



JUNE 2025

4-H Family News

Jackson County Connections



Jackson County Fair Registration



**Cloverbud, Livestock, Small Animal &
Still Exhibit Exhibitors – Don't Forget!!!**

**The deadline to enter projects in the Fair
is June 27th at 5:00 pm**

**Family Pass Forms & Payment Due To
The Fair Office By June 27th at 5PM**

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Stay Connected

*Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

*Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

*Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

*Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June Meetings

June 2nd 6:30pm
Jackson County 4-H Foundation

Tuesday June 3rd 6:00pm
Cloverbuds
See Flyer

Wednesday June 4th 7:00pm
Showmanship from a Judges
Perspective
See Flyer

Monday June 9th 7:00pm
Horse Council

Monday June 9th 6:00pm
Fairy & Theme Garden Workshop
See Flyer

Sunday June 29th
4-H Family Photo Day
See Flyer

**Thursday June 25th & Friday
26th 6:00pm**
Sewing Workshop
See Flyer

Friday June 27th 5:00pm
Fair Registration Closes

July Meetings

Tuesday July 8th 7:00 pm
Small Animal Association

Sunday July 13th 10am-1pm
Large Animal Gate Set Up

Monday July 14th 7:00 pm
Horse Council

Wednesday July 16th 7:00pm
Livestock Association

Saturday July 19th 8am-11am
Pullorum Testing

Monday July 21st 6:00 pm
4-H Council

Sunday July 27th 10am-12pm
Small Animal Pen Set Up

Thursday July 31st
Still Exhibit Judging

MSU Extension Office
1715 Lansing Ave Ste #257
Jackson, MI 49202

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Fairy & Theme Garden Workshop

Calling all Jackson County 4-H'er's!

Come join us for a whimsical and creative workshop where you'll learn to make your very own miniature garden paradise, perfect for attracting fairies and other garden-loving creatures. We'll cover everything from picking the right plants to designing and putting together your fairy/theme garden, plus tips on how to take care of your plants. Come learn how to add a little magic to your home.

June 9th at 6pm
MSU Extension Office
1715 Lansing Ave. Ste #257
Jackson, MI 49201

What to bring: A container (minimum of 6 inches in diameter) filled with soil. Feel free to be as creative as you want with your container, but please keep in mind that it can't weigh more than 25lbs to be entered into the fair.

Cost: \$10 for a variety of plants

Register by June 2nd 2025
waldro45@msu.edu



STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Showmanship FROM A JUDGES PERSPECTIVE



Join us on zoom for an insider's look at what judges are really looking for in the showmanship ring.



JUNE
4TH



7:00
PM

If you are showing or want to show beef, sheep, or swine, this session is for you.

*For Jackson
County 4-H
Exhibitors*

REGISTER:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/84567890123>
[eting/register/X2wMNW](https://msu.zoom.us/j/84567890123)
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JACKSON COUNTY 4-H ♦ SEWING ♦ WORKSHOP



Jackson County 4-H 8-19 year olds, come join us for a two-night sewing workshop hosted by the Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild of Jackson County. Whether you're a beginner or looking to brush up on your skills, this workshop is perfect for you. You'll learn all the essential sewing skills, like common sewing terms, how to wind and load a bobbin, thread a sewing machine, sew straight (ish) lines, cut out fabric using a pattern, and even press fabric with an iron. We can't wait to sew with you!

CHOOSE FROM - DOG BANDANA, OWL STUFFED ANIMAL, PILLOW CASE, PILLOW WITH A POCKET OR A DRAWSTRING BACKPACK



\$5



**JUNE 25TH & 26TH
6PM-8PM**

**MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
1715 LANSING AVE STE 257
JACKSON, MI**



**REGISTER: EMAIL JESSICA WALDRON AT
WALDRO45@MSU.EDU BY JUNE 11TH.
PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR 4-H'ER'S NAME &
THE PROJECT THEY WANT TO SEW.
*MUST ATTEND BOTH NIGHTS**

4-H Family Photo Day

with Melissa Cozart Photography



FOR QUESTIONS, MESSAGE
MELISSACOZARTPHOTO@GMAIL.COM



SAVE THE
DATE
JUNE 29TH

*\$50 Minimum
Donation*

LOOK FOR REGISTRATION INFO
CLOSER TO DATE

*All proceeds to benefit
the Jackson County
4-H Small Animal
Association*

Sign Up At

[https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA5A62DA7F4C34-57156830-4hfamily__;!!HXCxUKc!yiyQpi-xoPMagXbhT7agmDtU78IIIA977bTNZ1ktsyl9iRt6mRwZbBf_14O-X_MRbDwBjiDo2G2oDVQ6lg\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA5A62DA7F4C34-57156830-4hfamily__;!!HXCxUKc!yiyQpi-xoPMagXbhT7agmDtU78IIIA977bTNZ1ktsyl9iRt6mRwZbBf_14O-X_MRbDwBjiDo2G2oDVQ6lg$)

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CAKE BAKING CLASS!

