



*Monroe County*

# 4-H Family News

December 2022

Ida Parade of Lights December 3rd  
Dundee Home for the Holidays Parade December 10th



As days get shorter and holiday spirit sings through our community, we reflect on the 100 Years of Service 4-H has contributed to Our Community. 4-H Clubs have already started celebrating with holiday parties, service projects and creating floats for local holiday parades. This year we celebrate under our theme "Opportunity 4 All!" Consider how you could offer the Opportunity of 4-H to someone new in your community. Invite someone to your club party, service project or parade to join into the 4-H Fun!

If you would like to participate in the Ida or Dundee parades and your home club is not doing a float this year, reach out to Tamithy Jackson or Jamie Funk for information on how you can participate.

**Happy Holidays, from Your 4-H Family at the  
Monroe County MSU Extension Office!**

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

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

### **Social Media**

Facebook:  
@MonroeCountyMI4H

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**9am-12pm and**  
**1pm-4:30pm**



# DECEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Office Closed</b> Faithful Friends AC @ 1PM Terra Quest AC @ 6PM Float Decorating 6pm in Dundee	2 ONLINE RSVP DUE YOUTH/ LEADER BANQUET	3 Christmas in Ida TA Coat Drive 10AM-2PM Parade Arrive 6pm Behind Ida School
4	5 7PM 4-H Council @ AC	6	7	8	9 Legacy 4-H 6:30 @ AC	10 Dundee Parade Arrive 6pm HS West Parking
11 YOUTH RECOGNITION AND LEADER BANQUET 5PM @AC	12 7PM HORSE & PONY @AC	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hippology AC 4-6pm	19 Last Day Toys for Tots Drop-off	20 CAPRINE COUNCIL 7PM @AC	21	22	23 <b>Office Closed</b>	24
25 	26	27 	28	29	30	31 C.A.R.P. Training Due for Gold Vol. Fair Themes Due for Clubs
<b>Monroe County MSU Extension Office Closed</b>						



# January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Office Closed</b>	3 6pm Terra Quest Meeting @ AC	4	5 Faithful Friends 1pm AC	6	7 <b>Beef Tagging RE- QUIRED 10-1</b>
8	9 7PM HORSE & PONY @ AC 7PM 4-H COUN- CIL @ ELC	10 Custer District Mtg—Leader Enrichment 7pm @ ELC	11	12	13	14
15	16  <b>Office Closed</b>	17 CAPRINE COUN- CIL 7PM @AC	18 JLA 7PM @AC	19 Fair Advisory Board 7PM @AC	20	21 Terra Quest Wild West Murder Mys- tery AC 6:30pm (See Flyer)
22	23 Hippology ELC/ Across Hall 6pm SAA 7PM @ELC	24 Dog Board 6:30 @ELC	25 Dairy Board 7PM @ELC Teen Ambassa- dors 7PM @AC	26 Shooting Sports 7PM @ ELC	27	28
29 HORSE & PONY TACK SALE 10-4 @FIRST MER- CHANTS EXPO	30	31				

# 2023 Save The Dates

## Junior Livestock Association

Beef Tagging 1/7/23 10-1

Blanchette Beef Pre-View Show  
4/8/23

Barn Set-up 7/11/23 6PM

All Held @ Monroe County Fair Grounds

## Small Animal Association Clinics

Poultry 3/8/23, @ AC 7:00 pm

Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet 3/29/23, @ AC 7:00  
PM

Spring Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Show 4/22/23  
Education (Far West) Building @ 9AM

Broiler Workshop 5/2/23, @ AC 7 PM

Fitting and Showing 6/6/23 @ SAA building  
6PM



## Hippology

12/18/22 AC 4-6pm

1/23/23 ELC (Across the Hall) 6pm

2/12/23 AC 4-6pm

2/19/23 AC 4-6pm

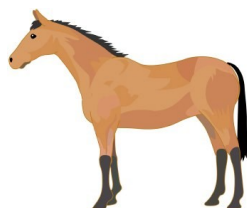
2/26/23 AC 4-6pm

3/5/23 AC 4-6pm

3/15/23 ELC 6pm

AC = Activity Center

ELC = Extension Office Location



**DON'T WAIT ENROLL TODAY!!**



**I CHOOSE YOU!**

COMPLETE YOUR 2022-23 4-H ONLINE  
ENROLLMENT TODAY!!!

