



4-H Family News

December 2025

Welcome to the Month of December

Happy Holidays to all.

We hope everyone has a great Holiday Season.

This network contains upcoming events, clinic dates, volunteer opportunities, and so much more!!!!

Christmas in Ida

BEEF TAGGING is January 17, 2026 9-11am

Anderson Arena

Looking for Mini Expo instructors

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
4-H Staff

This month's content highlights

- **Christmas in IDA**
- **Mitten Tree**
- **Pennies for Turkeys**
- **Drop-in With Jean**
- **Entrepreneurship 12/29 2PM - Party Planning**
- **Grinchmas**
- **2025-2026 4-H enrollment complete NOW**
- **BEEF TAGGING JANUARY 17, 2026,**
9:00am to 11:00am

Contribute to the Network

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

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DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30	01 4-H Council; AC 7PM	02 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	03 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM Hippology; SMCC 6:00PM	04 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	05 Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM Christmas in Ida Auction 7:30PM	06 Christmas in Ida All 4-H Participate Float TA
07	08	09	10	11	12	13 Breakfast with the Grinch 10:30-12 AC Tickets Req
14	15	16 Drop-In w/Jean; ELC 5PM Caprine Council 7pm ELC Hippology; AC 6:30PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Merry Christmas! Office Closed						
						
			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
Merry Christmas! Office Closed						
	Entrepreneurship; AC 2:00-4:00PM					
04	05	06	07	08	09	10





Monroe County 4-H January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Office Closed for Holiday						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	4-H Council AC; 7PM	Terra Quest AC; 6PM	Dog Board ELC; 6:30PM			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM					Beef Tagging AC; 9AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Cat Board; AC 6:30PM OFFICE CLOSED	Drop-In w/Jean ELC; 5PM	JLA; ELC 7PM Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM	Entrepre- neurship; AC 6:30PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Tack Sale 7AM	SAA; ELC 7PM		Teen Ambassa- dors; AC 7PM			TQ Murder Mystery; AC 6:30PM



Small Animal

Next Meeting January 26, 2026 @7:00pm ELC

Save the Dates:

Poultry Workshop 3/10/2026 7pm AC

RCPP Workshop 3/26/2026 7pm AC

Spring RCPP Show 4/18/26 Ed. Building

Broiler Workshop 4/28/2026 7pm AC

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



Morgen Schmidt, 15, 8th year member of 4-H, from Raisinville Wranglers. Dominates as 2nd place Rabbit Showman in the state of Michigan, at the Michigan State Gold Ribbon Showmanship Competition! She represented Monroe County 4-H November 21st at the Michigan State University pavilion in Lansing. This competition brings together all the grand champion showman from each county, that choose to participate, this year there were 37 counties present. Congratulations Morgen!



Dog Superintendent Opening

Are you looking to become more involved in the 4-H program? Would you like to take on a leadership role as the Monroe County 4-H Dog Program Superintendent?

See below expectations of roles. This position will be filled in early 2026.

Please share this widely with your club families so parents are aware of this opportunity and/or consider this role for yourself.

Interested parties should contact Chelsea Butler at butle301@msu.edu. Feel free to ask questions about the role and request a copy of the premium catalog as well as the Dog Program By-Laws. Anyone expressing interest should be prepared to meet with the Monroe County 4-H Small Animal Review Committee.

Deadline to state interest 12/31/25 Projected interview and selection mid January.

Monroe County 4-H Dog Program Superintendent

Job Description-Responsibilities and Expectations

PURPOSE: To support the year-round Monroe County 4-H Youth Development of the Dog Program Area. To organize and supervise judging, exhibits, and activities in the 4-H Dog Program at the Monroe County Fair in conjunction with the Monroe County 4-H Small Animal Association, Monroe County 4-H Fair Advisory Board, Monroe County Fair Association, Fair Executive Board and Fair Manager to make the 4-H division a learning experience for all youth.

