



4-H Family News

Monroe County

May 2024



Welcome to the Month of May

Welcome to May! Yes May, can you believe it. Pre-Fair Meeting is on May 02, 2024 7pm at the Activity Center.

Fair Entry will open May 15, 2024 and close on June 15th 2024 at 5:00pm. All fair projects should be registered in Fair Entry.

A big Thank you to everyone that assisted with Ag. Day. What a great event! Please make sure you read your Network, so you don't miss a thing!

Sincerely,
Chelsea & Jean
4-H Staff

This month's content highlights

- TSC Paper Clover Campaign
- Pre-Fair Leader Meeting May 02, 2024
- Superintendent Agreements and Trophy payments Due May 02, 2024
- 4-H May clinic and horse Show May 10-12
- Sheep/ Swine Tagging May 11, 2024
- Fair Entry opens
- Exploration Orientation May 22nd, 2024
- Junior Superintendent Sign-up

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

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MAY


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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| | | | 6:30pm Dog Board; ELC | 1pm Faithful Friends 7pm Pre-Fair AC | | |
| 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 |
| | Chelsea and Jean out of office at CYI Conference | | | | 4-H Horse Show (Leveling Clinic) 10 th –12 th | |
| | 7pm 4-H Council | 6pm Terra Quest Meeting; AC | 6:30pm Raisinville Wranglers; AC | | 9am- 12pm Sheep/Swine Tagging  | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 4-H Horse Show (Leveling Clinic) 10 th - 12 th | 7pm Horse and Pony Mtg; AC | 7pm Entrepre- neurship Series; ELC | 7pm 4-H Gradua- tion AC 7pm JLA; ELC | 6:30pm Whispering Spirits AC 7pm Fair Advisory ELC | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | 6:30pm Cat Board Mtg; AC | 7pm Caprine Council; ELC | 7PM AC Explorati- on Days Meeting | | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 01 |
| | | 7pm SAA; ELC | 7pm Teen Ambassa- dor; AC | | | |
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JUNE

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| Entrepreneurship Series AC; 6pm | 4-H Council; AC 7pm | Terra Quest Meeting; AC 6pm | Dog Board; ELC 6:30pm | Faithful Friends 4-H Meeting; AC | 4-H Horse Show; Horse Arena | |
| | | | | | | Green Thumb Expo; Fairgrounds; 9:30am |
| 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 4-H Horse Show | ***Please complete Fair Entry by June 10 th so you and leaders can review and make corrections before June 15, 2024 | | | | | Fair 4-H @ Flat Rock Speedway |
| | Horse & Pony; AC 7pm | | | | | Fair Entry Deadline  |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | Leader paperwork Turn-in 1-7 pm AC | Caprine Council; ELC 7pm | JLA; ELC 7pm | | | |
| | Cat Board Meeting; AC 6:30pm | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | SAA; ELC 7pm | | Teen Ambassador; AC 7pm | | | Council Workbee; AC 9am |
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Small Animal Association News

Poultry Orders to Barbara Siebarth 419-350-9482

Ducks: Orders Complete - Pickup at Ida Co-op May 2nd

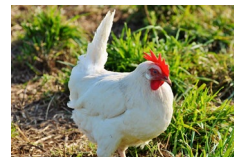
Broilers: Orders Complete - Pickup at Ida Co-op June 13th

Small Animal Clinics 2024

•Fitting and Showing June 4 SAA building at 6PM

Barn Setup (Date Change) Thursday July 11th, 2024

*** SEE JLA Page for YQCA IN PERSON TRAINING DATES ***



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Where do we meet:

4-H Activity Center

When do we meet:

Every 3rd Monday

(February – June, September – November)

Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H kid is welcome including Clover Buds

Need more information:

Contact Kim Cramer at

cramergirls09@gmail.com

Dog Program

Meetings are the First
Wednesday of Each Month
6:30 at the Extension Office.
Welcome to all interested in
the Dog Project Area!



Raise a puppy. Change a life.

By being a volunteer puppy raiser, you and your family create life-changing moments, while helping a person who is blind or visually impaired regain independence.

WHAT DOES A PUPPY RAISER DO?

