



# 4-H Family News

September 2025



## Welcome to the Month of September

*The New 4-H Year Starts this Month!*

What a great 2025 Fair we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to all that assisted in making the 2025 Fair a great success. Now it is time to prepare for the 2025-2026 4-H year!

Be sure to read this month's Network and mark your calendars. We have lots of important dates and information to share.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call our office, direct phone numbers are the best. We are open Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4:30pm.

Thank you to all that continue to help and support us in "Making The Best Better".

Chelsea and Jean

4-H Staff

### This month's content highlights

- **Leaders Post Fair Meeting/New 4-H year kick off**  
**September 04, 2025 @ 7pm AC**
- 2025-2026 4-H enrollment Starts September 08
- 2025 Buyer Thank You
- Banquets Large Animal, Small Animal, Caprine, Dog board
- 2025 Candy Sale
- Horse and Pony Mini Clinic and meet and greet
- October 7<sup>th</sup> 4-H Night at Rev'd Up Fun
- October 8th, Club and New Families Meet and Greet
- Garage sale October 18, 2025
- Youth County Awards application links
- Nominations Link for Volunteer awards
- Great picture recaps

### Contribute to the Network

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

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# SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31	01 Labor Day; Office is Closed	02 4-H Council; AC 7PM	03 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	04 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Volunteer Wksp AC 6PM Post Fair; AC 7PM	05	06
07	08 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	09 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	10 Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6PM	11	12	13
14 Horse and pony Mini Clinic and Meet and greet JLA Ice Cream Social; AC 2PM	15 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	16 Hippology; AC 6:30PM Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	17 Whispering Spirits; AC 6PM JLA; ELC 7PM	18 FAB; ELC 7PM	19	20
21 SAA Banquet; AC 5PM	22	23 E.S.I.; AC 6:30PM	24 Teen Ambassador s; ELC 7PM	25	26	27
28	29	30 Hippology; AC 6:30PM County Awards & Volunteer Nominations Due	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11





# OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
			Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
National 4-H Week						
	4-H Council; AC 7PM	Terra Quest; AC 6PM  4-H Night Revd Up Fun	Meet & Greet; AC 6PM-8pm			Dog Banquet; AC 5PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Goat Banquet; AC 2PM	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM		JLA; ELC 7PM	Garage sale set-up donations Accepted  FAB; ELC 7PM		Garage sale
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Kids Day 3pm  Trunk R Treat; AC 4 PM	Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	Hippology; AC 6:30PM  Caprine Council; ELC 7PM				
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
	SAA; ELC 7PM	E.S.I.; AC 6:30PM	Teen Ambassador s; AC 7PM		Halloween!	
02	03	04	05	06	07	08



# Small Animal

Banquet, Please [RSVP](#) by 9/12/25

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE 2025 SMALL ANIMAL  
ASSOCIATION BANQUET AS A THANK YOU TO THE  
SUPPORTERS OF MONROE COUNTY 4-H.

## SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
5:00 IN THE AFTERNOON  
IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER  
ON THE MONROE COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS

We can't wait to serve you a full turkey dinner!

## RSVP



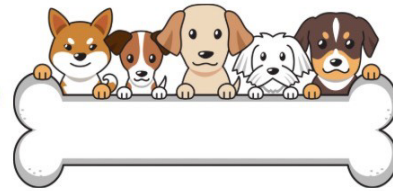
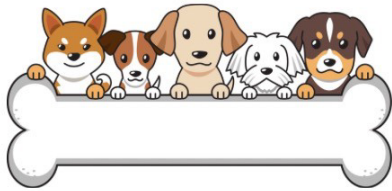
**Social Media**

[Monroe County Small Animal Association](#)

