

*Monroe County*

4-H Family News

December 2021

A Quiet December!

With holidays just around the corner, please take this time to spend it with family, friends, and loved ones. Lots of our clubs and groups are not meeting this month so use this extra time to spend it with those who matter most. It has been a crazy year so be sure to take care of yourself and check in on those around you.

4-H is a family so on behalf of the Extension staff, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season filled with joy.



Please join us for
a quiet December!

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@MonroeCountyMI4H

****NEW**** Pinterest:
@monroecounty4hprogram

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 1-4PM



December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 4-H Enrollment drawing for TSC gift card	2	3	4
5 6PM HIPPOLOGY @ ELC	6 7PM 4H COUNCIL	7 6pm Terra Quest Meeting	8	9 7pm Fair Board Meeting	10 Legacy 4-H club Holiday party	11
12	13	14 7pm Horse and Pony meeting @ ELC	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Caprine Council Christmas party	22	23 Fair Themes Due to staff	24	25 
					MSU Extension Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30	31	JAN 1
<i>Happy Holidays!</i>						
Monroe County MSU Extension Office Closed						



January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7pm 4H Council @ELC LAST CALL: Premium changes	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 7PM HORSE AND PONY	11	12	13 7pm Fair Board Meeting	14	15
16 Youth Recogni- tion and Leader Banquet	17	18 7pm Caprine Council	19 7pm Shooting Sports @ELC	20 7pm JLA @ELC	21	22
23	24 6pm CSI @ELC 7pm SAA @ELC	25	26 7pm Teen Am- bassadors @ELC	27	28	29 Tack Sale
30	31					

4-H Holiday Lights Tour

Back again this year!

The Monroe County 4-H Program presents the 4-H Holiday Lights Tour and we would like you to participate. 4-H families and alumni are invited to decorate the outside of your homes for the holiday season. The only requirement is a 4-H Clover (any size) must be part of your display. Prizes are at stake! People's Choice (\$100 gift card award) and four other categorical winners (\$25 gift card award each) will be recognized.

Deadline to complete your registration submission form (<https://bit.ly/4-HLights>) is Friday, December 11. Your display needs to be ready for viewing by Monday, December 13 and remain until January 3, if possible. A map of participating locations will be posted online.

- People's Choice---the 4-H community votes
- Clark Griswold Award---lights, lights, lights; the WOW factor
- Ever "Green"---Best use of Green theme throughout your display
- Creative Inflatables---Grinch, Santa, Inflatables: How many? That's debatable!
- Elegance of Design---Overall use of color, lighting, and/or decorations

Categories Include:

Winners will be announced on December 23. Voting for People's Choice will take place on Monday, December 20.

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Register online at <https://bit.ly/4-HLights>

Decorate
between

Now-Dec. 11



Awards

PEOPLE'S
CHOICE
\$100

• CLARK
GRISWOLD
AWARD
• EVER "GREEN"
• CREATIVE
INFLATABLES
• ELEGANCE OF
DESIGN
\$25
EACH

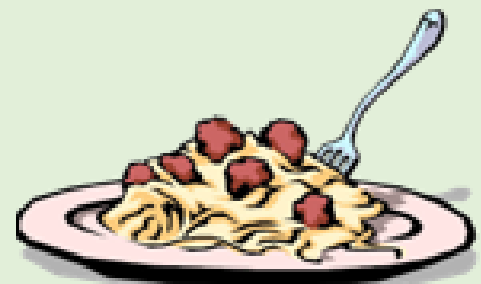
THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all that helped and donated towards our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction.

A very special THANK YOU to our Spaghetti Dinner Committee, our kitchen helpers, and to 4-H Council! Without these groups of wonderful people, we wouldn't have been so successful.



4-H
PROUD



Matthes Tree Farm to “Spread the Holiday Cheer” in a Fundraising Effort to Support Monroe County 4-H

Please consider supporting Monroe County 4-H while also supporting Matthes Tree Farm by presenting the certificate below during the 2020 Christmas season. 15% of your Christmas Shoppe purchase will go toward this fundraising effort! The offer is not valid on trees or independent craft vendors.

Matthes Tree Farm has lots of fun for the whole family each weekend, including Santa, pony rides, bonfire pits, and more! The 2020 season runs November 27-December 20th.

Join us for a Spread The Holiday Cheer Fundraiser Event for: Monroe 4-H Council



Matthes Tree Farm

13416 Lulu Rd
Ida, MI 48140
734-269-2668

Bring this certificate any time during our 2021 Christmas Season and 20% of your Christmas Shoppe purchase goes toward Monroe 4-H Council.

- Wreaths
- Roping and Greens
- Holiday décor
- Gift items



Lots for the whole family every weekend!

