



4-H Family News

December 2024



Welcome to the Month of December



Happy Holidays to all.

We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and Christmas.


This network contains upcoming events, clinic dates, volunteer opportunities, RSVP for the Leader/youth recognition banquet and so much more!!!!

BEEF TAGGING is Jan 4, 2025 9-11:00am at the fairgrounds!

Please take the time to read the network it is our gift to you ☺.

Thank you to all that continue to help and support us in "Making The Best Better". Chelsea and Jean

This month's content highlights

- 2024-2025- 4-H Enrollments
- Call for Help Parades
- Loop Yarn Knitting Drop-in
- **Beef Tagging Jan 04, 2025** 
- Leader youth Recognition Banquet, RSVP needed
- Call for Instructors for cloverbud and mini expo

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

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DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01 Ottawa Lake Servers Mtg; AC 1:30PM	02 Office Closed 4-H Council Mtg; AC 7PM	03 TQ Mtg; AC 6PM	04 Float Goodie Bag Packing	05 Faithful Friends Afternoon; AC	06 5:00-7:00 Drop-in Loop Yarn Knitting ELC	07 Ida Lights Parade Open to ALL 4-Hers
08	09 Awards review awards committee	10 Entrepreneurship Series; AC 6:30-7:30PM	11 TA Meeting 7pm; AC	12	13	14 Dundee Home for the Holidays Parade Open to ALL 4-Hers
15	16	17 Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	18 E.S.I Mtg; AC 7PM	19	20 Whispering Spirits Mtg; AC 6:30PM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 4-H Office Closed for the Holiday's
29	30	31	01	02	03	04 4-H Office Closed for the Holiday's Beef Tagging; Fair Grounds 9am-11am
05	06	07	08	09	10	11 See next page for Jan dates



JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
4-H Office Closed for the Holiday's			New Year's Day			 Beef Tagging; Fair Grounds 9am-11am
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	4-H Council; AC 7PM	Dairy Board mtg ELC 7pm Terra Quest; AC 6PM		MAFE CONVENTION		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	Custer District Mtg ELC 7pm	JLA; ELC 7PM E.S.I.; AC 7PM	Fair Advisory Board Mtg ELC 7pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Youth/Volunteer Recognition Banquet; AC		Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	SELF Defense Class			Terra Quest Murder Mystery; 6:30PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
4-H Tack Sale; First Merchants Expo Center 10AM-2PM	SAA; ELC 7PM		TA; AC 7PM			
02	03	04	05	06	07	08



Small Animal

SAVE THE DATES:

- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show Jan 25th, 2025
- Small Animal Association Meeting 1/27 7pm ELC
- In Person YQCA Begin in February
- Poultry Wksp March 11th 7pm AC
- Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet Wksp March 25th 7pm AC
- Small Animal RCPP Spring Show: April 19, 2025
- Broiler Wksp April 29th 7pm AC



Scarlett Wells and Morgen Schmidt participated at the Overall Showmanship Competition for Rabbits and Cavies at the MSU Pavilion. Congratulations Morgen for placing third overall!! Thank you both for representing Monroe County 4-H!!



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

Join us today!

CLUBS
Huckleberry Hounds, Milan Easy Riders
Paws-R-Us, Snoopy's Friends, & Whispering
Spirits.

YOUTH
Kids from Clover Buds (5-7 years old), to aging-
out members (19 years old) work together to
help each other learn and grow.

LEADERS
Our leaders are dedicated volunteers who
have lots of experience. The program would
not be possible without their hard work.

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Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Where do we meet: 4-H Activity Center

When do we meet: Every 3rd Monday
(February – June, September – November)

Upcoming Meetings: September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th

Requirements: Each child needs to attend at least 3 meetings with their cat(s) and work with them at the meeting. **NOTE:** We do not bring cats to every meeting. Watch Facebook page for meeting information.

Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H member including Cloverbuds

Need more information:

Contact Kim Cramer at
cramergirls09@gmail.com





Junior Livestock Association News

Tagging Dates

Beef Jan. 04, 2025, 9:00am to 11:00am @Anderson Arena

Sheep/Swine May 03, 2025, 8:00am- 10:00 am @ Anderson Arena

Clinic Dates

Swine March 31, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Sheep March 06, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Tom Blanchett Beef Preview Show- April 05, 2025 @ Anderson Arena

Fitting and Showing June 3, 2025, 6:00pm @ Anderson Arena

YQCA- required for All mkt project areas, needs to be completed each year

Instructor led dates:

Feb. 27, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

March 27, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

April 09, 2025, 7:00pm @ Activity Center

Other

Barn Set-up July 08, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Congratulations to newly elected officers

2024-2025 JLA Officers
President: Lindsey Roof
Vice President: Sophie Kreps
Secretary: Kayla Pittman
Treasurer: Sydney Linn





Dairy Board / Goat Board

Dairy Board next meeting Jan 7, 2025 7:00pm at Extension office * Please attend so officer elections can be held.*****



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe



Next Meeting December 17, 2025 7:00pm Extension Office Christmas Party

Caprine Council

Congratulations 2024-2025 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

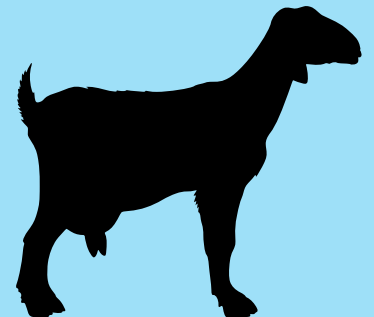
Vice President- Elizabeth Gomez

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Treasurer- Celine Alt

Historian- Aiden Chase

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Danielle Pienta





Horse and Pony News

4-H Important Dates

Jan. 14, 2025 Horse and Pony Meeting 7:00pm Activity Center

Jan 26, 2025 4-H Horse and Pony Tack Sale First Merchant Expo Center

Horse and Pony info

Main communication is through Facebook: Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Members Only and

Monthly meetings 2nd Monday of the month 7:00 pm Activity Center (Except Aug & Dec)

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

Congratulations to 2024-2025 youth Board

[Link to registration form: 2025 Monroe County Tack Sale.pdf.pdf - Google Drive](#)

2025 Monroe County 4-H Tack Sale

When: Sunday January 26, 2025

10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: First Merchant Expo Center

3775S Custer Rd Monroe Mi 48161

Admission \$3 Per person

Heated Indoor Facility

Silent Auction

New & Used Tack Vendors

Concessions

Profits

Benefit the Monroe County 4H Horse & Pony Program

Hippology Team

The Hippology Team meetings are open to any 4H member who wants to learn more about horses.

It is considered a horseless project. We will be covering many different subjects preparing for the upcoming State educational Hippology and Horse Judging contests. Reach out to Liz Kotus at Horse and Pony meetings for more information.

Drop-in Loop Yarn Knitting

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/MnTGXgmLjG4XhSsi6>

Come join the fun

Learn how to knit with loop yarn

Dec 06, 2024

Drop-in 5:00pm-7:00pm

<https://forms.gle/MnTGXgmLjG4XhSsi6>





Call for Gold Level Volunteers!! Are you able to help with the following? These floats will support county wide membership. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

Truck and Trailer: Ida Lights Parade Saturday Dec 7th

This would include early arrival for setup and and after for tear down. We will also need to have a driver record report run with license. Please let me know ASAP if you or someone you know may be able to help.

Chelsea:
butle301@msu.edu
734-240-3174

Interested in Riding or Walking in the Ida or Dundee Parades???

- Ida Lights Parade, Starting at Ida HS: December 7th 3pm Set Up Starts, 7pm Parade
- Dundee Home for the Holidays Parade, Starting at Dundee HS: December 14th 4:00 pm Set Up Starts, 6:30pm Parade

Contact us at (734)240-3174 or butle301@msu.edu

This is a great event to market the 4-H program and be an example of the great experiences you have had! Coat boots and blankets encouraged! Please RSVP at the link below!

