



# 4-H Family News

## Monroe County

Contact Us:  
**January 2024**



Welcome to the Month of January

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2024

The 4-H staff wants to thank each and everyone of our volunteers, leaders, parents, and youth for their help, patience, and excitement this past year. Without you, this program would not be possible. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to our program. As we head into 2024, we wish all our 4-H families a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to continuing our work to make this program that is the best, even better!

Happy new year, everyone!

Sincerely,

Jean & Chelsea

4-H Staff

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


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### This month's content highlights




 **Beef Tagging**-Beef Tagging Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to Noon Anderson Arena

- **Leader Youth Recognition Banquet**  
**RSVP needed** 
- Enrollments
- Fundraisers
- Call for Instructors Cloverbud/ Mini Expo Teachers

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# January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Extension Office Closed			6:30pm Dog Board meeting - ELC	12 – 4pm Faithful Friends meeting – AC		10:00am – 1:00pm Beef Tagging Anderson Arena 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1:30 to 4:00pm Hippology open practice/ Meeting AC  5:00 Fair Advisory Winter La Fiesta	7PM Horse & Pony mtg – AC  7PM Council ELC	6:00pm Custer District Bylaws 7:00pm Custer District Meeting ELC	6:00PM Leader/ youth banquet committee meeting-ELC			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1:30 to 4:00pm Hippology open practice/ Meeting AC	Office Closed  	7:00pm Caprine Council meeting – ELC	6:30pm New Horizons @ ELC  7pm JLA @ELC  7PM Shooting Sports @ ELC	7pm Fair Advisory Board ELC		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5:00pm Leader Youth Recognition Banquet RSVP Required 	7pm SAA @ELC					6:30 pm Terra Quest Masquerade Murder Mystery @AC See pg. 13
28	29	30	31			
			7pm Teen Ambassadors @AC			



# FEBRUARY

# 2024

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on January Calendar Prior page

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7pm  
Council  
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6:00PM  
Terra  
Quest  
Meeting  
AC

6:30pm  
Dog  
Board  
ELC

12pm -  
4pm  
Faithful  
Friends  
meeting  
-AC

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

7PM  
Horse  
& Pony  
mtg -  
AC

*Valentine's Day*

7pm Fair  
Advisory  
Board  
ELC

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Cat  
Program  
6:30 pm  
@ AC

7:00pm  
Caprine  
Council  
meeting  
- ELC

7pm  
JLA -  
ELC

**7:00PM  
YQCA  
training  
@ AC**

**4-H Day  
at the  
Breslin**

25 26 27 28 29 01 02

7pm Teen  
Ambassadors  
@AC

03 04 05 06 07 08 09

See Next Months Network for March Calendar





## Small Animal Association News



State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show – Save the Date 1/27/24

Small Animal Clinics 2024

- Poultry March 12, @activity center 7PM
- Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet March 28, @activity center 7PM
- Spring Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet April 20 Educational (Far West) Building at 9AM
- Broiler Workshop April 30, @activity center at 7 PM
- Fitting and Showing June 4 SAA building at 6PM

Barn Setup (Date Change) Thursday July 11th, 2024

\*\*\* SEE JLA Page for YQCA IN PERSON TRAINING DATES \*\*\*



## Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

**Where do we meet:**

4-H Activity Center

**When do we meet:**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
(February – June, September – November)

**Who are welcome to attend:**

Every 4-H kid is welcome including Clover Buds

**Need more information:**

Contact Kim Cramer at  
[cramergirls09@gmail.com](mailto:cramergirls09@gmail.com)



## Dog Program

Meetings are the First Wednesday of Each Month 6:30 at the Extension Office. Welcome to all interested in the Dog Project Area! Next Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024!





