



# 4-H Family News

November 2024



## Welcome to the Month of November

The month of November is an exciting time for 4-H. Not only do we get to celebrate the holidays, but we also get to come together as a 4-H family to enjoy our annual

### Spaghetti Dinner and Auction!

**Some important details about this event are listed below:**

Anyone wishing to donate items to the Spaghetti Auction, please have them in by 11/08 to the Extension Office.

Anyone wishing to donate desserts to the bake sale, please have items individually wrapped and drop them off to the Activity Center November 15 9am-3pm or November 16th from 10am-noon.

Anyone wishing to help with baking, come to the Activity Center on November 13, 2024 6:00-8:00pm

November 14 starting at 11:00am peel apples

November 14 Baking Pies 6:00-8:00pm

Additional flyers and information on Network pages [15](#), [16](#), [17](#)

Thank you everyone that is helping or donating towards this exciting event. We look forward seeing you all on November 16, 2024

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

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

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## This month's content highlights

- Spaghetti Dinner and Auction
- 2024-2025 4-H please complete re-enrollments this month
- Banquet Horse and Pony Ticket purchase required prior to event
- Officer training- Parliamentary procedure
- Beef Clinic



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# NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
London Fancy Farmers 3PM AC	4-H Council; AC 7PM	TQ; AC 6PM Officer Training 6:30- 8:30 AC	Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM RW; Club Mtg. 6:30PM AC	Faithful Friends; AC Afternoon	Horse and Pony Banquet; AC	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 Veteran's Day	Spaghetti Dinner Prep				Spaghetti Dinner; AC See flyer for details
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Cat Board; 6:30 AC	Caprine Council; ELC 7pm Entrepreneu rship Series: AC 6:30- 7:30PM	E.S.I Meeting 7pm; AC JLA; ELC 7PM	Fair Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 ELC	Beef Clinic 6-8pm	Beef Hoof trim By appointment only Contact Tim Judit
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				 Office closed		
				Happy Thanksgiving		

**Paper Clover**  
Nov. 29 – Dec. 15

Funds support 4-H camp, scholarships & leadership activities.

**TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.**



# DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01 Ottawa Lake Servers Mtg; AC 1:30PM	02 4-H Council Mtg; AC 7PM	03 TQ Mtg; AC 6PM	04 Dog Board Mtg; ELC 6:30PM	05 Faithful Friends Afternoon; AC	06	07
08	09	10 Entrepreneurship Series; AC 6:30-7:30PM	11 TA Meeting 7pm; AC	12	13	14
15	16	17 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	18 E.S.I Mtg; AC 7PM	19	20 Whispering Spirits Mtg; AC 6:30PM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 4-H Office Closed for the Holiday's
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05	06	07	08	09	10	11

\*\*\*Save the date Jan 19. 2025 Volunteer, leader, youth Recognition banquet\*\*\*



# Small Animal

## SAVE THE DATES:

- Dog Program Meeting: 11/6 6:30pm ELC
- Cat Program Meeting: 11/18 6:30 AC
- Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association show 11/23-24/2024 MSU Pavilion
- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Small Animal Association Meeting 1/27 7pm ELC
- Small Animal RCPP Spring Show: April 19, 2025

*Congratulations!*

Newly Elected  
Small Animal Association Board  
Members!

President: Brandon Fisher  
Vice President: Daisy Branham  
Recording Secretary: Journey Williams  
Corresponding Secretary: Makenzie Rehberg  
Treasurer: Ashton Jones  
Historian: Morgen Schmidt

**MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM**

Join us today!



## Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Where do we meet: 4-H Activity Center

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

Upcoming Meetings: September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Requirements: Each child needs to attend at least 3 meetings with their cat(s) and work with them at the meeting. **NOTE:** We do not bring cats to every meeting. Watch Facebook page for meeting information.

Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H member including Cloverbuds

Need more information:

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



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

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

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

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# Junior Livestock Association News

- Next Meeting November 20, 2024 ELC 7:00pm \*\*\*Important youth election
- Beef Clinic November 22, 2024 6-8pm
- Beef Hoof trim November 23, 2024 By appointment only Contact Tim Judit (734) 735-7779
- Beef Tagging Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:00am to 11:00

*Congratulations*



to the newly elected members of the JLA Board

Adults:

Tim Judit  
Troy Lievens  
Katie Albring

Youth:

Sydney Linn  
Sophie Kreps  
Kayla Pittman  
Lindsey Roof  
Brayden Auten  
Lilly Motylinski  
Ella Fowler  
Blake Kuehnlein



# Beef Clinic

November 22, 2024



Beef Project Clinic  
Friday November 22, 2024  
6:00 pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds  
Activity Center/ D Lot  
Clinician Presentation  
Beef Project 101  
Feeding, Animal Care, Haltering, Etc.

Demonstrations: Experiences 4-H youth  
Showmanship  
Grooming  
Fitting

\*\*\* Meets JLA's First Time Showman Clinic Requirement for Beef

\*\*\* Please Do Not bring you project steer to the fairgrounds,  
demonstration steers have already been selected \*\*\*

Any Questions please Call Tobie Fitch 734 735-3210



# Dairy Board / Goat Board

Dairy Board next meeting **October 08, 2024 7:00pm at Extension office**



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws  
Vice President: Alex Haws  
Secretary: Kylee Buchanan  
Treasure: Mason Eagle  
JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe



## Caprine Council

Congratulations 2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

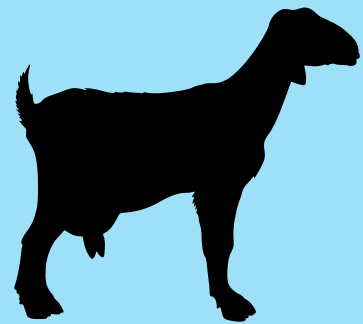
Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta





# Horse and Pony News

## 4-H Important Dates

- H&P Banquet November 08, 2024, RSVP by Nov 01, 2024 and Submit payment at October meeting
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsm43kqTeA1DHWg\\_3T5lo\\_UogRqfOZ22k0NsaRIW2GoyA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsm43kqTeA1DHWg_3T5lo_UogRqfOZ22k0NsaRIW2GoyA/viewform)

## 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

Congratulations to 2024-2025 youth Board



## 2024 HORSE & PONY ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

USE THIS LINK TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY NOV 1  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/YV4HK9S2C25CDATNA](https://forms.gle/YV4HK9S2C25CDATNA)

8th of November 2024 | 6:30 PM

Doors open at 6PM

Location: 4-H Activity Center

3775 S Custer Rd, Monroe, MI 48161

TICKETS FOR ADULTS AND NON-4-H \$10  
4-H YOUTH ANY AGE \$5

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AWARDS, A SILENT AUCTION, GAMES AND GOOD TIMES!  
CONTACT AMY IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

517-673-3848

THESTABLEWAY@GMAIL.COM



## Hippology Team

The Hippology Team meetings are open to any 4H member who wants to learn more about horses.

It is considered a horseless project. We will be covering many different subjects preparing for the upcoming State educational Hippology and Horse Judging contests. Reach out to Liz Kotus at Horse and Pony meetings for more information.





# Horse & Pony Tack sale

[2025 Monroe County Tack Sale.pdf.pdf - Google Drive](#)



## 2025 Monroe County 4-H Tack Sale

**When: Sunday January 26, 2025**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Where: First Merchant Expo Center**

**3775S Custer Rd Monroe Mi 48161**

**Admission \$3 Per person**

**Heated Indoor Facility**

**Silent Auction**

**New & Used Tack Vendors**

**Concessions**



**All profits Benefit the Monroe County 4H Horse & Pony Program**



# JOIN TEEN AMBASSADORS!

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

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

**JOIN US!**

CALL FOR INFO  
**734-240-3170**

Follow us on Facebook  
Monroe County 4-H  
Teen Ambassadors



# Congratulations!

Newly Elected  
Shooting Sports Board Members!

