



4-H Family News

July 2026



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.

DON'T FORGET if you did not put your SSN in fair entry and are bringing a market animal or participating in Entrepreneurship you must come to the extension office and provide the number. Please complete by July 10, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

Jean A. Genaw

Monroe County Program Coordinator

This month's content highlights

- Barn Set-up
- Fair Baking
- Dog fun Match & Agility Practice
- Fair Shoot
- Mini Horse Show
- Cat Fair Show
- Superintendent Meeting
- Fair Project Check in
- Fair
- Fair Auctions
- Static Project pick up 8/10
- Leader post fair meeting /New year kick off
September 3, 2026 7:00 AC

Contribute to the
Network

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

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JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	2	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day!
5	6 4-H Council; AC 7PM	7 Terra Quest; AC 6PM Barn Set-Up; Fairgrounds 6PM	8 Fair Baking; AC Noon- 5:00pm H&P Ride Night; Horse Arena 4PM	9	10	11 Dog Fun Match; Outside Glenn Stock 10AM Fair Shoot; Monroe Rod and Gun 8:30am
12	13 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	14 Hippology; AC 5:30PM	15 JLA; ELC 7PM TBD atBarn set-up Shooting Sports; ELC 7PM Whispering Spirits Arena Prac; AC 7PM	16 Dog Agility Practice; by Glenstock 6:30PM Cat Board; AC 6:30PM FAB; ELC 7PM	17 4-H all Mini Horse Show 17th-19th	18
19 4-H Cat Show Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1:00pm registration	20	21 Caprine Council; Workshop at Pienta's barn goat clipping	22 H&P Ride Night; Horse Arena 4:15PM	23 Superintende nt Mtg; AC 7PM	24	25
26	27 SAA; ELC 7PM	28	29 Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	30	31 Fair Project Check-In	
Monroe County Fair						

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monroe County Fair						
9	10  Static project pick-up; Fairgrounds 2:00 to 6:30	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 	18 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	19 JLA; ELC 7PM	20 Fair Advisory Board; ELC 7PM	21	22
23	24 	25 	26 Teen Ambassador; AC 7PM	27 	28	29 
30	31					



W-9 1099-MISC form

IF YOU DID NOT SUBMIT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN FAIR ENTRY AND YOU ARE BRINGING A MKT ANIMAL OR PARTICIPATING IN THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM...YOU MUST COME TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND PROVIDE YOUR SSN. PLEASE COMPLETE NO LATER THAN JULY 10,2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Small Animal

Next Meeting Tuesday July 27, 2026 @7:00pm ELC

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

Poultry Record Card Link:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/uploads/files/Poultry%20Record%20Card%202026.pdf>

Follow Us on Social Media

[Monroe County Small Animal Association](#)

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

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



SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 25-26

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



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program



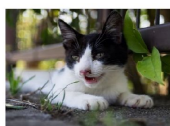
Meeting Location: 4-H Activity Center

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

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

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

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



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



New Market Rabbit Growth worksheet

Market Rabbit

Rate of Growth Worksheet

4H Exhibitor _____ Age _____

Club _____ Years in project _____

Market Class Project _____

Date Kindled or Purchased _____

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

* Proof of purchase is required.

* Please include name of Rabbitry or Seller

Growth Tracking

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

Tattoo # _____ Tattoo # _____ Tattoo # _____

Cost

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

Misc. Charting

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

Market Classes Numbers

Fryer 6117

Meat Pen 6118

Roaster 6119

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



Thank you for your Support

April 2026

Re: Small Animal Association Master Stockman Funding

The Small Animal Master Stockman Contest is looking for some help from our clubs this year to continue with this program. The contest was designed to encourage members to learn more about their small animal project by participating in several divisions. The most exciting part of the program is members are awarded with a monetary gift in each small animal category. This program operates on about \$550 per year. This year I'm asking all of our clubs if they could donate a small amount to help out the Master Stockman Contest. Any amount will help! Thank you in advance!

I would also like to send out an invitation to attend one of your club meetings to explain/encourage your members to participate in the Master Stockman Contest this year at the fair. If you're at all interested in the program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,
Julie Linn
Superintendent of Small Animal Master Stockman
(734) 735-6809
jilinn96@gmail.com

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





Small Animal Processing

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

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



If so, please fill out the google form ASAP.

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

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

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

Processing Fees

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Monroe 4-H Dog Program



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026!

MAY 1ST - AG AWARENESS DAY

MAY 5TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

MAY 31ST - FUN MATCH @ 12PM

JUNE 2ND - FAIR FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

JUNE 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

JULY 11TH - FUN MATCH @ 10AM

JULY 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

AUGUST 1ST - FAIR SHOW @ 8AM

AUGUST 2ND - DOGGIE DRESS-UP @ 7PM

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

SEPTEMBER 19TH - MI STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

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





Dog Program



Scan this code to
pre-register!
[https://forms.gle/Ua
aVxvTAqgQsSCuC7](https://forms.gle/Ua
aVxvTAqgQsSCuC7)



Fun Match Dog Show!

