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# 2026 Pre-Fair Meeting

Monroe County 4-H

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STARS STRIPES AND  
COUNTRY NIGHTS



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# Pledges

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# What's in your folder?

Kitchen Duty/Sign-up

Guard Duty/ Sign-up

Parade of Flags  
Club Class Form

Fair Pass Request Form

Stall Fee Summary

Kitchen/ Guard  
Duty Letter and  
schedules

How to pull Roster  
Fair Entry help sheet  
W-9 1099 info sheet  
Shooting sports sheet

Swine Prohibited  
Product Affidavit  
Cat info sheets  
Kitchen Flyer

2026 Monroe County Fair  
Premium Catalog



**AUGUST 2  
TO  
AUGUST 8,  
2026**

*Stars and Stripes  
and Country Nights*

PREMIUM CATALOG SPONSORED BY  
COMPLETE CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS



4-H FAIR ENTRY  
DEADLINE  
JUNE 8, 2026 5 PM

Thank you to sponsors for helping with cost to print premium books.

Premium Catalogs- available tonight passed out after district meetings **limited supply one per family** Link to digital copy will be on FB, Website and in network (next week).

**Fair Entry Open May 08, 2026 to June 08<sup>th</sup>, 2026 5:00pm**

**Sticker deadline June 08<sup>th</sup>, 2026...Screening and corrections only from June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 15, 2027**

Link: [Fairent.com](https://fairent.com)

**\*\*\*Entries must be submitted online by June 08<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm. Late entries WILL NOT be accepted! No write ins will be accepted**

Fair Entry assistance see May network Video links. **Members need review and forward the fair entry conformation e-mails to leaders. Review to ensure accuracy**



# W-9 and 1099 Misc. form Federal reporting requirement

- A reporting gap was identified and is now being corrected moving forward. Youth receiving more than 2,000.00 will receive a 1099 Misc. form
- W-9 information will be collected on all youth participating in market classes and auctions (Static, Small and Large Animal)
- SSN will be collected through Fair Entry youth participating in auctions MUST provide
- If you do not put in your SSN when registering for projects, you'll have to come to the office and do the paper form (no phone calls or e-mails)
- Deadline to complete is June 08, 2026 or you will not be able to bring market animals to fair
- E-mail went out to families, also posted in network with link to info sheet in folder
- Please direct calls to Jean Genaw at (734) 240-3188

# Paperwork and Payment turn in

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Club **Leaders** will turn in paperwork and payments  
at the Activity Center

June 15, 2026

**1:00pm to 7:00pm**

**\*\*\*Late payments WILL NOT be accepted!**

- Kitchen and Guard duty sign-up sheets
- Parade of Flags
- Fair Pass Request
- Stall Fee Summary with payment (payments are not refundable) \*\*\*

## **Stall fees for 2026 Fair**

Sheep & Swine- \$18/ head

Horses & Ponies-\$18/ head

Beef Cattle- \$20/ head

Goats- \$10/ head

Poultry & Rabbits \$8/pen

Dairy Cattle \$5/head



# YQCA Training



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- Members ages 8-19 exhibiting Market animals must complete YQCA training to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair
  - link [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)
  - Must be Completed by **June 08, 2026**
  - Copy of cert must be provided to office. Submit certificate to YQCA google submission form [link](https://forms.gle/5M3Ab17QPtcPtUAZ9) <https://forms.gle/5M3Ab17QPtcPtUAZ9> in network



# Junior Superintendents

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- Google form is in the May network please use the link to sign-up youth
- Please submit applications by **June 15th**
  - for youth 11 and older
  - all 4-H areas open for assignments
- Great leadership opportunity

# Crafts I and II

Brenda Chandonnet, Rylie Crots  
Angela Michel & Tina LaPlante

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## New projects:

- **Section: 824 Pull-Apart**  
Cupcakes Cake
- **Section: 890 Shoebox Floats**

## Deleted projects:

- Club class

- Changes in any of the sections will be for clarification. Please read carefully both the General Rules and the Section Rules for your project.
- NOTE: always check the USDA guidelines when doing a preservation project. Recently there have been changes involving the use of fresh flowers and herbs in canning.

