



# 4-H Family News



February 2025



## Welcome to the Month 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!

Please take the time to read the network it is our gift to you 😊.

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

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20th of Each Month!

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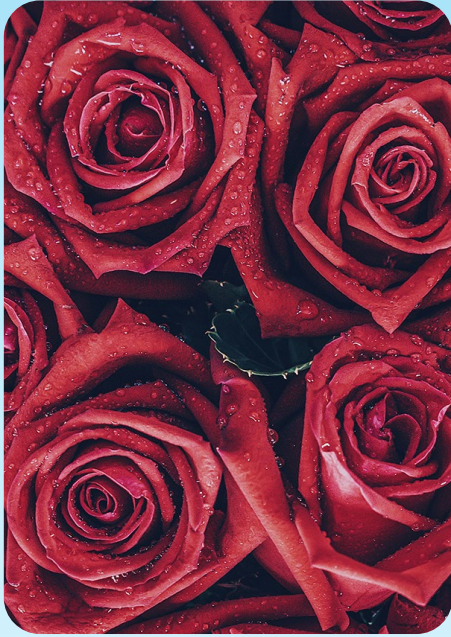
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## This month's content highlights



- 2024-2025- 4-H Enrollments
- Cloverbud and Mini Expo Registration
- YQCA instructor lead sessions
- Clinic dates
- Spring Garage Sale
- Drop-in events

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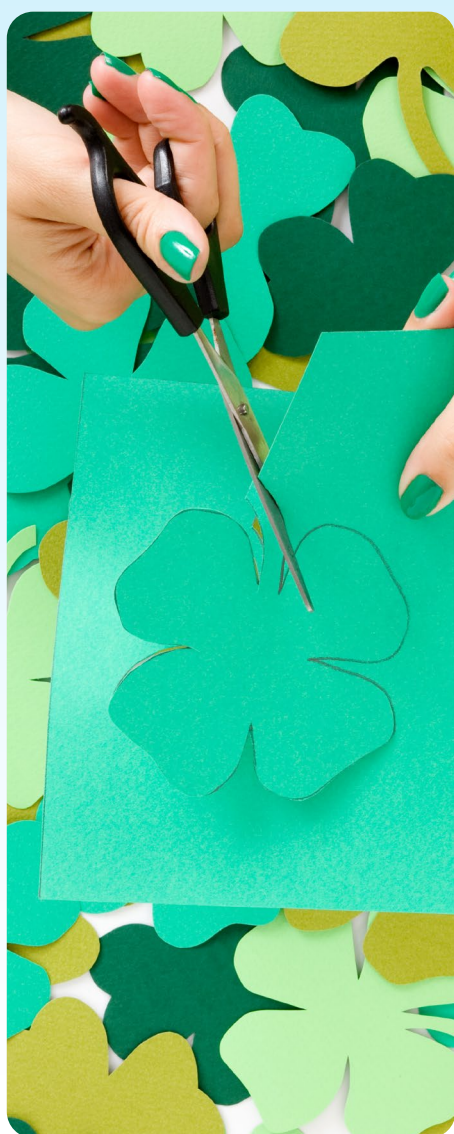


2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
						Registration opens for Mini and Cloverbud expos see flyer
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	Rescheduled drop-in w/ Jean AC 5PM		Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM			
	4-H Council; AC 7PM	Terra Quest; AC 6PM	Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM	Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM		
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
London Fancy Farmers; Ac 3-4PM	Horse and Pony; AC 7PM	Hippology; AC 6PM				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Drop-in with Jean ELC 5-6:30pm	Hippology; ELC 6PM			
	Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	JLA; ELC 7PM	Fair Advisory Board Mtg ELC 7pm	Deadline to Register for Cloverbud expo/ see flyer for details	
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
Oaks of Righteousness Service Project; AC 2PM			Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	YQCA Training; AC 7PM Enrollment prior to class required		
						Cloverbud Expo
02	03	04	05	06	07	08

