



4-H Family News

Monroe County

February 2024



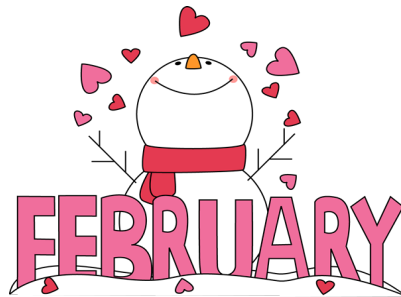
Welcome to the Month of February

Happy Valentines day everyone.

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



Our new Secretary Sarah Rhinehart will be starting on 2/19/2024. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Sincerely,
Jean & Chelsea
4-H Staff



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This month's content highlights

- Skill-A-Thon Study
- YQCA instructor lead sessions 
- Registration Cloverbud and Mini Expos
- Clinic Dates 
- Enrollments
- Fundraisers
- Fair theme winner announced

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

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FEBRUARY

2024



SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT

28 29 30 31 01 02 03

on January Calendar

Horse Judging and Clinic@ MSU

04 05 06 07 08 09 10

7pm
Council
AC

6:00PM
Terra
Quest
Meeting
AC

6:30pm
Dog
Board
ELC

12pm -
4pm
Faithful
Friends
meeting
-AC

7:00pm
Practice
Skill-A-
Thon
night

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

7PM
Horse
& Pony
mtg -
AC



Valentine's Day

7pm Fair
Advisory
Board
ELC

7:00pm
Practice
Skill-A-
Thon
night

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Cat
Program
6:30 pm
@ AC

7:00pm
Caprine
Council
meeting
- ELC

7pm
JLA -
ELC

7:00PM
YQCA
training
@ AC



4-H Day
at the
Breslin

25 26 27 28 29 01 02

6:30
Whispering
spirits Club
meeting @
AC

7pm Teen
Ambassadors
@AC

7:00pm
Slow Spokes
Planning
Meeting
@ELC



03 04 05 06 07 08 09

See Next Months Network for March Calendar



MARCH



2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	01	02
On Prior Page						Deadline to register for Cloverbud expo
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Deadline to register for Mini Expos	7pm 4-H Council AC	6:00PM Terra Quest Meeting AC	6:30pm Dog Board ELC 6:30Pm Raisinville Wranglers @AC	7:00PM YQCA training @ AC		Register prior to event 8:30 am Check-in to Noon Cloverbud expo
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	7PM Horse & Pony mtg - AC 7:00pm Entrepreneurship Series ELC	7:00pm Poultry Workshop @AC	7:00pm Swine Clinic @AC			Register prior to event 8:30 Check in MINI EXPO @ AC state Hippology Contest @ MSU
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Cat Program 6:30 pm @ AC	7:00pm Caprine Council meeting - ELC	7pm JLA - ELC	7:00pm Fair Advisory Board Mtg		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7:00pm SAA @ELC	7:00pm Sheep Clinic @AC	7pm Teen Ambassadors @AC	7:00pm Rabbit Cavy pocket pet Clinic @ AC		
31	01	02	03	04	05	06



Small Animal Association News

Poultry Orders to Barbara Siebarth 419-350-9482

Ducks: Order by April 1st \$4, Pickup at Ida Co-op May 2nd

Broilers: Order by April 30th \$2.50, Pickup at Ida Co-op June 13th

Small Animal Clinics 2024

- Poultry March 12, @activity center 7PM
 - Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet March 28, @activity center 7PM
 - Spring Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet April 20 Educational (Far West) Building at 9AM
 - Broiler Workshop April 30, @activity center at 7 PM
 - Fitting and Showing June 4 SAA building at 6PM
- Barn Setup (Date Change) Thursday July 11th, 2024

*** SEE JLA Page for YQCA IN PERSON TRAINING DATES ***



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Where do we meet:

4-H Activity Center

When do we meet:

Every 3rd Monday
(February – June, September – November)

Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H kid is welcome including Clover Buds

Need more information:

Contact Kim Cramer at cramergirls09@gmail.com



Dog Program

Meetings are the First Wednesday of Each Month 6:30 at the Extension Office. Welcome to all interested in the Dog Project Area! Next Meeting February 7th, 2024!



