



MAY 2026

# 4-H Family News



## Charlevoix County

Dear Charlevoix County 4-H community,

It's with a heavy heart that we have to announce the cancellation of the Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Spring 2026 season.

This decision was not made lightly. Our program has always been about more than just soccer — it's about teamwork, growth, friendships, and giving kids a place to learn and have fun. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers this season, we simply don't have the support needed to safely and successfully run the program.

4-H thrives because of community involvement, and our coaches, organizers, and helpers are the backbone of everything we do. Without them, opportunities like this just aren't possible.

We are incredibly grateful to those who have stepped up in the past and the few that were willing to try to make this spring season happen, you are what make this program so special, unfortunately, we need more folks. We truly hope this is just a pause, and we can find volunteers for Fall 2026 season. If you've ever considered volunteering, we would love to have you join us. Click APPLY on the link below to get started [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

Thank you for your understanding and continued support ❤️

Making the Best Better, Leah

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Charlevoix 4-H Council Meeting** – 6:30pm.....Date: 05-04-2026

At Boyne City - Veterans Park Pavilion

**Emmet-Charlevoix Market Livestock Meeting** – 7:00pm.....Date: 05-18-2026

At Emmet County Fair Grounds – Community Center

**Emmet-Charlevoix Horse Council Meeting** – 7:00pm.....Date: 04-21-2026

At Emmet County Fair Grounds – Equestrian Center

**Animal Husbandry forms** DUE Friday, MAY 1, 2026

**Horse Membership Enrollment form** DUE Friday, May 1, 2026

All Animal Science Forms Found on the link below:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/charlevoix/charlevoix\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_general\\_forms/charlevoix\\_4\\_h\\_animal\\_science\\_forms](https://www.canr.msu.edu/charlevoix/charlevoix_county_4_h_general_forms/charlevoix_4_h_animal_science_forms)

**Take A Day On! Beaver Island:** June 19, 2026

MSU Extension office **CLOSED** May 25, 2026 for Memorial Day

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Creating Beyond-Ready Youth Through 4-H Project Learning



## Beyond Ready

4-H prepares youth for the world of work by engaging them in high quality, hands-on learning grounded in meaningful project content. When young people apply skills, solve real problems and reflect on their learning, they build confidence and readiness for future careers.

4-H programs intentionally create these opportunities, helping youth practice communication, teamwork, decision making and technical skills that transfer to real world settings. Some ways to deepen project work could include: adding real life tasks, inviting youth to demonstrate mastery or guiding reflection that connects the activity to future workplace expectations. Every project meeting is a chance to help youth become Beyond Ready, capable, and confident.

#BeyondReady

### May 4: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs and Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

Online

Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's Youth Business Guide to Success. Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing and record-keeping for real-world skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects)

### May 5: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

Delve into the five Ps of marketing and explore strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales and build valuable industry connections.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5)

### May 12: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn to keep track of what you spend and earn to make smart choices for market livestock projects. Equip youth with tools to track expenses, set goals and ensure projects are profitable and rewarding.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12)

### May 14: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered each Thursday from May 14 – June 18.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026)

### May 18: Adulting 101 Webinar – Cooking with Confidence

Online

Increase your confidence in the kitchen. From reading recipes to mastering kitchen terms, explore simple ways to get creative with ingredients and make tasty meals without stress or waste.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking\\_with\\_confidence](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking_with_confidence)

### May 19: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Pitch to Payment

Online

Communication and outreach are important methods to recruit buyers for market livestock projects. Discover how to use social media to promote your project, reach a wider audience and share progress.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19)

### June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H license plate celebrates first anniversary!

Last April, the Michigan 4-H community celebrated a milestone decades in the making: the launch of the Michigan 4-H license plate. One year later, Michigan 4-H continues to celebrate the plate's existence and the potential it holds for the program. Available through the Michigan Secretary of State, a portion of each 4-H license plate sold and renewed benefits Michigan 4-H Youth Development.

"The Michigan 4-H license plate has been a dream of our 4-H professionals and families for several decades," explained Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "So, when the plate was launched one year ago, it was a wish come true. But more than being a vision brought to life, the plate is an incredible asset – raising visibility of the 4-H clover while generating additional dollars to support our 4-H program and its emerging needs."