All 4-h youth are welcome to join us for a practice Dog show! Classes offered are: Obedience, Agility, Showmanship, and Rally Obedience

SATURDAY JULY 11, 2026 - 10AM

MONROE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS - GLENN STOCK ARENA

3775 S. CUSTER RD. MONROE, MI 48161

- \$5 PER ENTRY (OUT OF COUNTY 4-H ARE WELCOME AND WILL HAVE A \$5 ADDITIONAL FEE TO THEIR ENTRY TOTAL)
- PRE-REGISTRATION BY JULY 10TH IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!
- **SET UP BEGINS AT 8:00AM! ALL YOUTH (OR THEIR FAMILIES) HELPING SET UP AND/OR TEAR DOWN WILL RECEIVE \$5 OFF THEIR YOUTHS ENTRY FEE TOTAL!**
- DOG PROGRAM T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE INCLUDING CLOVERBUDS!

**ALL DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON VACCINES*

**ALL YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO THE 4-H DRESS CODE IN ALL SHOW RINGS*

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

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



Contact Casey Young
for more information
419-344-3753

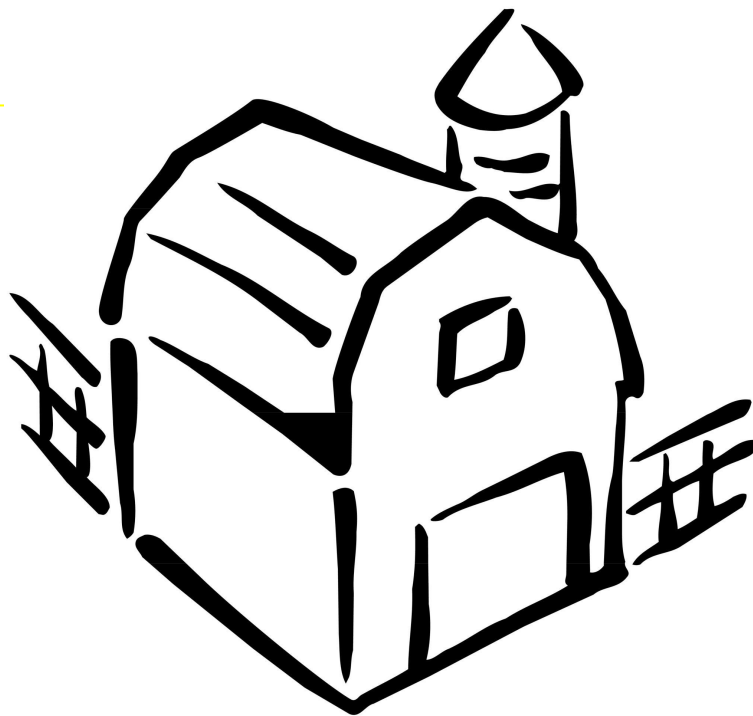




Junior Livestock Association News

Next JLA July 15, 2026 6pm Auction Committee Meeting, 7pm monthly board mtg. (TBD at Barn Set-up) ELC

Barn Set-up July 7th 6:00pm



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



DEADLINE JULY 7TH

Order Here: <https://stores.inksoft.com/monroe4h/shop/home>



MONROE COUNTY 4-H 2026

»»» T-SHIRT

ITS OFFICIAL! Our 2026 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.