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

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





Save the Date

What: MCDP 4-H Dog Banquet

When: Saturday, October 11th, 2025

Where: Activity Center @ the Fairgrounds

Time: 5pm

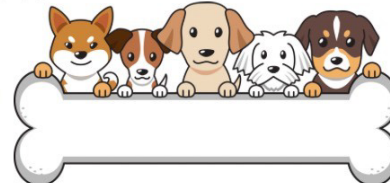
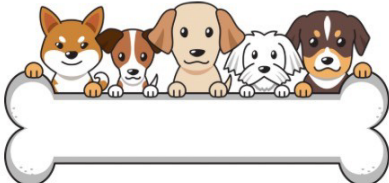
RSVP: The Banquet Committee by Friday,  
October 3rd

Email: [malinda.hohendorf@gmail.com](mailto:malinda.hohendorf@gmail.com)

Text: 419-297-5119

We will also be taking final nominations for officers followed by voting in the new board. If you would like to help grow the program, please consider running for office.

Officers commit to attend monthly meetings. Please join us for a fun evening of food, games, and prizes!





# Junior Livestock Association News



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





# Dairy Board / Goat Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

## Thank you 2025 Monroe County 4-H Dairy Board Sponsors

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



## Caprine Council

2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

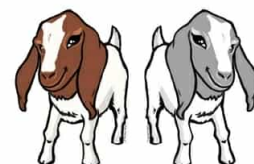
JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta

2025 Goat Banquet  
October 12, 2025, 2 PM



Monroe County Fair 4H Activity Center

Everyone who participated in the 2025 Monroe County Fair Goat program are Welcome.



Please bring a dish to pass and items for door prizes 1 per person



# Horse and Pony News

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

## Save The Dates

- 9/8 Monthly meeting 8pm
- 9/14 Clinic
- 9/14 meet and Greet
- 10/13 Monthly meeting
- 11/07 H&P Banquet
- 1/25/2026 Tack sale

## Horse and Pony info

Main communication is through Facebook: Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Members Only

and

Monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center (Except Aug & Dec)

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

## Hippology

Your Contact person: Hippology Team coach: Elizabeth Kotus schedule pick up via email: [ekotus@hotmail.com](mailto:ekotus@hotmail.com) or text: 734-604-4951

## Study dates at Activity Center

Tue 9/16/2025 6:30 PM

Tue 9/30/2025 6:30 PM

Tue 10/21/2025 6:30 PM

Tue 11/18/2025 6:30 PM

Tue 12/9/2025 6:30 PM







# Mini Jumping and Liberty Clinic

## Mini/Pony Jumping & Liberty Clinic

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 10 AM TO 130 PM

**MONROE CO FAIRGROUNDS  
3775 S CUSTER RD,  
MONROE, MI 48161**



Join us at the Monroe Co Fairgrounds for a miniature horse and pony clinic!

This clinic benefits the Monroe co 4-H Horse and Pony Program, but is open to ALL!

This years focus is on in hand jumping, in hand hunter and liberty classes.

Learn techniques to train your mini/ pony to jump and perform an amazing liberty run!

This clinic is designed for all handler levels.

4-H Participant \$30

Non 4-H \$50

Bring your minis and ponies!



Please reach out to Amy to reserve your space.

[Thestableway@gmail.com](mailto:Thestableway@gmail.com) or 517.673.3848





# Horse and Pony Meet and Greet



Several horses will be on site to interact with and pet! All attendees must wear closed toe shoes!

## Horse & Pony 4-H Open House



September 14th

2pm - 4pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds

3775 S. Custer Rd. Monroe, MI 48161

### ABOUT THIS EVENT:

Interested in joining Monroe County Horse & Pony 4-H? This event allows you and your children to meet the leaders and clubs that make up our county's Horse & Pony sector! Meet with leaders & horses, get information on lessons, riding disciplines, and more at this event and get involved! We look forward to meeting your family!