DESIRED EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, & SKILLS:

1. Be an approved gold 4-H volunteer through the Volunteer Selection Process
2. Abide by the MSU Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct
3. Have familiarity with the Monroe County 4-H Dog Program
4. Ability to work with adults and youth, and on a team
5. Demonstrate clear and effective communication
6. Ability to organize and supervise
7. Flexible and responsive to change for the good of the total program and those who participate

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Use the Small Animal Association as the governing body for all changes in the 4-H fair division.
2. Plan and implement 6+ Dog Program meetings per program year
3. Be willing to help with clean-up and set-up of project area
4. Be available for check-in, judging and check-out of area
5. Be responsible for preparing copy and proofreading premium catalog



Dog Superintendent Opening

Responsibilities Cont.

1. Identify all assistant superintendents and judges that will work dog area
2. Help to identify youth (Junior Superintendents) to assist in dog area
3. Be willing to take full responsibility for the records generated from dog area
4. Be willing to answer questions which may arise
5. Keep open communication with the 4-H Staff
6. Attend all meetings, available to hear input from youth and leaders
7. Serve as an integral part of problem solving and communication
8. Provide input and recommendations for judges for all disciplines in dog area
9. Help to provide appropriate recognition for all volunteer staff that work in dog area
10. Serve as resource person for workshops and county-wide events throughout the year

ATTEND:

1. Attend all Dog Program Meetings-approximately 6-12 per year
2. Pre-Fair meeting. Go over additions, subtractions and changes in dog area.
3. Post-Fair meeting. Answer questions and concerns relating to dog area.
4. Annual meeting with Small Animal General Superintendent to discuss needs/wants concerning area on the fairgrounds.
5. Superintendent meeting.
6. Attend and supervise workshops and Fun Matches

Pre-Fair

1. Secure Judges for classes
2. Encourage participation to write letters to buyers to attend the auction.
3. Work with assistant superintendents to break classes, develop a show

Fair Week

1. Fair
 1. Superintendent needs to be present during check-in and events.
 2. Be available to answer questions from exhibitors, parents, leaders, and 4-H staff.
 3. Work with SAA General Superintendent and 4-H Program Coordinator to clarify any discrepancies in eligibility of animals or youth.
 4. Support appropriate animal welfare practices.
 5. Prior to show, get ribbons, trophies, and judging books from the 4-H Headquarters Office.
 6. During show, designate a committee member to perform each of the following duties:
 1. Ring Announcer, Check 4-H'ers in, Ring person to help exhibitors, Record placings (also be sure all "no shows" or changes are noted), Return notebook to the 4-H Office promptly following the show, Orient judge on day of show. Be sure judge gets refreshments. At conclusion of show, deliver payment to judges.

Post-Fair

1. Assist in the cleanup of all used areas



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program



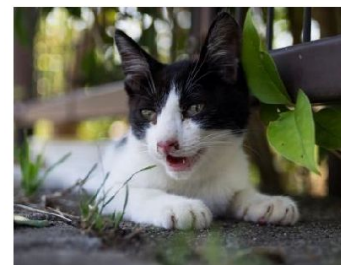
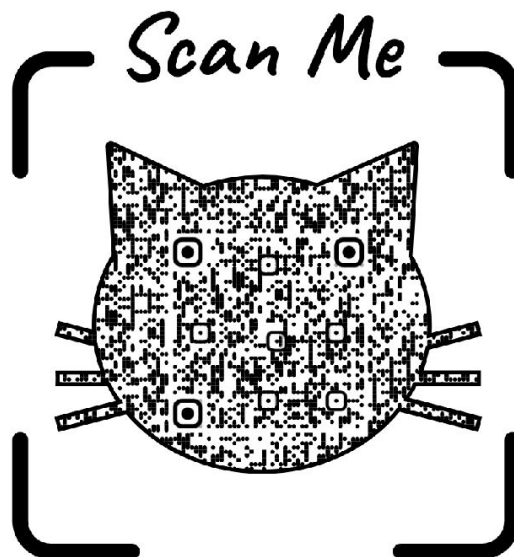
Meeting Location: 4-H Activity Center

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.**

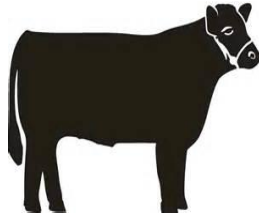
For more information: Contact Kim Cramer at
cramergirls09@gmail.com or scan the QR Code.





