



4-H Family News

June 2026



Welcome to the Month of June


Welcome to June! Make sure you read your Network, so you don't miss a thing! We are jammed packed this month.

Fair Entry will close on June 8th 2026. All fair projects Must be registered in Fair Entry to be brought and displayed at fair.

If you need assistance please come to the fair entry help night on June 04, 2026, 5-7pm, in AC.

Jean A. Genaw
Monroe County Program Coordinator

This month's content highlights

- **Fitting and Showing clinic June 02, 2026 6:00pm Goat and Dary 7:00pm on the fairgrounds**
- **Fair Entry help night June 4th 5:00pm AC, Bring all needed information**
- **Fair Baking**
- **Green Thumb expo**
- **FAIR ENTRY Deadline June 08, 2026** 
- **YQCA Training Deadline June 08, 2026 don't forget to submit to office**
- **Spring tea**
- **4-H night at Flat Rock speedway**
- **Leader fair paperwork turn-in**
- **Drop-in with Jean 6/16**
- **Dog rally and agility**
- **Horse Shows**

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



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JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4-H Council; AC 7PM 	2 Fitting and Showing Clinic 6:00pm fairgrounds	3 H&P open ride night 4:15pm Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	4 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Fair Entry Help Night; AC 5-7PM	5 Fair Baking Noon - 5:00 AC 4-H Horse show 5th-7th	6 Green Thumb Expo; Fairgrounds 9:00AM
7 Dog Rally Obedience Clinic, Milan 9:00 am Registration needed	8 FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE Horse & Pony; AC 7PM 	9	10 Whispering Spirits Arena Practice; AC 7PM	11	12	13 4-H night @ Flat Rock Speedway Terra Quest Spring Tea; AC 1-3PM
14	15 Leader Fair Paperwork Turn In; AC 1PM Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	16 Drop In w/Jean; ELC 5PM Dog Agility Practice; by Glen Stock 6PM Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	17 H&P open ride night 4:00pm JLA; ELC 7PM	18 Broiler pick up Fair Advisory Board; ELC 7PM	19	20
21	22	23 Entrepreneur ship; AC 6:30PM Animal Record Keeping	24 Whispering Spirits Arena Practice; AC 7PM Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	25	26 4-H Horse show 26th-28	27
28	29	30				

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	2	3	4 Independen-c e Day!
5	6 4-H Council; AC 7PM	7 Terra Quest; AC 6PM Barn Set-Up; Fairgrounds 6PM	8 Fair Baking; AC Noon- 5:00pm H&P Ride Night; Horse Arena 4PM	9	10	11 Dog Fun Match; Outside Glenn Stock 10AM
12	13 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	14 Hippology; AC 5:30PM	15 JLA; ELC 7PM Shooting Sports; ELC 7PM Whispering Spirits Arena Prac; AC 7PM	16 Dog Agility Practice; by Glenstock 6:30PM Cat Board; AC 6:30PM FAB; ELC 7PM	17 4-H all Mini Horse Show 17th-19th	18
19 4-H Cat Show Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1:00pm registration	20	21 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	22 H&P Ride Night; Horse Arena 4:15PM	23 Superintende nt Mtg; AC 7PM	24	25
26	27 SAA; ELC 7PM	28	29 Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	30 Fair Project Check-In	31	
<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h2>Monroe County Fair</h2> </div>						



Make sure you bring 4-H online password, tag numbers,
SSN (mkt Animals), pictures of animals, YQCA cert #,
Department, section and class numbers)




FAIR ENTRY

Help Night

Need help with Fair Entry? Stop in and
we can help you!

June 4th from 5-7pm
@ the Activity Center




No registration needed.
Drop in any time from 5-7Pm.





Fair Entry DEADLINE June 08, 2026

Families- All 4-H projects that youth plan to take to Fair will need to be entered into Fair Entry By **June 08, 2026** 

DO NOT WAIT TO COMPLETE

Come to help nigh June 04, 2026 if support is needed

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

Review your entries to ensure they are complete and accurate

*****Any youth participating in Auction(s) Static, Small Animal or Large Animal must enter their SSN in Fair Entry. If you do not enter SSN in Fair Entry when you enter projects, you'll have to come to the office and complete a paper form by June 08, 2026. If not completed youth will not be able to bring market animals to fair.**

Important items to have before starting SSN (auction youth only), Tag numbers, pictures of animals, YQCA certificate number for market animals, Department, section and class numbers***

Fair Entry Link: [2026 Monroe County Fair - FairEntry.com](https://2026.monroecountyfair.com/fairentry)

When asked How would you like to participate? Click As an Exhibitor

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

Electronic Premium Book link: [2026-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf](#)



YQCA Training



Complete YQCA no later than June 08, 2026 *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 08, 2026 to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.**

YQCA Webbased training remains an option

Webbased training \$12.00 **Web based training** Go to [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](https://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. **Youth can complete the course online each module takes 15-20 minutes with there is a total of five (5) modules.**

*19 year olds must take online course

DONT FORGET YOU MUST PROVIDE A COPY TO THE OFFICE

*****Once YQCA is Completed youth must provide a copy of certificate to the extension office! Options to submit: electronically at**

<https://forms.gle/5M3Ab17QPtcPtUAZ9> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. ***



Clickable Links:

·YQCA Web-based [YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingWBTCertification_2024.pdf](#)



