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Monroe County

4-H Family News

July 2025 4-H CO

County

Welcome to the Month of July Fair is Almost Here

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

Be sure to read your premium book for rules and project check in times.

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

Sincerely, Chelsea & Jean 4-H Staff

This month's content highlights

- Fair Schedule
- Barn Set-up Thursday July 8th 6:00 pm
- Superintendent Meeting July 17th @ 7:00pm
- Opening Ceremonies
- Barn to Barn contest Oaks Donations
- Battle of the Barns
- State Awards Winners
- Great picture recaps
- LAST DAY TO ORDER FAIR SHIRTS 7/11

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

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JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
		Terra	Dog Board;		Independ ence Day!!	
		Quest; AC 6PM	ELC 6:30PM		Office Is Closed	
06	07	08	09	10	11	12 Dog Fun
		Hippology; AC 6PM				Match; Glen Stock 9AM Shooting
	Council Workbee; AC 6PM	NV/	Whisper- ing Spirits; 6PM			Sports Fair; Monroe Rod and Gun 8:30AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Hippology; AC 6PM	Council Meeting;		<mark>4-H Mini S</mark>	<mark>ihow</mark>
	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	AC 6PM SSA; ELC 7PM	Superinten dents meeting; AC 7PM		Council Workbee; AC 9AM
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<mark>4-H_Mini</mark> Show				catalog	r schedule i on page 50	
	Council Workbee; AC 6PM			Static Project Check-In; Fairgrounds 2PM		
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
		Monro	e Cour	nty Fair	-	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	Static Project Pick-Up; 2-6:30PM					





AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
	Mo	onroe	County	Fair		
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	Project Pick-up; 2PM					
	Council 7pm AC		Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	JLA; ELC 7PM			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SAA; ELC 7PM		TA; AC 7PM			
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Small Animal

Premium Correction: Pocket Pet Show: 8:30am check-in & 9am show Saturday 7/26 – Dog Tent

Downloadable NEW Rabbit Fitting & Showing Member's Guide Link – Congratulations Morgen Schmidt for representing Monroe County on this new publication

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 jjlinn96@gmail.com

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



Michigan 4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showing

Member Guide



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Dog Dates

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





4-H Cat Show



Show Date: Sunday, July 20th Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1920 Lewis Ave. Ida, MI 48140 Time: Registration at 1:00 PM, Show starts at 2:00 PM Showmanship – Judging – Agility – Breed I.D. – Cat Dress Up Concessions will be available Follow Us on Social Media <u>Monroe County Small Animal Association</u> <u>Monroe County 4-H Dog Program</u> <u>Monroe County 4-H Cat Program</u>







Pre-entry \$7. for the first entry and \$5 for every other entry of the same dog.

Link will be posted on the Monroe County 4-H Dog Program Facebook page.

Day of show and out of county \$8. for the first entry and \$6. for every other entry of the same dog.

Must show vaccination records for your dog.









Pre-Entry Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZQ0O4FI5auKjAqRp2B_7iwYnoZYqndQyE-UEttIJfHAVUgQ/viewform

Volunteer Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NAmmsqbGAPIFzkIK68NIJma1geRHsQt7vDls7dJH ogk/edit?fbclid=lwY2xjawLGfxBleHRu



Junior Livestock Association News

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





Beef Haul-in Correction Sat July 26, 2025 Noon to 2:00pm

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

Dairy Board / Goat Board





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













Horse and Pony News

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

Save The Dates

- July 19th Mini Show
- July 20th Clinic
- State Horse Show August 14-17 (6 Volunteers needed)

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.



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@hot mail.com or text: 734-604-4951

Monroe County 4H Hippology





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 Updates





A friendly Reminder Trophy Payments are now past due... Please bring payment to the Extension office mailbox immediately to expedite processing. Call Jean Genaw (734) 240-3188 to let us know of any issues.

Please Make check payable to

Monroe County 4-H Fair Advisory Board. Drop off at the Extension Office Mailbox located at 963 South Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI 48161.

