



May 2023

4-H Family News

Monroe County



Welcome to the Month of May!



Join us in welcoming Hilary Stotz to our Monroe County MSUE Team. Hilary started as the new Secretary for the Monroe County office on April 10th. She has a personal background in agriculture through her family's farm and spent 7 years in the 4H program growing up in Monroe County. She is here to assist our staff with their daily tasks and projects as well as helping our customers with any needed resources through MSU Extension. We're excited to have her join us. Please join us in welcoming her, stotzhil@msu.edu and 734-240-3182!

This month's content highlights

- TSC Paper Clover Campaign
- Fair Shirt Store is open
- Broiler Clinic May 02, 2023
- Pre-Fair Leader Meeting May 04, 2023
- 4-H May clinic and horse Show May 12-14, 2023
- Sheep/ Swine Tagging May 13, 2023
- Talent Show May 13, 2023
- Cook with Ella (our new chef) May 13, 2023
- Fair Entry opens May 15, 2023
- Last Instructor Led YQCA training May 24, 2023
- Exploration Orientation May 25, 2023
- New Volunteer's Silver sign-up assistance
- Junior Superintendent Sign-up

Another full month DON'T miss anything!!!
Chelsea and Jean

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Sunday

Monday

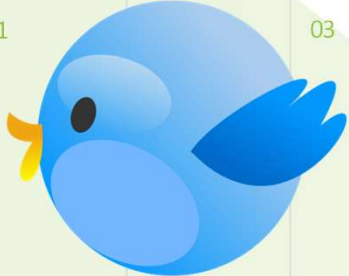
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

01	02	03	04	05	06
TSC PAPER CLOVER: TSC					
7 pm 4-H Council AC	6 pm Terra Quest AC 7 PM Broiler Workshop AC	6:30 FAB Packet Packing	1:00 Faithful Friend AC 7:00 pm pre-fair Mtg AC		1:00 Stick Horse Practice Stable Way farm, 13072 Armstrong Rd, South Rockwood, MI
07	08	09	10	11	12
	4-6 pm Silver Volunteer Sign-up AC 7 pm Horse & Pony AC		6:30 Raisinville Wranglers AC	4-6pm Silver Volunteer Sign-up AC	Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony clinic and Show May 12-14
	15	16	17	18	19
4-H Horse Show	FAIR ENTRY OPENS Chelsea and Jean at Training 6:30 pm Cat board	4-6:30 pm Silver Volunteer Sign-up AC 7pm Caprine Council AC	7pm JLA ELC	SSA County Practice 6:00PM @ Carleton Sportsman's Club 7:00 pm Fair Advisory Board ELC	
21	22	23	24	25	26
Slow Spokes Practice	Chelsea and Jean at Training 6:00 Dog Agility Practice 7:00 SAA ELC	6:30 pm Dog Board ELC	7 pm Instructor Led YQCA @AC 7 pm Teen Ambassador ELC	10am-6 pm Volunteer Sign-up assistance 7:00pm Exploration Days Orientation	
28	29	30	31	01	03
					
04	05	06	07	08	10



May

2023

JUNE INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

28	29	30	31	01	02	03
SEE MAY CALENDAR						
04	05 7 pm 4-H Council AC	06 6:00 pm All Species Fitting and Showing Clinic	07	08	09 4-H Horse show 6/9-6/11	10 4-H Horse Show
11 4-H Horse show noon registration Dog Fun Match 1:00 Show Fairgrounds	12 6:30 pm Mandatory Horse Meeting AC 7:00 pm Horse and Pony AC	13	14 6:00pm Dog Agility Practice Fair Grounds	15 Fair Entry will Close at 5:00 PM YQCA Deadline 6:30-8:30 Horse Practice open ride	16 1-7 pm Leader fair paperwork turn in AC	17 9:30 am-noon Green Thumb Expo Fairgrounds 7:00 pm 4-H night @ Flat Rock Speedway
18	19 Slow Spokes 6/18 to 6/20 6:30 pm Cat Board	20 7:00 pm Caprine Council AC	21 6:30-8:30 Horse Practice open ride	22	23 4-H Horse Show 6/23-6/25	24 4-H Horse Show
25 4-H Horse Show	26 7:00 SAA ELC	27 6:30 Dog Board 6:30-8:30 Horse Practice open ride	28 7:00 Teen Ambassador	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
JULY INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT NETWORK						

