



# 4-H Family News

May 2026



## Welcome to the Month of May


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

Fair Entry will open May 08, 2026 and close on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2026. All fair projects Must be registered in Fair Entry to be brought and displayed at fair.

Thank you to all our volunteers we hope you enjoyed National Volunteer month! We could not run the Monroe 4-H program without you!

Jean A. Genaw  
Monroe County Program Coordinator

## This month's content highlights

- Sheep and Swine tagging May 2, 2026
- Dog agility 5/5 and fun match 5/31
- Entrepreneurship 5/6
- LEADERS PRE-FAIR MEETING 5/7 
- Horse and Pony Leveling Show May 08-5/10
- Recipe for Success registration required 5/9
- Senior graduationn 5/14
- FAIR ENTRY OPENS
- Spring tea 5/16
- Drop-in with Jean 5/19
- June 02, 2026 Fitting and Showing Clininc
- Fundraiser events
- YQCA training online option left due by 6/8.

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

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# MAY 2026

| SUNDAY                                | MONDAY                     | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
|                                       |                            |  |   |  | 1<br>Ag Day                                    | 2<br>Sheep and Swine Tagging; 8AM     |
| 3                                     | 4<br>4-H Council; AC 7PM   | 5<br>Terra Quest; AC 6PM<br><br>Dog Agility Practice; by Glen Stock 6PM        | 6<br>H&P open ride night 4:00pm<br><br>Entrepreneurship; AC 6PM<br><br>Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM                      | 7<br>Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM<br><br>Pre-Fair Mtg; AC 7PM | 8<br>FAIR ENTRY OPENS<br><br>4-H Leveling Show | 9<br>Custer Dist Food Expo; AC 8:30AM |
| 10<br><br>4-H Leveling Show           | 11<br>Horse & Pony; AC 7PM | 12   | 13<br>Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM<br>Expo Days Orientation ELC 6:30<br>Whispering Spirits Arena Practice 7PM | 14<br>Senior Graduation; AC 6-8PM                            | 15<br>Bucks and Boots Arena Practice; 6PM      | 16<br>Terra Quest Spring Tea; AC 1PM  |
| 17                                    | 18<br>Cat Board; AC 6:30PM | 19<br>Drop In w/Jean; ELC 5PM<br>E.S.I.; AC 6:30PM<br>Caprine Council; ELC 7PM | 20<br>H&P open ride night 4:00pm<br><br>JLA; ELC 7PM  | 21<br>Fair Advisory Mtg; ELC 7PM                             | 22   | 23                                    |
| 24                                    | 25                         | 26<br>SAA; ELC 7PM   | 27<br>Whispering Spirits Arena Practice 7PM<br>Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM   | 28   | 29   | 30                                    |
| 31<br>Dog Fun Match; Glen Stock; 11AM |                            |  |   |  |  |                                       |

# JUNE 2026

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



# Small Animal

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

Save the Dates:



Small animal requires youth to attend one workshop per year

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 then 6/8 don't wait due now **See JYQCA 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



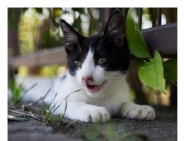
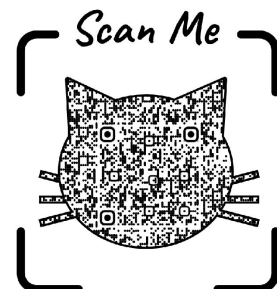
**Meeting Location:** 4-H Activity Center

**Meeting Dates:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cramergirls09@gmail.com) or scan the QR Code.





# Monroe 4-H Dog Program



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026!

MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - AG AWARENESS DAY

MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> - FUN MATCH @ 12PM

JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> - FAIR FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> - FUN MATCH @ 10AM

JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> - FAIR SHOW @ 8AM

AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> - DOGGIE DRESS-UP @ 7PM

AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> - FAIR SHOW - RALLY @ 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - MI STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

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





## 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 7<sup>TH</sup>, 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**

**Follow us on  
Facebook for more  
upcoming activities  
and events!**





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](mailto:jilinn96@gmail.com)

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





# Junior Livestock Association News

Next JLA May 20, 2026 6pm Auction Committee Meeting, 7pm monthly board mtg. ELC

## Tagging:

**Sheep and Swine tagging 5/2/2026 8am-10am \*\*\*all sheep and swine must be tagged to show at the Monroe county fair**

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 next page

Barn Set-up July 7th 6:00pm

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



# 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](#)



# W-9 1099-MISC form

Dear 4-H Families that participate in auctions 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**8 HOURS VOLUNTEERED**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>!**

