



Monroe County

4-H Family News

November 2021

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



Spaghetti Dinner and Auction!

Some important details about this event are listed below:

Anyone wishing to donate items to the Spaghetti Auction, please have them in by November 5th by 4pm.

Anyone wishing to donate desserts to the bake sale, please have items individually wrapped and drop them off to the Activity Center November 12th 9am-4pm or November 13th before noon.

Anyone wishing to help bake pies, come to the Activity Center on November 11th starting at 10:00am.

Thank you everyone that is helping or donating towards this exciting event.

All help and donations are much appreciated! We look forward seeing you all on

November 13th!



Monroe County MSU Extension

Temporary Office Hours till the end of the year

4-H Staff available by appointment or

Monday—Thursday 1pm-4pm

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Facebook:
@MonroeCountyMI4H

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@monroecounty4hprogram

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Maternity Leave Reminder

As you may know our MSU Extension office secretary, Bailey Biniecki, has welcomed a new baby to her family! Bailey will be out of the office through the months of November and December to enjoy this exciting time with her family.

Questions during this time may be directed to 4-H Program Coordinators
Claudia Paddy and Jean Genaw.

Office hours will temporarily be limited to

Starting November 1st

Monday– Thursday 1-4pm or by appointment

as the 4-H staff is often working flexible hours with evening meetings.



Thank you for your patience and understanding
as we are short staffed this season.





November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ ELC Mitten Tree Donations begin 	2 6pm Terra Quest Meeting @ AC	3	4	5	6
7	8 7pm Horse & Pony Meeting @ AC	9	SPAGHETTI DINNER SET-UP		11 7pm Fair Board Meeting	12 13 4pm Spaghetti Dinner and Auction @ AC
14	15 6pm Cat Board Meeting @ AC	16 7pm Caprine Council Meeting @ AC	17 7PM JLA @ AC	18 7PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD @ ELC	19	20
21	22 6:30PM 4-H CSI @ AC 7PM SAA MEETING @ ELC	23	24 7PM TEEN AMBASSADORS @ AC	OFFICE CLOSED-THANKSGIVING		27
						
28	29	30				



DECEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ AC	7 6pm Terra Quest Meeting @ AC	8	9 7pm Fair Board Meeting @ Ac	10	11
12	13 7PM HORSE & PONY @AC	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 6pm Cat Board Meeting @ AC	21 7pm Caprine Council @ AC	22	23	24	25 
				Monroe County MSU Extension Office Closed		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1
				 <i>happy holidays!</i>		
Monroe County MSU Extension Office Closed						

A new Monroe County 4-H program year is in full swing!

September 2021 – August 2022

Register here

v2.4honline.com

No more annual participation fee!

Contact our Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinators with any questions regarding clubs or enrollment.

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Kudos to the over 600 registered participants so far!

First youth to enroll–

Austin Sulier

First volunteer inquiry!

Tobie Fitch

Make sure to enroll by
December 1st to enter
the drawing !



A green graphic for a Tractor Supply Co. giveaway. It features a large green four-leaf clover in the center. The text "ARE YOU IN THE DRAWING?" is at the top. The Tractor Supply Co. logo is in the middle. At the bottom, it says "All Monroe County youth enrollments in v2.4honline by December 1st will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 Tractor Supply Gift card!". The word "GIVEAWAY" is written vertically on both sides.

Volunteers

With annual enrollment for our youth, also comes enrollment for our volunteers! There are two steps to annual volunteer enrollment.

1. Go to www.v2.4honline.com to renew your enrollment for the 2021-2022 program year beginning September 15th
2. Go to our Volunteer Central <https://msu.samaritan.com/> to complete your annual Code of Conduct and Background Check authorizations.

(Your 4honline enrollment cannot be approved until this piece has cleared.)

Frequently Asked Questions

We've had many questions regarding volunteer status leading up to this fair season, so here are some details to help out.

- **How do I become an approved volunteer with 4-H?** We're so glad you asked! The first step is to apply at the Volunteer Central Website

<https://msu.samaritan.com/>

Not sure if you've already done this? Call our office to double check so you don't end up completing an extra step. You may already have a profile setup.

