



4-H Family News

April 2026



Welcome to the Month of April

Welcome to April! The extension office is jumping with activity, April is one jammed packed month. Make sure you read your Network so you don't miss a thing!


Deadline April 01, 2026... 11:59 pm. Last Chance ...Don't forget to complete your 4-H ENROLLMENT TO SHOW AT Monroe County 2025 FAIR!!!! Link: <https://v2.4honline.com>

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

Jean A. Genaw

Monroe County Program Coordinator

This month's content highlights

- 2025-2026 4-H enrollment complete **THE LAST DAY 4/1/2026** 
- Spring Rabbit, Cavy and Pocket Pet Show
- Tom Blanchett Memorial Preview show
- Clinic Dates
- Entrepreneurship Dates
- Drop-in with Jean 4/21
- YQCA training last in person training 4/23
- Sheep Swine tagging May 2, 2026
- Recipe for Success registration required
- Spring tea
- Horse and Pony Leveling Show
- Dog agility and fun matches
- Fundraiser events

Contribute to the
Network

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

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APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM Deadline to enroll in 4-H online	2 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	3	4
5	6 4-H Council; AC 7PM	7 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	8 Hippology; AC 6:30PM	9 Wildlife and Conservation; AC 6PM	10	11
12	13 Horse & Pony; 7PM	14	15 Scholarship applications Due JLA; ELC 7PM Shooting Sports; ELC 7PM	16 FAB Mtg; ELC 7PM	17 Entrepreneurship; AC 6PM	18 RCPP Spring Show; Education Bld. 8AM Registration Tom Blanchet Beef Preview Show; Fairgrounds
19 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3PM	20 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	21 Drop In w/Jean; ELC 5PM E.S.I. AC 6:30PM Caprine Council; ELC 7PM Hippology Practice; ELC 5:45PM	22 Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM Scholarship interviews	23 YQCA Training; AC 7PM	24 Bucks and Boots Arena Practice; horse arena 6PM	25
26	27	28 Broiler Wksp; AC 7PM	29 Teen Ambassador; AC 7PM	30 AG Day Set-up		

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Ag Day	2 Sheep and Swine Tagging; 8AM
3	4 4-H Council; AC 7PM	5 Terra Quest; AC 6PM Dog Agility Practice; by Glen Stock 6PM	6 Entrepreneurship; AC 6PM Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	7 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Pre-Fair Mtg; AC 7PM	8 4-H Leveling Show	9 Custer Dist Food Expo; AC 8:30AM
10 4-H Leveling Show	11 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	12	13 Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM Whispering Spirits Arena Practice 7PM	14 Senior Graduation TBD	15	16 Terra Quest Spring Tea; AC 1PM
17	18 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	19 Drop In w/Jean; ELC 5PM E.S.I.; AC 6:30PM Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	20 JLA; ELC 7PM	21 Fair Advisory Mtg; ELC 7PM	22	23
24	25 SAA; ELC 7PM	26	27 Whispering Spirits Arena Practice 7PM Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	28	29	30
31 Dog Fun Match; Glen Stock; 11AM						



Enrollment in 4-H online

- 4-H online link: <https://v2.4honline.com> **LAST DAY 4/1/26**

Monroe County 4-H 2025-2026

4-H online enrollment

Opened September 08, 2025

All re-enrollments should be complete

Please re-enroll NOW!!!



Deadline to Show at fair register by 4/1/2026



Do not wait enroll as soon as 4-H online

Contact the 4-H office with any questions or assistance you may need

(734) 240-3188



***UPDATE Current 4-H online enrollment numbers

*****Incompletes 39 Please log back in and complete!!!**

Reminder Adults need to be active gold or silver before enrolling in 4-H online

To be reviewed: 6 Volunteers & 1 youth,

527 Volunteers Approves 1,289 youth approved

leaders please pull your rosters. Great Job, let's get the final enrollments in!!!





