



# Monroe County 4-H Family News

MAY 2022

## Welcome May! Welcome Fun!

Hello everyone,

There are lots of important dates and information in this month's network. Please read all pages and make sure to mark your calendars. We are happy spring is in full bloom and excited for the quick approaching of summer time fun. Some awesome news in this month's network include the winners of this year's 4-H scholarships. As well as our State Award participants and Mark of Excellence nominees and winner. We appreciate all that our youth do and we are so proud of what they have accomplished. A special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't have such a success 4-H program without all of you. We look forward to continuing our work with you together throughout the summer and Fair time.

All the best, Claudia and Jean :)

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### Web Site

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe\\_county\\_4\\_h/index](https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe_county_4_h/index)

### Social Media

Facebook:  
@MonroeCountyMI4H

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Pinterest:  
@monroecounty4hprogram

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
1-4PM

## Great Job to the 4 youth that applied for State Awards this year!



- Alexis Fisher
- Brandon Fisher
- Alana Aulph
- Corinna Aulph





# May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Council 7pm	3 Terra Quest 6pm	4 Broiler Work- shop 7pm	5 Pre Fair Meeting 7pm	6 Spring Rabbit Show set up 6pm	7 Spring Rabbit Show
8 	9 Horse and Pony 7pm  <b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR EXPO DAYS (youth)</b>	10	11  Dairy Board 7pm	12  Fair Board 7pm Cat Board @ Prince of Peace	13	14  <b>Sheep and Swine tagging 8am-11am</b>
15	16  <b>Fair Entry Opens!</b> <b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR EXPO DAYS (adult)</b>	17 Caprine Council 7pm	18 Swine Work- shop 7pm @Extension Office	19  Fair Entry Training @ 6pm Fair Advisory @ 7pm	20	21
22	23 SAA 7pm Dog Agility Prac- tice 6pm	24 Dog Board 6:30pm	25 Teen Ambassadors 7pm	26	27	28 CSI Meeting @ leaders home 2-3pm
29	30 	31				



# June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Jr. Super form Due! YQCA Due!	2	3	4	
5	6 Council 7pm	7 Fitting and Showing Clinic 6pm	8	9 Fair Board 7pm	10 Last Day for t-shirt orders!	11	
12 Dog Fun Match	13 Horse and Pony 7pm	14 Alumni Celebration 6:30 @ Expo Center	15 Fair Entry Deadline!	16 Fair Advisory 7pm	17 Horse and Pony Feedback show @2pm	18	
Leader Paperwork turn into Extension Office this week!							
19 	20	21 Caprine Council 7pm	Exploration Days!				25
26	27 Dog Practice (mandatory meeting) 6pm SAA 7pm	28 Dog Board 6:30pm	29 Teen Ambassadors 7pm	30			

# The Monroe County Fair Premium Catalog is HERE!

2022 MONROE COUNTY FAIR  
PREMIUM CATALOG

JULY 31- AUGUST 6, 2022



PREMIUM CATALOG SPONSORED BY



Here is the Link to the online catalog:

[2022-Monroe-County-Fair-Premium-Catalog.pdf \(monroecountyfair.com\)](https://www.monroecountyfair.com/2022-Monroe-County-Fair-Premium-Catalog.pdf)

**4-H Youth Projects start on page 44!**

Don't use projects numbers from the old catalog, all numbers have changed.

There are new project areas as well so please read the catalog to find out all the new opportunities we have to offer.

All items that youth plan to take to Fair will need to be uploaded onto Fair Entry. The website opens on **May 16th** and the last day to register on Fair Entry is **June 15th**.

[Www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com) is the website.

There will also be a training on **May 19th** from 6:00-6:45pm at the Extension Office.

Here is a link to some tips and tricks of Fair Entry: <https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217431057-Families-Resources-for-Exhibitor-Entries-9-1-2021>

# Monroe County 4-H 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

In honor of the Monroe County 4-H 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, special projects are being offered. The projects will not be judged, instead, each entry will receive a special 100<sup>th</sup>-anniversary ribbon for participation, and no premium will be paid.

Project entry and ribbon will be displayed during fair week.

Craft and Educational projects will be turned in on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:30 p.m. during project check-in.

The Horticulture projects on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-2:00 p.m. along with the other live 4-H projects.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Offerings:

### Horticulture:

Guidelines:

Arrangement in a tin can and be brought in on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Project area: Class 1- Floral bouquet in a tin can. The Arrangement may be one type of homegrown flower or many types of homegrown flowers. No design is needed, simply place it in a tin can.