Small Animal

Next Meeting Tuesday May 26, 2026 @7:00pm ELC

Save the Dates:

Small animal requires youth to attend one workshop per year

Correction to premium book page 70 youth can bring 5 pens

Last chance to get SAA clinic in for fair:
Fitting and Showing clinic 6/2/2026
6pm fair grounds **last opportunity to attend a small animal clinic**

- Duck \$4.00 pick-up 4/30/2026 3:00 Luckey Farmers Ida
- Broilers 2.50 pick up June 18th 3:00 Luckey Farmers Ida
- Turkey orders due 2/10/2026 \$4.00(turkey orders can be done on your own)
- Rosters on your own

Barn Set-up July 07, 2026 6:00pm

YQCA training required for MKT animals due no later than 6/8 don't wait do now
See YQCA page for more information

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[Monroe County Small Animal Association](#)

[Monroe County 4-H Dog Program](#)

[Monroe County 4-H Cat Program](#)



SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 25-26

President: Daisy Branham
 Vice President: Journey Williams
 Recording Secretary: Kathryn Dietrich
 Corresponding Secretary: Angyl Bischoff
 Youth Treasurer: Samantha Gibson
 Historian: Mackenzie Sommers



Monroe County 4-H
Cat Program



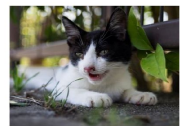
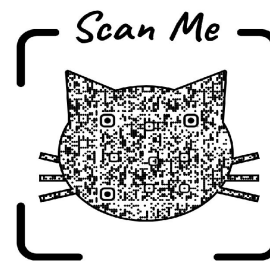
Meeting Location: 4-H Activity Center

Meeting Dates: 3rd Monday of the month
(except December, January, July and August)

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds who own a cat are welcome.

For more information: Contact Kim Cramer at cramergirls09@gmail.com or scan the QR Code.



4-H Cat fair Show Prince
of Peace July 19, 2026
1:00pm registration starts



New Market Rabbit Growth worksheet

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.



Thank you for your Support

April 2026

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 \$550 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
jilinn96@gmail.com

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





Small Animal Processing

Do you want your poultry or rabbits processed by Munsell's Poultry Processing?

Munsell's Poultry Processing is locally owned and operated in Fowlerville, MI. We provide a complete service for the processing of poultry and rabbits. Our services extend to area growers, county fairs, FFA members and many more. We seek to serve with the highest customer satisfaction in processing and cutting specialized orders. We are also USDA Inspected and Certified.



If so, please fill out the google form ASAP.

Any questions contact Grace Herkimer.
grace.herkimer1@gmail.com

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9GFuelj4PqXi6v0o1Zib6zUFJiracqiKEyZlQTf07FPpOSq/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

You can bring the "extra animals" that do not get picked to go to the fair. i.e. I bought 15 birds and I only take 3 to the fair. I can get the other 12 birds processed through Munsell's.

Processing Fees

Chicken	\$8.00
Turkey	\$17.00
Duck	\$24.00
Goose	\$24.00
Rabbit	\$8.00

Animal Drop-off Date: Sunday, August 9, 2026

9-10:30am at the end of the south end of small animal barn

Processed Animal Pick Up Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Time and Location: 4-5pm at south end of small animal barn.

(Processed Animals will be returned in a refrigerated truck.)

Payment is required at the conclusion of the Small Animal Auction for processing.



Monroe 4-H Dog Program



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026!

MAY 1ST - AG AWARENESS DAY

MAY 5TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

MAY 31ST - FUN MATCH @ 12PM

JUNE 2ND - FAIR FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

JUNE 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

JULY 11TH - FUN MATCH @ 10AM

JULY 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

AUGUST 1ST - FAIR SHOW @ 8AM

AUGUST 2ND - DOGGIE DRESS-UP @ 7PM

AUGUST 7TH - FAIR SHOW - RALLY @ 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 19TH - MI STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

**For more information please contact your club
leaders or the dog program superintendent,
Casey Young 419-344-3753**





Fun Match Dog Show



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

4-H FUN MATCH DOG SHOW

ALL 4-H YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A PRACTICE DOG SHOW! CLASSES OFFERED ARE: OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY OBEDIENCE

SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026 - 12PM

MONROE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS - GLENN STOCK ARENA

3775 S. CUSTER RD. MONROE, MI 48161

- \$5 PER ENTRY (OUT OF COUNTY 4-H ARE WELCOME AND WILL HAVE A \$5 ADDITIONAL FEE TO THEIR ENTRY TOTAL)
- PRE-REGISTRATION BY MAY 27 IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!
- **SET UP BEGINS AT 10:30AM! ALL YOUTH (OR THEIR FAMILIES) HELPING SET UP AND/OR TEAR DOWN WILL RECEIVE \$5 OFF THEIR YOUTHS ENTRY FEE!**
- LIMITED CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE - CASH ONLY

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE INCLUDING CLOVERBUDS!

**ALL DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON VACCINES*

**A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT FOR YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 13 YRS*

**PLEASE BRING CHAIRS, KENNELS AND WATER FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG*

Scan this code to pre-register!

<https://forms.gle/G4iMALFtwit1k74dA>



Contact Casey Young
for more information

419-344-3753

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and events!





MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM DOG RALLY OBEDIENCE CLINIC

ALL 4-H YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A CLINIC TO FOCUS ON LEARNING RALLY OBEDIENCE AND WORK ON IMPROVING YOUR RALLY OBEDIENCE SKILLS WITH A PROFESSIONAL RALLY OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR!

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH, 2026

DAY ACRES FARM - 1209 DAY RD. MILAN, MI

CLINIC WILL BE HELD IN THE INDOOR AREA!

- 9AM TO 11:30AM - BEGINNER RALLY (CLOVERBUDS AND NOVICE CLASSE)
- 11:30AM TO 12:30PM - LUNCH BREAK
- 12:30PM TO 2:30PM - INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED RALLY CLINIC
- 2:30PM TO 4:30PM - EXCELLENT AND MASTER RALLY CLINIC

ALL AGES AND LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE INCLUDING CLOVERBUDS!

\$25 PER PARTICIPANT/DOG PAIR DUE DAY OF CLINIC

**ALL DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON VACCINES*

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND FOR YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 10 YRS*

**BRING CHAIRS, KENNELS AND WATER FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG*

**IF ATTENDING FOR FULL DAY PLEASE BRING YOUR LUNCH*

****FOR THE CLINIC PLEASE BRING 3 DIFFERENT TYPES OF DOG TREATS AND 2 OF YOUR DOGS FAVORITE DOG TOYS FOR YOUR DOG TO USE DURING THE CLINIC.***

Scan this code to register!

<https://forms.gle/xvZds4IMsTQ6EjreA>



Contact Casey Young
for more information

419-344-3753

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upcoming activities
and events!





Junior Livestock Association News

Next JLA June 17, 2026 6pm Auction Committee Meeting, 7pm monthly board mtg. ELC

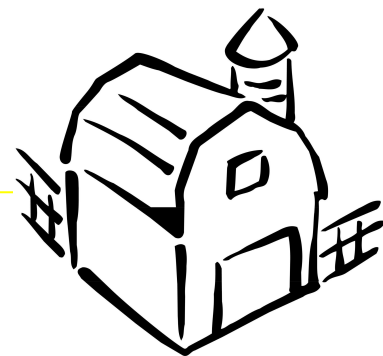


Clinics: JLA requires 1st time showers to attend species specific clinics. All are encouraged to attend

*****Last chance to meet first time shower requirement
Fitting and Showing 6/2/2026 6pm Fairgrounds**

YQCA webbased option available see YQCA page
DEADLINE JUNE 08, 2026

Barn Set-up July 7th 6:00pm



2025-2026 JLA Officers
President: Sophie Kreps
Vice President: Kayla Pittman
Secretary: Lindsey Roof
Treasurer: Clara Iott



W-9 1099-MISC form

Dear 4-H Families that participate in Market Animal projects during the Fair,

We are sharing an important update regarding federal tax form requirements that will affect youth participating in livestock and still-exhibit auctions beginning with the **2026 fair season**. Please review the attached document for full details.

Beginning in 2026, MSU Extension is required to follow IRS regulations that mandate issuing a **1099-MISC** to any youth who receives **\$2,000 or more** in total payments from auction activities within a calendar year. As noted in the attachment, *“MSU Extension must follow Federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations requiring livestock and still exhibit auctions to issue a 1099-MISC to any youth who receives \$2,000 or more in total payments...” Families should also be aware that “Counties conducting 4-H Auctions will require all 4-H youth to submit a W-9 before they are eligible to market their animals or still exhibits.”*

W-9 forms or the “form” information will be collected through a secure, encrypted system prior to the auction, and the MSU Controller’s Office will mail 1099-MISC forms to families by February 1, 2027, for income earned in 2026. In Monroe County, we will collect the exhibitor's social security number through the online registration system fairentry (opens in May). The number is encrypted, secure and will serve as the way we will collect the W-9 information.

Please submit your youth correct SSN through the fairentry system before hitting submit. Once you hit submit you will not be able to go back and edit the SSN and will have to come to the office to complete a paper W-9 Form for staff to use to input the youth SSN.

Please take a moment to read the attached handout so you know what to expect and can plan. If you have any questions, we are here to help.

If you have any questions regarding the attached information, the process or what this means to our exhibitors, please reach out to Jean Genaw at (734) 240-3188 or via email at Genawjea@msu.edu .

We look forward to a great Fair and seeing all our exhibitors succeed!!!!!!!



Youth Volunteer Hours

Get Involved in the Barns!

Help in the Small Animal Barn & Junior Livestock Barns!

Complete a Minimum of **8** Volunteer Hours
January 1st - July 24th

- ✓ Rabbit Clinic
- ✓ Sheep Tagging
- ✓ Cleaning Barns
- ✓ Fitting & Showing Clinic
- ✓ Rabbit Show

Turn in Your Volunteer Log!

- Submit a sheet with:
 - ✓ Date & Event
 - ✓ Total Hours Worked
 - ✓ Signature of Jean Genaw, Ron Bash, Dave, or Superintendent
 - ✓ Description of Your Tasks

Receive a Plaque for Your Pen at the Fair!

Get Your Hours In By **July 24th!**

Volunteer Forms Due to:
Large Animal Superintendents
or Small Animal Superintendents

2026
Volunteered
8 Hours
Your Name

Additional volunteer hour opportunities

WorkBees held each Tuesday on Fairgrounds starting on June 09th 6:00pm bring tools, racks, wheelbarrows, gloves limited supply on hand.