## Important Information

- SUPERINTENDENTS ARE STILL NEEDED IN THE CRAFT BARNS! PLEASE SEE BRENDA CHANDONNET TONIGHT OR CALL HER AT 734-915-5477

# Educational Building

Jackie Manwell & Roni Worden

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New Projects: None

## Deleted areas

- Discontinued Consumer's Ed.
- Any projects pertaining to Consumer's Ed. are to be entered in Section 979, Self Determined.

# Shooting Sports

**Denise Williams**

**419-280-1332**

## **Upcoming County Qualifiers:**

- **Youth involved in shooting sports must join a shooting sports club with a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor as a project leader. Youth are required to practice a minimum of two practices with their club, attend one county qualifier, and fill out the appropriate classes in fair entry. Youth 8 and older, depending on the division. Cloverbuds can join the Wildlife & Conservation Club to learn about hunting, tracking, and various nature facts.**

**\*\*all youth shooting in the fair shoot must attend one county qualifier to compete at the fair shoot and attend two club practices.**

**Set up for the fair shoot: all clubs need representation, asking for 5 each**

**Monroe County Fair Shoot: Saturday, DATE LOCATION 8:30 AM check-in, YOUTH MUST ARRIVE BEFORE 9:00 AM**

# Produce & Horticulture

Dennis Winter & Kevin Lomas

Phone 734-529-5091

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## Reminders:

- Check rules for container sizes as there have been changes
- Read premium catalog for rules including day (either Thursday or Saturday) and times that each project will be checked in at fair
- Changes Crops: Sun flowers important information the side branches are ok to leave on this year.

# New Horticulture Project

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- **Added a Fruit Class**
- **A. Must be grown by the 4-H Member**
- **B. Fruit must be fresh and Healthy**
- **C. Does not have to be ready for harvest (Green is ok)**
- **D. Exhibit on 6" paper plate.**
  - Example Small 6 Raspberries, Black berries, Blue berries, Grapes, Etc.
  - Medium 3 on plate Example Peaches, Apricots, Apples, Plums, Etc.
- **E. One type per plate.**
- **F. Project brought in on Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and judge**

# Jr. Livestock Association

Dave Reaume & Steve Haws

- JLA requires first year showers in project areas to attend JLA species clinic, to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair. **The June 02, 2026 fitting and showing clinic is your last chance to meet this requirement,** Starts at 6:00 pm on fairgrounds. (Dairy and Goats start at 7pm)
- •All members selling at auction must complete W9. This action is to be completed during fair registration.
- Haul-in schedule for fair Beef 1:00 to 3:00pm Saturday
- YQCA training required all Market Animals deadline June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Swine has added additional weight division see premium

- Read Premium Book both general and project specific rules
- Limited to **5** pens in the Small Animal Barn (Does not include cavy, pocket pets and Pigeons) ~~Only two can be sold at auction~~
- SAA MUST attend one workshop each year to be able to show at fair
  - Fitting & Showing Clinic (LAST CHANCE) Sign-in legibly!
    - Tuesday, June 2 6:00pm @ Fairgrounds/Small Animal Barn
    - For all showmanship please register in Fair Entry

# Small Animals

Ron Bash, Tim Henes, Jeff Linn, Susan Arting

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## Changes

2 New Rabbit Breeds See Premium

2 Rabbit Breeds eliminated

## New Growth Rate Card

Broilers are 1 week older to manage pin feathers

Tie Breaker information in Premium book

## Market Rabbit

### Rate of Growth Worksheet

4H Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in project \_\_\_\_\_

Market Class Project \_\_\_\_\_

Date Kindled or Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

\* Rabbits must be purchased no less than 4 weeks before the show and

\* Proof of purchase is required.

\* Please include name of Rabbitry or Seller

#### Growth Tracking

1. The Date and weight of each individual rabbit. Documented x 4 weeks.
2. If litter is kindled, then additional weights of documentation are optional.
3. Permanent tattoos in left ear are **required**.

Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cost

1. Amount of feed purchased for your project is in weight and cost.
2. Food cost equation:
  - Divide the final weight of food needed to raise your project by the final weight of your project. This will result in your final pounds of feed needed per rabbit.
  - Divide your total cost of feed by your total weight of your project. This will give the total cost per pound for your project.