### Educational:

Your 4-H Club History

Guidelines:

4H Club members and leaders are to work together and present a TRI BOARD display of your club.

Please include a story with the history of your club in a separate document. Story to be displayed in the front of the tri-board. Please have your story either laminated or in a sheet protector.

Please list all members and leaders on the entry tag who work on the project.

### Crafts:

Guidelines:

4-Her may enter one project only in each of the 9 project areas.

2) Include with your project how it was made.

3) Emphasis should be on how this project would have been made 100 years ago.

### Needlework Dept. 60

Project areas include:

1) Sewing- Apron, Quilt, Sock Monkey

2) Needlework- Embroidery, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch, Weaving, Knitting, Crocheting

### **Culinary Arts Dept. 61**

Project areas include:

3) Home Preservation- Canning

4) Candy- Taffy, Hard Tack

### **Fine Arts Dept. 62**

Project areas include:

5) Basket Weaving

6) Candle Making

### **Folk Arts Dept. 63**

Project areas include:

7) Handmade Doll

8) Cornstarch Jewelry

9) Wooden Cars and Toys

### **Dairy Cattle Dress-up**

Open to all 4-H members, including Cloverbuds, even if you do not exhibit dairy cattle at this fair, to encourage introduction of dairy husbandry and audience entertainment.

- Members costume themselves and a dairy animal with a partner (mentors are available and are allowed to help lead animals). The superintendent will help facilitate selecting animals/mentors for non-exhibitors.
- There are no age divisions this year, and animals/mentors may be used by more than one participant.
- Be sure you and your partner register for the class.
- You must work with your partner to costume yourselves and a dairy animal in the show ring within a 10 minute time limit.
- Please write a 25-50 word description about yourselves and your costumes to be turned in on the day of the show.
- No paint on animals is allowed.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

- **Judy See 4-H Academic Scholarship**: Heaven Frye and Alexis Buchs
- **Larry See Sr. Memorial Scholarship**: Nathan Voyles and Samuel Shantz
- **Marie A Siebarth Memorial Scholarship**: Austin Arting
- **Larry Kreps Sr. & Larry Kreps III Memorial Scholarship**: Griffin Linn, Jaren Schmidt, and Annie Hosler
- **Charles Knabusch Memorial Scholarship**: Sonja Goetz and Heaven Frye
- **Paul McGuire Memorial Scholarship**: Alexis Fisher and Kennedy Bowling
- **Larry Hammons Memorial Scholarship**: Kali Wickenheiser and Reese Bowling
- **4-H Shooting Sports Association Scholarship**: Samuel Shantz and Kali Wickenheiser
- **Ruth Ruehs Memorial Scholarship**: Alexis Fisher and Austin Arting

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARK OF EXCELLENCE APPLICANTS

The 4-H Mark of Excellence Award is a division of the 4-H State Awards Program for 11 and 12 year-old 4-H members.

To enter, a 4-H member writes an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ..."

Lets Congratulate our applicants:

- Abigail Bash
- Morgan Schmidt
- Lillian DeBruyne
- Amelia McMurrin

WINNER FOR 2022 MONROE COUNTY:

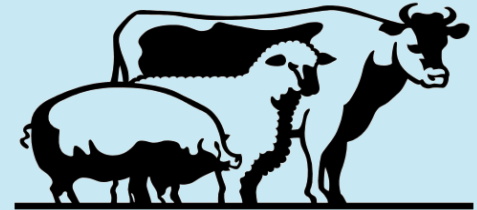
**Morgan Schmidt**



# Important Upcoming Dates and Information!

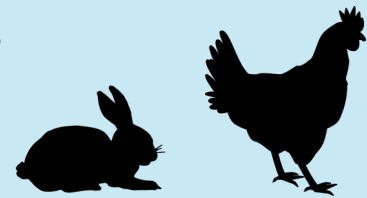
## JLA DATES:

- Sheep and Swine Tagging: May 14th @ 8AM-11AM Anderson Show Arena
- Sheep Workshop: April 13th @ 7pm Extension Office
- Beef Preview Show: April 16th Anderson Show Arena
- Swine Workshop: May 18th @ 7pm Extension Office



