



*Monroe County*

# 4-H Family News

January 2023

## HAPPY NEW YEAR and Welcome 2023!

2022 was a great year, 4-H was Making the Best Better in Monroe County! From a successful Fair Week, exciting Spaghetti Dinner and Auction as well as Many Great Recognition Banquets. The 4-H staff wants to thank each and every one of our volunteers, leaders, parents, and youth for their help, patience, and excitement this past year. Without you, this program would not be possible. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to our program. As we head into 2023, we wish all of our 4-H families a happy and healthy new year. We look forward to continuing our work to make this program that is the best, even better! Happy new year, everyone!



- HAPPY NEW YEAR -

Sincerely,  
Jean & Chelsea  
4-H Staff

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

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JLA PRESENTS

**REQUIRED FOR ALL MARKET BEEF EXHIBITS**

**BEEF TAGGING  
JANUARY 7TH 2023**

**10AM to 1PM  
Monroe County Fairgrounds**

Animals Should Have RFID Tags Before Transport

### **Address**

963 South Raisinville Rd  
Monroe, MI 48161  
Main 734-240-3170  
Fax 734-240-3183  
[msue.monroe@msu.edu](mailto:msue.monroe@msu.edu)

### **Web Site**

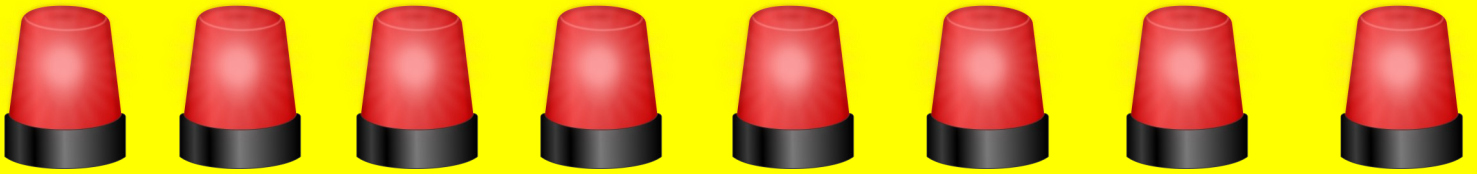
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### **Social Media**

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[@MonroeCountyMI4H](https://www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyMI4H)

**Office Hours  
Monday-Friday**

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# LAST CALL 12/31/22

## Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training

Required for ALL Gold Level Volunteers

Training Due By December 31st 2022 to Stay Active

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



**GOLD LEVEL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THEIR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING PROTOCOL TRAINING BY 12/31/2022 TO STAY ACTIVE!**

**[HTTPS://MSU.SAMARITAN.COM](https://msu.samaritan.com)**

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING**




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## 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>

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

*2023 Monroe County Fair Theme Contest*

Club Submissions Accepted Online At : <https://forms.gle/PcVDR1JUKqF1ggfH7>





# January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Office Closed</b>	3	4	5 Faithful Friends 1pm AC  Chelsea Out	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 Terra Quest 6pm AC	13	14
15  <i>Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.</i> <small>Martin Luther King, Jr.</small>	16 <b>Office Closed</b>	17 CAPRINE COUN- CIL 7PM @ELC  <b>CLUB BANK STATEMENTS DUE</b>	18 JLA 7PM @AC	19 Terra Quest 6pm AC  Fair Advisory Board 7PM @ELC  Chelsea Out	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 Nails SPIN Club 6pm @ AC  Dog Board 6:30 @ELC	25 Dairy Board 7PM @ELC  Teen Ambassa- dors 7PM @AC	26 Shooting Sports 7PM @ ELC	27	28 Legacy 4-H 4:30- 6:30 @ AC
29 HORSE & PONY TACK SALE 10-4 @FIRST MER- CHANTS EXPO	30	31				



# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Faithful Friends 1pm @ AC	3	4
5	6 Council 7PM @AC	7 Terra Quest 6pm @ AC	8	9	10	11
12 Hippology AC 4- 6pm	13 7PM HORSE & PONY @ AC	14 <i>HAPPY Valentine's Day</i>	15 JLA 7PM @ ELC Hippology ELC/ Across the Hall 7pm	16 Fair Advisory Board 7PM @ ELC	17	18
19 Hippology AC 4- 6pm	20	21 CAPRINE COUN- CIL 7PM @ELC	22 Teen Ambassa- dors 7pm @AC	23	24	25
26 Hippology AC 4- 6pm	27 SAA 7PM @ELC	28 Dog Board 6:30PM @ELC				



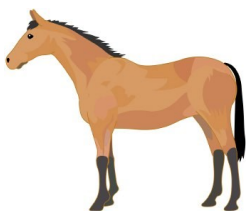
# 2023 Save The Dates

## Custer District Meeting and Leader Enrichment

January 10, 2023 7:00  
p.m. Extension Office  
Leader Enrichment activi-  
ties and District Meeting.  
Please contact Michelle  
McLaughlin at 734-740-  
7114 with questions.

