



# 4-H Family News

## Monroe County

July 2024



### 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.

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

Sincerely,  
Chelsea & Jean  
4-H Staff

### This month's content highlights

- **Fair Schedule**
- **Barn Set-up Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**
- **Superintendent Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**
- **Opening Ceremonies**
- **Dairy Cattle project requirements** 
- **Barn to Barn contest**
- **State Awards Winners**
- **Great picture recaps**
- **LAST DAY TO ORDER FAIR SHIRTS 6/30**
- **Hiring!! 4-H AmeriCorps/HealthCorps**

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

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# JULY 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30	01	02 Terra Quest; AC 6pm	03	04 05 06 <b>Closed for Holiday</b>		
07	08 Horse & Pony; ELC 7pm	09	10 Dog Board; ELC 6:30pm	11  Barn Set-Up; Fairground 6pm	12	13 Dog Funmatch; Glenn Stock Arena  Fair Shoot R&G
14	15 4-H Council; AC 6pm Workbee to Follow	16 Caprine Council Goat Clipping at Danni's	17 JLA; ELC 7pm	18  Superin tendent Mtg; AC 7pm	19	20
21 Fair Cat Show Prince of Peace	22	23	24	25 26 27 Monroe County Fair Project Turn in starts see premium book for schedule		
28	29	30	31	01 02 03 <b>Monroe County Fair; Fairgrounds</b>		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10

# 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
Monroe County Fair						
			Teen Ambassad or; AC 7PM			
04	Static Project pick-up 2-6:30pm	05	06	07	08	09
Monroe County Fair	4-H Council; AC 7pm					10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM		AC Rented	Fair Advisory Board; ELC 7PM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	JLA; ELC 7PM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	SAA; ELC 7PM		Day AC Rented  Teen Ambassad ors; AC 7pm			
01	02	03	04	05	06	07





## Fair Schedule

# 2024 4-H Schedule

Thursday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	
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, decorated 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 26 <sup>th</sup>	
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, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	
8:30 AM	Rabbits brought in
8:30 AM	Dog judging - Glenn Stock Arena
9:00 AM	Rabbit exhibits judged
9:30 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	Livestock exhibits brought in (except swine and poultry)
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, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	
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	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, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	
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, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	
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, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	
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 1 <sup>st</sup>	
8:00 AM	Judging of Llamas and Alpaca Show – Glenn Stock Arena
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 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
9:00 AM	4-H Horse Show – Horse Show Arena
10:30 AM	Silver Ribbon Presentation – Entertainment Tent
11:00 AM	Dog Rally Judging – Glenn Stock Arena
4:00-8:00 PM	Dog Fun Day Activities – Dog Tent
4:00 PM	4-H Sale of Dairy Cattle Milk followed by 4-H Market Livestock Auction (Swine, Sheep, Beef)

Saturday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
11:00 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	SAA Auction animals released
11:00 PM	4-H Horses released

Sunday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	
6:00 AM	Horses Released
5:00-8:00 AM	Livestock Exhibits Released Clean pens and outside barn area. Times can be changed by species superintendent. Beef - Nothing to be released before midnight Sheep - self-haul released discretion of the superintendent <b>Must be out by 8:00 am</b>

Monday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	
2:00-6:30 PM	All other exhibits released





# Junior Livestock Association News

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

**Barn Set-up Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**

Barns will be set up for fair  
Many hands make quick work  
Come do your part



**Junior Livestock Association & Small Animal Association invite you to the Annual Barn Set-up**

**Please come ready to work! Gloves, tools and extra help is appreciated!**

**Food will be served after Setup, special Thank You to SAA for sponsoring**



## 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



# SAVE THE DATE

2024 Annual

4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Saturday – NOV 16, 2024



*Gingerbread Kisses & Holiday Wishes*



# JOIN TEEN AMBASSADORS!

Follow us on Facebook  
Monroe County 4-H  
Teen Ambassadors

Teen Ambassadors is looking for new members ready to serve the Monroe County 4H Program!