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 in June 6:00pm bring tools, racks, wheelbarrows, 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

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Access & Alarm, Inc.<br>Agri Parts, LLC<br>Bass Roofing<br>Busen's Appliance, Inc.<br>Calder Dairy & Farm<br>Carleton Farm Supply<br>Charlie's Repair<br>Christian and Erin Stumpmier<br>Darling Farms, LLC<br>Dave and Kathy Haws<br>Dave and Yvonne VanBuskirk<br>Delker's Automotive<br>Dennis and Linda Jaskot<br>Dundee Lumber, Inc.<br>Family Farm & Home - Monroe<br>Finishers Unlimited<br>Fitch Family Farm<br>Girbach Ag LLC<br>Golden Harvest Seeds - Mark & Sarah Mathe<br>Greenstone Farm Credit Services<br>Haws Family Farm<br>Hayden's Automotive<br>Homrich, Inc.<br>Ida Veterinary Clinic<br>Jim and Mary Wickenheiser<br>John Calder<br>John and Sue Mathe | John and Laura Wickenheiser<br>Jon and Nicole Jaskot<br>JVB Red Hot Jerseys<br>Kamprath Farms LLC<br>Kastel Show Cattle<br>Ken and Marilyn Knapke<br>Knapke Brothers Dairy<br>Kraig and Carole Straub<br>Luckey Farmers, Inc.<br>Masserant's Feed & Grain - Newport<br>Maybee Farmers, Inc.<br>Miller Hoof Trimming<br>Mitchell Langton<br>Monroe County Farm Bureau<br>Monroe Fencing Co.<br>Neher Perfect Lawn Care<br>Omni<br>Ray's Septic Tank Cleaning<br>Sandy Barton<br>Salenbien Trucking & Excavating<br>Schafer Dairy Farms<br>The Carner Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance<br>The Tire Depot - Dundee<br>Thompson Plumbing & Heating, Inc.<br>Tractor Supply Co. - Monroe<br>UIS Insurance & Investments<br>Wind in the Willows Floral Boutique |
|---|---|

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



Next Caprine Meeting  
 5/19/2026 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

- May 01, 2026 Horse paperwork due
- Open ride nights see flyer
- Leveling show - May 8-10
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**\$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.



# Hippology and Horse Judging Team



**When:** Hippology and Horse Judging Meetings are usually twice a month, but competition season comes they are more often

**Where:** SMCC high school and 4-H activity Center. Can also be 4-H Extension Office

**What we learn:** In Hippology and Horse Judging we learn about diseases, conformation, and different riding styles

## 2026 meeting dates

- January 7-SMCC
- January 20-Extension Office
- February 4-SMCC
- February 10-Activity Center
- February 18-Extension Office
- March 4-SMCC
- March 18-Extension Office
- April 8-Activity Center



Join the facebook study group for more information Contact: Liz Kotus via group.me





<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](mailto:HEWITTJ8@MSU.EDU)  
OR DAVID AT [LINDSA75@MSU.EDU](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> thru the following July 31<sup>st</sup>.
-  **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](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





# MONROE COUNTY 4-H ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES

All classes held the the 4-H Activity Center on the Fairgrounds

**Thursday, January 22nd** 6:30pm

Goal Setting- putting SMART goals into practice for 2026

**Tuesday, February 17th** 6:30pm

Building your Brand recognition and marketing

**Thursday, March 12th** 6:30pm

The WHAT, WHY, and HOW of the 4-H Entrepreneurship category  
dive into the project booklet

**Friday, April 17th** 6:30pm

“Strategic sales” Learn how the big companies catch and keep their  
customers coming back

**Wednesday, May 6th** 6:30pm

topic: TBD

## Building the **FUTURE**



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



**First Merchants**  
*Helping you prosper*

MEMBER  
**FDIC**





# LEADERS



## Pre fair meeting

**\*\*\*Pre-Fair leader meeting May 07, 2026 7 PM at the Activity Center. Each club needs to be in attendance for the meeting please!**



## Fair Superintendents

Great job to all those that have responded to the e-mail and submitted their superintendent agreement.

We still have a few openings for craft superintendents...please reach out to the office if interested.





# Fair Entry

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

Fair Entry opens on **May 08, 2026** and

Fair Entry Closes on **June 08, 2026**

**DO NOT WAIT TO COMPLETE**

**Start on May 08, 2026 so if support is needed it can be provided**

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

Review your entries to ensure they are complete and accurate

**\*\*\* 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, Department, project and class numbers\*\*\***

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Registration required/ fun hands on event



# Recipe for Success



Hosted by Custer District, Fair Advisory Board- Culinary Department

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Registration 8:30am: Classes 9am-1pm

**Monroe County Fairgrounds- Activity Center**

Open to all 4-Her's and Cloverbuds

Cost: \$5 per Youth payable at the door with cash or check

### Classes Offered



Chocolate!- Learn about Chocolate and how to work with it. Make a Sweet Treat to take home.