- > Devote 12-15 months of your time, energy and love to raising a puppy
- > Provide daily care, such as feeding and walking
- > Teach basic commands based on Leader Dog guidelines
- > Introduce the puppy to a variety of people and environments
- > Receive tons of ongoing support from Leader Dogs for the Blind

There are multiple puppy raising options to fit your lifestyle.

ONE HOUSEHOLD

This traditional way to puppy raise is perfect for families, college students, active singles, retired couples and empty nesters.

CO-RAISING (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY RAISER)

This option is for someone who wants to share duties with a person from another household.

PASS-ALONG

One raiser has the puppy for the first six months and a second raiser has the puppy for the next six months.

- > Ideal for people who can commit only to a limited time raising a puppy
- > Individuals with pet weight/size restrictions or who may be more comfortable handling a younger, lighter dog can raise for the first six months, while individuals who prefer a dog that already has foundational behaviors may prefer raising the last six months.

CAMPUS PUPPIES

For college students raising on campuses approved by Leader Dog.

- > Must participate in campus puppy club and meet with assigned puppy counselor
- > All supplies, veterinary care and food paid by Leader Dog



To get more information, scan this QR code or visit LeaderDog.org and click on Volunteer.



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND®



Zoom Meeting 5/18



Junior Livestock Association News

**** JLA project areas *** Reminder first time Species showers are required to attend a Clinic for that species or fitting and showing clinic to be eligible to show at fair***

2023-2024 JLA Officers
President: Lindsey Roof
Vice President: Briley Bordine
Secretary: Kennedy Albring
Treasurer: Sophie Kreps

New stall fees for 2024 Fair



Sheep & Swine- \$18/ head
Horses & Ponies-\$18/ head
Beef Cattle- \$20/ head
Goats- \$10/ head
Poultry & Rabbits \$8/pen
Dairy Cattle \$5/head

Junior Livestock Association

Sheep and Swine Tagging May 11th 9:00 am to Noon Anderson Arena

***Fitting and Showing Clinic June 4th 6:00 pm Fairgrounds

Dairy and Goat at 7:00pm

Last chance to attend clinic/workshop

Barn Set-up July 11th @ 6:00pm

***Reminder JLA first time showers must attend a clinic for that species



YQCA Certification



Complete YQCA by June 10, 2024 *PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*****

YQCA Certification

Youth ages 8-19 showing **MARKET** animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) are **required to complete YQCA training ***by June 10, 2024 to allow review of all completed certifications from June 10 to June 15. YQCA is required each year for market animals to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.**

Only Web based training option remains

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

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

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



All YQCA Certificates need to be submitted to office



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

Options to submit: electronically at <https://bit.ly/YQCA2024> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. ***

Clickable Links:

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

DO NOT WAIT COMPLETE AND SUBMIT CERTIFICATE TODAY



Dairy Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

Important Dates

6/4/2024 7:00pm Fitting and Showing Clinic @ Fairgrounds/ Dairy Barn Lot D

6/30/2024 Milk Sale Deadline

7/11/2024 Buyer letters

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign April 24, 2024 to May 05, 2024



Help 4-H empower tomorrow's leaders with our Paper Clover Fundraiser

In-store or online

Partnership

Tractor Supply proudly began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 and we have since helped raise over \$14 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 69,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100% of funds raised through our two Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming

Visit 3 store locations to Support Monroe County 4-H

- Dundee
- Monroe
- Lambertville



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Shop three locations to support Monroe 4-H Dundee, Lambertville and Monroe

HELP GROW STRONG LEADERS

PAPER CLOVER IS BACK!
APRIL 24 – MAY 5

Funds support 4-H camp, scholarships and leadership activities.



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TractorSupply.com



Horse and Pony News



Work Bees Start in June on Tuesdays @ 6:00pm

4-H Important Dates

- Mandatory Meeting May 10 @7pm Horse Barns
- Leveling Clinic- May 10-12, 2024
- Mandatory Meeting May 13, 2023 @6:30 in Activity Center
- Fair Entry Opens May 15th **ONLY PREMIUM CLASSES WILL BE IN FAIR ENTRY**
- State Point Show- June 7-9, 2024
- State Point Show- June 21-23, 2024
- Barn Setup- July 11, 2024

New program introduction

Attention youth! Have you ever wanted to learn to train your own yearling? Now is your chance. A few mini yearlings are available for a new pilot program in Monroe!