Barn Set-up July 7 6:00pm



Dairy Board / Goat Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

Thank you 2025 Monroe County 4-H Dairy Board Sponsors

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| Access & Alarm, Inc.
Agri Parts, LLC
Bass Roofing
Busen's Appliance, Inc.
Calder Dairy & Farm
Carleton Farm Supply
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Christian and Erin Stumpmier
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Delker's Automotive
Dennis and Linda Jaskot
Dundee Lumber, Inc.
Family Farm & Home - Monroe
Finishers Unlimited
Fitch Family Farm
Girbach Ag LLC
Golden Harvest Seeds - Mark & Sarah Mathe
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Knapke Brothers Dairy
Kraig and Carole Straub
Luckey Farmers, Inc.
Masserant's Feed & Grain - Newport
Maybee Farmers, Inc.
Miller Hoof Trimming
Mitchell Langton
Monroe County Farm Bureau
Monroe Fencing Co.
Neher Perfect Lawn Care
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Ray's Septic Tank Cleaning
Sandy Barton
Salenbien Trucking & Excavating
Schafer Dairy Farms
The Carner Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance
The Tire Depot - Dundee
Thompson Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Tractor Supply Co. - Monroe
UIS Insurance & Investments
Wind in the Willows Floral Boutique |
|---|---|

Next Dairy Meeting
 TBD
 Fitting and showing clinic
 6/2/ 7:00pm



Next Caprine Meeting
 6/16/2026 7pm ELC

Caprine Council

2025-2026 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

Vice President- Liam Bednarz

Treasurer- Emma Lane

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Historian- Ashlyn Weslow

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Liam Bednarz



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253198708037002/>

Monroe County Caprine Council
 FaceBook Page Drafted By-laws
 are under the file section



Horse and Pony News

Save The Dates

- Open ride nights see flyer
- Point Show 1 June 5-7
- Point Show 2 June 26-28
- All Mini Show- July 17-19
- Clinic/Meet and Greet- September 13th
- Banquet 2026 November 6th

2026 H&P Officers

President- Nora Sheets

Vice President- Mackenzie Reed

Secretary- Mia Brinson

Treasure- Maleah Wylie

Webmaster/Historian- Laynie Timmons



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



Horse and Pony open ride nights

Monroe County 4-H Horse & Pony

OPEN RIDE NIGHTS

May 6th, May 20th, June 3rd, June 17th, July 8th, July 22nd

\$10 per Rider for Open Arena

5 Minutes on the Pattern: \$2 per slot

Gymkhana Expo: \$5 per run

Cash or Check Only

Haul In begins at 4:15pm. Arena will be open for lunging only from 4:30pm to 5:00pm. Patterns will be set up in the warm-up arena from 4:30 to 8:15, with periodic changes of the pattern. The main arena will be available for open riding from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Gymkhana Expos will be from 7:15pm to 8:15pm, switching from barrels to poles halfway through.

Payment collected at the door. All participants must abide by event and 4-H Rules. Sign ups for Patterns and Expos posted in advance. Slots will have approximate times but are subject to change. Missed slots will be added to the back of the line-up. Pre-registration not required but encouraged to ensure your time on the pattern.

Rules:

1. All riders under 18 must be wearing a helmet.
2. Proper footwear required for anyone in the arenas or handling horses.
3. Attendees are responsible for cleaning up after their horses!
4. Barns closed - no stalls, tie-out only. No tying horses to fences. Horses are only to be tied to trailers.
5. Open to riders of all ages. Riders do not have to be a 4-H member to attend.
6. Patterns will be provided but you are free to work the course as you wish for your allotted time.
7. Please be respectful of other riders in the arenas. Respect time slots for patterns; enter and leave patterns promptly.
8. Gymkhana warm up will be in the main arena during open arena time. Make-up arena will not be available for gymkhana warm up prior to gymkhana expos beginning.
9. Attendees may use patterns slots for in-hand practice, including minis. Open arena and gymkhana open to riders only.



Contact Elizabeth Kotus with questions: 734-604-4951 or ekotus@hotmail.com

MASTER STOCKMAN OVERVIEW

Pg.	99		Miscellaneous Horse Program Classes			
Class	F27		Master Stockman (Equestrian)	Horseless Project	All Ages	Test, Educational Poster, Crafts

You will be prompted to enter horse information when signing up under this section.

Master Stockman – Equine Division:

The Master Stockman Program is designed to encourage the members to learn more about their Equine project by participating in several divisions. Each project entered for competition in the Master Stockman Division you must use an equine subject as the basis for your project.

The following are the areas of participation to be scored on. All classes below (minus the testing) sign up for these classes under that division section in the premium catalog. All directions for each class requirements you will follow under that section in the premium except it must relate to the Equine.

1. Testing on Equine: **MANDATORY PARTICIPATION** This year the knowledge test is to be given by the Superintendent or Education Chair. All participants will be contacted to be reminded this year the test will be taking place on **Tuesday, July 14th at the Activity Center between 5:30-8:00pm.** If there are extenuating circumstances, one date during fair week will be a make up test time.
2. Educational Poster promo: **MANDATORY PARTICIPATION.** Please note: This is **not** listed as master stockman area in the premium catalog. 4-H Poster Promotion found on p. 138.
3. Craft area: You are **required to do a minimum of two** in any of these master stockman craft areas for contest placing consideration. Choose from the areas below.

