



*Monroe County*

# 4-H Family News

March 2022

## Welcome March! (and hopefully Spring weather)

Hello everyone! March is here and this month's network is full of lots of exciting information and upcoming dates. Please read through carefully and mark your calendars now. With Spring and Summer quickly approaching, we are preparing for our celebration. Monroe County 4-H is 100 years old! We have lots of fun events and projects coming to celebrate this wonderful program and its history over this last century.

Please note any dates regarding workshops, deadlines, and events. We all know how busy this time of year is. But we can't wait to celebrate with all of you!

Stay safe and healthy!

All the Best, Claudia and Jean :)

## Announcements

- Sheep/Swine Tagging—May 14th, 8am-11am
- **April 1st is the last day to register in 4-H online to participate in Fair 2022!**
- Poultry Workshop—March 30th @ 7pm
- Beef Preview Show—April 16th

—Set-up April 13th @6pm —Check in April 15th @6pm

Registration is now open and will be open until March 21st. [Register Here](#)

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### Social Media

Facebook:  
@MonroeCountyMI4H

Pinterest:  
@monroecounty4hprogram

### Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday  
1-4PM**



# March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm Terra Quest @ ELC	2 7pm Dairy Board Meeting @ ELC	3	4	5
6	7 7pm Council @ELC	8 7pm Custer District Meeting @ ELC	9 6pm Centennial Committee Meeting @ ELC	10 7pm Fair Board Meeting	11	12
13 5:30 Hippology Practice @zoom	14 7pm Horse and Pony @ELC	15 7pm Caprine Council	16 7pm JLA @ELC	17 7pm Fair Advisory @ELC 	18	19 6pm Terra Quest Cupcakes and Canvas @ Cornerstone Church
20	21 6pm Cat Board Meeting	22 7pm Dog Board	23	24 Cat Board @7pm	25	26
27	28 6pm CSI @ELC 7pm SAA @ELC	29	30 7pm Teen Ambassadors @ELC 7pm Poultry Workshop @ ELC	31		



# April 2022

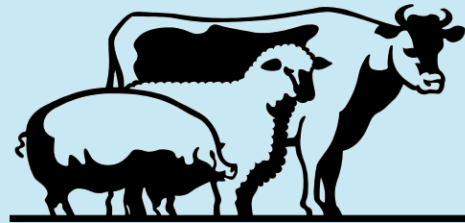


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					1 <b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER IN 4-H ONLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR 2022!</b>	2
3 3:30PM Hip-poly	4 7pm 4-H Council @ ELC	5 6pm Terra Quest @ ELC	6	7	8	9
10	11 7pm Horse and Pony @ ELC	12	13 7pm Sheep Workshop @ ELC 6pm Preview Show set up @fairgrounds	14 7pm Fair Board	15 6pm Beef show check in	16 Beef Preview Show @ fair-grounds
17 	18	19	20 7pm JLA @ ELC	21 7pm Fair Advisory @ ELC	22	23
24	25	26 6pm Dog Board	27 7pm Teen Ambassadors @ ELC	28 7pm Rabbit, Cavy, Pocket Pet Workshop @ ELC	29 8am- 2pm Agricultural Awareness Day	30 9am-1:30pm Crafting Expo

# Important Upcoming Dates and Information!

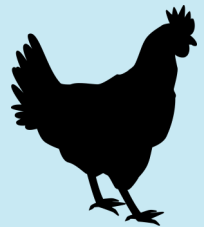
## JLA DATES:

- Sheep and Swine Tagging: May 14th @ 8AM-11AM
- Sheep Workshop: April 13th @ 7pm
- Beef Preview Show: April 16th
- Swine Workshop: May 18th @ 7pm



## SAA DATES:

- Poultry Workshop: March 30th @ 7pm
- Rabbit, Cavy, and Pocket Pet Workshop: April 28th @ 7pm
- Broiler Workshop: May 4th @ 7pm
- Spring Rabbit Show: May 7th in the Educational Building on the Fairgrounds (more details to come)