Small Animal

Next Meeting March 23, 2026 @7:00pm ELC

Save the Dates:



Small animal requires youth to attend one workshop per year

Poultry Workshop 3/10/2026 7pm AC

RCPP Workshop 3/26/2026 7pm AC

Spring RCPP Show 4/18/26 8am

registration Ed. Building

Broiler Workshop 4/28/2026 7pm AC

- Duck \$4.00 orders due 4/01/2026, pick-up 4/30/2026
- Broilers 2.50 orders due 4/28/2026 pick up **June 18th (corrected Date)**
- Turkey orders due 2/10/2026 \$4.00(turkey orders can be done on your own)
- Rosters on your own

Follow Us on Social Media

[Monroe County Small Animal Association](#)

[Monroe County 4-H Dog Program](#)

[Monroe County 4-H Cat Program](#)

See JLA page for YQCA Dates



SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 25-26

President: Daisy Branham
 Vice President: Journey Williams
 Recording Secretary: Kathryn Dietrich
 Corresponding Secretary: Angyl Bischoff
 Youth Treasurer: Samantha Gibson
 Historian: Mackenzie Sommers



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program



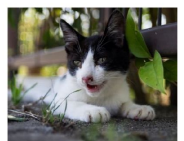
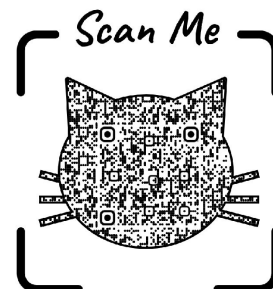
Meeting Location: 4-H Activity Center

Meeting Dates: 3rd Monday of the month
 (except December, January, July and August)

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds who own a cat are welcome.

For more information: Contact Kim Cramer at cramergirls09@gmail.com or scan the QR Code.





Spring Show

MONROE COUNTY 4-H SPRING RABBIT, CAVY, AND POCKET PET SHOW

Join us for the Annual 4-H Spring Rabbit and Cavy,
and Pocket Pet Show!

Event Details

Date: Saturday, April 18th

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Monroe County
Fairgrounds- Educational Building

Entry Fee: \$3 per rabbit

Show Highlights

- Rabbit breed judging
- Showmanship competition
- Rabbit breed ID contest
- Tattooing available for small fee
- **NO** concessions available this year

We look forward to seeing you there! *Brought to you by the
Monroe County Small Animal Association.*





Monroe 4-H Dog Program



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026!

MAY 1ST - AG AWARENESS DAY

MAY 5TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

MAY 31ST - FUN MATCH @ 12PM

JUNE 2ND - FAIR FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

JUNE 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

JULY 11TH - FUN MATCH @ 10AM

JULY 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

AUGUST 1ST - FAIR SHOW @ 8AM

AUGUST 2ND - DOGGIE DRESS-UP @ 7PM

AUGUST 7TH - FAIR SHOW - RALLY @ 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 19TH - MI STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

**For more information please contact your club
leaders or the dog program superintendent,
Casey Young 419-344-3753**





April 2026

Re: Small Animal Association Master Stockman Funding

The Small Animal Master Stockman Contest is looking for some help from our clubs this year to continue with this program. The contest was designed to encourage members to learn more about their small animal project by participating in several divisions. The most exciting part of the program is members are awarded with a monetary gift in each small animal category. This program operates on about \$550 per year. This year I'm asking all of our clubs if they could donate a small amount to help out the Master Stockman Contest. Any amount will help! Thank you in advance!