Junior Livestock Association News

2023-2024 JLA Officers

President: Lindsey Roof
Vice President: Briley Bordine
Secretary: Kennedy Albring
Tresure: Sophie Kreps

New stall fees for 2024 Fair

Sheep & Swine- \$18/ head
Horses & Ponies-\$18/ head
Beef Cattle- \$20/ head
Goats- \$10/ head
Poultry & Rabbits \$8/pen
Dairy Cattle \$5/head



Junior Livestock Association



YQCA training Feb. 22nd 7:00 pm @ AC



YQCA Training March 7th 7:00 pm @ AC

*Swine Clinic March 13th 7:00 pm @ AC

*Sheep Clinic March 26th 7:00 pm @ AC

Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show April 06 Anderson Arena

YQCA Training April 9th 7:00 pm @ AC

Sheep and Swine Tagging May 11th 9:00 am to Noon Anderson Arena

*Fitting and Showing Clinic June 4th 6:00 pm Fairgrounds

Barn Set-up July 11th @ 6:00pm

*Reminder first time showers must attend clinic for that species



YQCA Certification



Complete YQCA no later than June 15, 2024 *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 15, 2024 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://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. 22nd 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training March 7th 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training April 9th 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://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://bit.ly/YQCA2024> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. ***

Clickable Links:

- YQCA Instructor Led training [Help Documents](#)
- “help video” specifically for students enrolling in instructor-led trainings
<https://youtu.be/wZHW2qtMIOc>
- YQQCA Web-based [Help Documents](#)



Dairy Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

Important Dates

2/28/2024 7:00 pm Dairy Board Meeting @ Extension Office

4/24/2024 7:00pm Dairy Board Meeting @ Extension office

6/4/2024 7:00pm Fitting and Showing Clinic @ Fairgrounds/ Dairy Barn Lot D

6/30/2024 Milk Sale Deadline

7/11/2024 Buyer letters

Beef Tagging recap

Thank you to everyone that worked the beef tagging day.

Welcome to returning and new Beef Superintendents.

Tobie Fitch
Charlie Chapman
Garrett Desing
Noah Sampson





Horse and Pony News



Reminder to schedule your Vet appointments early to gain your Coggins Test and Rabies vaccination both are **required** to show at Monroe County 4-H horse Shows and Monroe County 4-H Fair.

Horse and Pony info
Main communication 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 Dec & Aug)
H&P has mandatory meetings and volunteer hours make sure you are meeting the requirements

Thank you to all that participated in the 2024 tack sale. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Hippology meeting Dates, times and location

2/2-2/3 Clinic and Practice Judging see next page for flyer
3/16/2024 Hippology Contest MSU
4/13/2024 Horse Judging Contest MSU

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



Contact Office or Elizabeth Kotus for registration form

HORSE JUDGING WORKSHOP

WHEN

February 2-3, 2024
Friday workshop, 6:30-8:30p
Saturday contest, 8:30-10:30a

WHERE

MSU Pavilion

4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

FEATURING

Friday evening's workshop will feature carded judge & clinician **Dr. Karen Waite**, teaching **Ranch Riding & Ranch Rail**

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

ALL AGES WELCOME

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

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

CONTACT

Carla McLachlan
Event Coordinator
Carlam@msu.edu

BENEFITING

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

Online registration and payment is available at:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645



Skillathon Study sessions

Study sessions on 2/9/2024 and 2/16/2024 7:00pm @ extensions office.

Registration for online contest and information Link: [2024 Skillathon - Otsego County \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon)

*Championship dates:
March 6th or March 9th, 2024*

Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW FORMAT! NO QUALIFIERS!



Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan agriculture. While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is the fourth annual competition testing both youth and adult competitors' broad knowledge of Animal Science.