President: Seth McCullough

Vice President: Conrad Michel

Secretary: Ariel Scober

Treasurer: Trula Michel

Historian: Ashlyn Williams





# Enrollment in 4-H online

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

## Monroe County 4-H

Kickoff to 2024-25 Enrollment

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

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

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

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



# Airport High School Band Boosters

🎄 🧑🏻‍🎄 **Craft & Market Place** 🎄 🧑🏻‍🎄

★ **Presents** ★

**November 2nd & 3rd**

**Photoshoot from 11 am - 3pm**

11330 Grafton Rd.  
Carleton Mi. 48117

## **Christmas Photoshoot FUNDRAISER**



**ONLY \$25**  
Miniature Horse "Reindeer"  
& Santa



1956 Chevy Pickup Truck  
Proceeds Benefit DENIM & DUST 4 H Club

Come Dressed in Your Holiday Best !  
Meet Santa & His Mini Horse  
" Reindeer "

And Get Your Family's Christmas Photos  
Taken with our Incredible RED 1956 Chevy Pickup



**Officer training November 05, 2024**

**RSVP link**

**<https://forms.gle/RYzqTk1khgYPxGhe7>**



Join Us at Monroe County 4-H

# **OFFICER ROLES & PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TRAINING**

**November 05, 2024, 6:30 to 8:30pm**

**Held at the Monroe County 4-H Activity Center**



# Club Officer Resources



## [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: President](#)

**PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019**

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club president.

## [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Vice President](#)

**PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019**

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club vice president.

## [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Secretary](#)

**PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019**

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club secretary.

## [So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Treasurer](#)

**PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019**

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club treasurer.

## [So You Are an Officer of Your 4-H Club: Reporter](#)

**PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019**

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club reporter.





## Club Help and Grandstand Clean-up Winners

### THINKING OF YOU! CARDS FOR 4-Hers in NC



Looking for a club activity!

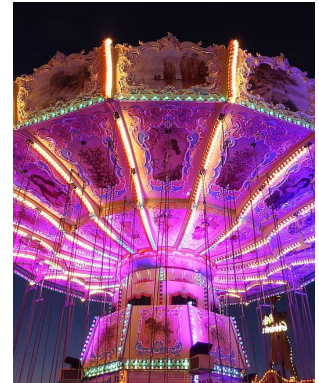
Call for Thinking or you cards to send to  
4-Hers in Henderson County, NC

We have a generous donner who will send all  
cards collected to NC

**PLEASE DROP CARDS OFF TO EXTENSION  
OFFICE**

### Winners Grandstand Clean contact office to make arrangements for prize pick-up

- Garret Worden = 4 wrist bands to Rev'd Up Fun
- Benson Greca = 2 passes to Kackleberry farm
- Issac Roznowski = Starbucks gift card
- Caden Williams = 5 Guys gift card
- Alex Noland = Amazon gift card
- Logan Wells = chick Fil a gift card



### Club help needed for Spaghetti Dinner (Youth and Adults)

Several opportunities to help support the Spaghetti Dinner

**Call for all Clubs and Boards:** donate a basket and bake good for bake sale

Youth seeking scholarships from council are encouraged to volunteer as bussers and dishwashers

Adults can serve and provide support for event

Reach out to Ronni Worden, Debbi Kraftchick or Jean



# Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

2024



*Monroe County 4-H*



*Spaghetti Dinner & Auction*



*Gingerbread Kisses & Holiday Wishes*

4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

Pick a Prize  
Bake Sale

Handmade Ornaments  
Kids Grab Bags



Dinner 4-7 pm  
Silent Auction  
4-6:45 pm

**Nov.  
16**

Meal includes:  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
SPAGHETTI  
Salad, Bread,  
Drink & Dessert

★  
Live Auction  
7 pm

Adults: \$10  
Kids: \$5  
(7-12 years)

🌀 *Public Welcome* 🌀

All profits benefit youth members of Monroe County 4-H through scholarships, recognition and year-round programming.