See next Month's network

# 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	01 Cloverbud Expo; AC 8:30am Prior registration required
02 Hippology; AC 6pm	03 4-H Council; 7pm	04 Terra Quest; AC 6pm	05 Dog Board; ELC 6:30pm	06 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4p Sheep Clinic; AC 7pm	07 Deadline to register for Mini Expo	08 Legacy 4-H Mtg; 4:30pm
09	10 Horse & Pony; AC 7pm	11 Poultry Workshop; AC 7pm	12 E.S.I. Mtg; AC 7pm	13	14	15 Mini Expo; AC 8:30am Prior Registration needed
16 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3-4pm	17 Cat Board; AC 6:30pm	18 Drop-in with Jean 5:00- 6:30 ELC Caprine Council; ELC 7pm	19 Hippology; ELC 6pm JLA; ELC 7pm	20 FAB; ELC 7PM	21	22 Garage Sale; AC 9AM- 4PM
23 Hippology; AC 6pm	24 SAA; ELC 7pm	25	26 Teen Ambassador ; AC 7pm	27 YQCA Training; AC 7pm Enrollment prior to class needed	28	29
30 Oaks of Righteousness Service Project; AC 2PM	31 Swine Clinic; AC 7pm	01	02	03	04	05



# Small Animal

## 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Recap

### SAVE THE DATES:

- YQCA News on page 6
- Poultry Wksp March 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm AC
- Small Animal Association Meeting 3/24 7pm ELC
- Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Wksp April 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm AC
- Small Animal RCPP Spring Show: April 19
- Broiler Wksp April 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm AC



### Poultry Orders

- Turkey Orders to Jeff Linn by 2/10
- Ducks \$4 Orders to Barbara Siebarth by 4/1
- Broilers \$2.70 Orders to Barbara Siebarth by 4/29



## 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)



## MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

Join us today!



### 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.



### CONTACT US

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Monroe County 4-H Dog Program



# Junior Livestock Association News



## Tagging Dates

Sheep/Swine May 03, 2025, 8:00am- 10:00 am @ Anderson Arena

## Clinic Dates

### JLA first time showers must attend species specific clinic

Sheep March 06, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Swine March 31, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Tom Blanchett Beef Preview Show- April 05, 2025 @ Anderson Arena

Fitting and Showing June 3, 2025, 6:00pm @ Anderson Arena

## Other

Barn Set-up July 08, 2025 @ 6:00pm

## Congratulations to newly elected officers

2024-2025 JLA Officers  
President: Lindsey Roof  
Vice President: Sophie Kreps  
Secretary: Kayla Pittman  
Treasurer: Sydney Linn





# YQCA TRAINING



**Complete YQCA no later than June 09, 2025 \*\*\*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 09, 2025 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. 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training March 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm @ AC**

**YQCA Training April 9<sup>th</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://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/wY23xBgeJ4AyrT3a8> (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>
- YQCA Web-based [Help Documents](#)



# Dairy Board / Goat Board

Dairy Board next meeting TBD at Extension office \*\*\* **Please attend so officer elections can be held.**\*\*\*



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe



Next Meeting February 18, 2025 7:00pm Extension Office PLEASE ATTEND!

## Caprine Council

Congratulations 2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

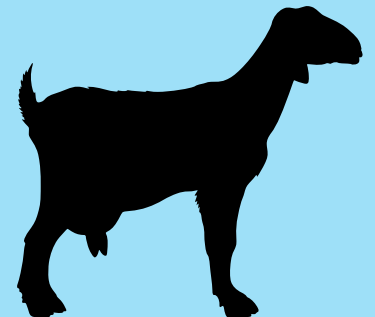
Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta





**Registration Link: [MI 4-H Dairy Conference - 4-H Animal Science](#)**

"The MI 4-H Dairy Conference is back for 2025! This event is open to 4-H members ages 12-19. This year's event will take place on the campus of MSU on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is an overnight event that focuses on the dairy industry, but this program is open to anyone interested in dairy and animal science. The cost is \$130 for both youth and adult participants. Registration closes on February 6th, 2025. Reach out to Kendra at [vanorde4@msu.edu](mailto:vanorde4@msu.edu) with any questions.