## 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 Loca-  
tion

## 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 build-  
ing 6PM



## 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

**ENROLL in 4-H ONLINE TODAY!**



**Don't Get Put On the Naughty List!**



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

**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)**

**Keep those 4-H Enrollments Coming...**

Leaders pull your rosters to ensure enrollments before each meeting or activity!

**Approved Volunteers 328**

**Approved Club Members 735**

**Approved Cloverbuds 139**





\*\*\*Important Action Needed\*\*\*

Leaders please Submit your  
12/31/2022 Bank Balance/Statements

**NO LATER THAN 1/17/2023**

This information must be provided  
for 4-H clubs, E-Clubs and Boards

they can be e-mailed to  
[Genawjea@msu.edu](mailto:Genawjea@msu.edu) or Dropped off at the  
Monroe County MSU Extension Office



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\*\*\*Action Needed\*\*\*

Reminder to all scholarship winners please submit your Fall  
Semester Transcripts to the extension office. They can be  
e-mailed to [GenawJea@msu.edu](mailto:GenawJea@msu.edu) .





**citizenship**  
WASHINGTON FOCUS

Learning about our nation's history empowers today's youth to forge a brighter future. What better place to do that than Washington, DC! Youth ages 14-19 have the opportunity to experience our nation's capital like never before or ever again!

**“CWF was absolutely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! I experienced new places and learned about their importance to our nation's history. I met 4-Hers from all around the country, discovered differences and similarities between our 4-H experiences, and strengthened my resolve to use my voice to help others,” Halle Graves- 2022 CWF Delegate.**

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a premier week-long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from around the country together to experience our Nation's Capital!

The Michigan 4-H Delegation will leave by bus on Saturday, June 24 with the first stop at the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania. Traveling on, the delegation will stay Saturday night in Gettysburg. Sunday the group will tour the battlegrounds and then travel on to the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD for 6 days of eventful programming, including meetings with our Senators and Representatives, tours of many monuments provided by a licensed DC tour guide, and incredible workshops that teach life skills like civil discourse and critical thinking.

The total cost is \$2,000.00 (includes transportation from East Lansing or Coldwater, all lodging, conference costs, and most meals) plus 7 meals and spending money per participant. A \$500 deposit per delegate is due by **January 9, 2023.**

For additional information, go to the website at:  
[https://www.canr.msu.edu/citizenship\\_washington\\_focus/index](https://www.canr.msu.edu/citizenship_washington_focus/index)

To sign up, contact your county MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator. You can find your staff person at: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county> or Liana Pepin at [deisenro@msu.edu](mailto:deisenro@msu.edu).

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# WE NEED YOU!

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

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 by **January 18, 2023!**

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.

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

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

Classes will be published in the **February Network to Register!**



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**

# Do you ever wonder about your fingernails?



Join us at the activity center,

**Tuesday, January 24 at 6pm** as we:

Learn a bit about our fingernails,

Compare pros & cons  
of a few products.

*Shine  
is my  
favorite  
color*

*Nails*

You can practice a few tips and tricks,  
& perhaps play with some new ideas.



Food5c

*you're  
in  
Nail  
polish  
territory*

**Valentines Day** is just around the corner!

It will be \$15 to cover costs.

Limit 15 participants.

To sign up contact Jo Acre at [JoJustJo@Yahoo.com](mailto:JoJustJo@Yahoo.com).



