Applications Due .....	04/01/26
Michigan 4-H Day at Detroit Tigers .....	04/12/26
4-H Council Meeting .....	04/14/26
JLA Feeder & Beef Breeding Stock Registration in FairEntry .....	04/14-30/26
MSU Extension Office Closed for District 10 All Staff Meeting .....	04/29/26
JLA Sheep Registration in FairEntry .....	05/01-15/26
JLA Swine Registration in FairEntry .....	05/16-31/26
MSU Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day .....	05/25/26

## 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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## THE FROZEN FRONTIER - 4-H WINTER DAY CAMP

Step back in time for a fun-filled winter adventure packed with pioneer-inspired activities! Join the 4-H Winter Day Camp for learning, adventure, and unforgettable memories! A detailed flyer is attached with more details on activities for this event. Registration deadline is Thursday, February 12, 2026.

The 4-H Winter Day Camp - The Frozen Frontier is now open for registration in 4-H Online at <https://frozenfrontier.4honline.com> for youth ages 10 to 19 as of 1/1/26. This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Clifford Elevator, 8769 Main Street, Clifford, MI.

All youth MUST be currently enrolled and approved in 4-H Online before they can register for this event in 4-H Online. Not currently enrolled, please go to <https://v2.4honline.com> to enroll as a 4-H youth member. This needs to be done and approved before completing the camp registration form in 4-H Online.

The cost is \$35 per youth and includes lunch. Payment using a credit or debit card can be done in 4-H Online when registering youth, or payment can be made with cash or check only at your local MSU Extension Offices in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair or Tuscola County.

Checks are payable to MSU. All card payments must go through the 4-H Online system when registering with a credit or debit card. Parents who are staying and would like lunch will need to pay \$7 with cash or check (payable to MSU) to the MSU Extension Offices or at the event. Paying for lunch through 4-H Online is not an option.

Any questions, need assistance with registration or enrollment, please contact the MSU Extension Office 989-269-9949 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## 4-H BOWLING EVENT

4-H youth members are invited to a FREE and FUN afternoon of bowling on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at Long Shot Lanes in Bad Axe. Check-in will be at 2 p.m. with bowling to start at 2:30 p.m. The Huron County 4-H Council will cover the admission fee for all currently enrolled and approved 4-H youth. This includes 2 games, shoe rental and a pitcher of pop per lane. Concessions will be at your own expense.

All youth MUST be aged 5 and older by January 1, 2026, and currently enrolled & approved in 4HOnline to attend this event. Not enrolled in 4-H, please go to <https://v2.4honline.com> and get enrolled...it's FREE to join!

Pre-registration is required by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, for a head count prior to this event. To pre-register, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday or email [verelle7@msu.edu](mailto:verelle7@msu.edu).

## DATES FOR 2026 HURON COMMUNITY FAIR

Please note the date changes for the 2026 Huron Community Fair and mark your calendars. The fair had to shift its dates due to losing its long-time carnival company that unexpectedly withdrew from its contract. New dates for the Huron Community Fair will be August 9-15, 2026. Some show dates could or might change so please watch for updates.

## HURON COUNTY SMALL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION (SLA) GENERAL MEETING

Just a friendly reminder that the Huron County Small Livestock Association (SLA) General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026, starting at 6 p.m. in the Expo Center meeting room, 170 W. Soper Road (fairgrounds) in Bad Axe.

## JLA ANIMAL REGISTRATIONS IN FAIRENTRY

Registration opened for Market Beef on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/> and will close on Saturday, January 31, 2026. JLA members MUST submit their JLA registration through FairEntry for Market Beef (Fats) by Saturday, January 31, 2026.

JLA registration for Feeders Steer and Beef Breeding Stock will be April 14-30, 2026; JLA registration for Sheep will be May 1-15, 2026; and Swine will be May 16-31, 2026. DO NOT WAIT until the deadline to register. This system cannot handle everyone registering at the last minute.

Once again, 4-H Online will be integrated into FairEntry meaning that all information for currently active 4-H youth should already be in FairEntry when you register. No need to create another profile.

4-H youth will register through FairEntry at <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/>. After selecting "How do you want to participate," select 4-H Online and use your 4-H Online family profile login and password.

FFA members and independent exhibitors, if returning from 2025, can use the FairEntry family profile when registering at <http://huroncommunity-fair.fairentry.com/>. All new FFA members and independent exhibitors will need to create a FairEntry family profile.

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Happy  
Valentine's  
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Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola, Huron and St. Clair County 4-H

# THE FROZEN FRONTIER WINTER DAY CAMP

Step back in time for a fun-filled winter adventure packed with pioneer-inspired activities! Join our Winter Day Camp for learning, adventure, and unforgettable memories!

Barn Quilt Painting

**\$35**  
includes  
**Lunch**

Leather Crafting

Soap and Candle Making

Outdoor Games



Saturday, February 21, 2026



10:00am - 4:00pm



Clifford Elevator 9769 Main St. Clifford, MI



Register online at <https://frozenfrontier.4honline.com>

Register by February 12.

If your child is not a current 4-H member, you will need to enroll them as a member before completing the camp registration. Camp is designed for youth ages 10-19.

Contact your local 4-H office for assistance with enrollment/registration and possible event scholarships.

Limited Slots | REGISTER NOW

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# 4-H Bowling Event

## DATE & TIME:

Sunday, March 8, 2026  
Check-in at 2:00 p.m.  
Bowling at 2:30 p.m.

## LOCATION:

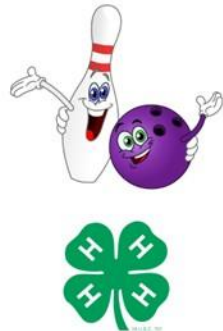
Long Shot Lanes  
845 N. Van Dyke  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

## COST:

Admission is FREE for  
4-H youth members;  
however,  
PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED.

## PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Before 4 p.m. Monday,  
March 2, 2026



## PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The Huron County 4-H Council is sponsoring a 4-H Bowling Event and will cover the admission fee for all currently enrolled 4-H youth members. This includes 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, and a pitcher of pop per lane. All other concessions will be at your own expense.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED to attend, as a head count is needed prior to the event. Make sure your 4-H youth members are currently enrolled and approved in 4-H Online to attend. NO EXCEPTIONS!

All 4-H youth members must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. As of right now, this will only be for 4-H youth members. If room allows, parents may bowl at a cost of \$3 per game; this will be determined on the day of the event.

## TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Please contact MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email [verelle7@msu.edu](mailto:verelle7@msu.edu) before 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2026.