Like other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate costs \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee is also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos), by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks. Supporters do not need to wait until their plate renewal period to order the 4-H plate.

To learn more, visit [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2026-27 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation has announced grant opportunities of up to \$2,000 to support local 4-H clubs and county programs for the 2026-2027 program year. 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff are encouraged to apply for these competitive funds. **All grant applications are due June 1, 2026.**

"Local 4-H programs are at the heart of our 4-H programs," says Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. "These mini-grants help 4-H youth, volunteers and staff create hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence and strengthen communities. We're grateful to support the innovative work happening across Michigan."

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 \$600.** 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.
- **The M. Louise Palczewski Therapeutic Horseback Riding Grant of \$2,000.** This grant opportunity is to support the creation and/or operation of new or existing 4-H Proud Equestrian Programs (PEP) located in Michigan.



Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



Congratulation to the incredible Class of 2026! On behalf of Charlevoix County 4-H, we are so proud of each and every one of you. Your hard work, dedication, and growth over the years have not gone unnoticed. From learning new skills to giving back to your community, you've truly embodied what 4-H is all about. As you step into this next chapter, carry with you the confidence, leadership, and resilience you've built along the way. We can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll all accomplish. Wishing you the very best of luck – your future is BRIGHT!

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H SENIOR SHOUT OUT

*Paige Hellebnych*



CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H CRITTER CLUB  
BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H SENIOR SHOUT OUT

*Abigail Potter*



MAVERICK'S 4-H CLUB  
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H SENIOR SHOUT OUT

*Trinity Smeltzer*



JORDAN VALLEY ALL BREED HORSE CRAFT  
CRITTER 4-H CLUB  
BOYNE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H SENIOR SHOUT OUT

*Carly Preva*



MAVERICK'S 4-H CLUB  
EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H SENIOR SHOUT OUT

*Jaylynn Hoppe*



MAVERICK'S 4-H CLUB  
ALPENA HIGH SCHOOL





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Club Spotlight! Charlevoix County Creature Clan

Charlevoix County Creature Clan 4-H club members recently took part in an inspiring and impactful hands-on training focused on life-saving skills, led by Ben Mathers and Amanda Mathers of Boyne City EMS. This engaging session provided participants with the opportunity to learn and practice essential emergency response techniques, including CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, and how to effectively stop bleeding.

From the very start, members were fully involved—practicing skills, asking questions, and gaining a deeper understanding of how to respond in real-life emergency situations. The hands-on nature of the training helped build not only knowledge, but also confidence. Rather than simply hearing about these techniques, participants were able to apply them in a supportive environment, reinforcing their ability to act quickly and effectively when it matters most.

We are especially proud of the members who went on to earn their CPR certification during the training. This accomplishment represents more than just learning a skill—it reflects a commitment to helping others and being prepared to step up in critical moments. These young individuals have taken an important step toward becoming leaders and role models within our community.

Beyond the technical skills, this experience delivered an even greater message: that anyone, regardless of age, can make a difference. Emergencies can happen anywhere, at any time, and having the courage and knowledge to respond can truly save lives. The confidence built during this session empowers our members to not only care for themselves, but also to look out for those around them.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ben and Amanda Mathers for their dedication, generosity, and passion for teaching. By sharing their time and expertise, they are making a lasting impact on our youth—helping to shape a generation that is capable, compassionate, and ready to serve their community in meaningful ways.

As a special highlight of the day, members were also given the exciting opportunity to explore an ambulance and fire truck up close. This behind-the-scenes experience added an extra layer of engagement and allowed participants to connect their new skills with real-world emergency response settings.

This training was more than just a class—it was an investment in our youth and in the safety and strength of our community. We are incredibly grateful for opportunities like this that inspire growth, build confidence, and empower our members to make a difference.





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Boyer Area 4-H Soccer – Fall Season 2026

Looking for **VOLUNTEERS** FOR FALL 2026 SEASON!

WE NEED HELPING HANDS!

- FIELD MANAGERS (PAINT LINES)
- PROGRAM MANAGERS
- COACHES

PLEASE **APPLY** to be a **GOLD** VOLUNTEER!