# Junior Livestock Association News

Congratulations Newly Elected 2023-2024 JLA Officers

President: Lindsey Roof  
Vice President: Briley Bordine  
Secretary: Kennedy Albring  
Tresure: Sophie Kreps

## Junior Livestock Association



Beef Tagging Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to Noon Anderson Arena



YQCA training Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training March 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC

Swine Clinic March 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC

Sheep Clinic March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC

Tom Blanchette Memorial Preview Show April 06 Anderson Arena

YQCA Training April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC

Sheep and Swine Tagging May 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to Noon Anderson Arena

Fitting and Showing Clinic June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Fairgrounds

Barn Set-up July 11<sup>th</sup>



# YQCA Certification



**Complete YQCA no later than June 15, 2024 \*\*\*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*\***

## YQCA Certification

Youth ages 8-19 showing **MARKET** animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) are **required to complete YQCA training no later than June 15, 2024 to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.**

### YQCA two Completion Options:

1. **\$3.00 Instructor Led/ in-person training** ages 8 to 18

Go to [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://yqcaprogram.org) . If you created an account last year, log into your account, select a child, select the age and instructor led training. Search Michigan and select the training you wish to register for (Monroe County Instructor led YQCA training). If you are new to YQCA, you will need to first create an account in YQCA. Monroe County instructor led training to be held at the 4-H Activity Center on

**YQCA training Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training March 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**



**\*\*\* for instructor led training, Youth must register online at least two days prior to the training.**

**Trainings are on a first come, first serve basis until full. No walk-ins will be accepted on site. All payments must be made in advance through the YQCA website. Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending the class and then the post- test after the training.**

### OR

2. **\$12.00 Web based training** Go to [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://yqcaprogram.org) and log in using the account you created last year, if you are new to YQCA you will need to create an account.

After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

**Youth can complete the course online each module takes 15-20 minutes with there is a total of five (5) modules.**

\*19 year olds must take online course

**\*\*\*Once YQCA is Completed youth must provide a copy of certificate to the extension office!**

Options to submit: electronically at <https://bit.ly/YQCA2024> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. \*\*\*

Clickable Links:

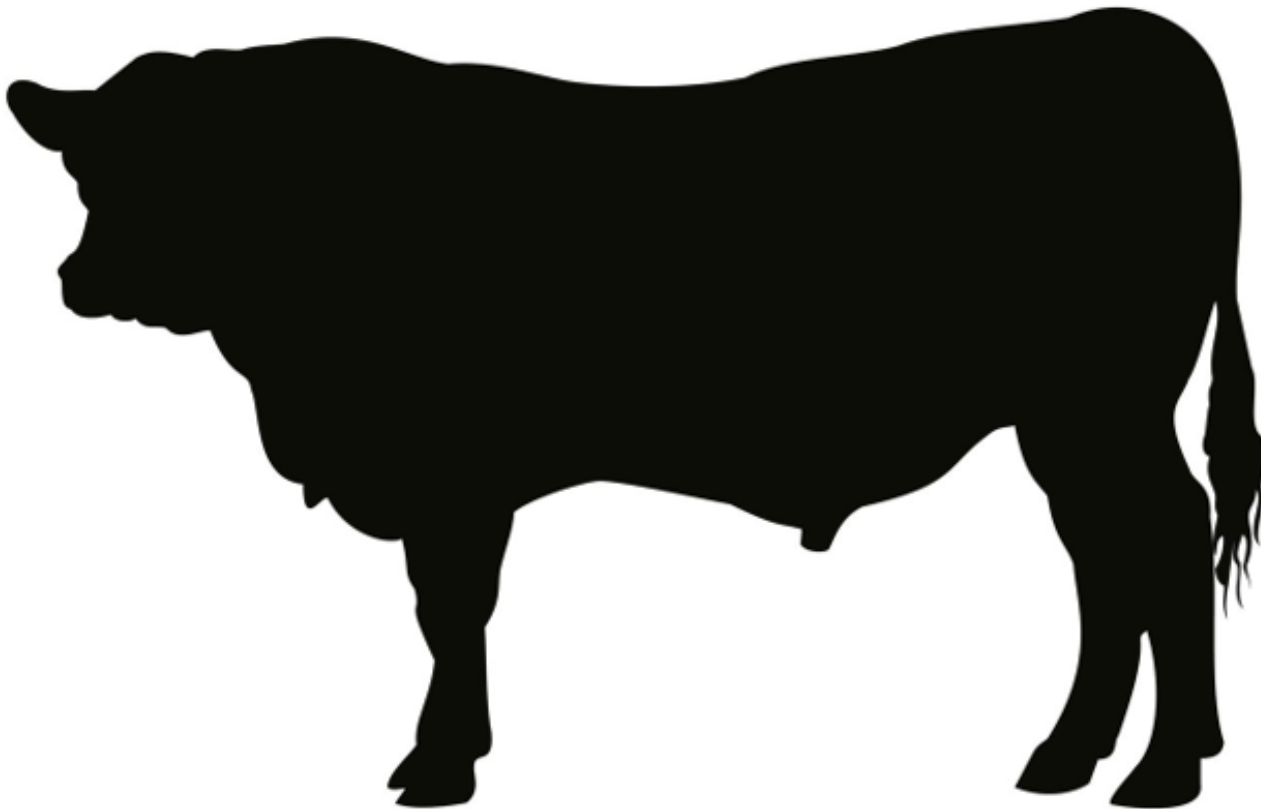
- YQCA Instructor Led training [Help Documents](#)
- “help video” specifically for students enrolling in instructor-led trainings  
<https://youtu.be/wZHW2qtMIOc>
- YQQCA Web-based [Help Documents](#)