Thank you for your continued support that provides such great awards to our youth.

https://monroecountyfair.com/wpcontent/uploads/2025/05/2025-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf

Families are responsible for knowing information in the premium book related to project areas their youth enroll in, please read carefully. Calendar Pg. 50

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



Volunteers

Additional Craft

Superintendents Needed Call Brenda: 734-915-5477 2024 Superintendent Meeting July 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm At the Activity Center



All Adult Superintendents are reminded that they must attend the Superintendents meeting scheduled for July 17th @ 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center. It is very important that all Superintendents attend this meeting to learn about the 2025 Fair and to pick up your materials. Please plan on staying for the entire meeting.

Beginning Sunday, January 26th a community service project began. Once a month clubs met to prepare a Sunday meal for the Oaks Shelter in Monroe. Members planned, purchased and prepared the aprox. 80 meals monthly. In the 6 months 4-H served over 450 meals and really acted in Celebrating the Bounty of the County. We had a great turnout and will plan on adding more days for meals in the Fall. If you or a local business would like to sponsor a meal it is approximately \$300 and 4-H Clubs will organize, cook and serve. Contact Chelsea 734-240-3182

Fall Service Project – Call for Donors!





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)



Opening Ceremonies for 2025

It has become a tradition for the 4-H Council to host a small opening celebration on Sunday Afternoon of the Fair. We would like to invite all 4-H Families, Community Sponsors, and other interested people to attend. **Sunday July 27th @ 4:30pm outside the 4-H Activity Center.** Dedication of new bricks will be a part of the program. The bell will ring to announce the start of the 2025 Monroe County Fair!

Gate Entry

Gate Entry is a privilege of 4-H Members! Wrist bands are required at all gates all week! Please be kind to gate workers they are there to support the Fair & 4-H Program!



2025 4-H Schedule 88

Thursday, July 24th	
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 25th	
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, July 26th	
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	Livestock exhibits brought in (except swine and
	poultry)
12:30 PM	Cavy exhibits judged
1:00 PM	4-H Bake-Off
2:00-5:00 PM	Dairy brought in
4:00-8:00 PM	Horses brought in
5:00-9:00 PM	Poultry project entered
4:30-8:30 PM	Swine exhibits entered

Sunday, July 27th	
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, July 28th	
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, July 29th	
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, July 30th

weathersday, July 50	
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, July 31st	
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 1st	
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
10:30 AM	Dog Rally Judging – Glenn Stock Arena
4:00 PM	4-H Sale of Dairy Cattle Milk followed by
	4-H Market Livestock Auction
	(Sheep, Beef, Swine)

Saturday, August 2nd

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

Sunday, August 3rd 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 - Nothing to be released before midnight Sheep - self-haul released discretion of the superintendent Must be out by 8:00 am

[Monday, August 4th	th .
[2:00-6:30 PM	All other exhibits released

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on sale now? Monroe County 4-H DINING HALL GIFT CARD \$20.00 ea

Receive \$22.00 on card May be redeemed for food items in the dining hall

July 27-August 2

Contact Roni Worden 419-779-3499 or roniworden1@gmail.com to purchase your gift cards. Cards will be available for purchase during barn set up, the superintendent meeting and in the dining hall during fair week.



Monroe County 4–H Council

Invites you to join us



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"

All 4-H programs, activities and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, veteran status or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state or local law, regulation or ordinance.





4-H Activity Center Dining Hall Menu

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Breakfast (7:30-10:30 am)

Bacon, Egg & Cheese Sandwich M-W-F	\$4.00
Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich T-TH-S	
French Toast (2) M-W-F	
Pancakes (3) T-TH-S	
Biscuits & Gravy Full Order2 biscuits	
Half Order1 biscuit	\$3.00
Scrambled Eggs (2)	\$2.50
Bacon (3) M-W-F	
Sausage Links (3) T-TH-S	
White Toast (2)	\$1.50
Donut	\$2.00
Cold Cereal	\$1.00
Bagel w/Cream Cheese	

Lunch & Dinner Grill (11am-7pm)

Hamburger	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$4.50
Grilled Chicken	\$6.00
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Italian Sausage	\$4.00
Sloppy Joe	\$4.00

