



Monroe County

# 4-H Family News

November 2019

## Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!!

**November 16th 4pm**

**Auction item donations are still being accepted at the Extension office through Thursday Nov. 14th**

- ◆ **Wednesday Nov. 13th is Pie Prep starting @ 5:30 pm**
- ◆ **Friday Nov. 15th is Pie Baking Day**
- ◆ **Friday Nov. 15th Baked Goods can be delivered 9-4pm**
- ◆ **Friday Nov. 15th Final auction donations can be delivered directly to the Activity Center 9-6pm**

**Please contact Debbie Kraftchick (Pie Baking) 419-340-7787 or Patti Donnelly 419-356-3075 if you can help in some way**

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## 4-H GROWS HERE

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Monroe County, MI 4-H

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**@monroe4h to 81010.**

**STEP 2** Reply to the message from the Remind team with your first & last name.

### MOBILE APP

**STEP 1** Download the Remind app on your Android or iPhone.

**STEP 2** Create a student or parent account with your e-mail address.

**STEP 3** Search for our group by entering code **@monroe4h.**

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# NOVEMBER 2019

| Sun                                       | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|   |  |  |   |  | 1 Fall Enrollment/<br>Club Paperwork &<br>County Award<br>applications due<br>7pm HORSE &<br>PONY BANQUET @<br>AC | 2  |
| 3   | 4<br>6PM YLB @ ELC<br>7PM COUNCIL @<br>ELC | 5<br>6pm Awards<br>Committee Re-<br>view @ELC                    | 6<br>6PM Terra<br>Quest @ AC  | 7 1pm Faithful<br>Friends @ AC<br>6:30pm Officer<br>Training @ AC<br>7pm Dundee<br>Dist Meeting @<br>Ida HS                              | 8<br>6PM CRAFT<br>SHOW SET UP @<br>AC   | 9<br>8AM CRAFT &<br>VENDOR SHOW<br>@AC               |
| 10  | 11   | 12   | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16   |
|   |  |  | SPAGHETTI DINNER SET-UP   |  |   | 4PM SPAGHETTI<br>DINNER &<br>HOLIDAY<br>AUCTION @ AC |
|   |  |  |   | 6:30PM<br>RAISINVILLE<br>WRANGLERS<br>@AC  |   |  |
| 17<br>4PM HIPPOLO-<br>GY PRACTICE @<br>AC | 18<br>6PM CAT BOARD<br>@ AC                | 19<br>7PM CAPRINE<br>COUNCIL @ AC                                | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23   |
|   |  |  | STEPPING STONES SET-UP  |  |   | STEPPING<br>STONES AUCTION<br>@ AC                   |
|   |  |  |   | 1:30 Faithful<br>Friends @ELC  |   |  |
| 24  | 25<br>7PM HORSE &<br>PONY BOARD @<br>AC    | 26<br>6PM 4-H CSI @<br>AC<br>7PM DOG<br>BOARD @ IDA<br>METHODIST | 27 7PM TEEN<br>AMBASSADORS<br>@AC<br><br>DEADLINE TO<br>RSVP FOR<br>YOUTH/LEADER<br>BANQUET | 28<br><br><br>Extension Office Closed<br>for Holiday | 29  | 30   |



# December 2019



| Sun   | Mon                                     | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|---|---|--|--|---|-----|--|
| 1   | 2<br>6PM YLB @AC<br>7PM 4-H COUNCIL @AC | 3  | 4<br>6pm Terra Quest @AC   | 5 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ AC<br>6:30 Paws-R-Us @AC<br>7pm Dundee Dist. @Ida HS | 6   | 7  |
| 8<br>5pm Youth Recognition and Leadership Banquet @AC | 9                                       | 10   | 11   | 12<br>7pm Fair Board Meeting  | 13  | 14<br>Terra Quest Gift Wrapping Fundraiser @AC |
| 15<br>4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @ AC                     | 16<br>6pm Cat Board                     | 17<br>7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL@ AC  | 18<br>  | 19<br>6:30pm Paws-R-Us @AC  | 20  | 21<br>Terra Quest Gift Wrapping Fundraiser @AC |
| 22  | 23                                      | 24<br> | 25<br> | 26  | 27  | 28<br>Terra Quest NewYears Eve Party           |
| 29  | 30                                      | 31<br> | JANUARY 2020   |   |     |  |
|   |   |         |  |   |     |  |



## Maternity Leave Reminder



As you may know our 4-H Program Coordinator, Sara Lewis, will be welcoming a new baby any day now! Sara will be out of the office through the months of December and January to enjoy this exciting time with her family.