# 2025 MI 4-H STATEWIDE DAIRY EVENTS

March  
**1-2** **MI 4-H Dairy Conference**  
Michigan State University

June  
**28** **State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest**  
Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

July  
**14-17** **MI 4-H Dairy Days**  
Michigan State University

Sept. 28-  
Oct. 2 **National 4-H Dairy Conference**  
Madison, WI

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# Horse and Pony News

**THANK YOU to everyone that participated in the 2025 Tack Sale! See you in 2026 !!!!!**

## Webinar series

The schedule is as follows:

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus, owner and Manager of Fabus Farms

March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite, multi-carded judge and Associate Professor at Michigan State University

March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan, multi-carded judge and Assistant Professor at Middle Tennessee State University

The webinars will be via zoom and recorded. Be sure to join and get involved to learn as much as possible for the upcoming year of fun!

Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97121881938>

Webinar ID: 971 2188 1938

Password: 4HHORSE

## 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 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.

## Practice dates

Wed Feb 5<sup>th</sup>- SMCC 6pm

Tues Feb 11-AC 6pm

Wed Feb 19-ELC 6pm

Sun Feb 23-Ellis Library TBD? 2-4pm

Sun Mar 2-AC 6pm

Wed Mar 5-SMCC 6pm

Sun Mar 9- Barn visit? TBD

Wed Mar 19-ELC 6pm

Sun Mar 23-AC 6pm

**MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WINTER WEBINAR SERIES**

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler  
January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay  
February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly  
February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus  
March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite  
March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan

**Any further questions email David Lindsay, Extension Educator at [lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu)**





# Hippology Fundraisers

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

Monroe County 4-H Hippology Team  
Tribute Feeds Proofs of Purchase  
Collection Drive Fundraiser  
Now -August 31, 2025

We need help from our community to be successful. Do you know someone who uses Tribute feeds? Please save us the stamps off the bag. The proofs will be turned in Tribute in exchange for \$. These will help us pay our educational contest expenses.



Here is an example of what is needed off the feed bag

We can schedule a pick up or They can be mailed to:

Contact: Monroe County 4H Hippology Team c/o Elizabeth Kotus 19965 Southwick Rd. Milan, MI 48160  
Or Schedule pick up email: [ekotus@hotmail.com](mailto:ekotus@hotmail.com) or text 734-6044951



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## Monroe County 4H Hippology Team



### Pop Can Collection Fundraiser!



Now--August 31, 2025!

Available at your porch or mine!  
Arrangements for porch pick up can be made!

The proceeds from bottles collected will go to offset the expenses for educational materials/contest fees for the Hippology Team.

When your returnables are ready for collection, please contact me to arrange a safe porch pick up/drop off.

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

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## Drop-in with Jean

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/MnTGXgmLjG4XhSsi6>



Drop-in activity Feb 18 and March 18  
at the extension office

5:00 to 6:30pm

**Please Register so supplies can be purchased**



Call for spring garage sale donations.

4-H participates in the Monroe County Fair Associations(MCFA), Spring Garage Sale

March 22, 2025

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

Donation drop offs accepted 3/20 and 3/21 10:00 am-7:00pm at the Activity Center

Contact Jean (734) 240-3188 with questions



# 4-H Winterfest 2025

**DATE:**  
February 8—9, 2025

**LOCATION:**  
Eagle Village  
Hersey, MI

**COST:**  
\$120

**SOCIAL MEDIA:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067458275560>



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

4-H youth 8—12 years old

## DESCRIPTION:

Youth and adults who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Eagle Ville in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands on sessions.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registration information will be available in early January with registration taking place through 4-H Online. The committee highly encourages youth to be enrolled in 4-H Online prior to registration opening.

