

*Monroe County*

# 4-H Family News

February 2022

## BRRR... It's February!

I hope everyone is staying warm this month, with lots of snow and cold weather coming our way.

Lots of exciting things coming to our 4-H world in the next few months. Several dates and updates so make sure to mark your calendars now!

It's also that time of year for **County Scholarships** applications again. Attention high school seniors or students enrolled in post high school keep your eye on our Facebook and March Newsletter for eligibility, due dates, and interviews.

As always, be sure to stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely, Jean, Claudia and Bailey :)

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### Social Media

Facebook:  
@MonroeCountyMI4H

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

### Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday  
1-4PM**


## Announcements:

- Beef Tagging on February 5th @ Fairgrounds from 10am—Noon
- Poultry Workshop March 30th @ Extension Office starts at 7pm
- **Reminder: April 1st is the last day to register on 4-H online and still participate in Fair 2022!**

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# February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Terra Quest 6pm @ELC	2 Horse and Pont Committee Mtg @ 7pm zoom	3	4	5 Beef Tagging 10am -Noon @ Fair- grounds
6	7 Council 7PM @ELC  Fair Advisory meeting with Fair board 6:30pm	8 Custer District Meeting 7pm	9	10 Fair Board 7pm	11	12
13	14 Horse and Pony 7pm  	15 Caprine Council	16 JLA 7PM @ELC	17 Fair Advisory 7pm @ ELC	18	19
20	21	22 Dog Board 7PM @ELC	23	24	25	26
27	28 CSI 6PM @ELC					



# March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Terra Quest @ 6pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 7pm 4H Council @ELC	8	9	10 Fair Board 7pm	11	12
13	14 7PM HORSE AND PONY	15	16	17 Fair Advisory 7pm 	18	19
20	21	22 7pm Caprine Council	23 7pm JLA @ELC	24	25	26
27	28 6pm CSI @ELC 7pm SAA @ELC	29 Dog Board 7pm @ELC	30 7pm Teen Am- bassadors @ELC Poultry Work- shop 7pm @ ELC	31		

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF 4-H IN MONROE COUNTY!



Claudia and Jean are excited to celebrate this historical anniversary with the Monroe County 4-H family! We look forward to future years working with 4-H youth, volunteers and the Monroe Fairground. We have the continued support of MSU extension and Monroe County. We are committed to Monroe County!

As Matt Shane recently noted ... “MSU Extension is fully committed to maintaining and growing 4-H statewide! As has been the case for decades, we have secured an agreement with Monroe County to maintain our two 4-H PC positions and our office support for 2022. The County is very supportive of the work that MSU Extension does in Monroe County.

Statewide we have plans to expand offerings this year for overnight experiences and have just developed a new policy to allow us to do that. This will allow us to bring Exploration Days back this summer as well as other camp experiences and programs like Capitol Experience. We plan to fully engage in face to face experiences like the fair this year. The 4-H Foundation is fully committed to expanding opportunities for youth in Michigan.

We want to see growth in our programs, especially our local club and fair based activities. It is impressive to see the number of youth and volunteers who have worked with us over the last two years to adapt to a very difficult pandemic related shift in how we program; and engage in communities. Our staff from the state leaders to local PCs are excited to see what the future holds for longstanding, strong programs like the one in Monroe County.”

Claudia and Jean thank everyone for their commitment to Monroe County 4-H program!

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Congratulations to the  
Ottawa Lake Servers for  
winning this year's Fair  
Theme contest!

Official Fair Theme poster  
will be posted next month.

We can't wait for the 75th  
anniversary of the Monroe  
County Fair!

(Thank you Fair Board for all that you do!)

# 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](http://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/>
- **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.

**Reminder: New training for all gold volunteers**

[Training: Child Abuse Reporting Protocol](#)

# The 2019 5K T-Shirts have arrived!

We apologize for the large delay on these but they have officially made it to the office.

For those who participated (see names below) your shirts are available for pick up in the Extension Office.

Again, we apologize for this delay. Congrats to all that participated.



This is a great accomplishment!

- Deb Mattes
- Elizabeth Kotus
- Evelyn Huber
- Tamithy Jackson
- Julie Linn
- Jeff Linn
- Griffin Linn
- Sydney Linn
- Nic Abernathy
- Ethan Harbaugh
- Evan Harbaugh
- Amy Harbaugh
- Scott Wiesler
- Amy Wiesler
- Lillian Wiesler
- Stephan Wiesler
- Stewart Funk
- Williams Family



# A note from Bailey

Monroe County MSUE Support Staff



Hello Monroe County 4-H Families!  
I have missed you all during my maternity leave and I'm excited to introduce my future Cloverbud Stanley! With the changing needs of our family, I've made the very difficult decision to resign from my position. I have returned to the office on a part-time basis for the next few months till a replacement is hired. Keep an eye out for this job posting in the near future and please share the opportunity with potential candidates.

and don't worry... I'm still a devoted volunteer/alumni/supporter/parent. I'm not going far :-)

**On behalf of the 4-H Staff, we want to thank Bailey for all of her time and effort towards the Monroe County 4-H Program over the years. She was an asset to this county and dedicated to our Program. She will be missed as our Support Staff but we are excited for her and her growing family. All the best wishes for your future, Bailey.**

Sincerely, the Monroe County  
4-H Program

*thank  
you*



# CONGRATULATIONS

33 states competed!