- A. Record Keeping p. 128
- B. Animal science p. 129
- C. Photography p. 130
- D. Safety and First Aid p.133
- E. Public Speaking p. 136
- F. Demonstration p. 137
- G. Essay Writing and Presentation p. 137
- H. Graphic Design and Presentation p.138
- I. Powerpoint Presentation p. 139

EXAMPLE FOR THE CRAFT AREAS

SPEECH: ON BANDING OR BRAIDING, ON HOOF CARE OR NUTRITION

PHOTOGRAPHY: THE EQUINE IN SHOW OR NATURAL STATE

ESSAY WRITING: WHY YOU SHOW; WHAT DRESSAGE IS; WHAT EQUINE SPORTS MEANS TO YOU; ETC.

4. At minimum, four scored (2-mandatory, 2-craft) area projects are required to be considered for the Master Stockman contest. You may complete more than the 2- craft master stockman craft areas. If more are submitted, total craft score overall will be used for placing consideration.

5. In case of a tie. The following scores will be used as the tie breakers. 1. Test score will be the tie breaker 2. Poster promotion placing. 3. if there is still a tie, we will do a quiz off to determine the winner.

6. Award winners will be announced at the year-end horse and pony banquet and prizes will be based on the amount of sponsorship to this area.



Master Stockman Overview Cont.

Test questions come from:

1. MCHP rules and regulations posted on Facebook members only
 2. MCHP Bylaws posted on Face book members only
 3. • Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules & Regulations (Revised 2022), Michigan State University Extension.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/2022HorseBk-Big-FullSheet_Proof1_2022-04.pdf
 4. 4H books listed below:
 - 4-H Horse Science (4-H 1229). Ray J. Antoniewicz, National 4-H Council.
<https://shop4-h.org/products/horse-program-curriculum-horse-science>
 - 4-H Horses and Horsemanship (4-H 1228). Ray J. Antoniewicz, National 4-H Council.
<https://shop4-h.org/products/horse-program-curriculum-horses-horsemanship>
 - The Official Horse Breeds Standards Guide, Fran Lynghaug.
 - Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of all Ages, Jean T. Griffiths.
- ** Resource bins are available for study and can be borrowed from the Monroe County 4-H Hippology Team**

TEST Example:

1. How many pairs of chromosomes do horses have?
 - a. 30
 - b. 32
 - c. 60
 - d. 64
2. In which of the following locations on the horse's body would you check the Capillary Refill Time?
 - a. Behind the fetlock
 - b. In the chin groove
 - c. Left side of barrel
 - d. On the gums in mouth
3. This disease attacks the central nervous system and can cause lameness, gait abnormalities, head tilting and muscle wasting. The best form of diagnosis is made by checking antibody levels in the cerebral spinal fluid.
 - a. Leptospirosis
 - b. Equine Protozoa! Myeloencephalitis
 - c. Potomac Horse Fever
 - d. Equine Influenza
4. How many days is the heat period in mares?
 - a. 10-12 days
 - b. 16-18 days
 - c. 5-7 days
 - d. 8-10 days
5. How many beats are in the canter?
 - a. Two
 - b. One
 - c. Four
 - d. Three
6. A snaffle bit applies what kind of pressure?
 - a. Indirect pressure
 - b. Differed pressure
 - c. Direct pressure
 - d. It does not apply pressure



<https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses.../registration-information>

MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JORDAN AT HEWITTJ8@MSU.EDU
OR DAVID AT LINDSA75@MSU.EDU

-  **What is this program:**
 - Recognize youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.
-  **Who Can Participate:**
 - Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.
-  **What are the requirements to log my hours:**
 - Trail location, date, hours ridden, miles, type of ride
 - Trail type classes or arena riding do not count towards these hours
 - Miles will accrue from August 1st thru the following July 31st.
-  **Recognition:**
 - Top five Junior and Senior participants awarded at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.
-  **How do I Record my Rides:**
 - Use this link to record your rides:
https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOyn5zWO RdTsyfY



NEW STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Michigan 4-H is launching a **new Statewide** 4-H Trail Riding Recognition Program to celebrate youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.

Trail riding helps youth build:

- ✓ Rider Safety
- ✓ Horse and Rider Bond
- ✓ Rider Confidence

Now those miles earn statewide recognition!

- ✓ **Open to all enrolled Michigan 4-H** horse project members



Top 5 Junior & Top 5 Senior riders recognized at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show





Green Thumb expo Register by June 01, 2026

Link: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPAZITDfvHqZ18a

Dixie Sandborn and Chris Galbraith will host education topics at the beginning of event.

Registration opens May 1st.

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

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

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



TERRA QUEST PRESENTS



Spring Tea

RESCHEDULED

Come delight in an afternoon of fun with the whole family at our fourth annual Spring Tea! Enjoy different teas, finger foods, and activities for all ages! Come dressed in your Sunday best and be ready to celebrate America's 250th Birthday! Space is limited, please RSVP by June 8th.