Wednesday, March 6th, 4:30pm Eastern

Saturday, March 9th, 9:30am Eastern

NO QUALIFIERS

- EVERYBODY COMPETES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW CATEGORIES

- LARGE ANIMAL (COMBINED: BEEF, DAIRY, EQUINE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS)
- SMALL ANIMAL (COMBINED: DOGS, RABBITS/CAVIES, AND POULTRY)
- NUTRITION
- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
- MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)

LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS

- NOVICE: 25 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (125 TOTAL) *WAS 150 PREVIOUSLY.*
- JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) *WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.*
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) *WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY.*

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- YOUTH REGISTRATION: <https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/>
- ADULT REGISTRATION: https://qfreeaccounts.jc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rHvZQzj93dmM2

FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon>





Special Event Cloverbud Expo

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/P1QALmdNiSfde6wx6>



Monroe County 4-H Clover bud Expo Registration

Registration Open: 2/1/24-3/01/2024

\$5 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 March 9th, 2023

Check In: 8:30am

Program Ends: 12pm (No Lunch, Snacks Offered)

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

Classes Include:

- Safety & First Aid- Barb Ginther
- 4-H Promotional Poster – Jean Gibson
- Mr. Potato Head- Lynette Hackett
- Paper Flowers- Wendy and Rachel Rozanski

Depending on how many sign up, each Clover Bud will make each project/craft – with the kids rotating to a new 'station' every 45 minutes.



Special Event Mini Expo

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/vQq7HBET344TDCz7A>



Section 1 of 2

Monroe County 4-H Mini Expo Registration

Registration Open: 2/13/24-3/3/24

\$10 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 16th, 2024

Check In: 8:30am

End Time: 2:30pm

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

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

MINI EXPO – MAR 16th

Lunch – Amy Harbaugh

(1) 9:00 – 10:30

1. Christmas Ornaments – Jennifer Reeves
2. Melted Crayon Art – Sue Jones
3. Wood Burning – Jack Schall
4. Flip Flops/Promotional Posters – Christy Manwell
5. Appetizers – Jeanne Schall
6. Metal Punch – Andrea Bash
7. Mosaics – Jan Maciejewski (1 & 3) – continued class in session 3

(2) 10:40 – 12:10

8. Rag Wreaths – Jackie Worden
9. Diamond Dot – Susan Arting
10. Produce Art – Jeanne Schall
11. Rockets – Chris Manwell – STRICT limit of 10
12. Glass Etching – Sue Andrews
13. Appetizers – Kelley Mason
14. Christmas Ornaments – Lisa Manwell & Paige Sweet

(3) 12:50 – 2:30

15. Tin Foil Art – Grace Schall
16. Greeting Cards – Debbie Kraftchick
17. Costume Masks – Becky Lomas
18. Decorated Cookies – Lisa Manwell & Paige Sweet
19. Glass Etching – Sue Andrews & Heather Turnblom
20. Communications – Kelley Mason
21. Mosaics – Jan Maciejewski (1 & 3) – continued from session 1



Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner

4-H online Enrolments

Thank you for getting your enrollments completed early.

Still have 41 incomplete enrollments and additional youth not enrolled.

Currently enrolled Club Members 830 Cloverbuds 176

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

How to Video create New Family profile: [4-H Online 2.0 Creating A New Family Profile - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

How to Video enrollment Existing families: [4-H Online 2.0 Existing Family Profiles - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)

4-H online family guide: [4-H Online 2.0 Family Guide - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)



IMPORTANT! All club leaders need to be enrolled in 4-H online. You can't pull your rosters if you are not enrolled. Leaders still needing to complete this important step have received e-mails and phone calls. Please complete immediately. Reach out to the office if you need assistance.

Club leaders please pull and review your rosters. Please reach out to youth that need to enroll.

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



Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner

VOLUNTEER CORNER Our Program can not run without you

Thank you for answering our call SILVER LEVEL VOLUNTEERS

Monroe County 4-H uses silver volunteers in the kitchen, guard duty in the static project areas and limited other areas.