- **What is the MSU Volunteer Selection Process (VSP)?** This is our screening process for accepting adult volunteers who wish to interact on behalf of 4-H programs and activities. Once approved, you'll just need to renew annually to remain active.
- **What does it mean to be a GOLD vs. Silver Volunteer?** All Club leaders, Superintendents, and other individuals who will be interacting with youth should be GOLD status. Gold volunteers should also be enrolled in 4honline and are eligible for wristbands during fair week. **Silver Volunteer Status** should only be used for those individuals who have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension. This could be someone working at a registration table, at our 4-H Activity Center during fair week, as a building guard, or at a youth or adult event with at least one Gold Status volunteer or MSU Extension employee present, etc. Silver Volunteers can only receive one day passes for kitchen or guard duty that they may be working. These individuals do not register in 4honline.

Monroe County 4-H
invites you to our



Winter Wonderland



Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Live Auction 7:00 pm

4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

Nov

Public Welcome



Silent Auction 4-6:30pm

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**Bake Sale ** Kids Grab Bag
**



Dinner 4-7pm

Meal includes :

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI

A Salad, Bread, Drink &

Pie or Dessert

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

*Current MSU health & safety requirements will be followed during this event.

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Volunteers will be needed for set-up and teardown of the event. Please stay tuned for more details as the event draws closer.

Thank you to those who participated in the 4-H Candy Fundraiser

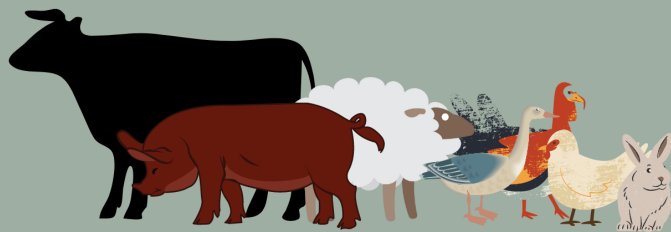
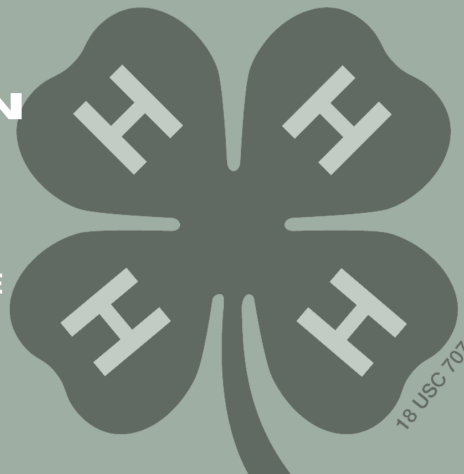
Leaders will receive club and prize checks in the mail. Please cash these checks by January 19th. Questions can be directed to Gary and Bev Koppelman 517-486-3951 or koppelmangary@gmail.com

MONROE COUNTY 4-H

JLA & SAA AUCTION

CHECKS

ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
963 S RAISINVILLE ROAD
M-F 9AM-4:30PM



QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICKUP

734-240-3182 OR
binieck4@msu.edu

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail. **ALL checks must be cashed by Dec 1st (within 90 days or void)**

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office: 734-241-5775

Annual Mitten Tree

Benefiting Monroe County Residents



Collection of new or very gently used hats and gloves will begin November 1st- December 10th at the 4-H Extension office 963 S Raisinville Rd

2021 Youth & Leader Recognition Banquet Sunday, January 16th at 5:00 p.m.

(please note this date has been changed from the originally printed Nov 7th)

Join us in celebration of the amazing leaders and youth of Monroe County 4-H. Everyone is invited to help recognize and congratulate the 4-H leaders for their service and the 4-H members who completed County and Older Teen Award Forms, the members of the New Horizons Program, this year's State Award Winners and delegates, Scholarship Winners, as well as the Key Club Awards and to recognize this years "I Dare You" recipients.

Emailed Invitation to follow

RSVP by January 7th at this [link](#) or by calling the Extension office at 734-240-3182

All volunteer years of service will be recognized in print. Please note that only volunteers who RSVP attending will be announced during the banquet.

Pennies for Turkeys

Calling All Clubs!

