



MARCH 2023

# 4-H Family News

## Monroe County



### Welcome March! (and hopefully Spring weather)

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!

All the Best,

Chelsea and Jean

**Don't forget to complete your 4-H ENROLLMENT TO SHOW AT 2023 FAIR!!!!**

### Spartan Strong

In light of the tragic events that took place in our Spartan community on the evening of February 13, 2023, we would like to share the below resources

**WKAR resources for parents with young children:** [Helping Children with Tragic Events in the News](#) and [When Something Scary Happens](#)

For Students [Managing Your Distress After a Tragic Event](#)



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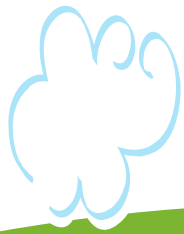
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Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	01 7 PM Raisinville Wranglers Location change	02 Chelsea Jean offsite Mtg. 1:00 Faithful Friend AC	03	04 Cloverbud Expo @AC
05 4-6pm Hippology AC	06 7 pm 4-H Council AC	07 6 pm Terra Quest ELC 7pm Slow Spokes interest Mtg AC	08 7 pm Poultry Clinic AC	09	10	11 Shooting sports Fundraiser CPR & First Aid Ida Fire Dept
12	13 7 pm Horse & Pony AC	14 7 pm Custer District mtg ELC	15 6pm Hippology ELC 7pm JLA @ELC	16 7pm Fair Advisory ELC	17 	18 Mini Expo @ AC (Registration Closes 3/3/2023)
19	20 6:30 pm Cat board @ AC	21 Jean and Chelsea off site 7pm Caprine Council ELC	22 7pm Teen Ambassadors @AC	23 6:30 Dundee District MTG Carl's Hide-A-Way	24 Garage sale Drop-off and set-up	25 Fair Board Garage Sale
26	27 7pm SAA @ ELC	28 7pm Dog Board ELC	29 7pm Rabbit Cavy, pocket pet clinic @ AC	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	08	09



March



2023

See next page for April Dates



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 4-H online Enrollment Deadline to show at fair 11:59 pm	
March dates are on prior <a href="#">page</a>							
02	03 7 pm 4-H Council AC 7:00 Hippology practice in table/ chair room	04 6 pm Terra Quest AC	05 6:00 pm Set-up Blanchette Beef Preview	06 1:00 Faithful Friend AC	07	08 Blanchette Beef Preview	
09 Easter 	10 7 pm Horse & Pony AC	11 7 pm Instructor Led YQCA @AC	12 6:30 pm District Leader Enrichment ELC & Hippology Across the hall ELC	13	14	15	
16 MSU Pavilion 4-H/ FFA horse judging contest	17 6:30 pm Cat board @ AC	18 7pm Caprine Council AC	19 7pm Shooting Sports AC	20 7pm Fair Advisory AC	21	22 9 AM Spring Rabbit and Pocket Pet Show 10:00am Hunting Wildlife / Introduction Interest Session	
Spring Conference hold April 17-20, 2023							
23 1pm Terra Quest Spring Tea AC 	24	25 7pm Dog Board ELC	26 7pm Teen Ambassadors @AC	27	28 Ag Day 8:00am set-up Event 9 to 1:30	29	
			TSC PAPER CLOVER; TSC			To May 7	
30	01	02	03	04	05	06	
			TSC PAPER CLOVER; TSC				To May 7

April

2023



# 4-H online enrollments

\*\*\*\*READ CAREFULLY\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*LEADERS PULL YOUR ROSTERS\*\*\*



We have exceeded 1,000 youth enrollments  
😊

**Enrollments Continue to Come In!**

**APRIL 1st DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR 2023**

[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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

Time is Running out do not wait!!!

ENROLL TODAY

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



Please check your 4-H online enrollment we have



54 incomplete enrollments (please log in and click continue enrollment and complete all 6 pages)

51 enrollments awaiting review most need\*\*\*Additional information\*\*\* Did you enroll a Dog project but not select a dog club? Please e-mail Jean the Dog club you'll be working with.