#### Misc. Charting

- Any weather or other issues that might have occurred that would influence the rate of growth of your project.
- Any additional costs occurred.

#### Market Classes Numbers

Fryer **6117**

Meat Pen **6118**

Roaster **6119**

- One worksheet per class.
- Use back of worksheet to complete documentation.

# Dogs/ Cats

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- Cats Kim Cramer- flyer in folder
- Dogs Casey Young

# Communications

- **Check in for communication projects: Sign-up Thursday outside of the 4-H Headquarters office for all communication projects. Written assignments for projects are due then.**
- **Communication projects are judged on Friday, 7/31 starting at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors must check- before 11:00 a.m. with each category superintendent.**
- **By Invitation Only/ Silver Ribbon Presentations will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday @ 10:30am-11:30 am-White Entertainment Tent (check out projects before presentation then return after). Silver awards will be placed on projects.**

Michelle McLaughlin

Lori Jo Couch

(734)740-7114



# Horse & Pony

Nicole Calhoun & Chelsea Wright

Main Communication is through the Horse and Pony members Only Facebook page and Monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month.

**MUST** be in a horse club to participate in Horse and Horseless projects.

- Leveling show MAY 09-10th
- Must complete 6 volunteer hours to show at fair  
work bees start in June on Tuesdays, limited projects
- Mandatory meetings (must attend 1) in person with a parent
- Must exhibit at **one summer show** to show at fair

## Horse & Pony Shows

- June 6-7, 2026 \*\*\*No haul out during fair week\*\*\*
- June 26-28<sup>th</sup>
- Have added open ride nights May 20, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Awards



Debbie Kraftchick [Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu](mailto:Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu)  
& Brenda Martin

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- Award Sponsorship payments are due June 15, 2026
  - Cost for Large trophies \$35.00, Others remain at \$25.00 and Banners have replaced some in SAA and JLA.
  - New Sponsorships available – please see Debbie and Brenda tonight or send email to Debbie @ [Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu](mailto:Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu)



# Human Resources

Patti Wartinger (734)-777-0493

Autum Shipe (734) 430-6193

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- Kitchen duty & Guard duty
- Forms will be turned in on June 15, 2026 at paper turn-in
- Please complete forms with names and addresses legibly
- Make it a priority to have the volunteer who signed up be the ones that works the shift.



# Cloverbud Recognition

Thank you to Directions Credit Union Sponsor

- Thursday, August 06, 2026 @ The Andersons Livestock Arena  
Check in at 3:30 and start at 4:00
- Each Cloverbud in attendance will be recognized by name and given a small trophy, green rosette-style ribbon and T-Shirt
- Responsibility of the club leader to inform/invite the Cloverbuds and their families

# Green Thumb Expo



Registration opens May 1st.

Monroe County 4-H

## Green Thumb Expo

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

**4 COMPLETED PROJECTS Only \$20**



Each class is limited to 15 kids Sign up early.

Sign up's are open May 1 - June 1, 2026

4-H youth and Cloverbuds can participate.

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

**Monroe County 4-H**

**Green Thumb Expo**

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

**SATURDAY JUNE 6**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**South Exhibit Building - Grass area**

**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. Cactus or Succulent Garden**
- A3. Stepping Stone**
- B3. Birdhouse**
- C3. Small Yard Art**

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

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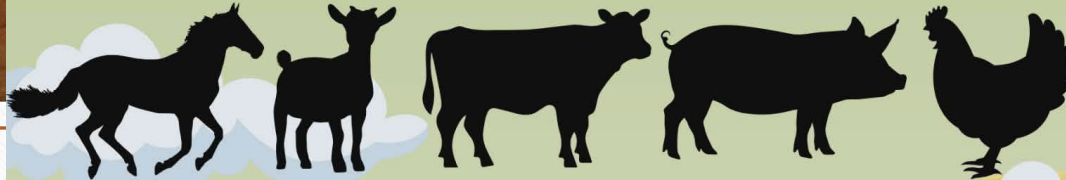
# 4-H night @ Flat Rock speedway