June

2023



Premium Book & Fair Entry

2023 Premium Book

Link: [2023-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf \(monroecountyfair.com\)](https://www.monroecountyfair.com/2023-Premium-Catalog-FINAL.pdf)

2023 Fair Premium Book

Premium Books will be distributed to Leaders on May 04, 2023. Link to the premium book, will be posted on Facebook and County Website as soon as available.

Families are responsible for knowing information in the premium book related to project areas their youth enroll in, please read carefully.

Don't use old projects numbers or premium catalogs, information has been updated. 2023 premium catalog replaces all prior premium catalogs.

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

Fair Entry

Families- All projects that youth plan to take to Fair will need to be entered into Fair Entry before it closes.

Fair Entry opens on **May 15th** and

Fair Entry Closes on **June 15th at 5:00 pm.**

DO NOT WAIT TO COMPLETE

www.fairentry.com is the website.

After registering you **MUST** print your entry list and provide it to your Leader

A 3-minute video that demonstrates the entry process for families. Feel free to download the video or share the link as a resource for your families and exhibitors: [How to Register with FairEntry](#)

A 2-minute video discussing [how to log in to FairEntry with 4-H Online](#) is also available.

Here is a link to some tips and tricks of Fair Entry:

<https://fairentry.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217431057-Families-Resources-for-Exhibitor-Entries-9-1-2021>



YQCA Certification



Complete YQCA no later than June 15, 2023 *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 one remaining instructor led training to be held at the 4-H Activity Center on

5/24/2023 7pm

***** for instructor led training, Youth must register online at least two days prior to the 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, Events, Deadlines

Small Animal Association Clinics

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

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

Last Chance to attend required SAA Clinic



Dog Dates

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2023 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mandatory meetings EVERYONE must attend one of these:

May 23, 6 pm (before Program meeting) No Dogs

June 6, 6pm Before Fitting and Showing clinic with dogs

Other Activities-Must attend and participate with you dog in at least one.* First year handlers MUST attend and participate with your dog at one fun match.

Agility Practice May 22, 6pm set up

Fitting and Showing clinic June 6. 6:30pm (following mandatory meeting #2)

Fun match June 11, register at noon, show at 1pm

Agility Practice June 14, 6pm

Fun Match July 15, register 9am show at 10

Fair: Dog show July 29 & Doggy Dress up July 30

More information for all events as they get closer.



Cat Dates

Cat Show July 16th 1:00pm Prince of Peace



Junior Livestock Association News



Clinics- JLA requires first year showers in project areas to attend at least one JLA clinic, to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair. The June 06, 2023 fitting and showing clinic is your last chance to meet this requirement.

Junior Livestock Association



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



All Species Fitting and Showing Clinic 6/6/2023 Fairgrounds starts @ 6pm **Large Animal First Time Showers** **last chance to meet clinic requirement.**



Goats Mandatory meeting 6/6/2023 goat barn @ 7 pm



Dairy Clinic and Meeting 6/6/2023 Dairy barn @ 7:00 pm



Barn Set-up 7/11/23 6PM



Horse and Pony News

Upcoming Events

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



Horse and Pony info

Main communication through Face Book: Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Members Only and

Monthly meetings 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center

H&P has mandatory meetings and volunteer hours make sure you are meeting the requirements

May paperwork will be submitted online [4-H Horse Sign Up Form \(google.com\)](#)

DEADLINE MAY 04, 2023



Turn in a paper copy of Coggins and full color body picture to your leader by May 01, 2023

May 06, 2023 1:00 pm Stick Horse Practice @ Stable Way farm, 13072 Armstrong Rd, South Rockwood, MI

1st Mandatory Meeting June 12th 6:30 pm Activity Center

- Open ride meets
- June 15th 6:30-8:30
- June 21st 6:30-8:30
- June 27th 6:30-8:30
- July 13th 6:30-8:30

Hippology

Monroe County 4H Hippology Team



Pop Can Collection Fundraiser!



