



Muskegon County Fair – 2025

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This year brought many different awards and growth to our 4-H group, 2 Be Determined. From the gatherings and meetings throughout the year along with the time we all put in caring for our animals and brainstorming up ideas for baked goods and intimates. Here is just a glimpse of the achievements some of the 2 Be Determined members earned.

Makaya Zimmerman: 1st place in English equitation, reserve champion English equitation, 1st place in English pleasure, Grand champion English pleasure, 1st place English Equitation bareback, Grand champion English equitation bareback, 1st place English discipline rail, 1st place in Versatility, 1st place in Western dressage, Grand champion western dressage, 3rd place English/Western riding, 4th place English dressage, 4th place Western horsemanship, 2nd place Western horsemanship bareback, 3rd place trail, 6th place in poles, 5th place in flags, 6th place in barrels, 2nd place in meat pen, 2nd place in rabbit showmanship, Reserve champion overall and 4th place in Showman of Showman.

Sedona Norwood: 1st place in English and Western Showmanship, 2nd place in English equitation, 1st place in English pleaser, 1st place in Horsemanship, 2nd place in Pleasure, and 1st place in trail.

Ariah Newmyer: 1st place in baked goods with Grandpa’s fresh homemade salsa and chips and participated in the meat pen with her swine John Pork.

Claire Kohley: 4th place in the pig whacking competition.

Ella Newmyer: 1st place in western pleasure, 1st place in western horsemanship, 2nd place in showmanship, 2nd place in English pleasure, 3rd place in English equitation, 5th place in speed, 3rd place in meat pen, Honorable mention in baked goods with her homemade all natural dog treats.

Pip Anderson: Grand champion for inanimates for her model of the Deters Equitation Center horse barn.

Javin Snider: 1st place in Pleasure type halter, 1st place in 11-13 year old costume, Grand champion costume class with his horse Malabars Shyanne who is 30 years old, Reserve Grand champion overall on his horse project book, Swine – 6th place showmanship with his pig Buddy, and honorable mention for his Michigan Maple Syrup made right at his family’s own place; Miller Family Farm & Market.

Lily West: 6th place showmanship, 3rd place halter, 6th place English equitation, Honorable mention English pleasure, 1st place Western dressage, 4th place Western horsemanship, 5th place Western pleasure, Honorable mention in trail, 6th place in costume, 3rd place in poles,

and 2nd place in Cloverleaf.

Landon Huffman: 1st place in showmanship, 1st place junior versatility, 1st place in English pleasure, 1st place Western horsemanship, 1st place in Discipline rail, 1st place in bareback, 1st place in English equitation, 2nd place in trail, 2nd place in Western pleasure, 2nd place in down and back, 6th place in flags, and 4th place in poles.

Zach Huffman: Grand champion in agility, Grand champion in jumper, Grand champion in novice dog, Grand champion in showmanship, Grand champion in rally, Novice highpoint trail open, Overall showmanship, and made it into showman of showman.

Addalynn Snider: 1st in beginner rabbit showmanship, 4th in meat pen, Honorable mention for her strawberry jam, also made at her family’s place; Miller Family Farm & Market, Pony Championship with her pony Nelly, English championship, Western championship, and Showmanship championship.

There are a few other members that aren’t listed here that had a very successful fair week. Many thanks to all our sponsors: Miller Family Farm, Collison Family, Newmyer Plumbing, Mr. Deters, Teddy Spagetti’s, Rycenga, E&A Grocery, and Avon – Susan Sample.

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