

*Monroe County*

# 4-H Family News

January 2022

## HAPPY NEW YEAR and Welcome 2022!

2021 was a great year! From a successful Fair week to an exciting Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, 4-H got back into the swing of things this year. The 4-H staff wants to thank each and everyone of our volunteers, leaders, parents, and youths 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 2022, we wish all of our 4-H family a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to continue our work to make this program that is the best, even better. Happy new year, everyone!

Sincerely,

Jean, Claudia, and Bailey

4-H Staff

happy new year  
2022

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## Social Media

Facebook:

@MonroeCountyMI4H

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Pinterest:

@monroecounty4hprogram



## Announcements:

- TSC 4-H member enrollment contest winner: Madelyn Rutkowski
- Beef tagging on February 5th from 10am—noon
- Shout out to the Zorn Family and the Schmidt Family for participating in the light contest!

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# January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 7pm 4H Council @ELC  <b>LAST CALL:</b> <b>Premium changes</b>	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 Dog Board 7pm @ELC	26 7pm Teen Am- bassadors @ELC	27	28	29 Tack Sale
30	31					



# February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Terra Quest 7pm @ELC	2	3	4	5 Beef Tagging 10am - Noon
6	7 Council 7PM @ELC	8	9	10 Fair Board 7pm	11	12
13	14 Horse and Pony 7pm @ELC  	15 Caprine Council 7pm	16 Shooting Sports 7pm	17 JLA 7PM @ELC	18	19
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27	28					



# December Recap



It was a fun and heartfelt December, from parades to giving back to our community. 443 items were collected for the mitten tree, Thank you!

Coats were collected for families in need as well as 56 turkeys and 26 hams.

Thank you to all that assisted with completing Christmas cards for Sister Joyce Campbell and the mother house.

And great work, Terra Quest, on your gift wrapping fundraiser!

# 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.

**Keep those 4-H enrollments coming...leaders pull your rosters to ensure enrollments**

Approved volunteers 206, awaiting review 73  
Approved club members 566, awaiting review 8  
Approved Cloverbuds 96, awaiting review 1



**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 in email.

**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*





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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022 AT 10 AM – 4 PM

## Monroe 4H Tack, Craft and More Sale

Monroe County Fair



Is your house bursting after the Holidays?  
Need to get rid of all the old items to make way for the new?  
Rent a space at the 1/29/2022 tack/flee market sale

Still looking for that show shirt, saddle, or stall blanket?  
Like to buy crafts, gently used items, toys and clothes?  
Come shop at the Monroe County 4-H Horse and pony Tack sale

Fundraiser pie throwing at Jean Genaw 4-H Program Coordinator \$10.00 donation per pie

Fun to be had by all see FB event link for additional info



# 4-H TACK SALE

Supporting the Horse & Pony Program

Jan. 29, 2022 10-4

**Terra Quest 4-H Presents**

# *Cookie Decorating*

**\$25  
per  
dozen**

**February  
5th  
6 pm**

**Call to rsvp  
(734) 775-7992**

**By Jan 29th**

**Cornerstone Baptist Church 4000 Lewis Avenue, Ida**

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## 2022 DATES

✓ Horse Judging Workshop  
- February 4-5

✓ 4-H/FFA Horse Judging  
Contest  
- March 27

✓ 4-H State Horse Show  
- Entries due July 10  
- August 19-21

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### ✦ SAVE THESE DATES! ✦

We're excited to share some of our 2022 Michigan 4-H Horse Program event dates! Horse Judging Workshop, focusing on AQHA Ranch Riding with Alyssa Logan: Friday, February 4th 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the MSU Pavilion. Practice Contest to be held the morning of Saturday, February 5th. Hosted by the MSU Horse Judging team.

4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest at the MSU Pavilion. Sunday, March 27, 2022.

4-H State Horse Show at the MSU Pavilion. August 19-21, 2022. Entry deadline July 10, 2022.

For more information on all events, stay tuned to this Facebook page, visit our website ([https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information)), or contact your local MSU Extension office.



## 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 Shipshewana 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\*\***

**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR 4-H CAPITOL  
EXPERIENCE!**



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience) for more information.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 4: Cross Country Skiing

*Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon*

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

### January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

*Online*

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

### January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

*Zoom Webinar*

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-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

### January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

*Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1*

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

### January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

### January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

*Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing*

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

### January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

*Online*

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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

### January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

*MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing*

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

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

## Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.



Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.

## MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!



Make plans to attend 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.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, *MSU Extension*

Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to 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.