**Free to Attend, No need to RSVP!**  
**Direct Questions to Kaitlin Lance**





SYLC : <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/index>

# APPLY FOR THE MICHIGAN 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

- ✦ Applications Due: September 2, 2025
- ✦ Open to 4-H Youth ages 15-19  
(As of January 1, 2026)
- ✦ Serve a two-year leadership term  
(2025-2027)



**APPLY TODAY!**



**Beyond  
Ready**

## **Are you a current or former 4-H'er?**

**Join us for the MSU Welcome  
Back 4-H Alumni Reception**

**Sept. 3**

5:30 - 7 p.m.



Michigan 4-H  
Children's  
Gardens





# Leaders

## Post Fair Leader Meeting



### SAVE THE DATE

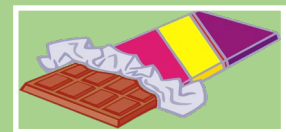
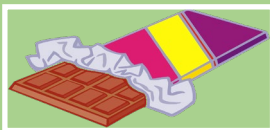
Post fair September 04, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the 4-H Activity Center

New year kick off

**\*\*\*all club Leaders or Club Representatives must attend. Very important information will be covered for the upcoming 4-H year! Club paperwork will be distributed due back to the Extension Office by October 01, 2025. Early submissions encouraged.**

If you want to bring completed paperwork to meeting it was sent to leaders on 8/28/2025 in an e-mail from Chelsea Butler.

## Candy Sale- Call for all clubs to participate



### Candy Sale

September 4th– **October 25<sup>th</sup>**

The 4-H Council has three fundraisers each year, the candy sale, the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, in addition to the kitchen during Fair week. The annual candy sale, which has received excellent support in the past will begin on September 4th. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals.

**\*\*Once overall sales reach 300 boxes, each members who sold two boxes of candy will be entered to win a family pack of Kalahari Resort Tickets!**

**Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale and/or the Spaghetti Dinner. The candy will be distributed to leaders at the Post Fair Meeting.**

**\*\*\*Please encourage each youth to sell one box to support the 4-H program \*\*\***





# Enrollment in 4-H online

Link: <https://v2.4honline.com>



- [Existing family profiles - video](#)
- [New family profiles – video](#)
- [Family Enrollment Guide Revised 9-1-23](#)

Monroe County 4-H 2025-2026

4-H online enrollment

Opens September 08, 2025

Please re-enroll by November 01, 2025

Do not wait enroll as soon as 4-H online goes live on September 08, 2025

Contact the 4-H office with any questions or assistance you may need

(734) 240-3188





## Volunteer/ leader Corner

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer  
<https://msu.samaritan.com>

**Leaders, please take the time to review updated Financial Manuals. These manuals will answer many of your club questions related to finance.**

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers - 4-H Volunteering & Mentoring \(msu.edu\)](#)

[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

### Fall 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](#).**

Noon or 7 PM | On Zoom

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>

### Safe Food for 4-H Events

Food safety is important when hosting food events or fundraisers. A new fact sheet, *Safe Food for 4-H Events*, was created to provide education and resources for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth who are coordinating and participating in 4-H food fundraisers or events. In addition, MSU Extension staff held a training on food safety best practice guidelines for those who are planning for, preparing and implementing food fundraisers or events.

4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at [https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1\\_krsqfes3](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqfes3) and view the fact sheet at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events>

Noon or 7 PM

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series  
*Planning with Purpose:  
 Designing Your Best 4-H Year Yet*

Free on Zoom  
 September 11, 2025 at noon or 7pm







# Council Elections



## WELCOME to COUNCIL CORNER

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

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



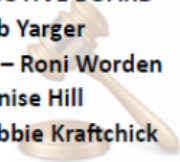
Council also serves as a primary source of funding for our program. **Council's Major Fundraisers include:**



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

### CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

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



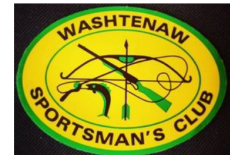
Council Still Has Vacancies for youth!

