



# 4-H Family News

January 2025



## Welcome to the Month January



Happy Holidays to all.

We hope everyone has a great Christmas and Happy New Year.


This network contains upcoming events, clinic dates, volunteer opportunities, **RSVP for the Leader/youth recognition banquet** and so much more!!!!

**BEEF TAGGING is Jan 4, 2025 9-11:00am at the fairgrounds!**

Please take the time to read the network it is our gift to you ☺.

Thank you to all that continue to help and support us in "Making The Best Better". Chelsea and Jean

## This month's content highlights

- 2024-2025- 4-H Enrollments
- **Beef Tagging Jan 04, 2025** 
- **January 10<sup>th</sup> End of Year Bank Balance Due**
- Drop-in with Jean
- Leader youth Recognition Banquet, RSVP needed
- Call for Instructors for cloverbud and mini expo
- YQCA and Clinic dates

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

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# JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
	4-H Office Closed for the Holiday's			<i>Happy New Year</i>		 Beef Tagging; Fair Grounds 9am-11am
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	4-H Council; AC 7PM	Dairy Board mtg ELC 7pm Terra Quest; AC 6PM		MAFE CONVENTION Chelsea and Jean out of the office		End of Year Bank Balances Due
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	Custer District Mtg ELC 7pm	JLA; ELC 7PM Shooting Sports 7PM ELC E.S.I.; AC 7PM	Fair Advisory Board Mtg ELC 7pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Youth/Volunteer Recognition Banquet; AC	Office Closed Martin Luther King Day 	Drop-in with Jean ELC 5-6:30pm Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	SELF Defense Class			Terra Quest Murder Mystery; 6:30PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
4-H Tack Sale; First Merchants Expo Center 10AM-2PM	SAA; ELC 7PM		TA; AC 7PM			
02	03	04	05	06	07	08

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2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
26	27	28	29	30	31	01	
02	03	04	Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	05	06	07	08
	4-H Council; AC 7PM	Terra Quest; AC 6PM	Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM	Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM			
09	10	11	12	13	14	15	
London Fancy Farmers; Ac 3-4PM	Horse and Pony; AC 7PM	Hippology; AC 6PM					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
		Drop-in with Jean ELC 5-6:30pm	Hippology; ELC 6PM				
	Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	JLA; ELC 7PM	Fair Advisory Board Mtg ELC 7pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	01	
			Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	YQCA Training; AC 7PM			
	SAA; ELC 7PM					Cloverbud Expo	
02	03	04	05	06	07	08	

See next Month's network



# Small Animal

## SAVE THE DATES:

- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Small Animal Association Meeting 1/27 7pm ELC
- In Person YQCA 2/27 7PM AC – Registration / Pretest required
- Poultry Wksp March 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm AC
- Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Wksp March 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm AC
- Small Animal RCPP Spring Show: April 19, 2025
- Broiler Wksp April 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm AC



### MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

Join us today!

**CLUBS**  
Huckleberry Hounds, Milan Easy Riders  
Paws-R-Us, Snoopy's Friends, & Whispering  
Spirits.

**LEADERS**  
Our leaders are dedicated volunteers who  
have lots of experience. The program would  
not be possible without their hard work.

**YOUTH**  
Kids from Clover Buds (5-7 years old), to aging-  
out members (19 years old) work together to  
help each other learn and grow.

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MSUE Phone: 734-240-3170



## Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

**Where do we meet:** 4-H Activity Center

**When do we meet:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
(February – June, September – November)

**Upcoming Meetings:** September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Requirements:** Each child needs to attend at least 3 meetings with their cat(s) and work with them at the meeting. **NOTE:** We do not bring cats to every meeting. Watch Facebook page for meeting information.

### Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H member including Cloverbuds

### Need more information:

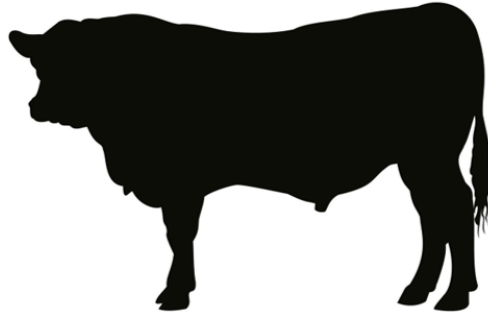
Contact Kim Cramer at  
[cramergirls09@gmail.com](mailto:cramergirls09@gmail.com)






# Junior Livestock Association News

## Tagging Dates



-  Beef Jan. 04, 2025, 9:00am to 11:00am @Anderson Arena
- Sheep/Swine May 03, 2025, 8:00am- 10:00 am @ Anderson Arena

## Clinic Dates

**JLA first time showers must attend species specific clinic**

Sheep March 06, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Swine March 31, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Tom Blanchett Beef Preview Show- April 05, 2025 @ Anderson Arena

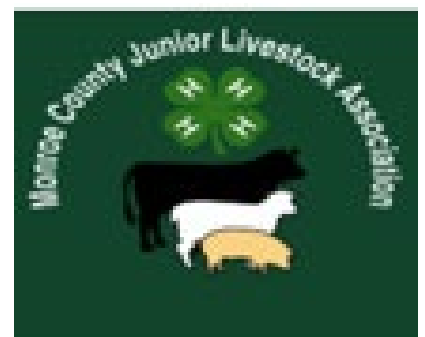
Fitting and Showing June 3, 2025, 6:00pm @ Anderson Arena

## Other

Barn Set-up July 08, 2025 @ 6:00pm

## Congratulations to newly elected officers

2024-2025 JLA Officers  
President: Lindsey Roof  
Vice President: Sophie Kreps  
Secretary: Kayla Pittman  
Treasurer: Sydney Linn





# YQCA TRAINING



**Complete YQCA no later than June 09, 2025 \*\*\*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*\***

## YQCA Certification

Youth ages 8-19 showing **MARKET** animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) are **required to complete YQCA training no later than June 09, 2025 to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.**

### YQCA two Completion Options:

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

Go to [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](https://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 instructor led training to be held at the 4-H Activity Center on

**YQCA Training Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**\*\*\* for instructor led training, Youth must register online at least two days prior to the 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 [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](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/wY23xBgeJ4AyrT3a8> (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>
- YQCA Web-based [Help Documents](#)



# Dairy Board / Goat Board

**Dairy Board next meeting Jan 7, 2025 7:00pm at Extension office \*\*\* Please attend so officer elections can be held.\*\*\***



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe



**Next Meeting January 21, 2025 7:00pm Extension Office PLEASE ATTEND!**

## Caprine Council

Congratulations 2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

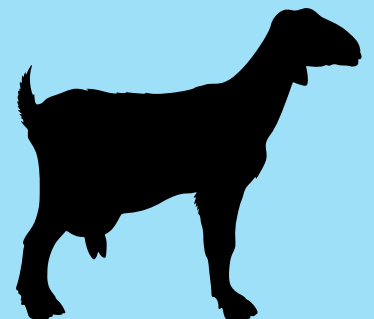
Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta





# Horse and Pony News

## 4-H Important Dates

Jan. 14, 2025 Horse and Pony Meeting 7:00pm Activity Center

Jan 26, 2025 4-H Horse and Pony Tack Sale First Merchant Expo Center

[Link to registration form: 2025 Monroe County Tack Sale.pdf.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## Horse and Pony info

Main communication is through Facebook: Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Members Only and

Monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center (Except Aug & Dec)

H&P has mandatory meetings and volunteer hours make sure you are meeting the requirements

## Hippology Team

The Hippology Team meetings are open to any 4H member who wants to learn more about horses. It is considered a horseless project. We will be covering many different subjects preparing for the upcoming State educational Hippology and Horse Judging contests. Reach out to Liz Kotus at Horse and Pony meetings for more information.

## Practice dates

Wed. Jan 8- AC 6pm  
Tues. Jan 14-AC 6pm  
Wed Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- SMCC 6pm  
Tues Feb 11-AC 6pm  
Wed Feb 19-ELC 6pm  
Sun Feb 23-Ellis Library TBD? 2-4pm  
Sun Mar 2-AC 6pm  
Wed Mar 5-SMCC 6pm  
Sun Mar 9- Barn visit? TBD  
Wed Mar 19-ELC 6pm  
Sun Mar 23-AC 6pm



## 2025 Monroe County 4-H Tack Sale

When: Sunday January 26, 2025

10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: First Merchant Expo Center