[RSVP for Parades](#)



SMART FINANCES BRIGHT FUTURES



FALL 2024

**9/26
6:30PM**

MONEY MASTERS AGES: 13-19

MSU Extension Office 963 S. Raisinville Rd. Monroe MI 48161

FOREVER FINANCE AGES: 13-19

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**10/23
6:30PM**

**11/19
6:30PM**

MONEY CARNIVAL AGES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

FINANCE FESTIVAL AGES: 8-12

4-H Activity Center Monroe County Fairgrounds Raisinville Entrance

**12/10
6:30PM**



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**SPACE LIMITED
RSVP TODAY:**



Monroe County 4-H Entrepreneurship Program & First Merchants Bank Partnering to Help Our Community Prosper



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Leader/ Youth Banquet

RSVP by Jan. 10, 2025 Link <https://forms.gle/naYLjVw2kxXVzBNx9>

A very special THANK YOU to all our leaders and 4-H members who helped make the 2023-2024 4-H Year and Fair such a spectacular SUCCESS! It would not happen without you.

Please join us as we recognize a few of those who made a special impact this year including our 4-H Leader of the Year, individual and business meritorious awards and our newest outstanding alumni.

Our youth will be recognized with county medals, older teen awards, State Award participants, Key club and I Dare You nominees and winners.

Prior Volunteer Award Winners Watch for ballots in the mail to vote for 2024 Volunteer Awards





Terra Quest Murder Mystery

COME ONE, COME ALL TO TERRA QUEST'S

THE GREATEST MURDER ON EARTH

A MURDER MYSTERY EVENT



Saturday, January, 25th @ 6:30-9:30 pm

4-H ACTIVITY CENTER - 3775 S. CUSTER RD

Appetizers and Drinks will be provided.

Suggested dress is casual or themed costumes.

Buy your tickets now to have a role in the fun! Parts are limited.

Help Terra Quest members pay for our August 2025 Trip!

For Tickets or Questions Contact:

Becky 734 - 775 - 7992

Kerrie 419 - 309 - 2593

50 TICKET LIMIT

Come Join
the fun



Enrollment in 4-H online



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

***** IMPORTANT RE-Enrollments were Due November 30, 2024*****

If you have not currently enrolled in 4-H Online do so TODAY!!!

Don't Miss the year around activities!

Reminder to select a least one project per club

Horse, Dog and Shooting Sports require a club that is approved in those project areas

Questions Call Jean at (734) 240-3188



Monroe County 4-H

Kickoff to 2024-25 Enrollment

Our 4-H program year runs September through August each year.

Enroll on September 11th to take part in our year round programs. The best part...it is FREE to join! That's right, NO participation fees!

2024-25 Enrollment begins SEPTEMBER 11th at v2.4honline.com

As always, please contact our office with any questions at 734-240-3188



Call for Instructors and Volunteers

Cloverbud and Mini Expo volunteers to teach or work event

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 1 – Clover Bud Expo (5–7 year-olds)

Saturday – March 15 – 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 debra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu

or call Jean Genaw at 734.240.3188 with suggestions or questions

Possible Classes

- Christmas Ornaments
- Melted Crayon Art
- Wood Burning
- Flip Flops
- Promotional Posters
- Appetizers
- Metal Punch
- Mosaics
- Rag Wreaths
- Diamond Dot
- Produce Art
- Rockets
- Glass Etching
- Appetizers
- Tin Foil Art
- Greeting Cards
- Costume Masks
- Decorated Cookies
- Communications
- And so much more!!!



Club Officer Resources



4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills.**



[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: President](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club president.

[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Vice President](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club vice president.

[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Secretary](#)

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This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club secretary.

[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Treasurer](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club treasurer.

[So You Are an Officer of Your 4-H Club: Reporter](#)

PUBLISHED ON JULY 11, 2019

This guide will help you in your role and responsibility as 4-H club reporter.



Club Help and Grandstand Clean-up Winners

THINKING OF YOU! CARDS FOR 4-Hers in NC



Looking for a club activity!

