



July 2023

4-H Family News

Monroe County



Welcome to the Month of July

[Fair is Almost Here!](#)

What time is it? The weather is heating up and Fair preparations are in full swing, as Fair is quickly approaching, and we can't wait!

Be sure to read this month's Network and mark your calendars. We have lots of important dates and information to share.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call our office. We are open Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4:30pm.

Thank you to all that continue to help and support us with the necessary pieces in making the Fair possible! Chelsea and Jean

This month's content highlights

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Monday-Friday
9am-12pm and 1pm-4:30pm

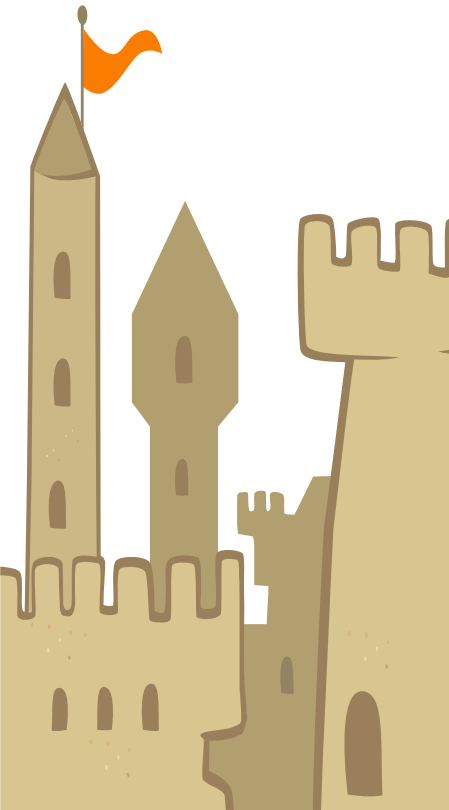
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July




2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01 AC Rented
June information is in prior network						
02	03	04 Independence Day 	05	06	07 AAKC Rental AC	08
09 AAKC Rental AC	10 6:30 H&P Sportsmanship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Horse and Pony AC	11 6:00 Pm Barn Set-Up 	12	13 6:30-8:30 pm Horse Practice open ride	14	15 Dog Fun Match Registration 9:00 am Show at 10:00 am Monroe County Fair Shoot 8:30am MRG
16 1:00pm Cat Show Prince of Peace	17 Fair TV ADS Due (PG 12) by 12pm 4pm TQ AC	18 7:00 pm Caprine Council AC	19 6:30-8:30 pm Horse Practice open ride 6:30 Council 6:30 Fair Advisory Board 7:00 JLA ELC 7:00 Shooting Sports	20 7:00pm 2023 Fair Superintendent meeting 	21	22
23	24	25 6:30 pm Dog Board	26	27 1:00 Jr. Superintendent Mtg  2-6:30 pm Project Check-in @ Fairgrounds See premium book pg. 49	28 Project Judging @ Fairgrounds  See premium book pg. 49	29 Animal Check-in @ Fairgrounds  See premium book pg. 49
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
 <h1>Monroe County Fair</h1> <p>July 30th – August 05, 2023</p> 						



2023

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 	Monroe County Fair July 30 th – August 05, 2023					
06	07  2:00-6:30pm Static Project Pick-up 7 pm 4-H Council AC	08	09	10	11	12
13 Tri- County Shoot (pg 17)	14 7:00 pm Horse and Pony AC	15 7:00 pm Caprine Council AC	16 7:00 JLA ELC	17 7:00pm Fair Advisory Board Mtg	18	19
20	21	22 6:30 pm Dog Board ELC	23	24	25	26
27	28 7:00 pm SAA ELC	29	30 7:00 pm Teen Ambassadors AC	31	SEPTMBER CELENDAR	
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR						



Monroe County Fair Schedule



Read carefully for check-in, judging and event times.



2023 4-H Schedule

Thursday, July 27 th	
2:00-6:30 PM	Set-up all 4-H exhibits including candy and decorated cakes, baked goods, microwave, dry grains, dry sheaves, scarecrows, patio pots, herb gardens, hanging baskets and geraniums, Artistic seed design, indoor gardening living plants, dish gardens, decorated tack boxes.
2:00-6:30 PM	Judging of all food divisions.
2:00-6:30 PM	Small Animal Record Keeping entered.
2:00-6:30 PM	Submit hard copies of Communications projects (see details in the Communications section) and sign up on the east side of Activity Center.