3775S Custer Rd Monroe Mi. 48161

Admission \$3 Per person

Heated Indoor Facility

Silent Auction

New & Used Tack Vendors

Concessions

Profits Benefit the Monroe County 4H Horse & Pony Program





# Hippology Fundraisers

Your Contact person: Hippology Team coach: Elizabeth Kotus schedule pick up via email: [ekotus@hotmail.com](mailto:ekotus@hotmail.com) or text: 734-604-4951

Monroe County 4-H Hippology Team  
Tribute Feeds Proofs of Purchase  
Collection Drive Fundraiser  
Now -August 31, 2025

We need help from our community to be successful. Do you know someone who uses Tribute feeds? Please save us the stamps off the bag. The proofs will be turned in Tribute in exchange for \$. These will help us pay our educational contest expenses.



Here is an example of what is needed off the feed bag

We can schedule a pick up or They can be mailed to:

Contact: Monroe County 4H Hippology Team c/o Elizabeth Kotus 19965 Southwick Rd. Milan, MI 48160  
Or Schedule pick up email: [ekotus@hotmail.com](mailto:ekotus@hotmail.com) or text 734-6044951



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## Monroe County 4H Hippology Team



### Pop Can Collection Fundraiser!



Now--August 31, 2025!

Available at your porch or mine!  
Arrangements for porch pick up can be made!

The proceeds from bottles collected will go to offset the expenses for educational materials/contest fees for the Hippology Team.

When your returnables are ready for collection, please contact me to arrange a safe porch pick up/drop off.

Your Contact person: Hippology Team coach: Elizabeth Kotus schedule pick up via email: [ekotus@hotmail.com](mailto:ekotus@hotmail.com) or text: 734-604-4951

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# Michigan 4-H Horse Program

## Michigan Horse Program

Saturday's contest will have 3 classes!

- Halter
- Ranch Rail
- Horsemanship

Register early for \$15.00 per person at: <https://form.jotform.com/243235465992061>

Pay at the door if you decide to come late for \$20.00 per person.

The schedule is as follows:

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler, Farm Manager at the Michigan State University Horse Teaching and Research Center

January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay, Extension Education, Michigan 4-H Youth Horse Programs

February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus, owner and Manager of Fabus Farms

March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite, multi-carded judge and Associate Professor at Michigan State University

March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan, multi-carded judge and Assistant Professor at Middle Tennessee State University

The webinars will be via zoom and recorded. Be sure to join and get involved to learn as much as possible for the upcoming year of fun!

Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97121881938>

Webinar ID: 971 2188 1938

Password: 4HHORSE

## HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP

### WHEN

January 31-Feb. 1, 2025  
Friday workshop, 6:30-8:30p  
Saturday contest, 8:30-10:30a

### WHERE

MSU Pavilion  
4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

### FEATURING

Friday evening's workshop will feature carded judge & clinician Dr. Karen Waite on Evaluating Halter.

Saturday's practice contest will have 3 classes with opportunity to give oral reasons: Halter, Ranch Rail and Horsemanship

### ALL AGES WELCOME

PRE-REGISTER  
\$15 per youth/adult/coach

REGISTER AT THE DOOR  
\$20 per youth/coach/adult

### CONTACT

Carla McLachlan  
Event Coordinator  
Carlam@msu.edu

### BENEFITING

All proceeds of event will go directly to the MSU Horse Judging Team

Online registration and payment is available at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/243235465992061>

**MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WINTER WEBINAR SERIES**

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler  
January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay  
February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly  
February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus  
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March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan

**Any further questions email David Lindsay, Extension Educator at [lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu)**





# Leader/ Youth Banquet

 **RSVP by Jan. 10, 2025** Link <https://forms.gle/naYLjVw2kxXVzBNx9>

A very special THANK YOU to all our leaders and 4-H members who helped make the 2023-2024 4-H Year and Fair such a spectacular SUCCESS! It would not happen without you.

Please join us as we recognize a few of those who made a special impact this year including our 4-H Leader of the Year, individual and business meritorious awards and our newest outstanding alumni.

Our youth will be recognized with county medals, older teen awards, State Award participants, Key club and I Dare You nominees and winners.