## SAA DATES:

- Broiler Workshop: May 4th @ 7pm in Extension Office
- Spring show set up: May 6th @ 6pm
- Spring Rabbit Show: May 7th in the Educational Building on the Fairgrounds 8:30am registration/9am show starts
- Cat Show: July 17th @ Price of Peace Church 1pm



## DOG DATES: (at Fairgrounds)

- Fun Matches: June 12th and July 16th
- Agility Practices: May 23rd @ 6pm and June 27th (mandatory meeting) @6pm



## ALL SPECIES:

- June 7th @ 6pm FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC
- July 12th @ 6pm ALL BARN SET-UP



Visit: [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

- YQCA (8-19  
year olds)

Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle,  
Goats

Market Poultry, Market Rabbits

- Participation Options

Online: \$12/youth. (use  
4honline login credentials)

**DUE: JUNE 1, 2022!!!**

## YQCA Reminder

April 1st-June 1st please complete your YQCA training online.

Keep your completion number handy as you will need it to register your animal projects for fair.

Certificate can be submitted through the google form below or you may bring a printed copy to the Extension Office.

LINK: [YQCA google submission form](#)

Tips for completion: [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA\\_HelpDoc\\_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf)

# Become a Junior Superintendent!

- **What is a Junior Superintendent?** These are youth assigned to each 4-H department section at Fair. The Junior Superintendent assists the adult Superintendent with tasks to ensure a successful presentation, be a runner, and/or help with project displays.
- **Who is eligible?** Any 4-Hers who is 11+ years old (4-H age)
- **How do I sign up?** Below is a link to the google form that will need to be filled out if you are interested in being a Junior Super. This needs to be completed by June 1st.

[Jr. Superintendent Sign up](#)

- **What categories can I be a Junior Superintendent for?**
  - ◆ **Crafts:** Need help Thursday and Friday prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair
  - ◆ **Educational:** Need help Thursday and Friday prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair
  - ◆ **Communications:** Need help Thursday and Friday prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair
  - ◆ **Small Animals:** Need help Check in, Check out, during week according to species
  - ◆ **Large Livestock:** Need help Check in, Check out, during week according to species
  - ◆ **Horses:** Need help Check in, Check out, during week according to species
  - ◆ **Produce/Horticulture:** Need help Thurs, Friday, Saturday Prior to Fair AND Monday after Fair

# 4-H T-shirt Store!

Teen Ambassadors' have launched a 4-H store this year to make purchasing your 4-H gear super easy. Orders can be made through the site below until June 10th! Make sure you order your gear now because there will be no shirts available during Fair week.

New this year, there are options of t-shirts, long sleeves, and sweatshirts!



Centennial  
Celebration Design



Fair Theme Design  
for 2022

Link to online store: <https://monroecounty4h.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

MONROE COUNTY 4-H

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1922-2022

## Guest Speakers

Jacob DeDecker  
4-H State Youth Director

Gary Koppleman  
Barbara Siebarth  
4-H Alumni

4-H Council members  
& more!

Emcee - Dale Brose

Alumni Recognition

Cake and Refreshments

Door Prizes

June 14, 2022

6:30 pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds

First Merchants Bank Expo Center



Please join us for a night of  
celebration!

For more information, please contact:  
Mary Wickenheiser - Committe Chair  
phone: 734-915-8200 or email: mw8200@gmail.com

## Monroe County "Walkway of Support" Order form

The Monroe County 4-H Council is continually adding to the "Walkway of Support" The clover shaped walkway is placed in front of the 4-H Activity Center at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Help show your support for Monroe County 4-H by having your name, or the name of a loved one etched on to a brick in the walkway. **All proceeds will be used for capital improvements to the 4-H Activity Center.**

### Ordering Instructions

Fill out the attached order form and mail with your check payable to Monroe County 4-H Council, 963 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161. **Orders are due July 1st, 2022**

You will receive a confirmation of your order. If a correction is necessary, please call 734-240-3170. If you wish to purchase more than one brick or wish to have your bricks placed next to one another, these orders must be placed together. Every effort will be made to accommodate these requests. However, the Monroe County 4-H Council does not guarantee that it will be able to fulfill all requests.

Your message must fit within the spaces provided on each of the brick sizes. Exceptions will not be permitted. All text will be standard size, font, and style, and the messages will be centered automatically.

**\*\*\*Please include a one to two paragraph summary of the individual(s) the brick is dedicated to.\*\*\***

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### ORDER FORM

**YES!** Please show my support for **Monroe County 4-H** with a personalized "Walkway of Support" brick.

Name		Street Address		
City	State	Zip	Phone	Email

Simply check off the size brick(s) you are ordering and print the information exactly as you would like to appear.