STARTING AT

\$15 A SHIRT

ORDER NOW

For Questions email: tonib0108@yahoo.com





Dairy Board / Goat Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

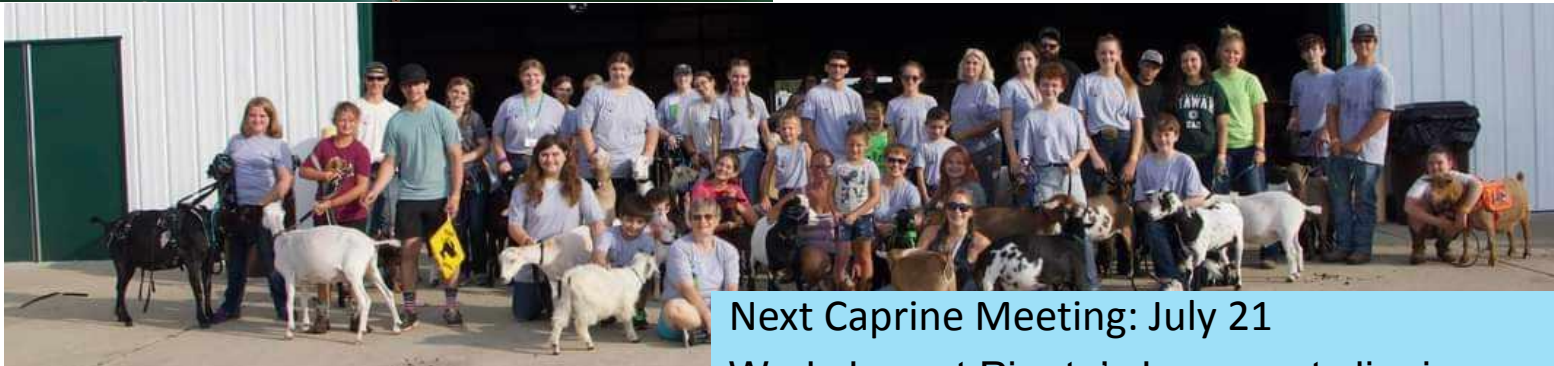
Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

Thank you 2025 Monroe County 4-H Dairy Board Sponsors

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



Next Caprine Meeting: July 21

Workshop at Pienta's barn goat clipping

Caprine Council

2025-2026 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

Vice President- Liam Bednarz

Treasurer- Emma Lane

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Historian- Ashlyn Weslow

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Liam Bednarz



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

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



Horse and Pony News

Save The Dates

- Open ride nights see flyer
- All Mini Show- July 17-19
- **DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR STATE SHOW July 15, 2026**
- Fair August 1, 2026 August 08, 2026
- State show August 13th-16th
- Clinic/Meet and Greet- September 13th
- Banquet 2026 November 6th

2026 H&P Officers

President- Nora Sheets

Vice President- Mackenzie Reed

Secretary- Mia Brinson

Treasure- Maleah Wylie

Webmaster/Historian- Laynie Timmons



Horse and Pony info

Main communication is through

Facebook: Monroe County 4-H

Horse and Pony Members Only

and

Monthly meetings 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center

(Except Aug & Dec)

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

meeting the requirements

We need 6 volunteers before we receive our link to register

REMINDER

Registration for the 2026 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show is OPEN!

Counties MUST submit volunteers before the registration link will be sent.

REGISTRATION CLOSES
JULY 15, 2026



Beyond Ready

Questions? Reach out to David at lindsa75@msu.edu



Horse and Pony open ride nights

Monroe County 4-H Horse & Pony

OPEN RIDE NIGHTS

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

\$10 per Rider for Open Arena

5 Minutes on the Pattern: \$2 per slot

Gymkhana Expo: \$5 per run

Cash or Check Only

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

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

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

Rules:

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



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

MASTER STOCKMAN OVERVIEW

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

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

Master Stockman – Equine Division:

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE FOR THE CRAFT AREAS

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

PHOTOGRAPHY: THE EQUINE IN SHOW OR NATURAL STATE

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

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

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

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



Master Stockman Overview Cont.

Test questions come from:

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

TEST Example:

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



2026 Superintendent Meeting



2026 Superintendent Meeting

July 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm
At the Activity Center

All Adult Superintendents are reminded that they must attend the Superintendents meeting scheduled for **July 23th @ 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center**. It is very important that all Superintendents attend this meeting to learn about the 2026 Fair and to pick up your materials. Please plan on staying for the entire meeting.

Fair Reminders

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!

Opening Ceremonies for 2026

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 August 2nd @ 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 2026 Monroe County Fair!



Volunteers needed both youth and adults

GRANDSTAND CLEAN-UP



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



BRING A 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!



MONDAY -SUNDAY
8:30 AM AT
GRANSTANDS

PRIZES
DRAWN DAILY



Additional volunteers will be needed
Barn assignments include

Monday 8/3

Beef barn

Tuesday 8/4

Small Animal Barn

Wednesday 8/5

Swine and Goat Barn

Thursday 8/6

Sheep Barn

Friday 8/7

Horse Barn

Saturday 8/8

All Barns

Sunday 8/9

All Barns

Mandy Cadle 734 735-7588

meet 8:30 am at the grandstands!

Great Prizes !!!!



PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER



We need your assistance to run the bank parking lot! Volunteers collecting money need to be gold level! Please Sign up for time slots at <https://bit.ly/4dICdiv>

**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, AUG 2ND-8TH
DETAILS & SIGN UP: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4DICDIV](https://bit.ly/4dICdiv)**



Monroe County 4-H Small Animal Association

We would like the opportunity to recognize the youth who have invited you to participate in our auction. Please bring this card with you to enter that youth member and yourself into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple cards per buyer welcome.

