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4-H Family News

Shiawassee County Clover Connection



WELCOME LETTER HEADLINE

In this month's newsletter, page 2 includes information on upcoming statewide events. Be sure to check them out to see if any may be of interest to you or your family.

On page 3, you'll find information about the upcoming **TSC Paper Clover Campaign** and the **Beyond Ready Campaign** launched by the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

On page 4, we've included a recap of our **leaders Banquet** held in October. During the event, we had the opportunity to recognize our volunteers for their dedication, time, and support of Shiawassee County 4-H. As we enter November, a season of gratitude, we are especially thankful for our volunteers and all they do to support our youth and programs.

Sincerely,

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SHIAWASSEE 4-H ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Did you know that as a Shiawassee County 4-H member or volunteer, you can attend county advisory board meetings as a guest? Below is a list of the November meetings for Shiawassee County 4-H advisory boards.

All meetings take place at the Shiawassee County MSU Extension office (149 E. Corunna Ave., Corunna, MI 48817), unless otherwise stated. We hope to see you there!

4-H COUNCIL | NOVEMBER 2 | 7:00 PM

SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION | NOVEMBER 4 | 6:30 PM

HORSE LEADERS | NOVEMBER 9 | 6:30 PM

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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

Celebrating Our 4-H Volunteers

In October, the Shiawassee County 4-H Council honored our 4-H club leaders and volunteers at Peacock Road family Farm. Thank you to Farmer Ed and Christian for hosting this special event. We would also like to thank Rachelle Dennis with From the Heart bakery for catering the meal and Carl Pawluk Music for providing entertainment during the social hour and dinner.

Congratulations to **John Baley**, this year's **Meritorious Service Award** recipient, and **Jessica Spaleny**, this year's **Marion Rigoulot Award** recipient. **Pinecrest Animal Hospital** was also recognized at this year's **Friend of 4-H** recipient.

Additionally, several volunteers were honored for their years of dedicated service to Shiawassee County 4-H. A special highlight was **Leonard Mitchell**, who was recognized for **60 years** of volunteering with Shiawassee County 4-H.

What we do would not be possible without the dedication, time, and talents of our volunteers. These volunteers are helping our 4-H youth become **Beyond Ready** for their futures. Thank you to all of our volunteers for the impact you make on the lives of 4-H youth and our community.