Michigan winners:

Division: Senior Individual

- 17th overall: Justin Y. (Monroe)
- 33rd overall: Logan F. (Montcalm)

NATIONAL 4-H

# SHOOTING SPORTS QUIZ BOWL

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Congratulations to our very  
own Justin Yarger for  
representing Monroe  
County at the Quiz



# Interested in governance and how you can make an impact in Michigan?



Join Michigan teens speaking out on the hot topics that matter to them in education, agriculture, health, crime, jobs, equality and the environment at...

## MICHIGAN 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE

### Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience March 20 & March 23, 2022

4-H Capitol Experience is a two-day hybrid event with both virtual and in-person\* opportunities for engagement. This event is open to youth in ninth grade through age 19 who are interested in learning more about civic engagement, public policy and influencing state government.

After choosing current issue areas, participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. At the end of the conference, teens leave with an understanding of the impact their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

\*Fully virtual options will be available for youth who are unable to join in-person. Virtual attendees will be mailed a conference kit.

### Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will select their issue group area, which will match them with peers with similar interests. They will discuss hot topics and learn from experts in their chosen area. Issue group choices include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Health and Human Services
- Jobs and the Economy
- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Technology and Energy

### Location, Registration & Cost

**March 20, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.** Online via Zoom, connection information provided at the time of registration.

**March 23, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** In-person\* at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing, Mich.

**Cost: \$20**

Registration fee includes conference kit, lunch and snacks for in-person attendees on March 23.

Contact your local MSU Extension or Farm Bureau office to inquire about scholarship opportunities.

**Registration deadline: February 28**

For more information visit:

[canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](https://canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience)



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# 2022 4-H State Awards

## Applications Now Available

Due April 1, 2022



**The State 4-H Awards is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth!**

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### 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

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



4-H Exploration Days is back again this year!

Plan for an in person Exploration days. We hope to see a large delegation of Monroe County youth at this event. Learn, grow, and make new Michigan 4-H friends.



# Animal & Vet Science Sampler 4-H Volunteer & Teen Leader Workshop

February 12, 2022 9:30 a.m.– 5:30 p.m.  
MSU Saginaw Valley Research & Extension Center  
3775 S Reese Rd, Frankenmuth, MI  
Hosted by MSU Extension Districts 9 & 10  
Registration (\$25 includes lunch)  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/animalsciencefeb/>

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February 12, 2022  
9:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

MSU Saginaw Valley  
Research &  
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3775 S Reese Rd  
Frankenmuth, MI  
48734

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### Workshop Objectives

- Demonstrate hands-on activities and resources that you can use or replicate with your 4-H club
- Teach skills in areas of practical livestock production and management
- Provide opportunity for participants to develop communication and leadership skills to more effectively reteach skills in their county
- Network and idea sharing with other county 4-H members and volunteers
- Encourage youth and their families to participate in 4-H clubs and other Extension activities

This workshop is open to 4-H volunteers and members 12 years (4-H age) and older. Youth and adults who are not current members are welcome to enroll as new 4-H members to register for this workshop. Contact your local county MSU Extension office for enrollment information.

### REGISTRATION

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

Registration for this workshop is \$25. It includes lunch and all workshop materials and resources. Deadline to register is February 7, 2022. Contact your local MSU Extension office to inquire about scholarships to assist with registration fee.

### COVID INFORMATION

Workshops hosted by MSU Extension must follow the MSU guidelines, including masks worn by all participants in indoor spaces. Complete guidance can be found here: <https://msu.edu/together-we-will/> In the event the workshop must be cancelled, all participants will receive a complete refund of their registration fees.