## DOG DATES:

- Fun Matches: June 12th and July 16th
- Agility Practices: May 23rd @ 6pm and June 27th (mandatory meeting) @6pm



## ALL SPECIES:

- June 7th @ 6pm FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC
- July 12th @ 6pm ALL BARN SET-UP
- **APRIL 1st is the Last Day to register in 4-H Online and still be able to participate in FAIR 2022!**



# County Scholarships are now available!



**Attention high school seniors or students enrolled in post high school education!**

County Scholarships are officially open. Applications are due by April 15th, 2022. Interviews will take place at the Extension Office on April 25th, 2022. You will only have to interview once regardless of how many scholarships you apply for. Time slots for Interviews are first come first serve.

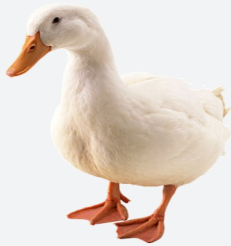
Follow this link to view the available scholarships:  
[2022 Monroe County 4-H Scholarships](#)

**Good luck to everyone! You make  
Monroe County 4-H Proud!**



# Broilers and Ducks:

## ORDER NOW!



Pricing and Dates

Broilers: \$2.00 each

\*Order by May 4th\*



Reminder: All Broilers MUST be purchased through the Small Animal Association.

Ducks: \$3.50 each

\*Order by April 1st\*

To order or for more information, please contact Barbara Siebarth 419-350-9482  
OR Susan Arting 734-649-4117.

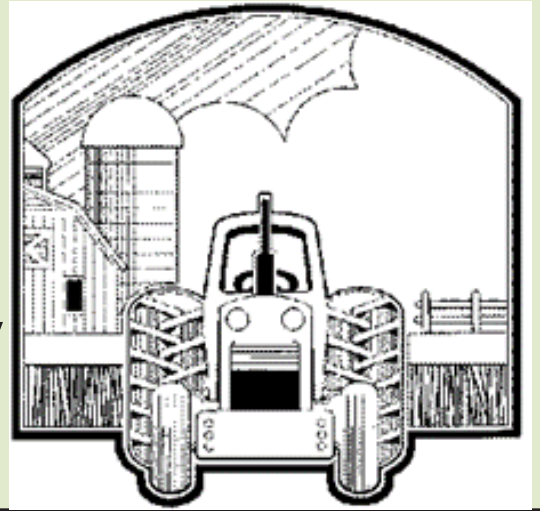
**\*\*\*CALL FOR HELP\*\*\***

A Historic piece of art from Monroe County was hung in the beloved Kettunuen Center. Due to this building being closed, we are trying to get this beautiful loon back to Monroe to hang for all to admire. If there is anyone with a trailer that could go to MSU campus and help transport it, call the office. Dimensions are 32" X 94".



# Agricultural Awareness Day

**aka: Ag Day**  
**Friday, April 29th**



After a two year break, we are thrilled to be planning this year's event! Do you have expertise in a specific area of science or agriculture to share with Monroe County 1st–4th graders? We'd love for you to join us! Let us know by registering here

<https://forms.gle/H64yvtuu311xT5AeA>

or giving the office a call at 734-240-3188.

Please complete the survey by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Your prompt response will allow us the opportunity to provide the teachers with information ahead of time including what learning stations will be available on the day of the event. The time commitment would be from about 8am till 1:30pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be served for our volunteers.

We sincerely appreciate the donation of your time and expertise to bring back Ag Day stronger than ever!

# Celebrating 100 Years of Monroe County 4-H!



Join the  
Committee!

## Monroe County 4-H CENTENNIAL 1922-2022

Centennial  
Celebration

Daily  
Activities  
Fair Week

Birthday  
Party

Looking for past 4-Hers  
to speak with on  
Monroe County  
experiences (age 70+)

Please come and help plan these great events!