## Market Beef Tagging



Beef Tagging Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to Noon Anderson Arena







# Horse and Pony News



**Reserve your Tack Sale Spot**



**Reserve Your Spot Today\***

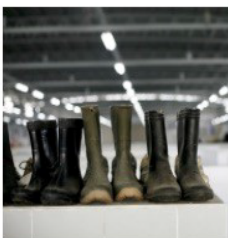
**Monroe County 4-H Tack Sale, Crafts & Flea Market**  
**Sunday, January 28th, 2024**  
10 AM – 3 PM

Located at:

**First Merchant Expo Center**  
Monroe County Fairgrounds  
3775 S. Custer Rd. Monroe, MI

**Large Heated Space will include:**

Equine Tack & Supplies  
Craft Vendors  
Flea Market  
Door Prizes  
Concessions Stand  
Demonstrations  
& More



**For more information or to become a vendor contact Carla:**  
[Monroecountytacksale4h@outlook.com](mailto:Monroecountytacksale4h@outlook.com) or  
419-304-9217

\*Vendor spots are first come, first serve

Horse and Pony info

Main communication 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 meeting Dates, times and location

**1/03/24** 6:30 St. Mary  
Catholic Central HS Library  
**1/07/24** 2pm (National  
Historic Museum) Ann Arbor  
**1/14/24** 2 pm Activity  
Center  
**2/2-2/3** Clinic and Practice  
Judging see next page for  
flyer  
**3/16/2024** Hippology  
Contest MSU  
**4/13/2024** Horse Judging  
Contest MSU

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.



Contact Office or Elizabeth Kotus for registration form

# HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP

## WHEN

**February 2-3, 2024**  
**Friday workshop, 6:30-8:30p**  
**Saturday contest, 8:30-10:30a**

## WHERE

**MSU Pavilion**

4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

## FEATURING

Friday evening's workshop will feature carded judge & clinician Dr. Karen Waite, teaching Ranch Riding & Ranch Rail

Saturday's practice contest will have 3 classes with opportunity to give oral reasons: Halter, Ranch Riding and Ranch Rail.

## ALL AGES WELCOME

**PRE-REGISTER**  
**\$15 per youth/adult/coach**

**REGISTER AT THE DOOR**  
**\$20 per youth/coach/adult**

## CONTACT

Carla McLachlan  
Event Coordinator  
Carlam@msu.edu

## BENEFITING

All proceeds of event will go directly to the MSU Horse Judging Team

Online registration and payment is available at:  
[https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu\\_3645](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645)



## Fundraiser Hippology Team

### M36 COFFEE ROASTERS FUNDRAISER



ORGANIZATION **Monroe County 4-H Hippology**

FUNDS FOR **Team General Expenses/Resources**

DATES **Dec 26, 2023 to Jan 24th, 2024**



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#### HOW TO PURCHASE

- 1) Go to [M36CoffeeRoasters.com/4h](http://M36CoffeeRoasters.com/4h) (or scan the QR code above), and enter the password: **horse**
- 2) Choose local pickup to collect 1/28/24 at the 4HTack, Craft, Flea Market Sale (Monroe County Fairgrounds). 3) Need coffee sooner? Choose shipping and we will send it directly to you. Standard shipping rates apply.