Friday, July 28 th	
9:00-11:00 AM	Deadline for signing in for Communications projects.
9:30-12:00 PM	Judging of Communications projects. Judging will continue for participants in by 11:00 am for as long as necessary.

Saturday, July 29 th	
8:30 AM	Rabbits brought in
8:30 AM	Dog judging - Glenn Stock Arena
9:00 AM	Rabbit exhibits judged
9:30 AM	Judging of Pocket Pets – Dog Tent
9:30-2:00 PM	Vegetables, live stalks, flowers, Produce Art, tomato plants
12:00-4:00 PM	Livestock exhibits brought in (except swine and poultry)
12:30 PM	Cavy exhibits judged
1:00 PM	4-H Bake-Off
2:00-5:00 PM	Dairy brought in
4:00-8:00 PM	Horses brought in
5:00-9:00 PM	Poultry project entered
4:30-8:30 PM	Swine exhibits entered

Sunday, July 30 th	
8:00 AM	Poultry Judging - Poultry Barn
10:00 AM	4-H Horse Show - Horse Show Arena
1:00 PM	Parade in Downtown Monroe
3:30-5:00 PM	Livestock Master Stockman & Skill-A-Thon 4-H Activity Center
4:30 PM	Dedication of Bricks – 4-H Activity Center
6:00 PM	Sheep Showmanship - Anderson Show Arena
7:00 PM	Dog Dress-up – Dog Demonstration Tent

Monday, July 31 st	
8:00 AM	4-H Sheep Judging – Anderson Show Arena
10:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena (Speed Event after dinner break)
12:00 PM	Swine Showmanship - Anderson Show Arena
2:00 PM	Poultry Showmanship - Small Animal Barn
4:00-8:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations - Dog Tent
5:00 PM	Large Animal Record Keeping Entered
6:00 PM	Shooting Sports Awards – 4-H Education Building
7:00 PM	Goat Milking Contest - Goat barn

Tuesday, August 1 st	
8:00 AM	Swine Judging
9:00 AM	Dairy Goat Judging - Goat Tent
10:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena (evening show after dinner break)
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
1:00 PM	Goat Showmanship - Glenn Stock Arena
6:00 PM	Beef Showmanship

Wednesday, August 2 nd	
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena (evening show after dinner break)
9:00 AM	Steers followed by Beef breeding animals
9:00 AM	Rabbit showmanship & Rabbit Breed ID
10:00-2:00 PM	4-H Mini Horse Show - Glenn Stock Arena
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
2:00-3:00 PM	Small Animal Master Stockman
4:00 PM	4-H Talent Showcase – Free Stage
4:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations – Dog Tent
4:00 PM	Livestock Judging Contest - Andersons Show Arena
5:00 PM	Sheep lead Class – Andersons Show Arena

Thursday, August 3 rd	
8:00 AM	Judging of Llamas and Alpaca Show – Glenn Stock Arena
8:30 AM	Judging of Pack Goats & Carts – Glenn Stock Arena
9:00 AM	Judging of dairy cattle and showmanship
9:00 AM	4-H Modeling - Free Stage
10:00 AM	4-H Horse Show - Horse Show Arena
10:30 AM	Small Animal Dress-up - Small Animal Barn
4:00-8:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations – Dog Tent
4:00 PM	Cloverbud Recognition Ceremony - Andersons Show Arena
5:30 PM	Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes
7:00 PM	4-H Large Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes
7:30 PM	Pony Dance Party Fundraiser (Horse Arena)

Friday, August 4 th	
10:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
4:00 PM	4-H Sale of Dairy Cattle Milk followed by 4-H Market Livestock Auction (Beef, Swine, Sheep)