- Santa here 12 to 5
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Free entertainment
- Bonfire pits
- Free Hayrides

Valid only on items in Christmas Shoppe. Season runs Nov 27th—Dec 20th. Must present flyer to cashier. Excludes trees and independent craft vendors.

TERRA QUEST 4-H
PRESENTS

Christmas Wrap-it Up

Let us wrap your presents for you!

Dec 3rd 5:30-7:30

Dec 4th 1:30-3:30

By Donations

Cornerstone Baptist Church

4000 Lewis Ave., Ida Mi

Gift Wrapping Supplies Sale

TUESDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 5-7PM

4-H Extension Office

963 Raisinville Rd, Monroe Mi 48161

BY DONATIONS



**SUNDAY
JANUARY 16
5 PM**

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION:

Monroe Nazarene Church
3401 S. CUSTER RD
MONROE, MI 48161
(Just East of Fairgrounds)

*Current MSU mask guidelines will be followed.

Please Join Us
Monroe County 4-H
Youth Recognition
and
Leader Banquet

Please RSVP by January 7
By Phone: 734-240-3182
or by using Google link

IMPORTANT: Years of Service will be announced during the program for those that RSVP.

We hope you'll wear your favorite **PLAID!**

MENU

*Chili and Potato Bar
Fresh Bread
Apple Crisp*



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1EnWW3khfFviTp2LrjZKrzXlW36pEE92m5CyYmoKsSHw>

Annual Mitten Tree

Benefiting Monroe County Residents



Collection of new or very gently used hats and gloves will begin November 1st- December 10th at the 4-H Extension office 963 S Raisinville Rd

FAIR THEME REMINDER

**2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the
Monroe County Fair!**

As usual, clubs have the opportunity to submit a fair theme that will be used for Fair week.

Rules:

- One submission per club
- Themes are due to Extension staff by December 23rd
- Preferred to have 75 years in the theme



Be sure to email themes to Jean Genaw or Claudia Paddy

Email: genawjea@msu.edu or paddycla@msu.edu

Volunteers

With annual enrollment for our youth, also comes enrollment for our volunteers! There are two steps to annual volunteer enrollment.

1. Go to www.v2.4honline.com to renew your enrollment for the 2021-2022 program year beginning September 15th
2. Go to our Volunteer Central <https://msu.samaritan.com/> to complete your annual Code of Conduct and Background Check authorizations.

(Your 4honline enrollment cannot be approved until this piece has cleared.)

Frequently Asked Questions

We've had many questions regarding volunteer status leading up to this fair season, so here are some details to help out.

- **How do I become an approved volunteer with 4-H?** We're so glad you asked! The first step is to apply at the Volunteer Central Website

<https://msu.samaritan.com/>

Not sure if you've already done this? Call our office to double check so you don't end up completing an extra step. You may already have a profile setup.

- **What is the MSU Volunteer Selection Process (VSP)?** This is our screening process for accepting adult volunteers who wish to interact on behalf of 4-H programs and activities. Once approved, you'll just need to renew annually to remain active.
- **What does it mean to be a GOLD vs. Silver Volunteer?** All Club leaders, Superintendents, and other individuals who will be interacting with youth should be GOLD status. Gold volunteers should also be enrolled in 4honline and are eligible for wristbands during fair week. **Silver Volunteer Status** should only be used for those individuals who have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension. This could be someone working at a registration table, at our 4-H Activity Center during fair week, as a building guard, or at a youth or adult event with at least one Gold Status volunteer or MSU Extension employee present, etc. Silver Volunteers can only receive one day passes for kitchen or guard duty that they may be working. These individuals do not register in 4honline.



4-H TACK SALE

All proceeds support Horse & Pony

Jan. 29, 2022 10-4

Location: 4H Activity Center

3775 S Custer rd. Monroe, Mi

Mark your calendar's and prepare to

sell. (or buy)

More information to follow !!

Thank you to those who participated in the 4-H Candy Fundraiser

Leaders will receive club and prize checks in the mail.
Please cash these checks by January 19th

