



4-H Family News

March 2025



Welcome to the Month March

Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone!

Hello everyone! March is here and this month's network is full of lots of exciting information and upcoming dates. Please read through carefully and mark your calendars now. With Spring and Summer quickly approaching, we are preparing lots of upcoming event.

Please note any dates regarding workshops, deadlines, and events. We all know how busy this time of year is. But we can't wait to kick-off Spring with all of you!

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

This month's content highlights



2024-2025- 4-H Enrollments- to show at fair

Deadline April 01, 2025

- Mini Expo Registration ends 3/6/2025
- YQCA instructor lead sessions
- Clinic dates
- Spring Garage Sale
- Drop-in events
- Scholarship Applications Open
- Slow Spokes Information Session

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

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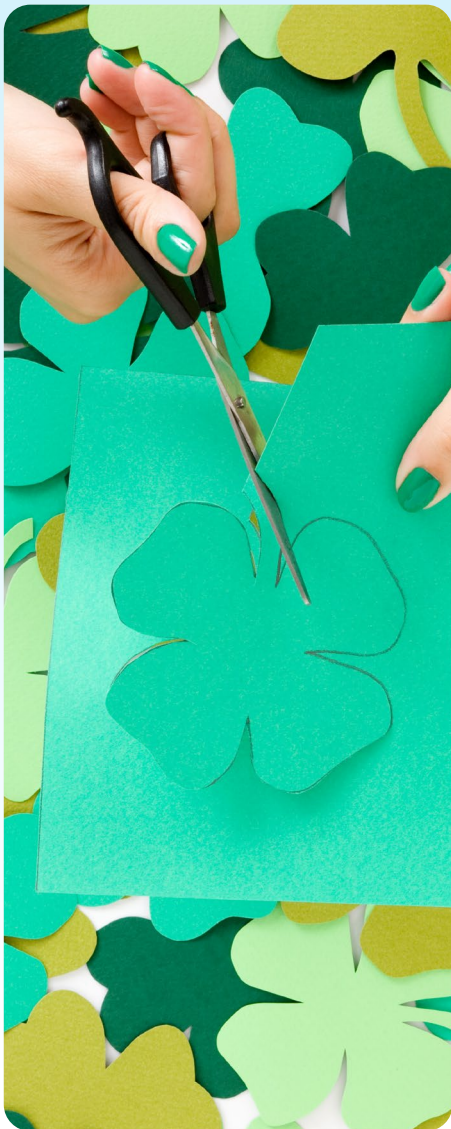
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MARCH 2025

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 St. Patrick's Day 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	20-21 Garage sale Drop Off 10:00-7:00		22 Garage Sale; AC 9AM- 4PM
23 Hippology; AC 6pm	24 SAA; ELC 7pm	25 Entrepreneurship 6:30pm AC	26 Teen Ambassador; AC 7pm Welcome Event	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

APRIL 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30	31	01 Terra Quest Mtg; AC 6PM Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Wksp 7pm AC	02 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30PM	03 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	04	05 JLA Beef Preview Show
06 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3-4PM	07 4-H Council Mtg; AC 7PM	08	09 YQCA Training; AC 7PM	10 Fair Board; at Fair Office 7PM	11	12
13	14 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	15 Drop-In with Jean ELC5:00-6:30 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	16 JLA; ELC 7PM E.S.I.; AC 7PM Shooting Sports; ELC 7PM	17 Fair Advisory Board; ELC 7PM	18	19 Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Spring Show
20	21 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	22	23 Entrepreneurship Series; AC 6:30PM	24	25	26
27 4-H Day w/ Tigers; 1PM	28 SAA; ELC 7PM Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM	29 Dog Program Agility Practice; AC 5PM Broiler Wksp; AC 7PM	30 Teen Ambassador AC 7PM	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10



Enrollment in 4-H online



4-H online enrollments

**** ENROLL TODAY! DO NOT WAIT ****

LEADERS PULL YOUR ROSTERS

Enrollments Continue to Come In!