## Dog Clubs

Huckleberry Hounds  
Bob & Darlene Liedel  
734-269-6540  
[liedel.dark@yahoo.com](mailto:liedel.dark@yahoo.com)

Paws R Us  
April Shaw-Andrews  
734-915-4253  
[Dogs4me0512@live.com](mailto:Dogs4me0512@live.com)

Snoopy's Friends  
Kimberly Rehberg  
734-777-1769  
[starlightdanceacademy2013@gmail.com](mailto:starlightdanceacademy2013@gmail.com)

Whispering Spirits  
Heather Turnblom  
734-833-8365  
[turnblomhm@gmail.com](mailto:turnblomhm@gmail.com)



# YQCA Certification



**\*\*\*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 15, 2023** 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 <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 has two dates remaining all held at the 4-H Activity Center.

**4/11/2023 7pm**

**5/24/2023 7pm**

**Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected 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 <https://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/RuemX1Wr3D9GbH1b6> (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](#)





# Small Animal Association News

## Clinics



### Small Animal Association Clinics

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

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

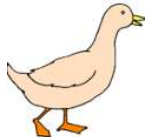
Spring Rabbit Pocket Pet Show 4/22/23 Education (Far West) Building @ 9AM

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

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

## Purchasing your Market Ducks and Broilers 2023

The Monroe County Fair will be here before you know it. Now is the time to start thinking about purchasing your small animals. We will be taking orders for ducks and broilers for the next 2-3 months. **The 4-H Small Animal requires the purchase of these two categories through the Small Animal Association to compete at the Monroe County Fair.**



Market ducks must be ordered by May 1<sup>st</sup> at a cost of \$4.00 each.

Broiler chickens must be ordered by May 3<sup>rd</sup> at a cost of \$2.50 each.



Orders can be placed by contacting Barbara Siebarth (419-350-9482) or Susan Arting (734-649-4117). Please have the names of the youth showing, the number that you would like to purchase, your club name. We will also need a contact phone number. If you are writing a check, please make them payable to the "Monroe County SAA".

## DOG and CAT Dates

SAVE THE DATES More information to come

### DOG

Agility Practice: Monday, May 22, and Wednesday June 14 6:00 pm

Dog Fun Matches: Sunday, June 11th, and Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

### CAT

Cat Show July 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm Prince of Peace





# Junior Livestock Association News

## Upcoming Events



### Junior Livestock Association

Blanchette Beef Pre-View Show 4/8/23

**CALL FOR HELP, SETUP Wed. before show  
6:00pm & TEAR DOWN FOR PREVIEW SHOW**

Sheep & Swine Tagging 5/13/23 9-Noon

All Species Fitting and Showing Clinic 6/6/2023  
Fairgrounds starts @ 6 pm

Barn Set-up 7/11/23 6PM  
All Held @ Monroe County Fair Grounds



## 4-H Horse Shows

### Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Board

#### Summer Shows 2023

**May 12-14**

**June 9-11**

**June 23-25**

@ the Monroe County fairgrounds

More details to come



## Hippology Dates

March 5<sup>th</sup> Hippology 4-6pm at AC

March 15<sup>th</sup> Hippology 6-8pm at ELC

March 18<sup>th</sup> Hippology Contest at Anthony Hall, Michigan State University (Registration Required)

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm Horse Judging at Stable Way farm, 13072 Armstrong Rd, South Rockwood, MI

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-8pm Horse Judging at AC storage room

April 8<sup>th</sup> time TBD Horse Judging at German Magic Farm 14082 Rightmire Rd. Dundee, MI

April 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Horse Judging at ELC

April 16<sup>th</sup> Horse Judging Contest at MSU (Registration Required)



# Club/Volunteer/Leader Corner

## CLUB CORNER



Welcome New Club(S)

**Stable Stars** Leader Amy Wertenberger, Club focus Mini's, Horseless Projects and Monroe Equine Development Program.

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers

For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series).

**MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES**

- February 28th  
Building the Value of Your 4-H Club
- March 16th  
Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club
- April 13th  
Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings

ALL TRAININGS OFFERED 12-1PM EST AND 7-8PM EST

REGISTER HERE:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series)

## LEADER CORNER

Leaders that have not attended a leader Enrichment please join us... Leader Enrichment April 12, 2023 6:30 @ ELC

Do you need help with your club by-laws helpful links [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/basics\\_of\\_bylaws](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/basics_of_bylaws)

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/4\\_h\\_club\\_bylaws\\_a\\_great\\_tool\\_to\\_keep\\_your\\_club\\_on\\_track](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/4_h_club_bylaws_a_great_tool_to_keep_your_club_on_track)







# Superintendents

## Superintendent Contracts Heads up

Superintendents watch your e-mails on March 15, 2023 for your Superintendent contracts. Please sign and return. Thank you for your continued support!