Now--August 31, 2023!

Available at your porch or mine!
Arrangements for porch pick up can be made!

The proceeds from bottles collected will go to offset the expenses for educational materials/contest fees for the Hippology Team.

When your returnables are ready for collection, please contact me to arrange a safe porch pick up/drop off.

Elizabeth Kotus text is best 734-604-4951

Your Contact person:

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

Now - August 31st

We are heading to Arabian Horse Nationals for both Hippology and Horse Judging. We need help from our community to be successful! Proofs will be turned into Tribute in exchange for \$ to help pay for educational resources used and travel expenses.



Here is an example of what is needed off the feed bag

We can schedule a pick up or They can be mailed to:

Contact: Monroe County 4H Hippology Team c/o Elizabeth Kotus 19965 Southwick Rd. Milan, MI 48160 Or Schedule pick up email: ekotus@hotmail.com or text 734-6044951



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Club/Volunteer/Leader Corner



CLUB CORNER



London Fancy Farmers did a community service project and met the ORIGINAL leader of London Fancy Farmers, Dale Straub. He said he was happy to see the club still going and to meet the kids. He shared his picture of his champion 4-H cow with the club.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL SILVER LEVEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2023 FAIR

Monroe County 4-H uses silver volunteers in the kitchen, for guard duty in the static project areas and limited other areas.

Office will be providing one on one assistance to those that need it. See May calendar for dates, times and location.

Steps to become an MSU Extension silver volunteer

- Complete a profile application using below link
<https://msu.samaritan.com>
 - Sign waivers Background check, Code of Conduct, medical and media releases
- We are looking forward to assisting additional volunteers with their silver status.

***If you need assistance with becoming a Silver Volunteer, please contact Jean (734) 240-3188



LEADER CORNER

Pre-fair Meeting scheduled for May 04, 2023 7pm @ AC
LEADERS ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED AND STAY FOR THE FULL MEETING.

Fair Paperwork turn in June 16th 1pm to 7 pm in the AC. All fair paperwork will be turned in at stations in the AC.



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/4_h_club_bylaws_a_great_tool_to_keep_your_club_on_track



Superintendents

Superintendent Contracts

A few difficulties with distribution of superintendent contracts were encountered...Mail merge, undeliverable e-mails and ability to open e-mail doc. Additionally, some contracts said to bring to the July meeting. We would like contracts back by May 4, 2023. If you didn't receive a contract e-mail Jean genawjea@msu.edu. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Attention

calling all

2023

Fair Superintendents

Please sign and return your contract by
May 4th!

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





Call for 2023 Junior Superintendents

Become a Junior Superintendent!

- **What is a Junior Superintendent?** These are youth assigned to each 4-H department section at Fair. The Junior Superintendent assists the adult Superintendent with tasks to ensure a successful presentation, be a runner, and/or help with project displays.
- **Who is eligible?** Any 4-Hers who is 11+ years old (4-H age)
- **How do I sign up?** Below is a link to the google form that will need to be filled out if you are interested in being a Junior Super. This needs to be completed by June 15.

Google doc sign-up

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1PLjrOr-R0ExU-7Xufe96dDeANHhjhJCKuxXHJb33J3E/prefill>

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



Teen Ambassadors Fair T-Shirt Store

Teen Ambassadors Fair Shirts

<https://4hfair23.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

The 2023 Fair Shirt Store is OPEN!

Please click on the link to order. Teen Ambassadors have partnered with All Heart Athletics this year, again. We are excited to offer the Fair Theme shirt and a Monroe County 4-H shirt in a different colors and in different items like t-shirts, sweatshirts, and long sleeve shirts.