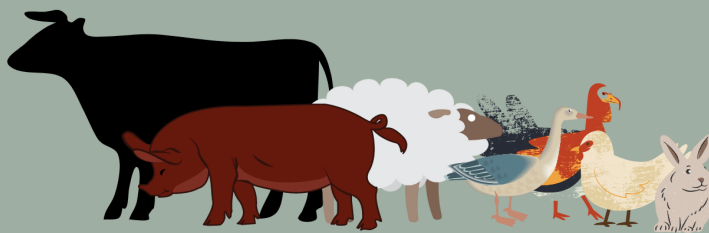
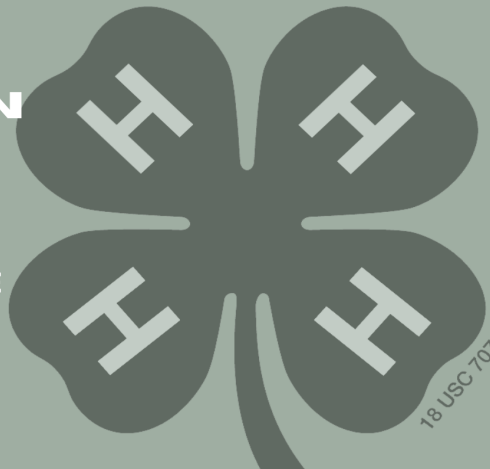
Questions can be directed to Gary and Bev Koppelman 517-486-3951 or koppelmangary@gmail.com

MONROE COUNTY 4-H

JLA & SAA AUCTION

CHECKS

ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE
MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
963 S RAISINVILLE ROAD



QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICKUP

734-240-3182 OR
binieck4@msu.edu

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail.

ALL checks must be cashed by Dec 1st (within 90 days or void)

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office:

734-241-5775

C.S.I (critter science investigation)



meetings: 4th Monday of every month

Time: 6:00P.M.

Where: activity center



Cloverbuds are encouraged to join.

Ages 5-19



**Shop the
Michigan 4-H
store this holiday
season**



Just in time for the holidays, MSU Extension is excited to launch the first-ever Michigan 4-H pop-up shop!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

4-H Events and Workshops

December 6: Future Squad—Making a Connection in a Minute or Less

Zoom Webinar

Did you know that you make a great first impression in one minute or less with a great elevator pitch? Learn how in this interactive session for Future Squad members.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-6

December 7: Grow Your Money— Investing and Risk

Zoom Webinar

Young people have the advantage of time when it comes to investing. Start your path to wealth at a young age and learn how to make your money work for you!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-12-7

December 11: Mason County 4-H Sweet Sales Workshop

West Shore Community College, Scottville, and Zoom Webinar

Learn how to make candy and learn the financial skills to sell your own candy.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-sweet-sales-workshop

December 14: Shiawassee 4-H Family Holiday Goosechase

Online

Use the Goosechase app to collect the array of items requested. Upload the images and receive points for each. Get the whole family involved! Just use your mobile phone and have your family help you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-family-holiday-goosechase

December 17: 'Tis the Season to be Scientific Virtual Challenge

Online

Mason County 4-H is hosting a virtual holiday and STEM-themed GooseChase scavenger hunt with prizes going to the top three finishers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-tis-the-season-to-be-scientific-virtual-challenge

December 20: 4-H Future Squad - Are You Paying Yourself First

Zoom Webinar

Putting aside money for the future can help you achieve your goals. Learn how to pay yourself first and create a saving habit in your life for both short-term and long-term goals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

December 20: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener

Lenawee Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil, and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

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

Submit your ideas to host a session at 4-H Exploration Days!

4-H Exploration Days is a team effort and we need you! We're seeking inspiring and fun educational sessions for the 2022 4-H Exploration Days event!

An exciting pre-college program for youth ages 12-19, 4-H Exploration Days bring together approximately 1,500 youth from across the state of Michigan. The 2022 event is slated for June 22-June 24, on the campus of MSU and now is your chance to get involved! We are looking for sessions and instructors that allow youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.



Sessions will be offered in 2.5, 3 and 6 hour time blocks on Thursday or Friday. Information on instructor roles and session times can be found on the 4-H Exploration Days website under at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.

Think outside the box for session ideas! Some great session topic areas in the past included: mental health/self care; a day in the life of a specific career path; recreational sports; art, culture, crafts, music, dance; animals and animal science; coding, website development and technology; and food, nutrition, basic cooking.

The session proposal process is now open until December 15. Notification will be sent by early 2022 regarding acceptance. Please submit your session ideas online at msu.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iFTMshS4liYerQ.

If you need assistance with the survey, have questions, or would like to brainstorm session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please reach out to Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu and/or send an e-mail to: 4h.expodays@msu.edu.



Explore democracy at the 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about the nation's government.

Participants will enjoy hands-on leadership workshops, meet with U.S. senators and representatives and tour historical sites. Featuring national experts and leaders, along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country, this is a can't miss experience for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan delegation will depart by bus on Saturday, June 25 and return on Friday, July 1. The first stop along the route is the 9/11 Memorial in Pennsylvania followed by an overnight stay in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War before heading on to Washington, D.C.

Once in D.C., the group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The cost for this trip is \$2,000 per youth, which includes transportation, lodging, conference costs and most meals. Spaces for this exciting event are limited, to learn more contact your local 4-H program coordinator or email Connie Lange at langeC@msu.edu.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!



Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.