SATURDAY JUNE 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
13
2026

Cost: \$25/Pair (1 Adult & 1 Child)
\$5 for each additional child after a pair
\$10 for each additional adult after a pair

4-H Activity Center
3775 N. Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161

OR
\$15/Adult Attending



For Tickets or Questions contact the Office
@ 734 - 240 - 3182



FLAT ROCK
SPEEDWAY 
THE MOTOR CITY SPEEDWAY

**4-H NIGHT AT THE FLAT
ROCK SPEEDWAY JUNE 13TH**

**FREE TICKETS FOR 4-H FAMILIES!!
PICK THEM UP AT THE EXTENSION
OFFICE! CALL BEFORE YOU COME TO
CONFIRM AVAILABILITY 734-240-3182!**

**Monroe County 4-H
Small Animal Association**

We would like the opportunity to recognize the youth who have invited you to participate in our auction.

Please bring this card with you to enter that youth member and yourself into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple cards per buyer welcome.

Youth Name:

Buyer Name:

SAA Auction: Saturday, August 8, 2026 10:00am

**Monroe County 4-H
Junior Livestock Association**

We would like the opportunity to recognize the youth who have invited you to participate in our auction.

Please bring this card with you to enter that youth member and yourself into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple cards per buyer welcome.

Youth Name:

Buyer Name:

JLA Auction: Friday, August 7, 2026 4:00pm



Drop-In with Jean

3rd Tuesday of the month

5:00 pm at Extension Office

Please RSVP so supplies can be purchased

~~10/21/25 Machine Knitting~~



~~11/18/25 Beads/Jewelry~~

~~12/16/25 Creative Gift Wrapping~~

~~1/20/26 Perler Beads~~



~~2/17/26 Seed Art~~

~~3/17/26 In-A-Jar (mixes or cookies)~~

~~4/21/26 Large Animal Science~~

~~5/19/26 Small Animal Science~~

6/16/26 Wonders of Water

RSVP LINK: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9EKbexaljfZ2gDQ

Select all sessions you would like to attend.





Fair Paperwork turn-in

Club Leaders



Fair Paperwork turn in June 15th

1pm to 7pm in the AC. All Fair paperwork will be turned in at stations in the AC.

Each club must bring in their paperwork on this day

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!



Entrepreneurship

Our June financial literacy class will focus on record keeping for your animal project. Thanks to our partnership with First Merchants Bank, attendees are eligible for \$25 add-on donation for each financial literacy class they attend up to \$100. Registration link:

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1M4DpG37V6pLLQW



ANIMAL RECORD KEEPING

TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD

6:30 PM 4-H ACTIVITY CENTER

Monroe County 4-H Entrepreneurship Program
& First Merchants Bank partnering to help our
community prosper



First Merchants
Helping you prosper

MEMBER
FDIC
EQUAL HOUSING
LENDER



Jr. Superintendent Submissions <https://forms.gle/8YDwvbf5uuVDkPzA7>

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

Award Payments

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4-H FAIR AWARDS SPONSORSHIPS

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR
DONATIONS BY JUNE 15, 2026*

If you would like to change or add a new sponsorship please contact General Awards Superintendent, Debbie Kraftchick at debra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu or leave a message with Jean Genaw at 734.240.3188

THANK YOU for your support!



Fair Activity Center TV ads for TQ

monroeterraquest4h@gmail.com

PLACE YOUR AD ON THE

7 DAYS ONLY \$35



TV NETWORK

Terra Quest 4-H Club is selling Ads to be shown during the 2026 MONROE COUNTY FAIR.

The PowerPoint ads, which are placed by generous supporters of the 4-H program, will run continuously, all week on several large monitors located throughout the 4-H Activity Center.

The 4-H Activity Center serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks, and snacks to many hundreds of fairgoers EVERY DAY during fair week.

Your Ad can be comprised of your choice of features including, but not limited to:

- Company Logo
- Location Information
- Contact Information
- Explanation of Services
- Product Graphics
- Special Offers
- Event Information
- Basic Business Card

See back for complete details on Ad options and formatting instructions.

Payment MUST be received before the ad will be placed in the queue.

Business: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

We can create a Google slide advertisement for you. You supply us with your ideas, graphics, pictures, and wording, and one of our outstanding 4-H members will create your ad. Or you may create the ad yourself, following the specific formatting directions listed below:

SLIDE SIZE: STANDARD – On Screen Show (4:3) Width: 10 Height: 7.5 BLANK Layout (POWERPOINT) OR Use a BLANK Google Slide as your base

SAVING: Save the slide in the PowerPoint format as usual so you will have an editable version of the file in the event future changes are needed. Next, make an additional file to be used by out 4-H members. Select "Save As" and choose Format: PDF. The slide will be saved like a photo, and no formatting changes will occur when transferring by email. NOTE: The PDF version we receive will not be "editable," therefore, if a correction needs to be made, the changes must be made on the original slide, and a new version of the PDF file will need to be sent.

Ad Copy Choices

____ I will supply my own ad in the format described above. \$35

____ Please use the attached business card as my ad. \$35

____ Please use my Ad from last year (if applicable). \$35

____ I would like Terra Quest to design my ad. \$45

What would you like the ad to say? _____

What graphics would you like us to use? _____

Name of the Terra Quest member who sold Ad: _____

Please make checks payable to Terra Quest 4-H Club. Mail to 963 S. Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI 48161

Ads emailed to: monroeterraquest4h@gmail.com Ads must be received by July 20th @ Noon.



