



4-H Family News

May 2025

Welcome to the Month of May

Welcome to May! Make sure you read your Network, so you don't miss a thing!

Fair Entry will open May 15, 2025 and close on June 9th 2025 at 5:00pm. All fair projects Must be registered in Fair Entry.

A big Thank you to everyone that assisted with Ag. Day. What a great event!

Chelsea and Jean

This month's content highlights

- 4-H May clinic and horse Show May 10-12
- Exploration Orientation
- Drop-in with Jean Date
- Entrepreneurship Series
- Fitting and Showing Clinic
- Fair Entry& YQCA Deadline
- Green Thumb Expo

Contribute to the Network
Information or Flyers are due by the 20th of Each Month!

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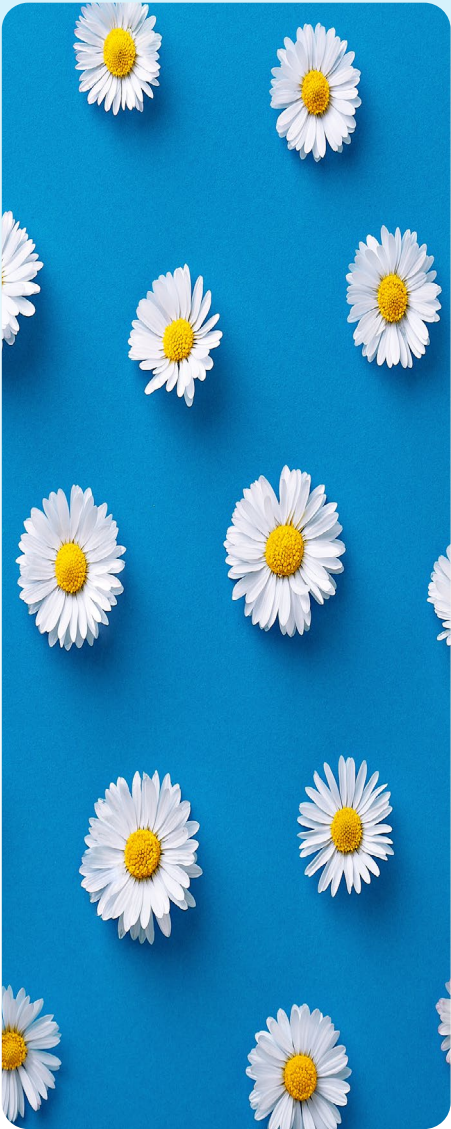
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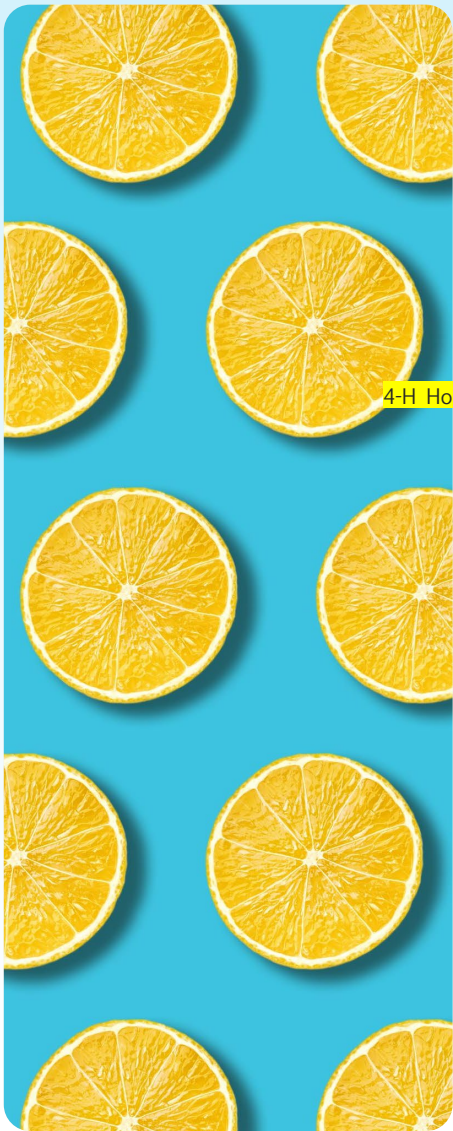
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MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	01 Horse Paperwork Deadline Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Pre-Fair Mtg; AC 7PM	02 Ag Awareness Day; Fairgrounds 8AM-1PM	03 Sheep and Swine Tagging 8:00am to 10am
04 Terra Quest's Spring Tea; AC 1-3PM	05 4-H Council; AC 7PM	06 Terra Quest Mtg; AC 6PM	07 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM	08	09 4-H Horse and Pony Clinic/Leveling show; Fairgrounds	10
11 4-H Horse and Pony Clinic/Leveling show; Fairgrounds	12 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	13 Expo Days Meeting; AC 7PM	14 4-H Graduation; AC 6PM	15 FairEntry OPENS Whispering Spirits Horse Practice; Horse Arena 5PM Fair Advisory; ELC 7PM	16	17
18 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3-4PM Service Project for Oaks; AC 2PM	19 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	20 Drop-in with Jean 5:00-6:30 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	21 JLA; ELC 7PM E.S.I.; AC 7PM	22 Entrepreneurship Series; AC 6:30PM	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY MAY 30-31 Office Closed	27 SAA; ELC 7PM	28 Dog Agility Practice; AC 5PM Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	29 Whispering Spirits Horse Practice; Horse Arena 5PM	30	31
01	02	03	04	05	06	07



JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01 Communications Day AC 1pm	02 4-H Council; AC 7PM	03 Terra Quest 6pm AC Fitting and Showing Clinic; 6PM	04 Hippology; AC 6PM Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	05 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	06 4-H Horse and Pony Show	07 Green Thumb Expo; Grass behind SA Barn 9AM Entrepreneurship 4pm AC
08 4-H Horse and Pony Show	09 Fair Entry Deadline Horse and Pony; AC 7PM	10	11 Whispering Spirits Horse Practice; 5PM	12	13 Unlimited Horse Power Practice; 5:30PM	14
15 Slow Spokes	16 Leaders Fair Paperwork Turn-In Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	17 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	18 JLA; ELC 7PM	19 Exploration Days	20 4-H Horse and Pony Show	21 Flat Rock Speedway
22 4-H Horse and Pony Show Dog Fun Match; Fairgrounds 12PM London Fancy Farmers; AC 3PM	23 Fair Dessert Baking AC 5pm SAA; ELC 7PM	24	25 Whispering Spirits Horse Practice; 5PM TA; AC 7PM	26	27	28
29 Service Project for Oaks; AC 2PM	30	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12



Small Animal

SAVE THE DATES:

Last Chance Clinic Fitting & Showing

SAA Building June 3rd 6pm



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

Join us today!



CLUBS

Huckleberry Hounds, Milan Easy Riders, Paws-R-Us, Snoopy's Friends, & Whispering Spirits.



YOUTH

Kids from Clover Buds (5-7 years old), to aging-out members (19 years old) work together to help each other learn and grow.



LEADERS

Our leaders are dedicated volunteers who have lots of experience. The program would not be possible without their hard work.



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Monroe County 4-H Dog Program

Dog Dates

May 7-2nd **Mandatory meeting**, Extension Office. 1st year handlers, start at 5:45pm Everyone else start at 6:15pm. Regular meeting to follow

May 28- Agility practice- Grassy area behind Glenn Stock 6pm set up

June 3- **3rd Mandatory meeting** and Fitting and Showing clinic. for 1st year handlers, start- 5:45pm, everyone else start at 6:30pm. Fitting and Showing clinic to follow.

June 4-Regular Program meeting 6:30pm Extension Office

June 22-First Fun Match-Glenn Stock Arena Registration noon show start at 1:00pm

July 2- Regular Program meeting Extension Office 6:30pm Extension Office

July 12- Second Fun Match Glenn Stock Arena. Registration 9:00am, show at 10:00am

July 26- Fair Show, Glenn Stock Arena Check in at 8:30 Show starts at 9:00am



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Where do we meet: 4-H Activity Center

When do we meet: Every 3rd Monday

(February – June, September – November)

Upcoming Meetings: September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th

Requirements: Each child needs to attend at least 3 meetings with their cat(s) and work with them at the meeting. **NOTE:** We do not bring cats to every meeting. Watch Facebook page for meeting information.

Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H member including Cloverbuds

Need more information:

Contact Kim Cramer at
cramergirls09@gmail.com





Small Animal Master Stockman Funding Request

April 2025

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



JLA first time showers must attend species specific clinic

Last chance to attend Clinic:

Fitting and Showing June 3, 2025, 6:00pm @ Anderson Arena

Dairy and Goat at 7:00pm

Other



Work Bees start in June every Tuesday at 6:00pm

Barn Set-up July 08, 2025 @ 6:00pm

2024-2025 JLA Officers
President: Lindsey Roof
Vice President: Sophie Kreps
Secretary: Kayla Pittman
Treasure: Sydney Linn





YQCA TRAINING



Complete YQCA no later than June 09, 2025 *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*****

YQCA Certification

Youth ages 8-19 showing **MARKET** animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) are required to complete YQCA training no later than June 09, 2025 to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.

