



# 4-H Family News

Welcome to the Month of February

Happy Valentines day everyone.

Hope everyone is doing well and weathering the cold snap and snow...Brrrr. Spring is right around the corner. We have some great events coming up and encourage our 4-Hers to take advantage of them!

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".

Jean A. Genaw  
Monroe County Program Coordinator



## This month's content highlights

- **Past Due club fund balance for 12/31/2026**
  - Please submit immediately to Jean
- **Dundee Craft expo**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Drop-in with Jean**
- **Club Flag making**
- **Communication expo**
- **Line Dancing**
- **YQCA training**
- **Cloverbud Expo**
- **Mini Expo registration**
- **Fundraiser events**
- **2025-2026 4-H enrollment complete NOW**

February 2026



Contribute to the  
Network

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

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# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 4-H Council; AC 7PM	3 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	4 Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	5 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	6	7 Dundee District Craft Expo; AC 2:30PM Registration required
8	9 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	10 Hippology; AC 6:30PM	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day!
15 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3:30PM	16	17 Drop-In w/Jean; ELC 5PM Entrepreneur- ship; AC 6PM Caprine Council 7pm ELC	18 JLA; ELC 7PM Hippology; AC 6:30PM	19 Dairy Board ELC 7pm Fair Advisory Board; 7PM Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM	20	21 Flag Wksp; 12PM TA Lock-In; AC 5PM
22 Communications Day; AC 2PM Registration Required Line Dancing; AC 5-7PM	23	24 YQCA Training; AC 7PM Registration Required	25 Teen Ambassador; AC 7PM	26	27	28 Cloverbud Expo; AC 8:30am check-in Registration Required



Be My  
Valentine

# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tack Sale & Dog Treat; Bake Sale; FM Expo 10AM-2PM	2 4-H Council; AC 7PM	3 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	4 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	5 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Sheep Clinic; AC 7PM	6	7 Mini Expo; AC Registration required
8	9 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	10 Poultry Wksp; AC 7PM	11 YQCA training; AC 7pm	12 Entrepreneurship; AC 6:30PM  D-12 Volunteer Learning Series 6:30 registration required	13	14
15 Denim and Dust Photo Shoot	16 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	17 Drop In W/Jean; ELC 5PM Carprine Council 7pm ELC	18 Hippology; AC 6:30PM JLA; ELC 7PM	19 Fair Advisory Board; ELC 7PM	20	21
22 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3PM Pony Farm Meet&Greet	23 SAA; ELC 7PM	24 E.S.I.; AC 6:30PM	25 Teen Ambassador; AC 7PM	26 RCPP Clinic; AC 7PM  D-12 Volunteer Learning Series 6:30 registration required	27	28
29	30 Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM	31 Swine Clinic; AC 7PM				



# 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 Ed. Building  
Broiler Workshop 4/28/2026 7pm AC

- Chicken/Duck \$4.00 orders due 4/01/2026, pick-up 4/30/2026
- Broilers 2.50 orders due 4/28/2026 pick up June 11th
- 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cramergirls09@gmail.com) or scan the QR Code.





MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM  
FUNDRAISER

# DOG TREAT BAKE SALE!

A bonanza of homemade dog treats and dog toys made by  
4-H members of the Monroe County Dog Program

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST  
4-H TACK SALE  
MONROE COUNTY EXPO CENTER  
10AM - 2PM



4-H volunteers needed to make dog treats, dog  
toys, and work the table.

Contact your club leader or Casey Young for  
more info 419-344-3753





# Junior Livestock Association News

Next JLA 2/18/2026 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  
Treasurer: 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 \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (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. 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training April 23<sup>rd</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 \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (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](http://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](http://YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingWBTCertification_2024.pdf)



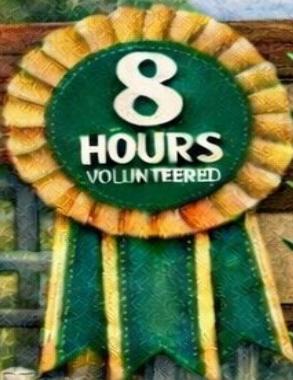
# Youth Volunteer Hours

## Get Involved in the **Barns!**

Help in the Small Animal Barn & Junior Livestock Barns!