#### HOME ROAST

100% FT Organic. Rich, smooth, dark roast. Hints of caramel and brown sugar. Our favorite.

16 OZ



#### FTO COLOMBIAN

100% FT Organic. Medium roast, mild flavor, with sweet floral notes.

16 OZ



#### SUPER JACK'D

Ultra-high caffeine. A blend of Arabica and Robusta beans. Complex, unique, bold.

16 OZ



#### KITALE

This blend was made for those who appreciate an ultra-dark coffee that's rich and smoky without tasting burnt.

16 OZ



#### ERC HOUSE

The House Blend, with its chocolaty aroma, smooth character and robust body, is our most popular blend.

16 OZ



#### ERC HOUSE DECAF

100% Arabica beans are peak roasted to a dark Italian roast. You won't know it's decaf.

16 OZ



#### CHOCOLATE ALMOND

Premium chocolate almond flavored coffee beans, medium roast, full-bodied, 100% Arabica coffee.

16 OZ



#### HAZELNUT

It's medium roasted to deliver a rich, nutty and well-rounded taste that's not too sweet for a flavored coffee.

16 OZ

coffee fundraiser running synonymously with a pick-up at our concession stand on January 28<sup>th</sup> during the Tack Sale at the First Merchants Expo Center.

If the coffee is needed sooner contact a hippology team member to arrange free shipping.





# Special events



Leader and Youth Recognition Banquet

RSVP Needed use link [RSVP Leader Youth Recognition Banquet](#)

## 2023 Leader Banquet & Youth Recognition

*"Country Nights & Neon Lights"*

**4-H Celebration  
& Awards**

**Hats off  
to you!**



**SUNDAY – JAN 21, 2024 @ 5:00 PM**

**4-H Activity Center**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

(both youth & leaders)

[RSVP Leader Youth Recognition Banquet](#)

Call Jean if assistance is needed 734-240-3188



# Leader Banquet Volunteer Nominations

## Congratulations to our nominees

### Volunteer Nominations

#### 4-H Leader of the Year Nominations

Tamithy Jackson- London Fancy Farmers  
Carrie Beaudrie- Raisinville Wranglers  
Cara Bischoff- Country Critters  
Denise Hill- Progress Seekers (2 nominations)  
Roni Worden-Ottawa Lake Servers  
Scott Wiesler- Council, Slow spokes  
Heather Turnblom- Whispering Spirits  
Debbie Mattes- Paws-R-Us  
Jill Calkins- Country Critters  
Marry Wickenheiser- Treasure Hunters

#### Meritorious Service Business

Ottawa Lake Co-op  
Dynamic Transportation LLC- Joe Johnson  
Jacob's Supply (2 nominations)  
Sofa Foods (2 Nominations)  
Gordon Foods  
Backstage Eats and Drinks Ella  
Uhl Concrete LLC

#### Meritorious Service Individual

Chad Jackson  
Linda Krug (2 nominations)  
Jessica Kovach  
Jeff Linn  
Shelly (Michel) Aulph  
Duane Alt  
Adam Uhl  
Patti Donnelly  
Toni Baker

#### Distinguished Alumni

Jeff Winter  
Kerri Kraftchick  
Lilly Anderson  
Jenna Payne  
Mandy (Michel) Cadle  
Marsha Aerts  
Cara Bischoff  
Christopher Manwell  
Toni Baker





# Fundraiser & Event



*Terra Quest cordially invites you to a*

# MASQUERADE MURDER MYSTERY

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GLAMOROUS INTRIGUE

Saturday, January 27th, 2024

4-H Activity Center

3775 S. Custer Rd.

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

\$20 per ticket or \$60 for 4 tickets

Appetizers and Drinks will be served

Suggested Dress - Formal or Semi-Formal

Buy your tickets now, to have a role in the fun! Parts are limited.

Help Terra Quest members pay for our Aug. 2024 trip

Back Up Date - February 3rd, 2024



**For Tickets or Questions Contact:**

**Becky 734 - 775 - 7992**

**Kerrie 419 - 309 - 2593**

**50 Ticket Limit**





# Special Event

Cloverbud and Mini Expo **Please contact office if you would like to teach a session**

\*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\*

## 2024 Clover Bud Expo

**Saturday – MARCH 9, 2023**  
**8:30 AM – noon**  
**4-H Activity Center on the Monroe County Fairgrounds**

All Clover Buds (4-H ages 5 to 7) are invited to join us for a morning of learning, crafting and FUN!