I would also like to send out an invitation to attend one of your club meetings to explain/encourage your members to participate in the Master Stockman Contest this year at the fair. If you're at all interested in the program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,
Julie Linn
Superintendent of Small Animal Master Stockman
(734) 735-6809
jilinn96@gmail.com

Any donations may be sent to:
Small Animal Association/ Master Stockman
c/o Julie Linn
2247 Corkins Road
Carleton, MI 48117





Junior Livestock Association News



Next JLA 3/18/2026 meeting 6pm Auction
Committee Meeting, 7pm monthly board mtg. ELC

Tagging:

Sheep and Swine tagging 5/2/2026 8am-10am *all sheep and swine must be tagged to show at the Monroe county fair**

Clinics: JLA requires 1st time showers to attend species specific clinics. All are encouraged to attend

~~Sheep 3/5/2026 7pm Activity center~~

Swine 3/31/2026 7pm Activity Center

Beef 4/18/2026 Tom Blanchett Preview Show

Fitting and Showing 6/2/2026 6pm Fairgrounds

YQCA Instructor Lead trainings: ~~2/24~~, ~~3/11~~ & 4/23/2026
all start at 7pm in the Activity Center. Registration and pre-test required. All market animal exhibitors need YQCA certification.

Barn Set-up July 7th

2025-2026 JLA Officers
President: Sophie Kreps
Vice President: Kayla Pittman
Secretary: Lindsey Roof
Treasure: Clara Iott



YQCA Training



Complete YQCA no later than June 08, 2026 *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 08, 2026 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. 24th 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training March 11th 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training April 23rd 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/5M3Ab17QPtcPtUAZ9> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. *****

Clickable Links:

·YQCA Instructor Led training [YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingILTCertification_2024.pdf](#)

·“help video” specifically for students enrolling in instructor-led trainings

<https://youtu.be/wZHW2qtMIOc>

·YQCA Web-based [YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingWBTCertification_2024.pdf](#)



Youth Volunteer Hours

Get Involved in the Barns!

Help in the Small Animal Barn & Junior Livestock Barns!

Complete a Minimum of **8** Volunteer Hours

January 1st - July 24th

8 HOURS VOLUNTEERED

- ✓ Rabbit Clinic
- ✓ Sheep Tagging
- ✓ Cleaning Barns
- ✓ Fitting & Showing Clinic
- ✓ Rabbit Show

Turn in Your Volunteer Log!

- Submit a sheet with:
 - ✓ Date & Event
 - ✓ Total Hours Worked
 - ✓ Signature of Jean Genaw, Ron Bash, Dave, or Superintendent
 - ✓ Description of Your Tasks

Receive a Plaque for Your Pen at the Fair!

Get Your Hours In By July 24th!

Volunteer Forms Due to:
Large Animal Superintendents
or Small Animal Superintendents

2026
Volunteered
8 Hours
Your Name



***Agriculture Awareness Day Volunteers Needed! Youth and Adults

Agriculture Awareness Day
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MAY 1ST, 2026

MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS
PLEASE USE QR CODE TO SIGN UP





Dairy Board / Goat Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

Thank you 2025 Monroe County 4-H Dairy Board Sponsors

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Agri Parts, LLC
Bass Roofing
Busen's Appliance, Inc.
Calder Dairy & Farm
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The Tire Depot - Dundee
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UIS Insurance & Investments
Wind in the Willows Floral Boutique |
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Next Dairy Meeting
TBD
Youth elections will be held/ please attend!



Next Caprine Meeting
4/21/2026 7pm ELC

Caprine Council

2025-2026 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

Vice President- Liam Bednarz

Treasurer- Emma Lane

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Historian- Ashlyn Weslow

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Liam Bednarz



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253198708037002/>

Monroe County Caprine Council
FaceBook Page Drafted By-laws
are under the file section



Horse and Pony News

Save The Dates

- No Meeting in December
- ~~3/1/2026 Rescheduled Tack sale~~
- May 01, 2026 Horse paperwork due
- Leveling show - May 8-10
- Point Show 1 June 5-7
- Point Show 2 June 26-28
- All Mini Show- July 17-19
- Clinic/Meet and Greet- September 13th
- Banquet 2026 November 6th

2026 H&P Officers

President- Nora Sheets

Vice President- Mackenzie Reed

Secretary- Mia Brinson

Treasure- Maleah Wylie

Webmaster/Historian- Laynie Timmons



Horse and Pony info

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

and

Monthly meetings 2nd
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 and Horse Judging Team