Junior Livestock Association News

Next JLA 1/21/2026 meeting 6pm Committee Meeting, 7pm monthly board mtg. ELC



Tagging:

Beef tagging January 17, 2026 9-11am Anderson Arena
***ALL MARKET BEEF MUST BE TAGGED, to show at Monroe County Fair

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

Clinics 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, 3/19 & 4/23/2026
all start at 7pm in the Activity Center. Registration information will be in future Network

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



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

Access & Alarm, Inc.
Agri Parts, LLC
Bass Roofing
Busen's Appliance, Inc.
Calder Dairy & Farm
Carleton Farm Supply
Charlie's Repair
Christian and Erin Stumpmier
Darling Farms, LLC
Dave and Kathy Haws
Dave and Yvonne VanBuskirk
Delker's Automotive
Dennis and Linda Jaskot
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Family Farm & Home - Monroe
Finishers Unlimited
Fitch Family Farm
Girbach Ag LLC
Golden Harvest Seeds - Mark & Sarah Mathe
Greenstone Farm Credit Services
Haws Family Farm
Hayden's Automotive
Homrich, Inc.
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John Calder
John and Sue Mathe

John and Laura Wickenheiser
Jon and Nicole Jaskot
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Kamprath Farms LLC
Kastel Show Cattle
Ken and Marilyn Knapke
Knapke Brothers Dairy
Kraig and Carole Straub
Luckey Farmers, Inc.
Masserant's Feed & Grain - Newport
Maybee Farmers, Inc.
Miller Hoof Trimming
Mitchell Langton
Monroe County Farm Bureau
Monroe Fencing Co.
Neher Perfect Lawn Care
Omni
Ray's Septic Tank Cleaning
Sandy Barton
Salenbien Trucking & Excavating
Schafer Dairy Farms
The Carner Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance
The Tire Depot - Dundee
Thompson Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Tractor Supply Co. - Monroe
UIS Insurance & Investments
Wind in the Willows Floral Boutique

Next Dairy Meeting
February 19, 2026 6pm
at extension office
Youth elections will be
held/ please attend



Caprine Council

2025-2026 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

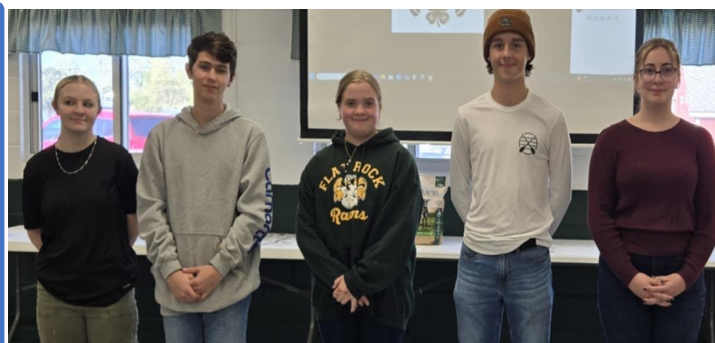
Vice President- Liam Bednarz

Treasurer- Emma Lane

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Historian- Ashlyn Weslow

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk
& Liam Bednarz



Next Caprine Meeting
12/16/2026 7pm ELC



Horse and Pony News

Save The Dates

- No Meeting in December
- 1/25/2026 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

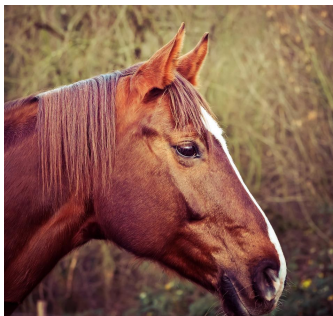
President- Nora Sheets

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

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

Study dates at Activity Center

Dec 3rd Wed @SMCC high school ~6-8p

Dec 16 Tues. @AC ~6-8pm

Jan 7th Wed. @ SMCC high school~6-8pm

practice contests: 1/30 Friday-Judging Seminar 2/1/26 Sunday Mock Horse Judging/Hippology MQHA connection weekend at MSU pavillion Lansing, MI