Complete a Minimum of **8 Volunteer Hours**

January 1<sup>st</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>



- ✓ Rabbit Clinic
- ✓ Sheep Tagging
- ✓ Clearing 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 General Superintendent
- ✓ Description of Your Tasks

Receive a Sign for Your Pen at the Fair!

Get Your Hours In By **July 24<sup>th</sup>!**

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





# Dairy Board / Goat Board



Thank you 2025 Monroe County 4-H Dairy Board Sponsors

Access & Alarm, Inc.  
Agri Parts, LLC  
Bass Roofing  
Busein's Appliance, Inc.  
Calder Dairy & Farm  
Carleton Farm Supply  
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The Tire Depot - Dundee  
Thompson Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Tractor Supply Co. - Monroe  
UIS Insurance & Investments  
Wind in the Willows Floral Boutique

Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

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  
2/17/2026 7pm ELC



# 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 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 see next page for additional details**

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

### Study dates at Activity Center

Feb 10th Tues. @ AC 6:30-8PM  
Feb 18th Thurs. @ AC 6:30-8PM

practice contests: 2/1/26 Sunday Mock Horse Judging/Hippology MQHA connection weekend at MSU pavilion Lansing, MI



## 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





# Tack Sale rescheduled to 3/1/2026

## MONROE COUNTY HORSE & PONY TACK SALE

March 01, 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



# Drop-In with Jean

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9EKbexaljfZ2gDQ)

Select all sessions you would like to attend.





## Hygge Themed Ornament Crafting Event Save the Date!



Join Dundee District Leaders for a 4H event of warmth, creativity and community! Activities include: Ornament Craft stations, Relaxing Coloring Pages to make and take for fair.

A Delicious Hot Cocoa Bar, and Tasty Snacks will be available.

Date: Saturday February 7th | Time: 10:30AM -1:00PM | Location: 4H Activity Center

RSVP by: January 23rd, 2026 to guarantee supplies

At this link-- <https://forms.gle/rDLmXmPC945ofuEh7>  
or Scan QR code

\$5 to be collected at the door cash or  
check made to Dundee District

SCAN ME



Any Questions-Contact either host:

Heather Turnblom Text (734)755-8599 email: turnblomhm@gmail.com  
or Elizabeth Kotus Text(734)604-4951 email: ekotus@hotmail.com





# Communications Day

Sessions: Extemporaneous, Storytelling, Modeling,

Listening Skills

February 22, 2026 2:00pm – 4:00pm



Register by Feb.