YQCA :

1. \$12.00 **Web based training** Go to [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (yqcaprogram.org)) and log in using the account you created last year, if you are new to YQCA you will need to create an account.

After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

*19 year olds must take online course

***Once YQCA is Completed youth **must provide a copy of certificate to the extension office!**

Options to submit: electronically at

<https://forms.gle/wY23xBgeJ4AyrT3a8> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. ***

Clickable Links:

- YQCA Instructor Led training [Help Documents](#)
- “help video” specifically for students enrolling in instructor-led trainings
<https://youtu.be/wZHW2qtMIOc>
- YQCA Web-based [Help Documents](#)



Dairy Board / Goat Board

Dairy Board next meeting Fitting and Showing Clinic June 03, 2025 7:00pm at the fair grounds***



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe



Next Meeting May 20, 2025 7:00pm Extension Office PLEASE ATTEND!

Caprine Council

Congratulations 2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

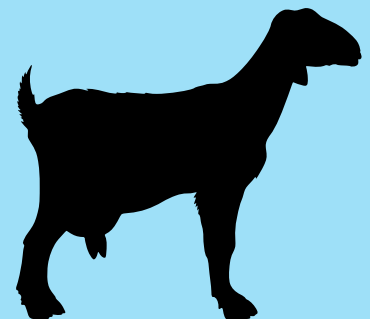
Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta





2025 MI 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

March
1-2

MI 4-H Dairy Conference
Michigan State University



June
28

State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

July
14-17

MI 4-H Dairy Days
Michigan State University

Sept. 28- **National 4-H Dairy Conference**
Oct. 2 Madison, WI

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Horse and Pony News

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- Members Follow the Members only page to get detailed information and registration links

Save The Dates

- ● Leveling Show: May 9-11
- ● Point Show 1: June 6-8
- ● Point Show 2: June 20-22
- ● Rain Day: June 28th
- ● July 20th Clinic

Horse and Pony info

Main communication is through Facebook: Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Members Only

and

Monthly meetings 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center (Except Aug & Dec)

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

Hippology Fundraisers

Monroe County 4-H Hippology Team
Tribute Feeds Proofs of Purchase
Collection Drive Fundraiser
Now -August 31, 2025

We need help from our community to be successful. Do you know someone who uses Tribute feeds? Please save us the stamps off the bag. The proofs will be turned in Tribute in exchange for \$. These will help us pay our educational contest 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

Your
Contact
person:
Hippology
Team coach:
Elizabeth
Kotus
schedule
pick up via
email:
ekotus@hotmail.com or
text: 734-604-4951

Monroe County 4H Hippology Team



Pop Can Collection Fundraiser!



Now--August 31, 2025!

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.



Fair Entry

FAIR ENTRY

Families- All 4-H projects that youth plan to take to Fair will need to be entered into

Fair Entry before it closes.

Fair Entry opens on **May 15, 2025** and

Fair Entry Closes on **June 09th at 5:00 pm.**

DO NOT WAIT TO COMPLETE

Start on May 15, 2025 so if support is needed it can be provided

After registering you **MUST** print/ forward your confirmation e-mail to your Leader!

Review your entries to ensure they are complete and accurate

www.fairentry.com is the website.

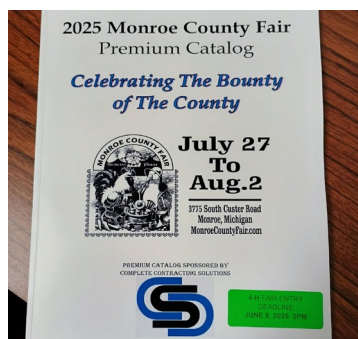
Log into fair Entry using 4-H Online link See video blow

*** A 2-minute video discussing [how to log in to FairEntry with 4-H Online](#) ***

A 3-minute video that demonstrates the entry process for families. [How to Register with FairEntry](#)

Here is a link to some tips and tricks of Fair Entry:

<https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217431057-Families-Resources-for-Exhibitor-Entries-9-1-2021>



Electronic Premium link will be posted on FB and website as soon as available.



Monroe County 4-H



HELP A Shelter Animal Donation Supply Drive



Ottawa Lake Servers 4-H club would like you to join us by collecting and donating much needed items to help Monroe County animal shelters and rescues.  