Clover Buds will complete 4 different projects, share a healthy snack, and learn about the Monroe County 4-H Program

Cost is \$10 per Clover Bud

Registration Required – watch for FEBRUARY NETWORK for details!

\*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\*

## 2024 Mini Expo

**Saturday – MARCH 16, 2023**  
**8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**4-H Activity Center on the Monroe County Fairgrounds**

All Registered 4-H Members (ages 8 to 19) are invited to join us for a day of learning and crafting.

Members can complete up to 3 Fair ready 4-H Projects from 25+ choices.  
Lunch is provided.  
Cost is \$15 per members (includes lunch and all materials)

Registration Required – watch for FEBRUARY NETWORK for details!

Please contact Jean at 734-240-3188 if interested in teaching a class!





# Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner

## 4-H online Enrolments

Thank you for getting your enrollments completed early.

Still have some incompletes and youth not enrolled.

Club Members 781 Cloverbuds 168



4-H online link: <https://v2.4honline.com>

How to Video create New Family profile: [4-H Online 2.0 Creating A New Family Profile - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

How to Video enrollment Existing families: [4-H Online 2.0 Existing Family Profiles - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

4-H online family guide: [4-H Online 2.0 Family Guide - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

Club leaders please pull and review your rosters. Please reach out to youth that need to enroll.

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



Leaders, Please Submit Your 12/31/2023 Bank Balance/ Statements NO LATER THAN 1/16/24.

Please Email to

[butle301@msu.edu](mailto:butle301@msu.edu) or drop off to the office!



# Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner

## **VOLUNTEER CORNER** Our Program can not run without you

### **Thank you for answering our call SILVER LEVEL VOLUNTEERS**

Monroe County 4-H uses silver volunteers in the kitchen, guard duty in the static project areas and limited other areas.

**We now have 264 silver volunteers doubling our number from last year**

#### **Steps to become an MSU Extension silver volunteer**

- Complete a profile application using below link

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

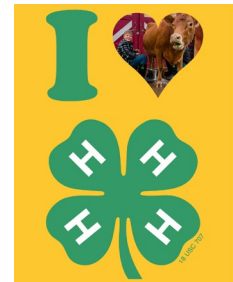
• Sign 2 waivers 1) Background check 2) Code of Conduct, medical and media releases  
Sometimes there is a delay in between loading clicking the refresh button helps.

\*\*\*If you need assistance with becoming a Silver Volunteer, please contact Jean (734) 240-3188

#### **Gold Level Volunteer**

**We are at 540 active gold level volunteers. 5 New Gold Volunteers**

Are you still showing as pending Gold or Silver? Please contact Jean for assistance to complete the Volunteer Selection Process.



## Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Hers. There will be a minimum of 6 topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice as a daytime and evening option. Click on the below link to view the wonderful upcoming trainings.

**Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat: January 23, 2024**

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



# AWARDS

## \$2,000 MSU PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



### MONROE COUNTY 4-H TEEN AWARDED \$2,000 MSU PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

SAMANTHA PRITULA, in 9<sup>th</sup> grade has been awarded a \$2,000 Michigan State University Pre-College Achievement Scholarship. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grades for 2022-23 who attended an MSU summer pre-college program last year were eligible to apply for this award. SAMANTHA PRITULA participated in Vet Science Camp, one of four pre-college programs offered by MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development.

MSU pre-college programs are great for helping youth explore possible career interests. They are great fun, very educational, and help connect young people with university faculty and other resources. MSU pre-college programs also help youth envision their future so they can wisely choose their high school classes and prepare for college.

Selection for this scholarship is based on application and student essay. The scholarship is applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

The pre-college programs annually offered by [MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development](#) are: [4-H Capitol Experience](#), [4-H Exploration Days](#), [4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp](#), and [4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp](#). For more information on these 4-H pre-college programs as well as other MSU pre-college programs, please visit Spartan Youth Programs at <http://www.spartanyouth.msu.edu>. You'll find a multitude of programs that can help youth develop valuable skills, make new friends and taste college life.