4-H Activity Center

*Free to attend  
All 4-H ages  
Participant Prizes*

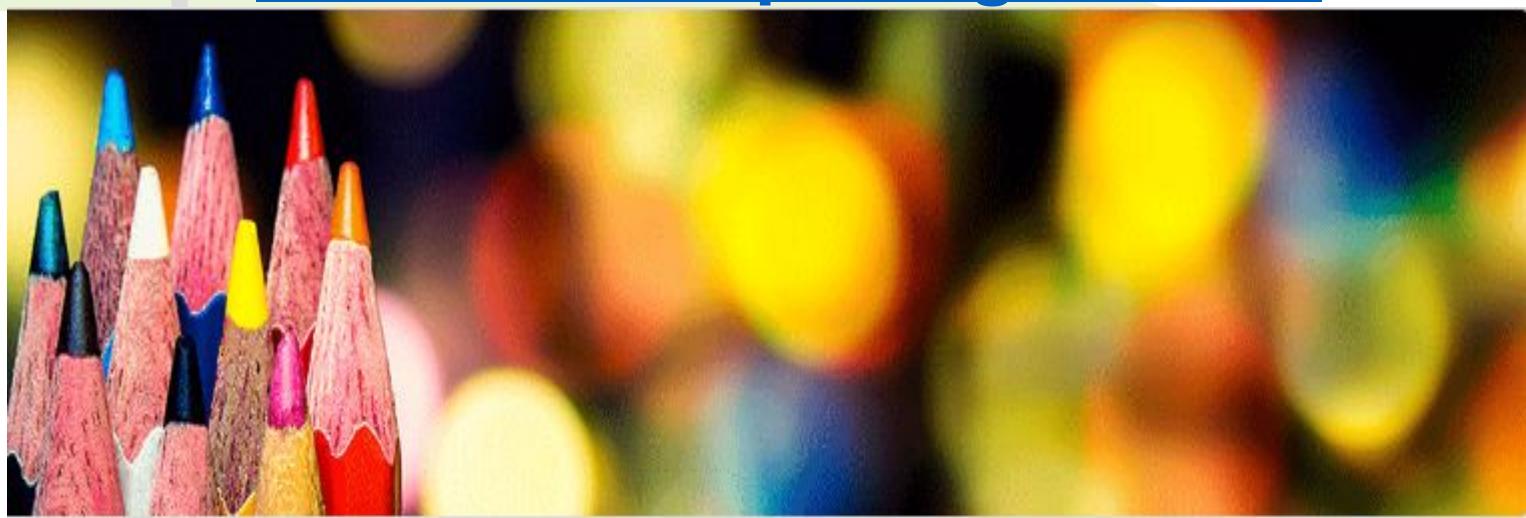
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Sponsored by Airport District 4-H





## Link: [Cloverbud Expo Registration](#)



## Monroe County 4-H Clover bud Expo Registration

Registration Open: 12/19/2025- 2-16/2026

**\$12 Registration:** Advanced Payment can be made at the 4-H Office by cash/check or accepted at the door.  
(Please make checks payable to Monroe County 4-H Council)

Cloverbuds Ages 5-7

Event Timing: Saturday February 28, 2026

Check In: 8:30am

Program Ends: 12pm

Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay but it is not required.

Event Address: 4-H Activity Center, Monroe County Fairgrounds

Contact us at (734)240-3188 or Email [Genawjea@msu.edu](mailto:Genawjea@msu.edu)

Classes are

Wreath making

Mixes in a Jar

Plant Science

Fishing Lures

Clover buds will rotate to each class



# Link: <https://forms.gle/8W4b24eyX1UFNd3YA>



Section 1 of 2

## Monroe County 4-H Mini Expo Registration

Registration Open: 2/01/26-2/20/2026

**\$15 Registration:** Advanced Payment can be made at the 4-H Office by cash/check or accepted at the door.

(Please make checks payable to Monroe County 4-H Council)

4-H Ages 8-19

Event Timing: Saturday March 07, 2026

Check In: 9:00am

End Time: 3:00pm

Event Address: 4-H Activity Center, Monroe County Fairgrounds

Contact us at (734)240-3188 or Genawjea@msu.edu

[Class List](#) for review -

You must use this form to register!

### 4-H Mini Expo – Saturday, March 7

9:00 – 9:30 - CHECK IN

9:30 – 11:00 - **SESSION 1 – 1 ½ hours long**

1. Mosaics – Jan Maciejewski (sign up for session 1 & 3)
2. Diamond Dot – Susan Arting
3. Metal Punch – Chris & Henry Jones
4. Wall Decorations (Dream Catchers) – Toni Baker-Branham
5. Paper Mache Hearts – Jean Gibson
6. String Art Christmas Tree Ornaments – Mary Wickenheiser
7. Intermediate Glass Etching – Sue Jones