Youth age 12 and over can apply to be provided a mini yearling at no upfront cost to show in special classes at the open shows and at fair.

Back in the day there was a program that did this with standardbred yearlings.

The mini would be leased to the youth from the end of April until after fair (or state show). Youth care for and train the yearling during this time, then compete and gain points for an overall prize at fair.

If you're interested, please send me a message for additional details. Not all youth that apply will be selected as there is a limited amount of available minis.

Horse and Pony info

Main communication 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 Dec & Aug)

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

Hippology Team

The Hippology Team meetings are open to any 4H member who wants to learn more about horses. It is considered a horseless project.

We will be covering many different subjects preparing for the upcoming State educational Hippology and Horse Judging contests. Reach out to Liz Kotus at Horse and Pony meetings for more information.



Fair Superintendents Agreements Due May 02, 2024

Attention

calling all

2024

Fair Superintendents

Superintendent contracts will be emailed
the first week in April
Please sign and return your contract by
May 2nd

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





Pre-Fair Meeting

Club Leaders



Pre-fair Meeting scheduled for May 02, 2024 7pm @ AC

LEADERS ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED AND STAY FOR THE FULL MEETING.

Fair Paperwork turn in June 17th 1pm to 7 pm in the AC. All fair paperwork will be turned in at stations in the AC.



Club leaders click below for directions on how to pull your Rosters!

[Directions on how to pull club rosters](#)

Link to Volunteer Central

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

Leader recorded trainings

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 -[Recording](#)

What is Club Development? Where are club resources on the website?

Discuss needs of counties across the state related to club development.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 -[Recording](#)

How to help a 4-H Club stay healthy?

Exploring [4-H Club Development website](#) and Resources.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 -[Recording](#)

What are ways to maintain positive club engagement?

Strategies for promoting opportunities within clubs

SAVE THE DATE!! Club 101 is coming on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm (ZOOM)





2024 Premium Catalog

[2024-Premium-Catalog-Final.pdf \(monroecountyfair.com\)](https://monroecountyfair.com)

2024 Monroe County Fair
Premium Catalog

ADVENTURE & MORE IN 2024



PREMIUM CATALOG SPONSORED BY



Premium Books will be distributed to Leaders on May 02, 2024. Link to the premium book, will be posted on Facebook and County Website.

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

Don't use old projects numbers or premium catalogs, information has been updated. 2024 premium catalog replaces all prior premium catalogs.

There are new project areas so please read the catalog to find out all the new opportunities we have to offer.

Test your Knowledge “Did you know?” Premium Catalog

Did you Know?

The 4-H classes start on page with the 4-H Clover
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Did you know?

All vegetables exhibited are to be grown by the member.
Department 68 Horticulture

Did you know?

All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

General Rules for Livestock

Did you know?

Immediate family members will not bid on a project member's animal.
SAA Auction Sale Program

4-H YOUTH PROJECTS



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Fair Entry

FAIR ENTRY

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

Fair Entry opens on **May 15, 2024** and Fair Entry Closes on **June 15th at 5:00 pm.**



DO NOT WAIT TO COMPLETE

Start on May 15, 2024 so if support is needed it can be provided

After registering you MUST print your entry list and provide it to your Leader. Review your entries to ensure they are accurate!

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](#) ***

www.fairentry.com is the website.

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>



Jr. Superintendent submissions

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.

<https://forms.gle/YrgJMb2xzMghVYa3A>

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

Trophy Payments

A friendly Reminder Trophy Payments are due on May 02, 2024

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

There are still some open trophies available for sponsorship.

Please e-mail debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu

Or Call Jean Genaw (734) 240-3188





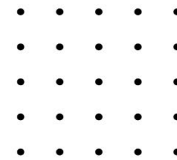
ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES SPONSORED BY FIRST MERCHANTS BANK

REQUIRED FOR FIRST EVER FAIR STATIC (CRAFT) SILENT AUCTION



First Merchants Bank

Helping you prosper



What this mean for you:

1. Attend a session
2. Complete a record book for static or animal project
3. Enter both your record book in static project entrepreneurs hip or the appropriate animal record book area
4. Enter your projects at the appropriate time
5. Receive an add-on from First Merchants Bank!!

