



JULY 2025

4-H Family News

Jackson County Connections



Now Is the Time to Stay Connected

4-H Online:

Update addresses, phone numbers, health info, and more as this information will be used for fair checks, emergency communication, and announcements



Stay Connected

*Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

*Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

*Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

*Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>

CONTACT US

Hayley Wineland
winela11@msu.edu
4-H Program Coordinator

Jessica Waldron
waldro45@msu.edu
4-H Program Assistant

Gerilyn Darnell
darnel37@msu.edu
Support Staff

PHONE & EMAIL:

(517) 788-4292

msue.Jackson@county.msu.edu

WEBSITE:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/jackson/4-h/>

Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. Issued in furtherance of MSU Extension work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Quentin Tyler, Director, MSU Extension, East Lansing, MI 48824. This information is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by MSU Extension or bias against those not mentioned.



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July Meetings

Tuesday July 8th 7:00 pm
Small Animal Association

Wednesday July 9th 6pm-8pm
Cake Baking Class

Sunday July 13th 9am-12pm
Large Animal Gate Set Up

Monday July 14th 7:00 pm
Horse Council

Wednesday July 16th 7:00pm
Livestock Association

Saturday July 19th 8am-11am
Pullorum Testing

Monday July 21st 6:00 pm
4-H Council

Sunday July 27th 10am-12pm
Small Animal Pen Set Up

Thursday July 31st
Still Exhibit Judging

August Meetings

Fair

See attached detailed 4-H Fair
Schedule

Calling All 4-H Beef & Dairy Exhibitors!

We need your help setting up **ALL the gates in the Beef & Dairy Barn** this year. To beat the heat, setup will begin at **9:00 AM sharp**. The gates are big and heavy, so we'll need **lots of helping hands and muscle** to get the job done efficiently. Due to heavy equipment and heavy gates being set up we ask that younger youth help later or do clean up elsewhere on the grounds. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Important Reminder:

All gates and panels **must be disinfected** before use. If you're bringing **personal or club-owned gates/panels**, they **must be dropped off on Sunday** for disinfection. **No exceptions** — gates or panels not present on Sunday will **not** be allowed in the barn. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and teamwork!



2025 4-H Fair Schedule



Sunday, July 13th

Large Animal Set-up - Sheep 10am, Swine 11am, Beef 12pm

Sunday, July 27th

Small Animal Barn Set-up 10am

Thursday, July 31st

Still Project Judging (4-H Only) Gumper Bldg 4pm-8:30pm

Friday, August 1st

Rabbit Check-in Sm Animal Tent 5-8pm

Poultry Check-in Poultry Barn 6-9pm

Saturday, August 2nd

Dairy Check-in 8am-11pm

Horse Check-in Noon -4pm

Sheep Check-in 8am-10am

Goat Check-in 10:30am-12:30pm

Beef Check-in 5pm-8pm

Pocket Pets Sm Animal Tent TBA

Sunday, August 3rd

Swine

Check-in 6-9am

Weigh-in 10am

Rabbit

Showmanship Covered Arena 8:30am

Performance Covered Arena To Follow

Horse & Pony Outside Arena 10am

Dairy Pre Fair Mtg 10am

Sheep Covered Arena 1pm

Dog Show Covered Arena 5pm

Monday, August 4th

Dairy - 4-H and Open

Showmanship & Performance Covered Arena 8:30am

Beef

Showmanship Covered Arena 2pm

Market Covered Arena To Follow

Rabbit Costume Contest Sm Animal Tent 6pm

Tuesday, August 5th

Swine

Showmanship Covered Arena 8am

Performance Covered Arena To Follow

Tuesday, August 5th continued

Horse & Pony Outside Arena 9am

Poultry

Quality Poultry Barn 9am

Showmanship Sm Animal Tent To Follow

Wednesday, August 6th

Goats

Market Covered Arena 8:30am

Showmanship Covered Arena To Follow

Costume Covered Arena To Follow

Horse & Pony

Showmanship Championship Covered Arena 3pm

Awards Ceremony Covered Arena To Follow

Large Animal Sweepstakes Covered Arena 6pm

Thursday, August 7th

Large Animal Luncheon Covered Arena Noon

Lg Animal Auction Registration Covered Arena 12:30pm

Large Animal Auction Covered Arena 2pm

Swine Load Out 11pm

Friday, August 8th

Small Animal Sweepstakes Covered Arena 6pm

*There will be no species meetings during fair

Saturday, August 9th

Large Animal Thank You Cards due 10am-Noon

Sm Animal Auction Registration Covered Arena 10:00 AM

Sm Animal Brunch Covered Arena 10:30am

Small Animal Auction Covered Arena 11:30am

Swine Tear Down 10pm

Load Out - Beef/Sheep/Dairy 11pm

Sunday, August 10th

Horse Load Out Ask Superintendents

Check Out

Goats/Poultry/Rabbits 9-11am

Still Projects (4-H Only) 9-11am

Pen Tear Down

Poultry 8am

Goats 9-11am

Rabbits 9-11am



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

REMINDERS FOR FAIR!

Attention All 4-H Animal Exhibitors!

If you have any questions about your fair project, please **reach out to your species superintendent as soon as possible** — don't wait until the last minute! Remember, your **Species Expectations Packet** is a valuable resource and contains a lot of important information. Be sure to review it thoroughly and refer back to it as needed.