# Attention

calling all

## 2023

# Fair Superintendents

Superintendent contracts will be emailed the week of March 12th. Please sign and return your contract by May 4th!

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





# Donations

Donations accepted March 1 to March 24 (no clothing) all proceeds goes to Fair Board to defray fair ribbon cost.



**Thank you to Jennifer Weichel for generously donating items**

Thank you to Jennifer Weichel for generously donating items from her mother's, Floreine Mentel estate. Floreine was a long-time supporter of 4-H and Monroe County Fair. We have a great start for the garage sale due to this donation.

Thank you





# Donations Continued

## Call for Spaghetti Dinner Donations



## Sponsors Trophy and Dog Medals

## Interested in donating a 2023 4-H Fair Trophy or Dog Medal?

Contact General Awards Superintendent Debbie Kraftchick at  
[Debra.kraftchick@utoledo](mailto:Debra.kraftchick@utoledo)

OR  
call Jean at 734.240.3188  
for a list of sponsorships needed







# COUNTY 4-H NEWS



## Mini Expo Registration

# REGISTRATION

For mini expos will **close on March 03, 2023**. Event will be held at the Activity Center on March 18, 2023 first session starts at 9:00am. Some classes are full, for 4-H youth 8-19.



Mini Expo - FEB 10 - MAR 3

<https://foms.gle/Zh81a77Q5Gtd2j686>

Register Early to Get Your 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Sessions!



### SESSION 1 - 9:00 - 10:30

A Mosaics - PART 1 of 2 (Jan Maciejewski)

B Beginning Crochet (Susan Hutchinson)

C Photography (Scott Wiesler)

D Prose Writing (Brandy Dixon)

E Stenciling (Lynette Hackett)

F Wood Working Kits (Duane Alt)

G Dot-Style Fabric Painting (Mary Wickenheiser)

H Start with a Mix (Kelley Mason)

### SESSION 2 - 10:40 - 12:10

I Decorative Painting (Connie Ammerman)

J Artistic Seed Art (Susan Arting)

K Metal Punch (Becky Lomas)

L Beginning Baskets (Leann Comstock/Judy Missler)

M Greeting Cards (Lynette Hackett)

N Glass Etching - REPEAT (Sue Andrews)

O Dot-Style Fabric Painting - REPEAT (Mary Wickenheiser)

P Decorated Cup Cakes (Alana Aulph/Avery LaVoy)

### SESSION 3 - 12:50 - 2:30 PM

Q Mosaics - PART 2 of 2 (Jan Maciejewski)

R Wall Décor - String Art (Connie Ammerman)

S Basic Conservation - Bee Hotel (Cheryl Geer/Roni Worden)

T Paper - Quilling (Jamie Funk)

U 4-H Painted Rock - Community Service (Chelsea Butler)

V Glass Etching (Sue Andrews)

W Wreaths (Alivia Funchion)

X Decorated Cookies (Jenn Reeves)







## College Scholarships



It's that time of year for County 4-H Scholarship applications. Attention high school seniors or 4-Her's enrolled in post high school keep your eye on our Facebook Page for applications, eligibility, due dates, and interviews schedules.

Link will be posted March 13, 2023

## Communication

The best way to reach Jean and Chelsea is to call our direct lines or e-mail. Our Contact information is listed on the front page of the network. Currently we don't have support staff, if you call the Main Number, you'll have to leave a message.

Top Ways we communicate information to our audience

Network

Face Book Post

E-mails (individual, 4-H online and MSU Samaritan/ volunteer central)

If you're not checking these you're missing out.