Congratulations
to TA Member
Daisy Branham
for designing
this year's shirt!



The store closes on
May 26th and will
not be reopened,
so order now.

Once your order is
ready you will re-
ceive a phone call
from All Heart to
pick-up your items
from their store.

<https://4hfair23.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



Please Note



All 4-H Clubs that will be participating in the Fair Parade, having a 4-H Club member carry your flag, please provide the Neon Green Fair shirt for the member to wear. Please have the member arrive at the parade route with your flag by 12:15PM. The parade starts at 1PM sharp.



Activity Center

Cooking Class with Ella



LIVE COOKING CLASS
MAY 13, 2023



In-Person Cooking Class 5pm 5/13/23
4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fair Grounds

Come on out and meet and cook with Chef Ella Dudek.
Try some of the new items on the menu this year for Fair.

You'll help cook and learn a few things about food along the way.
We have limited space so please sign up asap. \$25.00per person to RSVP for
your spot use link below. Please note: this class will sell out.

Chef Ella will be running the 4-H Activity Kitchen the week of the Fair.
Her background as a tour chef for legends like Bob Seger, and Elton John lead
her to American Idol for the past 8 years she was the American Idol chef. until
covid hit.

<https://forms.gle/TaWDK7PjxHVA3ZNC9>

ANY QUESTIONS
ELLAD1313@YAHOO.COM





Talent Show

Please register today! MORE REGISTRATIONS ARE NEEDED OR EVENT WILL BE CANCELED

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>



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Monroe 4-H Shooting Sports



COUNTY PRACTICE SHOOTING SPORTS

County Practices #2:

May 18th 6:00PM @ Carleton Sportsmans Club-air rifle, archery, trap Youth must have equipment/ammo, parent/guardian and club instructor present, youth must sign up on the sign-up genius for attendance posted on the SSA Face Book site.

All youth participating in the Monroe County Fair Shoot on July 15, 2023, are expected to attend at least one county practice.

We will go over rules, check equipment, and do a short practice to ensure youth are ready for the July competition. Club instructors are required to attend with their youth.

Youth must attend one of the three practices. We will practice: Archery, air-rifle, and Trap.

Questions, please ask your shooting sports instructors. We will have two more practices, one in May and one in June.



MSU Extension
4-H Shooting Sports

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-training-workshop-1



Kick Ball

Event Terra Quest Fundraiser



TERRA QUEST 4-H PRESENTS

LET'S KICK IT

First Annual Kickball Tournament

SUNDAY JUNE 11TH

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10AM

KICK OFF AT 11-11:30 AM

\$125 Per Team

\$150 after June 5th

8-12 player teams

age 14 +

LIMITED SPACES

AVAILABLE



For More Information or to

Register contact

Becky 734-775-7992

Kerrie 419-309-2593

Andrea 517-260-1123



Produce Planting Expo

Upcoming Events Hosted by Bedford and Dundee Districts



Green Thumb Expo

Learn how to grow vegetables, plant flowers, make a fairy garden, build a scarecrow and more!

SATURDAY
JUNE 17
9:30am - 12pm
4-H Pavilion

8
COMPLETED PROJECTS
Only \$15



Please bring the following items to expo:
One - 6-7" clay pot
One - 10-12" plastic hanging basket
Two - 10-12" plastic pots or pails

Refreshments will be provided
Sponsored by Bedford & Dundee Districts

MAKE sure you add these projects to your FAIR ENTRY form due by JUNE 15

<u>PROJECT AREA</u>	<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>SECT.</u>
Scarecrow 2-3'	66	908
Herb Garden	67	915
Hanging Baskets	67	916
Patio Pots	67	917
Potted Geranium	67	918
Potted Marigold **	67	919
Fairy Gardens	67	923
Tomato Plant	68	927
Patio Vege Planter	68	929

** Cloverbud only
Class is determined by age of youth
See premium catalog for class #





Exploration Days

Exploration Days Orientation

Exploration Days Orientation for registered youth will be held 7 pm May 25, 2023 at the Activity Center.