We now have 265 silver volunteers doubling our number from last year

Steps to become an MSU Extension silver volunteer

- Complete a profile application using below link

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

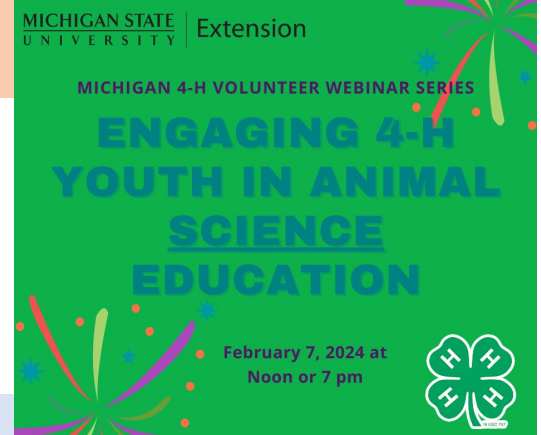
- Sign 2 waivers 1) Background check 2) Code of Conduct, medical and media releases
- Sometimes there is a delay in between loading clicking the refresh button helps.

***If you need assistance with becoming a Silver Volunteer, please contact Jean (734) 240-3188

Gold Level Volunteer

We are at 541 active gold level volunteers. 5 New Gold Volunteers

Are you still showing as pending Gold or Silver? Please contact Jean for assistance to complete the Volunteer Selection Process.



Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Hers. There will be a minimum of 6 topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice as a daytime and evening option. Click on the below link to view the wonderful upcoming trainings.

Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-Hers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

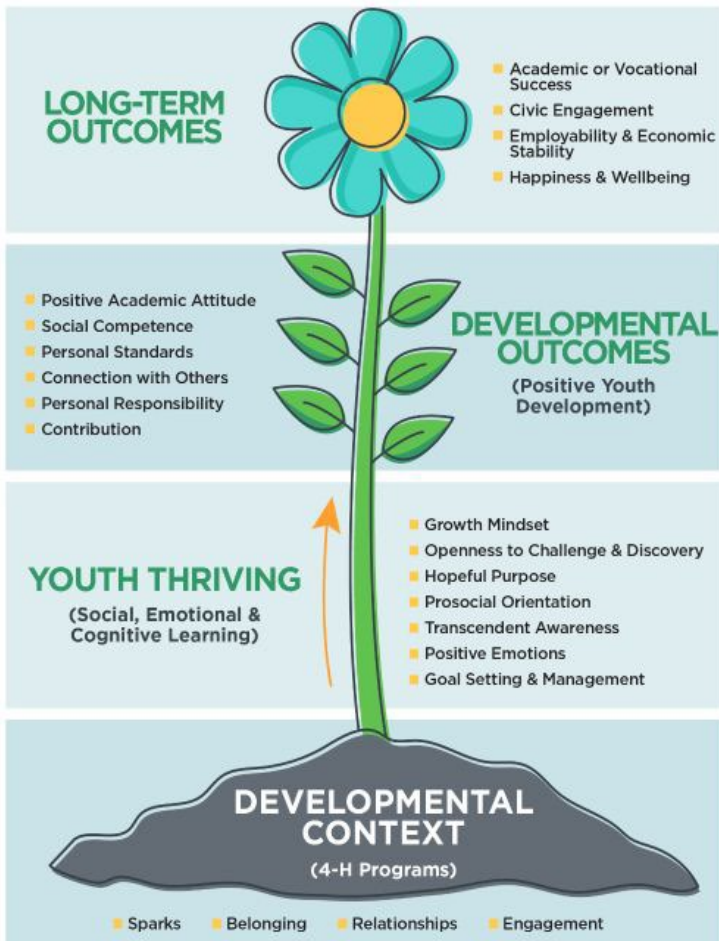
- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm



Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner

Trainings/resources

What is the 4-H Thriving Model?