Youth Name:

Buyer Name:

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

USE THESE CARDS IN YOUR AUCTION LETTERS TO BUYERS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT CARD!

Monroe County 4-H Junior Livestock Association

We would like the opportunity to recognize the youth who have invited you to participate in our auction. Please bring this card with you to enter that youth member and yourself into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple cards per buyer welcome.

Youth Name:

Buyer Name:

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



Youth Volunteer Hours

Get Involved in the Barns!

Help in the Small Animal Barn & Junior Livestock Barns!

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

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

Turn in Your Volunteer Log!

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

Receive a Plaque for Your Pen at the Fair!

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

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

2026
Volunteered
8 Hours
Your Name

Additional volunteer hour opportunities

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

Barn Set-up July 7 6:00pm

Deadline for hours to be turned in is July 24th.

Sheets can be e-mailed to Genawjea@msu.edu

or brought to extension office



Fair Pins and Guard Duty

fair pins



Check out this years Fair Pin! Stars and Stripes and Country Nights! Pick yours up at the extension office before fair or at the 4-H Headquarters during fair. Don't miss the chance to have this commemorative piece of history!

Just \$6!!!!

Kitchen and Guard Duty

*** We CANNOT do it without you! Importance of Kitchen and Guard Duty Thank you for the time, commitment, and leadership you provide for our 4-H youth. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

All Clubs are assigned a specific time and number of volunteers to be provided for their time slot. Working in the kitchen is a big responsibility and requires a great deal of care toward safety. **All Adult Volunteers for Kitchen Duty are required to be Gold or Silver level approved volunteers with the 4-H Program, 4-H members 16 or older may also volunteer in the kitchen.**

Our 4-H youth create wonderful projects that the spectators are very tempted to pick-up or touch in order to get a "closer look". We appreciate the public's admiration of the projects but we want to keep them from possibly being damaged or stolen! **The volunteer guards** must be able to keep focused on their task at hand and deal cordially and responsibly with the variety of visitors to our buildings. Therefore, to gain the respect from the spectators, **ALL VOLUNTEER WORKERS SHOULD BE ADULTS!**

Point of Contact for Guard Duty and Kitchen Duty Patti Wartinger at pattiwartinger@gmail.com or by phone at 734-777-0493

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



Trophy Payments PAST DUE



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.

2026 Fair Premium Catalog

2026 Monroe County Fair Premium Catalog



**AUGUST 2
TO
AUGUST 8,
2026**

***Stars and Stripes
and Country Nights***

PREMIUM CATALOG SPONSORED BY
COMPLETE CONTRACTING SOLUTIONS



Families are responsible for knowing information in the premium book related to project areas their youth enroll in, please read carefully. Schedule Pg. 49

Link:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/uploads/files/2026-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf>

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



Fair Activity Center TV ads for TQ

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 Ads must be received by July 20th @ Noon.



2026 4-H Schedule

Thursday, July 30 th	
2:00-6:30 PM	Set-up all 4-H exhibits including candy and decorated cakes, baked goods, microwave, dry grains, dry sheaves, scarecrows, patio pots, herb gardens, hanging baskets and geraniums, Artistic seed design, indoor gardening living plants, dish gardens, tack boxes.
2:00-6:30 PM	Judging of all food divisions.
2:00-6:30 PM	Small Animal Record Keeping entered.
2:00-6:30 PM	Submit hard copies of Communications projects (see details in the Communications section) and sign up on the east side of Activity Center.

Friday, July 31 st	
9:00-11:00 AM	Deadline for signing in for Communications projects.
9:30-12:00 PM	Judging of Communications projects. Judging will continue for participants signed in by 11:00 am for as long as necessary.

Saturday, August 1 st	
8:30 AM	Rabbits brought in
8:30 AM	Dog judging - Glenn Stock Arena
8:30 AM	Registration of Pocket Pets
9:00 AM	Rabbit exhibits judged
9:00 AM	Judging of Pocket Pets – Dog Tent
9:30-2:00 PM	Vegetables, live stalks, flowers, Produce Art, tomato plants
12:00-4:00 PM	Sheep, Goats Haul-in
1:00-3:00 PM	Beef Haul-in
12:30 PM	Cavy exhibits judged
1:00 PM	4-H Bake-Off
2:00-5:00 PM	Dairy brought in
4:00-8:00 PM	Horses brought in
5:00-9:00 PM	Poultry project entered
4:30-8:30 PM	Swine exhibits entered

Sunday, August 2 nd	
8:00 AM	Poultry Judging - Poultry Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show - Horse Show Arena
1:00 PM	Parade in Downtown Monroe
3:30-5:00 PM	Livestock Master Stockman & Skill-A-Thon 4-H Activity Center
4:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies & Dedication of Bricks – 4-H Activity Center
6:00 PM	Sheep Showmanship - Anderson Show Arena
7:00 PM	Dog Dress-up – Dog Demonstration Tent