4H Slow Spokes Practice Bike Ride



Who:

Anyone that is registered for the Slow Spokes ride must attend at least one practice ride.

What:

What to bring:

- * Bike – Equipped with a bottle holder (Or you need a camel pack)
- * Helmet
- * Water bottle (with water in it)
- * Wear bright colored clothes
- * Money to buy lunch at McDonald's in Milan

Where:

Raisinville Township Hall 96 Ida Maybee Rd. Monroe, MI. 48161

When:

Saturday May 13th and Sunday May 21st

Please arrive by 9:30. Ride will depart by 10:00. Expected return time is ~2:30

Contact:

Jeff Bohmer 734-755-9307



Donations



Call for Spaghetti Dinner Donations

SAVE THE DATE
November 18, 2023

Do you have "friends in high places"?

How about making a contact for an auction donation? Mud Hens tickets, Sporting Events, Hands-on Activities, Museums, Group Activities – all donations welcome!

This event is one of three major fundraisers for the Monroe County 4-H Council and supports our program and other opportunities for all our kids!

Spaghetti Dinner

Assistance requested in securing donations from companies or have homemade items

Donations are coming in highlights

- Henry Ford Museum
- Toledo Zoo 1 year Membership

Sponsors Trophy and Dog Medals

Trophy sponsors check your e-mails for Sponsorship letters. Several checks have already been received.

Thank you for your continued
Support

...A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Trophy Sponsorship
Due May 5th

4-H Fair Advisory Board
c/o Mrs. Angela Michel
801 Donnalee Drive
Monroe, MI 48162

QUESTIONS? Call Jean at 743.240.3188 or
Email Debbie at debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu

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

Contact General Awards Superintendent Debbie Kraftchick at Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo

OR
call Jean at 734.240.3188
for a list of sponsorships needed





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Upcoming Fundraisers



TSC paper clover campaign allows Monroe 4-H to provide scholarships to youth for camps and leadership opportunities.

Monroe receives funds from 3 local TSC stores

- Monroe
- Dundee
- Lambertville

Spring 2022 Campaign raised \$1,729.97 for Monroe 4-H Youth.

Don't forget to buy a paper clover today 😊

Thank you

Chelsea and Jean

SAVE THE DATES 2023 4-H Fundraisers

Monroe County 4-H holds three major fundraisers each year under the leadership of the 4-H Council.

Funds raised support our programs, trip scholarships, county awards, 4-H Activity Center and MUCH MORE!

FAIR KITCHEN – JUL 31 – AUG 4

4-H CANDY SALE – begins SEP 7

4-H SPAGETTI DINNER & AUCTION – NOV 18



Spring Clean-up

Upcoming Fundraisers

SPRING YARD CLEAN UP

We offer:

- Clear Debris
- Spread Mulch
- Plant Flowers
- Rake Rocks back into Driveway
- And More!



Call to book your appointment today!

Contact:

Becky 734-775-7992
Kerrie 419-309-2593
Andrea 517-260-1123



Terra Quest 4-H Presents



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Overnight Canine Camp



A camp for you and your pup! Join Michigan 4-H June 2-4 at Coldwater 4-H Camp in Weidman for the 4-H Overnight Canine Camp. Sessions will include showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, grooming and therapy dog. Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up dog parade, demonstrations, crafts and s'mores.

Camp is open to youth ages 8-19. Campers ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost for campers is \$100 for day campers or those who dry camp with their families or stay elsewhere. Overnight campers will pay \$120 and be housed in the dorms. Both campers will receive meals, snacks, materials and t-shirt.

Space is limited. Register by May 18. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-overnight-canine-camp.