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



# Statewide Shooting Sports Save the Dates

## Training (Level 1)

January 7 – [Archery and Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop](#) (Jeddo, MI)

February 11 – [Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop](#) (Paw Paw, MI)

March 4 – [Shotgun and Hunting & Wildlife Instructor Certification Workshop](#) (Roscommon, MI)

April TBD – Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun Instructor Certification Workshop (Clare, MI)

September TBD – Shotgun and Archery Instructor Certification Workshop (Alcona, MI)

## Training (Level 2 – workshop facilitators/trainers)

May – National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training (40-hr professional development) (Kansas)

Fall - National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training (40-hr professional development) (Kentucky)

## Events

December 15, 2022 – January 2, 2023 [Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl](#)

Spring - Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel

June 11 - [SW Michigan 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Tournament](#)

June – National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE

August 18 – [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament](#) (aka State Shoot)

Fall - Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel

Consider forwarding regional competitions, for support promoting

## Ambassadors

December 2022 – Program details & application released

March 3 – Ambassador event (Roscommon)

August 2023 – National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Leadership Institute



Addition/Correction to November Network



# Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

**would like to give a Big Thank You Shout Out for all of our Supporters on one of our Biggest Dinners Ever.**

2022 Committee Members: Connie Ammerman, Austin Arting, Susie Arting, Shelly Aulph, Aubrey Cooley, Patti Donnelly, Lynette Hackett, Marie Hackett, Amy Harbaugh, Denise Hill, Amber Hunroe, Brittany Iacoangeli, Sherri Iacoangeli, Tamithy Jackson, Debbie Kraftchick, Kayla Kraftchick, Kerrie Kraftchick, Linda Krug, Linda Lefcheck, Jackie Manwell, Brenda Martin, Shirley Mell, Angela Michel, Jennifer Reeves, Mary Wickenhiser, Bev Winter, Dennis Winter, Roni Worden, Allen, Jennifer and Lillian  
4-H Council and President Scott Wiesler MC

Contributors: Sofo Foods Toledo OH, Bennett's Orchard Ottawa Lake MI, DRM Maintenance and Mechanical Dundee MI, Monroe County Fair Board, Pepsi Beverage CO, Jansen Brothers Monroe MI, Shepherd Mechanical Toledo OH, Larry Hamblin Ida MI, TAV Catering Ida MI

**All Clubs and Businesses that Donated Baskets!**  
**Teen Ambassadors and other 4-Hers that Volunteered Time!**  
**Community Members that Participated!**



**We Look Forward to Seeing You Next Year  
November 18th, 2023 with Toys, Trains and Candy Canes**



# 4-H Spaghetti Dinner



Patti, our head chair, could not have said it better to why we host the Spaghetti Dinner every year. "We like everyone to come together, being with our families, have fun, enjoy the meal, make new friendships, and all while your buying some great gifts for Christmas, you are also supporting the youth programs and that is why we do it".



Submitted By: Alyssa Otto



# Meet The Main Chair Members!



Patti Donnelly (Head Chair),  
Roni Worden,  
Debbie Kraftchick (Co-Chair),  
Jackie Manwell

We truly have a committee of wonderful ladies, who not only work hard to provide a wonderful event, but they have fun while doing it. We can't wait to see what they will do next year with the theme. "Toy's, Train's and Candy Cane's"

Submitted By: Alyssa Otto





# A Big Thanks!

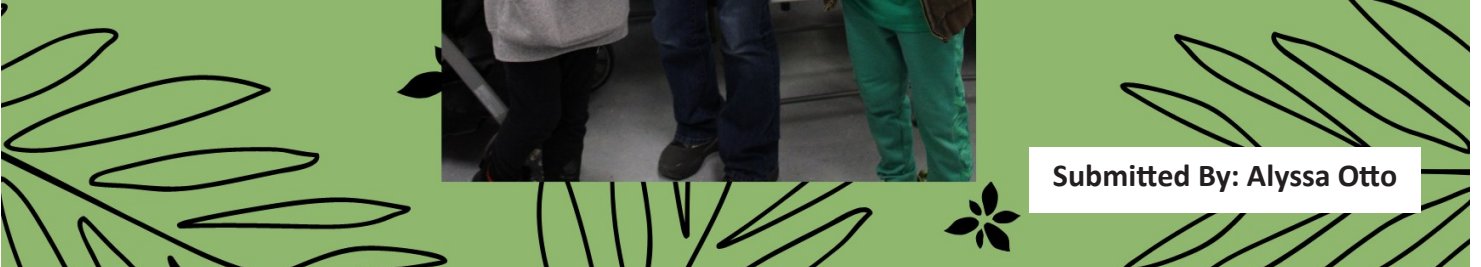


**Our Kitchen staff:  
Tim Henes, Jim  
Thornton, Donna  
Gasperini, Todd  
Plum, and Kevin  
Kraftchick**



**LeeAnn Comstock was the buyer of the 2 furnace units! She bought them for \$3,000 each but says "I was going to buy them no matter what because, my brother's furnace just broke and my mother has never had one".**