4" X 8" Standard Size \$100.00  
Maximum of 14 spaces per 3 lines

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8"X 8" Large Size \$150.00  
Maximum of 14 spaces per 5 lines

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# CENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

**CHARCUTERIE  
BOARD**  
\$25

**TRIVIT**  
\$7

**LICENSE PLATE**  
\$5



**Charcuterie Board:**

11 x 17 wood

clover  \_\_\_\_\_

clover & 1922-2022  \_\_\_\_\_

**Trivit:**

7x7 clear glass

clover  \_\_\_\_\_

clover & 1922-2022  \_\_\_\_\_

**License Plate:**

white w/green  \_\_\_\_\_

**Email orders to:**  
[Monroe100year4H@yahoo.com](mailto:Monroe100year4H@yahoo.com)  
**Call in orders to:**  
Roni Worden 419-779-3499  
Patti Donnelly 419-356-3075

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

*cash or check only*



# 4-H CENTENNIAL QUILT

**WHO: ALL 4-H CLUBS**

**WHAT: NEW 4-H QUILT FOR DISPLAY**

**WHEN: DEADLINE IS JUN 1ST**

**WHERE: GET YOUR BLOCK/MATERIAL SQUARE  
FROM THE 4H OFFICE**

**HOW: LEAVE 1" BORDER ON ALL SIDES OF BLOCK,  
DECORATE WITH TULIP PAINT PENS, EMBROIDERY  
OR OTHER FABRIC SAFE MATERIALS  
NO Sharpie Markers**

**CONTACT JEAN GENAW AT 734.240.3188**

Be part of the NEW 4-H QUILT to  
celebrate the 100 years of 4-H in  
Monroe County - 1922-2022



# Exploration Days 2022

Registration opened **Thursday, April 14 at 7pm EST.**

Youth Registration closes on May 9th and Adult  
Registration closes on May 16th.

More information can also be found on the Exploration  
Days website:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/index](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index)

MICHIGAN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

**EXPLORE YOUR**

**SPARK**

REGISTRATION OPENING

**APRIL 14**

April 2022

Re: Small Animal Association Master Stockman Funding

The Small Animal Master Stockman Contest is looking for some help from our clubs this year to continue with this program. The contest was designed to encourage members to learn more about their small animal project by participating in several divisions. The most exciting part of the program is members are awarded with a monetary gift in each small animal category. This program operates on about \$550 per year. This year I'm asking all of our clubs if they could donate a small amount to help out the Master Stockman Contest. Any amount will help! Thank you in advance!

I would also like to send out an invitation to attend one of your club meetings to explain/encourage your members to participate in the Master Stockman Contest this year at the fair. If you're at all interested in the program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,  
Julie Linn  
Superintendent of Small Animal Master Stockman  
(734) 735-6809  
[jjlinn96@gmail.com](mailto:jjlinn96@gmail.com)

Any donations may be sent to:  
Small Animal Association/ Master Stockman  
c/o Julie Linn  
2247 Corkins Road  
Carleton, MI 48117

**Support our Master  
Stockman Program!**

**Your donations are what  
make this program possible!**

***Thank  
You!***



Terra Quest 4-H presents

# SPRING YARD CLEAN UP

By  
Donations

**SATURDAY, May 21st 2022**

**Other dates available by appointment!**

Club members will clean up your yard, flower beds, and more.

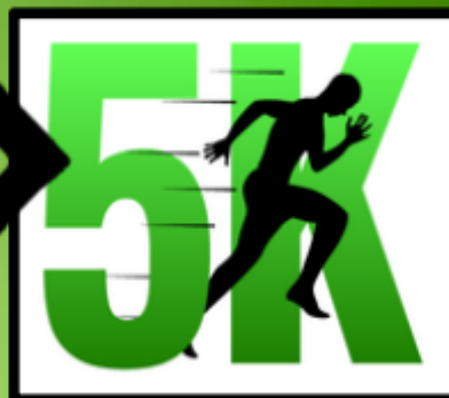
**Call for an appointment today!**



**Becky Lomas (734) 775-7992**  
**Christina Shroyer (734) 731-0661**

# MONROE COUNTY 4-H

**GO THE  
DISTANCE** >>>



**Location: Indian Creek Park**

**Located In Temperance MI**

**Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**Time: Race begins at 6 PM / Check-In Begins at 5:30**

**OPEN TO ALL 4-H YOUTH, LEADERS, AND FAMILIES!**

**SIGN UP FOR OUR 5K FUNDRAISER TODAY!**

*Here's How:*

**Step One:** *Set a goal!* If each participant gets just 10 people to pledge \$10, they will raise \$100 – to help us celebrate **100 Years of 4-H in Monroe County**. Think you can get more than ten pledges? We think you can too! (Pledges can be any amount).