11:00 – 12:00 - **SESSION 2 – 1 hour long**

8. Beginning Glass Etching – Sue Andrews
9. Terra Cotta Pots - Mary Wickenheiser
10. Candy – Kourtney Kraftchick

11. Greeting Cards – Susan Arting and Lisa Watters

12. Photography – Scott Weisler

13. Perler Beads – Jean Genaw

**14. Red, White and Blue -**

12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH

12:45 – 2:45 – **SESSION 3 – 2 hours long**

15. Mosaics – Jan Maciejewski (sign up for session 1 & 3)
16. Felted Wool – Sue Jones
17. Wreaths – Susan Arting
18. Work working Kits – Duane Alt
19. Artistic Seed Design – Carla Brown
20. Leather Craft – Mayra and Louis Lietner
21. **Christmas Ornaments -**

2:45 – 3:00 – DOOR PRIZES and CLEAN UP

3:00 – dismissal/parent pick up



# 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**  
EQUAL HOUSING  
LENDER



JOIN US



# Line Dancing

## Beginner lessons

All 4-H'ers welcome      \$5 entry fee

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VENUE: MONROE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS, ACTIVITY  
CENTER. 3775 S CUSTER RD, MONROE, MI



22 FEB 2026 | 5:00-7:00PM

per-registraistin required

[https://forms.gle/  
eNJ4hHzmdpNCNAwi9](https://forms.gle/eNJ4hHzmdpNCNAwi9) or scan





## Pony Farm Meet & Greet

Sponsored by Custer 4-H District

March 22, 2026

1 PM to 3 PM

Stable Way Pony Farm  
South Rockwood, MI

Scan Here to  
Pre-Register



Ages 6 & Up  
Wear closed  
toe/heel shoes!

Questions?  
Contact Amy at  
[thestableway@gmail.com](mailto:thestableway@gmail.com)



## 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](http://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](http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).



# 4-H Spring Garage Sale MARCH 28, 2026 4-H Activity Center

Part of the Monroe County Fair Association (MCFA)  
Flea Market & Garage Sale event



## DONATIONS NEEDED:

BOOKS, & TOYS,  
CRAFT SUPPLIES,  
SPORTS STUFF,  
FURNITURE,  
HOLIDAY ITEMS,  
HOUSEHOLD  
STUFF

PLEASE NO  
CLOTHING or  
ELECTRONICS

Donation drop offs  
accepted March 26 & 27  
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
4-H Activity Center

All proceeds are donated to MCFA to help defray the cost of fair ribbons

Contact Jean at 7342403188 with questions





## 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.

**MAY**

**SATURDAY**

**16**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**2026**

**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)**



## **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**



# Enrollment in 4-H online

- 4-H online link: <https://v2.4honline.com>

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 74 Please log back in and complete!!!

Reminder Adults need to be active gold or silver before enrolling in 4-H online (See page 27)

To be reviewed: 38 Volunteers & 63 youth, If you submitted an enrollment before December and it is still in awaiting review contact Jean at the office after 2/3/2026.

458 Volunteers Approves 1,044 youth approved leaders please pull your rosters. Great Job, let's get the final enrollments in!!!





# Volunteer/Leader Training



## MAKING THE BEST BETTER SOUTHEAST MI 4-H VOLUNTEER SERIES

Learn with and from other 4-H volunteers  
In person or virtual from January-March

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Our District 12 counties (Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw) are teaming up to host a 4-H Volunteer Learning series **in person or virtual** January – March. Each of the 5 sessions will focus on a different theme and many sessions will include seasoned volunteers who can share their tips, tricks, and perspective.

- Cha-ching Making Cents of 4-H Finances: February 12th at 6:30 pm in Our Livingston County MSU Extension Office
- Join the Conversation: Engaging Parents & 4-H Alums in 4-H Experiences and Implementing Shared Leadership in 4-H Clubs: February 26th at 6:30 pm in Washtenaw
- Youth Engagement & Engaging Youth Voice: March 12th at 6:30 pm in Lenawee
- From Clash to Collaboration: Practicing the Art of Conflict Resolution: March 26th at 6:30 pm in Jackson

This series is for all volunteers, whether your brand new to 4-H or have been volunteering for decades. Learn alongside and with your fellow 4-H volunteers.