- ✓ Leadership opportunities
- ✓ Resume building
- ✓ Improving communication skills
- ✓ Community service opportunities
- ✓ Friends that turn into family



JOIN US!

CALL FOR INFO  
734-240-3170

2024

# Barn Dance

Located @  
Anderson Arena  
August 3rd at  
8 pm

# 2024 FAIR PIN

\$6.00 EACH

Limited Quantities!

Pins are for sale at the Extension Office

## UNLEASH SOME PUPPY LOVE

Help Teen Ambassadors collect supplies for the Humane Society of Monroe County during the 2024 Monroe County Fair.

How can you help?

- Food
- Cleaning Supplies
- Sheets and Towels
- Grooming supplies
- Pet Toys

The Humane Society of Monroe County has expressed that they are at capacity and in need of help! Please consider supporting Teen Ambassadors in this mission by bringing new or gently used pet items to the TA office during fair week!

Specific requests have been made for Purina One or Nutra Source dry dog foods!





Last Day to Order June 30th

# 2024 MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIR

## SHIRTS



Monroe County 4-H T-Shirt and Gift Store is Open with a variety of sizes and colors! Parade flag walkers are welcome and encouraged to wear any of the shirt colors. There will be a soft close June 1st for those who wish to have their swag by Exploration Days and a HARD CLOSE June 30th for Fair Swag!

Check out the Website Here:

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

Thank you, Teen Ambassadors for your hard work on this project and beautiful design by Daisy Branham!





# Fair

## Did you make your Trophy Sponsorships Payments!



A friendly Reminder Trophy Payments are now past due... Please bring payment to the Extension office 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 located at 963 South Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI 48161.

There are still 4 trophies available for sponsorship. Call Jean Genaw (734) 240-3188

Thank you for your continued support that provides such great awards to our youth.

**PLACE YOUR AD  
ON THE 4-H  
TV NETWORK  
TODAY!!**



Terra Quest 4-H is selling Ads to be shown during the 2024 MONROE COUNTY FAIR

7 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING FOR ONLY \$35\*

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call one of the coordinators:

Becky Lomas (734) 775 - 7992

Kerrie Kraftchick (419) 309 - 2593

Or email questions & submissions to [MonroeTerraQuest4h@gmail.com](mailto:MonroeTerraQuest4h@gmail.com)

Checks payable to Terra Quest 4-H Club  
Mail payment to 3667 N. Custer Monroe, MI 48162.

\*additional \$10 fee if Terra Quest designs the Ad for you



# 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

## Important Dates 7/11/2024 Buyer letters @ Barn Set-up



### Important Dairy Cattle information

4-H projects entering pregnant Cattle prior to the last 2 months of prohibited period, must provide breeding date in writing to the Extension office by July 13, 2024, e-mail to [Genawjea@msu.edu](mailto:Genawjea@msu.edu).

(MDARD) Director Tim Boring [announced an amendment](#) to the director's Determination of Extraordinary Emergency, [HPAI Risk Reduction Response Order](#) (HRRRO) as part of the state's response to the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak and provided guidance to better protect animals and attendees at county fairs this season.

Boring amended the HRRRO, effective July 1, 2024, to include the following:

- Any cattle not lactating nor in the final two months of pregnancy originating from any licensed dairy farm premises intended to be exhibited at Michigan fairs, exhibitions, or expositions **must demonstrate to fair, exhibition, or exposition officials upon arrival at the grounds a negative HPAI A(H5N1) test that has been conducted in the last seven (7) days.**
- Permittable tests include:**
  - Nasal swab tests on the individual animal being exhibited, or
  - Milk bulk tank sample test from the dairy farm.



## Important Dates Caprine Council

7/16/2024 Clipping Clinic Dani's House 7:00 pm

Congratulations to the Caprine Council

2023-2024 officers.