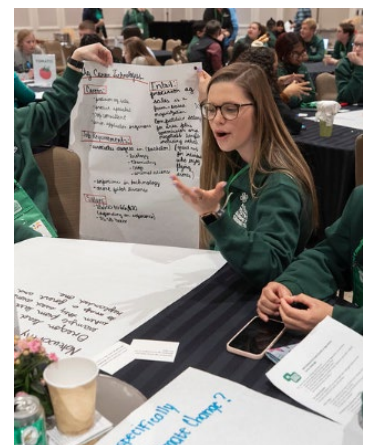
Positive Youth Development (PYD) is the groundwork for the 4-H program. Through PYD practices, 4-H works to better engage youth, help them feel a sense of belonging, and build relationships that last a lifetime. Michigan 4-H, the youth development program of Michigan State University Extension, has always provided opportunities to meet the needs of Michigan's youth. Recently, the 4-H Thriving Model has been developed. This model will help Michigan 4-H show how it is meeting the needs of today's youth and truly helping them thrive. Click link to learn more

[What is the 4-H Thriving Model? - 4-H Volunteering & Mentoring \(msu.edu\)](#)

Tools for Building Strong Clubs

Activities and recreation are tools that can strengthen an already energetic program or revitalize one that is lagging. VanWinkle, Davis, Skubinna and Larwood (2005) define recreation as "games, skits, parties, songs, camping, hikes and refreshments." They suggest that recreation – which can occur at any time – is important because it allows participants to (a) feel a sense of belonging, (b) become acquainted, (c) practice cooperation, (d) develop leadership skills and (e) release excess energy. In particular, they suggest using the following ideas for helping to build a strong 4-H club: (click link below)

[Tools for Building Strong Clubs - 4-H Club Development \(msu.edu\)](#)





SLOW SPOKES 2024

JUNE 16TH - JUNE 18TH
MAYBEE MI TO MSU

**SLOW SPOKES
PLANNING MEETING
FEB 29 7PM ELC**



From Monroe County to MSU Exploration Days, 4-Hers are challenged with 120 miles of biking. Since 1972 groups of teens have went beyond the traditional to have the most fun challenge of a lifetime!

Most Memorable: Friendships, Swimming in the Lake, Picnic, Games, Awards Night, Adult Leaders, Biking Big Bertha

“On the bike trip we played volleyball, card games, swam at the lake and many more activities. When we arrived at Michigan State for Exploration Days, I had already knew so many people from my county and didn’t feel awkward as I did last year. ... Overall, the bike trip and Exploration Days have helped me to create amazing friendships with people in my county!” -Corinna Aulph

**CHALLENGE
ACCEPTED**

since 1972



**Monroe County
4H Slow Spokes**



Mark of Excellence Contest



4-H Mark of Excellence

Michigan 4-H State Awards Program

Grab your pen! Spark your imagination! Dive into the world of 4-H! Twist and turn your way through your 4-H memories, as you capture your adventure and discoveries on how

“Because of  I can.”

Eligibility:

- Be a current 4-H member between the ages of 11 and 12 as of January 1, 2024. Enrollment in previous years not required.
- Individuals may only be selected for this award once.
- Each county can select up to two (2) winners to receive the Mark of Excellence Award each year.

Submission Details:

- Contestants are asked to create either a video or a journal reflection focusing around the theme of *“Because of 4-H I can...”*
- Entries should be legible, readable or easily viewable.
- Video submissions must be no more than 2 minutes in length. Videos should be in mp4 format or provide a YouTube Channel link.
- Journal reflections must be 500 words or less and can be hand-written or typed.
- Submission can be either video OR a journal reflection.
- Must include first name and county.

Award:

- Selected winners will receive a certificate and medal.

Learn more at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition

Submissions may be posted on the Michigan 4-H section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

Deadlines:

- Submit to your local 4-H Office by April 1, 2024 for judging.
- Selected winners will be notified by April 14, 2024 of their achievement from their local 4-H Office.

Questions:

- Contact your local County 4-H Office

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Agriculture Awareness Day



Sponsors needed please request a sponsor packet for this worthy tax-deductible donation opportunity!