Dog Rally – 2pm Glenn Stock Arena

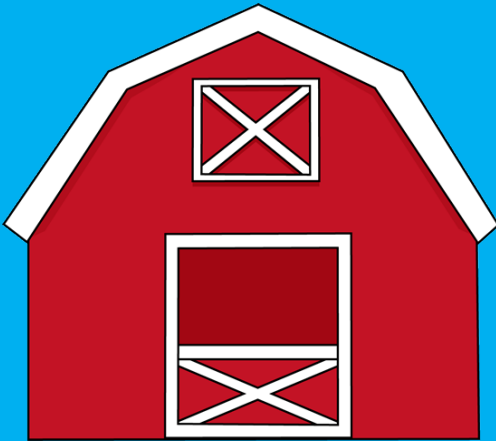
Saturday, August 5 th	
11:00 AM	4-H Small Animal Auction Sale
2:00-6:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations – Dog Tent
8:00 PM	Fair Celebration Dance – Andersons Show Arena
11:00 PM	SAA Auction animals released
11:00 PM	4-H Horses released

Sunday, August 6 th	
6:00 AM	Horses Released
5:00-8:00 AM	Livestock Exhibits Released Clean pens and outside barn area. Times can be changed by species superintendent. Beef - Nothing to be released before midnight Sheep - self-haul released discretion of the superintendent Must be out by 8:00 am

Monday, August 7 th	
2:00-6:30 PM	All other exhibits released



Important Events to Prep for Fair



BARN SET-UP

Junior Livestock Association & Small Animal Association invites you to the Annual Barn Set-up

Tuesday July 11th @ 6pm

Please come ready to work! Gloves, tools and extra help is appreciated!

Food will be served after Setup, special Thank You to JLA for sponsoring and Committee for Preparation!

Fair Superintendents Meeting

All Adult Superintendents are reminded that they must attend the Superintendents meeting scheduled for **July 20th @ 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center**. It is very important that all Superintendents attend this meeting to learn about the 2023 Fair and to pick up your materials. Please plan on staying for the entire meeting.



Opening Ceremonies for 2023

It has become a tradition for the 4-H Council to host a small opening celebration on Sunday Afternoon of the Fair. We would like to invite all 4-H Families, Community Sponsors, and other interested people to attend.

Sunday July 30th @ 4:30pm outside the 4-H Activity Center.

Dedication of new bricks will be a part of the program. The bell will ring to announce the start of the 2023 Monroe County Fair!



Small Animal Association News

Small Animal Showmanship Addendum 5/30/23: On January 23rd, 2023, the Small Animal Association voted on the following change to the Fair Premium Catalog. This change to Small Animal Premium Sections will be enacted for the 2023 Monroe County Fair, “Participating 4-Her can win showmanship and go into ring [for Sweepstakes Showmanship] ... [the 4her] can still compete in species [Showmanship] for Grand Champion [in future years]”.

Dog Dates

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2023 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Other Activities-Must attend and participate with you dog in at least one.

* First year handlers MUST attend and participate with your dog at one fun match.

**Fun Match July 15, register 9am show at 10
Go To :Monroe County 4-H Dog Program
Facebook page for Registration and Steward
Schedule (All families participating are
encouraged to steward, show will not start
until positions are filled)**

Fair: Dog show July 29 & Doggy Dress up July 30

Cat Dates

Cat Show July 16th 1:00pm Prince of Peace

Please Be Reviewing Premium Catalog and Fair Calendar for Important Fair Information about your project area!

Monroe County 4-H Dog Fun Match

Saturday July 15, 2023

Monroe County Fair Grounds.

Register at 9am

Show starts at 10am

We will be offering Agility,

Obedience, Rally and

Showmanship.



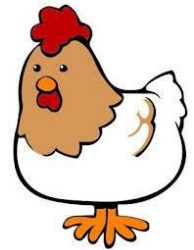


Support Still Needed

Small Animal Association Master Stockman

April 2023

Re: Small Animal Association Master Stockman Funding



The Small Animal Master Stockman Contest is looking for some help from our clubs this year to continue with this program. The contest was designed to encourage members to learn more about their small animal project by participating in several divisions. The most exciting part of the program is members are awarded with a monetary gift in each small animal category. This program operates on about \$600 per year. This year I'm asking all of our clubs if they could donate a small amount to help out the Master Stockman Contest. Any amount will help! Thank you in advance!