Decorated Cupcake- Decorating tips and ideas will be taught at this class. You will practice your new skills by decorating your own cupcake



Pet Treats- Making homemade treats for your pet is fun and easy. In this hands-on class you will learn about what ingredients to use and how to store your pet treats.



Appetizer Cups- Learn how easy it is to enter this project area by creating your own appetizer cups. You will create one savory cup and one sweet cup!



Home Preservation- Home preservation includes canning, freezing and dehydrating foods. Learn about food safety when preserving foods and learn what the judges look for in a finished project.

Sign up Here



**Please register by May 4th at the link below or scan QR Code.**

<https://forms.gle/uLFYt37XMFNTQ777A>

Questions?  
Call Brenda Chandonnet  
(734) 915-5477



<https://forms.gle/t8PjSChyMMvT6A7s5>



HIGH SCHOOL 4-H

GRADUATION

*Class of 2026*



Come celebrate our graduates!  
Deserts and Refreshments to be served.



**MAY 14TH, 2026**

6-8pm in the Activity Center

RSVP by May 11th using the  
QR code below.



Questions? Email  
[tonib0108@yahoo.com](mailto:tonib0108@yahoo.com)





TERRA QUEST PRESENTS



# Spring Tea

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 with your favorite fascinator! Prizes for the best fascinator! Space is limited, please RSVP by April 25th.

**SATURDAY**

**MAY  
16  
2026**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Cost: \$25/Pair (1 Adult & 1 Child)

\$5 for each additional child after a pair

\$10 for each additional adult after a pair

OR

\$15/Adult Attending

4-H Activity Center

3775 N. Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161



For Tickets or Questions contact the Office

@ 734 - 240 - 3182



# Drop-In with Jean

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9EKbexaljfZ2gDQ)

Select all sessions you would like to attend.





# Exploration Days Orientation

Orientation for youth that will be attending exploration days will be held on May 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the extension office. Youth that are registered for exploration days must attend

**2026**  
**4-H Exploration Days**  
June 24-26th, 2026  
Michigan State University Campus  
East Lansing, Michigan



# CUSTER DISTRICT YOUTH MEMBERS

Custer District is offering a \$25.00 4-H Exploration Days scholarship to any Custer District member who submits a brief description of their participation in Monroe County 4-H in 2025.

Email or text description to Michelle McLaughlin at 734-740-7114 or [michelleduffey@hotmail.com](mailto:michelleduffey@hotmail.com)

Deadline for submission is May 7th.



**Green Thumb expo** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\\_bPAZITDfvHqZ18a](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/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**
- B1. Hanging Basket & Tomato Plant**
- C1. Patio Pot & Tomato Plant**
- A2. Terrarium or Dish Garden**
- B2. Fairy Garden**
- C2. Catus or Succulent Garden**
- A3. Stepping Stone**
- B3. Birdhouse**
- C3. Small Yard Art**

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



# 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 with out 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](mailto:pattiwartinger@gmail.com) or by phone at 734-777-0493

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



## 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](mailto:debra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu) or leave a  
message with Jean Genaw at 734.240.3188

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**THANK YOU for your support!**



# Fair Activity Center TV ads for TQ

[monroeterraquest4h@gmail.com](mailto:monroeterraquest4h@gmail.com)

**PLACE YOUR AD ON THE**

**7 DAYS**



**ONLY \$35**

*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](mailto:monroeterraquest4h@gmail.com) Ads must be received by July 20<sup>th</sup> @ Noon.