Monday, August 3 rd	
8:00 AM	4-H Sheep Judging – Anderson Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena (Speed Event after dinner break)
12:00 PM	Swine Showmanship - Anderson Show Arena
2:00 PM	Poultry Showmanship - Small Animal Barn
4:00-8:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations - Dog Tent
5:00 PM	Large Animal Record Keeping Entered
6:00 PM	Shooting Sports Awards – 4-H Education Building
7:00 PM	Goat Milking Contest - Goat barn

Tuesday, August 4 th	
8:00 AM	Swine Judging
9:00 AM	Dairy Goat Judging - Goat Tent
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena (evening show after dinner break)
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
1:00 PM	Goat Showmanship – Glenn Stock Arena
4:00 PM	Dog Rally – Dog Tent
6:00 PM	Beef Showmanship

Wednesday, August 5 th	
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena (evening show after dinner break)
9:00 AM	Steers followed by Beef breeding animals
9:00 AM	Rabbit showmanship & Rabbit Breed ID
10:00-2:00 PM	4-H Mini Horse Show - Glenn Stock Arena
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
2:00-3:00 PM	Small Animal Master Stockman
4:00 PM	4-H Talent Showcase – Free Stage
4:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations – Dog Tent
4:00 PM	Livestock Judging Contest – Andersons Show Arena
5:00 PM	Sheep lead Class – Andersons Show Arena

Thursday, August 6 th	
8:30 AM	Judging of Pack Goats & Carts – Glenn Stock Arena
9:00 AM	Judging of dairy cattle and showmanship
9:00 AM	4-H Modeling - Free Stage
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show - Horse Show Arena
10:30 AM	Small Animal Dress-up - Small Animal Barn
4:00-8:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations – Dog Tent
4:00 PM	Cloverbud Recognition Ceremony - Andersons Show Arena
5:30 PM	Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes
7:00 PM	4-H Large Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes

Friday, August 7 th	
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena
10:00 AM	Dog Rally Judging – Glenn Stock Arena
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
4:00 PM	4-H Sale of Dairy Cattle Milk followed by 4-H Market Livestock Auction (Beef, Swine, Sheep)

Saturday, August 8 th	
10:00 AM	4-H Small Animal Auction Sale
2:00-6:00 PM	Dog Demonstrations – Dog Tent
8:00 PM	Fair Celebration Dance – Andersons Show Arena
11:00 PM	4-H Horses released
11:00 PM to Midnight	Beef Breeding/Dairy Released

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

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



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- Mayra Leitner
 Vice President- Sue Andrews
 Treasurer- Cara Bischoff
 Secretary- Toni Branham

Would you like to be on the ballot for this years council elections? Please reach out to Jean or anyone on the executive board. Elections will take place during project turn in!

11AM DAILY

4-H Fun Activities La-Z-Boy Pavilion!

During Fair Week!

Monday: Friendship Bracelets

Tuesday: T-Shirt Painting

Wednesday: Shrinky Dink Keychains

Thursday: Calming Jars

Friday: Surprise!





Barn to Barn Competition



**HELP TEEN
AMBASSADORS HELP
PUALA'S HOUSE**



Contact us at:
734-915-0250



Bring your donations to:
**Extension office, 4-H
headquarters, or contact
us for further locations**

open Donation



Hygiene Products:

- Tampons
- Men's & Woman
Deodorant
- Razor's
- Combs
- Hair brushes



Other Necessities:

- Cleaning supplies
- Socks
- Shower shoes
- Twin bedding
- Pillows
- Comforters
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