**APRIL 1st DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR
2025**

[HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

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

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

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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

We have exceeded 1,000 youth enrollments 😊

Reminders: select at 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

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

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





Small Animal

4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Recap

SAVE THE DATES:

- YQCA News on page 6
- Poultry Wksp March 11th 7pm AC
- Small Animal Association Meeting 3/24 7pm ELC
- Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Wksp April 1st 7pm AC
- Small Animal RCPP Spring Show: April 19
- Broiler Wksp April 29th 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 3rd Monday
(February – June, September – November)

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

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



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.



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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

see flyer in this network

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

Other

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



2024-2025 JLA Officers
President: Lindsey Roof
Vice President: Sophie Kreps
Secretary: Kayla Pittman
Treasure: 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. 27th 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training March 27th 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://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 March 18, 2025 7:00pm Extension Office PLEASE ATTEND!

Caprine Council

Congratulations 2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

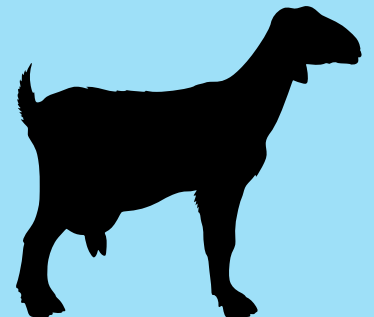
Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta





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

 Show season is coming! Have you booked your vet for spring shots and coggins?

Webinar series

The schedule is as follows:

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

March 26th 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 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center (Except Aug & Dec)

H&P has mandatory meetings and volunteer hours make sure you are meeting the requirements

Hippology 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

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

Any further questions email David Lindsay, Extension Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu





Hippology Fundraisers

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

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Special Event Mini Expo 3/15/25

Deadline to register 3/7/25 Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/M7CxywnQJv6QECFg6>



Section 1 of 2

Monroe County 4-H Mini Expo Registration



B I U ☰ ✎

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!



Drop-in with Jean

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



Drop-in activity Perler Beads
March 18th at the extension office
5:00 to 6:30pm

Please Register so supplies can be purchased

April 15, 2025 5:00 to 6:30
Drop- in activity to TBD



Call for spring garage sale donations.

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

March 22, 2025 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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



CURIOUS ABOUT TEEN AMBASSADORS?!!!

Join us for a Teen
Ambassadors meeting with
pizza and a Spring Service
Project! Welcome to all 12+
no 4-H experience
required, so bring a friend!

March 26th. Activity Center
Monroe County Fair
RSVP Requested





Monroe County 4-H



HELP A Shelter Animal Donation Supply Drive



Ottawa Lake Servers 4-H club would like you to join us by collecting and donating much needed items to help Monroe County animal shelters and rescues.



Wish List items:



canned/dry animal food - blankets/towels - cleaning supplies
toys - litter/bedding - hay/straw - feed bowls/buckets
collars/grooming supplies - livestock items - office supplies



Drop off locations:
Monroe Cty. 4-H Extension Office
Dundee Senior Center-Dundee
The Walnut - Petersburg

Information contact and/or pick up:
Roni Worden 419-779-3499
Mindy Townsend 734-693-1887
Ottawa Lake Servers 4-H Club





INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

Monroe County 4-H and First Merchants Bank are partnering to bring the Spring 2025 Entrepreneurship Series! This valuable program offers education and program completion based scholarships to the youth participating. RSVP Today to save your seat at this one of a kind workshop series!



**3/25
6:30PM**

FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP: 13-19

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

SR ENTREPRENEUR: 13-19

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**4/23
6:30PM**

**5/22
6:30PM**

FINANCIAL FUTURES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

JR ENTREPRENEUR: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**6/7
4PM**

RSVP TODAY



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION



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

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**SATURDAY
APRIL 5 @ 11 AM**

**MONROE, MICHIGAN
MONROE CO. FAIR GROUNDS
JUDGE: JEFF MILLER**

**DAY-OF CHECK IN 6:30-8:30 AM
FRI. APRIL 4 WEIGH IN 6-8 PM**

MARKET PAYOUT

GRAND	500
RESERVE	400
THIRD	300
FOURTH	200
FIFTH	100

HEIFER PAYOUT

GRAND	250
RESERVE	200
THIRD	150
FOURTH	100
FIFTH	50

REGISTRATION FEES

**\$50 BEFORE APRIL 3
\$100 DAY OF SHOW
\$5 SHOWMANSHIP
PEEWEE AVAILABLE**

SHOW CONTACTS

**STACY 734.755.8455
AMANDA 734.755.7222**

**REGISTER BY
MARCH 14 FOR
A FREE SHIRT**



VISIT US ON FACEBOOK



Are you ready?

