



Monroe County

4-H Family News

February 2023



It's February!

Even all the cold weather can't impact the excitement happening with the Monroe 4-H Program. Many exciting events have been held and are on the upcoming calendar. The new year is off to a great start!

Please review this Network for all the recaps, upcoming opportunities and event details. Reminder please submit information by the 20th for it to be included in the next Network.

This month's highlights... Monroe County 4-H Welcomes Chelsea Butler into her new role as a Program Coordinator! Hold onto your hats! We are going great places with this crew, volunteers and 4-H youth. Additional don't miss items youth leadership training, county scholarships, YQCA, Mini Expo and much more.

Be safe and stay warm!

Sincerely, Chelsea and Jean

Reminder: April 1st is the last day to register on 4-H online and still participate in Fair 2023!



 *and me were meant to bee.*

Chelsea Butler started as 4-H Program Coordinator January 30th. She is excited to continue to be a part of "Making the Best Better" right here in her home County of Monroe! She can be reached at 734-240-3174 and butle301@msu.edu!



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

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Facebook:
@MonroeCountyMI4H

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9am-12pm and
1pm-4:30pm

February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 7pm Council @ELC	7 6pm Terra Quest @ AC	8	9	10	11 4:30-6:30 pm Legacy @ AC
12 4-6pm Hippology AC	13 7PM HORSE & PONY @ AC	14 <i>HAPPY Valentine's Day</i>	15 7pm YQCA Instructor-Led Training @ AC	16 7PM Fair Advi- sory Board @ ELC	17	18
19 4-6pm Hippology AC	20 3PM Self- Defense Class Registration Required	21 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ELC	22	23	24	25
26 TA meeting 1- 2pm Officer Training 2-4pm Hippology AC 4 -6pm	27	28 Dog Board 6:30PM @ELC				



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Chelsea/Jean offsite Mtg 1pm Faithful Friends @ AC	3	4 Cloverbud Expo @ AC (SEE REG- ISTRATION)
5 4-6pm Hippology AC	6 7pm 4H Council @ AC	7 6pm Terra Quest @ AC	8 7pm Poultry clinic AC	9	10	11
12	13 7PM HORSE AND PONY AC	14 7pm Custer District @ ELC	15 Chelsea out of Office Mtg 6pm Hippology ELC 7pm JLA @ELC	16 7pm Fair Advi- sory ELC	17 	18 Mini Expo @ AC (SEE REGISTRA- TION)
19	20 6:30 pm Cat board @ AC	21 7pm Caprine Council	22 7pm Teen Ambassadors @ELC	23	24	25 Fair Board Gar- age Sale
26	27 7pm SAA @ AC	28 7pm Dog Board @ELC	29 7pm Rabbit Cavy, pocket pet clinic @ AC	30	31	
3/27- 3/30 offsite Chelsea/ Jean Spring conference						

2023 Save The Dates

Make sure to
Check out Page 11
for more info. on
Purchasing Your
Ducks & Broilers!

Hippology

2/12/23 AC 4-6pm

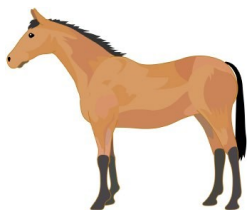
2/19/23 AC 4-6pm

2/26/23 AC 4-6pm

3/5/23 AC 4-6pm

3/15/23 ELC 6pm

3/26/23 Stable Way Farms 1pm
13072 Armstrong Rd. South Rockwood MI
48179 (Practice Judging)



AC = Activity Center

ELC = Extension Office Location

Small Animal Association

Clinics



Poultry 3/8/23, @ AC 7:00 pm

Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet 3/29/23,
@ AC 7:00 PM

Spring Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Show
4/22/23 Education (Far West) Building @
9AM

Broiler Workshop 5/2/23, @ AC 7 PM

Fitting and Showing 6/6/23 @ SAA building
6PM

Junior Livestock

Association

Beef Tagging 1/7/23 10-1

Blanchette Beef Pre-View Show 4/8/23

**CALL FOR HELP, SETUP & TEAR DOWN
FOR PREVIEW SHOW**

Sheep & Swine Tagging 5/13/23 9-Noon

Barn Set-up 7/11/23 6PM

All Held @ Monroe County Fair Grounds

Enrollments Continue to Come In!

APRIL 1st DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR 2023

[HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

Time is Running out do not wait!!!

ENROLL TODAY

<https://v2.4honline.com>



Please check your 4-H online enrollment we have



54 incomplete enrollments (please log in and click continue enrollment and complete all 6 pages)

51 enrollments awaiting review most need***Additional information*** Did you enroll a Dog project but not select a dog club? Please e-mail Jean the Dog club you'll be working with.

Dog Clubs

Huckleberry Hounds
Bob & Darlene Liedel
734-269-6540
liedel.dark@yahoo.com

Snoopy's Friends
Kimberly Rehberg
734-777-1769
starlightdanceacademy2013@gmail.com

Paws R Us
April Shaw-Andrews
734-915-4253
Dogs4me0512@live.com

Whispering Spirits
Heather Turnblom
734-833-8365
turnblomhm@gmail.com

Keep those 4-H Enrollments Coming...

Leaders pull your rosters to ensure enrollments before each meeting or activity!

Approved Volunteers 355

Approved Club Members 800

Approved Cloverbuds 159



Congratulations

to Legacy 4-H for winning this year's Fair Theme contest!

“Neon Lights & Country Nights”

Official Fair Theme poster will be published soon.

We can't wait for the 76th Annual, Monroe County Fair!