**Submitted By: Alyssa Otto**





# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

-FROM THE TEEN  
AMMBASSADORS 4-H CLUB

As the winter air and chilling temperatures come closer, our Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club decided on doing a fleece, hat and scarves workshop. These handmade materials are for the kids and parents in need this season for the winter weather to come. Thank you to everybody who donated fleece for this community service project!



Submitted By: Alyssa Otto





# Whispering Spirits



## Annual Mitten Tree

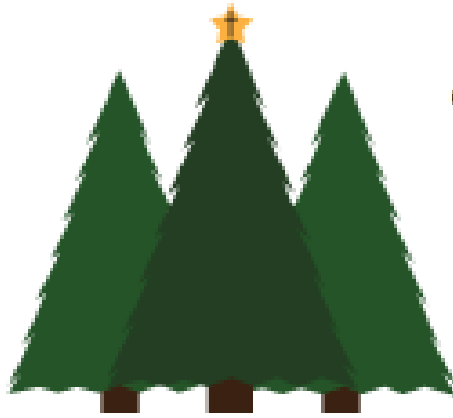
Benefiting Monroe County Residents



Collection of new or gently used hats and gloves will begin  
November 4th—December 5th at the

**Join us for a Spread The Holiday Cheer  
Fundraiser Event for:  
Monroe 4-H Council**

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*Matthes Tree Farm*

13416 Lulu Rd

Ida, MI 48140

734-269-2668

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Bring this certificate any time during our 2022 Christmas Season and 20% of your Christmas Shoppe purchase goes toward Monroe 4-H Council.

- Wreaths
- Roping and Greens
- Holiday décor
- Gift items



Lots for the whole family every weekend!

- Santa here 12 to 5
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Free entertainment
- Bonfire pits
- Free Hayrides

Valid only on items in Christmas Shoppe. Season runs Nov 27th—Dec 20th. Must present flyer to cashier. Excludes trees and independent craft vendors.

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# **CELEBRATE AMONG THE STARS!**

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 11, 2022  
5PM  
4-H ACTIVITY CENTER**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
MONROE COUNTY 4-H  
YOUTH RECOGNITION AND  
LEADER BANQUET**

**Please RSVP by December 2 by using Google link or contacting  
the office 734-240-3182:**

**<https://forms.gle/sHRALadiXjaD6DBqS>**

**MENU: Pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, cake, beverages.**



# Honoring The Stars

## 2022 Nominations

**Outstanding Youth Member Nominees:** Sydney Linn, Kali Wickenheiser, Abigail Bash, Lindsey Wojcik, Merritt Russeau, Karly Culter, Brandon Fisher, Lily Masters, Gracey Ford, Andrew Palik, Heaven Frye, Hunter Divert, Justin Yarger, Bryce Brossia, Jaren Schmidt, Hunter Divert, Jayden Cramer

**I Dare You Nominees:** Kalei Hoppert, Camden Schmidt, Payton Zorn, Kina Eby, Katelyn Voyles, Elizabeth Gomez

**Leader of the Year Nominees:** Michelle Mclaughlin, Mary Wickenheiser, Deb Mattes, Denise Hill, Elizabeth Kotus, Amy Wertenberger

**Meritorious Service - Individual Nominees:** Ben Kittendorf , Jeff Linn, Jamie Funk, Patricia Donnelly, Jennifer Buckingham, Michelle Mclaughlin

**Meritorious Service - Business Nominees:** Kittendorf Family, Dynamic Transportation, Herkimer Farms, Directions Credit Union, Dave's Towing of Milan, First Merchant's Bank

**Distinguished Alumni Nominees:** Rob Yarger, April Shaw, Sherri Iacoangeli, Kim V. Rehberg, Amanda (Michel) Cadle

# Looking Forward to Seeing You At The Banquet!



**Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training**

Required for ALL Gold Level Volunteers

Training Due By December 31st 2022 to Stay Active

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



Department of Veterans Affairs

Collecting Toys Until 12/19/22

Feel Free to Bring a Toy to Your Next Meeting!