Call for Presenters: [Clickable Link Here](#)

Call for Teen Tour Guides: [Clickable Link Here](#)

Mission: Many youths in our community do not know where their food comes from! Agriculture Awareness Day's goal is to provide a learning experience designed to broaden students' background and appreciation of agriculture and related science fields. Throughout the day, students visit exciting learning experiences with topics that include animals, honeybees, trees, hatching eggs, farm machinery and safety.

Audience: 2nd & 3rd grade youth from Monroe County Schools. In 2024 registration has nearly tripled to 1,200 youth because we have removed fees as barriers.



CALLING ALL

CUSTER DISTRICT YOUTH MEMBERS

Custer District is offering a \$25.00 4-H Exploration Days Scholarship to Custer District members who send a brief description of how they participated in Monroe County 4-H in 2023 by May 2nd

SEND DESCRIPTION TO:

Michelle McLaughlin at
michelleduffey@hotmail.com



Call 734-740-7114 with any questions



Great Learning Opportunities

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

2024 ADULTING 101



- **THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM**
- **FOSTERING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 AT 5 PM**
- **KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE - MARCH 19 AT 6 PM**
- **COVER LETTER AND RESUME WRITING - APRIL 10 AT 6 PM**
- **BUILD AND PROTECT YOUR CREDIT - MAY 15 AT 5 PM**
- **TRAVELING ON A BUDGET - JUNE 6 AT 6:30 PM**
- **COOKING BASICS - JULY 16 AT 4 PM**
- **SUMMER BERRIES: JAM AND JELLY - AUGUST 12 AT 4 P.M.**
- **CHANGING THE WORLD WITH YOUR VOTE - SEPTEMBER 16 AT 5 PM**
- **PAYING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - OCTOBER 16 AT 5 PM**
- **CRACKING THE CODE TO COLLEGE - NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 PM**



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>





New programs

We missed this last month! New premium Category:



WHAT TO EXPECT!

Ever thought about owning your own business or selling your Fair Projects you work so hard on? The Entrepreneurship Series is a great opportunity to try on a future of business ownership with fun filled challenges and activities!

- Product or Service Development
- Building a Business Plan & Budget
- Branding & Advertising
- Guest Speaker Entrepreneurs

MON, MARCH 11TH 7PM
 WED, APRIL 10TH 7PM
 TUES, MAY 14TH 7 PM
 SUN, JUNE 2ND 6PM
 AT EXTENSION OFFICE

Shooting Sports

Wildlife Identification

Competition consists of identifying several Michigan plant/animal exhibits given the names. Example: animal tracks, leaves, pelts.

Identification taught in the Wildlife & Conservation Club throughout the year. Judging will take place the same day as the county 4-H shoot.

Trophy division

- Class 1 5-7 Cloverbuds
- Class 2 8-11 yrs old
- Class 3 12-14 yrs old
- Class 4 15-19 yrs old

2024 Fair theme Contest winner

Congratulations to **Terra Quest** for winning the 2024 Monroe County Fair Association fair theme contest.

“Adventure and More in 2024”





Fair Kitchen Leaders Needed



The Monroe County 4-H Council Fair Committee is looking for fair week kitchen leaders. Anyone interested in either a head cook or a daily sponsor/caterer for a main meat dish, please see below. We do have a Kitchen Manager and a lead for handling the grill side (need assistants for various shifts). And we can always use a clean-up crew leader.

We are planning to have a reduced menu compared to last year so that we can cut down on the number of club volunteers needed in the kitchen, but still plan to have a daily special meal along with grill items.

Head Cook 4-H Activity Center

General Job Description:

To manage Activity Center Kitchen breakfast and main meals, working with Kitchen Manager.

Knowledgeable on cooking large quantities.

Willing to put in long hours.

Must be able to work well with people and be able to manage volunteers on a per shift basis.

Serve Monday-Saturday (July 29-August 3, 2024), plus breakfast for Scouts on Sunday (Aug. 4).