I would also like to send out an invitation to attend one of your club meetings to explain/encourage your members to participate in the Master Stockman Contest this year at the fair. If you're at all interested in the program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,
Julie Linn
Superintendent of Small Animal Master Stockman
(734) 735-6809
jlinn96@gmail.com

Any donations may be sent to:
Small Animal Association/ Master Stockman
c/o Julie Linn
2247 Corkins Road
Carleton, MI 48117





Junior Livestock Association News



A big thank you to everyone for your diligent efforts to complete all the requirements to show...YQCA, Clinics and Fair Entry. ~Jean



Junior Livestock Association



Barn Set-up 7/11/23 6PM

Seniors (last 4-H year) recognition at fair for JLA youth

We will be collecting info at haul-in Name, years in 4-H, projects and future plans.

Fair Haul-in



Saturday, July 29th



12:00-4:00 PM Livestock exhibits Haul-in (except swine)

2:00-5:00 PM Dairy Haul-in

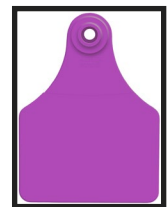
4:30-8:30 PM Swine exhibits Haul-in

2023 Premium Book read your general rules and projects area requirements
Link: [2023-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf \(monroecountyfair.com\)](https://monroecountyfair.com/2023-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf)



Market Livestock Tags

If you have any questions, need help, or your animal loses a tag, please call your Superintendent immediately.





2023 Fair Market Livestock Judging Contest



Wednesday, August 2nd
4:00pm
Show Arena

MARKET LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Prize for 1st place in each division.
Open registration prior to event.
Classes of sheep, swine and beef.
Placings and questions only.

Grab a friend and test your judging skills!





Horse and Pony News

4-H Horse Shows

Thank you all who participated in the summer 4-H shows it was great to see you'll.

CONGRATULATIONS to State Show Delegated 4-H State Show August 18, 2023 - August 20, 2023 MSU Pavilion



Important Information: The youth executive board has voted to extend the deadline to complete the required 2 meetings to attend state. There will be a Sportsmanship Committee meeting before the regular board meeting on July 10, 2023. The Committee meeting starts at 6:30PM, with the board meeting to follow. If you need meetings to attend state, you will be contacted directly.

We must send 4 volunteers for the show! If you want to volunteer.

State Delegates (Big horses)

- Ava Salenbien
 - Elizabeth Gomez
 - Alexis Buchs
 - Zoe Torzewski
 - Savannah Hoffman
 - Mia Smith
 - Hannah Mills
 - Heaven Frye
 - Sophia Pizzo
 - Payton Seog
 - Hailey Riffle
 - Virginia Emerson
 - Zachary Cooly-Fine
 - Mackenzie Grider
 - Audrey Whitton
 - Lauren Vierk
 - Connor McCracken
 - London Richardson
- Others qualified but are not able to attend.

Miniature Horse State Delegates

- Cheyenne Meyer
- Seqoia Meyer
- Hannah Brown
- Owen Villemure
- Samantha Pritula
- Abigail Bash
- Payton Seog
- Abby Miller
- London Richardson

Horse and Pony info

Main communication through Face Book: Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Members Only

and

Monthly meetings 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center

H&P has mandatory meetings and volunteer hours make sure you are meeting the requirements

Open Practice rides at the Fairgrounds Horse Arena
4-H Members
6:30 to 8:30pm
July 13th

Monroe County Fair Haul-in Saturday, July 29th 4-8:00 pm



Hippology

Monroe County 4H Hippology Team



Team

Pop Can Collection Fundraiser!



Now--August 31, 2023!

Available at your porch or mine!
Arrangements for porch pick up can be made!

The proceeds from bottles collected will go to offset the expenses for educational materials/contest fees for the Hippology Team.

When your returnables are ready for collection, please contact me to arrange a safe porch pick up/drop off.

Elizabeth Kotus text is best 734-604-4951

Your Contact person:

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Monroe County 4H Hippology Team Tribute Feeds Proof of Purchase Collection Drive Fundraiser

Now- August 31st

We are heading to Arabian Horse Nationals for both Hippology and Horse Judging. We need help from our community to be successful! Proofs will be turned into Tribute in exchange for \$ to help pay for educational resources used and travel expenses.