APPLY HERE:  
[https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

🌐 Please consider becoming a Charlevoix County 4-H Volunteer with our Boyer Area 4-H Soccer Program! Fall soccer won't happen without YOU 🌐💚 Sept. 8 - October 15, 2026 (Tuesday's & Thursday's at 6:00pm at Rotary Park in Boyer City)

Boyer Area 4-H Soccer is gearing up for our Fall 2026 season, and we're in need of some amazing volunteers to make it all possible! Right now, we're looking for:

- Field Managers (help paint field lines)
- Program Managers (help organize teams & practices/games)
- Coaches (help youth learn soccer skills)

This program means so much to our kids and community—but we can't do it without enough helping hands. If you've ever thought about getting involved, this is your sign!

👉 Please apply to be a GOLD volunteer here:  
[https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

Whether you have a little time or a lot, it truly makes a difference. Let's make sure our kids get the season they're excited for! 💚🌐

## Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar Series

Make the Most of your Market Animal Project Webinar Series

FREE on Zoom at 6:30pm ET

Registration Link: <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>

Goal- Getters	April 21
Talk the Talk	April 28
Marketing Mastery	May 5
Records to Riches	May 12
From Pitch to Payment	May 19

Ready to *take your market animal project to the next level*? Join Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H for the **FREE** webinar series (online and interactive) aimed for youth 8-19 years old:

Whether you're raising a steer, hog, or lamb, this series will help you shine in the auction ring with skills in:

- Marketing & Promotion
- Communication & Buyer Engagement
- Financial Planning & Record-Keeping
- Goal Setting & Break-Even Analysis