*pretty  
nails  
make me  
smile*



**4-H Tack, Craft, Flea Market Sale & More!**

# 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





## Monroe County Fairgrounds 2023 Schedule of Events

Jan. 13-15 RV Outlet Show	June 23-25 4-H Horse Show
Jan. 29 4-H Tack Sale & More	July 7-9 Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show
Feb. 4-5 Oddities & Horror Fest	July 14-16 FCHA Horse Show
Feb. 11-12 Gun & Knife Show	July 30-Aug. 5 Monroe County Fair– 76th Annual
Feb. 24-26 HBA Home Show	Aug. 19-20 Gun & Knife Show
March 4-5 Holistic Expo	Aug. 27 Auto Swap Meet
March 12 The Vintage Market	Sept. 8-10 FCHA Horse Show
March 18 Ducks Unlimited	Sept. 15-16 Monroe Pop Fest
March 25 Garage Sale & Flea Market	Sept. 16-17 Splashback Flyball Tournament
April 1 Winter Storage Removal	Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show
April 2 FCHA Tack Sale	Oct 7 Winter Storage In
April 8 Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show	Oct. 7-8 The Vintage Market Wicked Pickin'
April 14-15 Soil Conservation Tree Sale	Oct. 13-15 FCHA Horse Show
April 16 Auto Swap Meet	Oct. 21 Garage Sale & Flea Market
April 22-23 Spashback Flyball Tournament	Oct. 28 TBD
April 28 Ag Awareness Day	Nov. 4-5 Shipshewana on the Road
April 28-30 Fair Food Drive-Thru	Nov. 11 Maker & Artisan Show
May 7 Monroe Bike Show	Nov. 18 TBD
May 12-14 Scout-O-Rama	TBD
May 12-14 4-H Horse Show	Dec. 10 The Vintage Market
May 14 Flower & Garden Show	
May 21 Motorcycle Swap Meet	
May 27 Bedford Fire Explorer Training	
June 3 Relay For Life	
June 2-4 FCHA Horse Show	
June 10 All Bullz/No Brakes Dog/Car Show	
June 9-11 4-H Horse Show	
June 18 Ham Radio Swap Meet	



Schedule Subject to change. Visit our website [monroecountyfair.com](http://monroecountyfair.com) for more details and updates!

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**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

15

**Save the date for  
Michigan 4-H equine  
events**



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, be sure to mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

February 3-4: Horse Judging Workshop and Practice Contest

March 18: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

April 15: Hairy Horse Show

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

August 18-20: State 4-H Horse Show

For more information on events, [www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](http://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information).

## January 10: Wild Spartans - Working Towards a Career as a Wildlife Biologist

*Online*

Meet Erin Johnston, wildlife biologist - wildlife and habitat section lead for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the Michigan Natural Resources Department. Learn about researching, managing and protecting species with cultural significance, as well as Johnston's field work, and the education and career path she followed.

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

## January 14 – 15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference

*MSU Pavilion, Lansing*

This annual event is open to all judges, horse show managers and adult volunteers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference)

## January 16-20: 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

*Online*

4-H members test their shooting sports and natural resources knowledge with peers across the nation. Registration should open around Jan. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl)

## January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

*MSU Pavilion, Lansing*

This one-day event is open to participants aged 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023)

Show Catalog: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tagP5u9TpukzvcdI29Y7f7DFMaCaE5C2/view>

## January 31: Adulting 101- International Conversations

*Online*

Join us for an engaging cultural conversation live and learn about another county. Gain new knowledge and ask questions that interest you with an international guest.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations)

## February 11: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

*Paw Paw Conservation Club, Paw Paw*

Interested in leading Hunting & Wildlife shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a Certified Instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes Feb. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw)

## March 4: 4-H Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

*MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats Registration information and a detailed schedule will be available in early 2023. Mark your calendars!

## March 12-14: 4-H Capitol Experience

*Radison, East Lansing*

Registration information and a detailed schedule will be available in early 2023. Mark your calendars!

Join us for the  
**Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop**  
beef, sheep, swine, goats



**Saturday, March 4th, 2023**  
MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

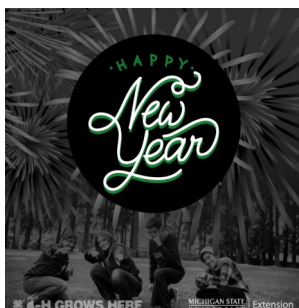
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### Registration is now open for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest!

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields.

This event will be on February 18-19 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers, and participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay! Register now at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>.



### Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension

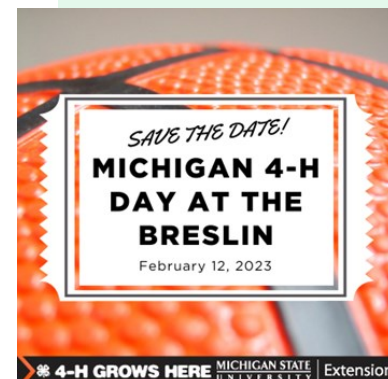
Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

### 2023 4-H Day at the Breslin Center



Make plans to join us for the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, February 12, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 3 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 1:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff for this annual event! Tickets will soon be available at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).