## CONTACT:

Jacob Stieg: [stieg@msu.edu](mailto:stieg@msu.edu)

Holly Mueller: [julianho@msu.edu](mailto:julianho@msu.edu)

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Registration Link: <https://4hwinterfest2025.4honline.com>



# Upcoming events

Register here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-medical-insurance>

## Adulting 101 Medical Insurance

Are you confused about how medical insurance works? Have you ever wondered what the difference is between an HMO and PPO plan...and why knowing your out-of-pocket maximum is important? Understanding medical insurance can be tricky! Join this session to learn the basics.

Monday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. ET on Zoom



Join Us Online

## WILD SPARTANS

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"THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRIBES AND FISH"

WITH JASON SMITH  
BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY

February 11 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

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



Pre-registration is required: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024\\_25/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/)



# Special Event Cloverbud Expo

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/svRiaWvmtJA5LA4t7>



## Monroe County 4-H Clover bud Expo Registration

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Registration Open: 2/1/25-2/21/2025

**\$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)

Cloverbuds Ages 5-7

Event Timing: Saturday March 01, 2025

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](mailto:Genawjea@msu.edu)

### Classes Include:

- 1. Toys – Tamithy and Mary
- 2. Mr. Potato Head – Lynette
- 3. Promotional Posters and Cavy Showmanship Demo – Jean/Samantha
- 4. Genealogy - Dot



# Special Event Mini Expo

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/M7CxywnQJv6QECFg6>



Section 1 of 2

## Monroe County 4-H Mini Expo Registration



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Registration Open: 2/01/25-3/7/25

**\$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 15, 2025

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

- A. Loop Yarn Knitting – Jean and Mary
- B. Mosaics – Jan (Session 1 & 3, must register for B and R)
- C. First Aid Kits - Barb
- D. Bath Products - Kelley
- E. Terra Cotta Pots/Conservation - Cheryl
- F. Decorative Painting/Wall Hanging – Christy
- G. Diamond Dot -Susan
- H. Mason Jar Mixes – Malinda
- I. Rockets - Chris
- J. Electrical - Rob
- K. Leather craft - Mayra
- L. Woodworking Kits - Duane
- M. Mesh Wreaths – Deb and Malinda
- N. Plastic Canvas – Karen and Emma
- O. Glass Etching – Sue A
- P. Decorated Cookies – Sue J
- Q. Metal Punch – Chris and Henry
- R. Mosaics – part II of the same class – must register for B and R
- S. Christmas Ornaments
- T. Macrame
- U. Jewelry- Joyce Lewis
- V. Greeting Cards – Lisa and Debbie T
- W. Glass Etching – Sue A
- X. Candy – Kelley – PLEASE INCLUDE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!





Please go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>, where additional details will be posted as they become available.

# MICHIGAN 4-H DAY AT THE BRESLIN

MARCH 1

SAVE THE DATE!





# DINE TO DONATE! FUNDRAISING NIGHT



*Support*  
**STABLE STARS 4H  
CLUB**

**MON., FEBRUARY 10  
3 - 10PM**

**10%**  
**DONATION NIGHT**

Support Stable Stars 4H Club by presenting this flyer to the Taylor, MI location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Stable Stars 4H Club!

**(734) 374-5500**  
**14660 PARDEE ROAD**  
**TAYLOR, MI**

Come support the Stable Stars 4H club!



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# Upcoming event

4-H Capitol Experience is now open for registrations! Join us at the Michigan Capitol March 16-18 to learn more about state government, and how your voice can make an impact! More information available on our website at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)

Local Scholarships Available

MARCH 16-18, 2025

# 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE



COST \$365

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH  
EXPERIENCE STATE GOVERNMENT IN  
ACTION AND LEARN HOW TO INFLUENCE  
POLICY ISSUES.