**SHARE YOUR KINDNESS
— YOUR SMALL GIFT
CAN MAKE A BIG
CHANGE.**



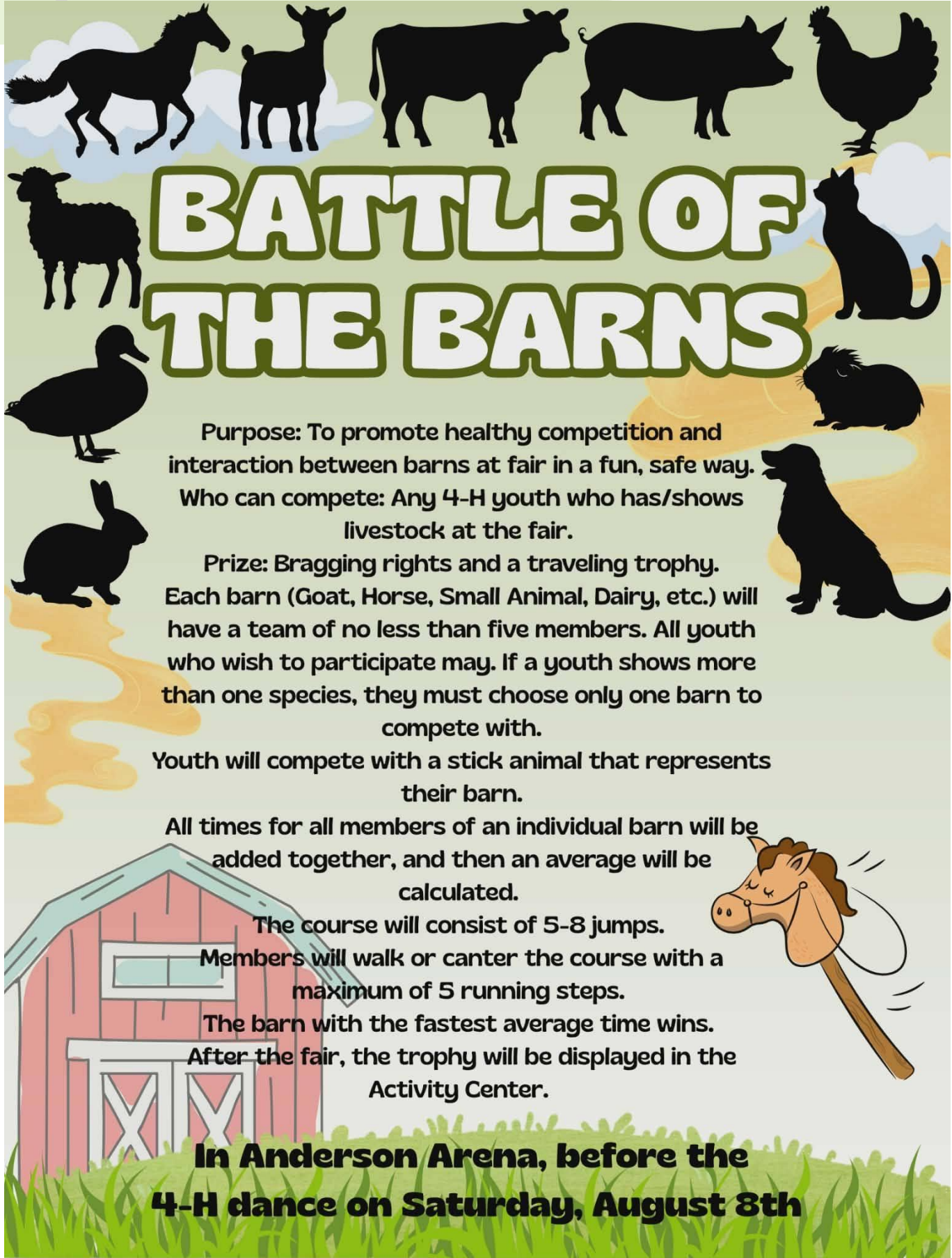
*All proceeds will support
Woman in need through
Puala's House.*

JOIN US TO SPREAD THE KINDNESS

HELP US, HELP THEM.

06/22
-
08/09

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
TONIBO108@YAHOO.COM



BATTLE OF THE BARNS

Purpose: To promote healthy competition and interaction between barns at fair in a fun, safe way.

Who can compete: Any 4-H youth who has/shows livestock at the fair.

Prize: Bragging rights and a traveling trophy. Each barn (Goat, Horse, Small Animal, Dairy, etc.) will have a team of no less than five members. All youth who wish to participate may. If a youth shows more than one species, they must choose only one barn to compete with.

Youth will compete with a stick animal that represents their barn.

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

The course will consist of 5-8 jumps.

Members will walk or canter the course with a maximum of 5 running steps.

The barn with the fastest average time wins.

After the fair, the trophy will be displayed in the Activity Center.

In Anderson Arena, before the 4-H dance on Saturday, August 8th



JOIN TEEN AMBASSADORS



WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER

We want You

Be part of something exciting, inspiring, and growing every day. Teen Ambassadors is filled with amazing people who love sharing experiences, ideas, and positive vibes while volunteering in our community.