Wish List items:

canned/dry animal food - blankets/towels - cleaning supplies
toys - litter/bedding - hay/straw - feed bowls/buckets
collars/grooming supplies - livestock items - office supplies

Drop off locations:
Monroe Cty. 4-H Extension Office
Dundee Senior Center-Dundee
The Walnut - Petersburg

Information contact and/or pick up:
Roni Worden 419-779-3499
Mindy Townsend 734-693-1887
Ottawa Lake Servers 4-H Club





Monroe County 4-H 2025 Scholarship Awards

Charles Knabusch Memorial Scholarship

Brandon Fisher & Chase Lee

Judy See 4-H Academic Scholarship

Stellamia Aerts & Olivia Heinze

Larry See Sr Memorial Scholarship

Stellamia Aerts & Olivia Heinze

Marie A Siebarth Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Gomez

Monroe County 4-H Shooting Sports Association Scholarship

Logan Williams

Paul McGuire Memorial Scholarship

Alana Aulph & Makenzie Rehberg

Ruth Ruehs Memorial Scholarship

Brandon Fisher & Chase Lee

Wayne & Suzanne Lennard Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Gomez & Zoe Stanger

Tom Blanchett Memorial Beef Preview Show Scholarship

Gracie Dean & Zoe Stanger

Robert "Bob" Chapman Memorial Scholarship

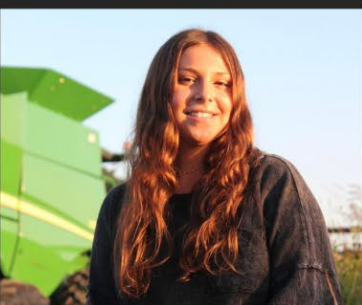
Elizabeth Gomez

Madie's Clovers Scholarship in Memory of Madison Lee

Sydney Linn



WITH GREAT APPRECIATION TO DONORS & FAMILIES





INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

Monroe County 4-H and First Merchants Bank are partnering to bring the Spring 2025 Entrepreneurship Series! This valuable program offers education and program completion based scholarships to the youth participating. RSVP Today to save your seat at this one of a kind workshop series!

**3/25
6:30PM**

FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP: 13-19

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

SR ENTREPRENEUR: 13-19

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**4/23
6:30PM**

**5/22
6:30PM**

FINANCIAL FUTURES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

JR ENTREPRENEUR: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**6/7
4PM**

RSVP TODAY



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Monroe County 4-H Entrepreneurship Program & First Merchants Bank Partnering to Help Our Community Prosper



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Graduation

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
CLASS OF 2025



DESSERT AND REFRESHMENTS TO BE SERVED

May 14th

6:00pm

Activity Center

RSVP: by May 10TH





Drop-in with Jean

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/MnTGXgmLjG4XhSsi6>



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***Date ***

Please Register so supplies can be purchased

May,20 2025 5:00 to 6:30

Drop- in activity to TBD

Calling all 4-H Clubs in Monroe County. Beginning Sunday, January 26th a community service project began. Once a month we will meet to prepare a Sunday meal for the Oaks Shelter in Monroe. Leaders will be needed to help members plan, purchase and prepare the aprox. 80 meals monthly. Clean up and delivery will also be needed. Please call the extension office 734-240-3182 and ask for Chelsea to sign up for your Sunday. If we have a great turnout we will consider adding more days for meals in the Fall.

Last year the shelter fed over 91,000 meals for those in need





Jr. Superintendent submissions Link:
<https://forms.gle/RKgcrTbzaDDAVfSQ9>

Become a Junior Superintendent!

- What is a Junior Superintendent? These are youth assigned to each 4-H department section at Fair. The Junior Superintendent assists the adult Superintendent with tasks to ensure a successful presentation, be a runner, and/or help with project displays.
- Who is eligible? Any 4-Hers who is 12+ years old (4-H age)
- How do I sign up? Below is a link to the google form that will need to be filled out if you are interested in being a Junior Super. This needs to be completed by June 1st.

Link

- What categories can I be a Junior Superintendent for?
 - " Crafts: Need help Thursday and Friday prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair
 - " Educational: Need help Thursday and Friday prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair
 - " Communications: Need help Thursday and Friday prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair
 - " Small Animals: Need help Check in, Check out, during week according to species
 - " Large Livestock: Need help Check in, Check out, during week according to species
 - " Horses: Need help Check in, Check out, during week according to species
 - " Produce/Horticulture: Need help Thurs, Friday, Saturday Prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair

Trophy Payments

A friendly Reminder Trophy Payments are due June 01, 2025

Please Make check payable to **Monroe County 4-H Fair Advisory Board** and mail to 371 Ida Maybee Rd, Monroe MI 48161 or payments can be made at the Extension Learning Center at 963 South Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI 48161.

There are still some open trophies available for sponsorship.

Please e-mail debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu

Or Call Jean Genaw (734) 240-3188





Club Leaders



Fair Paperwork turn in June 16th
2pm to 7 pm in the AC. All fair paperwork will be turned in at stations in the AC.