INTERACT WITH LEGISLATORS, STATE  
AGENCY STAFF, LOBBYISTS AND OTHER  
RESOURCE PEOPLE!



PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 1ST AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/CAPITOLEXPERIENCE2025/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/capitolexperience2025/)





# Don't miss out on this opportunity

register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/driven-for-the-future/index>



## Driven for the Future: Empowering Michigan's Next Auto Tech Workforce

### Website:

<https://bit.ly/3ONTY13>



### Questions:

Laurie Rivetto

[RivettoL@msu.edu](mailto:RivettoL@msu.edu)

734-727-7224



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Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build crucial workforce readiness skills during this five webinar series. Skilled trade careers and apprentice experiences will be highlighted.

Any attendee who attends all five webinars (live or recorded) with submission of contact information will receive an incentive.

This program is FREE and open to all, though geared towards middle school students, high school students, and recent graduates.

**January 23, 2025 at 6pm EST**– Gear Up for Success through Apprenticeships in Automotive Research and Development

**February 13, 2025 at 6pm EST**– Ace the Interview

**March 20, 2025 at 6pm EST**– Rev Up Your Future: Careers in Automotive Performance and Evaluation

**April 10, 2025 at 6pm EST**– Drive Success with Workplace Professionalism

**May 1, 2025 at 6pm EST**– Engineer the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems

### For more information and registration:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/driven-for-the-future/>

### Sponsors:

Incentives and program are free thanks to generous support from Toyota Motor North America Research and Development

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# Enrollment in 4-H online



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

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT RE-Enrollments are Past Due \*\*\***

If you have not currently enrolled in 4-H Online do so TODAY!!!

Don't Miss the year around activities!

Reminder to select a least one project per club

Horse, Dog and Shooting Sports require a club that is approved in those project areas

Questions Call Jean at (734) 240-3188



Leader's, please pull your club rosters



## 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



# 4-H Clubs by District



## **Airport District**

Faithful Friends  
City Slickers  
Tri Star All Stars  
Stepping Stones  
Denim and Dust  
Carleton Go- Getters  
Crazy Clovers  
Hooves, Spurs, and Furs  
Rusty Hogs  
Purrfect Paws and Friends  
Swan Creek 4-H  
All 4 One  
Raisinville Wranglers  
Treasure Hunters  
Country Critters  
Maybe Muskrats  
St. Johns Sun Catchers

## **Custer District**

Stable Stars  
Bucks & Boots  
Calder Boots  
Clover Club  
Happytimers  
Legacy 4-H  
Paws-R-Us  
Country Charmers  
Blue Ribbon Gang  
LaSalle Lucky Bunch  
Lazy Angels  
Pioneer 4-H  
Meadow Montessori  
Barnyard Clovers  
Kidds 4-H  
Klover Kids

## **Bedford District**

Krazy Kids  
Erie Silver Streakers  
Family Roots  
The Hare Raisers  
Spooky Spurs  
Kids on the Rock  
The Wild Things  
God's Lighthouse  
Good Samaritans  
Yackity Youngsters  
Unlimited Horse Power  
Progress Seekers  
Country Kids  
Bits & Bridles  
Striving Clovers  
Jeans & Jodhpurs  
Wise Acres  
All Stars

## **Dundee District**

Clover Clan  
London Fancy Farmers  
Farm Trotters  
Milan Easy Riders  
Country Bunch  
Dundee Achievers  
Crazy Bout Critters  
Royal Clovers  
Crafty Farmers  
Team Clover  
Cowboys & Angels  
The Show Stoppers  
Dundee 4-Hers  
Snoopy's Friends  
Green Leaf Gang  
Huckleberry Hounds  
Ottawa Lake4-H Servers  
Blue Streak Bunch



# District Leaders

## Airport District

Pres	Patsy Hantz
Vice Pres	Kelley Masson
Sec	Jill Calkins
Treasure	Carrie Beaudrie