## Call for clubs to make Ornaments

**ATTENTION  
ALL CLUBS,  
LEADERS, MEMBERS &  
4-H FAMILIES**



**Monroe County 4-H Spaghetti Dinner  
Committee needs your HELP!**

**Please help fill the tree with beautiful  
handmade ornaments.**

**Your donation will be greatly  
appreciated.**



**Arrange ornament drop off  
contact**

**Susan Arting 734-649-4117 text  
or bring to the  
4-H Extension office  
by Nov. 12**





# SMART FINANCES BRIGHT FUTURES



**FALL 2024**

**9/26 6:30PM** **MONEY MASTERS AGES: 13-19**  
 MSU Extension Office 963 S. Raisinville Rd. Monroe MI 48161

**10/23 6:30PM** **FOREVER FINANCE AGES: 13-19**  
 4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**11/19 6:30PM** **MONEY CARNIVAL AGES: 8-12**  
 4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**12/10 6:30PM** **FINANCE FESTIVAL AGES: 8-12**  
 4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance



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**SPACE LIMITED  
RSVP TODAY:**

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



 **First Merchants Bank**  
*Helping you prosper*

 **MEMBER FDIC** 



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# 15TH ANNUAL PENNIES FOR TURKEYS FUNDRAISER!!

Teen Ambassadors is hosting its annual Pennies for Turkeys fundraiser. Each year we collect loose change and purchase turkeys and hams for our local Vietnam Veterans of America!

## How can you participate?

We are asking clubs to consider collecting change at their next meeting to contribute to the cause!

## FOR DONATIONS OR QUESTIONS:

Text or Call Toni: 734-915-0250



# ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

**Benefiting Monroe County Residents**

**Collection of new or gently used hats and gloves  
will begin November 8th - December 12th at the  
4-H MSU Extension Office  
963 Raisinville Rd**



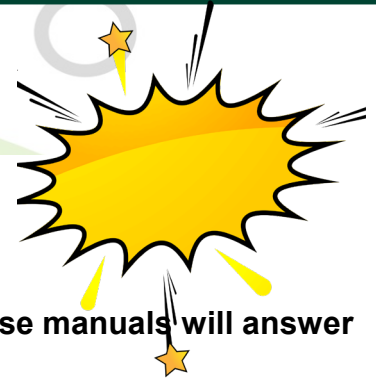
# Leader and Volunteer resources

## New Updated Financial Manuals

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 \(msu.edu\)](https://www.msu.edu/financial-manual-4-h-volunteers)

[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](https://www.msu.edu/financial-manual-4-h-treasurers)



WAYS VOLUNTEERS CAN SPARK BIG DREAMS AND FUTURE

*Careers*



A Michigan 4-H Volunteer Training Webinar  
November 6, 2024 at noon or 7pm

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



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

- Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Career: Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey
  - November 6<sup>th</sup> 12pm-1pm
  - November 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm
- Positive Youth Development 101: Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage: Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships
  - November 21<sup>st</sup> 12pm-1pm
  - November 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm-8pm



# Volunteer/ leader Corner



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

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

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



## Volunteer/ Leader recorded trainings

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023 -[Recording](#)**

What is Club Development? Where are club resources on the website? Discuss needs of counties across the state related to club development.

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024 -[Recording](#)**

How to help a 4-H Club stay healthy?  
Exploring [4-H Club Development website](#) and Resources.



**Tuesday, February 20, 2024 -[Recording](#)**

What are ways to maintain positive club engagement?  
Strategies for promoting opportunities within clubs

SAVE THE DATE!! Club 101 is coming on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

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



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



To embrace the holiday spirit, the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover campaign has moved from its traditional October dates to November and December this year! Now from Nov. 29 – Dec. 15, TSC customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h](http://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h).

New for 2024, you can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.