May 1: Explore 4-H Club at Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation (DPFLI) *DPFLI, Detroit*

Take part in an eight-week 4-H club to experience some of the many projects that 4-H has to offer! To enroll in this club, attend the 4-H Open House from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to sign-up, meet leaders, and enjoy games, giveaways, refreshments and more. Fun for the whole family!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore4hatdpfli

May 6: Hesse-Earl Youth Fishing Program

Lake Lansing, Haslett

Youth ages 5-16 will learn basic fishing skills such as casting, knot tying, rigging for different types of fishing, regulations, and fishing ethics. Additional sessions on May 13 at Hawk Island (Lansing) and May 20 at Motz Park (St. Johns).

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-hesse-earl-youth-fishing-program1

May 13: Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Comerica Park, Detroit

Watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and the 4-H community will enjoy discounted tickets to the game.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers

May 18: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

This workshop will address the college decision process. MSU Admissions will provide advice on getting admitted to the college of your choice and the application process, along with tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-5-18

June 3: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop

Escanaba

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! **Registration closes May 22.**

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June 3: Michigan 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

Ionia County Fairgrounds, Ionia

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! Space is limited; registration closes May 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2023-24 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2023-2024 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

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



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

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

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

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

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

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

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

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

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

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

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



Recap



Griffin Linn and Robert Levi Couch (Monroe 4-H Alumni) were awarded Agribusiness Scholarships at the Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics Awards Program at MSU on April 4th.



Jean Genaw received an award from the MAE4-HYS organization for excellence in Volunteerism. Screening 120 Gold Level Volunteers through the VSP in 2022. She led Michigan's 4-H volunteer program in the number of volunteers screened. She provided in-person assistance to those that needed it. She worked with current volunteers to complete Child Abuse Reporting Protocol (CARP) Training. She provided in person trainings, support with directions and guidance on how to complete. Monroe 4-H program had 440 volunteers complete the CARP training prior to the 12/31/2022 deadline. She focused on reengaging volunteers that were inactive during covid. Encouraged volunteers to obtain Silver level Volunteer Status when gold level was not required increasing from 38 Silver volunteers to 126.

State Skill-A-Thon Video Awards

[2023 Skillathon Awards Video - MSU MediaSpace](#)

- Lane Stanger
- Sophie Stanger
- Zoe Stanger
- Elizabeth Kotus

State Award Submissions

Good Luck to the 6 youth from Monroe County that applied for state Awards.

- Stellamia Aerts
- Alana Aulph
- Corinna Aulph
- Alexis Fisher
- Brandon Fisher
- Justin Yarger

College Scholarship Submissions

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| ▪ Jaren Schmidt | ▪ Julianna Stratton |
| ▪ Michael Maciejewski | ▪ Alexis Fisher |
| ▪ Alyssa Otto | ▪ Heaven Frye |
| ▪ Natalie Delmotte | ▪ Audrey Whitton |
| ▪ Emma Dobberstein | ▪ Sonja Goetz |
| ▪ Griffin Linn | ▪ Allison Spradling |
| ▪ Erica Holup | ▪ Stephen Wiesler |
| | ▪ Justin Yarger |