Monroe County Horse and Pony Tack Sale

**MONROE COUNTY HORSE & PONY
TACK
SALE**

**JANUARY 4 25TH, 2026
10AM - 2PM**

**@ FIRST MERCHANT EXPO CENTER
3775 CUSTER RD MONROE, MI 48161**

\$3 ADMISSION PER PERSON

- HEATED INDOOR FACILITY
- SILENT AUCTIONS
- NEW & USED TACK VENDORS
- CONCESSIONS

**ALL PROFITS BENEFIT MONROE
COUNTY HORSE & PONY PROGRAM**



Tack sale registration form

2026 MONROE COUNTY TACK SALE VENDOR FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT KAITLIN @ 419-271-1442

RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETED WITHOUT A FORM OF PAYMENT

10x10 Commercial Space (includes 2 free passes) \$50 each	# of Spaces: _____	\$50 x # of spaces = Total: \$ _____
10x10 Non-Commercial Space (includes 1 free pass) \$40 each	# of Spaces: _____	\$40 x # of spaces = Total: \$ _____

ALL SPACES INCLUDE 1 8FT TABLE EXTRA TABLES: _____ X \$5 EACH = \$ _____

EXTRA PASSES: _____ X \$3 EACH = \$ _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ BUSINESS NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PAYMENT ONLY BY CASH OR CHECK
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCHP
MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
KAITLIN LANCE

4240 CLEGG RD LAMBERTVILLE, MI 48144

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SET UP IS 1/24/2026 FROM 5PM TO 8PM AND 1/25/2026 FROM 7AM TO 10AM

SALE IS 1/25/2026 10AM TO 2PM

TEAR DOWN IS 1/25/2026 2PM TO 5PM

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: _____

NUMBER OF SPACES: _____

NUMBER OF PASSES: _____

OF TABLES: _____

PAYMENT TYPE: CASH CHECK (CHECK # _____)

TOTAL \$: _____

EMAIL CONFIRMATION: _____



Enrollment in 4-H online

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

- Existing family profiles - video
- New family profiles – video
- Family Enrollment Guide Revised 9-1-23

Monroe County 4-H 2025-2026

4-H online enrollment

Opened September 08, 2025

All re-enrollments should be complete

Please re-enroll NOW!!!

Do not wait enroll as soon as 4-H online goes live on
September 08, 2025

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

(734) 240-3188



***UPDATE Current 4-H online enrollment numbers

***Incompletes 71 Please log back in and complete!!!

Reminder Adults need to be active gold or silver
before enrolling in 4-H online (See page 18)

To be reviewed: 18 Volunteers & 44 youth, If you
submitted an enrollment and it is still in awaiting
review contact Jean at the office next week.

442 Volunteers Approves 1,004 youth approved
leaders please pull your rosters. Great Job let's get the
final enrollments in!!!





2026 Fair theme winner



Legacy 4-H Club submitted the winning 2026 fair theme of :

Stars, Stripes and Country Nights

In honor of USA's 250th birthday

Leader Banquet

Link: [2025 Leader Banquet photos](#)

2025 award winners

Meritorious Business: Jerome's Co

Meritorious Individual: Sherri Iacoangeli

Leader of the Year: Mayra Leitner

Distinguished Alumnus: Amanda "Mandy" Cadle



Congratulations to all our Leaders and Volunteers



TERRA QUEST 4-H PRESENTS

BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCH



18 U.S.C. 707

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13

4-H ACTIVITY CENTER
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
10:30AM - 12:00PM



Ticket: \$15 per person or 4 or \$50
TICKET INCLUDES: DELICIOUS BREAKFAST,
PHOTO OP WITH THE GRINCH, HOLIDAY
CRAFT & STORYTIME

Reserve Your Tickets Space is Limited:

CALL 734-240-3182

Profits will be used to support educational travel for
Monroe County 4-H Youth!

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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.





MONROE COUNTY 4-H FINANCIAL LITERACY



2025

11/6
6:30PM

THE WHAT, WHY AND HOW OF THE 4-H ENTREPRENEURSHIP CATEGORY

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance



UNDERSTANDING MONEY PERSONALITIES

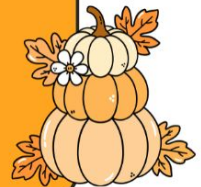
4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