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-all>

Register here: <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>

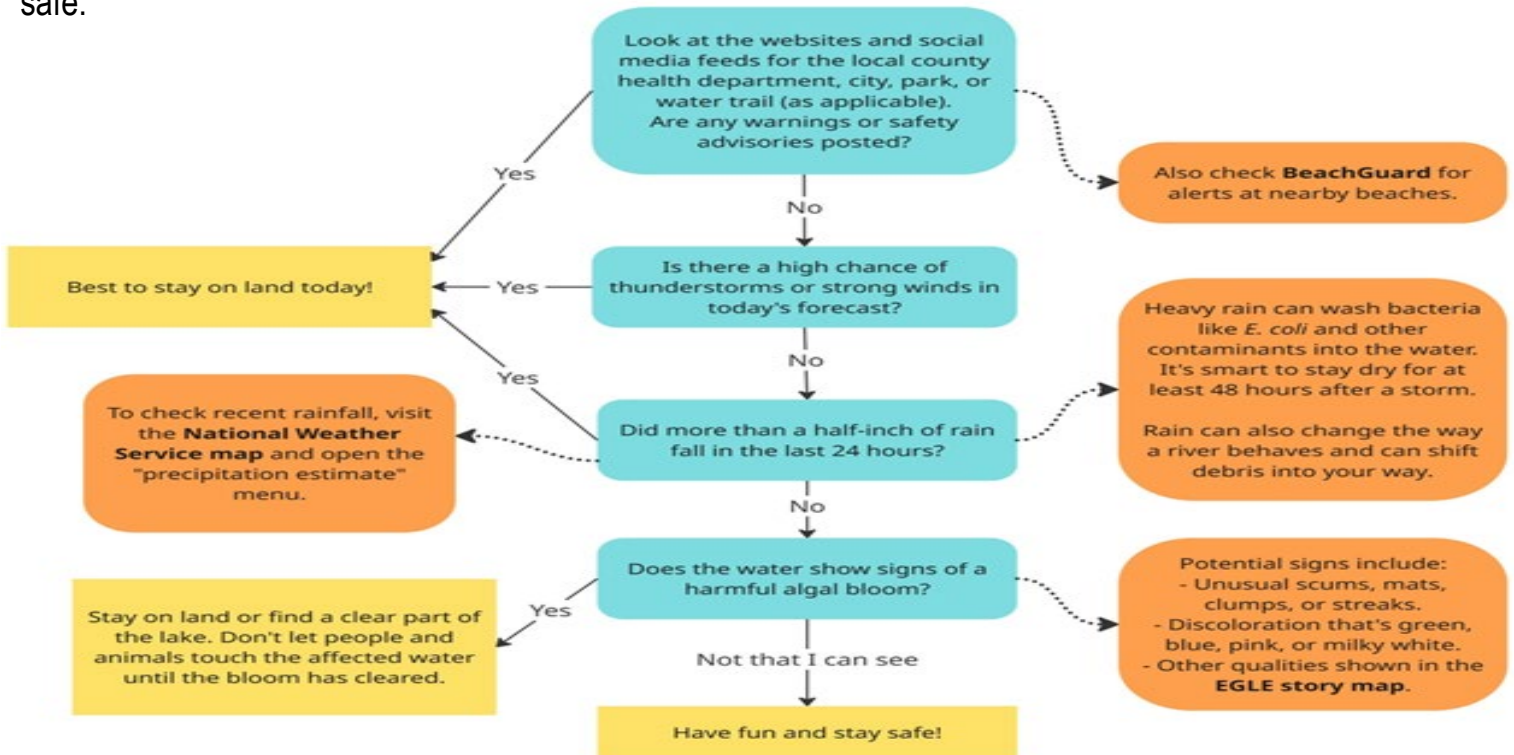


# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



## Playing Safely in the Waters ~ Is it safe to play in the water today?

From swimming to paddling, fishing to boating, Michigan is brimming with fun opportunities to play in the water. Before your next adventure, make sure you're empowered with the knowledge and gear to keep everyone safe.



## Swimming Safety Checklist

**Before you go: did you check on beach conditions?** These are often available through city or county websites or social media pages, or from local weather stations.

**Are there any signs, red flags, or warnings about waves, currents, *E. coli*, or algal blooms?** You should still be able to play safely on the beach!

**Are there motorboats or jet skis in the area?** Watch for signs or buoys that mark boating channels and stay in designated swimming areas.

**Is someone staying on shore to watch the swimmers?** If not, does everyone have a designated buddy and a commitment to frequently checking in?

**Do you see any foam on the water or along the shore?** Some foam occurs naturally when wind and waves whip up organic compounds in the water. Foam can also contain PFAS, a potentially harmful chemical, or different types of bacteria. Stay on the safe side: avoid touching foam. If you do, rinse off in clean water. Learn more about [PFAS foam on lakes and streams](#).

**Are there signs posted about swimmer's itch? Are you sharing the water with ducks and geese?** [Swimmer's itch](#) is an itchy skin rash caused by tiny parasites in some lakes and ponds. The parasites are harmless to humans but cause allergic skin reactions. To reduce the chance of itchiness, vigorously rub your towel over your body, especially your legs, right after coming out of the water. Will swimmers have access to a hose or shower to rinse off?

Information provided by Sea Grant Michigan: <https://www.michiganseagrant.org/topics/coastal-hazards-and-safety/playing-safely-in-the-water/>



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 🌸 Youth Business Guide to Success: Grow Your 4-H Project This Spring! 🌸



Spring is the perfect time for fresh starts and big ideas! 🌱 Ready to take your 4-H market animal project to the next level?

The *Youth Business Guide to Success* helps young entrepreneurs build real-world skills — from marketing and advertising to goal setting and budgeting. It's packed with engaging activities and practical tools to help youth make smart decisions and grow their confidence along the way.

- 🌸 Sow the seeds for success this season!
- 🌱 Learn how to turn your project into a thriving business
- 😊 Build skills that will last far beyond the fair

Let's make this your most successful (and rewarding!) project yet — because great ideas bloom in the spring! 🌸

Order today: <https://spartanspiritshop.msu.edu/products/bulletin-4h1694>

## Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp

Are you registered for Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp yet? If not, there's no better time than now - we have a limited number of spots available!

This camp is for teens who are looking to sharpen their livestock judging skills and will be a great practice opportunity prior to the State Contest! It is open to youth ages 12-19 (as of January 1) and will be held June 16-17 on the campus of Michigan State University.

Full details and a link to register can be found here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../michigan-youth-livestock...>





# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## 💡 Ready to Turn Your Business Idea into Reality?



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Starting a small business can feel overwhelming—but you don't have to do it alone! Join our Savvy Tips for Starting a Small Business class and gain the financial tools and confidence you need to take that first step.