NEW FRIENDSHIPS



COMMUNITY SERVICE & RESUME BUILDING

FUN DISCUSSIONS AND EVENTS



FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL: TONIB0108@YAHOO.COM

TEEN AMBASSADOR

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Dance · Glow · Vibe
Popcorn · Drinks

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8

8:00 PM - 10pm

The Anderson Arena

Stay for exciting give aways
throughout the night

COME OUT TO JOIN US

To dance the night away



Dinning Hall Gift Cards

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

August 2-8, 2026

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



Monroe County 4-H Council

Invites you to join us

Open to the Public



Air Conditioned

Breakfast - Daily Specials - Grilled Items

Beverages, Desserts & More

Good Food & Great Prices



4-H ACTIVITY CENTER DINING HALL

Monroe County Fairgrounds

Open Sunday Aug. 2, 3pm-7pm & Chicken BBQ 5-7pm

Monday-Saturday Aug. 3-8, 7:30am-7pm

Monroe County Fair "Michigans Finest"



4-H Activity Center Dining Hall Menu



Breakfast (7:30-10:30 am)

Bacon, Egg & Cheese Sandwich M-W-F	\$5.00
Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich T-TH-S....	\$5.00
French Toast (3) M-W-F.....	\$3.00
Pancakes (3) T-TH-S.....	\$3.00
Biscuits & Gravy Full Order.....2 biscuits....	\$5.00
Half Order..... 1 biscuit.....	\$3.00
Scrambled Eggs (2).....	\$2.50
Bacon (3) M-W-F.....	\$3.00
Sausage Links (3) T-TH-S.....	\$3.00
White Toast (2).....	\$1.50
Donut.....	\$2.00
Cold Cereal.....	\$1.00
Bagel w/Cream Cheese.....	\$2.50

Lunch & Dinner Grill (11am-7pm)

Hamburger.....	\$5.00
Cheeseburger.....	\$5.50
Grilled Chicken	\$6.00
Hot Dog.....	\$2.00
Italian Sausage.....	\$5.00
Sloppy Joe.....	\$5.00

FREE CUP of Coffee, Tea or Water
with any purchase
(Located in Dining Hall behind check out)



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

<u>Monday</u>	Hot Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Roll.....	\$12.00
	<u>A Free Cookie for Veterans on Monday!</u>	
<u>Tuesday</u>	Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll.....	\$12.00
<u>Wednesday</u>	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll.....	\$12.00
	<u>A Free Cookie for Seniors on Wednesday!</u>	
<u>Thursday</u>	Pot Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll.....	\$12.00
<u>Friday</u>	Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread.....	\$12.00
<u>Saturday</u>	Cook's choice, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll.....	\$12.00

Salads

Chicken Salad Wrap.....	\$6.00
Grilled Chicken Garden Salad.....	\$8.00
Garden Salad – Full	\$7.00
Garden Salad - Side.....	\$4.00

Sides

Mac & Cheese.....	\$3.50
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy.....	\$3.50
Soft Pretzel.....	\$3.00
Cheese Cup.....	\$1.00
Nachos & Cheese.....	\$4.00
Bag of Chips.....	\$1.00
Applesauce, Fruit Cup, Pudding Cup, Etc.....	\$1.00
Yogurt Parfait.....	\$4.00
Fresh Fruit.....	\$4.00

Desserts

Homemade Cookie.....	\$1.00
Slice of Pie (Daily Assortment).....	\$3.00
Piece of Cake.....	\$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
Cup of Ice.....		\$.50



2026 Tri County Archery Tournament



2026 Tri County Archery Tournament

Hosted by Monroe Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Association
And the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club



Date: Sunday, August 30th, 2026

Time: Line times 11 am (check in @ 10am), 1 pm (check in @ 12pm) and **3pm **If needed**

Location: Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, 5095 Ellis Rd, Ypsilanti Township, MI 48197

Cost: \$20 per Participant. Family discount, \$5 off each additional sibling!
(Payable to: SSA by check, money order or Venmo)

Registration: Scan QR code for link to online registration.

Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on Sunday Aug. 23rd.

Entry is limited to 4-H Members. Youth may only enter one Division.

Divisions: Age groups are determined by your 4-H age (as of January 1st of the current year). There will be 3 Age groups per Division.



Beginner 9-11
Junior 12-14
Senior 15-19

everyone will shoot at 20 yds.

**DOOR Prizes &
FREE Giveaways!!**

Shooting Divisions as follows:

- **Barebow Division** Compound, Long, or Recurve bows without sights or bowmarks. Fingers Only Will use a 60cm Target.
- **Sighted Division** Compound, Long, Recurve, or Olympic recurve bows WITH any type of Fixed sight or bowmarks. Fingers Only (No release aid). Will use a 40cm Target.
- **Bowhunter Division** Compound bows WITH a Fixed sight (single or multi pins) which CAN NOT be adjusted once scoring begins and using a manually triggered release aid.
- **Freestyle Division** Compound bows WITH Adjustable sights and a manually triggered release aid (NO BACK TENSION releases**).

**Bowhunter & Freestyle will have the choice of shooting a 40 cm Single Spot Target or a Three Spot Vertical targets.

General Info:

- **Mandatory equipment:** Hip quivers and an Arm Guard (to be worn on the contestant's bow arm).
- **All contestants should have prior shooting event experience, such as County, Regional or State level.**
- 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 Tri-CAT Rules.