Please contact Chelsea, [butle301@msu.edu](mailto:butle301@msu.edu), to nominate a youth Today!



## 2025 Tri County Archery Tournament

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



**Date:** Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**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

There will be on site concessions for sale.

**Cost:** \$18 / Participant. (Payable to: SSA )

**Registration:** Scan QR code for link to online registration.

**Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on Saturday Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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.**



### Shooting Divisions as follows:

- **Barebow Division** Compound, Long, or Recurve bows without sights or bowmarks. Fingers Only (No release aid). 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.4hshootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:yarg.4hshootingsports@gmail.com)







# County Youth and Club Awards



## Award Applications

Monroe County has several opportunities to recognize our Youth.

Please use below google links to submit applications, each area has a separate google link.

**Deadline for each area is September 30, 2025**

## County Awards Program

**Youth Member-** The County Medal program is designed to provide 4-H members with recognition for their project achievements. County Medals are given to signify a job well done, encourage youth to strive for more and to reward youth for successfully overcoming obstacles along the way. Effort, willingness to learn and personal growth experiences are considered desirable qualities for projects. County Medals are awarded in every 4-H project area. Each project area/award medal may be received only once in each age division.

Age Divisions for Awards: 11-14 years (4-H age): County Awards

15-19 years (4-H age): Older Teen Awards

County award application link: <https://forms.gle/PLSi5mpTWSVeioY17>

## Outstanding Club Member

**Club Leaders-** Did you notice a youth member going above and beyond this past year? We'd like to recognize the effort and achievements of your OUTSTANDING club member!

Link for Club Leaders: <https://forms.gle/Z2DdkT2f2r8UvfQS9>

## Club Award

The application may be completed by one or more 4-H members and volunteers on behalf of the entire group and then submitted. The purpose is designed to assist 4-H clubs or groups report out on their projects or activities. The application should reflect the involvement of 4-H volunteers and youth working as a team toward a common goal.

Club Award link: <https://forms.gle/AR9kAZscxG8ZDyqv6>

## I DARE YOU Award

**Anyone can nominate-** the I DARE YOU award recognizes youth who are 15 years of age or older that stand out to leaders, youth peers and parents. The I Dare You Award is awarded to two youth who have been seen by others as being mentors, who go above and beyond and who demonstrate growth through 4-H.

I DARE YOU AWARD link: <https://forms.gle/iVJpu1fWSpCiPH5L8>

## Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

Youth Member is eligible who has:

reached 15 years of age by the beginning of the previous program year (September 1, 2024)

completed 3 years of club work

completed 4-H projects in at least 2 project areas

completed a teen leadership project

participated in 3 county or state 4-H events

Michigan Key Club application link: <https://forms.gle/Pqzs8jTXS57VmV4x8>



# Volunteer Awards



## Volunteer Nominations

**Deadline for is September 30, 2025**

Anyone Can Nominate Monroe County 4-H would not be as impactful to our community without the dedication of our volunteers and community partners. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving recipient for the categories of

**4-H Club Leader of the Year**

**Meritorious Service Individual**

**Meritorious Service Business or Organization**

**Distinguished Alumni**

(Please note that individuals can only receive each award once in their career. Past recipients of these awards will not be considered for the 2024-2025 award). Past winners will vote to determine final winners

Volunteer Nomination Link: <https://forms.gle/X9DHYZMd9znjUore6>

**Leader Recognition Banquet to be held**

**November 02, 2025**





PRESALE DISCOUNT! Purchase [ONLINE](#) !!!

REV'D UP FUN

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

MONROE 4-H CLUB

OCTOBER 7TH 2025 | 5 - 9 PM

**\$12 LUXURY WRISTBANDS/PERSON**

UNLIMITED ATTRACTION PLAY ON BALLOCITY, SPIN ZONE, LASER TAG, DARK RIDE  
AND ROPES COURSE WITH ZIP LINE

**\$6 PRE-PURCHASE PIZZA AND POP**

GAMES TO GIVE: EARN HALF OF ALL ARCADE PLAY CARDS SOLD!