Kitchen and Guard Duty

*** We CANNOT do it without you! Importance of Kitchen and Guard Duty

Thank you for the time, commitment, and leadership you provide for our 4-H youth. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

All Clubs are assigned a specific time and number of volunteers to be provided for their time slot. Working in the kitchen is a big responsibility and requires a great deal of care toward safety. **All Adult Volunteers for Kitchen Duty are required to be Gold or Silver level approved volunteers with the 4-H Program. 4-H members 16 or older may also volunteer.**

All Clubs are assigned a specific time and volunteers are to be provided for their respective time slot. Our 4-H youth create wonderful projects that the spectators are very tempted to pick-up or touch in order to get a "closer look". We appreciate the public's admiration of the projects but we want to keep them from possibly being damaged or stolen! **The volunteer guards** must be able to keep focused on their task at hand and deal cordially and responsibly with the variety of visitors to our buildings. Therefore, to gain the respect from the spectators, **ALL VOLUNTEER WORKERS SHOULD BE ADULTS!**

Point of Contact for Guard Duty and Kitchen Duty Patti Wartinger at pattiwartinger@gmail.com or by phone at 734-777-0493

Thank you to Patti for all you do in scheduling shifts!



Volunteer/ leader Corner

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

Leaders, please take the time to review updated Financial Manuals. These manuals will answer many of your club questions related to finance.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers - 4-H Volunteering & Mentoring \(msu.edu\)](#)

[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)



Michigan 4-H

**WINTER/
SPRING 2025
VOLUNTEER
WEBINAR
SERIES**

For more information:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>

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Please visit:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series> for full details on the series and registration links. The titles and dates are below:

- The Heart of 4-H: Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth: March 18, 2025
- 4-H Club Fundraising 101: April 16, 2025
- Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill: May 15, 2025
- Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences and Implement Shared Leadership in 4-H Clubs



Mark of Excellence Winners!

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

10 & 11 Year Old 4-Hers

2025 Winners

Trula Michel & Hadley Schafer



“BEYOND READY”
JOURNAL OR VIDEO SUBMISSION



PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 12 VIA GOOGLE REGISTRATION

Communications Day

Sunday, June 1

4-H Activity Center

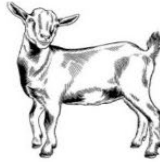
1:00PM-4:00PM

Special gifts for participants! -

hosted by Airport District 4-H

**Extemporaneous Speaking, Demonstrations,
Show and Tell, Posters and information on
other communications categories!**





MONROE COUNTY 4-H
CAPRINE COUNCIL
PRESENTS

GOAT YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH
6PM AND 7PM

FLYING FISH FARM
3010 GEIMAN RD MONROE, MI 48162

\$25 PER PERSON



PLEASE SCAN QR CODE
TO SIGN UP



Registration Link: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e9b6gxqRnm3GrYO

WE NEED YOU 😊 We are looking for gardeners and crafters to help/teach our classes

Registration
opens May 5th.

Monroe County 4-H



Green Thumb Expo

Learn how to grow
vegetables, plant
flowers, make yard art
and more!

**SATURDAY
JUNE 7**

9:30am - 11:30am

South Exhibit Building - Grass area

**4
COMPLETED
PROJECTS
Only
\$20**



**Each class is limited to 15 kids
Sign up early.**

**Sign up's are open
May 5 - May 28, 2025**

**4-H youth and Cloverbuds
can participate.**

**Sponsored by Monroe County 4-H Council
Refreshments will be provided**

Classes offered are:

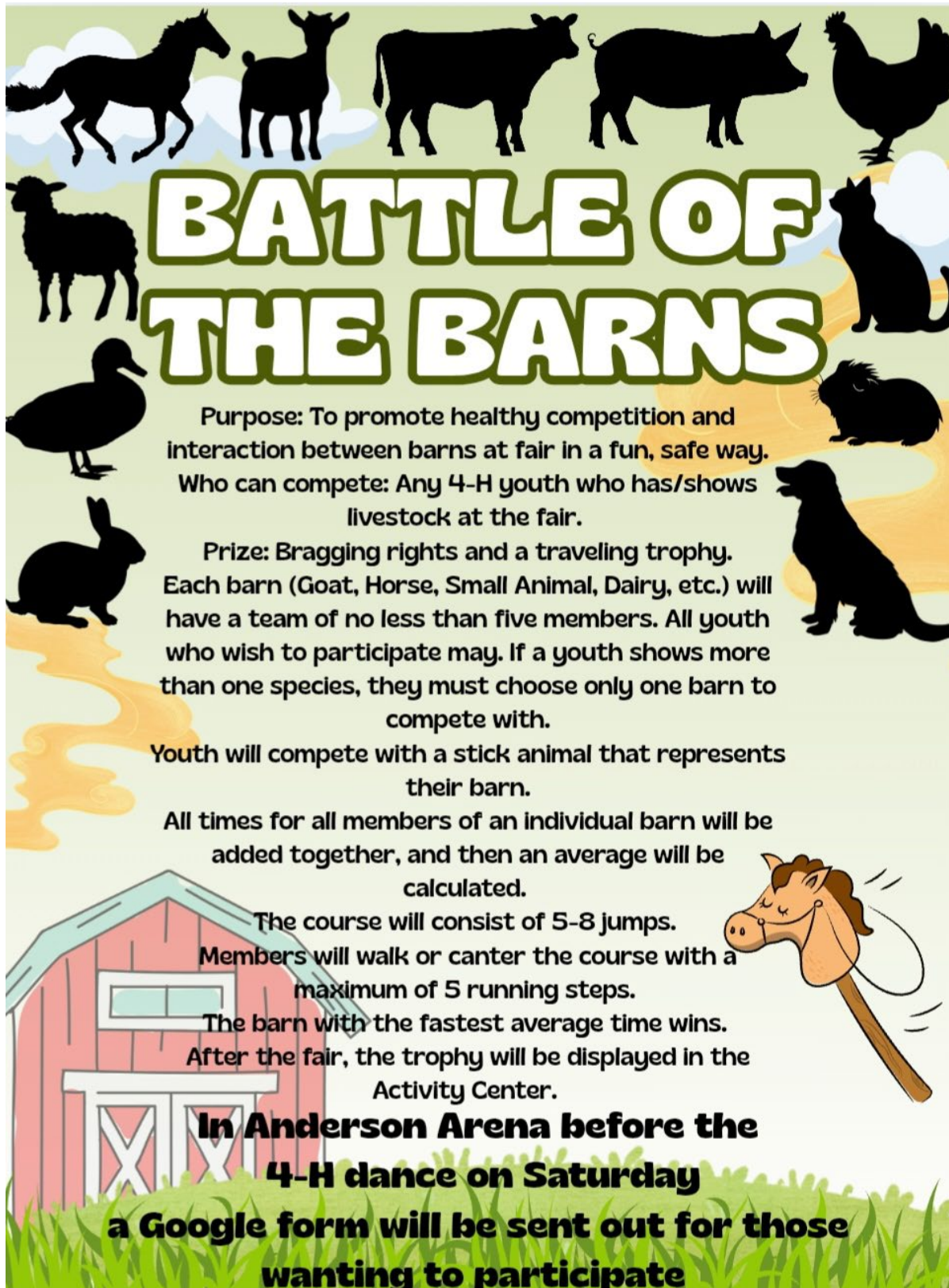
- A1. Patio Vegetable Planter**
Potted Geranium/Marigold
- B1. Hanging Basket & Tomato Plant**
- C1. Patio Pot & Tomato Plant**
- A2. Terrarium or Dish Garden**
- B2. Fairy Garden**
- C2. Catus or Succulent Garden**
- A3. Stepping Stone**
- B3. Wind Chime/Mobile**
- C3. Small Yard Art**

**You may choose 1 class from
each area in 1,2 and 3**





Fair Barn to Barn Competition



BATTLE OF THE BARNS

Purpose: To promote healthy competition and interaction between barns at fair in a fun, safe way.

Who can compete: Any 4-H youth who has/shows livestock at the fair.

Prize: Bragging rights and a traveling trophy.

Each barn (Goat, Horse, Small Animal, Dairy, etc.) will have a team of no less than five members. All youth who wish to participate may. If a youth shows more than one species, they must choose only one barn to compete with.

Youth will compete with a stick animal that represents their barn.

All times for all members of an individual barn will be added together, and then an average will be calculated.

The course will consist of 5-8 jumps.

Members will walk or canter the course with a maximum of 5 running steps.

The barn with the fastest average time wins.

After the fair, the trophy will be displayed in the Activity Center.

In Anderson Arena before the 4-H dance on Saturday a Google form will be sent out for those wanting to participate



Donations Needed

Teen Ambassadors is looking for donations to help support the Oaks of Righteousness during Monroe County Fair Week

July 27th – Aug 2nd



Drop Off Donations At:

Teen Ambassadors's
Office at the Monroe
County Fairgrounds

Give a little, help a lot

***We Need
Help With***

- ✓ Men's shower shoes
- ✓ Tissues
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Other toiletries
- ✓ Anything helps!