## Volunteer Nominations

### 4-H Club Leader of the year

Denise Hill  
Janae St. Amour Gomez  
Jessica Kovach (2 nominations)  
Lynette Hackett  
Courtney Post  
Deb Mattes  
Amy Wertenberger  
Cara (Calkins) Bischoff

### Meritorious Service – Individual

Elizabeth Kotus  
Jessica Kovach (2 nominations)  
Melissa Gordon  
Sue Andrews  
Laura Laforest  
Becky and Kevin Lomas  
Sherri Iacoangeli

### Meritorious Service Award – Business

Ottawa Lake Co-op  
Dynamic Transportation  
Culligan Water of Ida  
Ansons  
Madie's Clovers  
Project Second Chance  
Restoration Inc.  
Durocher's  
Danny's Fine Foods

### Distinguished Alumni

Amanda Cadle (2 nominations)  
Randy Hill  
Melissa Gordon (2 nominations)  
Patricia Parrish (2 nominations)  
Kerrie Kraftchick  
Alice Magrum  
Bonnie LaVigne Smith  
Brenda Martin

\*Honorable Mention to past winner nominated this year, Meritorious Service Individual Patti Donnelly (2023)

Prior Volunteer Award Winners  
Watch for ballots in the mail to  
vote for 2024 Volunteer Awards




**Space Limited  
Registration  
Required**

*Instructor: Master  
Mark Bergmooser*

# KIDS SELF DEFENSE CLASS

**ACTIVITY CENTER  
JANUARY 22, 2025**

 **6PM-7PM**



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**HTTPS://BIT.LY/  
2025MONROESELFDEFENSE**

 **Check Us Out**

<https://www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyMI4H>

Contact Us  **734-240-3174**

## Drop-in with Jean

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/MnTGXgmLjG4XhSsi6>



Drop-in activity Dates Jan 21 and Feb 18 at the extension office

5:00 to 6:30pm

Please Register so supplies can be purchased

## Annual Mitten Tree

Benefiting Monroe County Residents for 29 Years!

Ran by Volunteers: Roger & Pat Webb

2024 Mitten Tree Collected 554 Winter Items.

Items were distributed at the Arthur Lesow Community Center as well as to public schools in Monroe County.

That's 100 more items than what was donated last year

Thank you to all that participated



# Terra Quest Murder Mystery

COME ONE, COME ALL TO TERRA QUEST'S

## THE GREATEST MURDER ON EARTH

A MURDER MYSTERY EVENT



**Saturday, January, 25th @ 6:30-9:30 pm**

**4-H ACTIVITY CENTER - 3775 S. CUSTER RD**

Appetizers and Drinks will be provided.

Suggested dress is casual or themed costumes.

Buy your tickets now to have a role in the fun! Parts are limited.

Help Terra Quest members pay for our August 2025 Trip!

**For Tickets or Questions Contact:**

**Becky 734 - 775 - 7992**

**Kerrie 419 - 309 - 2593**

50 TICKET LIMIT

Come Join  
the fun



# 4-H Winterfest 2025

**DATE:**  
February 8—9, 2025

**LOCATION:**  
Eagle Village  
Hersey, MI

**COST:**  
\$120

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067458275560>



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

4-H youth 8—12 years old

## DESCRIPTION:

Youth and adults who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Eagle Ville in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands on sessions.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registration information will be available in early January with registration taking place through 4-H Online. The committee highly encourages youth to be enrolled in 4-H Online prior to registration opening.

## CONTACT:

Jacob Stieg: [stieg@msu.edu](mailto:stieg@msu.edu)

Holly Mueller: [julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu)

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Registration Link: <https://4hwinterfest2025.4honline.com>



# 2025 MI 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

March  
**1-2** **MI 4-H Dairy Conference**  
Michigan State University

June  
**28** **State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest**  
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

July  
**14-17** **MI 4-H Dairy Days**  
Michigan State University

Sept. 28-  
Oct. 2 **National 4-H Dairy Conference**  
Madison, WI

**KENDRA VAN ORDER**  
MI 4-H DAIRY EDUCATOR

517-432-4306

[VANORDE4@MSU.EDU](mailto:VANORDE4@MSU.EDU)





# Enrollment in 4-H online



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

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT RE-Enrollments are Past Due \*\*\***

If you have not currently enrolled in 4-H Online do so TODAY!!!

Don't Miss the year around activities!