✨ In this session, you'll learn how to:

- Build a strong financial foundation
- Plan for startup costs
- Make smart money decisions from day one

Whether you have a business idea or are just exploring your options, this class is for you!

👉 Register today: [www.mimoneyhealth.org](http://www.mimoneyhealth.org)

## TSC Paper Clover

Go visit the TSC store in Boyne City to help out Charlevoix County 4-H 😊

Since 2010, Tractor Supply has partnered with 4-H to prepare youth to be ready for work and life. The success of the Paper Clover campaign has raised more than \$24 million to impact local youth with the technical skills and life skills that prepare them for whatever comes their way. 90 percent of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state where the funds were raised, and the remaining 10 percent supports the overall mission and growth of 4-H nationally.

The 2026 Paper Clover campaign begins April 17 and runs through May 3.





# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



2025-2026

## 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 8, 2025** - BC City Hall - Commission Chambers 6:30 pm

**October 26, 2025** - Sunday, 2:00 pm Awards Banquet @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

**November 3, 2025** - Zoom 6:30 pm (*Leader In-service following mtg*)

*\*Hilltop Renegades*

**December 14, 2025** - Sunday, 2:00 pm Holiday Party @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

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

**January 2026** - *NO MEETING*

**February 2026** - *NO MEETING*

**March 2, 2026** - Zoom 6:30 pm

*\*Jordan Valley All Breed Horse Craft & Critter Club*

**April 2026** - *NO MEETING*

**May 4, 2026** - Veteran's Park Pavilion 6:30 pm

*\*Maple River Hoof Prints*

**June 1, 2026** - BC City Hall - Commission Chambers 6:30 pm

*\*Charlevoix County Creature Clan*

**July 19, 2026** - Sunday, 2:00 pm Annual Picnic @ Veteran's Park Pavilion

*\*Country Kids*

**August 2026** - *NO MEETING*

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



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Emmet - Charlevoix 2025-2026

### 4-H Horse Council Meeting Dates

Every 3rd Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted) at 7:00pm at the Equestrian Center or T-Barn 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
- Participate in 1 fundraiser
- Attend 1 Horse Sponsored clinic/show/clab ride
- Complete a horse record book

\*\*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 18, 2025**

**October 16, 2025**

**November 2025 - NO MEETING**

**December 2025 - NO MEETING**

**January 2026 - NO MEETING**

**February 19, 2026**

**March 19, 2026**

**April 16, 2026**

**May 1, 2026 (Friday) - \*Horse Membership Form Due**

**May 21, 2026**

**June 18, 2026**

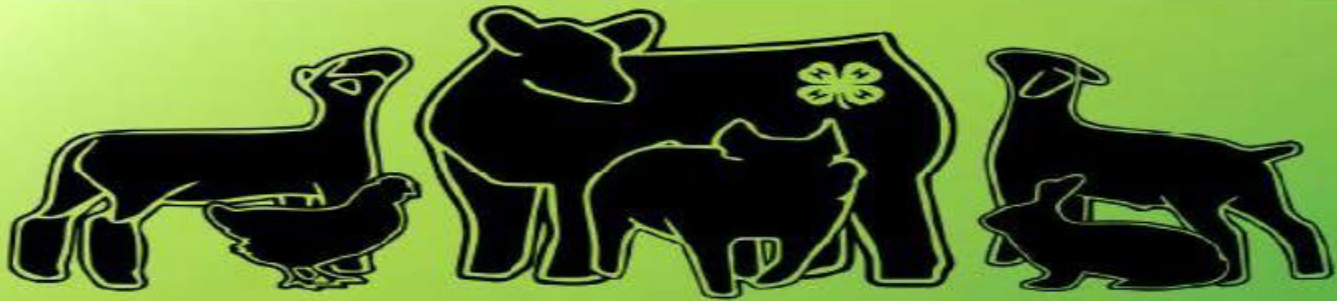
**July 16, 2026 - Pre-Fair Meeting \*Horse Registration Form Due**

**July 20, 2026 (Monday) - \*Fair Registrations Due in Fair Entry**

**August 6, 2026 - Pre-Fair Meeting**



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Emmet - Charlevoix 2025-2026