## Bedford District

Pres	Mayra Leitner
VP	Debbie Kraftchick
Sec	Denise Williams
Treasure	Sue Andrews

## Custer District

Pres	Brenda Chandonnet
VP	Barbara Siebarth
Sec	Michelle McLaughlin
Treasure	Michelle Grider

## Dundee

Pres	Lynette Hackett
VP	Heather Turnblom
Sec	Roni Worden
Treasure	Leann Comstock

# Thank you to clubs that sold candy

<u>Krazy Kids</u>	<u>Hallelujah Crew</u>
<u>The Wild Things</u>	<u>Whispering Spirits</u>
<u>God's Lighthouse</u>	<u>Clover Clan</u>
<u>Yackity Youngsters</u>	<u>London Fancy Farmers</u>
<u>Progress Seekers</u>	<u>Milan Easy Riders</u>
<u>Country Kids</u>	<u>Dundee Achievers</u>
<u>Striving Clovers</u>	<u>Crafty Farmers</u>
<u>Jeans &amp; Jodhpurs</u>	<u>Ottawa Lake Servers</u>
<u>Wise Acres</u>	
<u>Family Boots</u>	<u>Hooves, Spurs &amp; Furs A</u>
<u>Legendary Riders</u>	<u>Faithful Friends</u>
<u>Happy Timers</u>	<u>Tristar All Stars</u>
<u>Legacy 4-H</u>	<u>Carleton Go Getters</u>
<u>Country Charmers</u>	<u>Purrfect Paws &amp; Friends</u>
<u>Blue Ribbon Gang</u>	<u>Raisinville Wranglers</u>
<u>LaSalle Lucky Bunch</u>	<u>Treasure Hunters</u>
<u>Lazy Angels</u>	<u>Country Critters</u>
<u>Meadow Montessori</u>	<u>Maybe Muskrats</u>
<u>Klover Kids</u>	
<u>Stable Stars</u>	
<u>Clover Club</u>	



**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 2024 by May 1st

***SEND DESCRIPTION TO:***

Michelle McLaughlin at  
[michelleduffey@hotmail.com](mailto:michelleduffey@hotmail.com)



Call 734-740-7114 with any questions





# Volunteer/ leader Corner



Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

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

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

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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

## END OF YEAR BANK BALANCE

December Statements Due  
January 10th



Please visit:

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

- Engaging Every Voice: Facilitation Skills for Dynamic 4-H Clubs: February 25, 2025
- The Heart of 4-H: Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth: March 18, 2025
- 4-H Club Fundraising 101: April 16, 2025
- Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill: May 15, 2025
- Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences and Implement Shared Leadership in 4-H Clubs

The graphic features a megaphone icon on the left, a four-leaf clover with 4-H symbols in the center, and the text 'Michigan 4-H WINTER/SPRING 2025 VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES'. At the bottom, it includes the Michigan State University logo and the text 'MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension'. There are also two decorative asterisks on the left side.

Michigan 4-H

WINTER/  
SPRING 2025  
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SERIES

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# Craft Premium updates coming

~ Soap Making and Bath Products - these will now be two separate project sections

Soap Making – will now include soaps made with lye

~ Needlework – there are six project areas, 4-Hers can enter one project in each of the six project areas

~ Frozen Foods – now includes a Frozen Dessert project area

~ Cake Decorating and Other Cake Decorating is now combined into one project area

~ Pet Treats – will be still judged on Thursday, check-in; but project will not be kept for display. Pictures of Sweepstakes and Trophy projects will be taken and displayed on a food board, along with a listing of all 4-Hers participating and their grade

~ Painting – now includes a project area for mixed media (which is a combination of any of the drawing project areas)

~ Drawing – now includes a project area for mixed media (which is a combination of any of the painting project areas)

**Other clarifications in the sections were added. Please read all general rules and section project rules before starting your project.**

## **New Project Sections**

### Section 893- Coloring Pages

- a. This project may be a color by number page or color by pattern page.
- b. You may use your choice of colored pencils, markers or crayons to complete your project.
- c. Your completed page must be mounted on a **piece of cardboard** and brought in a **2-gallon bag** for display.