BUSINESS START UP SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH THAT COMPLETE THE SERIES!

WHAT TO EXPECT!

Ever thought about owning your own business or selling your Fair Projects you work so hard on? The Entrepreneurship Series is a great opportunity to try on a future of business ownership with fun filled challenges and activities!

- Product or Service Development
- Building a Business Plan & Budget
- Branding & Advertising
- Guest Speaker Entrepreneurs

**MON, MARCH 11TH 7PM
WED, APRIL 10TH 7PM
TUES, MAY 14TH 7 PM
SUN, JUNE 2ND 6PM**

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MONROE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
RAISINVILLE ENTERANCE**



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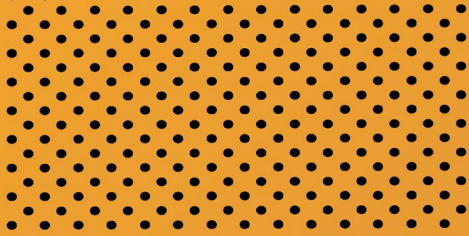


4-H Graduation



Tools for Building Strong Clubs Activities and recreation are tools that can strengthen an already energetic program or revitalize one that is lagging. VanWinkle, Davis, Skubinna and Larwood (2005) define recreation as “games, skits, parties, songs, camping, hikes and refreshments.” They suggest that recreation – which can occur at any time – is important because it allows participants to (a) feel a sense of belonging, (b) become acquainted, (c) practice cooperation, (d) develop leadership skills and (e) release excess energy. In particular, they suggest using the following ideas for helping to build a strong 4-H club: (click link) [Tools for Building Strong Clubs - 4-H Club Development \(msu.edu\)](https://www.msue.edu/extension/4-H/4-H-Club-Development/)





Saturday May 25, 2024
10:00AM -2:00PM

PAINTING CLASS



With Artist **LYNN PERAINO**

Hosted by:
Maybee Muskrats 4-H



ALL AGES
WELCOME

\$15

Includes Lunch

RSVP (734) 730 - 3826 ask for Connie





2024 FAIR PIN

\$6.00 EACH



Limited Quantities!

Pins are for sale at the Extension Office
and will be for sale at the Pre-Fair
Meeting on May 2nd.



2024 MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIR SHIRTS



**A LINK TO THE ONLINE STORE
WILL BE READY MID-MAY**

**WATCH FOR THE LINK TO BE
POSTED ON THE MONROE
COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE**



Green Thumb Expo!



Green Thumb Expo

Learn how to grow vegetables, plant flowers, make a scarecrow and more!

SATURDAY
JUNE 8
9:30am - 12pm
4-H Pavilion

4
COMPLETED PROJECTS
Only \$15



Each class is limited to 12 kids
Sign up early.
Sign up's are open
May 10 - May 28, 2024
4-H youth and Cloverbuds can participate.

Classes with offered with a *

* Potted flowers or vegetable projects, please bring:
1- XL Bag of Potting Soil

Sponsored by Bedford & Dundee Districts
Refreshments will be provided

- Classes offered are:
- Scarecrows
 - Indoor Plant
 - Herb Garden
 - Fairy Garden
 - Potted Geranium/Marigold(cloverbud)
 - Hanging Baskets*
 - Patio Pots*
 - Tomato Plant*
 - Patio Vegetable Planter*





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

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

April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your Local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

May 5 – June 1

Across the state

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge

May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

Online

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-hers-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm

May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit

May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

Online

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

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



Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

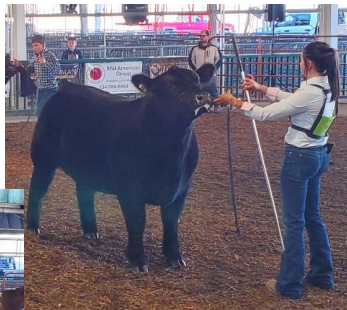
Settling in. Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.