When: Hippology and Horse Judging Meetings are usually twice a month, but competition season comes they are more often

Where: SMCC high school and 4-H activity Center. Can also be 4-H Extension Office

What we learn: In Hippology and Horse Judging we learn about diseases, conformation, and different riding styles

2026 meeting dates

- January 7-SMCC
- January 20-Extension Office
- February 4-SMCC
- February 10-Activity Center
- February 18-Extension Office
- March 4-SMCC
- March 18-Extension Office
- April 8-Activity Center



Join the facebook study group for more information Contact: Liz Kotus via group.me





<https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses.../registration-information>

MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JORDAN AT HEWITTJ8@MSU.EDU
OR DAVID AT LINDSA75@MSU.EDU

-  **What is this program:**
 - Recognize youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.
-  **Who Can Participate:**
 - Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.
-  **What are the requirements to log my hours:**
 - Trail location, date, hours ridden, miles, type of ride
 - Trail type classes or arena riding do not count towards these hours
 - Miles will accrue from August 1st thru the following July 31st.
-  **Recognition:**
 - Top five Junior and Senior participants awarded at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.
-  **How do I Record my Rides:**
 - Use this link to record your rides:
https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOyn5zWO RdTsyfY



NEW STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Michigan 4-H is launching a **new Statewide** 4-H Trail Riding Recognition Program to celebrate youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.

Trail riding helps youth build:

- ✓ Rider Safety
- ✓ Horse and Rider Bond
- ✓ Rider Confidence

Now those miles earn statewide recognition!

- ✓ **Open to all enrolled Michigan 4-H horse project members**



Top 5 Junior & Top 5 Senior riders recognized at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show





State Equine Program

2026 Michigan 4-H and FFA State Horse Judging Contest

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University
Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.

New Class Schedule

Class #1: Performance - Place 4-H Only

Class #2: Performance - Place 4-H Only

Class #3: Performance - Place and Questions (4-H and FFA)

Class #4: Performance - Place and Reasons (All but Jr. Novice)

Class #5: Halter - Place and Questions (All but FFA)

Class #6: Halter - Place and Questions (ALL contestants)

Class #7: Halter - Place and Reasons (ALL contestants)

Class #8: Halter - Place for all (Reasons for Sr. Regular Only)

2026 Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University
Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.

Contest Schedule

8:00am: Check-In for Participants and Volunteers

9:00am: Orientation

9:30am: Judging Phase Begins

10am: Slide Test Phase

10:40am: Knowledge Test

11:10am: INSTRUCTIONS for next phase

11:20am: Begin Stations and Team Problem

3:00pm: Contest should conclude

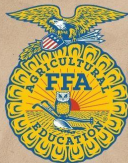
Awards approximately 2 hours after contest concludes

Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HHIPPOLOGY26/>



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension



Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HHORSEJUDGING26/>

Questions? Email David at lindsa75@msu.edu

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

Beyond Ready





Monroe County Scholarships



2026
MONROE COUNTY
4-H SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN

APPLY BY
April 15th 2026

INTERVIEWS INPERSON & ZOOM
April 22nd 2026

RECOGNIZED & AWARDED
4-H Graduation

FOR MORE INFORMATION
genawjea@msu.edu
734-240-3188

Click here for [2026 Scholarship list](https://bit.ly/Monroe4HScholarshipApplication2026) and requirements. Read list and requirements before starting your application! Once you're ready to start your application click on Link:

<https://bit.ly/Monroe4HScholarshipApplication2026>

or use QR code





MONROE COUNTY 4-H ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES

All classes held the the 4-H Activity Center on the Fairgrounds

Thursday, January 22nd 6:30pm

Goal Setting- putting SMART goals into practice for 2026

Tuesday, February 17th 6:30pm

Building your Brand recognition and marketing

Thursday, March 12th 6:30pm

The WHAT, WHY, and HOW of the 4-H Entrepreneurship category
dive into the project booklet