March 9  
6:00 pm



Extension  
Office

Mary Wickenheiser - Committee Chairperson



# MONROE COUNTY 4-H 100 YEAR COOKBOOK

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Ingredients:

1. 4-H members, alumni and clubs
2. Your favorite recipes
3. Stories about your recipe
4. Pictures

*soft & chewy!*



Directions:

- A. Write out recipe
- B. Attach any pictures or stories about the the recipe or experience showing it at fair.
- C. Submit recipes and information by April 15, 2022 to:

**[Monroe100year4H@yahoo.com](mailto:Monroe100year4H@yahoo.com)**

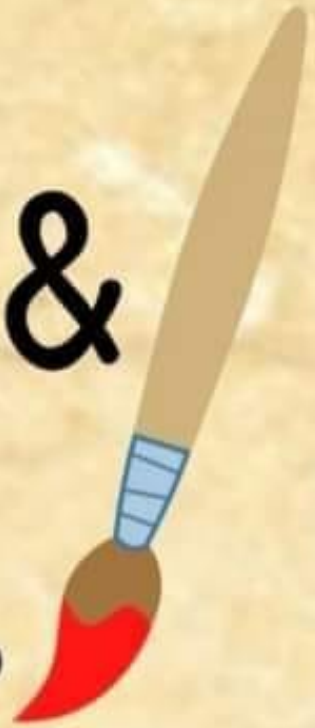
Questions:

Contact Debbie Kraftchick 419-340-7787 or  
Roni Worden 419-779-3499

Disclaimer: Due to space, some stories/pictures may be edited.

Terra Quest 4-H Presents

# CUPCAKES & CANVAS!



*Saturday*

**\$25**

**March 19th**

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

**CUPCAKES, RELAX AND CREATE ART!**

**RSVP: Becky 734-775-7992  
by March 12**



**CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH  
4000 Lewis Ave, Ida MI**

Terra Quest 4-H Presents

# EGG MY HOUSE

Sat APRIL 16

Other dates available upon request.

Let us deliver eggs filled with candy and toys to a friend, neighbor or your yard during the night! Surprise your kids Easter Sunday! Will also come with a personalize letter from the Easter Bunny!

**50 EGGS \$25**  
**100 EGGS \$50**

To order your eggs call:  
Becky 734-775-7992

~~Save the Date~~

# 2022 4-H Crafting Expo

Saturday – APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 1:30 PM

*This year we are hosting a one day Crafting Expo which includes the Clover Bud Expo, Mini Expo and Teen Expo crafting workshops.*



**Clover Buds (ages 5-7)** will learn about 4-H and leave with 3 completed craft projects

**4-H Members (ages 9-12)** will get to attend two different workshops

**Teen members (ages 13-19)** have the opportunity to attend one of three different classes



*Cost will be \$5 per attendee and will include a hot dog lunch.*

Classes will be listed in the April Network and reservations will be needed!

*Due to repairs being completed on the 4-H Activity Center, this year's event will be held at the Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Ida, MI*

**? ? QUESTIONS ? ?**

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[https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe\\_county\\_4\\_h/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe_county_4_h/)

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## Group Decision Making

### An Event Hosted by 4-H Future Squad

This hands-on, interactive, fun event will involve youth ages 12-19, learning and practicing skills related to:

- Building a team
- Facilitating meaningful discussions
- Building consensus
- Using parliamentary procedure



These skills are helpful for officers in 4-H clubs, and are important life skills for the rest of your life! Youth not enrolled in 4-H will be asked to enroll upon registration (also free!)

## Join Us!

Sunday, April 3 from 1-5 p.m.

Snacks included  
MSU Extension Office

Learning Center Meeting Room

963 South Raisinville Road

Monroe, MI 48161

**Please register by April 1 online at**

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





## ***4-H Exploration Days June 22-24, 2022***

**Registration will be open Spring of 2022.**

**This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime.**

- There'll be more than 100 session choices held on and off campus. You'll choose two or three for your three-day stay.
- You'll live in a Michigan State University dorm and eat in the cafeteria—just like MSU students do.
- Sessions are taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H volunteers and staff members and other experts.
- It's not all sessions! There's plenty of time for fun, including skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball—even a great dance Thursday night.



# Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



## 4-H State Award Recognition Areas

- Beef Science
- Birds & Poultry Science
- Career Development
- Civic Engagement and Service
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer & Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat Science
- Leadership
- Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Sheep Science
- Shooting Sports
- Swine Science
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Group Award

**Applications for Michigan 4-H State Awards are due April 1.**

**Questions? Contact: Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbet@msu.edu](mailto:nashbet@msu.edu) or 810-648-2515 or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu) or 269-657-8213**



Through the program, Michigan 4-H members have an opportunity to receive recognition while expanding their network and improving their leadership skills. At the conclusion of this program, participants have a cover letter, resume and a portfolio highlighting their 4-H experiences. Many of these tools will be transferable to future application essays for jobs, college and scholarships.

### Age Categories

Mark of Excellence Essay Contest: 11-12 year-old 4-H members  
Junior State Award: 13-15 year-old 4-H members  
Senior State Award: 16-19 year-old 4-H members  
Group Award: 13-19 year-old 4-H members

### New for 2022

- Awards program will be held on Wednesday during 4-H Exploration Days PEP rally
- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom June 8 & 9
- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards2022/>

### Learn more at:

[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index)

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Learn how to make the most of your  
4-H State Award application!



 **4-H GROWS HERE**

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**UNIVERSITY**

**Extension**

Join Us Online

# 4-H STATE AWARDS PREP

March 9, 4-7 pm: Cover letter/Resume Review Individual appt.

March 16, 4-7 pm: Application Review Individual appt.

May 5, 6:30 pm or May 10, 4:30 pm: Mock Interviews and Tips

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/AwardsPrep2022/>

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# MARK OF EXCELLENCE

*because of 4-H  
I can...*

**APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1**

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**Extension**

The 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is a division of the 4-H State Awards Program for 11 and 12-year-old 4-H members.

To enter, a 4-H member writes an essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can ...” Essays are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by April 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths’ essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index)



# 2021 SKILLATHON

## Michigan 4-H State Championship

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension



### REGISTER:

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

### MORE INFO:

[canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2021-michigan-4-h-skillathon](http://canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2021-michigan-4-h-skillathon)

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## 2021 Michigan 4-H Skillathon

**Region 1: March 6, 2021**

Upper Peninsula & Northern Michigan

**Region 2: March 13, 2021**

Southwestern Michigan

**Region 3: March 20, 2021**

Southeastern Michigan

Competitions will take place via Zoom

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*Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management in 10 different categories.*

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Contestants who place in the top 20th percentile of each age division will qualify for the Michigan 4-H Skillathon State Championship held on April 10, 2021!

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### AGE DIVISIONS:

- ♦ Novice (8-11 years)
- ♦ Junior (12-14 years)
- ♦ Senior (15-19 years)
- ♦ Adult (open to current adult volunteers)

**GET A 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON SHIRT!**

**Region 1:**  
Upper Peninsula and  
Northern Michigan

Saturday, March 6, 2021  
10 AM Eastern/9 AM Central



**Skillathon Start Times:**

**Seniors & Adults**

Check-in: 9:30 AM EST / 8:30 CST

Contest starts: 10 AM EST / 9 AM CST

**Juniors & Novices**

Check-in: 12:00 PM EST / 11:00 AM CST

Contest starts: 12:30 PM EST / 11:30 AM CST

**Region 2:**  
Southwestern Michigan

Saturday, March 13, 2021  
9AM Eastern



**Skillathon Start Times:**

**Seniors & Adults**

Check-in: 8:30 AM

Contest starts: 9 AM

**Juniors & Novices**

Check-in: 11:00 AM

Contest starts: 11:30 AM

**Region 3:**  
Southeastern Michigan

Saturday, March 20, 2021  
10 AM Eastern



**Skillathon Start Times:**

**Seniors & Adults**

Check-in: 8:30

Contest starts: 9 AM

**Juniors & Novices**

Check-in: 11:00 AM

Contest starts: 11:30 AM

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# Michigan 4-H Dog Program Learning Workshop

For youth ages 8 - 19

## DATE & TIME:

March 26, 2022

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

## LOCATION:

Isabella County Commission  
on Aging  
2200 S. Lincoln Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

COST: \$20/person

## TO REGISTER:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/  
Dog2022](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Dog2022)