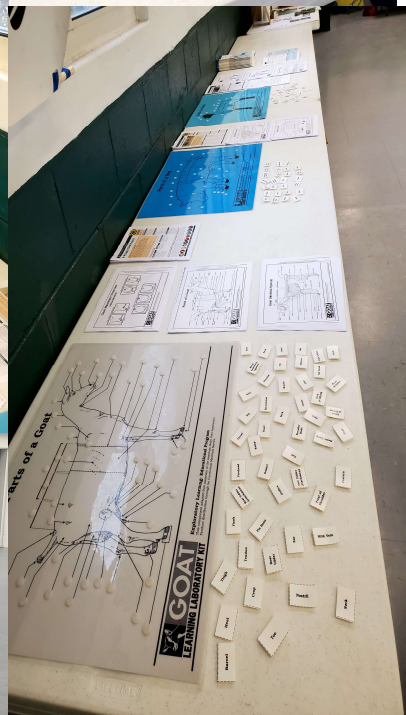
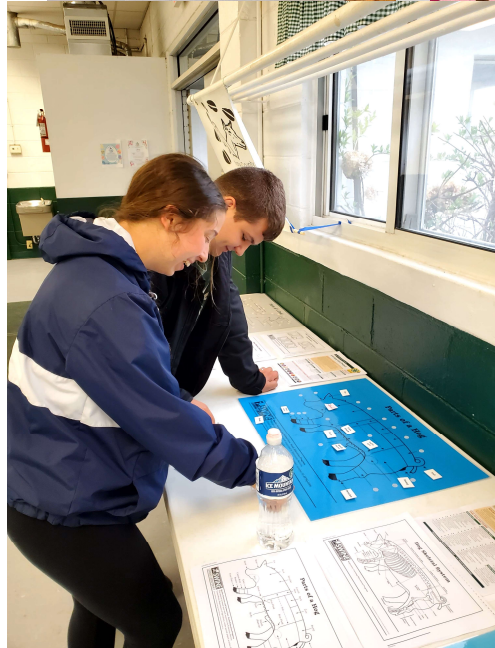
Recap

Leader Enrichment



Team Building Activity Thank you to all the leaders that attended the leader enrichment training. It was a great event

Feed Clinic So proud of our youth that coordinated this event! Thank you Elizabeth Gomez for all your hard work.





Recap

Rabbit/ Cavy and Pocket Pet Spring Show

Rabbits

Best of Show- Mini Lop- Isabelle Valentine

Reserve- Californian- Brooklyn Bukis

Best of Breed

Himalayan- Pason Fox

Harlequin- Elianna McDowell

Flemish Giant- Parson Fox

Dutch- Elysiam Cross

Tan- Elianna McDowell

Netherland Dwarf- Merideth Miner

Thrianta- Elianna McDowell

English Lop- Shyann Simons

Jersey Wooly- Parson Fox

Mini Rex- Brooklyn Bukis

Lion Head- Pason Fox

Holland Lop- Skylar Watson

Cavy

Best of Show- White Crested- Austin Arting

Reserve- American- Collin Brooks

Best of Breed

Abyssinian Satin- Alexis Fisher

Abyssinian- Collin Brooks

Other- Cecelia Aulph

Pocket Pets

Best of Show- Rat- Aubrey Liedtke

Reserve- Hamster- Kennedy Joseph

Best of Breed

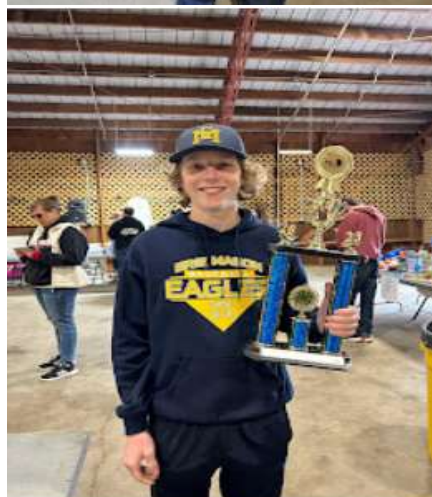
Chinchilla- Alexis Fisher

Mouse- Alexis Fisher

Gerbil- Alexis Fisher

Rabbit Breed ID- Alexis Fisher

Showmanship- Alexis Fisher





Recap

Agricultural Awareness Day

Over 500 student, parent and teachers, 109 volunteers, 19 classrooms and 8 districts participated in the 2023 Agricultural Awareness Day. MSU Extension hosted, Monroe County Farm Bureau sponsored, provided volunteer lunch, assisted with transportation scholarships, educational stations and worked the event. The Monroe County Fair Association also provided great support. Thank you to all that participated!



Chelsea Butler and Mary Bohling MSU Extension, David Swartout Monroe County Commissioner and Jerry Heck Monroe County Farm Bureau



Recap

Blanchette Preview Show/ Beef clinic



Sheep Clinic



State Horse Judging



Dog Board Community Service at Woof Lodge