# SLOW SPOKES RETURNS 😊

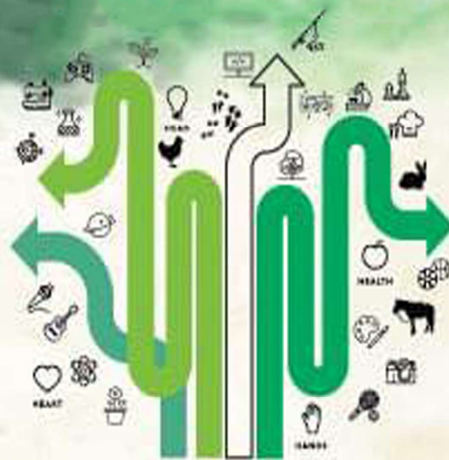
Informational session to be held March 07, 2023 7pm at the Activity Center



**Finally it has returned....**

## **The Bike Trip to Exploration Days**

**Informational  
Meeting  
3/7/23 @7pm  
Activity Ctr.**



**ALL PATHS  
LEAD TO 4-H**



Interested? want to learn more?



<https://forms.gle/Mgyc5u4fXoEPjRie7>



# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

[CPR Training Registration link Click Here: CPR & First Aid Certification](#)



4-H Shooting Sports  
Fundraiser



## FIRST AID & **CPR** TRAINING

**Youth & Adults**  
**\$30 each w/certificate**  
**\$40 each w/card**

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

Ida Fire Department  
3016 Lewis Ave, Ida, MI 48140

Instructors Ron Eby & Jeff Bash  
Questions 419-280-1332 Denise Williams  
Must use Signup Genius Deadline: March 6, 2023







# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Hunting and Wildlife Program Meet and Greet



We will be hosting a **Meet & Greet at the Activity Center on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10-12**. This is a chance for everyone (Cloverbuds, 4-Her and general public) interested in learning more about The Monroe County 4-H Hunting and Wildlife Program to learn more about it.

The Hunting & Wildlife curriculum is for youth who enjoy learning about wildlife and exploring their habitats. Learn about mammals, birds, fish, and herptiles and the role humans play in conservation and wildlife management.

The Hunting & Wildlife curriculum will cover,

- Safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment used in hunting.
- Hunting ethics and how to put them into practice.
- History of hunting
- State hunting laws
- The importance of hunter and landowner relations.
- Identifying local wildlife.
- Basics of wildlife management.
- Learn about food plots used to attract and manage wildlife.
- Importance of sportsmanship.
- Practice game meat care.
- Learning Compass, Binocular and GPS use.

At the Meet & Greet, we will have several tables set up showing various items the program will be covering. The program will be posting what will be offered and where. 4-H'ers will be able to attend any and all classes they have an interest in.





PLEASE JOIN TERRA QUEST 4-H CLUB FOR  
THE FIRST ANNUAL

# *Spring* TEA

APRIL  
23<sup>rd</sup>

1 - 3 pm

Location:  
4-H Activity  
Center

3775 S. Custer Rd

Come delight in an afternoon of quality time with family. Enjoy tea, finger foods and fun activities for all ages!

**Cost: \$25 per pair** (1 adult & 1 child)  
\$5 for each additional child  
\$10 for each additional adult

Space is limited, please RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup>

For tickets please call one of the following:

Kerrie @ 419 - 309 - 2593

Becki @ 734 - 775 - 7992

Andrea @ 517 - 260 - 1123



# Agricultural Awareness Day

## *Agricultural Awareness Day* CALL FOR PRESENTERS



EVENT: APRIL 28TH, 2023  
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Interested in being a Presenter, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/K8UdEVyVH3hHseBU9>

Interested in being a Tour Guide, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/rPnA1jKPjd6AVWKq5>

Thank you for registering and we can't wait to Make the Best Better this year at Agricultural Awareness Day!



**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 2022 by May 1st.

***SEND DESCRIPTION TO:***

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



Call 734-740-7114 with any questions



# Exploration Days

## Class Catalog, Scholarships, Registration

Consider trying something new this year at 4-H Exploration Days, check out the class list under the Registration tab of the Exploration Days Website! Registration Opens March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm, Youth should be prepared with their classes of interest and \$50 deposit to reserve their classes. Scholarships from Tractor Supply, Monroe County 4-H Council, and Districts will be applied by the office so do not pay the full participation fee when going in to reserve classes, only the \$50 deposit. Adult chaperones should email Chelsea ([butle301@msu.edu](mailto:butle301@msu.edu)) before registering, some adult scholarships will be applied for lead chaperones.

Exploration Days Website:

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

Exploration Days Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064712228895>

## 2023 4-H Exploration Days!



June 21, 2023 - June 23, 2023







# Talent Show

Save the Date!