Staying informed and asking questions early will help ensure a smooth and successful fair experience!

4-H Volunteer Screening Process

ALL fair adult volunteers will need to be either a Gold or Silver Volunteer through our volunteer screening process.

Gold Volunteer: These individuals interact with youth and/or adult meaningful ways on behalf of MSU Extension. Club leaders, providing training, education, leadership or support to MSU Extension offices, programs, events providing training, education, leadership or support to MSU Extension offices, programs, events

Silver Volunteer: These individuals have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations and no to low opportunity to form relationships with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension.
4-H events at fair such as scooping ice cream, concessions, helping at auctions

Link to application:

https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/#/volunteer_home

FARMERS MARKET AT THE FAIR



We'd love to invite you to be part of our **one-day** Farmers Market happening at the fair! 🌽🍎 It's a fun and meaningful way to showcase your hard work, connect with the community, and shine a light on the importance of agriculture.

Whether you're a student, grower, maker, or ag enthusiast, we'd be thrilled to have you join us. Just one day, lots of good vibes, and a big boost for ag awareness!

Let us know if you're in—let's make Agriculture Day at the Fair amazing together

[Click HERE to apply for a space](#)

S U N D A Y , A U G U S T 3 R D

**WE PROVIDE THE TABLE
NO FEE FOR A SPACE**

CONTACT: STACY AT
SCURTIS@MIJACKSON.ORG
OR 517-768-2902



KMS Silent Auction Baskets



Hey, Jackson County 4-H families, did you know Jackson County 4-H seniors and college students who are eligible can receive a \$750 scholarship through Jackson County 4-H Foundation in memory of Kyle Mason Sampson? In order to continue this scholarship, we need your help to raise money to go towards it!

Every year at the Large and Small animal auctions we have a KMS Silent Auction where we auction off baskets and items that have been graciously donated by 4-H clubs, families and local businesses. If you or your club would like to donate a basket or an item, please drop it off to the 4-H desk inside the Gumper Building during the week of Fair.

Thank you!

**Congratulations to Our 2025 KMS
Scholarship Recipients!**

**Ava – Westside Hi-Steppers
Alex – Round Lake Wolverines**

Please Contact Jackson County 4-H Foundation with any questions at
jacksoncounty4hfoundation.com

Agriculture Day at the Fair

LIVESTOCK SHOW & TELL

CALLING ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS! 🎤👧

AS PART OF OUR AGRICULTURE DAY CELEBRATION, WE'RE HOSTING A SPECIAL LIVESTOCK SHOW & TELL, WHERE YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AND TELL THE PUBLIC ABOUT YOUR ANIMAL, YOUR HARD WORK, AND WHAT AGRICULTURE MEANS TO YOU.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- 🕒 SIGN UP FOR A 10-15 MINUTE TIME SLOT
- 📍 PRESENT IN OUR DESIGNATED SHOW & TELL AREA AT THE FAIR
- 👨🌾 SHARE FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR ANIMAL, YOUR EXPERIENCE, AND WHY AG MATTERS

IT'S A FUN, RELAXED WAY TO EDUCATE, CONNECT, AND CELEBRATE EVERYTHING YOU DO AS PART OF THE AG COMMUNITY! PERFECT FOR ALL AGES, AND ALL SPECIES—FROM CHICKENS TO STEERS.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO SIGN UP EARLY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD

**sign up for your 15 min time slot
1-2pm & 6-7pm**

FILL OUT FORM HERE



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

August 2, 2025

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

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

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

To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-4-h-state-shooting-sports-tournament

July 8-10: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

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

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

July 9: Adulting 101 – Mastering Meal Planning

Online

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars, including how to cook once and eat twice, making a meal plan that will save you money at the store, and other great tips!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mastering-meal-planning

July 16-17: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2025

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

Online

This free course is for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2025

July 17: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

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

July 24: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

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

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

July 29-31: Camp Monet

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

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

www.canr.msu.edu/events/camp-monet





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

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

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



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

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

2025 Mark of Excellence Award Winners

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

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

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Simran Adnani, Wayne County | • Nolan King, Branch County | • Breelyn Pullins, Berrien County |
| • Abigail Baker, Cass County | • Jude Martin, Ionia County | • Hadley Schafer, Monroe County |
| • Claire Blaszyk, Oakland County | • Madison McGuire, Midland County | • Kristina Schwarz, Oakland County |
| • Snyder Dunlap, Jackson County | • Richie McNutt, Washtenaw County | • Asher Smith, Livingston County |
| • Lilly Edick, Gladwin County | • Trula Michel, Monroe County | • Jolene Smith, Ionia County |
| • Alicia Etter, Sanilac County | • Penelope Moore, Sanilac County | • Bette Stemaly, St. Joseph County |
| • Chloe F., Ingham County | • VanAnder Noordyk, Marquette County | • Autumn Wellington, Lapeer County |
| • Adreann Guikema, Newaygo County | • Victoria Perez, Washtenaw County | • Tierney Westrate, Allegan County |
| • Colton Guy, Barry County | • Madeline Piwowarski, Wexford County | • Josephine Wiltshire, Osceola County |
| • Autumn Johnloz, St. Joseph County | | |

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

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