Monroe County 4-H clubs are invited to participate on a county wide competition to raise the most money to buy turkeys for underprivileged families.

How to Participate: Each club will collect pennies or any other types of money

Why Should You Participate: A fun, competitive way to raise money for a great cause

Money is due by Thanksgiving to the Extension Office

Sponsored by:
Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club

Any questions call Tammy 625-4852

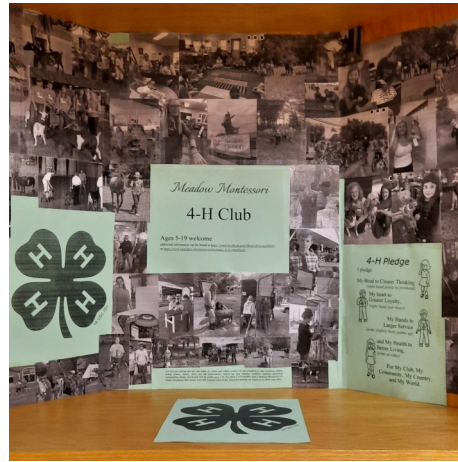
We would appreciate if the money could be rolled ahead of time.

Thank You



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Thank you to the clubs who shared their 4-H pride through these beautiful displays celebrating National 4-H Week!



 **4-H GROWS HERE**



Greetings from Christmas in Ida,

The 39th Annual Christmas in Ida Festival and Parade of Lights is returning with all of its magical wonder.

The festival opens on Friday night Dec. 3 with the Commemorative Concert featuring the Siena Heights Chamber Choir and the 2nd Annual Holiday Sled Race to Aid Children.

The festival continues Saturday Dec. 4 with exciting wholesome family entertainment that includes the Country Music Concert headlining with county music legend Tracy Byrd, and the Young Country Concert featuring Presley and Taylor.

Then the Granddaddy of light parades, the Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights.

This year's parade will have some exciting units such as the 126th Unit U. S. Army Marching Band and the Adrian College Marching Band.

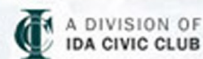
Please accept this letter of invitation to participate in the 2021 Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights where the magic of Christmas shines through.

The festival is returning in all its glory and will include new events too! Visit the website at www.christmasinida.com to enter you club float and more event details.

If you have any questions, please let me know.
Hope to see you at ***Christmas in Ida!***

All the best,

Dale W. Zorn
Executive Director
Christmas in Ida
734-735-0576



Christmas
in
Ida
FESTIVAL & PARADE OF LIGHTS





All clubs welcome!!

We realized that not every Club may have the means or funds to put together a Parade Float! But we wanted all the members who wanted to experience being in a parade to be able to!

Come join the Fun!

You are all invited, to participate in the, Monroe County 4-H float for the Christmas in Ida parade!

Open to all 4-H members and families!
Come join the fun

We are in need of **EVERYTHING** still! All ideas are appreciated



Contact Tamithy Jackson
7346933270
Or Michelle McLaughlin
7347407114

TERRA QUEST 4-H

ADVENTURE TRAVEL CLUB

Places we have been:
Wisconsin Dells, WI
Hocking Hills, Oh
Hershey, PA
Pigeon Forge, TN

**We
fundraise
all year
to pay for
our trip.
It is the
week
after fair.**

Things we have done:

- ◆ Obstacle course
- ◆ Kayaking
- ◆ Tubing
- ◆ Horesback Riding
- ◆ Ziplining
- ◆ Orbing
- ◆ White water rafting



**Must Be
14+ 4-H
age**

**MORE INFO:
Becky Lomas
734-775-7992
or Monroe County
4-H office
734-240-3170**

Fall Into Fun

with Michigan 4-H

Fall Into Fun with Michigan 4-H this autumn! Using the GooseChase app, Michigan youth and families are invited to join in gameplay while learning about our environment. Each week, multiple gameplay prompts will be released that will engage youth in learning about how Michigan's plants, animals, and environment change in the fall. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers!