**Monroe County**

**TALENT SHOWCASE**

**Modeling  
MC Competition**

**SATURDAY, May 13**

**7-9 PM**

Come support your friends and enjoy an  
amazing show!

Talent  
Registration

<https://forms.gle/SYXymrMncTMwUiCC7>

MC Registration

<https://forms.gle/jEdfNGvmVs4rL3kh6>

Modeling  
Registration

<https://forms.gle/oBdEC11QomDCPMwy6>



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



2018 Junior Award 4-H State Award applicants

- » Mark of Excellence Contest:  
11-12 year-old 4-H members
- » Junior State Award  
13-15 year-old 4-H members
- » Senior State Award  
16-19 year-old 4-H members
- » Group Award  
13-19 year-old 4-H members

### Questions or To Learn More

Chelsea Butler  
4-H Program Coordinator  
butle301@msu.edu

### 4-H State Award Recognition Areas

- Beef Science
- Birds & Poultry Science
- Career Development
- Civic Engagement & Service
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer & Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goal Science
- Leadership
- Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Sheep Science
- Shooting Sports
- Swine Science
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Group Award

This experience provides 4-H members an opportunity to practice valuable skills everyone needs as they enter adulthood:

- Completing an application
- Creating a resume
- Writing a cover letter
- Interviewing
- Networking

### PRIZES

- ⇒ \$50 scholarship for all finalists attending 4-H Exploration Days
- ⇒ CASH prizes for winner in junior and senior division in 19 categories & group award winner
- ⇒ Plaques awarded to winners

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting 4-H State Awards Coordinators at [msue.4hwards@campusad.msu.edu](mailto:msue.4hwards@campusad.msu.edu) by March 15 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

### Submit Application Online

<https://events.anr.msu.eduStateAwards23>

<https://tinyurl.com/46afjtc8>

Application deadline: April 1

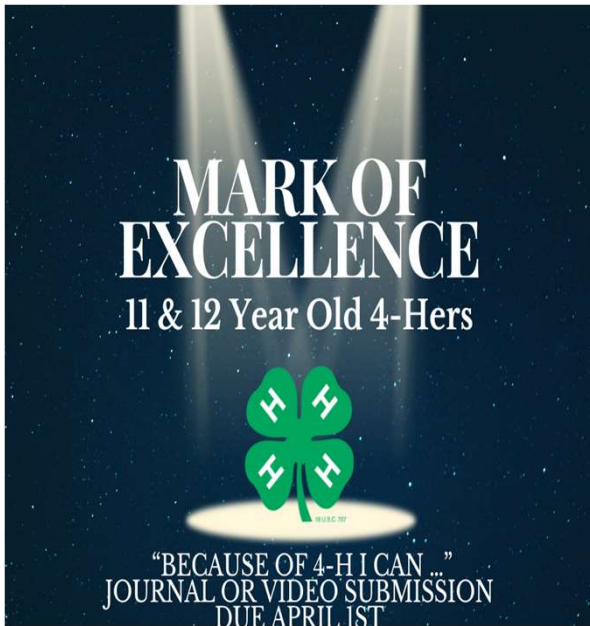






# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Mark of Excellence



The 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest 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 submits an entry (video or journal entry) on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can ...” Entries are due by April 1. Monroe County 4-H Awards Committee then selects up to two youths’ entries as their representatives and submit those names and entries to the State 4-H Awards Committee.

For More Information or to Submit:

<https://forms.gle/kNu26FHhtveRoE4W6>

## Virtual Volunteer Opportunity



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4-H State Awards Selection Committee Application Reviewers Application Reviewers will review and score applications for 4-H State Awards using the provided rubric. Reviewers will be asked to review up to 12 applications in specified project area(s). This is a virtual volunteer role; all materials will be emailed to the selection committee members, scores and feedback for applicants will be submitted electronically through events management. Applications will be emailed in early April with scores to be submitted by the end of April; reviewers will have about 3-weeks to complete reviews and scoring. Interested volunteers can register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards23/> using the “Selection Committee” registration process.



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).



### MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

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Building the Value of  
Your 4-H Club

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OFFERED 12-1PM EST  
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REGISTER HERE:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series)

## Register for Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series!

Join Michigan 4-H for an online webinar series that will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

There will be a minimum of six topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice (once as a daytime and once as an evening option). Everyone who attends at least four of the live webinars will receive a certificate at the end of the series.