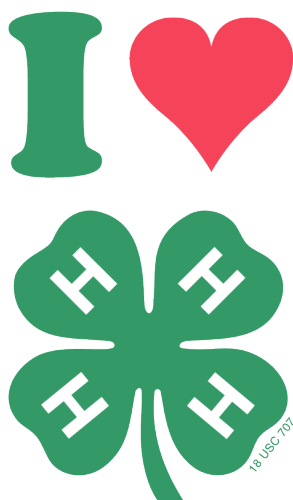
Reminder to select a least one project per club

Horse, Dog and Shooting Sports require a club that is approved in those project areas

Questions Call Jean at (734) 240-3188



Leader's, please pull your club rosters



## Monroe County 4-H

Kickoff to 2024-25 Enrollment

Our 4-H program year runs September through August each year.

Enroll on September 11th to take part in our year round programs. The best part...it is FREE to join! That's right, NO participation fees!

2024-25 Enrollment begins SEPTEMBER 11th at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

As always, please contact our office with any questions at 734-240-3188



Please go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>, where additional details will be posted as they become available.

# MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN

MARCH 1

SAVE THE DATE!





# Call for Instructors and Volunteers

Cloverbud and Mini Expo volunteers to teach or work event

## WE NEED YOU!

Looking for instructors, helpers, and project/activity ideas for our upcoming 4-H Clover Bud Expo and Mini Expo crafting workshops.

**Saturday – March 1 – Clover Bud Expo (5–7 year-olds)**

**Saturday – March 15 – Mini Expo (8–19 year-olds)**

If you are interested in helping (sessions helpers, registration, lunch, clean up, etc.), teaching an arts or craft class, or even know someone who you would recommend as an instructor, please let us know as soon as you can.

Classes will be published in the January Network.

Please email Debbie Kraftchick at [debra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu](mailto:debra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu)

or call Jean Genaw at 734.240.3188 with suggestions or questions

Possible Classes

Christmas Ornaments

Melted Crayon Art

Wood Burning

Flip Flops

Promotional Posters

Appetizers

Metal Punch

Mosaics

Rag Wreaths

Diamond Dot

Produce Art

Rockets

Glass Etching

Appetizers

Tin Foil Art

Greeting Cards

Costume Masks

Decorated Cookies

Communications

And so much more!!!



# Volunteer/ leader Corner



Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

Club leaders click below for directions on how to pull your Rosters!

[Directions on how to pull club rosters](#)

Leaders, please take the time to review updated Financial Manuals. These manuals will answer many of your club questions related to finance.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers - 4-H Volunteering & Mentoring \(msu.edu\)](#)

[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

## END OF YEAR BANK BALANCE

December Statements Due  
January 10th



# Michigan 4-H

## WINTER/ SPRING 2025 VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

For more information:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



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Please visit:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series> for full details on the series and registration links. The titles and dates are below:

- Building a Culture of Appreciation: Recognizing 4-H Volunteers & Youth: January 30, 2025
- Engaging Every Voice: Facilitation Skills for Dynamic 4-H Clubs: February 25, 2025
- The Heart of 4-H: Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth: March 18, 2025
- 4-H Club Fundraising 101: April 16, 2025
- Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill: May 15, 2025
- Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences and Implement Shared Leadership in 4-H Clubs



# Craft Premium updates coming

~ Soap Making and Bath Products - these will now be two separate project sections

Soap Making – will now include soaps made with lye

~ Needlework – there are six project areas, 4-Hers can enter one project in each of the six project areas

~ Frozen Foods – now includes a Frozen Dessert project area

~ Cake Decorating and Other Cake Decorating is now combined into one project area

~ Pet Treats – will be still judged on Thursday, check-in; but project will not be kept for display. Pictures of Sweepstakes and Trophy projects will be taken and displayed on a food board, along with a listing of all 4-Hers participating and their grade

~ Painting – now includes a project area for mixed media (which is a combination of any of the drawing project areas)

~ Drawing – now includes a project area for mixed media (which is a combination of any of the painting project areas)

**Other clarifications in the sections were added. Please read all general rules and section project rules before starting your project.**

## **New Project Sections**

### Section 893- Coloring Pages

- a. This project may be a color by number page or color by pattern page.
- b. You may use your choice of colored pencils, markers or crayons to complete your project.
- c. Your completed page must be mounted on a **piece of cardboard** and brought in a **2-gallon bag** for display.