# 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**



## **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



## *Monroe County 4-H 2026 Scholarship Awards*

### **Charles Knabusch Memorial Scholarship**

Samantha Whiteaker and Sydney Linn

### **Judy See 4-H Academic Scholarship**

Makenna Shipe and Elyse Wickenheiser

### **Larry See Sr Memorial Scholarship**

Emily McLaughlin and Brandon Fisher

### **Marie A Siebarth Memorial Scholarship**

Joyce Dietrich and Makenna Shipe

### **Paul McGuire Memorial Scholarship**

Makenna Shipe and Madison Rehberg

### **Ruth Ruehs Memorial Scholarship**

Elizabeth Gomez and Katherine Neely

### **Tom Blanchett Memorial Beef Preview Show Scholarship**

Sophia Kreps, Emily McLaughlin and Sydney Linn

### **Robert "Bob" Chapman Memorial Scholarship**

Katherine Neely

### **Madie's Clovers Scholarship in Memory of Madison Lee**

Elyse Wickenheiser

### **Junior Livestock Association**

Sophia Kreps and Samantha Whiteaker



**WITH GREAT APPRECIATION TO DONORS & FAMILIES**



# 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 6<sup>th</sup>  
at noon or 7 pm  
on Zoom



**Beyond Ready**


MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



USDA

## Beginning Farmer Resource & Decision-Making Guide

DECEMBER 2025



Scan QR Code for Resource Website

Developed by: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Creating Beyond-Ready Youth Through 4-H Project Learning



### Beyond Ready

4-H prepares youth for the world of work by engaging them in high quality, hands-on learning grounded in meaningful project content. When young people apply skills, solve real problems and reflect on their learning, they build confidence and readiness for future careers.

4-H programs intentionally create these opportunities, helping youth practice communication, teamwork, decision making and technical skills that transfer to real world settings. Some ways to deepen project work could include: adding real life tasks, inviting youth to demonstrate mastery or guiding reflection that connects the activity to future workplace expectations. Every project meeting is a chance to help youth become Beyond Ready, capable, and confident.

#BeyondReady

#### May 4: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs and Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

Online

Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's Youth Business Guide to Success. Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing and record-keeping for real-world skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects)

#### May 5: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

Online

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

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5)

#### May 12: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

Online

Learn to keep track of what you spend and earn to make smart choices for market livestock projects. Equip youth with tools to track expenses, set goals and ensure projects are profitable and rewarding.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12)

#### May 14: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered each Thursday from May 14 – June 18.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026)

#### May 18: Adulting 101 Webinar – Cooking with Confidence

Online

Increase your confidence in the kitchen. From reading recipes to mastering kitchen terms, explore simple ways to get creative with ingredients and make tasty meals without stress or waste.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking\\_with\\_confidence](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking_with_confidence)

#### May 19: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Pitch to Payment

Online

Communication and outreach are important methods to recruit buyers for market livestock projects. Discover how to use social media to promote your project, reach a wider audience and share progress.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19)

#### 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.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H license plate celebrates first anniversary!

Last April, the Michigan 4-H community celebrated a milestone decades in the making: the launch of the Michigan 4-H license plate. One year later, Michigan 4-H continues to celebrate the plate's existence and the potential it holds for the program. Available through the Michigan Secretary of State, a portion of each 4-H license plate sold and renewed benefits Michigan 4-H Youth Development.

"The Michigan 4-H license plate has been a dream of our 4-H professionals and families for several decades," explained Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "So, when the plate was launched one year ago, it was a wish come true. But more than being a vision brought to life, the plate is an incredible asset – raising visibility of the 4-H clover while generating additional dollars to support our 4-H program and its emerging needs."



Like other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate costs \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee is also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos), by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks. Supporters do not need to wait until their plate renewal period to order the 4-H plate.

To learn more, visit [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2026-27 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation has announced grant opportunities of up to \$2,000 to support local 4-H clubs and county programs for the 2026-2027 program year. 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff are encouraged to apply for these competitive funds. **All grant applications are due June 1, 2026.**

"Local 4-H programs are at the heart of our 4-H programs," says Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. "These mini-grants help 4-H youth, volunteers and staff create hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence and strengthen communities. We're grateful to support the innovative work happening across Michigan."

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H shooting sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H shooting sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$600.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **The M. Louise Palczewski Therapeutic Horseback Riding Grant of \$2,000.** This grant opportunity is to support the creation and/or operation of new or existing 4-H Proud Equestrian Programs (PEP) located in Michigan.



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



# 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](mailto:conver20@msu.edu)

**David Lindsay**  
4-H Equine Educator  
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**Kendra Van Order**  
4-H Dairy Educator  
[vanorde4@msu.edu](mailto:vanorde4@msu.edu)

**Jermo Reese**  
4-H Animal Science Program  
Instructor  
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**Jacob Stieg**  
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**Kat VanDouser**  
4-H Dog Point of Contact  
[krollkat@msu.edu](mailto:krollkat@msu.edu)