The session dates and topics for the first three months are:

- **Building the Value of Your 4-H Club:** This session will focus on the key components of creating a club environment and how that leads to positive outcomes.
  - February 28, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Creating a Welcoming 4-H Club:** This session will allow you to learn new strategies as well as share methods that have worked for you.
  - March 16, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Energizing Your 4-H Club Meetings:** Learn quick and engaging activities to make your next meeting both fun and functional. Have fun and learn ways to help everyone participate at their own comfort level.
  - April 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Win prizes with 4-H Money Contests



Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, MSU Extension is coordinating two contests with an opportunity to win... money!

Youth ages 9-12 can write a short essay of 300 words or less for a chance to win a \$100 gift card in the Cash Composition Contest.

Youth ages 13-19 can participate in a 30-question online challenge for a chance to win a \$25 gift card in the Show Your Money Smarts Contest.

Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts). Prizes for the contests are generously sponsored by Extra Credit Union and the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.

### SHOW YOUR MONEY SMARTS CONTEST

AGES 13-19  
REGISTER BY APRIL 15, 2023 AND COMPLETE BY APRIL 30, 2023



WIN BY TAKING AN ONLINE CHALLENGE QUIZ

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension



## March 2: Build Your Future - Career Education for Youth

Online

Adults who work with youth are encouraged to join this webinar session to learn ways to implement career education and workforce development skills with youth!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/build-your-future-mar-2)

## March 10: 4-H Teen Fun Night

The Northern Center & Fox Den Restaurant, Houghton Lake

Teens from Roscommon and surrounding counties are invited for a night of video games, basketball, board games, cards, food, fun and making friends.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-fun-night-march-2023>

## March 11-12: Tollgate Farm Maplefest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Identify and tap a maple tree, tour the sugar shack, explore fun maple-themed activities, take a wagon ride, taste maple sap, syrup and sugar, and explore maple tools and technology. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, cocoa and real maple syrup in the historic 19th-century barn.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-maplefest)

## March 14: Wild Spartans Series - Upland Bird Conservation

Online

Meet Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Education and Outreach Manager Marissa Jensen. Learn about her field work and the education and career path she followed to get there.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2023)

## March 16: Adulting 101 – Paycheck and Taxes

Online

Understanding why and how taxes and other items are deducted from a worker's paycheck is an important step toward gaining financial knowledge. Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting3-16-23)

## March 18: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Participants will be able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches and practical horse management. Register by March 3.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-hippology-contest)