Elizabeth Gomez- President

Danielle Pienta- Vice President

Stewart Funk- Secretary

Ava Blaisdell- Treasure







# Horse and Pony News

## 4-H Important Dates

- Barn Setup- July 11, 2024
- Last board meeting before fair July
- Haul-in for fair July 27, 2024, 4-8:00pm
- Fair July 28, 2024 –August 04, 2024
- State Show August 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2024

Delegates will be notified by e-mail registration will be completed online this year.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Summer 4-H horse Shows.

Thank you to the volunteers, youth board and our Superintendents



## 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 Dec & Aug)

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

## Hippology Team

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

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



# Superintendent Meeting



2024 Superintendent Meeting  
July 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
At the Activity Center



All Adult Superintendents are reminded that they must attend the Superintendents meeting scheduled for **July 18th @ 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center**. It is very important that all Superintendents attend this meeting to learn about the 2024 Fair and to pick up your materials. Please plan on staying for the entire meeting.

## Premium Catalog

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

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

2024 Monroe County Fair  
Premium Catalog

**ADVENTURE & MORE IN 2024**



JULY 28  
TO  
AUG. 3

3775 South Custer Road,  
Monroe, Michigan  
monroecountyfair.com

PREMIUM CATALOG SPONSORED BY



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



# Volunteer/ leader Corner

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

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

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



## Volunteer/ Leader recorded trainings

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

What is Club Development? Where are club resources on the website? Discuss needs of counties across the state related to club development.

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

How to help a 4-H Club stay healthy? Exploring [4-H Club Development website](#) and Resources.



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

What are ways to maintain positive club engagement? Strategies for promoting opportunities within clubs

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

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






# Apply By July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024


Are you passionate about empowering youth and positively impacting your community? Would you happen to know someone who fits the bill? Monroe County MSU Extension still seeks a dedicated individual to join us this summer as a 4-H HealthCorps member!

As a 4-H HealthCorps member, you'll gain valuable professional experience with Michigan State University Extension and 4-H while playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of the next generation.


If you're seeking a full-time opportunity where your efforts can truly make a difference right here in our backyard, this could be the perfect opportunity for you.


## Key Details:


 Program Duration: October 1, 2024 - September 12, 2025


 Commitment: 36-40 hours per week

 Compensation: \$18,700 (pre-tax) living stipend, paid bi-weekly

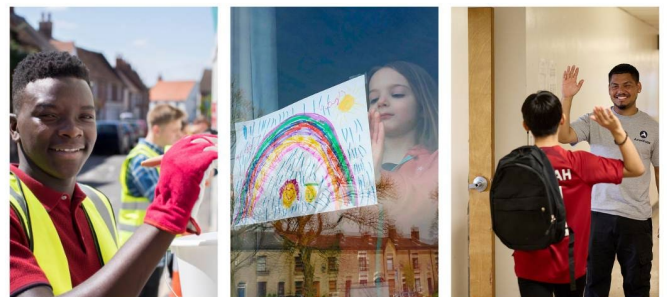
 Education Award: \$7,395 for qualified student loans or tuition

 Benefits: Qualified student loan forbearance, health coverage (including dental and vision), child care assistance (eligibility required)

 Professional Growth: Continuous professional development and networking opportunities with Michigan State University Extension, 4-H, and Michigan's AmeriCorps

 Certifications: Opportunities to earn certifications or higher education credits in mental or behavioral health

Send your cover letter and resume to Chelsea Butler at [butle301@msu.edu](mailto:butle301@msu.edu) by July 12, 2024, and join us in making a difference in our community!



Get ready to serve our youth as an  
**AMERICORPS**  
**MEMBER**

Apply by July 12, 2024



# Fair Dining Hall & Opening Ceremonies

## **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

**July 29 - August 3, 2024 8am-7pm**

The Monroe County Fair  
"Michigan's Finest"

## **Opening Ceremonies for 2024**

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 July 28th @ 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 2023 Monroe County Fair!