### Section 894- Stepping Stones

- a. Stepping stone may be made from concrete or mortar.
- b. Your project may be decorated with inlaid materials or stamped with a design.



# District Leaders

## Airport District

Pres	Patsy Hantz
Vice Pres	Kelley Masson
Sec	Jill Calkins
Treasure	Carrie Beaudrie

## Bedford District

Pres	Mayra Leitner
VP	Debbie Kraftchick
Sec	Denise Williams
Treasure	Sue Andrews

## Custer District

Pres	Brenda Chandonnet
VP	Barbara Siebarth
Sec	Michelle McLaughlin
Treasure	Michelle Grider

## Dundee

Pres	Lynette Hackett
VP	Heather Turnblom
Sec	Roni Worden
Treasure	Leann Comstock

# Thank you to clubs that sold candy

<u>Krazy Kids</u>	<u>Hallelujah Crew</u>
<u>The Wild Things</u>	<u>Whispering Spirits</u>
<u>God's Lighthouse</u>	<u>Clover Clan</u>
<u>Yackity Youngsters</u>	<u>London Fancy Farmers</u>
<u>Progress Seekers</u>	<u>Milan Easy Riders</u>
<u>Country Kids</u>	<u>Dundee Achievers</u>
<u>Striving Clovers</u>	<u>Crafty Farmers</u>
<u>Jeans &amp; Jodhpurs</u>	<u>Ottawa Lake Servers</u>
<u>Wise Acres</u>	
<u>Family Boots</u>	<u>Hooves, Spurs &amp; Furs A</u>
<u>Legendary Riders</u>	<u>Faithful Friends</u>
<u>Happy Timers</u>	<u>Tristar All Stars</u>
<u>Legacy 4-H</u>	<u>Carleton Go Getters</u>
<u>Country Charmers</u>	<u>Purrfect Paws &amp; Friends</u>
<u>Blue Ribbon Gang</u>	<u>Raisinville Wranglers</u>
<u>LaSalle Lucky Bunch</u>	<u>Treasure Hunters</u>
<u>Lazy Angels</u>	<u>Country Critters</u>
<u>Meadow Montessori</u>	<u>Maybe Muskrats</u>
<u>Klover Kids</u>	
<u>Stable Stars</u>	
<u>Clover Club</u>	



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Attend the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & Expo



Join us for the 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo at the MSU Pavilion! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as to compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, educational display, showmanship, and new this year -skillathon.

Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 17. All other contest registrations are done onsite at the show.

Educational sessions will also be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025\\_showmanship\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy_show).

### January 6: Online Parent Talk System Series (Mondays in January and February)

*Online*

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This class is for caregivers of toddlers to teens and will take place on Monday evenings for six weeks, beginning on Jan. 6.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-january-february-25](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-january-february-25)

### January 14: Wild Spartans – Working my dream job with Michigan Sea Grant

*Online*

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, delve into the freshwaters and skies that surround as you meet Elliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant. You'll learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is youth ages 12-19. [www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025)

### January 14: Adulting 101 – Decreasing Stress with Mindfulness

*Online*

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks related to finances, home, health or finding a career? Adulting 101 can help you learn real life skills to successfully transition to living independently. In this session, learn how stressors can affect physical and mental health and practice mindfulness techniques to use in everyday life.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025)

### January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automotive research and development

*Online*

Are you passionate about vehicles and ready to jump-start your career? Enjoy technology, robotics and hands-on problem solving? Join this webinar designed to provide valuable insight into the skills and certifications you need to excel in today's fast evolving automotive industry.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success)

### January 30: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building a Culture of Appreciation by Recognizing 4-H Volunteers and Youth

*Online*

Discover simple, impactful ways to celebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon)

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# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## 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 program is scheduled for March 16-18, in Lansing.

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; crime, law enforcement and corrections; education; energy, environment and natural resources; health and human services; and jobs and the economy.

The cost to register in 2025 is \$365, which includes most meals, materials, and lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/).

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve\\_to\\_have\\_a\\_great\\_4\\_h\\_year](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year).

As we start 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.



## SAVE THE DATE – Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin returns on March 1, 2025! For nearly two decades, this has been exciting event attended by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers and families. We look forward to continuing this event in 2025 as 4-H'ers from across the state come together for a day of fun, comradery and basketball at MSU.