FREE CUP of Coffee, Tea or Water with any purchase



<u>Salads</u>

Chicken Salad on Roll	\$5.50
Grilled Chicken Garden Salad	\$8.00
Garden Salad – Full	\$7.00
Garden Salad - Side	\$4.00

Sides

Mac & Cheese	\$3.00
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	\$3.00
Soft Pretzel	\$2.25
Cheese Cup	\$.75
Nachos & Cheese	\$3.00
Bag of Chips	\$1.00
Applesauce, Fruit Cup, Pudding Cup, Etc	\$.75
Yogurt	\$1.50
Fresh Fruit	\$1.50

Desserts

Homemade Cookie	\$1.00
Slice of Pie (Daily Assortment)	\$3.00

Beverages

Fountain Drink	Small	\$2.00
	Large	\$3.25
Bottled Drinks		\$2.00
Calder's Milk	(Chocolate or White)	\$2.50
Coffee (in a to go cup)		\$1.00
Bottled Water		\$1.00

Daily Lunch and Dinner Specials (11am-7pm)

<u>Mond ay</u>	Hot Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Roll	\$12.00
	A Free Cookie for Veterans on Monday!	
<u>Tuesday</u>	Open Face Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy or Mac-n-cheese	\$12.00
<u>Wednesd av</u>	y Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll <u>A Free Cookie for Seniors on Wednesday!</u>	\$12.00
<u>Thursday</u>	Pot Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll	\$12.00
<u>Friday</u>	Mostaccioli, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread	\$12.00
<u>Saturday</u>	Cook's choice, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll	\$12.00

Council Elections – Project Turn In

WELCOME to COUNCIL CORNER

Our Monroe County 4-H Council is comprised of elected and appointment adults and youth who meet the first Monday of every month to help govern our 4-H Program. They work closely with our 4-H Program Coordinators and Michigan State University.

DID YOU KNOW: Council is also responsible the care and maintenance of the 4-H Activity Center our 4-H building on the Monroe County Fairgrounds.



Council also serves as a primary source of funding for our program. Council's Major Fundraisers include:

- Kitchen/Dining Hall during Fair
- Candy Sale each fall
- Spaghetti Dinner & Auction each November

CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD President – Rob Yarger Vice President – Roni Worden Treasurer – Denise Hill Secretary – Debbie Kraftchick

PLACE YOUR AD ON THE 4-H TV NETWORK TODAY!! Terra Quest 4-H is selling Ads to be shown during the 2024 MONROE COUNTY FAIR

7 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING FOR ONLY \$35*

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call one of the coordinators: Becky Lomas (734) 775 - 7992 Kerrie Kraftchick (419) 309 - 2593

> Or email questions & submissions to MonroeTerraQuest4h@gmail.com

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



Fair Barn to Barn Competition

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

Or use our Amazon wishlist:

https://www.amazon.c om/hz/wishlist/ls/1VIXP PX8AERQL? ref_=wl_share

Give a little, help a lot

We Need Help With Men's shower shoes
 Tissues
 Paper towels
 Deodorant
 Other toiletrees
 Anything helps!

Early Donations? Contact: 734-915-0250



ITS OFFICIAL! Our 2025 Fair Shirt order link is live! Order yours today.

Official shirt but be sure to check out other fun designs available!

Pre-order to ensure you receive yours. Limited stock will be available in the TA office during fair week.

July 11th Last Day to Order Online

https://stores.inksoft.com/monroe4h/shop/home



Fair Pins Available!!



Check out this years 4-H Fair Pin! Celebrating the Bounty of the County! Pick yours up at the extension office before fair or at the TA office during fair. Don't miss the chance to have this commemorative piece of history!

Just \$6!!!





PROJECT AREA SCHOLARSHIPS \$15 PER HOUR TO YOUTH & FAMILIES

MATCH FUNDS GIVEN TO SUPPORT YOUTHS CLUB OF CHOICE

WHERE: M-50/RAISIN, BANK PARKING LOT WHEN: FAIR WEEK Details & Sign up https://bit.ly/4dicdiv



GRANDSTAN **CLEAN-U**

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Join us for one hour of community service and win Fun Fair Prizes. Let's unite to keep Our Fairgrounds Michigan's Finest!