## Monroe County Fairgrounds 2022 Schedule of Events

Jan. 29 4-H Tack Sale & More	June 24-26 4-H Horse Show
Feb. 12-13 Gun & Knife Show	July 8-10 Ann Arbor Kennel Club
Feb. 25-27 Home Improvement Show	July 15-17 FCHA Horse Show
March 5-6 Holistic Expo	July 31– Aug. 6 Monroe County Fair 75th Anniversary
March 13 The Vintage Market	Aug. 20-21 Gun & Knife Show
March 19 Duck's Unlimited Banquet	Aug. 28 Auto Swap Meet
March 26 Garage Sale	Sept. 2-11 Golden Retriever's Club of America Show
April 2 Winter Storage Removal	Sept. 16-17 Monroe Pop Fest
April 3 TBD	Sept. 17-18 TBD
April 10 Auto Swap Meet	Sept. 30-Oct 2 Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
April 15-16 Soil Conservation Tree Sale	Oct. 8 Winter Storage In
April 16 Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Preview	Oct. 9 The Vintage Market
April 22-24 TBD	Oct. 15 TBD
April 23-24 Slammer's Flyball– South Exhibit	Oct. 22 Garage Sale
April 29 TBD	Oct. 29 TBD
May 1 Ann Arbor Classic Bicycle Swap Meet & Show	Nov. 5-6 Shishewana on the Road
May 6-8 FCHA Horse Show	Nov. 12 TBD
May 6-8 Scout-O-Rama	Dec. 11 The Vintage Market
May 8 Flower & Garden Day	
May 13-15 Fair Food Drive-Thru	
May 22 Motorcycle Swap Meet	
May 27-28 Bedford Fire Explorer Training	
June 4 Relay For Life	
June 10-12 FCHA Horse Show	
June 11-12 Bad Bullies on Wheels-Dog Show	
June 17 4-H Horse Show	
June 19 Ham Radio Swap Meet	



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

**\*\*Photo Credit Jeremy's Drone Adventuress\*\***

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15

**Free tickets now available for MSU Extension Day at the Breslin !**



Tickets are now available for the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Order your free tickets by Feb. 6 to receive your tickets by mail; ticket orders received after this date will be available for pick-up at the 4-H Will-Call table the day of the game.

To reserve your tickets, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/dayatthebreslin2022/>.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

February 2: Adulting 101—Wealth Building

Online

Build your wealth by exploring different types of saving and investment products, evaluating your risk tolerance, and setting goals.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-2-22>

February 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 conservation.

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

February 9: Adulting 101—Workplace Professionalism

Online

Gain tips on how to better manage your time, workspace, relationships and boundaries.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-9-22>

February 14: The Wizarding World of 4-H 4.0 SPIN Club

Online

The Wizarding World of 4-H SPIN club is back for round 4! Participants will read Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the fourth book in the Harry Potter series, during this SPIN club that meets the second and fourth Mondays of February, March and April.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-wizarding-world-of-4-h-4-0-spin-club>

February 16: Adulting 101—Taxes and Your Paycheck

Online

Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your take home pay.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-16-22>

February 23: Adulting 101—Food Safety

Online

We all love to eat! Learn how to properly store, cook, and handle food with safety in mind.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-23-22>

February 26: 4-H in the Kitchen—Second Breakfast Edition

Online

A virtual cooking workshop preparing dishes from JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings and exploring writing fantasy literature. This two-day event takes part on Feb. 26 and March 12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-second-breakfast-edition>

February 28: 2021 Shooting Sports Instructor Recertification Deadline

A deadline extension was granted to individuals holding a 2021 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification. Impacted individuals may continue working with clubs until Feb. 28, 2022.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-shooting-sports-instructor-recertification-deadline>

March 5: Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

*Demmer Shooting Sports and Education Center, Lansing*

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

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

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



## 4-H Love Your Money GooseChase Game

Love games? Love prizes? Love money? Michigan 4-H is offering a “Love Your Money 4-H GooseChase Game” in February. The game runs from February 14—21 and is a fun and unique way for youth to learn money management tips.

Funded, in part, through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the game is open to youth 13 and up. For those under 13, participation can take place with a parent/guardian or older sibling as part of a team. The scavenger hunt missions through the GooseChase app will allow youth to learn about money, have fun, and potentially win prizes!

Registration and additional details can be found at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HMoneyGooseChase/>.

## Improve your financial skills with 4-H Financial Fitness & Fun

Youth ages 12-19 can learn about setting financial goals, saving, budgeting, banking, credit and much more through lessons, activities, and games each Thursday beginning February 24. Topic will include money goals, paying for post-secondary education, keeping yourself out of debt, managing credit wisely, investing and risk, budgeting, your first paycheck and taxes, avoiding money mishaps, saving and banking basics.

All 4-H Financial Fitness and Fun live sessions will be on Zoom and later available on the MSU Extension [4-H Youth Money Management](https://www.msu.edu/4HYM) website. Youth may attend any or all of the sessions, but the first 100 youth to attend all 10 sessions will be eligible for a \$50 savings incentive!

This program is made possible by a grant from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. To register visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HFinFit22/>.



## World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute applications due March 15

**AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. On May 12, youth will join together to become inspired and prepared as the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and how it is affected by one of 20 key factors that impact food security. At the event, youth will present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They will also participate in an interactive session with global challenge experts to learn more about topics related to global food and food security.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be considered as possible delegates to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in October. For more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/). Registration will open on February 1; registration and papers are due by March 15.

## 4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2023 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 28. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.