Here is an example of what is needed off the feed bag

We can schedule a pick up or They can be mailed to:

Contact: Monroe County 4H Hippology Team c/o Elizabeth Kotus 19965 Southwick Rd. Milan, MI 48160
Or Schedule pick up email: ekotus@hotmail.com or text 734-6044951



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Special Fair Events

BARN TO BARN COMPETITION FOR THE 2023 FAIR WEEK

**TEEN AMBASSADOR'S IS TEAMING UP TO HELP
COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR
THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF MONROE COUNTY**



SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED:

PURINA ONE DOG FOOD

FRISKIES CAT FOOD – BOTH DRY AND WET

CAT AND DOG TREATS

CAT LITTER

NEW TOWELS AND BLANKETS

OLD, BUT CLEAN TOWELS AND BLANKETS

PAPER TOWELS

ANY TYPE OF CLEANING PRODUCTS

**BOXES FOR THIS COLLECTION WILL BE LOCATED AT THE TEEN
AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE THE WEEK OF FAIR; PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD
TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS TO HELP WITH THIS EFFORT**



Fair Fundraisers

**PLACE YOUR AD
ON THE 4-H
TV NETWORK**



Terra Quest 4-H is selling Ads to be shown during the 2023 MONROE COUNTY FAIR

7 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING FOR ONLY \$35*

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call one of the coordinators:

Becky Lomas (734) 775 - 7992

Kerrie Kraftchick (419) 309 - 2593

Or email questions & submissions to MonroeTerraQuest4h@gmail.com

Checks payable to Terra Quest 4-H Club
Mail payment to 3667 N. Custer Monroe, MI 48162.

Submissions are due July 17th @ 12 pm

*additional \$10 fee if Terra Quest designs the Ad for you

On Sale Now!



\$6 Each

Cash or Check (payable to Teen Ambassadors)

Pins are available for purchase at the Monroe County Extension Office.

During the week of fair, they will be sold at the Teen Ambassadors office.





Help Fund Your Future Adventures

CITIZENSHIP
WASHINGTON
FOCUS

CRAFT
SUPPLIES

CLUB TEAM
ACTIVITY OR
PROJECT
SUPPLIES

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER



**PROJECT AREA SCHOLARSHIPS
\$10 PER HOUR TO YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**MATCH FUNDS GIVEN TO SUPPORT
YOUTHS CLUB OF CHOICE**

**WHERE: M-50/RAISIN. BANK PARKING LOT
WHEN: FAIR WEEK**

NEW
ANIMAL
PROJECT

EXPLORATION
DAYS & SLOW
SPOKES



Youth & Adults (12+) will receive \$10 per hour/per person that works for them! This will be 4-H Fundraising to use toward their 4-H Project or Trip of choice! (Ages: 12-15 require adult on shift as well)



Proceeds earned will also benefit Monroe County 4-H Year-Round Activities through the 4-H Clubs Match %. After staffing and expenses, remainder of funds will be given to clubs on percentage contribution.



SIGN UP TODAY, SPOTS ARE FILLING FAST! Add your name as an alternate to be called for shifts you may also be interested in! <https://bit.ly/3pzwG9g>

ANIMAL
FEED

STATE SHOW
FEES
& TRAVEL





Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner



VOLUNTEER CORNER Our Program can not run without you

Needed 4-H support of First Merchants Expo Center.

Help show the Monroe County Fair Board support in lending a hand to keep the First Merchants Expo Center clean during fair week.

4 people (at least one adult is needed) to remove trash bags from garbage cans, sweep and pick up trash on floor. Restrooms not included. 6:00 p.m. until work is complete. Maximum 2-hour shift. Adult volunteers must be a silver level volunteer.

Open to youth members and adults.



Sunday- Airport District
Wednesday- Dundee District
Friday- Custer District
Saturday- Bedford District
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday- Horse and Pony



Clean Expo Center

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. !

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA8A722A4F58-clean>



CALL FOR ADDITIONAL SILVER LEVEL VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2023 FAIR

Monroe County 4-H uses silver volunteers in the kitchen, for guard duty in the static project areas and limited other areas.