Join us for a night of fun and personal growth! Don't miss out on this one of a kind experience! Limited Spots Available

LEADERSHIP CAMP

April 4th 5pm to April 5th 2pm
Monroe County 4-H Activity Center
4-H Ages 12-19
\$25 Registration Fee
T-shirt and Food Provided
Registration Opens 2/13 @ 5pm



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

First Merchants Bank

Register Here:



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



SERVICE PROJECT

Oaks Village

JAN 26, FEB 23, MARCH 30,
APR 27, MAY 18, JUNE 29

CALL FOR CLUBS TO FUNDRAISE,
PREPARE & SERVE MEALS!





\$5 photos with live animals
and free petting zoo



Spring Photos and Bake Sale



hosted by Monroe County 4-H Caprine
Council

Saturday April 12, 2025

10am-2pm

@Family Farm and Home

205 N Telegraph Rd,
Monroe, MI, 48162





SLOW SPOKES 2025

JUNE 15TH - JUNE 17TH
MAYBEE MI TO MSU

INFORMATION
SESSION
3/19 7PM AC



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



4-H Scholarships

2025

MONROE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN



APPLY BY

April 14th 2025



INTERVIEWS IN PERSON & ZOOM

April 22nd 2025




RECOGNIZED & AWARDED

4-H Graduation & JAN 26

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 butle301@msu.edu

 734-240-3174

<https://bit.ly/Monroe4HScholar25>

[Link](#)





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

734-727-7224



TOYOTA MOTOR
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Research &
Development

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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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



Call 734-740-7114 with any questions



Learn about your Ancestry

Research Your Family Tree

CALLING ALL 10 YEAR OLDS AND OLDER.

The Monroe County Fair has added a new category to 4-H education building. Genealogy (family history) will be a new exciting category to 4H. A 6 week program will be held at the Ellis Branch library.

Program dates-

April 19

April 26

May 3

May 10

May 17

May 24

10-12 p.m. on Saturdays

Please sign up before the program begins. Space is limited. We will learn about Ancestry plus, visit the reference department and visit the History room. We will work on the journals that will be part of the guidelines for entry.

Contact the office with questions or email Sheldo13@msu.edu.



AmeriCorps



All 4-H programs, activities and facilities are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, veteran status or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state or local law, regulation or ordinance.



TERRA QUEST PRESENTS

Spring Tea



Celebrate the Kentucky Derby with the whole family at our third annual Spring Tea! Enjoy different teas, finger foods, and activities for all ages! Come dressed in your Sunday best with your favorite derby hat! Prizes for the best derby hats! Space is limited, please RSVP by April 25th.

SUNDAY

MAY
4
2025

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$25/Pair (1 Adult & 1 Child)
\$5 for each additional child after a pair
\$10 for each additional adult after a pair

4-H Activity Center
3775 N. Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161

OR

\$15/Adult Attending



For Tickets, please call:
Becki @ 734 - 775 - 7992
Kerrie @ 419 - 309 - 2593



TERRA QUEST 4-H CLUB PRESENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

EGG DROP

50 eggs 35\$

100 eggs 65\$

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OTHER DATES AVAILABLE BY REQUEST
RSVP BY: APRIL 13, 2025





Volunteer/ leader Corner

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

Leaders, please take the time to review updated Financial Manuals. These manuals will answer many of your club questions related to finance.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers - 4-H Volunteering & Mentoring \(msu.edu\)](#)

[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)



Michigan 4-H

**WINTER/
SPRING 2025
VOLUNTEER
WEBINAR
SERIES**

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

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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:

- 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



Superintendent Agreements

Attention

calling all

2025

Fair Superintendents

*Superintendent Agreements will be
emailed the first week in April
Please sign and return your agreement by
May 1st, 2025*

Looking forward to another successful fair
and appreciate all that you do as a
superintendent!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Program applications open



Apply now for the 2026 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives who are making a difference in their communities.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 14-19. The deadline to apply is March 31. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

March 3: Adulting 101 – Get It Together: Tim and Organization Tips to Thrive

Online
Learn practical tips to tackle schedules, beat procrastination and organize spaces to help you be successful now and in the future.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/get-it-together

March 11: 4-H Give Green Day

Online
Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 11: Wild Spartans

Online
Join 4-H staff for the "Wild Spartans" series for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session will explore conservation efforts in zoos with Seth Magle, director of the Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-march-2024-2025

March 15: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing
Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest

March 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth

Online
Explore how to build impactful connections with youth through developmental relationships. 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:

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-7pm

April 1: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards application deadline

Online
This program provides 4-H members a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio similar to a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-awards-application-deadline





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Michigan 4-H will have 10 Japanese youth and one chaperone arriving in 2025; we are looking for families interested in opening their homes and hearts by hosting these individuals. Consider sharing the clover this summer and giving a lucky Japanese youth and your family the experience of a lifetime by hosting!

The Japanese delegation is scheduled to arrive in Grand Rapids in mid-July and depart in mid-August, meeting host families for a 3.5-week stay. Online applications to host can be found at:

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>.

For more information, contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu.



MSU Extension launches 2025 Global Voices Essay Contest with MSU Global Youth Advancement Network

The Global Voices Essay Contest offers a platform for young people around the world to advocate for their communities and share their opinions and stories about local and national challenges. Michigan students in grades 9-12, and young adults ages 18-24, are invited to share their own stories, reflections and visions by writing and submitting a 600-900-word essay focused on community (defined as the rich tapestry of cultures, experiences and ideas that shape our state). Sub-themes for the essay contest include shared natural resources, heritage and home, bridges of unity, innovation for the future and other.

A panel of MSU, MSU Extension, and Michigan 4-H judges will review and select the winning essays, which will be published on the MSU Global Youth Advancement Network website and receive cash prizes!

The deadline for youth to submit their essay online is May 2. For more info please visit: <https://globalyouth.isp.msu.edu/programs-projects/global-voices/essay-contest/call-submissions-2/>

Michigan 4-H needs your input!

Michigan 4-H is conducting a survey to better understand the topics and educational approaches that best meet community needs. Your feedback will help us improve and enhance how Michigan 4-H serves families across the state.

Visit https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqmeT5Dxtthvja or scan the QR code to share your input and help shape the future of the Michigan 4-H program. If you have questions regarding this survey, please reach out to Kathy Fischer at fisch226@msu.edu.





2025 Schedule of Events

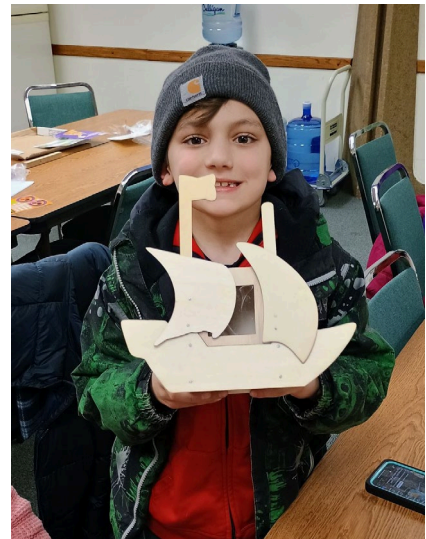
- Jan. 26- 4-H Tack Sale & More
- Feb. 1-2- Oddities & Horror Fest
- Feb. 8-9-Gun & Knife Show
- March 9- The Vintage Market
- March 15- Ducks Unlimited Banquet
- March 22- Garage Sale & Flea Market
- March 29- Winter Storage Removal
- April 5- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show
- April 6- FCHA Tack Sale
- 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 for more details and updates!



Drop-In with Jean Wood Kits and Needle Punch





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Oaks of Righteousness Service Project – February



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