FILLING STATION RESTAURANT & BAR OPEN

LUXURY WRISTBANDS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR FOR \$17

PIZZA & POP AND GAMES TO GIVE CANNOT BE PURCHASED THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

*Rev'd Up Fun.com*

*Rev'd Up*  
**FUN**

19830 WEST ROAD WOODHAVEN, MI 48183

BUY HERE



18 U.S.C. 707

This program is a 4-H Outreach and Fundraiser. Contributions from Rev'd Up Fun will be used to support Monroe County 4-H Council in Scholarships, Education, and Activity Center Maintenance.



# 4-H Club Meet & Greet

Calling leaders, clubs and youth



Are you new to 4-H? Trying to find the right club?  
Looking to learn more about 4-H? Come to our new  
enrollment Meet and Greet.

Leaders bring club displays and information about your  
club please reach out to Sarah to reserve your clubs  
spot today! [rhineha5@msu.edu](mailto:rhineha5@msu.edu)



## Fall Garage Sale

Saturday- October 18, 2025  
9am-4pm

Fair Association's  
Annual Fall Garage sale & Flea Market  
@ The Monroe County Fairgrounds  
4-H tables in the 4-H activity Center

COME JOIN US AND FIND YOUR TREASURES  
CONCESSIONS PROVIDED BY TERRA QUEST



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Drop-off donations to activity center  
October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-7pm  
No clothes please

Call Jean if different drop-off time needed (734) 240-3188  
All 4-H sales by Donation proceeds go to assist with 4-H  
fair ribbon cost

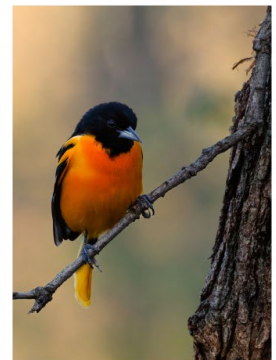
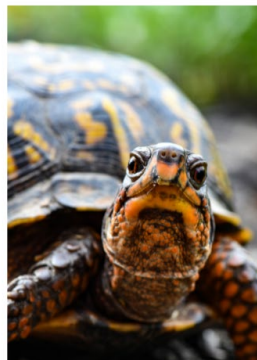
## Wild Spartans

Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly Sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST starting in October. Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildSpartansSeriesFall2025Spring2026/>

More Resources and Previous Recordings:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental\\_outdoor\\_education/wild-spartans-series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series)



Join Us Online

## WILD SPARTANS

MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES  
FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING  
SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION

October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

[www.canr.msu.edu/environmental\\_outdoor\\_education/wild-spartans-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series)







# Important Reminders

## Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail. **ALL checks must be cashed within 90 Days, otherwise void!**

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

**Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office:**

**734-241-5775**

## Auction Checks

If you will not be attending the JLA Banquet or SAA Banquets, you will need to pick up your check at the

MSU Extension office 963 S Raisinville Road

## **ATTENTION ALL LEADERS**

If you have members that left their fair projects behind, please pick them up from the Activity Center by Thursday, September 4th! Remaining projects will sadly be discarded.

**Thank you!!!!!!**



# KID'S DAY CELEBRATION!

COME HELP US RECGONIZE OUR  
8-11 YEAR OLD 4-H MEMBERS!

October 19, 2025 3pm  
Hosted by Teen Ambassadors

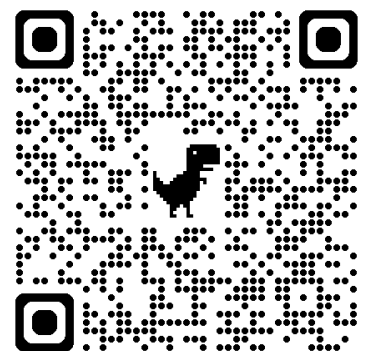
WEAR A COSTUME AND JOIN THE FUN,  
TRUNK OR TREAT, GAMES, PRIZES TO FOLLOW!