Questions during this time may be directed to

**Bailey Biniecki**

**Monroe County MSU Extension Support Staff**

**binieck4@msu.edu or 734-240-3182**

Thank you for your patience and understanding  
as we are short staffed this season.



## 2019 Youth & Leader Recognition Banquet

**The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m.**

Join us in celebration of the amazing leaders and youth of Monroe County 4-H. Everyone is invited to help recognize and congratulate the 4-H leaders for their service and the 4-H members who completed County and Older Teen Award Forms, the members of the New Horizons Program, this year's State Award Winners and delegates, Scholarship Winners, as well as the Key Club Awards and to recognize this years "I Dare You" recipients.

*Please look for an invitation in the mail for this event.*

*RSVP by November 27th to the Extension office at 734-240-3182*





Monroe County 4-H  
Annual



# SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION



**Saturday November 16, 2019**

**Dinner 4-7 pm**

**Live Auction 6:30 pm**

**4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds**

**\* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC\***

**Silent Auction begins when doors open**

**Kids Auction \*\* Bakesale \*\* Pick a Prize**

**Presale tickets \$8.00**  
**Adult \$10.00**  
**Kids 4-9 \$4.00**  
**Family \$35.00**



**Meal Includes:**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI**  
**A Salad, Bread, Drink,**  
**Homemade Pie or Dessert**

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



# Pennies for Turkeys

Calling All Clubs!

Monroe County 4-H clubs are invited to participate on a county wide competition to raise the most money to buy turkeys for underprivileged families.

How to Participate: Each club will collect pennies or any other types of money

What You Win: A Special Prize

Why Should You Participate: A fun, competitive way to raise money for a great cause

Money is due by Thanksgiving to the Extension Office

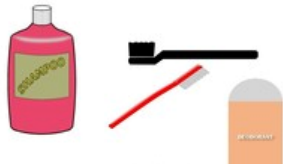
Sponsored by:  
Teen Ambassadors

Any questions call Patsy at  
734-915-9202

We would appreciate if the money  
could be rolled ahead of time

Thank-You





Items Most  
Needed:

Ankle socks

Hygiene items

Notebooks

Colored Pencils

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CONTACT MARY  
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# **\*DONATIONS\***

## **FOR THE MONROE COUNTY YOUTH CENTER**

### **HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!**

The Center is across from the fairgrounds in Monroe. We are collecting items to give to the teenagers as they leave the Youth Center to show we care and are supporting them.



Drive is running  
from  
November -  
January

25<sup>TH</sup>



# Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding, Inc. Holiday Auction Saturday, November 23, 2019



**Monroe County Fairgrounds  
4-H Activity Center, Monroe, MI**

Located at 3775 S. Custer Rd. (M-50)  
Corner of S. Raisinville Rd.  
(9.6 miles west of Telegraph Rd.)  
Enter at 1st entrance off S. Raisinville Rd.

**5:00 p.m. Doors Open, Item Preview, and  
Authentic Italian Dinner & Dessert**  
(Dinner Tickets: \$15 adult, \$5 child 19 & under)

**\*EARLY BIRD SPECIAL\*** - Purchase dinner tickets in advance  
and each person will be entered into a special raffle.

**6:30 p.m. Program and Live Auction**  
(Silent auctions will also be held)

Dinner generously donated by Carlo & Joe's Del. & Bakery (Livonia, MI)

If you wish to book any item  
or service for the auction,  
please contact us at:  
[info@steppingstonesmonroe.org](mailto:info@steppingstonesmonroe.org)

**Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding, Inc. is a non-profit organization that  
provides therapeutic horseback riding and related activities to challenged  
riders of all ages in Monroe County and the Downriver area.**



The Holiday Auction is our main annual fundraiser and all the proceeds go directly to Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding, Inc. ■ Silent and on-line other raffles will also run throughout the night. ■ HOLIDAY RAFFLE will take place about midway through the auction. ■ All items/services are donated by individuals or businesses and are tax deductible. Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Auction Proceeds To Benefit:**

**Stepping Stones Therapeutic Riding, Inc.**

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(734) 707-3644 • [www.steppingstonesmonroe.org](http://www.steppingstonesmonroe.org)



**Raffle Tickets \$1 each  
(or 6 for \$5)**

To purchase raffle tickets  
please contact: Jim Biesaki  
at (734) 604-4112.