Call for Thinking or you cards to send to
4-Hers in Henderson County, NC

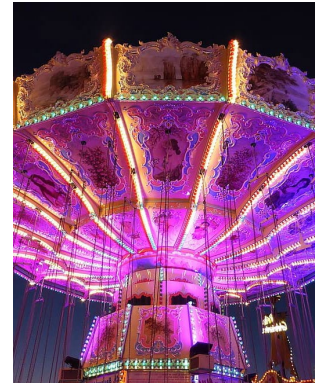
We have a generous donor who will send all cards collected to NC

PLEASE DROP CARDS OFF TO EXTENSION OFFICE

Still collecting

Winners Grandstand Clean contact office to make arrangements for prize pick-up

- Garret Worden = 4 wrist bands to Rev'd Up Fun
- Benson Greca = 2 passes to Kackleberry farm
- Issac Roznowski = Starbucks gift card
- Caden Williams = 5 Guys gift card
- Alex Noland = Amazon gift card
- Logan Wells = chick Fil a gift card



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Fair Theme Winner

Congratulations to Legacy 4-H Club

2025 Fair Theme:

Celebrating the Bounty of the County



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



Matthes Tree Farm

13416 Lulu Rd
Ida, MI 48140
734-269-2668

Bring this certificate any time during our 2024 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 22nd—Dec 22nd. Must present flyer to cashier. Excludes trees and independent craft vendors.

ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

Benefiting Monroe County Residents

Collection of new or gently used hats and gloves will begin November 8th - December 12th at the 4-H MSU Extension Office
963 Raisinville Rd

15TH ANNUAL PENNIES FOR TURKEYS FUNDRAISER!!

Teen Ambassadors is hosting its annual Pennies for Turkeys fundraiser. Each year we collect loose change and purchase turkeys and hams for our local Vietnam Veterans of America!

How can you participate?

We are asking clubs to consider collecting change at their next meeting to contribute to the cause!

FOR DONATIONS OR QUESTIONS:

Text or Call Toni: 734-915-0250

Follow us on Facebook
Monroe County 4-H
Teen Ambassadors

JOIN TEEN AMBASSADORS!

Teen Ambassadors is looking for new members ready to serve the Monroe County 4H Program!

- ✓ Leadership opportunities
- ✓ Resume building
- ✓ Improving communication skills
- ✓ Community service opportunities
- ✓ Friends that turn into family

JOIN US!

CALL FOR INFO
734-240-3170



Volunteer/ leader Corner



Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>

Club leaders click below for directions on how to pull your Rosters!

[Directions on how to pull club rosters](#)

Leaders, please take the time to review updated Financial Manuals. These manuals will answer many of your club questions related to finance.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers - 4-H Volunteering & Mentoring \(msu.edu\)](#)



[Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](#)



Volunteer/ Leader recorded trainings

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 -[Recording](#)

What is Club Development? Where are club resources on the website? Discuss needs of counties across the state related to club development.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 -[Recording](#)

How to help a 4-H Club stay healthy?

Exploring [4-H Club Development website](#) and Resources.

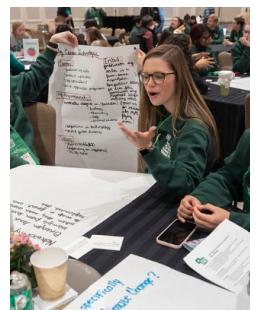
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 -[Recording](#)

What are ways to maintain positive club engagement?