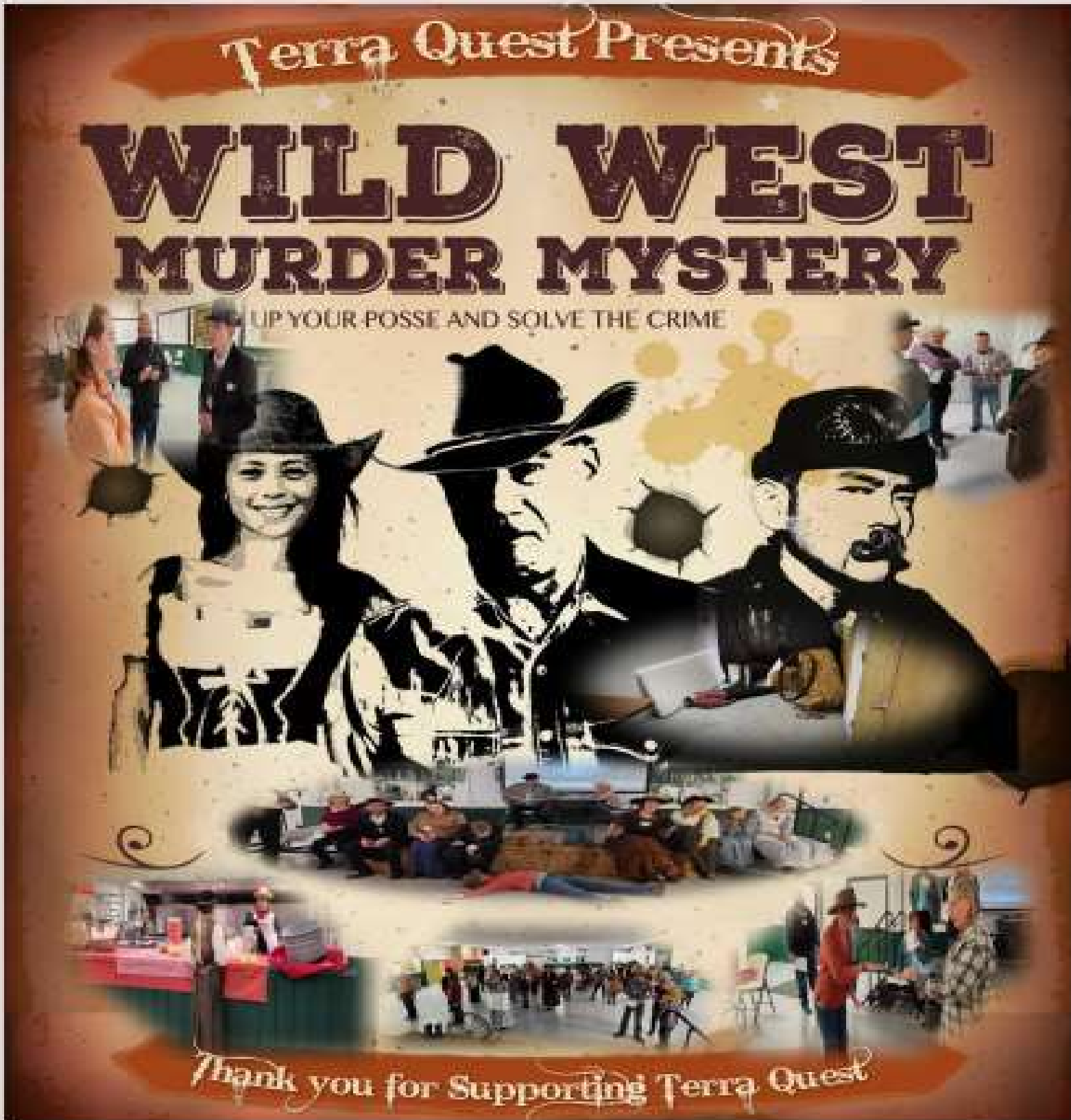


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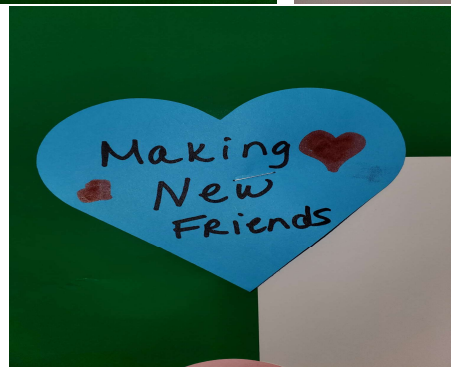
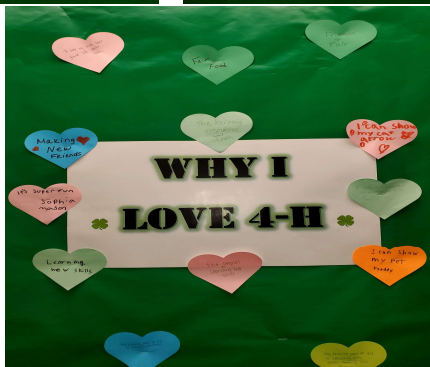
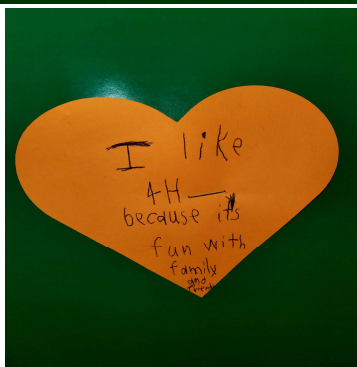
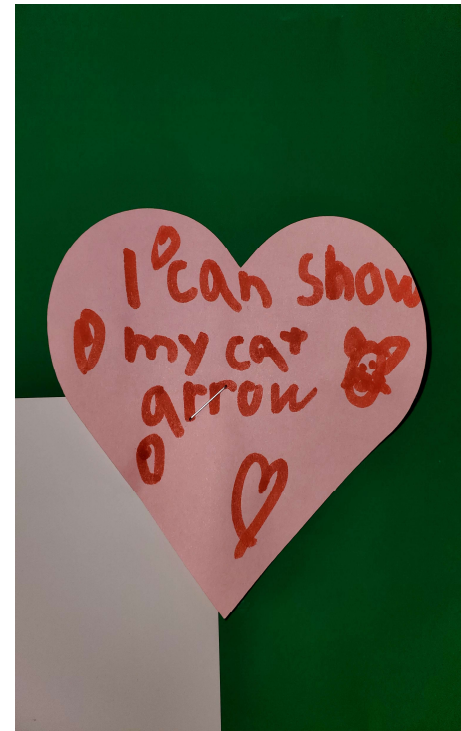
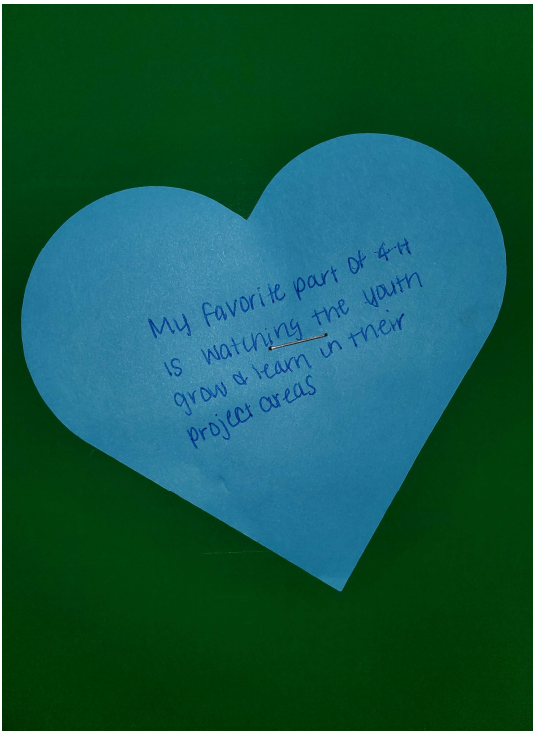
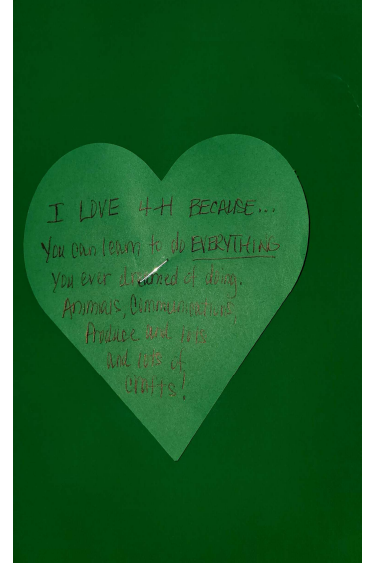
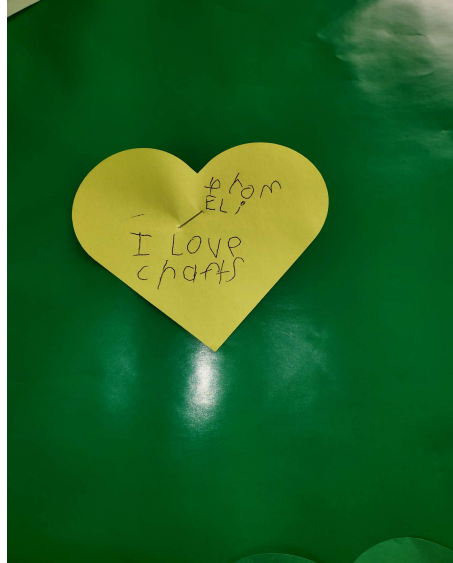
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Why I love 4-H board thank you to all that contributed







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## 2/20/2023 Self-Defense class

15 youth participated in a self-defense class sponsored by Dundee District. Youth learned valuable life skills. Instructor Master Mark Bergmooser lead the class. Thank you to the Dundee District and Tamithy Johnson for all your work in hosting this event.







## RECAP

Thanks to all that attended the Officer Training and to our presenters Jackie Martin and Janelle Stewart.



## Teen Ambassadors

Teen Ambassadors made Spring/Easter cards and purchased puzzle books for Wellspring's Nursing home residents