### Section 894- Stepping Stones

- a. Stepping stone may be made from concrete or mortar.
- b. Your project may be decorated with inlaid materials or stamped with a design.



## Monroe County 4-H Spotlight

### Meet Alana Aulph!



*“We complain together, struggle together, but best of all, we finish together. We encourage each other along the way and when it’s finally over, we get to enjoy and celebrate that we all made it together.”*

*“Getting to share my knowledge and skills with younger 4-H’ers has helped me along the way with choosing a career path. In the future, I have plans to become a pediatric nurse, where I can hopefully make a difference in a lot of young lives.”*

To read the full article please click the link below:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/meet-alana-aulph-monroe-county/>

## Oaks of Righteousness Service Project

Calling all 4-H Clubs in Monroe County. Beginning Sunday, January 26th a community service project began. Once a month we will meet to prepare a Sunday meal for the Oaks Shelter in Monroe. Leaders will be needed to help members plan, purchase and prepare the approx. 80 meals monthly. Clean up and delivery will also be needed. Please call the extension office 734-240-3182 and ask for Chelsea or Dot to sign up for your Sunday. If we have a great turnout we will consider adding more days for meals in the Fall.

Last year the shelter fed over 91,000 meals for those in need





# 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 March 1! 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 Minnesota Golden Gophers.

In addition to the game, attendees will also enjoy 4-H activities around the concourse. 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.

Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. For more information and to order tickets, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-Breslin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-Breslin).

A member of the 4-H alumni community? Consider also stopping by the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception on March 1! More information and registration at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception).

### February 4: Crash Course: Credit Survival 101

*Online*

Youth learn the basics of credit: advantages and disadvantages, credit vs. debit, credit scores, interest, and tips to managing credit wisely.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/crashcreditcoursefeb-4](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/crashcreditcoursefeb-4)

### February 11: 4-H Wild Spartans – The Relationship Between Tribes and Fish

*Online*

Plunge into the world of Great Lakes fisheries and meet Jason Smith, Great Lakes fisheries assessment biologist for the Bay Mills Indian community. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. Open to youth ages 12-19 years.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-february-2024-2025](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-february-2024-2025)

### February 12: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

*Online*

A course for caregivers to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This weekly series will be offered Wednesdays from Feb. 12 – Mar. 19 at no cost.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-february-march-25](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-february-march-25)

### February 13: Ace the Interview: Tips to Land Your Dream Job

*Online*

Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will explore a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills to take on their goals. This second offering in the five-part webinar series will focus on tips for a successful interview.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview)

### February 15: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest 2025

*Online*

A career exploration program for youth ages 12-19 interested in pursuing a career in animal science. Learn about everything animal science has to offer and many career skill-building activities through hands-on sessions. Register by Feb. 3.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2025](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2025)

### February 25: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series; Facilitation Skills for 4-H Clubs

*Online*

Gain essential facilitation skills to engage every voice and increase efficiency in your 4-H club. This session offers tools to create inclusive, dynamic discussions, making sure all members feel heard while streamlining club activities. This webinar will be offered at two different times:

**12 p.m.** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-noon)

**7 p.m.** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

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 contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. Please submit application by using this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-fEfqf-KJgtbHIV6pI3zOjnmHwpQdQHieEX0o1cN-YMzr2A/viewform?usp=header> For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinators Chelsea Butler at [butle301@msu.edu](mailto:butle301@msu.edu)

## 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 8 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 Feb. 1 and closes Mar. 15.



## Seeking outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteers

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is seeking nominations of remarkable agricultural 4-H volunteers for the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award. This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of 4-H beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; horticulture, crops and soils; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine; and veterinary science.