Who: Michigan Youth and Families

What: Fall themed 4-H SPIN Club

When: October 13th - November 24th

Where: Virtual on GooseChase

To register, please use the following link:
<https://forms.gle/p1WQ2NzdHvOZC6ku5>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-into-fun-4-h-spin-club>

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CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS



- **Who?** Michigan 4-H Youth ages 15-19
- **When?** June 25-July 1. The Michigan 4-H Delegation leaves by bus on Saturday, June 25 with the first stop at the 911 Memorial in PA and then stays Saturday night in Gettysburg. On Sunday the group will tour the battlegrounds and then travel on to D.C.
- **Where?** The group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD
- **Cost?** The total cost is \$2,000.00 (includes transportation, all lodging, conference costs and most meals) plus 7 meals and spending money.
- **How do I sign up?** Contact your Michigan State University Extension 4-H Program Coordinator (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>) or Connie Lange at langec@anr.msu.edu



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Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Nov. 30, Michigan 4-H is once again participating in the global day of giving, Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Giving Tuesday by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth. All funds raised will support county 4-H endowments.

County 4-H endowments are funds created by gifts from one or more donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. These endowments provide a perpetual source of income for county 4-H programs, where the principal amount remains intact and the investment income supports annual needs for a county 4-H program.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using #GivingTuesday on your social media channels. Learn more about Giving Tuesday at <https://mi4hfdn.org/giving-tuesday>.

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6: A Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Frankenmuth, Grand Rapids, Harrison, Jackson, Marquette and, Novi

A statewide leadership training for youth ages 12-19. Youth will participate in face-to-face experiences at six sites across the state. The agenda includes team building, leadership training, and a panel discussion with four incredible young leaders.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-frankenmuth>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-grand-rapids>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-harrison>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-jackson>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-marquette>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/yli-novi>

November 6: Syrian Virtual Culture Experience

Zoom Webinar

This international virtual learning opportunity will showcase the Syrian culture through language, a craft, food and dance. It is an interactive, cultural experience, which is geared for everyone age 8 and above.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/syrian-virtual-culture-experience>

November 9: Banking Basics

Zoom Webinar

How are you keeping your money safe? It is important to research and evaluate financial institutions (banks and credit unions) and make the best choice for your financial future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-9>

November 14: Officer Roles & Parliamentary Procedure Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

Learn about essential officer roles: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and the ways they support club and advisory committee work.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-roles-and-parliamentary-procedure-training>

November 16: Credit Craze—Managing Credit Wisely

Zoom Webinar

Increase your knowledge of credit, learn how to manage it and avoid the craze of debt.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-11-16>

November 20: 4-H In the Kitchen—Forgotten Realms Edition



New indoor masking guidelines for MSU Extension events

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shift and change, Michigan State University issued new guidance for the broader MSU community on October 13. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension programs occurring on non-MSU property. Effective immediately, the following guidelines apply to *indoor* MSU Extension or Michigan

4-H programs or events:

- Those who participate in MSU Extension programming indoors on MSU property or any property reserved/rented for an MSU event are required to wear a face covering. This applies to anyone over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status (unless they have a medical exemption).
- Those who participate in MSU Extension programming indoors on non-MSU property are encouraged but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue. This may include off-site Michigan 4-H programs hosted by MSU Extension volunteer groups. MSU Extension personnel in attendance are required to wear a face covering.

For the purpose of MSU Extension events and programs, indoor events are considered those in an enclosed building with limited airflow. Barns and other outbuildings that have multiple doors that can be fully opened to maximize air flow are considered an outdoor, open air facility.

Who must wear a mask?

The following chart may be useful to clarify masking requirements for MSU Extension professionals and program participants. For the purpose of this chart, MSU Extension volunteers and 4-H members are considered participants.

		Is the event being held on an MSU property or on a property that is being rented/reserved exclusively for an MSU activity?	
		Yes	No
Is MSU a sponsor of the event or program?	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSU Extension personnel ✓ Participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSU Extension personnel ○ Participants are encouraged, but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue.
	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSU Extension personnel ✓ Participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All MSU Extension personnel and participants are encouraged, but not required to wear masks unless required by local regulations or the venue.

✓ Indicates that a mask must be worn.

**Save the date
for the 2022
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 29, 2022 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish. Look for registration information soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show.

Spectators are welcome!