Make plans to join us on March 1 as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Gophers. Tickets will be available soon; visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin) for more information.





### 2025 Schedule of Events

- Jan. 26- 4-H Tack Sale & More
- Feb. 1-2- Oddities & Horror Fest
- Feb. 8-9-Gun & Knife Show
- March 9- The Vintage Market
- March 15- Ducks Unlimited Banquet
- March 22- Garage Sale & Flea Market
- March 29- Winter Storage Removal
- April 5- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show
- April 6- FCHA Tack Sale
- April 11- Soil Conservation Tree Sale
- April 13- Auto Swap Meet
- April 19- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show
- April 27- Monroe Bike Show
- May 2-Ag Awareness Day
- May 2-4- Fair Food Drive-Thru
- May 9-11- Scout-O-Rama
- May 9-11- 4-H Horse Show
- May 11- Flower & Garden Show
- May 18- Motorcycle Swap Meet
- May 24- Bedford Fire Explorer Training
- May 30-June 1- FCHA Horse Show
- June 6-8 -4-H Horse Show
- June 8– The Vintage Market
- June 12- Pending
- June 15- Monroe Hamfest
- June 20-22- 4-H Horse Show
- June 21-22- Gun & Knife Show
- July 4-6- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show
- July 12-13- FCHA Horse Show
- July 25– Fireworks
- July 27– Aug 2 MONROE COUNTY FAIR
- Aug. 16-17- Gun & Knife Show
- Aug. 23-24- FCHA Horse Show
- Sept. 7- Auto Swap Meet
- Sept. 12-13- Monroe Comic Con
- Sept. 26-28- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
- Oct. 4 - Winter Storage begins
- Oct. 5 - Wicked Pickin'
- Oct. 11-12- FCHA Horse Show
- Oct. 18-Garage Sale & Flea Market
- Oct. 25– Grand Day of Tournaments
- Nov. 1-2-Shipshewana on the Road
- Nov. 7-9 - Michigan Tattoo Convention
- Nov. 15- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
- Dec. 14- The Vintage Market



\*\*Schedule subject to change. Visit our website [monroecountyfair.com](http://monroecountyfair.com) for more details and updates!



# Recap

## Spend Share Save - Entrepreneurship Program

First Merchants Bank was interested in establishing support in the county for 4-H in an educational way.

In early 2024, they provided Chelsea Butler funding to do series of education in the fall and spring around entrepreneurship and money management. For each session that youth attend, they hands-on get \$25 additional for their still project at the Still Project Auction at the Monroe County Fair. For the fall/winter series, Laurie Rivetto worked with Chelsea Butler on content. Two sessions were offered for teens- one on basics of budgeting and how money is used and one on types of expenses in a budget and basics of credit. Two sessions were offered for youth 8-12 years old. One utilized the Money Carnival with stations of short money activities led by Chelsea with First Merchants volunteers and teens. The second one focused on needs/wants, how we use money and making a Spend, Share, Save, Invest bank. First Merchants Bank staff members came to assist.

Results: 40 non duplicated youth attended these sessions. Parents reported they were happy with the hands-on learning materials and that this program was a valuable experience to their child. First Merchants reported "Great collaboration by everyone! I look forward to seeing where you can take this program in 2025."



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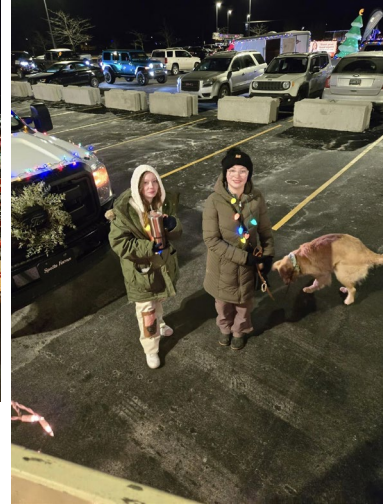


Monroe County 4-H Entrepreneurship Program & First Merchants Bank Partnering to Help Our Community Prosper