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H

\$10

JULY 9TH 2025

6PM-8PM

**MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
1715 LANSING AVE STE 257
JACKSON, MI 40202**



Join us for a fun-filled evening where you'll:

- * Learn how to bake a cake from scratch**
- * Make homemade buttercream frosting**
- * Learn a star piping technique to decorate your cake**

Each participant will take home recipes, piping bag & star tip & a Wilton Cake pan in the shape of their choice

***Many to choose from**



**REGISTER AT WALDRO45@MSU.EDU
BY JUNE 30TH**



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are competing in the Michigan Livestock Expo but are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award!. Registration is due by June 12. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2025.

Ten Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service in 2025

For the fifth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“Simply put, our Michigan 4-H programs would not be possible without the help of caring volunteers who give their time and talent,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “MSU Extension is grateful for every volunteer in every program, but these ten individuals deserve special recognition. They have given so much to 4-H over their five decades of service and we offer our heartfelt thanks for all they have given to support 4-H youth.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2025 are:

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| • Cheryl Barton, Shiawassee County | • Vanessa Powell, Jackson County |
| • Linda Bogue, Cass County | • Diane Shepherd, Sanilac County |
| • Lisa Coe, Barry County, | • Paul Shoup, Mason County |
| • Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Ingham County | • Bernadette Strahl, Menominee County |
| • Sharon Mitchell, St. Joseph County | • Marla Wedge, Allegan County |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Showcase your photography, videography and graphic design skills at 4-H Dairy Days!



New for 2025, Michigan 4-H Dairy Days will have feature three new contests! These contests are open to any Michigan 4-H youth ages 8-19, regardless of their enrolled project area.

Showcase your creative skills by submitting your entries to:

- Photography
- Graphic design
- Videography

So grab your cameras, get those creative juices flowing and show us what you've got!

Submissions are due June 5. Learn more at tinyurl.com/DDcreative.

June 6: Fairy Garden Workshop

Britton

Youth ages 5-19 will learn the basics of miniature gardening and some fairy lore.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/fairy-garden-workshop25

June 7: 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. We will be finding new caches, trading travel bugs, exploring the gardens and much more.

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

June 13: 4-H Terrarium Workshop

Britton

Youth ages 8-19 will create a miniature, self-sustaining ecosystem, in a controlled indoor environment.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-terrarium-workshop

June 20: Garden to Table Summer Workshop Series

Taylor Community Library, Taylor

In this hands-on program, youth will explore the journey of food from seed to plate! Participants will learn how to plant and care for a garden, harvest fresh produce, and turn their homegrown ingredients into simple, healthy meals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-to-table-summer-workshops

June 24: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

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

June 28: Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Come test your dairy industry knowledge against other 4-H'ers! This free event is open to any 4-H youth ages 8-19. Youth may enter as individuals or as teams.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-mi-4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl>



FARMERS MARKET AT THE FAIR



We'd love to invite you to be part of our **one-day** Farmers Market happening at the fair! 🌽🍅 It's a fun and meaningful way to showcase your hard work, connect with the community, and shine a light on the importance of agriculture.

Whether you're a student, grower, maker, or ag enthusiast, we'd be thrilled to have you join us. Just one day, lots of good vibes, and a big boost for ag awareness!

Let us know if you're in—let's make Agriculture Day at the Fair amazing together

[Click HERE to apply for a space](#)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

**WE PROVIDE THE TABLE
NO FEE FOR A SPACE**

CONTACT: STACY AT
SCURTIS@MIJACKSON.ORG
OR 517-768-2902



Agriculture Day at the Fair

LIVESTOCK SHOW & TELL

CALLING ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS! 🎤👧

AS PART OF OUR AGRICULTURE DAY CELEBRATION, WE'RE HOSTING A SPECIAL LIVESTOCK SHOW & TELL, WHERE YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AND TELL THE PUBLIC ABOUT YOUR ANIMAL, YOUR HARD WORK, AND WHAT AGRICULTURE MEANS TO YOU.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- 🕒 SIGN UP FOR A 10-15 MINUTE TIME SLOT
- 📍 PRESENT IN OUR DESIGNATED SHOW & TELL AREA AT THE FAIR
- 👨🌾 SHARE FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR ANIMAL, YOUR EXPERIENCE, AND WHY AG MATTERS

IT'S A FUN, RELAXED WAY TO EDUCATE, CONNECT, AND CELEBRATE EVERYTHING YOU DO AS PART OF THE AG COMMUNITY! PERFECT FOR ALL AGES, AND ALL SPECIES—FROM CHICKENS TO STEERS.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO SIGN UP EARLY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

**sign up for your 15 min time slot
1-2pm & 6-7pm**

FILL OUT FORM HERE