Register for one or more sessions here: <https://bit.ly/d12volunteer>



# 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 6<sup>th</sup>  
at noon or 7 pm  
on Zoom

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



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## 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*.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Building a sense of belonging in our 4-H program has been a long-standing tradition. What does this look like?

It may be a project leader, club leader, or event organizer welcoming you to each meeting or event. It may look like a "roll call" or "ice breaker" at the beginning of a meeting.

The initial welcome allows people to know that they have been seen in the room. So, the next time someone asks you a roll call question of "What's your favorite cheese?", know that there is a reason.

We want to get to know you. We want to hear your voice. We want the ability to start building relationships by finding likenesses among us.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.  
#BeyondReady

### February 10: 4-H Wild Spartans

*Online*

In this month's session, take a walk through the woods on the wild side with "Walking a Path of Conservation." Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is for youth ages 12-19. [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february)

### February 11: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences

*Online*

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.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences)

### February 11: Avoiding Money Mishaps

*Online*

This webinar will focus on how youth can protect themselves from fraud, scams, identity theft and predatory lending.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11)

### February 11: 4-H Chef Tasty Dog Treats

*Lenawee MSU Extension Demo Kitchen, Adrian*

Youth ages 5-11 will prepare delicious treats to bake at home for your dog. Ages 5-7 need adult helper. Registration deadline is February 7.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats)

### February 19 –March 26: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

*Online*

Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026)

### February 19: Ace the Interview: Skill Building and Practice for Teens

*Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor*

This free workshop will help youth (ages 12-19) confidently handle interview experiences with tips and hands-on practice. Any teen is welcome to attend! Registration deadline is February 17.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens February 1 and closes March 15.

## Tickets now available for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Join MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H on March 1 for the 20th celebration of Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin! This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Ohio State Buckeyes!

Those interested in attending can purchase tickets at a price of \$7.50 plus fees. This is a discounted rate available to the Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension communities; complimentary tickets are no longer available due to the rising popularity of college sports. MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families are all encouraged to attend.



Tickets can be purchased through a two-step process. First, guests should register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBreslin2026/>. Within one week, registrants will receive a custom purchase link to the email provided in registration. Attendees must then use this custom link to purchase tickets for the event. Additional ticketing information is available on the registration website. Registration will close on February 17.

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 12 p.m. Gates to the Breslin will open at 10:30 a.m., with a variety of pre-game activities hosted by MSU Extension professionals around the concourse. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Families for whom cost is a barrier should contact their local 4-H program coordinator.



## Show your 4-H pride wherever you go!

Did you know you can make a difference for 4-H every time you hit the road? By purchasing the Michigan 4-H specialty license plate, you're not only showing your 4-H spirit—you're helping fund programs that empower young people across the state. A portion of each plate sale and renewal benefits Michigan 4-H, supporting hands-on learning experiences that help Michigan youth become beyond ready for the future.

Whether you're a current member, alumni, volunteer, or simply a proud supporter, this is an easy way to give back and keep 4-H growing strong. Ordering is simple through the Michigan Secretary of State.

Drive your support forward—get your 4-H plate today and help create opportunities for the next generation of Michigan 4-H youth! Learn more at [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](https://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



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## 2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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



**Scan me** for more  
information about these  
programs!



## 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- Shipshewana 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

## MAFE CONVENTION AWARDS



Monroe County residents took home several honors from the [Michigan Fair Convention](#) in Grand Rapids.

Sophia Kreps of Temperance received a youth scholarship, while Barbara Siebarth and Phil Motylinski were recognized for their contributions to the Monroe County Fair, according to a community announcement.

Siebarth, a lifelong resident of Raisinville Township, received the Heritage Award. She has been involved in 4-H for more than 50 years, serving as a participant, leader and committee member. She has also served on the 4-H Council and contributed to committees such as the Activity Center, Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, Scholarships and Awards. She has been a member of the Small Animal Association for more than five decades.

## Beef Tagging