### 4-H Market Livestock Meeting Dates

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

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 28, 2025** (Sunday) - cookout at 4:00 pm, meeting at 6:00 pm October 20, 2025

**October 20, 2025** - Review and approval of Bylaws, Rules, Enrollment & Contracts

**November 17, 2025** - Enrollment Form & Large Beef Contracts Due

**December 2025** - NO MEETING

**January 19, 2026** - Held on Zoom (No in person meeting)

**February 16, 2026** - Held on Zoom (No in person meeting)

**March 16, 2026**

**April 20, 2026**

**May 18, 2026** - Dairy Feeder, Goat, Jr. Beef, Lamb & Swine Contracts Due

**June 15, 2026** - Duck, Geese, Rabbit & Turkey Contracts Due

**July 20, 2026** - Pre Fair Meeting, Fair Registration & Chicken Contracts Due





















**August 3, 2026** - Pre Fair Meeting

**August 23, 2026** - Fair Animal Weigh-In from 7:00 - 12:00pm & meeting at 1:00pm



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2026 EMMET-CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FAIR CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY AUGUST 21	SUNDAY AUGUST 23	MONDAY AUGUST 24	TUESDAY AUGUST 25	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26	THURSDAY AUGUST 27	FRIDAY AUGUST 28
 <b>4:00 - 7:00 pm</b> <b>4-H Still Projects Drop Off &amp; Judging</b> 	<b>7:00 am - 12:00 pm</b> Livestock Animals Arrive  <b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b> Small Animals Arrive  <b>9:00 - 11:30 am</b> Pullorum Testing for all Poultry (just outside of the small animal barn - # 1)  <b>12:00 - 6:00 pm</b> All Horses & Exotics Arrive  MKT Livestock Meeting in the T-barn Time TBD after weigh-in is complete (typically around 1 pm)  <b>12:00 - 6:00 pm</b> 4-H Club Booths Set Up in Barn #2  <b>2:00 to 6:00 pm</b> MKT Record Books Checked In & Judged in Barn #2  <b>6:00 pm</b> ALL Barns Closed  	<b>4-H Horse Shows</b> Showmanship - 10:00 am  Trail - 1:00 PM ~ Horse Arena ~ All & Open Swine Shows 4:00 pm  1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show ~ T-Barn ~ 4-H Market Livestock Swine Show 6:00 pm  ~ T-Barn ~ 4-H Horse Show 7:00 pm Jumping  ~ Horse Arena ~	Poultry Shows 9:00 am 1st - 4-H Market Livestock 2nd - 4-H Cloverbud Show 3rd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 4th - Open Class Show ~ Barn 1 ~ Following Poultry Show Waterford Shows 1st - 4-H Market Livestock 2nd - 4-H Cloverbud Show 3rd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 4th - Open Class Show ~ Barn 1 ~ 4-H Horse Shows Dressage - 9:00 am  Speed - 4:00 pm ~ Horse Arena ~ All & Open Goat Shows 5:00 pm 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show All & Open Lamb Shows 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show ~ T-barn ~ 4-H Market Livestock Goat Show 5:30 pm  ~ T-Barn ~ 4-H Market Livestock Lamb Show 6:00 pm  ~ T-Barn ~	Rabbit Shows 9:00 am 1st - 4-H Market Livestock 2nd - 4-H Cloverbud Show 3rd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 4th - Open Class Show ~ Barn 1 ~ Following Rabbit Show Pocket Pet Shows 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show ~ Barn 1 ~ 4-H Horse Show Ranch Riding - 9:00 am  ~ Horse Arena ~ 4-H Exotic Animal Shows 1:00 pm  Obstacle Course ~ Horse Arena ~ All & Open Beef & Dairy Shows 4:00 pm 1st - 4-H Cloverbud Show 2nd - 4-H Animal Husbandry Show 3rd - Open Class Show ~ T - Barn ~ *Following above All/Open shows 4-H Market Livestock Dairy Feeder & Jr. Beef Show  ~ T-barn ~ 4-H Market Livestock Large Beef Show 6:00 pm  ~ T-Barn ~	4-H Horse Shows 9:00 am Bareback & English  ~ Horse Arena ~ 3:00 - 6:00 pm 50th Annual 4-H Market Livestock Auction Sale Order: Large Beef Chickens Swine Duck Lamb Rabbit Goat Veal Jr. Beef Turkey Dairy Feeder  ~ T-Barn ~ All Market Livestock members please meet in the T-barn immediately following the livestock auction  	4-H Horse Show 9:00 am Western  ~ Horse Arena ~ 4-H Overall Master Showman Show 2:00 pm - All Barns ~ SATURDAY AUGUST 29 4-H Horse Show 9:00 am Costume  ~ Horse Arena ~ SUNDAY AUGUST 30 T-BARN: 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Animals Released By 10:00 am - T-Barn Cleaned SMALL ANIMAL BARN 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Animals Released By 12:00 pm - Barn Cleaned HORSE BARNS: 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Animals Released 12:00 pm - All Barns Cleaned BARN #2 PICK UP YOUR 4-H STILL EXHIBITS 7:00 am - 12:00 pm! Exhibits not picked up by 12:00 pm on Sunday, will be available at the MSUE offices, but only until the end of September, when they will be recycled or disposed of.