<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>

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# 2024 ADULTING 101



- THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM
- FOSTERING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 AT 5 PM
- KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE - MARCH 19 AT 6 PM
- COVER LETTER AND RESUME WRITING - APRIL 10 AT 6 PM
- BUILD AND PROTECT YOUR CREDIT - MAY 15 AT 5 PM
- TRAVELING ON A BUDGET - JUNE 6 AT 6:30 PM
- COOKING BASICS - JULY 16 AT 4 PM
- SUMMER BERRIES: JAM AND JELLY - AUGUST 12 AT 4 P.M.
- CHANGING THE WORLD WITH YOUR VOTE - SEPTEMBER 16 AT 5 PM
- PAYING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - OCTOBER 16 AT 5 PM
- CRACKING THE CODE TO COLLEGE - NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 PM



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>





# Officer Help Guides

## Clickable links fixed



### [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: President](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club president.



### [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Vice President](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club vice president.



### [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Secretary](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club secretary.



### [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Treasurer](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club treasurer.



### [So You Are an Officer of Your 4-H Club: Reporter](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club reporter.



# Information Station

## Static Premium Book Updates

2024 Monroe County 4-H project updates. A full list of rules will be published in the 2024 fair premium that will be distributed to leaders at the Pre-Fair Meeting.

### New classes for 2024

#### Crafts:

Diamond Dots  
Macrame  
Mason Jar Gift Mix  
Formed Cake Pops  
Decorated Eggs (Boiled)

#### Educational Area:

Club Table Setting theme: Summer Celebration

#### Communications Area:

Listening Skills Activity (Thursday, check-in evening starting at 7:00p.m.)

#### Changes/Eliminations:

##### Crafts:

Healthy Foods  
Felted Wool will be exhibited under Needle Work  
Baskets will be exhibited under Challenge or Paper  
Flea Market Flip will be exhibited under Recyclable Art

##### Communications:

Poetry Writing and Presentation

## District Officers

Congratulations to District Elected Officers. Thank you For your Commitment

### Airport

- President: Amy Harbaugh
- Vice President: Connie Ammerman
- Secretary: Jill Calkins
- Treasure: Carrie Beaudrie

### Bedford

- President: Debbie Kraftchick
- Vice President: Open
- Secretary: Michelle Denise Williams
- Treasure: Sue Andrews

### Custer

- President: Brenda Chandonnet
- Vice President: Barbara Siebarth
- Secretary: Michelle McLaughlin
- Treasure: Michelle Grider

### Dundee

- President: Tamithy Jackson
- Vice President: Mary Valentine
- Secretary: Roni Worden
- Treasure: LeeAnn Comstock



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Reserve your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals! 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy discounted tickets. In addition, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers item (details to be released shortly).
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

Tickets are available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. To order your tickets, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers).

### January 9: 4-H Wild Spartans - Anishinaabe Perspectives in Natural Resources Management *Online*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will delve into how tribes use traditional knowledge and values (giikendaasowin) in natural resources management. Meet Brad Silet, biologist with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024-jan](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024-jan)

### January 17: Adulting 101 - Psychology of Spending and Saving *Online*

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to reflect on your personal financial journey, your emotional connection to money, and gain budgeting resources to help you along the way.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/psychology](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/psychology)

### January 22: The Parent Talk System Webinar Series *Online*

The Parent Talk System is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-webinar-series-january-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-webinar-series-january-2024)

### January 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddlely-Squat *Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize a series of science lessons from MSU Extension that can be taught with no science background and household materials. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddlely-squat](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddlely-squat)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddlely-squat7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddlely-squat7pm)

### February 17: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest

*MSU Campus, East Lansing*

Interested in a career working with animals? Learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort of Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers. Registration closes Feb. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2024](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2024)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## 2024 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

MSU Extension invites 4-H members, families, volunteers and staff members to join them Feb. 24 for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The 18th annual event celebrates the 4-H and MSU Extension community. Attendance is free for MSU Extension friends, Michigan 4-H members and their families, MSU Extension and 4-H volunteers, as well as MSU Extension professionals. Make ticket reservations at [extension.msu.edu/4HDayatBreslin2024](https://extension.msu.edu/4HDayatBreslin2024).

