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CCE Monroe County 4-H Program Update
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Program Highlights

- The 2025 NYS 4-H Japanese International Exchange Program, supported by Jessica Reid has wrapped up. Twenty-eight youth and two chaperones spent twenty-eight days with host families around New York State and the United States.
- The Cultivating Community summer program, a youth development initiative that operates in partnership with the City of Rochester's Summer of Opportunity Program (SOOP) has concluded for the summer. Most of the eight youth participants plan on continuing their work throughout the school year. Natalie Fabretti and Hser Ka Mwee Paw did an excellent job leading this year's summer program.
- Monroe County youth and educators participated in the Great New York State Fair in August.
- Planning and scheduling is in full swing for the range of school year activities including but not limited to Agriculture in the Classroom, school programming with Bishop Kearney and BOCES, afterschool programming across the county, and 4-H clubs.
- Needle Wang has concluded his time as an AmeriCorps VISTA but came back to volunteer at the MC Conservation Days this past week. Thank you, Needle!
- Hser Ka Mwee Paw finished her time with 4-H as a Cornell Intern and presented her project at the recent Executive Leadership Conference Intern Reception.

Strategic Plan Update

1.1 Program Effectiveness-Spark Club Evaluation

Spark Club meets monthly. Natalie has been using an evaluation tool to evaluate the experience and collect ideas for future topics.

2.1 Resource Management-Lending Library

Using the [catalog](#) of kits, equipment, and curricula that can be loaned out to leaders and members to support hands-on learning that Natalie compiled, Needle has utilized Librarika to share and track materials.

4.1 and 4.2 Tracking and Measuring Partnerships with county schools to ensure equity in program opportunities. Leslie has continued working on this objective as she coordinates scheduling classrooms each month for the Ag. in the classroom lessons, with the assistance of Jessica.

5.2 Raising Visibility through Short-form Video on Social Media Platforms

Jessica will continue to create short forms videos for social media and will mark this objective as complete.

BOD Engagement Opportunity

The 4-H team will be hosting an open house at Tinker Nature Park Tuesday October 7th from 5 p.m.-7p.m. for youth and families interested in joining 4-H. Stop by to experience a taste of what clubs are doing in our community.

Like and follow the [Monroe County 4-H Youth Development](#) Facebook and IG pages.

Story of Celebration or Success

This August, Monroe County 4-H youth had a memorable time participating in the New York State Fair! Our 4-H'ers proudly represented their clubs and community through a wide variety of activities that highlighted their talents, hard work, and leadership. Some showcased their creativity in cupcake decorating contests and project displays, while others stepped into leadership roles by helping run the district table. Animal lovers demonstrated their skills and dedication in horse events and dog agility, earning recognition for the many hours of practice and preparation that went into these accomplishments.

Beyond competitions, youth immersed themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of the fair—exploring exhibits, connecting with 4-H members from across the state, and taking part in hands-on learning opportunities. The experience not only celebrated their achievements but also built confidence, teamwork, and lasting memories. We are so proud of all the Monroe County 4-H members who participated and represented us so well on the state stage!



Grace is preparing to participate in cupcake decorating.



Members of Mariah Meadows Horse Club.