11/18
6:30PM

12/29
2-4PM

** SPECIAL WORKSHOP ** PARTY PLANNING WITHIN A BUDGET

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance



**SPACE LIMITED
RSVP TODAY:**



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

First Merchants
Helping you prosper

MEMBER
FDIC



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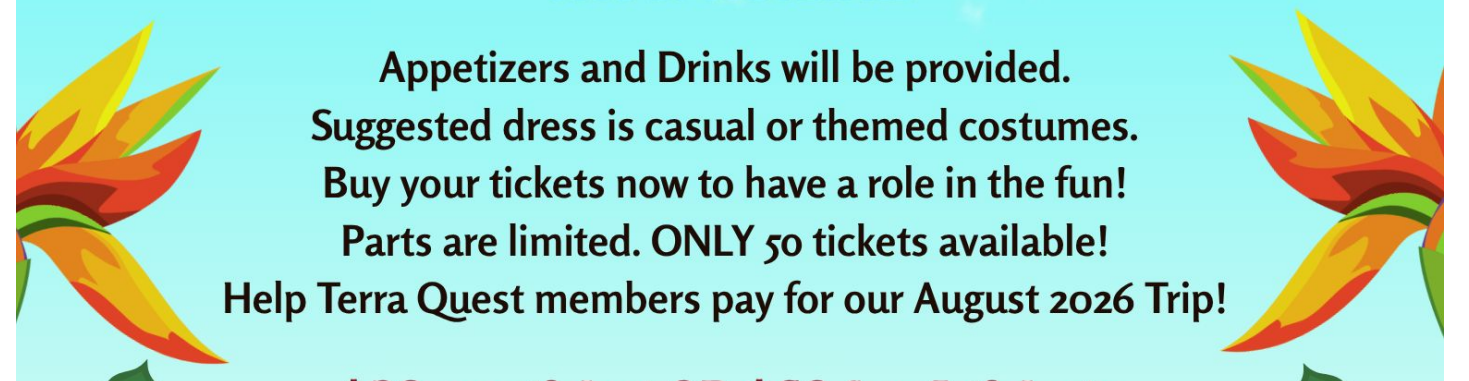
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Terra Quest Presents Murder in Maui

Experience the Aloha Spirit at our Oceanside Palace for a night of surprises, revelations, and an element of peril

Saturday, January 31st 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. **ONLY 50 tickets available!**
Help Terra Quest members pay for our August 2026 Trip!

\$20 per ticket OR \$60 for 4 tickets

For Tickets or Questions Contact the Office

@ 734 - 240 - 3182





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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

Fall 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.

Food for 4-H Events

4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqfes3 and view the fact sheet at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events>

*****Call for Mini Expo instructors event SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**



If Interested please contact Jean at the office so we can add your class. You'll have a limit of 12 youth in your class.

In your volunteer interview was being a Mini Expo teacher talked about? Now's the time!

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Beyond Ready:

Equipping Youth with Skills for Life

October 6th
at noon or 7 pm
on Zoom

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Beyond Ready



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)**



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ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

Benefiting Monroe County Residents

**Collection of new or gently used hats and gloves
will begin November 7th - December 9th at the
4-H MSU Extension Office
963 Raisinville Rd**



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.





Christmas in Ida

DONATIONS NEEDED



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TERRA QUEST 4-H MEMBERS FOR
THEIR UPCOMING TRIP IN AUGUST 2026!**

WHAT TO DONATE:

- New items, themed gift baskets, or holiday décor
- Gift cards to local shops, restaurants, or experiences
- Services (photography, lessons, salon, lawn care, etc.)
- Tickets or vouchers (sports, museums, entertainment)
- Handmade goods or unique experiences

HOW TO DONATE:

Drop-off Location:

Monroe County 4-H Extension
Office 963 South Raisinville Road,
Monroe, MI 48161 (Open Monday
Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM)

Drop-off Dates:

Now through November 26

Donation Deadline: November 26

Questions? Contact: Kerrie @
monroeterraquest4h@gmail.com

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE FEATURED AT THE CHRISTMAS IN IDA
AUCTION ON DECEMBER 5, 2025 @ 7:30PM!**



**Join us for a Spread The Holiday Cheer
Fundraiser Event for:
Monroe 4-H Council**



Matthes Tree Farm

13416 Lulu Rd
Ida, MI 48140
734-269-2668

Bring this certificate any time during our 2025 Christmas Season and 20% of your Christmas Shoppe purchase goes toward Monroe 4-H Council.