June 13, 2026

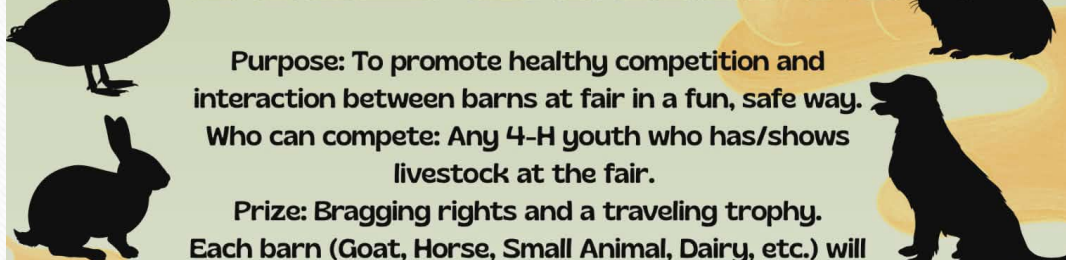
Will post on FB when tickets arrive at the office

## **Battle of the barns**

flyer will be in the next network.



# 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.

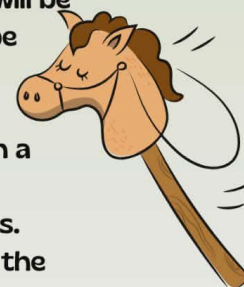
All times for all members of an individual barn will be added together, and then an average will be calculated.

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, August 8th**

# Other important Items

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- READ THE NETWORK!!!!
- Work Bees Start June every Tuesday at 6:00pm
- June 2nd Fitting and Showing clinic 6:00pm at fair grounds
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Fair Entry and YQCA
- June 15 Paperwork turn-in 1:00 to 7:00pm
- All BARN SET-UP July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

# District appointments and voting

## Importance of Council

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### **INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTIONS/VOTING**

- Council bylaws state that ALL 4-H leaders, parents, and members are eligible to vote for Council members.
- Voters required to indicate the district they belong to and are limited to voting within their Primary district.
- We accept nominations for district representation up to and including Fair Registration Day, with write-ins being accepted through the conclusion of Saturday project check-in day.
- Elections will be held during all three Fair project check-in days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) QR code available at the 4-H Headquarters.
- In the event an elected youth or adult declines the role, the individual with next highest vote count will fill the position.

# District Meetings

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- Airport
- Bedford
- Custer
- Dundee



Please review Nominations for council

Premium Catalogs will be distributed after District meetings.

ONE PER FAMILY



# 4-H Clubs by District



## Airport District

Faithful Friends  
City Slickers  
Tri Star All Stars  
Denim and Dust  
Carleton Go- Getters  
Crazy Clovers  
Hooves, Spurs, and Furs  
Purrfect Paws and Friends  
Swan Creek 4-H  
All 4 One  
Raisinville Wranglers  
Treasure Hunters  
Country Critters  
Maybe Muskrats  
St. Johns Sun Catchers

## Bedford District

Krazy Kids  
Erie Silver Streakers  
Family Roots  
The Hare Raisers  
Spooky Spurs  
Kids on the Rock  
The Wild Things  
God's Lighthouse  
Good Samaritans  
Yackity Youngsters  
Unlimited Horse Power  
Progress Seekers  
Country Kids  
Bits & Bridles  
Striving Clovers  
Jeans & Jodhpurs  
Wise Acres  
All Stars  
\*Lake Erie 4-H\*  
\*Herd 734\*

## Custer District

Stable Stars  
Bucks & Boots  
Clover Club  
Happytimers  
Legacy 4-H  
Paws-R-Us  
Country Charmers  
Blue Ribbon Gang  
LaSalle Lucky Bunch  
Pioneer 4-H  
Meadow Montessori  
Barnyard Clovers  
Kidds 4-H  
Klover Kids  
\*Udder Chaos\*  
\*Ida Crafters\*

## Dundee District

Clover Clan  
London Fancy Farmers  
Farm Trotters  
Milan Easy Riders  
Country Bunch  
Dundee Achievers  
Crazy Bout Critters  
Royal Clovers  
Crafty Farmers  
Team Clover  
Cowboys & Angels  
The Show Stoppers  
Dundee 4-Hers  
Snoopy's Friends  
Green Leaf Gang  
Huckleberry Hounds  
Ottawa Lake4-H Servers  
Blue Streak Bunch



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