We now have 177 silver volunteers

Steps to become an MSU Extension silver volunteer

- Complete a profile application using below link
<https://msu.samaritan.com>



- Sign 2 waivers 1) Background check 2) Code of Conduct, medical and media releases
Sometimes there is a delay in between loading clicking the refresh button helps.

***If you need assistance with becoming a Silver Volunteer, please contact Jean (734) 240-3188



Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner



LEADER CORNER



Additional static fair tags are available in the extension office.
Sorry for the short supply at turn in.

SAVE THE DATE

Post fair September 07, 2023 at 7:00 pm all club Leaders or Club Representatives need to attend. Very important information will be covered



First Merchants Bank
Helping you prosper

4-H Accounts Are Required to Have the
MSU Extension Office Address
963 S. Raisinville Rd. Monroe MI 48161
to change

please visit your local branch or 800-205-3464.

ONLINE BANKING



Club Leaders, Signers, Treasurers should be checking their online banking monthly. If you need help setting up or accessing online banking please call FM Treasury Management 866-833-0050.



Superintendents

Superintendent Meeting

July 20th 7:00pm

2023 Fair Superintendent meeting

Important information will be distributed



Special Request



Static Superintendents that are available throughout fair week for guard duty or kitchen duty

please CALL Patti Wartinger 734 77-0493

Let her know the days that work for you 😊



Jr. Superintendent Meeting

Thursday July 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm

In the Activity Center



COUNTY 4-H NEWS



2023 Tri County Archery Tournament

Hosted by Monroe Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Association
And the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club



Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023

Time: Line times 11 am (check in @ 10am), 1 pm (check in @ 12pm) and **3pm **If needed**

Location: Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, 5095 Ellis Rd, Ypsilanti Township, MI 48197

There will be on site concessions for sale.

Cost: \$18 / Participant. (Payable to: SSA)

Registration: Scan QR code for link to online registration.

2023 Tri-County Archery Tournament Registration



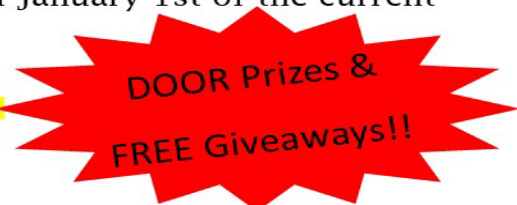
Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on Sunday Aug 6th.

Entry is limited to 4-H Members. Youth may only enter one Division.

Divisions: Age groups are determined by your 4-H age (as of January 1st of the current year). There will be 3 Age groups per Division.

- Beginner 9-11
- Junior 12-14
- Senior 15-19

everyone will shoot at 20 yds.



Shooting Divisions as follows:

- **Barebow Division** Compound, Long, or Recurve bows without sights or bowmarks. Fingers Only (No release aid). Will use a 60cm Target.
- **Sighted Division** Compound, Long, Recurve, or Olympic recurve bows WITH any type of Fixed sight or bowmarks. Fingers Only (No release aid). Will use a 40cm Target.
- **Bowhunter Division** Compound bows WITH a Fixed sight (single or multi pins) which CAN NOT be adjusted once scoring begins and using a manually triggered release aid.
- **Open Division** Compound bows with a manually triggered release aid (NO BACK TENSION releases**) and/or adjustable sights (must NOT incorporate any prism, lens, magnifying or electronic device**).

****Bowhunter & Freestyle** will have the choice of shooting a 40 cm Single Spot Target or a Three Spot Vertical targets.

General Info:

- ➔ **Mandatory equipment:** Hip quivers and an Arm Guard (to be worn on the contestant's bow arm).
- ➔ **All contestants should have prior shooting event experience, such as County, Regional or State level.**
- ➔ All contestants will supply their own archery equipment, all bows should be cased until arriving at the range. Before the tournament begins ALL equipment will be inspected by the Range Officer(s).

For this tournament we will be following the State 4-H General Archery Rules & the Tri-CAT Rules.

(https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament/tournament_rules)

Competition for all divisions will be as follows: **10 ends of 3 arrows @ 2 minutes per end**. There will be one practice end before scoring begins. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place per age bracket and division will be presented following the completion of the tournament.