- Wreaths
- Roping and Greens
- Holiday décor
- Gift items



Lots for the whole family every weekend!

- Santa here 12 to 5
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Free entertainment
- Bonfire pits
- Free Hayrides

Valid only on items in Christmas Shoppe. Season runs Nov 23rd—Dec 20th. Must present flyer to cashier. Excludes trees and independent craft vendors.



Register by Feb. 1 at <https://forms.gle/ivv8x68bLnGis3i2A>

Communications Day

Sessions: Extemporaneous, Storytelling, Modeling,
Listening Skills

February 22, 2026 2:00pm – 4:00pm

4-H Activity Center

Sponsored by Airport District 4-H

Free to attend

All 4-H ages

Participant Prizes





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



JEANS & JOHDPURS 4-H CLUB
GIFTWRAP FUNDRAISER

Bring your gifts and let us do the wrapping.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

12PM-2PM AT THE BEDFORD LIBRARY QUILT
ROOM

AND 3PM TO 5PM AT RIDGEVILLE EQUESTRIAN
FARM

12695 RIDGEVILLE RD OTTAWA LAKE, MI

ASKING FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR CLUB FIELD TRIPS AND
ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR CLUB.

You can bring your own wrapping paper or we will have some
on hand.

Must be on site when wrapping takes place.



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Have you ever been to a club meeting that starts with a roll call question? Building a sense of belonging in the 4-H community is one of four core concepts of the 4-H Thriving Model that any 4-H program can intentionally do.

We strive to build this welcoming feeling and offer kindness to help develop a sense of belonging throughout project meetings, club meetings, workshops and events offered. What better way to build a community than to find similarities among the membership?

Some of the questions are simple, some are silly, and some can get more involved depending on the purpose of the meeting. Regardless, it's a great way to get to know everyone. Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 28 – December 14: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co.

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store! Seventy-percent of funds raised stay in the local community where the paper clover was purchased.

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

December 2: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that makes 4-H so extraordinary. 4-H'ers are leading the way in a world full of change and together, we can build a generation ready for anything. We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/

December 9: 4-H Wild Spartans

Online

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session is "Adventures in Wildlife Medicine: From the Field to the Clinic." Meet Avery Tilley, a veterinary student at the University of Georgia. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Open to youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-december

December 13: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Hanukkah

Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland

Learn, create and celebrate the Festival of Lights! Open to all youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop includes storytelling, candle-making, snacks, games and festive music. Pre-register by December 8.!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-hanukkah

December 20: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Christmas in Norway

Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, Westland

Celebrate Norwegian Christmas traditions! Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop includes gnome-making, butter-churning and festive cookie decorating. Pre-register by December 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-christmas





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Mandatory reporting guidelines for Michigan 4-H volunteers

MSU Extension has updated its mandatory [reporting guidelines](http://www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil_rights_diversity_multiculturalism/civil_rights_compliance) (www.canr.msu.edu/od/civil_rights_diversity_multiculturalism/civil_rights_compliance) to align with MSU's policy (UW-02-01). All volunteers are required to report incidents of child abuse, neglect, or misconduct promptly. Reports should be made to MSU's Office for Civil Rights (MSU OCR) and, when applicable, to Children's Protective Services (CPS)/Department of Health and Human Services. In short, volunteers should:

1. In emergencies: Call 911 immediately.
2. Child abuse/neglect: Call CPS at 855-444-3911 and file [DHS-3200](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters) (available at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/abuse-neglect/childrens/mandated-reporters) within 72 hours.
3. All other incidents: Report to MSU OCR via online form at <https://msu.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting/>; phone at (517) 353-3922 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; by mail at 408 W. Circle Dr., Suite 105, Olds Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824; or by email at ocr.isr@msu.edu.
4. Please notify your local MSU Extension staff after submitting a report.

Shop with purpose: 4-H gifts that give back

'Tis the season to spread joy and support 4-H youth while doing it! Consider the following options in your holiday shopping to make the holidays merry, bright and meaningful!



Michigan Shop 4-H Store: Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store! Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H. Visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>.

My Pottery Place: Get crafty with 4-H pottery! From mugs to ornaments, you can paint your own masterpiece while supporting youth programs—5% of every 4-H licensed pottery purchase goes to 4-H. Learn more at mypotteryplace.com/product-category/all-products/4-h/.