Monroe County Fair Grounds Free Stage

RSVP Here:

<https://forms.gle/STHHPxV4LaCyYyMK6>

For questions please contact Toni Branham:  
[tonib0108@yahoo.com](mailto:tonib0108@yahoo.com)



[RSVP To Kids Day Celebration!](#)





MONROE  
COUNTY 4-H  
TEEN  
AMBASSADORS  
PRESENTS

THIS EVENT IS  
OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC! BRING  
A FRIEND

Halloween

# TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY  
**OCTOBER 19**

MONROE COUNTY  
FAIR GROUNDS  
4-5:30 pm

CANDY • TATTOOS • GAMES

Voted Best Trunk will Receive a Giftcard  
Please contact Toni below for special  
instructions if you wish to set up a Trunk!

*Don't forget to wear your costume!*

Questions Please contact Toni Branham  
tonib0108@yahoo.com





Each Club and Board requested to provide basket for auction



2025



# Monroe County 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction



4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

*Pick a Prize*  
*Bake Sale*

*Handmade Ornaments*  
*Kids Grab Bags*

Dinner 4-7 pm  
Silent Auction  
4-6:45 pm

**Nov.**  
**15**

**Live Auction**  
**7 pm**

Meal includes:  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**SPAGHETTI**  
Salad, Bread,  
Drink & Dessert

*Public Welcome*

Adults: \$10  
Kids: \$5  
(7-12 years)



All profits benefit youth members of Monroe County 4-H through scholarships, recognition and year-round programming.



## Zoology Internship- Joslynn Nielsen

We are excited to share that Joslynn Nielsen, age 12 and a proud member of the Legacy 4-H Club, has been accepted into the 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp at Busch Gardens and SeaWorld this Christmas break.

This unique program partners with the world's largest zoological organization to give 4-H youth hands-on experience in animal science and conservation. Joslynn will live inside Busch Gardens' 335-acre African-themed classroom, assisting zookeepers behind the scenes, observing animal care sessions, and learning firsthand what it takes to care for animals from around the world. She will also spend time with specialists at SeaWorld, including touring the SeaWorld Rescue facility and experiencing a rare overnight beside aquatic animals.

To make this dream a reality, Joslynn is raising \$1,500 to cover program and travel costs. She has launched a returnable can drive and is accepting donations. Checks may be written to Monroe County 4-H Council with "Joslynn Nielsen" in the memo line.

"This program is a dream come true," Joslynn shared. "I love animals and hope to pursue a career working with them. This will help me learn what it's really like to be a zookeeper and make memories I'll never forget."

Your support not only helps Joslynn attend this amazing program but also invests in the future of a dedicated young student who is eager to learn and give back to her community. For more information about the Zoology Internship please contact Jennifer Chandonnet Nieslen at [jennifer.r.nielsen@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.r.nielsen@gmail.com).







# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Wild Spartans Series returns



Join Us Online  
**WILD SPARTANS**  
MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES  
FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN LEARNING  
SCIENCE • RESEARCH • CAREERS • CONSERVATION  
October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as they take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

Monthly sessions will begin in October and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026).

### September 11: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Planning with Purpose: Designing Your Best 4-H Year Yet Online

This webinar will guide volunteers through seasonal planning, setting goals and aligning club activities with youth development outcomes. This session will be offered twice.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-noon)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-7pm)

### September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress & Deliver with Confidence Online

Participants will learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

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### September 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Friendly but Firm: Boundaries that Make Volunteering Better Online

Learn how to say “yes” with intention, “no” without guilt, and keep your 4-H experience fun, respectful, and drama-free. This session will be offered twice.