Box Located in the VA/ MSU Extension Lobby

965 S. Raisinville Rd. Monroe MI 48161



**2023 Monroe County Fair Theme Contest**

4-H Club Submissions

Last Day to Enter: December 31st 2022

Prize Awarded by:

Monroe County Fair Association

<https://forms.gle/vEEiS5Ww4BXeg4aS8>





Terra Quest Presents

# WILD WEST MURDER MYSTERY

ROUND UP YOUR POSSE AND SOLVE THE CRIME



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**4h Activity Center  
3775 S. Custer Rd.**

**6:30pm – 9:30pm**

**\$15 per person \$50 for 4 people \$12 each additional**

**50 Ticket Limit**

**Appetizers and Drinks provided  
Suggested period appropriate attire**

**Backup date 1/27**

**Please contact:**

**Andrea 517-260-2456**

**Kerrie 419-309-2593**

**Becky 734-775-7992**

**For Tickets or Questions**

**Come out and Support Terra Quest**



# 4-H Tack Sale and More!



Sunday, January 29, 2023  
First Merchants Expo Center  
3775 S. Custer Rd. Monroe, MI  
10AM - 4PM  
**\$3 Admission**



New and used items! Lots of  
Vendors, Concessions, Plenty  
of Parking and Heated!!

If interested in becoming a vendor contact Carla at  
[monroecountytacksale4h@outlook.com](mailto:monroecountytacksale4h@outlook.com)  
or (419)304-9217



# WE NEED YOU!

Looking for instructors, helpers, and project/activity ideas for our upcoming 4-H Clover Bud Expo and Mini Expo crafting workshops.

**Saturday – March 4 – Clover Bud Expo  
(5-7 year olds)**

**Saturday – March 18 – Mini Expo  
(8-19 year olds)**

If you are interested in helping (sessions helpers, registration, lunch, clean up, etc.), teaching an arts or craft class, or even know someone who you would recommend as an instructor, please let us know as soon as you can.

Classes will be published in the January Network.

Please email Debbie Kraftchick at [debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu](mailto:debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu)

or call Jean Genaw at 734.240.3188 with suggestions or questions



**We are still in need of volunteer cooks to take over the 4-H Activity Center during fair week! Please see the Job posting and information below.**

Head Cook 4H Activity Center

Monroe County 4H Council

**JOB TITLE:** Head Cook 4H Activity Center

**DEPARTMENT:** Fair Committee

**SUPERVISOR:** Chairman, Fair Committee

Monroe County 4H Council serving the youth of Monroe County with programs and learning activities throughout the year. The Kitchen is one of three major fund raisers during the year.

### **GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

- ❖ To manage and run 4H Activity Center Kitchen
- ❖ Knowledgeable on cooking large quantities
- ❖ Willing to put in long hours. Hours: 5:30 a.m. till approximately 9:30 p.m. Service Hours of the kitchen: 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ❖ Must be able to work well with people. Will be managing volunteers on a per shift basis. New volunteers approximately every 3 ½ hours
- ❖ Serve three (3) meals per day Monday through Saturday, plus breakfast on Sunday morning for the Boy Scouts

### **MINOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ❖ Prep work prior to fair includes baking cookies, stocking shelves and setting up kitchen.
- ❖ Meal preparation on Sunday and possibly Monday for entertainment

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB**

- ❖ Must have Food Safety License
- ❖ Must have organizational skills and work well with volunteers

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- ❖ Able to lift heavy boxes and pans
- ❖ Able to be on feet for up to 10-12 hours



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

20

**Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season**



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

## December 3: Family Holiday Craft Day

*Arthur Center Church of God, Clare*

Bring the family and get crafty! This event is \$5 per participant.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-craft-day>

## December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist

*Online*

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december-2022>

## December 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

*Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo*

Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-december-2022>

## December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

*Online*

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

## December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors

*Online*

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-re-certification-for-shooting-sports-instructors>

## January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

*Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo*

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.

[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop - 4-H Shooting Sports \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop)





## Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.



This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.

Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/Volunteer-Information/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/).

## Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.



Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to

travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to learn more and apply by January 1, 2023.

**Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.