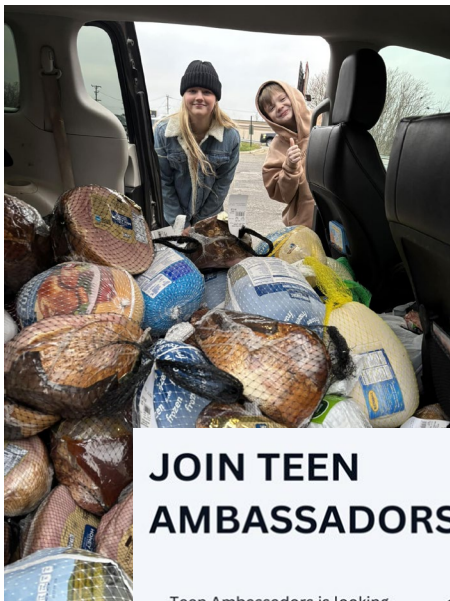


# Recap

## Parade Floats Christmas in Ida and Home for the Holidays Dundee



## Pennies for Turkeys



### JOIN TEEN AMBASSADORS!

Teen Ambassadors is looking for new members ready to serve the Monroe County 4H Program!

- ✓ Leadership opportunities
- ✓ Resume building
- ✓ Improving communication skills
- ✓ Community service opportunities
- ✓ Friends that turn into family

**JOIN US!**

CALL FOR INFO  
734-240-3170

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Monroe County 4-H  
Teen Ambassadors



Teen Ambassador's Pennies for Turkeys fundraiser was a huge success again this year. The group raised a whopping \$1319.44! With this we were able to deliver 48 turkeys and 40 hams to be distributed for Christmas Dinners.

Huge thank you to Ace Hardware of Monroe, Rhuligs Greenhouse, Farmers Cafe, Gilroy's and Masserant's of Lambertville for allowing a collection jar to hang out for the month of November!

Thank you to the Raisinville Wranglers, Country Critters and Whispering Spirits 4H Clubs for their contributions. To everyone who went chicken bowling with the Teen Ambassadors during Christmas in Ida, dropped change in a collection jar or shared the posts on social media.

An Extra Special Thank You to the Independent Dairy of Monroe for storing and assisting in the distribution of these turkeys and hams! And Linda and Larry Richter for helping coordinate and their contributions.

We can't wait for next year!



# Recap

Loop yarn knitting 3 sessions



National 4-H Conference

Caprine Council Holiday Party





# Recap

Giving...

*Holiday Wishes and Gingerbread Kisses*

...plus a big...

# THANK YOU

...to all who made our 2024 Spaghetti Dinner & Auction such a success again this year! From our 4-H clubs, leaders, members, Clover buds and volunteers and local businesses who donated baskets and handmade ornaments to all who volunteered their time and talents from canvassing to set up to making it happen (and even clean up) – we could not do it without you!

Special thanks to our sponsors – Burger King, Janssen Brothers, Kevin & Crew catering, Larry Hamblin, Sofo Foods, and Tim & Denise Hill

And an even **BIGGER THANKS!** to 2024 committee – Alyssa, Amy, Angela, Ashton, Austin, Barbara, Becky, Bethany, Bev K, Bev W, Brenda, Brittany, Cara, Chelsea, Cheryl, Connie, Corey, Daisy, Debbie, Denise, Dennis, EV, Evan, Gary, Grace, Greg, Jackie, Jamie, Jean, Jeanne, Jeff, Joyce, Kerrie, Kevin, Kim, LeeAnn, Linda, Louis, Lynette, Malinda, Mandy, Marie, Mary, Mayra, Patti, Rob, Roni, Scott, Shelly, Sherri Sue A, Susie, Sylvia, Tamithy, Teen Ambassadors, Terra Quest, Tim AND anyone we accidently missed!

Here's your SAVE THE DATE reminder

**2025 Spaghetti Dinner & Auction is NOV 15, 2025**



# Sponsorships & Donations

## Monroe Community Credit Union - Council Sponsorship \$6,000



Since 1953, MCCU has been committed to serving you—your dreams, your goals, your community. Stay local. Be local.

## Cornerstone 100 Lake Erie Bicycle Tour – 4 Bicycles



4 new bicycles have been donated to Monroe County 4-H Slow Spokes. The funds to purchase the bicycles came from proceeds from the [Cornerstone 100 Lake Erie Bicycle Tour](#) held on September 14th. The bicycles were purchased from Jack's Bicycle Shop in Monroe. These bikes will be used to ensure that having a quality bike is not a barrier to participating in this ride. Thank you to the Cornerstone 100 committee.