MONROE COUNTY FAIR 2026 – 4-H

PROJECT AREA CHANGES

CRAFTS - New project areas

SECTION 824-- PULL-APART CUPCAKE CAKES (TROPHY)

RULES – READ CAREFULLY

- A. Cakes MUST be on a study board no bigger than 24”x24”, with at least TWO INCHES of board showing all around the cake.
- B. Single layer only with all cupcakes touching.
- C. Must be filled standard size cupcake papers.
- D. You may use a box mix or made from “scratch” for your cupcakes.
- E. Use made from “scratch” frosting.
- F. All embellishments must be edible.
- G. Include directions on how you decorated the cake.

SECTION 890—SHOEBOX FLOAT (TROPHY)

RULES – READ CAREFULLY

- A. Make your float from ONE shoebox using a space no larger than 10”x15”.
- B. Your float theme is your choice. Include your theme in your directions.
- C. No Legos or other building toys allowed.

HORTICULTURE - New Project area

FRUITS

Guideline to fruit and quantities required to enter for fair to come soon.

EDUCATIONAL – Discontinued project area

SECTION 964 – CONSUMER EDUCATION CLOTHING

***crafts is discontinuing club class



2026 4-H Schedule

Thursday, July 30 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, 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 31 st	
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 signed in by 11:00 am for as long as necessary.

Saturday, August 1 st	
8:30 AM	Rabbits brought in
8:30 AM	Dog judging - Glenn Stock Arena
8:30 AM	Registration of Pocket Pets
9:00 AM	Rabbit exhibits judged
9:00 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	Sheep, Goats Haul-in
1:00-3:00 PM	Beef Haul-in
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, August 2 nd	
8:00 AM	Poultry Judging - Poultry Barn
9:00 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	Opening Ceremonies & 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, August 3 rd	
8:00 AM	4-H Sheep Judging – Anderson Show Arena
9:00 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 4 th	
8:00 AM	Swine Judging
9:00 AM	Dairy Goat Judging - Goat Tent
9:00 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
4:00 PM	Dog Rally – Dog Tent
6:00 PM	Beef Showmanship

Wednesday, August 5 th	
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 6 th	
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
9:00 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

Friday, August 7 th	
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena
10:00 AM	Dog Rally Judging – Glenn Stock 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)

Saturday, August 8 th	
10:00 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	4-H Horses released
11:00 PM to Midnight	Beef Breeding/Dairy Released

Sunday, August 9 th	
6:00 AM-8:00 AM	Horses and SAA Released
5:00-8:00 AM	Livestock Exhibits Released Clean pens and outside barn area. Times can be changed by species superintendent. Beef Sheep Must be out by 8:00 am

Monday, August 10 th	
2:00-6:30 PM	All other exhibits released



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

**Open Sunday Aug. 2, 3pm-7pm & Chicken BBQ 5-7pm
Monday-Saturday Aug. 3-8, 7:30am-7pm**

Monroe County Fair "Michigans Finest"



JOIN THE TERRA QUEST 4-H CLUB



Wisconsin Dells, 2025



Hocking Hills, 2022



Hershey, 2023

**THE ONLY TRAVEL CLUB
IN THE COUNTY**

**WE DO EDUCATIONAL TRIPS
WE'VE TRAVELED TO:**

Hershey, Pennsylvania
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
Hocking Hills, Ohio
Red River Gorge, Kentucky

**MUST BE 13 & OLDER TO JOIN
AND 14 & OLDER TO TRAVEL**

**MEMBERS WILL FUNDRAISE
FOR COST OF ALL TRIPS**

**TRIPS ARE THE SECOND
WEEK OF AUGUST
(AFTER FAIR)**



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION



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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

Volunteer Trainings

Volunteer Webinar Series, register for a webinar or view recordings from past topics on the [MSU Extension Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series page](#).

Did you miss a session of the volunteer training? Click the above link for all the recorded webinar trainings.

The below link will take you to the Beginning Farmer resource guide over 600 pages of information Check it out!

[Beginning Farmer Resource and Decision-Making Guide](#)

Financial Manuals to assist clubs with financial requirements.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers: Leading the Way to Financial Accountability](#)

[Managing Money Wisely: Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers](#)

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth with Skills for Life



October 6th
at noon or 7 pm
on Zoom






Beyond Ready

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Beginning Farmer Resource & Decision-Making Guide

DECEMBER 2025

Scan QR Code for Resource Website

Developed by: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Sponsored by: USDA | GreenStone FARM CREDIT SERVICES



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing Youth to Be Beyond Ready Through 4-H Livestock Projects



Beyond Ready

4-H livestock projects provide powerful, real-world learning that helps youth become Beyond Ready for life, work and leadership. Caring for animals teaches responsibility, time management and problem solving, all of which are essential skills for future success. Through chores, recordkeeping and making informed decisions, youth practice accountability and perseverance.

Livestock projects also build confidence as members explain their work to judges, interact with buyers and demonstrate professionalism in the show ring. When volunteers encourage reflection, support goal setting, and help youth connect these experiences to life beyond the barn, young people begin to see how their efforts today prepare them for tomorrow. Are your project activities helping youth become Beyond Ready?

#BeyondReady

June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

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

June 9: Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

Online

Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26

June 11: Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

Online

As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you

June 18: Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party

June 23: 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 communities.