Minor Duties:

Prep work prior to fair, stocking and set up of kitchen with Kitchen Manager. Meal prep on July 28 and possibly Monday for entertainment.

Qualifications:

Must have Food Safety License.

Must have organizational skills and work well with volunteers.

Able to lift heavy boxes and pans.

Able to be on feet for up to 10-12 hours.

Sponsor/Caterer for Meat Meals

If any restaurant or catering service or other interested party would be willing to supply a meat dish for one or more days of the fair, then we would love to work out how that would look!

Assistants to Kitchen Manager

Helps Kitchen Manager as needed to cover a few various shifts during the week.

Must work well with volunteers and be able to lift heavy boxes and pans.

IF INTERESTED – CONTACT CHELSEA AT THE 4-H OFFICE 734-240-3174 AND SHE WILL FORWARD INFORMATION TO 4-H COUNCIL FAIR COMMITTEE.





Spring Garage Sale Donations

Call for donations



Call for spring garage sale donations. 4-H participates in the Monroe County Fair Associations(MCFA), Spring Garage Sale

March 23, 2024

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

Contact Jean (734) 240-3188 for drop off scheduling.

Scholarships [\(link\)](#)

2024
MONROE COUNTY
4-H SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN

APPLY BY
April 17th 2024

INTERVIEWS INPERSON & ZOOM
April 23rd 2024

RECOGNIZED & AWARDED
4-H Graduation & JAN 25

FOR MORE INFORMATION
butle301@msu.edu
734-240-3174

<https://bit.ly/4HScholar24>

The poster features a young man with a backpack holding a folder with the 4-H clover logo. The background is a blurred crowd of people. The text is in white and green, with the year '2024' in large green font. Three green callout boxes contain icons and text for application deadline, interview dates, and award ceremony. Contact information and a link are provided at the bottom.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension names Lisa Bottomley and Jodi Schulz children and youth leaders



Lisa Bottomley and Jodi Schulz have been named co-directors of the [Michigan State University \(MSU\) Extension Children and Youth Institute \(CYI\)](#) after a national search. Both have been serving in interim associate director roles for the same institute, and begin their new roles January 1, 2024. They replace Julie Chapin, who will provide support to the leadership transition and assist MSU Extension with special projects and initiatives until she retires June 30, 2024. Full article click: [MSU Extension names Lisa Bottomley and Jodi Schulz children and youth leaders - 4-H](#)

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!



At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 17-19, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts, and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights and youth advocacy, crime and law enforcement, education and teacher retention, environment and natural resources, health, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

**Local Scholarships Available!! Please contact Chelsea for more information
butle301@msu.edu!**



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 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 Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

For more information and to get tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm

February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

Online

The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1

February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb

February 17, 2024

4-H Animal Science Career Quest 2024

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Anthony Hall, East Lansing

A career exploration event for 4-H teens who have an interest in working in the fields of animal science and veterinary medicine. Registration will close February 5th.

March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024

March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.

www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-Skillathon





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Make a difference for food security with 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 9 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 and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 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.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/.

Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!



Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years).

Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.

Local Writing Support Available!! Please contact Chelsea for more information butle301@msu.edu!



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Veterinary Medicine

VETERINARY EDUCATION DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 @ 12-3:00 P.M.
HYBRID EVENT – REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Join us for presentations and student panels representing our preveterinary, Veterinary Nursing, and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Programs. The event is ideal for high school students, college students or post-college individuals considering a veterinary career!

Meet current students, faculty, & staff, ask questions, & learn how to apply!



Register Here!