## Fundraiser!

Details & Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/24FairParking>

**CITIZENSHIP  
WASHINGTON  
FOCUS**

**CRAFT  
SUPPLIES**

**CLUB TEAM  
ACTIVITY OR  
PROJECT  
SUPPLIES**

# ***PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER***



**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  
DETAILS & SIGN UP [HTTPS://BIT.LY/24FAIRPARKING](https://bit.ly/24FairParking)**



**NEW  
ANIMAL  
PROJECT**

**EXPLORATION  
DAYS & SLOW  
SPOKES**



Youth & Adults (12+) will receive \$15 per hour/per person that works for them! This will be 4-H Fundraising to use toward their 4-H Project or Trip of choice! (Ages: 12-15 require adult on shift as well)



Proceeds earned will also benefit Monroe County 4-H Year-Round Activities through the 4-H Clubs Match %. After staffing and expenses, remainder of funds will be given to clubs on percentage contribution.



**SIGN UP TODAY, SPOTS ARE FILLING FAST!** Add your name as an alternate to be called for shifts you may also be interested in!

**ANIMAL  
FEED**

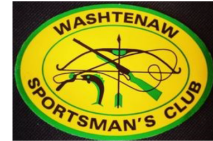
**STATE SHOW  
FEES  
& TRAVEL**





# 2024 Tri County Archery Tournament

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



**Date:** Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**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. 31<sup>st</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/13PvpX8KaITZnMcv7UE5LNCTJ1yI8Sa7/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](mailto:yarg.4hshootingssports@gmail.com)





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit [www.joann.com/4-h](http://www.joann.com/4-h) to learn more and enroll.

### July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

*Bay City State Park, Bay City*

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will 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-bay-county-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024)

### July 15 – August 12: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

*Online*

Guiding Principles is a free online course 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-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024)

### July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU 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 Lake State.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days)

### July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day)

### July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

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### July 26: Discover 4-H

*Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield*

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

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# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 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 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

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 \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at [www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/).



## Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity\\_tips\\_for\\_animals\\_that\\_went\\_to\\_the\\_county\\_fair](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair).

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
  - Obvious pain or discomfort
  - Decrease in appetite and water intake
  - Fever
  - Lethargy
  - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
  - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
  - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.







## Congratulations to our Monroe County 4-H State Awards Delegation!



**Alana Aulph & Stellamia Aerts - Runners Up in Sr Leadership**

**Brandon Fisher- Winner Sr STEM**

**Morgen Schmidt - Winner Jr Rabbits**

**John Jinks - Winner Jr Companion Animal**

**Makenzie Rehberg- Runner Up Sr Companion Animal**

**Daisy Branham- Winner Jr Leadership**

**Corinna Aulph- Runner Up Jr Leadership**

**Justin Yarger- Runner Up Sr Goat**





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## Green Thumb Expo

Green Thumb Expo Volunteers:

- Cheryl Geer
- Lynette Hackett
- Christopher Jones
- Henry Jones
- Sue Jones
- Debbie Kraftchick
- Linda Krug
- Linda Lefcheck
- Joyce Lewis – donation of tomato plants
- Bev Winter
- Dennis Winter
- Jackie Worden
- Roni Worden – chair



## Fair Baking Session 1

- Susie Arting
- Angyl Bischoff
- Cara Bischoff
- Chelsea Butler
- Sherri Iacoangeli
- Christopher Jones
- Henry Jones
- Sue Jones
- Bev Koppelman
- Gary Koppelman
- Debbie Kraftchick
- Linda Lefcheck
- Brenda Martin
- Fran McDowell
- Avery Townsend
- Evalyn Townsend
- Mindy & Isaac Townsend
- Jim Thornton
- Mary Wickenheiser
- Roni Worden







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