Thank You  
Certified Shooting Sport Instructors  
for your continued commitment to the  
Monroe County 4-H Program!

Connie Ammerman

Jeff Bash

Daniel Cousino

Ronald Eby Jr

Jerrienne Schantz

Denise Williams

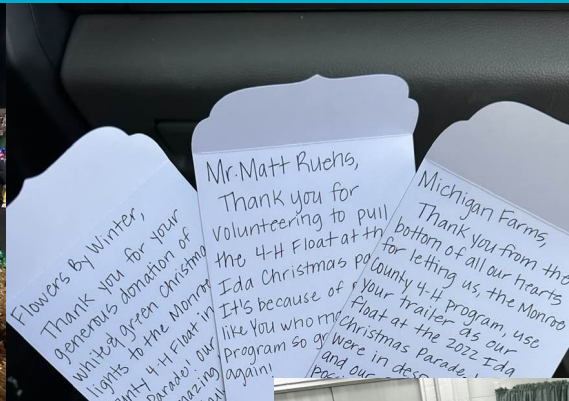
Butch Williams

Mark Woodruff

Rob Yarger



# December Parade Recap







# *Pennies For Turkeys*

- Pennies for Turkeys was started in 2008 by Hope Blevins, who was the residing Teen Ambassadors President at the time. The idea was that it would be much easier for people to donate their loose, change than to ask for cash, Using this method, the donations grew from year to year.
- 2008 - we raised \$1,116 and bought 85 turkeys which were donated by Salvation Army and Vietnam Vets.
- 2022 - we raised \$1,600 and bought 40 hams and 43 turkeys,
- The Teen Ambassadors would like to thank Larry and Linda Richter, and the Vietnam Veterans for helping us distribute the meat to the families and for our fantastic partnership with Independent Dairy, and how you have stored the different meats while waiting to be distributed



Submitted By: Alyssa Otto

# Teen Ambassadors Christmas in Ida Coat Drive!



From Left to right; Alyssa Otto, Stewart Funk, Ashton Hohendorf, Natalie Lewis, Daisy Branham, and Brandon Fisher.

The Coat Drive was hosted by the Teen Ambassadors 4-H. The coat drive was located at the Ida Craft Fair in the High School, overall it went well and we look forward to the future years!

Megan Deidrich( not pictured ), also collected coats at Ruhlig Farms and Gardens and added them to this coat drive!



## Annual Mitten Tree

Benefiting Monroe County Residents for 27 Years!  
Ran by Volunteers: Roger & Pat Webb

2022 Mitten Tree Collected 425 Winter Items.  
Items will be distributed at the Arthur Lesow Community Center as well as to public schools in Monroe County.

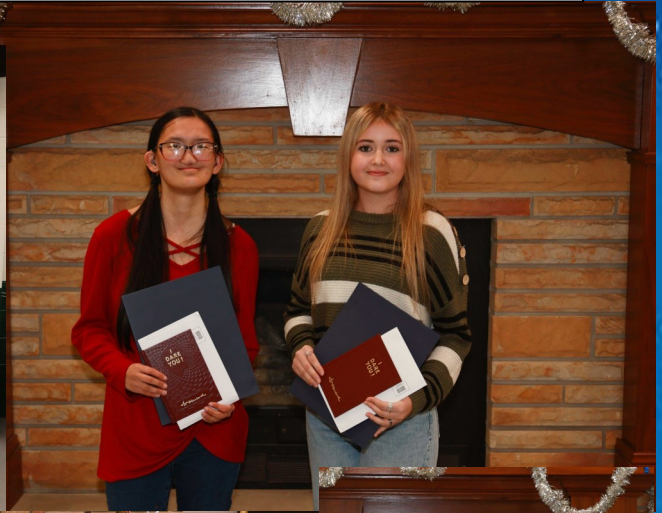
"I never knew this was what it would be when it started, it makes my heart happy to see the kids each year playing in their hats and mittens." -Pat Webb





# Congratulations STARS!

## December 11th, 2022



**Thank You For a Great 2021-2022 Youth & Leader Recognition Banquet**

First Merchants & Wiesler Photography

Mary Wickenheiser, Tamithy Jackson, Roni Worden, Brenda Chandonnet, Chelsea Butler, Jean Genaw,  
Amy Harbaugh, Barbara Siebarth, District Award Committee

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