Up to five MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award honorees are recognized each year. Selected recipients will be recognized by both Michigan 4-H and MFB. In addition, honorees receive a \$1,000 grant they designate to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice. The award is supported by an endowment with the Michigan 4-H Foundation that was established by MFB.



Nominations for the MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award should be submitted by March 15. To nominate a deserving individual or learn more about the 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/mfb-4-h-excellence-in-agriculture-award/>.



### 2025 Schedule of Events

- Jan. 26- 4-H Tack Sale & More
- Feb. 1-2- Oddities & Horror Fest
- Feb. 8-9-Gun & Knife Show
- March 9- The Vintage Market
- March 15- Ducks Unlimited Banquet
- March 22- Garage Sale & Flea Market
- March 29- Winter Storage Removal
- April 5- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show
- April 6- FCHA Tack Sale
- April 11- Soil Conservation Tree Sale
- April 13- Auto Swap Meet
- April 19- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show
- April 27- Monroe Bike Show
- May 2-Ag Awareness Day
- May 2-4- Fair Food Drive-Thru
- May 9-11- Scout-O-Rama
- May 9-11- 4-H Horse Show
- May 11- Flower & Garden Show
- May 18- Motorcycle Swap Meet
- May 24- Bedford Fire Explorer Training
- May 30-June 1- FCHA Horse Show
- June 6-8 -4-H Horse Show
- June 8– The Vintage Market
- June 12- Pending
- June 15- Monroe Hamfest
- June 20-22- 4-H Horse Show
- June 21-22- Gun & Knife Show
- July 4-6- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show
- July 12-13- FCHA Horse Show
- July 25– Fireworks
- July 27– Aug 2 MONROE COUNTY FAIR
- Aug. 16-17- Gun & Knife Show
- Aug. 23-24- FCHA Horse Show
- Sept. 7- Auto Swap Meet
- Sept. 12-13- Monroe Comic Con
- Sept. 26-28- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
- Oct. 4 - Winter Storage begins
- Oct. 5 - Wicked Pickin'
- Oct. 11-12- FCHA Horse Show
- Oct. 18-Garage Sale & Flea Market
- Oct. 25– Grand Day of Tournaments
- Nov. 1-2-Shipshewana on the Road
- Nov. 7-9 - Michigan Tattoo Convention
- Nov. 15- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
- Dec. 14- The Vintage Market



\*\*Schedule subject to change. Visit our website [monroecountyfair.com](http://monroecountyfair.com) for more details and updates!



# Recap

## Leader/ Youth Banquet





# Recap

**Leader/ Youth Banquet volunteer awards: Ottawa Lake Co-Op, Sue Andrews, Denise Hill, Kerrie Kraftchick Congratulations!!!**



## Green and White Expo



## Fair Advisory Board Annual Holiday Gathering

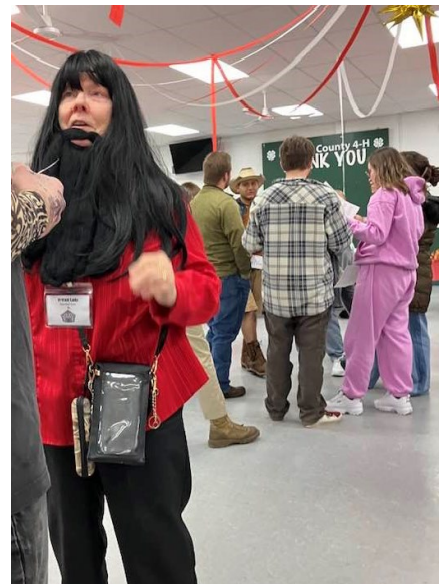






# Recap

## Terra Quest's Murder Mystery





# Recap

## Oaks of Righteousness Service Project – January



# Sponsorships

## Monroe Community Credit Union - Council Sponsorship \$6,000



Since 1953, MCCU has been committed to serving you—your dreams, your goals, your community. Stay local. Be local.

## First Merchants Bank – Entrepreneurship Sponsorship \$10,000



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