## 2019 Holiday Raffle

- 1st Prize - \$500 CASH**
- 2nd Prize - \$250 CASH**
- 3rd Prize - \$100 CASH**

Drawings to be held on  
on November 23rd  
at our Holiday Auction

**You do not need to  
be present to win.**



Auction and Raffle Proceeds To Benefit:  
**Stepping Stones  
Therapeutic Riding, Inc.**







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Are you in leadership at your fair or festival? Do you want to learn more about the Michigan fair/festival industry? Are you between the ages of 13-19?

If you answered yes to these questions, then register for the 2020 Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions Teen Program!

This program is Saturday, January 11 from 10 am – 4:00 pm at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids MI. The Teen Program is **free of charge** for the first 75 registrants, including lunch.

The Teen Program is a hands-on training with learning and fun. Here are some of the sessions included in the day.

- Kick off Session with an Ice Breaker - Get a chance to meet your fellow teens
- Teen Fair/Festival Project - Have you ever wanted to run your own event? This session is your chance! Participants will work with trade show vendors and industry professionals to explore different aspects of running a fair/festival. We will break into groups and create fair plans in areas such as daily entertainment, carnivals, and grandstand events. You will even have a chance to present your projects to industry professionals.
- Media Training – Are you prepared to talk to the media? This program will give you the tips and tools to think on your feet when talking to the media or the public. This experience can go beyond media, to prepare you for interviews or to keep your cool under pressure. Some of you will even have the chance to be live interviewed.
- Trivia – Test your knowledge with a bit of competitive trivia. How many people attend fairs in Michigan? What festival has the highest attendance in the state? Breaking into groups to compete for prizes and the chance to be champion smarty pants.

Talk to your local fairboard or festival management to find out more. You can also contact the MAFE office at [mifairs@gmail.com](mailto:mifairs@gmail.com) or 517-317-4544. Register by November 30, 2019.

**MAFE 135th Annual Convention – January 9-11, 2020**  
Future convention dates: January 14-16, 2021 & January 13-15, 2022  
All events held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel & DeVos Place, Grand Rapids MI.

[www.mifairs.com](http://www.mifairs.com)



# 4-H NIGHT

WITH THE TOLEDO WALLEYE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 ★ 3:30 PM**

TOLEDO WALLEYE VS IDAHO STEELHEADS

Enjoy a game with your 4-H club on President's Day Weekend!

Pre-game panel with business professionals in the Ag industry at 3:30PM  
Walleye game at 5:15PM

Contact Rita Natter to reserve your club's seats:  
[rnatter@toledowalleye.com](mailto:rnatter@toledowalleye.com) or 419-725-9258

**Register now  
for the 2020  
State 4-H Rabbit  
& Cavy Show!**

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at [bit.ly/31KaOpQ](http://bit.ly/31KaOpQ). Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

## 4-H Events and Workshops

November 8: Gladwin County 4-H Fish Fry Fundraiser

*Knights of Columbus, Gladwin*

Gladwin County 4-H in partnership with the Gladwin Knights Of Columbus will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Come enjoy fish and support 4-H!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/gladwin-county-4-h-fish-fry-fundraiser>

December 3: Give Green Day

*Statewide*

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 5: Family Holiday Open house

*Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing*

This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-openhouse>

## Save the Date!

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop



## Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's Leadership Institute to energize women leaders

Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute](#) (WLI). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.



A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14–19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (CANR) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

After the keynote presentations, the youth interacted with the speakers, CANR and MSU Extension staff and each other to share their leadership stories. Following the reception, youth attended a WLI panel discussion at the Wharton Center, which featured world leaders Carolyn Woo, Tiffany L. Jones and Anne Whelan. Youth also participated in a pre-session in advance of the reception that discussed the themes of the evening and how to share their own leadership stories.

## Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.