Friday, April 17th 6:30pm

“Strategic sales” Learn how the big companies catch and keep their
customers coming back

Wednesday, May 6th 6:30pm

topic: TBD

Building the **FUTURE**



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



First Merchants
Helping you prosper

MEMBER
FDIC





Exploration Days registration

*****ONLY PAY \$50.00 Deposit so scholarships can be applied. IF YOU PAY FULL AMOUNT SCHOLARSHIPS CAN'T BE APPLIED!!!**

March 12, 2026: Registration opens for youth and adult at 7pm [2026 4-H Exploration Days Registration Book](#)

April 17, 2026: Registration closes for all youth participants at 5pm

2026 4-H Exploration Days

June 24-26th, 2026

Michigan State University Campus
East Lansing, Michigan



Who?

All young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults interested in chaperoning should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

What?

Live like a college student while exploring careers, building skills, and envisioning your future. This three-day pre-college program offers over 100 fun learning sessions across MSU campus led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff, and experts.

How much?

2026 cost is \$250 for youth, which includes two nights' lodging, meals, sessions, free-time activities, and an event T-shirt.

Need more info? Scan here:



Contact Information:

4h.expodays@msu.edu

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CUSTER DISTRICT YOUTH MEMBERS

Custer District is offering a \$25.00 4-H Exploration Days scholarship to any Custer District member who submits a brief description of their participation in Monroe County 4-H in 2025.

Email or text description to Michelle McLaughlin at 734-740-7114 or michelleduffey@hotmail.com

Deadline for submission is May 7th.



Slow Spokes

Lets go to MSU!



Get on

Get going



Have fun



Learn More

Meeting
March 16
6:30pm

The best way to
get to MSU
Exploration Days!

Join Via



monroecountyslowspokes@gmail.com



Drop-In with Jean

3rd Tuesday of the month

5:00 pm at Extension Office

Please RSVP so supplies can be purchased

~~10/21/25 Machine Knitting~~



~~11/18/25 Beads/Jewelry~~

~~12/16/25 Creative Gift Wrapping~~

~~1/20/26 Perler Beads~~



~~2/17/26 Seed Art~~

~~3/17/26 In-A-Jar (mixes or cookies)~~

4/21/26 Large Animal Science

5/19/26 Small Animal Science

6/16/26 Wonders of Water

RSVP LINK: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9EKbexaljfZ2gDQ

Select all sessions you would like to attend.





Registration required/ fun hands on event



Recipe for Success



Hosted by Custer District, Fair Advisory Board- Culinary Department

May 9th, 2026

Registration 8:30am: Classes 9am-1pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds- Activity Center

Open to all 4-Her's and Cloverbuds

Cost: \$5 per Youth payable at the door with cash or check

Classes Offered



Chocolate!- Learn about Chocolate and how to work with it. Make a Sweet Treat to take home.



Decorated Cupcake- Decorating tips and ideas will be taught at this class. You will practice your new skills by decorating your own cupcake



Pet Treats- Making homemade treats for your pet is fun and easy. In this hands-on class you will learn about what ingredients to use and how to store your pet treats.



Appetizer Cups- Learn how easy it is to enter this project area by creating your own appetizer cups. You will create one savory cup and one sweet cup!



Home Preservation- Home preservation includes canning, freezing and dehydrating foods. Learn about food safety when preserving foods and learn what the judges look for in a finished project.

Sign up Here



Please register by May 4th at the link below or scan QR Code.

<https://forms.gle/uLFYt37XMFNTQ777A>

Questions?
Call Brenda Chandonnet
(734) 915-5477



TERRA QUEST PRESENTS



Spring Tea

Come delight in an afternoon of fun with the whole family at our fourth annual Spring Tea! Enjoy different teas, finger foods, and activities for all ages! Come dressed in your Sunday best with your favorite fascinator! Prizes for the best fascinator! Space is limited, please RSVP by April 25th.