Early Donations? Contact: 734-915-0250



Gift Cards will be available for purchase

Monroe County 4-H Council

Invites you to join us

Open to the Public



Air-Conditioned

Breakfast - Daily Specials - Grilled Items

Beverages, Desserts & More

Good Food & Great Prices



4-H ACTIVITY CENTER DINING HALL

Monroe County Fairgrounds

July 27 - August 2, 2025 7:30am-7pm

Monroe County Fair "Michigans Finest"



Superintendent Agreements

If you have not submitted your Agreement please do so NOW!



Attention

calling all

2025

Fair Superintendents

*Superintendent Agreements will be
emailed the first week in April
Please sign and return your agreement by
May 1st, 2025*

Looking forward to another successful fair
and appreciate all that you do as a
superintendent!





**EXCLUSIVE
OFFER**

Boots & Baseball Weekend *WITH THE TOLEDO MUD HENS*

Friday May 30 – May 31 | Fifth Third Field

- ★ The Toledo Mud Hens and 4-H are partnering up to provide all the 4-H Clubs with an amazing opportunity to join us for Boots & Baseball weekend this Mud Hens season!
- ★ Opportunities include a special rate on tickets, dinner options, giveaways and more!



SCAN HERE

Contact Us

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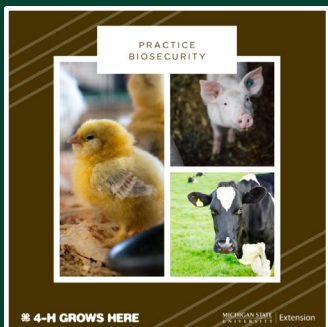
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged remain vigilant about biosecurity



In recent years, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and poultry across the country and Michigan. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity
- www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms
- www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza
- www.canr.msu.edu/avian-influenza/

May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Talk the Talk

Online

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. This session covers tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value, and empower youth with practical tips for impactful auctions and markets.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-may-7

May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn how to keep track of what you spend and earn so you can make smart choices for your project. Discover the power of record keeping and learn how to calculate your break-even point to make smarter decisions in livestock marketing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-14

May 15: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill

Online

This webinar will focus on supporting youth who face rumors about their projects and how to prevent the spread of misinformation.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-noon

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-7pm

May 15: Adulting 101 Webinar – Stay Safe Out There

Online

Practical strategies to help you stay aware, prepared and confident, no matter where you go.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/staysafe

May 19: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences

Online

Discover strategies to engage parents and implement shared leadership in your 4-H club.

12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-noon

7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-7pm

May 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

Delve into the 5 Ps of marketing and explore innovative strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales, and build valuable connections in the industry.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-21





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H license plate now available!

Michigan drivers have a new way to show their 4-H pride while supporting 4-H youth development programming: through the purchase of the newly released Michigan 4-H license plate. Available at the Michigan Secretary of State, the plate prominently displays the signature 4-H clover and part of the proceeds from every sale and renewal will go to support Michigan 4-H youth.

"We are elated that the Michigan 4-H license plate is officially here," said Quentin Tyler, director of Michigan State University Extension, which is home to the Michigan 4-H program. "We hope the many members of our Michigan 4-H community – youth, parents, alumni and supporters – will consider supporting 4-H by purchasing a plate as they renew their licenses this year."



Similar to other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate will cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee will also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting 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.

To learn more, visit extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2025-2026 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs. **All applications are due June 1.**

"County 4-H programs and clubs have so many unique programs," said Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. "Thanks to the support of our generous 4-H donor community, we are pleased to offer mini-grants to support these many wonderful programs."



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 \$500.** 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.

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



2025 Schedule of Events

Jan. 26- 4-H Tack Sale & More

Feb. 1-2- Oddities & Horror Fest

Feb. 8-9-Gun & Knife Show

March 9- The Vintage Market

March 15- Ducks Unlimited Banquet

March 22- Garage Sale & Flea Market

March 29- Winter Storage Removal

April 5- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show

April 6- FCHA Tack Sale

April 11- Soil Conservation Tree Sale

April 13- Auto Swap Meet

April 19- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show

April 27- Monroe Bike Show

May 2-Ag Awareness Day

May 2-4- Fair Food Drive-Thru

May 9-11- Scout-O-Rama

May 9-11- 4-H Horse Show

May 11- Flower & Garden Show

May 18- Motorcycle Swap Meet

May 24- Bedford Fire Explorer Training

May 30-June 1- FCHA Horse Show

June 6-8 -4-H Horse Show

June 8- The Vintage Market

June 12- Pending

June 15- Monroe Hamfest

June 20-22- 4-H Horse Show

June 21-22- Gun & Knife Show

July 4-6- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show

July 12-13- FCHA Horse Show

July 25- Fireworks

July 27- Aug 2 MONROE COUNTY FAIR

Aug. 16-17- Gun & Knife Show

Aug. 23-24- FCHA Horse Show

Sept. 7- Auto Swap Meet

Sept. 12-13- Monroe Comic Con

Sept. 26-28- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show

Oct. 4 - Winter Storage begins

Oct. 5 - Wicked Pickin'