Any questions or concerns contact Rob: yarg.4hshootingssports@gmail.com



Donations

Call for Spaghetti Dinner Donations

SAVE THE DATE
November 18, 2023

Do you have "friends in high places"?

How about making a contact for an auction donation? Mud Hens tickets, Sporting Events, Hands-on Activities, Museums, Group Activities – all donations welcome!

This event is one of three major fundraisers for the Monroe County 4-H Council and supports our program and other opportunities for all our kids!

Spaghetti Dinner

Assistance requested in securing donations from companies or have homemade items

Donations are coming in highlights

- Henry Ford Museum
- Toledo Zoo 1 year Membership



We are 5 months away from getting together for a Great Night Of Food, Talking and Grabbing great Gifts for that someone on your Christmas List. We have received a few great items

How about a new Lay Z Boy Chair for your house or for a family member? We have received a Certificate from Lay Z Boy to do just that.

Would you like a 1 Year Membership for your family to the Toledo Zoo? We have that too.

Need some yard art? We have a perfect piece that was donated by Angela's Angel Gift Shop. With a \$25.00 Gift Certificate.

Do you love History? We have Henry Ford Museum Tickets for a Day Trip.

We also need each club to help by donating to our Live Auction and Silent Auction to help with this Fundraiser. Any Questions please direct them to Patti Donnelly. She has a great list to help your clubs create a great donation.



Donations

Fundraisers and Trophies



SAVE THE DATES 2023 4-H Fundraisers

Monroe County 4-H holds three major fundraisers each year under the leadership of the 4-H Council.

Funds raised support our programs, trip scholarships, county awards, 4-H Activity Center and MUCH MORE!

FAIR KITCHEN – JUL 31 – AUG 4

4-H CANDY SALE – begins SEP 7

4-H SPAGETTI DINNER & AUCTION – NOV 18

...A FRIENDLY REMINDER

*Trophy Sponsorship
Due May 5th*

4-H Fair Advisory Board
clo Mrs. Angela Michel
801 Donnalee Drive
Monroe, MI 48162

QUESTIONS? Call Jean at 743.240.3188 or

Email Debbie at debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu

Sponsors Trophy and Dog Medals

Trophy sponsors check your e-mails for Sponsorship letters. Several checks have already been received.

Thank you for your continued
Support

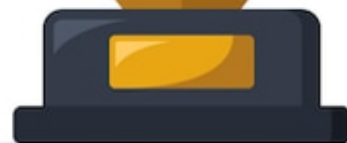
Interested in donating a 2023 4-H Fair Trophy or Dog Medal?

Contact General Awards Superintendent Debbie Kraftchick at
Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo

or

call Jean at 734.240.3188

for a list of sponsorships needed





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at:

<https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 11-13: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-writers

July 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills.

Registration is due July 5!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





State Awards



MICHIGAN 4-H STATE AWARDS 2023

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program took place June 21, 2023 during 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University. The Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members. The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H members to receive recognition while developing their leadership skills and personal portfolio. The program features a Junior and Senior division in 20 project areas as well as a group award category. To enter the competition, 4-H members submitted an application that includes a cover letter, resume, 4-H story, and questions that highlight the life skills, project content knowledge, leadership development, and civic engagement experiences 4-H members have gained through their 4-H projects. Applications were scored, and up to twelve finalists in the Junior, Senior, and Group divisions for each project area were invited to represent their county in the statewide competition.

Alexis Fisher has been recognized as an outstanding 4-H member in the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program.

Alexis Fisher is 19 years-old and in her twelfth year in the Michigan 4-H program. She is currently involved in two district clubs and a long-standing member of the Small Animal Association, Teen Ambassadors and New Horizons. Alexis has also served on the Youth Leadership Board and Monroe County 4-H Council. She has shown rabbits for eleven years, cavies for six years and pocket pets for nine years. Alexis also participates in many static projects and communication projects. Her greatest 4-H accomplishments are winning the Grand Champion Small Animal Sweepstakes and Overall Master Stockman.