SATURDAY

**MAY
16
2026**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$25/Pair (1 Adult & 1 Child)

\$5 for each additional child after a pair

\$10 for each additional adult after a pair

OR

\$15/Adult Attending

4-H Activity Center

3775 N. Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161



For Tickets or Questions contact the Office

@ 734 - 240 - 3182



JOIN THE TERRA QUEST 4-H CLUB



Wisconsin Dells, 2025



Hocking Hills, 2022



Hershey, 2023

**THE ONLY TRAVEL CLUB
IN THE COUNTY**

**WE DO EDUCATIONAL TRIPS
WE'VE TRAVELED TO:**

Hershey, Pennsylvania
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
Hocking Hills, Ohio
Red River Gorge, Kentucky

**MUST BE 13 & OLDER TO JOIN
AND 14 & OLDER TO TRAVEL**

**MEMBERS WILL FUNDRAISE
FOR COST OF ALL TRIPS**

**TRIPS ARE THE SECOND
WEEK OF AUGUST
(AFTER FAIR)**



order your license plate today



MICHIGAN 4-H LICENSE PLATE

Support Michigan 4-H and show your 4-H pride by purchasing a Michigan 4-H license plate! Michigan 4-H license plates cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H. The \$10 renewal fee will also benefit Michigan 4-H.

Order your Michigan 4-H license plate today through the Michigan Secretary of State by visiting Michigan.gov/sos, mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office.

Learn more at extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.





MONROE COUNTY FAIR 2026 – 4-H

PROJECT AREA CHANGES

CRAFTS - New project areas

SECTION 824-- PULL-APART CUPCAKE CAKES (TROPHY)

RULES – READ CAREFULLY

- A. Cakes MUST be on a study board no bigger than 24”x24”, with at least TWO INCHES of board showing all around the cake.
- B. Single layer only with all cupcakes touching.
- C. Must be filled standard size cupcake papers.
- D. You may use a box mix or made from “scratch” for your cupcakes.
- E. Use made from “scratch” frosting.
- F. All embellishments must be edible.
- G. Include directions on how you decorated the cake.

SECTION 890—SHOEBOX FLOAT (TROPHY)

RULES – READ CAREFULLY

- A. Make your float from ONE shoebox using a space no larger than 10”x15”.
- B. Your float theme is your choice. Include your theme in your directions.
- C. No Legos or other building toys allowed.

HORTICULTURE - New Project area

FRUITS

Guideline to fruit and quantities required to enter for fair to come soon.

EDUCATIONAL – Discontinued project area

SECTION 964 – CONSUMER EDUCATION CLOTHING

***crafts is discontinuing club class



Volunteer/ leader Corner

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

Winter Volunteer Trainings

Volunteer Webinar Series, register for a webinar or view recordings from past topics on the [MSU Extension Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series page](#).

Did you miss a session of the volunteer training? Click the above link for all the recorded webinar trainings.

The below link will take you to the Beginning Farmer resource guide over 600 pages of information Check it out!

[Beginning Farmer Resource and Decision-Making Guide](#)

Financial Manuals to assist clubs with financial requirements.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers: Leading the Way to Financial Accountability](#)

[Managing Money Wisely: Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers](#)

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth with Skills for Life

October 6th
at noon or 7 pm
on Zoom



Beyond Ready


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Beginning Farmer Resource & Decision-Making Guide

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Fair Superintendents

Attention
calling all
2026
Fair Superintendents

Superintendent contracts will be emailed
the first week in April
Please sign and return your contract by
May 7th

Looking forward to another successful fair
and appreciate all that you do as a
superintendent!

LEADERS



*****Pre-Fair leader meeting May 07, 2026 7 PM at the Activity Center. Each club needs to be in attendance for the meeting please!**





2026 Michigan 4-H Volunteer Winter/Spring Webinars

This webinar series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a Michigan State University and Michigan 4-H volunteer.