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## Agenda:

- 8:30 - 8:50 Check In - Lobby
- 9 - 9:45 Welcome/Opening Session
- 10 - 10:45 Session Block #1 (all sessions will be repeated so that attendees can participate in them all)
- Nutrition - - Kenny Rangi, DVM
  - Fundamentals in off leash work - - Diane Gaw
  - Developing a proper warm up exercise program - - Anna Schloff
  - A look into Nosework - - Nancy vonKoehnen
- 11 - 11:45 Session Block #2 (repeat of session block #1)
- 12 - 1 Lunch
- 1:10 - 1:55 Session Block #3 (repeat of session block #1)
- 2:05 - 2:50 Session Block #4 (repeat of session block #1)
- 3 - 3:30 Panel Discussion with Instructors & Closing



**The Michigan 4-H Dog Project Learning  
Workshop is sponsored by Michigan  
4-H Youth Development Programs,  
Michigan State University Extension**

### 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops



Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop!

Held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon on April 9 and 10, workshops will offer hands-on training that compliments virtual video instruction.

Participants will learn about the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports' mission and policies, risk management, safety, equipment use and care, teaching methods, positive youth development and more.

Each day will offer different certifications with choices among archery, rifle, shotgun, and hunting and wildlife disciplines. First Aid/CPR and Project WILD/Learning Tree will be concurrent sessions.

Register by March 15. To learn more, contact Laura Quist at [quistla1@msu.edu](mailto:quistla1@msu.edu).

### 4-H Events and Workshops

March 2: Virtual School Garden Education Sessions

*Online*

This six-week series that will occur every other Wednesday through May 11. Attendees will leave each session with 2-3 lesson ideas for teaching in the garden.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-school-garden-education-sessions-spring-2022>

March 3: Paying for Post-Secondary Education

*Online*

Learn the many ways to fund your education after high school so you can minimize your debt while investing in yourself.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-3-3>

March 5: 4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

*Demmer Shooting Sports and Education, Lansing*

Become a trainer for the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program! Trainers facilitate instructor certification workshops for teen and adult volunteers in the 4-H shooting sports project area.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss\\_trainer\\_workshop](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_trainer_workshop)

March 8: Wild Spartans Series

*Online*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conversation

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2022>

March 9: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Resumes and Cover Letter Review

*Online*

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your resume and/or cover letter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-resumes-and-or-cover-letter-review>

March 16: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training—Application Review

*Online*

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your application.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-application-review>

March 18—20: Animal Science Career Quest

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

Learn about all the opportunities an animal science education can bring them, not just as an undergraduate student, but long-term post-graduate, career options, and beyond.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>

March 26: 4-H Hippology Contest

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-contest-2022>

March 27: 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine conformation and performance while giving an oral explanation of your class evaluation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest-2022>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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### Apply for a 2022 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).

### New training required for 4-H volunteers

Since 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) has required all MSU employees and volunteers conducting business on behalf of the university to report child abuse and other harm to children. To help MSU Extension volunteers better understand the reporting expectations, a new online learning module titled "Child Abuse Reporting Protocol" has been developed. The module can be completed in 10-15 minutes.

All 4-H volunteers are required to complete this training in the upcoming year. Deadlines are as follows:

- New volunteers must complete the module as part of the screening and onboarding process.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks on April 1 or later must complete the training before their 2022 annual compliance date.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks in February or March must complete the training before their 2023 annual compliance date. However, these volunteers are encouraged to complete the training prior to this date.

To review the training, 4-H volunteers may either:

- Log into [Volunteer Central](#) and complete the module through the system. Within Volunteer Central, the module will be visible on either the screening dashboard (applicants) or the annual compliance dashboard (volunteers). Once completed, Volunteer Central will log this as "completed".
- Check with your local 4-H program coordinator to determine if they will be hosting a local training or meeting to review and discuss the material. For trainings conducted by MSU Extension professionals, attendance will be recorded in Volunteer Central on your behalf.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment as a 4-H volunteer. Questions about the training? Contact your local 4-H program coordinator.

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