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

Clover Bud (5-7 year olds) – MAR 4, 2023

Registration

2023

A list of all classes and **online registration**

Will be OPEN for

CLOVER BUD Expo - FEB 3 – FEB 17

<https://forms.gle/PD8QGr6KVZazv5vt6>

Mini Expo - FEB 10 – MAR 3

<https://forms.gle/Zh81a77Q5Gtd2j686>

Register Early to Get Your 1st Choice Sessions!





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, 2023 to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.

YQCA 2 Completion Options:

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

Go to <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 has three dates available all held at the 4-H Activity Center.

2/15/2023 7pm

4/11/2023 7pm

5/24/2023 7pm

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected 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 <https://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://forms.gle/RuemX1Wr3D9GbH1b6> (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](#)

ONE DAY ONLY!
President's Day
February 20, 2023
3 pm



Self-Defense Class

Kids

Age 5-12

*Being held in the
Activity Center*



Register At: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Self_Defense/

Class limit 20 kids

Sponsored by Monroe County 4-H
Dundee District



Highly Encouraged for
All Officers and Board
Members of Home
and County Clubs!
Open to Adults Too!

Join Us at Monroe County 4-H

OFFICER ROLES & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TRAINING

February 26, 2023, 2-4 p.m.

Free of charge. Please register by Feb 22 at
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/monroeofficer/>

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It's that time of year for County 4-H Scholarship applications. Attention high school seniors or 4-Her's enrolled in post high school keep your eye on our Facebook and March Newsletter for eligibility, due dates, and interviews.



GARAGE SALE

DONATIONS needed for our **MARCH 25, 2023**

Garage Sale at the 4-H Activity Center

To schedule a drop off time – call Jean at 734.240-3188

Interested in donating a 2023 4-H Fair Trophy or Dog Medal?

Contact General Awards Superintendent

Debbie Kraftchick at

Debra.kraftchick@utoledo

or

call Jean at 734.240.3188

for a list of sponsorships needed



Purchasing your Market Ducks and Broilers 2023

The Monroe County Fair will be here before you know it. Now is the time to start thinking about purchasing your small animals. We will be taking orders for ducks and broilers for the next 2-3 months. **The 4-H Small Animal requires the purchase of these two categories through the Small Animal Association to compete at the Monroe County Fair.**

Market ducks must be ordered by May 1st at a cost of \$4.00 each.

Broiler chickens must be ordered by May 3rd at a cost of \$2.50 each.

Orders can be placed by contacting Barbara Siebarth (419-350-9482) or Susan Arting (734-649-4117). Please have the names of the youth showing, the number that you would like to purchase, your club name. We will also need a contact phone number. If you are writing a check, please make them payable to the “Monroe County SAA”.

Agricultural Awareness Day
CALL FOR PRESENTERS

EVENT: APRIL 28TH, 2023
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Interested in being a Presenter, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/K8UdEVyVH3hHseBU9>

Interested in being a Tour Guide, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/rPnA1jKPjd6AVWKq5>

Thank you for registering and we can't wait to Make the Best Better this year at Agricultural Awareness Day!

SAVE THE DATE
Togs, Trains & Candy Canes
2023
Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
NOVEMBER 18

Donations accepted anytime!

2023 4-H State Awards Applications

Coming Soon

COMING SOON!

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



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

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

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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

2023 4-H Exploration Days!



June 21, 2023 - June 23, 2023

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4-H Exploration Days is back again this year!

We hope to see a large delegation of Monroe County youth at this event. Learn, grow, and make new Michigan 4-H friends.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

14

4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 12! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking and fun with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 14: Wild Spartans Series – Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility, Management of a Threatened Species

Online

Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023

February 25: 4-H Leader Meet

MSU Campus, East Lansing

Enjoy a variety of fun and interactive sessions, informative presentations, and useful tips for meetings. Open to adult and teen leaders in Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton and Ingham.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-leader-meet-2023

February 28: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

Online

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 Michigan 4-H'ers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm

March 3-5: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

This weekend workshop will focus on all things dairy cattle nutrition. MSU and MSU Extension faculty, industry partners, and MSU students will lead educational sessions. Open to MSU Extension Gold Volunteers and 4-H youth (ages 12-19). Register by Feb. 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference

March 4: 2023 Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

MSU Campus, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens ages 12-19 and adult volunteers in the beef, sheep, goat and swine project areas.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-livestock-workshop

March 4: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Register by Feb. 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 12-14, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights, education, energy, environment and natural resources, health or law enforcement and corrections.

The cost to register in 2023 is \$365, which includes meals, material fees and lodging at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office.

Registration is open until **February 13**. To find out more, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due March 15!

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. Held May 11 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare 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 one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/>. Registrations and papers are due **March 15**.

Beef Tagging Recap

January 7th, 2023



Beef Superintendent Mike Jaworski Stated:

“The help and support that showed up was excellent. The RFID reader was the best purchase we have ever made. It really sped up our tag in process. This tool will also streamline the check in during fair. Thanks again for all the help and support!! “

Extension staff were excited to see the process and thankful to all that volunteered their time to make it a smooth process!





MSU State Rabbit and Cavy Show 2023

Monroe County had four participants that showed Rabbits and Cavies at this year's show. Griffin Linn, Elianna McDowell and Stellamia Aerts all showed rabbits. Austin Arting showed cavies. All participants made Monroe County proud with their animals. Elianna had best of show and best opposite with her rabbits. She also placed with her photography, educational poster and in breed ID. Stellamia placed in breed ID. Austin received reserve in show, best of breed and best opposite with his cavy.



MSU Green and White Youth Swine Show 2023

The Winter family loaded up five pigs and three boys to exhibit at the show. Ben Winter showed as a 4-Her and his brothers Matt and Josh both showed as Cloverbuds. They had a good time showing their swine and also doing showmanship. As a family they took two 3rd places and a 4th place. Thanks for representing Monroe County at the show.