All webinars take place at 12pm (noon) EST. Registration is required for each individual webinar- registration is free! Recordings will be posted on the website for later viewing.

Sessions include:

January 26, 2026: Beyond Ready Basics: Bringing the Vital Elements to Life in Your 4-H Club: Every great 4-H experience has a few powerful ingredients—and volunteers play the biggest role in making them happen. In this session, we'll explore the four Vital Elements that help youth thrive, discovering sparks, feeling a sense of belonging, building developmental relationships, and staying meaningfully engaged.

February 11, 2026: Building Belonging: Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences: Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

March 25, 2026: From Sparks to Skills: Using AI Responsibly in 4-H: This webinar will help volunteers understand what AI is, how it impacts youth development, and how to use it responsibly within the 4-H program. We'll explore practical guidance from MSU Extension resources, discuss ethical considerations, and share tips for supporting youth as they navigate this evolving technology.

April 22, 2026: Lets Talk It Out: Handling Conflict with Ease: Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. This laid-back session is all about learning how to handle tough conversations without the stress.

May 4, 2026: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects: Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's curriculum *Youth Business Guide to Success*.

CONTACT US:

For more information and to register, go to:

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



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Building
awareness in
4-H experiences**



**Beyond
Ready**

Helping young people understand that they are part of 4-H and what that means is a key part of strengthening their overall experience. Awareness builds pride, connection and a sense of belonging.

As volunteers, you play an essential role in helping youth and families recognize when they are participating in 4-H and how activities connect to the values and learning within the program.

Simple, intentional steps can make a big difference.

- Have the 4-H flag and recite the 4-H pledge.
- Use the 4-H clover on handouts and materials when possible.
- Make clear connections between activities and one of the four Hs.

These actions help youth see themselves as true 4-H members engaged in meaningful learning.

#BeyondReady

April 1-21: Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

Online (Goosechase App)

Join an interactive scavenger hunt game designed for youth to learn essential money management skills while having fun. Players age 13-19 complete creative missions, answer trivia and solve puzzles, all while earning points to climb the leaderboard.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions

April 12: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at the ballpark as the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

April 13: Adulting 101 – Eat Smart: Meals on a Budget

Online

Simple tips to plan meals that save money and taste great. Plus learn how to cook once and eat twice!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-eat-smart

April 17 – May 3: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Stores everywhere

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

April 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. Youth will learn practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-21

April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Let's Talk it Out: Handling Conflict with Ease

Online

Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. Learn how to handle tough conversations without the stress. Pick up practical tips for turning disagreements into productive dialogue and keeping your volunteer experience positive and drama-free.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-let-s-talk-it-out-handling-conflict-with-ease

April 28: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Talk the Talk

Online

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. Learn tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value and empower youth with tips for impactful auctions and markets.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-april-28





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 26 – August 1 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!



Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$550 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 24-26 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2026 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration is open and closes April 17. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.

Purple up for military families!

April is the Month of the Military Child, an annual awareness campaign that recognizes the sacrifices made by military families and their children. In partnership with many others across the United States, Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships is participating in the annual "Purple Up!" Day event. To show your support of children whose parents are serving in the military, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking residents throughout Michigan to Purple Up! on April 15.

The color purple is chosen as the signature color because it symbolizes all branches of the military. It is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Michigan 4-H Military Partnerships hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate all of our state's young heroes strength and sacrifice as their parents serve. Let's show our military families how much we appreciate their service by encouraging everyone to Purple Up!



Looking for more ways to celebrate Month of the Military Child? Visit www.4-hmilitarypartnership.org/month-of-the-military-child.html. For more programs and resources available to military families through Michigan 4-H, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h_military_families.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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January 24	4-H State Rabbit Show
Feb. 27- March 1	4-H Dairy Conference
March 7	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
March 14	4-H Horse Communications Contest
March 21-22	Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show
March 21	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 22	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl
April 11	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
April 12	4-H Hippology State Contest
May 6	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 10-11	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
June 27	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
July 1	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
July 6-7 & 8-9	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
July 13-16	4-H Youth Dairy Days
August 13-16	4-H State Horse Show
September 19	4-H State Dog Show



Scan me for more
information about these
programs!