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

July 1: 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026





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 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 15. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026.

Michigan 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest



MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service in 2026

For the sixth 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.

"We give thanks for every volunteer in our program," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they've done for our organization and Michigan 4-H'ers."

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2026 are:

- Kay Booth, Barry County
- Joyce Goerge, Clinton County
- Betty Groth, Cass County,
- Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County
- Gary Koppelman, Monroe County
- Michael Lee, Osceola County
- Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County
- Linda Preston, Cass County
- Peter Preston, Cass County
- Kathy Williams, St. Clair County
- Mary Yeomans, Midland 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 4-H NEWS



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

4-H Animal Science Staff

Autumn Converse
4-H Livestock and Veterinary
Science Educator
conver20@msu.edu

David Lindsay
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Kendra Van Order
4-H Dairy Educator
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Jermo Reese
4-H Animal Science Program
Instructor
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January 24	4-H State Rabbit Show
Feb. 27- March 1	4-H Dairy Conference
March 7	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
March 14	4-H Horse Communications Contest
March 21-22	Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show
March 21	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 22	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl
April 11	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
April 12	4-H Hippology State Contest
May 6	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 10-11	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
June 27	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
July 1	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
July 6-7 & 8-9	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
July 13-16	4-H Youth Dairy Days
August 13-16	4-H State Horse Show
September 19	4-H State Dog Show



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2026 Schedule of Events

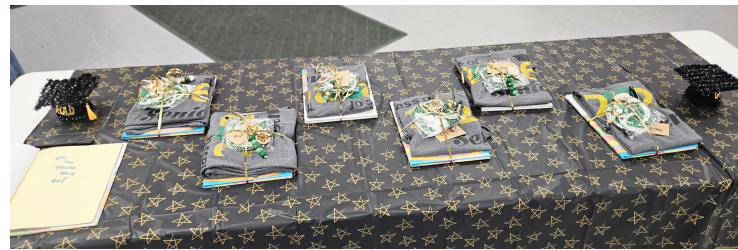
Jan. 25- 4-H Tack Sale & More	July 11-12- FCHA Horse Show
Jan. 31/Feb. 1- Oddities & Horror Fest	July 17-19- 4-H Horse Show
Feb. 7-8-Gun & Knife Show	July 31- Fireworks
March 8- The Vintage Market	Aug 2- Aug 8 -MONROE COUNTY FAIR
March 21- Ducks Unlimited Banquet	Aug. 22-23- Gun & Knife Show
March 28- Garage Sale & Flea Market	Aug. 22-23- FCHA Horse Show
April 4- Winter Storage Removal	Aug. 30 Auto Swap Meet
April 10- Soil Conservation Tree Sale	Sept. 11-12- Monroe Comic Con
April 12- Auto Swap Meet	Sept. 25-27- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
April 18- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show	Oct. 3- Winter Storage begins
April 18- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show	Oct. 4 - Wicked Pickin'
April 19- FCHA Tack Sale	Oct. 10-11 - Gun & Knife Show
April 26- Monroe Bike Show	Oct. 10-11- FCHA Horse Show
May 1-Ag Awareness Day	Oct. 17-Garage Sale & Flea Market
May 1-3- Fair Food Drive-Thru	Oct. 24- Grand Day of Tournaments
May 8-10- 4-H Horse Show	Oct. 31/Nov. 1- Shishewana on the Road
May 10- Flower & Garden Show	Nov. 14- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
May 17- Motorcycle Swap Meet	Nov. 20-22 - Michigan Tattoo Convention
May 23- Bedford Fire Explorer Training	Dec. 13- The Vintage Market
May 30-31- FCHA Horse Show	
June 5-7 -4-H Horse Show	
June 7- The Vintage Market	
June 13-14- Gun & Knife Show	
June 21- Monroe Hamfest	
June 26-28- 4-H Horse Show	
July 3-5- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show	





Recap

4-H Graduation



Faithful friends

Faithful Friends completed their fifth year placing flags on the graves of veterans at St Joseph's cemetery in Monroe. Even though the weather was a challenge they managed to work together to honor our fallen soldier.



Embryology



Six teachers participate in this years embryology program



Recap

Ag Day



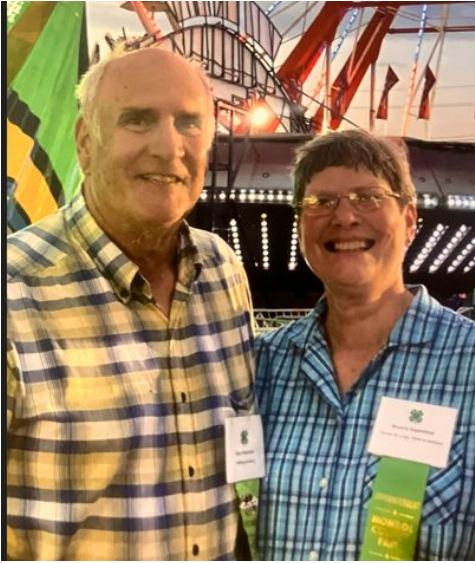
Horse leveling show, Sheep Swine tagging and small animal drop-in





Recap

50 years of volunteer service



Bev and Gary Koppelman

4-H volunteers with 50 years of service in 2026

Thank you Bev and Gary for all your years of service

Custer District Recipe for success