### November 6: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Careers

*Online*

November is National Career Development Month! Learn easy activities to help youth explore career pathways and develop skills to be ready for the workforce. Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

**12 – 1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers)

**7 – 8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm)

### November 12: Wild Spartan Series – Behind the Scenes in the Life of a Park Ranger

*Online*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans will fly into the refuges that many migrating birds depend on for migration. Join us at 6:30 p.m. to meet Andrea Martinson, park ranger for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about her work, and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

[events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024\\_25/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/)

### November 19: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

*Online*

The Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. In this session, explore the admission and application process and get tips on writing your essay.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/college](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/college)

### November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Positive Youth Development 101; Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

*Online*

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, we will explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. Learn how to support and engage with youth effectively, recognizing that each young person develops at their own pace. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to foster meaningful connections with youth at every stage of their growth.

**12 – 1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage)

**7 – 8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Starting the 4-H season off right: Suggestions for the year's first meeting

Adapted from an article by Michelle Neff at [www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting).

A new 4-H year has started and that means it is time to start thinking about the goals and plans for educational, inspirational and recreational activities for Michigan 4-H clubs! No matter what project youth are participating in, it is important to start the year off right!



MSU Extension has resources for volunteers to help lead and manage their 4-H club on the 4-H Club Development website, [www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index). A good start to the 4-H year will allow youth members, club leaders and parents to be clear about expectations and plans for the group and be excited for what will take place. Some tips to get you started include:

- Get to know youth and adults and share about 4-H! Clubs transition from year to year. There may be members new to 4-H, youth trying new project areas, and members who have left or transitioned to different activities. Make sure everyone knows each other with a fun icebreaker activity.
- Prepare a list of activities for the year. The 4-H year goes fast and there is a lot to do in a short period of time. Preparing a list of club activities for meetings is important to ensure youth are learning the life and technical skills of their 4-H project.
- Create a calendar. Once you have your activities picked out, it's time to plan when and where it will all happen!

## MSU Extension hosts successful second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On October 9, MSU Extension hosted the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We were so excited to bring this event back in 2024," said Deanna East, MSU Extension associate director who served as the event emcee. "Michigan 4-H is certainly worth celebrating every day of the year and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight this impactful program to our state's leaders."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program featured East as well as: legislative host Representative Reggie Miller; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Emma Young, policy analyst for Governor Whitmer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Everett Howell, Michigan 4-H youth from Leelanau County; and Brianna Sierra, Michigan 4-H youth from Genesee County.



Mich. 4-H youth with Rep. Miller (fourth from left).

"The Michigan 4-H program serves an incredible number of youth each year but we hope to reach even more young people in the years ahead" continued East. "Elevating awareness of the program is one of our primary goals for Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol and we believe this event will help connect more youth with our program and all that Michigan 4-H has to offer."

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/Michigan4H](http://www.facebook.com/Michigan4H).





# Recap

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4-H Meet and Greet



## ← London Fancy Farmers Club Outing

### Fall Garage Sale

Fall 4-H garage sale raised \$1,800.00 towards fair ribbons.

Thank you to all that assisted with the sale and donated items!



Daisy Branham representing Monroe at Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol!





# Recap



## Trunk R' Treat



## Llama Program Janet Brant



Janet Brant began the Llama shows at the Monroe County Fair in 2007. This made the 2024 Fair her 18th llama show in Monroe County.

She noted “My husband, Gary; the parents and grandparents of the exhibitors; my family members and friends were instrumental in achieving a great show each year.”

Janet has been dedicated to the 4-H Llama program providing Llamas for youth to work with. Janet has decided to step down so she can focus on family.

We are extremely thankful to all the years of support that she gave to the Monroe County 4-H program.



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## Club Displays



## Clubs:

God's Lighthouse 4-H Club

Paws R Us

Raisinville Wranglers

Progress Seekers

Ottawa Lake Servers

Whispering Spirits

Monroe dog program

Teen Ambassadors

Jeans & Jodhpurs

Blue Ribbon Gang

Milan Easy Riders

Caprine council

Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Tri Star All Stars

Terra Quest