Recap Tom Blanchette Beef Pre-view Show

Results



Showmanship

Intermediate 15-17

1st Zoey Stanger

Junior 12-14

Champion Jr. Kayla Pittman

Champion Short Horn Braden Auten

Commercial Heifer Jack Stumpmier

Champion Breed Jack Stumpmier

% Seminal

Champion Kody Fitch

Res. Overall Mkt

Crossbred

5th Reese Stotz

6th Charlie

Stumpmier

1030-1050

1st Deter Hileman

6th Elizabeth

Stumpmier

1071-1112

2nd Zoey Stanger

4th Ethan Stotz

1115-1153

7th Deter Hilman

1158-1289

1st Kayla Pittman

3rd Ethan Stotz

4th Carson Jaworski

Overall

4th Kayla Pittman

5th Deter Hileman



Horse Judging Results

2024 Michigan 4-H and FFA Horse Judging State Contest Results

CONGRATULATIONS!

4-H SENIOR REGULAR INDIVIDUAL: OVERALL

- 1st Place: T. Hayworth; Ingham County
- 2nd Place: M. Andres; Newaygo County
- 3rd Place: A. Halstead; Ingham County
- 4th Place: L. Moten; Ingham County
- 5th Place: S. Pizzo; Monroe County
- 6th Place: A. Lilley; Cass County
- 7th Place: E. Gomez; Monroe County
- 8th Place: E. Harrand; Shiawassee County

4-H SENIOR REGULAR INDIVIDUAL: REASONS

- 1st Place: A. Halstead; Ingham County
- 2nd Place: T. Hayworth; Ingham County
- 3rd Place: L. Moten; Ingham County
- 4th Place: E. Gomez; Monroe County
- 5th Place: M. Andres; Newaygo County
- 6th Place: E. Harrand; Shiawassee County
- 7th Place: O. Wiley; Allegan County
- 8th Place: S. Pizzo; Monroe County



4-H Capital Experience

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual conference that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Thank you for representing Monroe County, Stellamia & Bode Aerts, and Sophie Stanger.





Recap

Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Show





Recap

Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Show Results

Rabbits

Best in Show Champion Mini Rex Griffin Linn
Reserve Best in Show Californian Griffin Linn

Cavy

Best in Show Champion American Gold Satin
Abigail Schalte
Reserve Best in Show Satin Brindle Collin
Brooks

Pocket Pets

Best in Show Champion Hamster Ava Smead
Reserve Best in Show Rat Kennedy Joseph

Showmanship

Rabbits

Overall Grand Champion Elianna McDowell
15-19 Elianna McDowell
12-14 Morgen Schmidt
8-11 Kennedy Joseph

Cavy

Overall Grand Champion Abigail Schalte
12-14 Logan Sanjur
8-11 Abigail Schalte

Pocket Pets

Overall Grand Champion Kennedy Joseph

Best of Breed Rabbits

Californian Griffin Linn
Czech Frosty Morgen Schmidt
Dutch Elysam Cross
Dwarf Hotot Mia Dominco
Havana Annabella Dononico
Holland Lop Daisy Branham
Jersey Wolly Morgen Schmidt
Lion Head Abigail Schalte
Mini Rex Griffin Linn
Netherland Dwarf Zuri Arnold
New Zealand Angyl Bischoff
Polish Ariel Scobel
Silver Martin Elianna McDowell
Rex Emma Brestenbecher
Tan Mila Hanke-Karas
Thrianta Elianna McDowell

Best of Breed Cavy

American Golden Agouti Abigail Schalte
Crested Sold Golden Austin Arting
Satin Brindle Collin Brooks
Abyssinian Aubrey Liedke

Best of Breed Pocket Pets

Hamster Ava Smead
Rat Kennedy Joseph

Show Details

70 Rabbits Shown
11 Cavy Shown
4 Pocket Pet Shown
16 Different Breeds of Rabbits Represented
14 Rabbit Showmanship
5 Rabbit Cloverbuds Represented



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Does Agriculture Awareness Day Make an impact?

Michael Breitenbecher Shared a picture of his Ag Day tree that is now 26 years old. He received the tree in 1998.