Recap Leader & Youth Recognition Banquet

Congratulations and thank you to all



2023 Volunteer Honorees

Leader of the year Scott Wiesler

Distinguisher Alumni Jeff Winter



Meritorious Service Individual Patti Donnelly & Jeff Linn

Meritorious Service Business Jacob's Supply



Volunteers

Bill Aulph, Jessica Kovach, Doug Kovach, Toni Branham, Justin Branham, Sarah Flowers, Chad Aerts, Barbara Ginter, Janice Smith, Georgea Frye, Paul Martell, Deanna Guldi, Mindy Russeau, Betsy Winter, Lilly Anderson, Lori Wojcik, Thorne DeCarlo, Kryss Wight, Cara Bischoff, Jean Gibson, Mike Gibson, Britany Gibson, James Lognecker, Jessica Owen, Marie Hackett, -Lori Ignatowicz, Bob Ignatowicz, Jeff Bash, Andrea Bash, Kerrie Kraftchick, Evan Hackett, Chad Jackson, -Malinda Hohendorf, Kyle Gautz, -Jerry Schmidt, Kelley Mason, Tammy Schmidt, Jeff Harbaugh, -Scott Fisher, Susan Hutchinson, Jeff Linn, Julie Linn, -Tamithy Jackson, Bethany Whaley, Amelia Gautz, Jackie Worden, Jean Genaw, Duane Alt, Vivian Fisher, Amy Harbaugh, - Rob Yarger, Lorie Shaw, Amy Wiesler, April Shaw-Andrews, Roni Worden, Denene Yarger, Kimberly Rehberg, -Elizabeth Kotus, Janae St. Amour-Gomez Heather Turnblom, Patti Donnelly, Brenda Martin, Shelly Aulph, Deb Mattes, Butch Williams, Denise Williams, Deanna Manor, Carrie Beaudrie, Bill Beaudrie, Connie Happy, Matt Ruehs, Connie Ammerman, Sharon Flowers, Marsha Aerts, Juanita Alt, Lisa Manwell, Gary Michel, Angela Michel, -Sherri Iacoangeli, Rick Arting, Jeff Winter, -Steve Hackett, -Mary Wickenheiser, Jill Calkins, Lynette Hackett, Denise Hill, Timothy Hill, -Scott Wiesler, Leeann Comstock, Brenda Chandonnet, Ray Chandonnet, Brenda Lewis, Ron Bash, Debbie Kraftchick, Susan Arting, Patti Wartinger, -Linda Krug, Joyce Lewis, Gwyn Schuon, Linda Lefcheck, Susan Vagt, -Beverly Koppelman, Gary Koppelman, Ken Vagt, Judy Missler, Barbara Siebarth, Bev Winter, Dennis Winter

Youth Recognition Awards

County Awards 11-14 Year Members: Cecelia Aulph, Corinna Aulph, Abigail Bash, Daisy Branham, Emalie Cadle, Samantha Gibson, Leah Ignatowicz, John Jinks, Chloe Lewis, Lilly Masters, Chloe Owens, Morgen Schmidt, Willow Sturgill, Ashlyn Williams, Holden Zorn, Payton Zorn

County Awards Older Youth Members: Stellamia Aerts, Celine Alt, Alana Aulph, Brandon Fisher, Brooklyn Guldi, Elizabeth Gomez, Jake Hutchison, Allyssa Otto, Makenzie Rehberg, Madison Rehberg, Merritt Russeau, Camden Schmidt, Jaren Schmidt

Key Club: Stellamia Aerts, Alana Aulph, Branson Fisher, Elizabeth Gomez, Avery Lavoy

Outstanding Club Member Awards: Stellamia Aerts, Celine Alt, Austin Arting, Corinna Aulph, Isabella Benitez, Daisy Branham, Hanna Brown, Heaven Frye, Nathan Jamerson, Seth Jaskot, Hannah Neddo, Chloe Owens, Morgen Schmidt, Katelyn Voyles

Outstanding Club Awards: Raisinville Wranglers, Whispering Spirits, Teen Ambassadors, Milan Easy Riders, Paws-R-Us, Treasure Hunters, Purrfect Paws and Friends, Country Kids, Country Critters, Faithful Friends

I Dare You Award: Stellamia Aerts and Justin Yarger

Pictures can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/wieslerphotography>

Corrections

State Awards Leadership: Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)





Recap

Terra Quest Murder Mystery Masquerade



State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show



Participating: Elianna McDowell, Griffin Linn, Morgen Schmidt, Austin Arting