**Step Two:** Pick up a sponsorship form at the extension office OR text Tamithy Jackson at 734-693-3270 to request a form by email.

Be sure your sponsors know that all funds raised will go to support Monroe County 4-H programs. Feel free to share on social media – use **#4hgoesthedistance** to spread the word!

**Step Three:** Sign up at [4-H Go the Distance 5K Fundraiser - 2022 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/search?q=4-H+Go+the+Distance+5K+Fundraiser+-+2022&rlz=1C1GCEWZ_C9144_A1000_1000001_1679433600_0&oeq=1&oeq=1) by no later than June 5th, indicating your name, T-shirt size, and your total pledges. **NOTE:** *There is a \$25 minimum in collected pledges in order to receive a T-shirt at the event.*

**Step Four:** Prior to the event date, collect all pledges and turn them in at the event Check-In. Checks can be made out to Monroe County 4-H Council.

**Step Five:** This will be a timed event. Be sure to celebrate the finish line on social media using **#4hgoesthedistance**

**QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED to Tamithy Jackson at 734-693-3270**



# Fundraiser!

## Spring Flower Bulbs

Dahlias • Lilies • Perennials • Seed Mats • More!

Orders due by **May 25th**



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**Benefiting--**

**Monroe County 4h Hippology Team**

We are going to Arabian Horse Nationals for both Hippology and Horse Judging contests. We could use help with our travel expenses and resources.

50% of the sales go directly to the team!

**Order Flower Bulbs & Support Our Cause!**

*Online Orders Delivered Directly To Your Door!*

Visit our personal webpage:

<http://monroecounty4hhippology.fpfundraising.com/>

Contact Person: Elizabeth Kotus Via email: [ekotus@hotmail.com](mailto:ekotus@hotmail.com)



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# ***Monroe County 4H Hippology Team Tribute Feeds Proof of Purchase Collection Drive Fundraiser***

## ***Now - August 31st***

**We are heading to Arabian Horse Nationals for both Hippology and Horse Judging. We need help from our community to be successful! Proofs will be turned into Tribute in exchange for \$ to help pay for educational resources used and travel 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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## Support 4-H with the spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout this April 27 -May 8. This applies to purchases made in stores and while shopping online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com).

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**May 1—28: Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge**

*Across the state*

Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to join a virtual walking challenge! Track and report miles walked for a chance to win prizes for you and your county 4-H program.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge)

**May 5: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips**

*Online*

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback to prepare you for the 2022 4-H State Award process.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5)

**May 7: Outdoor Survival Skills 4-H SPIN Club**

*Price Nature Center and Saginaw Field and Stream Club, Saginaw*

Learn basic survival skills to help keep you safe in the outdoors during this three day SPIN club that will take place on May 7, May 12 and May 14.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club)

**May 8: 4-H Grow Your Financial Garden Goosechase**

*Online*

Grow your financial garden of knowledge as you gain money tips during this GooseChase app-based scavenger hunt! Win potential prizes and have fun!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-financial-garden-goosechase](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-financial-garden-goosechase)

**May 9: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia**

*Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville*

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia)

**May 10: Wild Spartan Series**

*Online*

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022)

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[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-may-10](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-may-10)

**May 14: Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match**

*Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte*

4-H dog project members and leaders are invited for a day of showing and fun hosted by Eaton County. Both youth and adults may participate in agility, obedience and showmanship classes.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match)

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2022-23 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

## Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock)

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock, or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help you manage their health and safety by making sure you know the questions to ask before purchasing and the preparations required to bring livestock home.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

**Transporting.** Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

**Unloading.** Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

**Settling in.** Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingle them into your existing herd or flock.

**Comingling.** Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

## 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp returns!



Save the date: 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is returning in person this summer! Hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, this fun summer event will take place July 31—August 6.

Teens ages 13—15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences that educate them about natural resources, environmental stewardship and more. Youth will also enjoy charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

Registration will open in early May and space is limited. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).