⚡ (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13PvpX8KaITZnMcvI7UE5LNCTJ1yl8Sa7/view?usp=sharing>)

Competition for all divisions will be as follows: **10 ends of 3 arrows @ 2 minutes per end**. 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.4hshootingssports@gmail.com





Volunteer/ leader Corner

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



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](#)

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](#)

Michigan 4-H
Volunteer Webinar

Beyond

Ready:

Equipping

Youth with

Skills for Life

October 6th

at noon or 7 pm

on Zoom

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/4-HPlate](https://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate)



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

MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers



QUESTIONS?

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

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



NEW STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING RECOGNITION PROGRAM



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

Trail riding helps youth build:

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

Now those miles earn statewide recognition!

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



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





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Preparing youth to
be Beyond Ready
through the fair
experience*



Beyond Ready

The fair experience is more than a showcase; it's a powerful opportunity to prepare youth to be Beyond Ready for life. Through exhibiting their projects, interacting with judges and engaging with the public, young people practice real-world skills such as communication, responsibility, problem-solving and professionalism.

When volunteers create intentional learning moments, like encouraging youth to reflect on project growth, prepare for interviews or take leadership roles in their clubs, youth deepen their understanding and strengthen skills that extend far beyond the fairgrounds. Every fair interaction becomes a stepping stone toward future readiness.

Is your club helping youth make those connections and see how fair experiences prepare them for what comes next?

#BeyondReady

July 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

Farm Bureau Pavilion, Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan July 13-15 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lakes State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 16: Water Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. Play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

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

July 20-21: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

This two-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect our Great Lakes. All campers 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 8-13. Registration deadline is July 10.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp

July 23: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. Collect, observe and even make bugs! The MSU Bug House will also be on site with their collections of insects from all over the world.

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

July 27: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp

The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City

Youth ages 7-12- are invited to join this camp for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity as they explore sustainability and growth through an engaging, hands-on approach.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026

July 30: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles! Youth will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2026 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 \$1,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

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 7 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. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Business Pitch Contest

Got a business idea? Whether your business is already running, just getting started or still an idea, we want to hear your pitch! Enter the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase and share your entrepreneurial skills in a two-minute video!

Entries will be judged on creativity, communication, understanding of the target audience, and overall presentation skills. Winners in each age division will receive gift card prizes (\$75, \$50, \$25) sponsored by Michigan State University Federal Credit Union and be recognized through Michigan 4-H communications and social media. For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Michigan youth ages 8–19 are invited to enter the Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest as part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase! Create a short video and/or design a poster, flyer or graphic that encourages others to purchase the Michigan 4-H license plate and you could win. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be featured on Michigan 4-H social media channels. Put your creativity to work and help spread the word about 4-H across Michigan! For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at: www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

New scholarships for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is pleased to offer new scholarship opportunities to Michigan 4-H members for fall 2026. Nearly \$30,000 in post-secondary 4-H scholarships are available for the 2026–2027 academic year to high school seniors or incoming college freshmen. Youth must have participated in 4-H for three or more years.

These scholarships are made possible through generous support from 4-H alumni, retirees and friends of 4-H. Apply by September 1 at mi4hfdtn.org/scholarship.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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



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2026 Schedule of Events

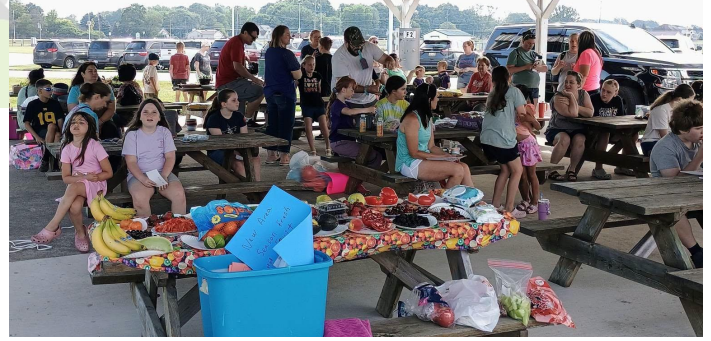
Jan. 25- 4-H Tack Sale & More	July 11-12- FCHA Horse Show
Jan. 31/Feb. 1- Oddities & Horror Fest	July 17-19- 4-H Horse Show
Feb. 7-8-Gun & Knife Show	July 31- Fireworks
March 8- The Vintage Market	Aug 2- Aug 8 -MONROE COUNTY FAIR
March 21- Ducks Unlimited Banquet	Aug. 22-23- Gun & Knife Show
March 28-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





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State Awards



Exploration Days





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Slow Spokes



Horse & Pony Show