"Our 4-H programs reach every county in the state and 4-H Day at the Breslin is a fun way to bring that community together for a day of comradery and celebration," said Julie Chapin, director of MSU Extension children and youth programs. "We can't wait to join with the youth, families, volunteers and staff that make these programs possible."

4-H Day at the Breslin participants are encouraged to come early to partake in MSU Extension games and activities throughout the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Visitors to Breslin Center events must comply with MSU's [clear bag policy](#). For more information on this event, contact your local MSU Extension office.

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve\\_to\\_have\\_a\\_great\\_4\\_h\\_year](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year).

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.





## Monroe Fair Association Events Calendar



### 2024 Schedule of Events

Jan. 28 4-H Tack Sale & More	Pending
Feb. 3-4 Oddities & Horror Fest	June 16 Monroe Hamfest
Feb. 10-11 Gun & Knife Show	June 21-23 4-H Horse Show
Feb. 24-25 HBA Home Show	July 5-7 Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show
March 2-3 Holistic Expo	July 8-9 Livonia Kennel Club Dog Show
March 10 The Vintage Market	July 12-14 FCHA Horse Show
March 16 Ducks Unlimited	July 28– Aug 3 MONROE COUNTY FAIR
March 23 Garage Sale & Flea Market	Aug. 17-18 Gun & Knife Show
March 30 Winter Storage Removal	Aug. 23-25 FCHA Horse Show
April 6 Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show	Aug. 31-Sept.1– Splashback Flyball Tournament
April 7 FCHA Tack Sale	Sept. 8 Auto Swap Meet
April 8-12 Soil Conservation Tree Sale	Sept. 13-14 Monroe Comic Con
April 14 Auto Swap Meet	Sept. 27-29 Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
April 20-21 Splashback Flyball Tournament	Oct. 5 Winter Storage begins
April 20 4-H Spring Rabbit Show	Oct. 6 The Vintage Market
April 26 Ag Awareness Day	Oct. 12 FCHA Horse Show
April 26-28 Fair Food Drive-Thru	Oct. 19 Garage Sale & Flea Market
May 5 Monroe Bike Show	Oct. 26 Grand Day of Tournaments
May 10-12 Scout-O-Rama	Nov. 2-3 Shipshewana on the Road
May 10-12 4-H Horse Show	Nov. 8-10 Tattoo Convention
May 12 Pending	Nov. 16 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
May 19 Motorcycle Swap Meet	Pending
May 25 Bedford Fire Explorer Training	Dec. 15 The Vintage Market
May 31– June 2- FCHA Horse Show	
June 1– Pending	
June 7-9 4-H Horse Show	



Schedule Subject to change. Visit our website [monroecountyfair.com](http://monroecountyfair.com) for more details and updates!





# Recap

## Christmas Parades



### Annual Mitten Tree

Benefiting Monroe County Residents for 28 Years!

Ran by Volunteers: Roger & Pat Webb

2023 Mitten Tree Collected 457 Winter Items.

Items were distributed at the Arthur Lesow Community Center as well as to public schools in Monroe County.

“I never knew this was what it would be when it started, it makes my heart happy to see the kids each year playing in their hats and mittens.” -Pat Webb







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## Pennies for Turkeys Teen Ambassadors



🎉 A huge shout out to everyone that made Teen Ambassadors Penny's for Turkeys fundraiser a huge success again this year!

🎉 We were able to purchase 68 turkeys and 10 hams!

🎉 A huge thank you to the owners of the Independent Dairy on Telegraph Road for letting us store the meat as it gets distributed by Mr. and Mrs. Rickter.

🍀🎄 Happy Holidays from Teen Ambassadors! 🎄🍀

## Monroe had several youth participate in the Michigan Winter Classic

Deter Hileman Second in class and third in middle wight division. Brayden Auten 1st in class. Kody Fitch Reserve Champion % Simmental Ring A, Champion % Simmental Ring B, 4th Over All Breed Steer Ring B. Kayla and Luke Pittman. Photo Credit to Lindsay H. Photography & Design and Jill Pittman







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## Dairy Project Happy Holidays and Thank you



## Winter Celebration at the Opportunity Center