- **12 p.m.:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-noon)
- **7 p.m.:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-7pm)

### September 20: 2025 Michigan 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-Hers from counties across Michigan. Spectators welcome.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show)

### September 20-21: Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification for Adults and Teens

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Learn about 4-H shooting sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use, and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-for-adults-and-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-for-adults-and-teens)

### October 3: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing

4-H donors are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## 2025 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards program recognized outstanding 4-H members during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes excellence in learning, leadership and service.

In total, 38 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications for this year's program. Recipients of the 2025 awards are:



- **Achievement:** William Rogers of Washtenaw County
- **Beef Science:** Emma Verbeek of Delta County (junior division)
- **Birds and Poultry Science:** Avery Mastej of Van Buren County (junior division)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Taylor Johnson of St. Joseph County (junior division) and Makenzie Rehberg of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior division) and Harper Jane Adkins of Washtenaw County (senior division)
- **Equine Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health and Fitness:** Vivienne Turri of Washtenaw County (junior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Trent Simons of Otsego County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Aleah Simpson of Houghton County (junior division) and Alison Borowski of Alpena County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Zoe Rorick of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Lyla Lapaugh of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior division) and Owen Plum of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Taylor Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Verina Duncan of Eaton County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 12-19 years old with two or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through 4-H, as well as their contributions to 4-H communities. Submissions are reviewed by a selection committee. In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

## National 4-H Week: October 5-11

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 5-11, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

Learn more about ways you can celebrate during National 4-H Week at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>.



## 2025 Schedule of Events

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| Jan. 26- 4-H Tack Sale & More              | June 21-22- Gun & Knife Show             |
| Feb. 1-2- Oddities & Horror Fest           | July 4-6- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show |
| Feb. 8-9-Gun & Knife Show                  | July 12-13- FCHA Horse Show              |
| March 9- The Vintage Market                | July 2 Fireworks                         |
| March 15- Ducks Unlimited Banquet          | July 27-Aug 2 MONROE COUNTY FAIR         |
| March 22- Garage Sale & Flea Market        | Aug. 16-17- Gun & Knife Show             |
| March 29- Winter Storage Removal           | Aug. 23-24- FCHA Horse Show              |
| April 5- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show | Sept. 7-Auto Swap Meet                   |
| April 6- FCHA Tack Sale                    | Sept. 12-13- Monroe Comic Con            |
| April 11- Soll Conservation Tree Sale      | Sept. 26-28- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show |
| April 13-Auto Swap Meet                    | Oct. 4 - Winter Storage begins           |
| April 19- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show           | Oct. 5 - Wicked Plckin'                  |
| April 27- Monroe Bike Show                 | Oct. 11-12- FCHA Horse Show              |
| May 2-Ag Awareness Day                     | Oct. 18-Garage Sale & Flea Market        |
| May 2-4- Fair Food Drive-Thru              | Oct. 2 Grand Day of Tournaments          |
| May 9-11- Scout-O-Rama                     | Nov. 1-2-Shipshewana on the Road         |
| May 9-11- 4-H Horse Show                   | Nov. 7-9 - Michigan Tattoo Convention    |
| May 11- Flower & Garden Show               | Nov. 15- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction  |
| May 18- Motorcycle Swap Meet               | Dec. 14- The Vintage Market              |
| May 24- Bedford Fire Explorer Training     |  |
| May 30-June 1- FCHA Horse Show             |  |
| June 6-8 -4-H Horse Show                   |  |
| June 8 - The Vintage Market                |  |
| June 12- Hot Rod Power Tour                |  |
| June 15- Monroe Hamfest                    |  |
| June 20-22- 4-H Horse Show                 |  |





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**Abco Trucking Equipment**

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**Campell Family in Memory of Hayden Campbell**

**Carleton Farm Supply**

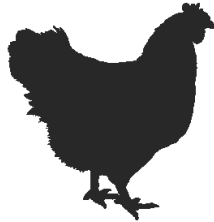
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**Chapp Oil Co.**