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions>

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Smart Money Missions Goosechase 2026



Program Details

This exciting, interactive, and virtual scavenger hunt game is designed for youth, ages 13-19 years old residing in Michigan, to learn essential money management skills. Powered by the Goosechase app, participants will complete creative missions, answer trivia, and solve problems to earn points and climb the leaderboard. Missions may be text, photo or video. Top scoring youth will earn a \$50 gift card.

Contest runs April 1, 2026 at noon through April 21, 2026 at noon EST.

Deadline to register is April 20, 2026 at 11:59 EST.

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions>
or

<https://bit.ly/4h7zqji>

Sponsorship

This program is free for participants and is made possible through a generous sponsorship from the Michigan Credit Union Foundation and the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



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2026 Schedule of Events

Jan. 25- 4-H Tack Sale & More	July 11-12- FCHA Horse Show
Jan. 31/Feb. 1- Oddities & Horror Fest	July 17-19- 4-H Horse Show
Feb. 7-8-Gun & Knife Show	July 31- Fireworks
March 8- The Vintage Market	Aug 2- Aug 8 -MONROE COUNTY FAIR
March 21- Ducks Unlimited Banquet	Aug. 22-23- Gun & Knife Show
March 28- Garage Sale & Flea Market	Aug. 22-23- FCHA Horse Show
April 4- Winter Storage Removal	Aug. 30 Auto Swap Meet
April 10- Soil Conservation Tree Sale	Sept. 11-12- Monroe Comic Con
April 12- Auto Swap Meet	Sept. 25-27- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
April 18- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show	Oct. 3- Winter Storage begins
April 18- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show	Oct. 4 - Wicked Pickin'
April 19- FCHA Tack Sale	Oct. 10-11 - Gun & Knife Show
April 26- Monroe Bike Show	Oct. 10-11- FCHA Horse Show
May 1-Ag Awareness Day	Oct. 17-Garage Sale & Flea Market
May 1-3- Fair Food Drive-Thru	Oct. 24- Grand Day of Tournaments
May 8-10- 4-H Horse Show	Oct. 31/Nov. 1- Shishewana on the Road
May 10- Flower & Garden Show	Nov. 14- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
May 17- Motorcycle Swap Meet	Nov. 20-22 - Michigan Tattoo Convention
May 23- Bedford Fire Explorer Training	Dec. 13- The Vintage Market
May 30-31- FCHA Horse Show	
June 5-7 -4-H Horse Show	
June 7- The Vintage Market	
June 13-14- Gun & Knife Show	
June 21- Monroe Hamfest	
June 26-28- 4-H Horse Show	
July 3-5- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show	





RECAP

Poultry Workshop



Cloverbud Expo!





Recap

Mini Expo



Caprine council fundraiser





it was a great day for Michigan 4-H Horse Program youth!!

The Michigan 4-H Equine Communications Contest is back after a long break. What once was a part of the Horse Jamboree Weekend was a standalone contest today, and the youth of the Michigan 4-H Youth Horse Program came to compete!

We learned about renovating your horse trailer living quarters, the importance of equine nutrition, and an intuitive guide for a beginner horse showman.

1st Place Junior Public Speaking: Nora S. from Monroe County

1st Place Senior Team Demonstration: Allison C. and Abby D. from Mecosta County

2nd Place Senior Team Demonstration: Jaelin K. and Felicity B. from Oakland County

A great group of young people with a bright future ahead of them! Be on the lookout for more information for the 2027 4-H Equine Communications Contest!

RCPD clinic



Drop In w/Jean: Mixes in A Jar