**Glenda Weiss**  
4-H Rabbit & Cavy Point of Contact  
[weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu)

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| <b>January 24</b>         | 4-H State Rabbit Show                     |
| <b>Feb. 27- March 1</b>   | 4-H Dairy Conference                      |
| <b>March 7</b>            | 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop             |
| <b>March 14</b>           | 4-H Horse Communications Contest          |
| <b>March 21-22</b>        | Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show          |
| <b>March 21</b>           | 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop              |
| <b>March 22</b>           | 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl             |
| <b>April 11</b>           | 4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest     |
| <b>April 12</b>           | 4-H Hippology State Contest               |
| <b>May 6</b>              | 4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest     |
| <b>June 10-11</b>         | Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp     |
| <b>June 27</b>            | 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl                       |
| <b>July 1</b>             | 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest |
| <b>July 6-7 &amp; 8-9</b> | 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp    |
| <b>July 13-16</b>         | 4-H Youth Dairy Days                      |
| <b>August 13-16</b>       | 4-H State Horse Show                      |
| <b>September 19</b>       | 4-H State Dog Show                        |



**Scan me** for more  
information about these  
programs!





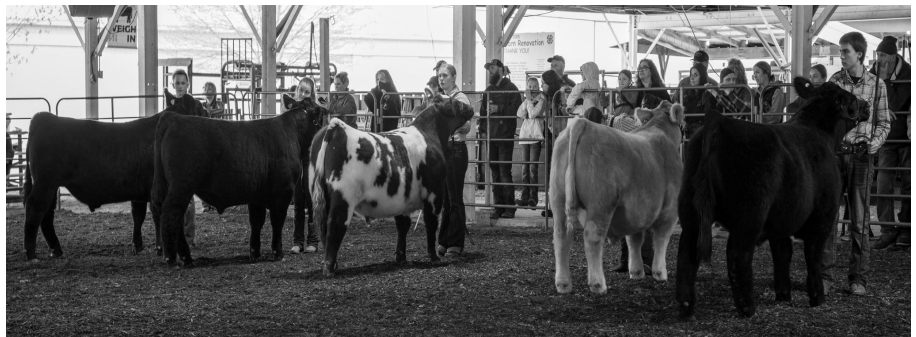
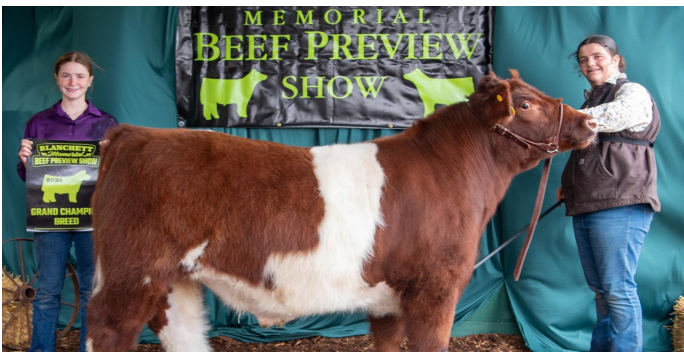
### 2026 Schedule of Events

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| 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- Tom Blanchette Beef Preview Show Photo Credit





# Recap

## Milan Clean up Day- Milan Easy Riders



State Rabbit Show results

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xMpVXi\\_V4JSigQ\\_fSsh3DWaVxr1NVQgo/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xMpVXi_V4JSigQ_fSsh3DWaVxr1NVQgo/view?usp=sharing)

## RCPP Spring Show



Spring Garage sale

Here is a quick but absolutely **enormous thank you** to everyone who helped make this year's fundraising efforts such a fantastic success. Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we raised nearly \$2,000 to help subsidize the cost of ribbons provided by the Monroe County Fair Association for our 4-H members and Clover Buds during Fair week. This is a huge achievement, and it wouldn't have been possible without so many hands pitching in.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Fair Manager, Darryl Diamond for allowing us to use space in the 4-H Activity Center. And to our amazing setup crew—Connie, Sherri, Jean, Linda, and Maureen. Your willingness to jump in and help set up made everything run smoothly from the start. We're also incredibly grateful to those who supported our efforts with donations, including the family of Shari & Lee LaVoy, who made an estate donation, and the Brad and Jill Neuhart family for their generous donation which was one of the last to come in Friday night 😊

I'd also like to highlight a special act of kindness from one of our newest 4-H families—Corey, Sarah, Rooney, and Larkin—who came in after the sale on Saturday afternoon just to help us pack up. Their willingness to lend a hand, even after the event, truly embodies the spirit of community we strive for and was a huge relief after working all day. Volunteers extraordinaire!

Beyond the funds raised for ribbons, the 4-H community was able to donate items to several wonderful Monroe County organizations, including Damascus House, Paula's House, and the Goodwill Bookstore.

Thank you again to each and every one of you for your support, generosity, and hard work. You make a real difference, not only for our 4-H members and Clover Buds, but for our entire community. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