See full article at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/michigan-4-h-state-award-spotlight-alexis-fisher>

Monroe County Award Winners



- Justin Yarger**
Senior Shooting Sports
- Alana Aulph**
Senior Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Brandon Fisher**
Junior Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Alexis Fisher**
Senior Leadership
- Stellamia Aerts**
Senior Companion Animal Science
- Corinna Aulph**
Reserve Junior Leadership





Recap Award Winners

Mark Of Excellence

CONGRATULATIONS to Monroe County youth CECELIA AULPH AND JOHN JINKS, both are 2023 Mark of Excellence contest award winners as part of the Michigan 4-H State Awards Program. The contest is open annually to all 4-H members ages 11-12 years old. Each county may select up to 2 applicants to be recognized as state winners. This year, 11 youth from 9 counties received the Mark of Excellence Award.

The theme of the contest is: “Because of 4-H, I can...” The award submission from applicants consisted of either an essay or video that addressed the contest theme. Each award recipient received a medal, certificate, and their winning essay added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the State 4-H Office.

Emerald Clover Society

We are excited to announce the future induction into the Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society of Schawna Thoma.

Schawna replied “What a big surprise and a great honor. I had no idea this was in the works. I do owe my career and success to the skills and mentoring I received in 4-H - 100%.

My first thought when I saw this email was to call Judy and Larry See, my mentors and 4-H leaders. Although they have both passed on, they are still on my mind and in my heart today and always. People like that live on through all of our actions - we were super lucky kids for having crossed their paths.

Thank you Nick, Jean and Chelsea for your work to make this happen as well as your public service to the university and ensuring the existence of the extension service. With kindest regards and gratitude, Schawna”



Award Winners



Congratulations

TO THE WINNERS



**CLOVERBUDS:
GRAYSON RHEA
ANNALISE RHEA**

and

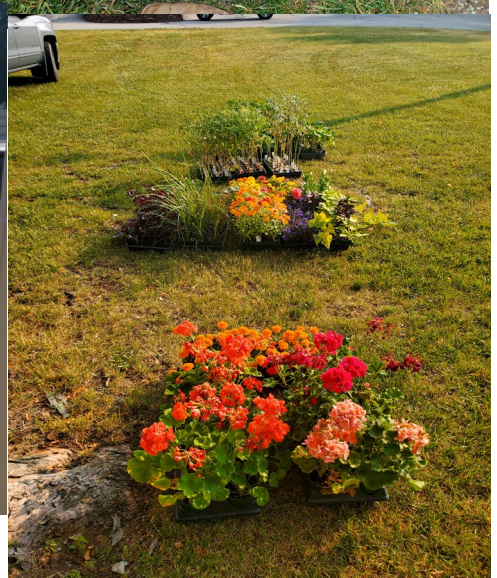
**BEGINNERS (9-11)
1ST: ANNABELLA RHEA**

2023 Michigan 4-H Hunting & Wildlife Kahoot Contest



RECAP

Green Thumb Expo Huge Success



Message from Dennis Winters

I would like to say a Very Big THANK YOU to the Bedford and Dundee Districts gals Debbie Kraftchick, Roni Worden, Lynette Hackett, LeAnn Comstock, and Jamie Funk who organized the Green Thumb Expo. Plus the parents and other volunteer that helped in any way to make this workshop a great success.

About 40 4-H members made some great projects. scarecrow, fairy garden, herb gardens, patio vegetables pot, patio Tomato pot, 6 inch clay pot for a geranium or marigold, patio pot and a hanging basket. The kids and adults all had fun and real enjoyed the workshop.

Good luck to all for the rest of the summer taking care of the projects. Will be glad to see all of those projects at the Monroe Country Fair the end of July.

Dennis Winter General Superintendent Produce Building



Recap

Slow Spokes, Maybee MI to MSU, June 18-20th! Over 110 miles of Fun!



**Monroe County
4H Slow Spokes**



“On the bike trip we played volleyball, card games, swam at the lake and many more activities. When we arrived at Michigan State for Exploration Days, I had already knew so many people from my county and didn’t feel awkward as I did last year. ... Overall, the bike trip and Exploration Days have helped me to create amazing friendships with people in my county!”

-Corinna Aulph



Recap

Exploration Days, June 21-25th



Slow Spokes created friendships and familiar faces for when it came time for Explorations Days. Where I then already had a group of people to spend time with and do things like play volleyball, play cards, and go to meals with. –Alana Aulph





Recap

Work Bees THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!