# County 4-H News

**4-H**

**SMALL ANIMAL**

**CLINIC & SHOW**

**MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**REGISTRATION AT 8 AM**

**CLINIC: FREE!**

**AFTERNOON SHOW: \$10 PER CLASS**

*\$5 to register for the Grand/Reserve Championship classes at judge discretion*

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**EMMET COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS • PETOSKEY, MI**

**PRE-REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/PuFFBsVhyuq7ru7QA>**

**SCAN HERE**

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# County 4-H News

## 2026 Charlevoix County 4-H Tennis Clinic



**Rotary Park in Boyne City**  
*All classes are designed to have fun & help players learn to love the sport!*

### Tennis Sessions

Registration fee per session  
**\$65.00**

**Scholarships are available upon request.**

Checks made payable to:  
Charlevoix Community 4-H Tennis



You're All Invited to  
HIT The Courts!



### JUNE CLINIC

**Dates:** June 22-26, 2026

**Session 1:** 9:00 - 10:30 am

This session is ideally for ages 5-13 and for players wanting to learn the game & play fun drills.

**Session 2:** 10:30 am - 12:00pm

This session is ideally for ages 8-16 and for players who have had tennis experience & want to play more competitively.

### AUGUST CLINIC

**Dates:** August 3-7, 2026

**Session 3:** 9:00 - 10:30 am

This session is ideally for ages 5-13 and for players wanting to learn the game & play fun drills.

**Session 4:** 10:30 am - 12:00pm

This session is ideally for ages 8-16 and for players who have had tennis experience & want to play more competitively.

Meet Our Instructor!  
**Susan Lahti**

She played tennis for Michigan Tech & has been teaching 4-H for 21 years and plays competitively for the USTA.

If you have questions  
or for weather cancellations,  
please contact:

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# County 4-H News



2026

LOCATION: WHITING PARK OFF LAKE SHORE RD  
( BETWEEN ADVANCE AND THE IRONTON FERRY)

**JUNE 29 – AUGUST 11, 2026**

COST: REGISTRATION FEE \$120.00 PER CHILD  
*SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!*

*Child must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2026. Payment must accompany registration to secure a spot.*

**REGISTRATION OPEN from Now – FRI, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM PH. 231-582-6232

\*CASH OR CHECK (PAYABLE TO BOYNE 4-H SWIM SCHOOL)\*

## CLASSES OFFERED:

**SWIM LEVELS 1 - 7**

**MONDAY'S & WEDNESDAY'S or TUESDAY'S & THURSDAY'S**

*Each class is 30 minutes long*

**A.M. SESSIONS (9:30, 10:00, 10:30) or P.M. SESSIONS (12:00, 12:30, 1:00)**

Class size max of 8 youth with one instructor and one beach aide

**LEVEL 5 & UP - TRIANGLE SWIM OPTION: FRIDAY'S 10:00-12:00PM** \*this option is in addition to M/W or T/Th classes, if needed\*

Levels 5 & up: require 5 miles of triangles to be eligible for the lake swim

## **INSTRUCTIONS**



1. Select your child's swim level
2. Select M/W or T/Th classes during the week
3. Select A.M. or P.M. time slot option - you cannot pick a specific class time

\*Exact class times will be determined after registration closes\*

Phone calls & emails will be made the week of June 22nd with exact class times and instructors names.