Mickman Brothers: Decorate your home with beautiful greenery and purpose: 15% of the proceeds from each wreath or evergreen purchased at 4hwreaths.com will benefit 4-H.

Twisted X: Step into the season with style! The Twisted X 4-H Collection has shoes for the whole family and 6% of each pair sold supports 4-H! Learn more at twistedx.com/pages/4h-collection.

Georgia Boot: Built for hard work and big dreams, Georgia Boot is a proud supporter of 4-H. Consider giving their boots, which are ready for any adventure, especially a 4-H project! Shop at georgiaboot.com.

Michigan 4-H Dog Showmanship Manual updated

The Michigan 4-H Dog Showmanship Manual has been updated! A major update to the previous version, this guide provides the basic information needed to compete successfully in 4-H dog showmanship classes. Be sure to check out the resources section of the manual for additional useful books, websites and videos.

View the updated manual at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-dog-showmanship-manual.

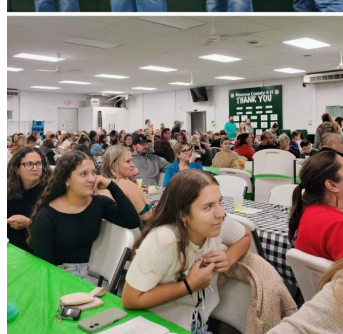
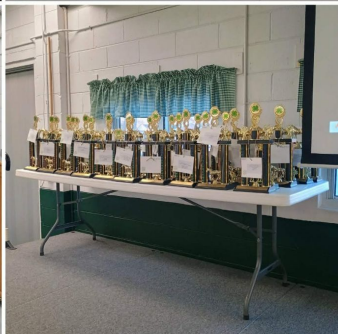
Recap

Spaghetti Dinner



Thank you to all that assisted and made the Spaghetti Dinner and auction a huge success.

Horse and Pony Banquet



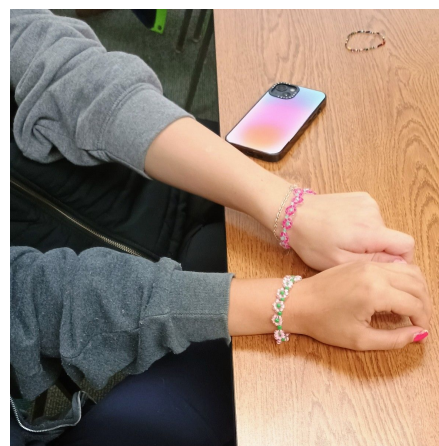


Recap

Caprine Banquet



Drop-In with Jean





Monroe County 4-H Food Drive Saturday November 8th



1 Day
80 Food Boxes,
21 Clubs,
\$2060 Monetary Donations,
1124 Canned & Boxed Goods,
61 Service Hours!

All 4 One 4-H Club
Cheryl McDowell
Fitch Family
Blue Ribbon Gang
Supermatch Shooting Sports
Evan & Chelsea Butler
Louis & Jan Butler
Annette Heck
Kristen Brown
Jessica Beaubien
Kelley Mason
Faithful Friends
Jamie Bass
Val Lancaster, Howard Hanna Real Estate
Leitner, Mayra, Sean

Leitner, Louis
Gschaar, Myrta
Achinger, Kristie
Warner, Rachel
Leitner, Cynthia
Amy Dawson (lumc)
Krott, Aaron and Tanya
Thomas & Leighanne Wick
Crawford, Bryan
Flanner, April
Herrera, Gilbert
Fair Board
Dennis Winters
Aulph Family

Kittendorf, Kevin, Nancy, Emily, Ben
Klover Kids
Adams Acres livestock
Michelle McLaughlin
Dave, Denise Reaume
Cathy Koch
Kathryn Dietrich
Rose Oberski
Allen Russell
Heiden Family
Mary Wickenheiser
Funk Family
Anna Flatt
Rollo Jockett
First Merchants Bank
Sylvia Brockman

Thank you Sponsors and Volunteers for Making the Best Better!



Recap

Teen Ambassadors Float Building



Entrepreneurship



Building the **FUTURE**



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