FRIEND **Daily Prizes Include:** Grandstand Event Tickets Fair T-shirt / Sweatshirt **Activity Center Treat Tickets**

> Weekly Prizes Include: Rev'd Up Fun Tickets and More!

NDAY -SUNDA 8:30 AM AT GRANSTANDS

> PRIZES **DRAWN DAIL**



Contact Volunteers for Questions

Mandy Cadle: 734-735-7588 Tamithy Jackson: 734-693-3270 Cara Bischoff: 734-915-3409



All contestants will supply their own archery equipment, all bows should be cased until arriving at the range. Before the tournament begins ALL equipment will be inspected by the Range Officer(s).

For this tournament we will be following the **<u>Tri-CAT Rules</u>**.

(https://drive.google.com/file/d/13PvpX8KaITZnMcvi7UE5LNCTJ1yl8Sa7/view?usp=sharing)

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

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



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



August 2, 2025

Registration is open for the 2025 Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament! To be held August 2 at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club in Saginaw, this event provides 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills, earn recognition and build camaraderie with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Events at the tournament include: .22 rifle, 3-D archery, air rifle, BB gun, hunting and wildlife, muzzle loading, pistol, target archery, trap and skeet.

The deadline to register is **July 13, 2025**.

To learn more, visit <u>www.canr.msu.edu/events/202</u> <u>5-4-h-state-shooting-sports-</u> <u>tournament</u>

July 8-10: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

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

July 9: Adulting 101 – Mastering Meal Planning Online

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars, including how to cook once and eat twice, making a meal plan that will save you money at the store, and other great tips! www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mastering-meal-planning

July 16-17: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12. www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2025

July 16 - August 13: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series Online

This free course is for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2025

July 17: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles! www.canr.msu.edu/events/bubble-day

July 24: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will collect, observe and even make bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world! www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day

July 29-31: Camp Monet

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young artists will spend three days in the gardens creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day. www.canr.msu.edu/events/camp-monet



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2025 with the Michigan State Fair on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships, Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate: 4-H membership is not required.

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



There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting project photos and videos. Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 8 at 5 p.m.. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 28 – September 1.

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

2025 Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 10 and 11, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Beyond Ready" and the youth referred to the various ways that 4-H is helping to prepare them to be ready for their future, be it work, college or life in general.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2025, the following 28 4-H members from 22 counties were selected as the 2025 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Simran Adnani, Wayne County
- Abigail Baker, Cass County
- Claire Blaszyk, Oakland County
- Snyder Dunlap, Jackson County
- Lilly Edick, Gladwin County
- Alicia Etter, Sanilac County
- Chloe F., Ingham County
- Adreann Guikema, Newaygo County
- Colton Guy, Barry County
- Autumn Johnloz, St. Joseph County

- Nolan King, Branch County
- Jude Martin, Ionia County
- Madison McGuire, Midland County
- Richie McNutt, Washtenaw County
- Trula Michel, Monroe County
- Penelope Moore, Sanilac County
- VanAnder Noordyk, Marquette County
- Victoria Perez, Washtenaw County
- Madeline Piwowarski, Wexford County

- Breelyn Pullins, Berrien County
- Hadley Schafer, Monroe County
- Kristina Schwarz, Oakland County
- Asher Smith, Livingston County
- Jolene Smith, Ionia County
- Bette Stemaly, St. Joseph County
- Autumn Wellington, Lapeer County
- Tierney Westrate, Allegan County
- Josephine Wiltshire, Osceola County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4 h scholarships and recognition program/4-h-awardsand-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.





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- Soll Conservation Tree Sale April 13-Auto Swap Meet Aprll 19- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show April 27- Monroe Bike Show May 2-Ag Awareness Day May 2-4- Fair Food Drlve-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- Hot Rod Power Tour 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 2 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 Plckin' Oct. 11-12- FCHA Horse Show Oct. 18-Garage Sale & Flea Market Oct. 2 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



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