\* PLEASE NOTE: SWIMMERS WILL BE TESTED THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. CLASS TIMES MAY CHANGE IF THEY ARE AT AN INCORRECT LEVEL.

## **Updates for 2026 :**

- Swim school will be 6 weeks long & end with beach games/award day on the last day so for Mon/Wed classes it will be August 10th & for Tue/Thur classes it will be August 11th.
- Pre Lake Swim: Friday, July 31st at 10:00 a.m.
- LAKE SWIM - Friday, August 7 at 8:30 a.m. (make up date due to weather August 10)  
~YOUNG STATE PARK TO WHITING PARK~

**For more information: call 231-582-6232**

4-H SWIM SCHOOL IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING AFFORDABLE SWIMMING INSTRUCTION ON LAKE CHARLEVOIX AND PROMOTING WATER SAFETY TO THE COMMUNITY OF BOYNE CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. BOYNE AREA 4-H SWIM SCHOOL STAFF ARE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS/AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION IN WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTION OR LIFE GUARDING AND CPR / FIRST AID. MSU IS AN AFFIRMATIVE-ACTION OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS ARE OPEN TO ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, RELIGION, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY STATUS OR VETERAN STATUS.



# County 4-H News

## MICHIGAN YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOWCASE SERIES

Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society and Michigan 4-H for a hands on event. We'll be covering showmanship, clipping/ fitting clinics in the morning, followed by a showmanship showdown for those who bring their animals in the afternoon!  
Bring your own animals or just observe!  
Open to all Michigan 4-H members ages 5-19!



### Beef Showcase

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-3pm

Emmet County Fairgrounds

1129 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey MI 49770



Cost \$25  
Register in 4-H Online



MICHIGAN Youth Livestock Conference



### Lamb/Goat Showcase

May 30<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm

Alpena County Fairgrounds

627 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Alpena, MI 49707



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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



## NEW MSU EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS SWINE

### 3 - 5 Minute Videos on Raising Swine for Fair: Buying Day to Fair Week

#### BIOSECURITY AND HEALTH

Keeping your pig healthy starts with simple habits you can build into your daily routine. In this video, you'll learn how diseases spread and what you can do to prevent them, like keeping boots and equipment clean, limiting outside contact and paying attention to where your pig has been. We also cover what a healthy pig looks like, signs that something might be wrong and when to ask a trusted adult or veterinarian for help.

#### FEEDING & NUTRITION

What you feed your pig each day has a big impact on how it grows and performs. This video explains the basics of pig nutrition in a way that's easy to understand, including what's in feed and why it matters. You'll also learn how to build a consistent feeding routine, how to adjust feed as your pig grows, and how good nutrition helps your pig stay healthy and reach its goals.

#### PIG IDENTIFICATION & MOVEMENT

Before heading to a fair or show, it's important to make sure your pig is properly identified. In this video, you'll learn what kind of ID your pig needs, why it matters, and what the rules are for moving pigs in Michigan. We'll walk through it step by step so you can feel confident you're doing things the right way.

#### BEFORE TAKING YOUR PIG TO FAIR

Taking your pig to the fair is a big part of the 4-H experience, but it also comes with responsibility. This video covers how to get ready before fair week, what to keep in mind while you're there, and what to do when you bring your pig back home. You'll learn simple steps that help protect your pig and others from getting sick.

#### SELECTION & JUDGING

Choosing the right pig is an important first step in your project. In this video, we help you understand what to look for, including structure, muscle and overall balance. We also explain how judges evaluate pigs in the show ring so you can better understand what they're looking for and how to prepare.

#### WHEN TO GET YOUR PIG

Getting your pig at the right time can make a big difference in your project. This video will help you figure out when to purchase your pig based on your fair date and target weight. You'll also learn how growth rate, feeding and daily care all work together to help your pig stay on track.



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LINK TO VIDEOS