Oct. 11-12- FCHA Horse Show

Oct. 18-Garage Sale & Flea Market

Oct. 25- Grand Day of Tournaments

Nov. 1-2-Shipshewana on the Road

Nov. 7-9 - Michigan Tattoo Convention

Nov. 15- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Dec. 14- The Vintage Market



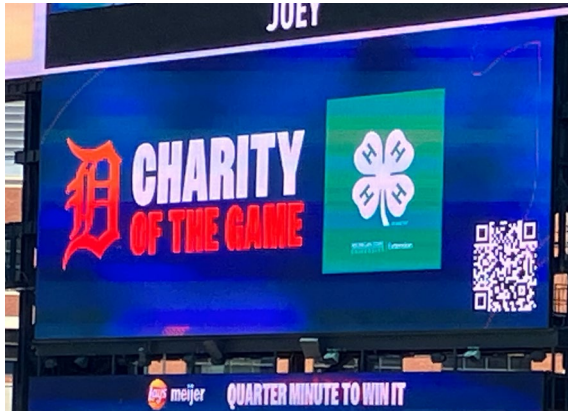
****Schedule subject to change. Visit our website monroecountyfair.com for more details and updates!**

Recap

Ag Day



4-H Day at the Tigers





Recap

Hippology and Horse Judging Contest

Huge congratulations to the Monroe County Hippology Team!

They have been working very hard since January studying for the Horse science education contest season that happened in March. We welcomed quite a few first-year contestants this year and were able to have both Junior and Senior level teams compete this year.

The Junior novice team consisting of Nora Sheets, Rye Gill, Ellie Hodge and Aubrey Hodge won first place in their age group. Individual awards were earned by Nora Sheets in the horse judging and exam categories. Along with Rye Gill earning an award for stations category.

The Senior Regular Team welcomed first year members Mia Brinson and Ava Barron to join our graduating 4hers Louis Leitner and Sophia Pizzo to the contest. Monroe senior team has dominated the team problem category for the last 3 years and this year missed the first place honor by only one point. Individual awards were earned by Sophia Pizzo in the stations and exams categories. Sophia earned 6th place overall high point in the senior regular age bracket.

At our second event the end of March, Monroe County youth headed to the MSU pavillion to compete in 4H and FFA horse Judging contest. This consisted of about 200 youth from all over Michigan and several out of state schools. This year our junior novice age bracket consisted of Nora Sheets and Rye Gill.

Our Senior Regular individual competitor was Elizabeth Gomez. Placing 3rd in the reasons score category. She has also earned the opportunity to compete with the new Michigan state 4h consortium horse judging team to travel to a national event in the fall.

So proud of all these great kids and their accomplishments! Special thanks to the great folks at Michigan State - David Lindsay, Karen Waite and all the volunteers and MSU students and the horse owners who volunteered their horses for contest. It takes so much planning to make these contests a success.



Overall high point awards in the junior novice age group were

- 8th place Rye Gill
- 7th place Aubrey Hodge
- 2nd place Nora Sheets

Placings in reasons score category

- 5th Nora Sheets
- 6th Rye Gill

High point individual overall score

- 8th Rye Gill

Senior Novice age bracket was Ava Barron and Mia Brinson.

Placings in the reasons score category

- 4th Ava Barron
- 7th Mia Brinson

High Point individual overall score

- 5th Ava Barron
- 8th Mia Brinson

The Monroe County Hippology Team is a horseless 4H project area. If you are interested in learning more about the contest or love learning about horses feel free to reach out to the Coach. Elizabeth Kotus via email ekotus@hotmail.com

Recap

Horse and Pony Mini Yearling Challenge Selections



Tom Blanchett Preview Show



Teen Ambassadors Service Project



Wellspring Lutheran Services

April 28 at 11:42 AM · 🌐

We're so grateful to the 4-H Teen Ambassadors from Monroe County for spending time with us at our Wellspring campus in Monroe this month!

As part of their April community service project, the group led a watercolor painting activity with our residents — bringing creativity, conversation, and lots of smiles. Their kindness and energy made such a positive impact, and we're excited to welcome them back for future visits!

A big thank you again to the amazing teens who stopped by and shared their time and talents with us — we appreciate you!



Many Hearts. One Family.



Recap

Drop-In With Jean- Macrame



Sponsorships

Monroe Community Credit Union - Council Sponsorship



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First Merchants Bank – Entrepreneurship Sponsorship



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