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**Cindy Cross**

**Complete Contracting Solutions**



**Connor Matthes**

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**Dundee Golf Club**

**Durocher's**

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**Ed Sargent**

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**Entrepreneurship 4-H & First Merchants Bank**

**Escue Service**

**Fall's A-1 Auto Care**

**Family Farm & Home - #51**

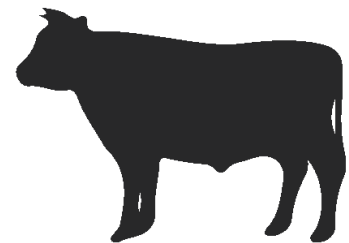
**Family Farm & Home - #52**

**Farmer & Underwood**

**Finishers Unlimited of Monroe**

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**

**Flat Rock Bagging**







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Fusilier Family Farms  
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Golden Harvest Seeds- Mark & Sarah Mathe  
Gram & Gramps  
Greenstone Farms Credit Services  
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Haws Family Farms  
Heath & Jamie Hunter, The Rusty Cup  
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HL Meyer Farms  
HLH Orthodontics  
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In Memory of Gail Meyer  
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Jake Levicki Welch Real Estate  
Jaworski Farms  
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Jordan Zornow  
Joseph Johnson- Dynamic Transportation  
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Justin Coker  
Kamprath Farms  
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Kreps Brothers Farms  
Kreps Farm  
Kurt & Jaclyn Ryder  
LaRocca Trucking  
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Larry King  
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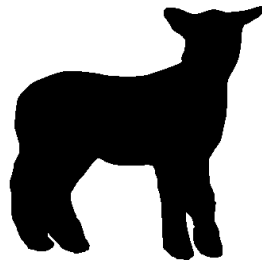




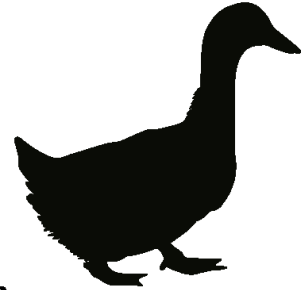
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Matthes Farms LLC  
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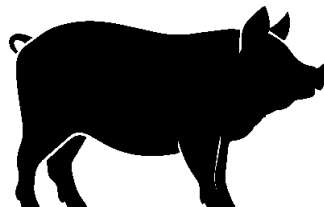
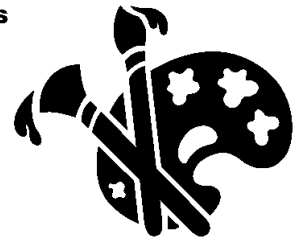


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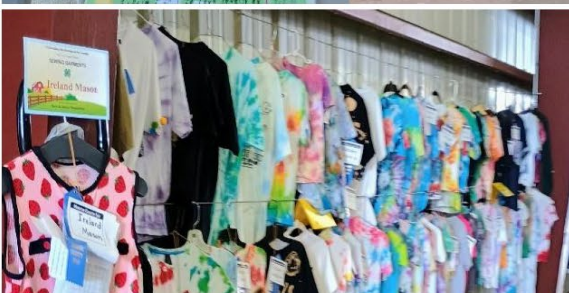
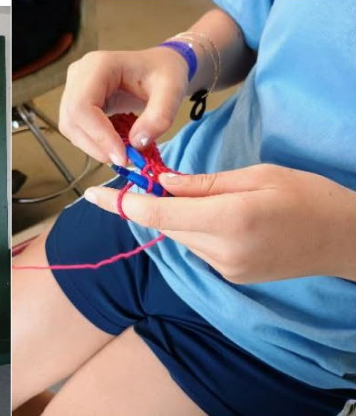
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Uhl Concrete LLC  
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US Utility Contractors  
Valentine Family  
Vanessa Auten  
Varsity Ford  
Wellman Seed  
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