Strategies for promoting opportunities within clubs

SAVE THE DATE!! Club 101 is coming on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

Tools for Building Strong Clubs Activities and recreation are tools that can strengthen an already energetic program or revitalize one that is lagging. VanWinkle, Davis, Skubinna and Larwood (2005) define recreation as “games, skits, parties, songs, camping, hikes and refreshments.” They suggest that recreation – which can occur at any time – is important because it allows participants to (a) feel a sense of belonging, (b) become acquainted, (c) practice cooperation, (d) develop leadership skills and (e) release excess energy. In particular, they suggest using the following ideas for helping to build a strong 4-H club: (click link) [Tools for Building Strong Clubs - 4-H Club Development \(msu.edu\)](#)





Craft Premium updates coming

~ Soap Making and Bath Products - these will now be two separate project sections

Soap Making – will now include soaps made with lye

~ Needlework – there are six project areas, 4-Hers can enter one project in each of the six project areas

~ Frozen Foods – now includes a Frozen Dessert project area

~ Cake Decorating and Other Cake Decorating is now combined into one project area

~ Pet Treats – will be still judged on Thursday, check-in; but project will not be kept for display. Pictures of Sweepstakes and Trophy projects will be taken and displayed on a food board, along with a listing of all 4-Hers participating and their grade

~ Painting – now includes a project area for mixed media (which is a combination of any of the drawing project areas)

~ Drawing – now includes a project area for mixed media (which is a combination of any of the painting project areas)

Other clarifications in the sections were added. Please read all general rules and section project rules before starting your project.

New Project Sections

Section 893- Coloring Pages

- a. This project may be a color by number page or color by pattern page.
- b. You may use your choice of colored pencils, markers or crayons to complete your project.
- c. Your completed page must be mounted on a **piece of cardboard** and brought in a **2-gallon bag** for display.

Section 894- Stepping Stones

- a. Stepping stone may be made from concrete or mortar.
- b. Your project may be decorated with inlaid materials or stamped with a design.



District Leaders

Airport District

Pres	Patsy Hantz
Vice Pres	Kelley Masson
Sec	Jill Calkins
Treasure	Carrie Beaudrie

Bedford District

Pres	Mayra Leitner
VP	Debbie Kraftchick
Sec	Denise Williams
Treasure	Sue Andrews

Custer District

Pres	Brenda Chandonnet
VP	Barbara Siebarth
Sec	Michelle McLaughlin
Treasure	Michelle Grider

Dundee

Pres	Lynette Hackett
VP	Heather Turnblom
Sec	Roni Worden
Treasure	Leann Comstock



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WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

"YOU DRIVE THAT?!"
BEING A FIRE OFFICER IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST FIRE"

WITH JENNIFER HANSEN & COURTNEY KUBITSKEY
 FOREST FIREFIGHTERS,
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

December 10 | 6:30 PM EST
 Registration required:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25

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Michigan 4-H Animal Science

2025 SKILLATHON

5th ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

2025 Test Dates: February 26 and March 1



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, 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.

November 29 – December 15: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co.

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

December 3: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that makes 4-H so extraordinary. 4-H'ers are leading the way in a world full of change and together, we can build a generation ready for anything. We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-tuesday/>

December 10: Wild Spartans – Forestry Fire Crew

Online

Join 4-H staff to spark excitement in the world of wildland fire. Meet Jennifer Hansen and Courtney Kubitskey, who are on the forestry fire crew with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Learn about their work, and the education and career path they followed to get there. This free series is open to all youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required:

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-december-2024-25

December 17: Online Extension Extras - Helping Kids Manage Stress

Online

Children and youth experience stress; parents and caregivers have an opportunity to support them. This workshop will cover common causes, signs and symptoms of stress, as well as discuss strategies for supporting children, youth and parents experiencing stress.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-helping-kids-manage-stress-12-17-24

Kettunen Center Inventory Closeout

Kettunen Center was the first 4-H volunteer and youth training center in the nation, owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation from 1961 to 2021. The center's remaining merchandise and furnishings is now available for sale through the MSU Surplus Store! We know the Kettunen Center meant so much to the 4-H community and this is an opportunity to purchase something by which to remember the center. Purchase yours today!





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Help youth build the Five C's: Competence, confidence, connection, character and compassion

Adapted from an article by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension

Michigan 4-H works to ensure that youth are engaged in a positive youth development program and utilizes the 4-H Thriving Model to help illustrate how it is meeting the needs of youth across Michigan. A key component of the 4-H Thriving Model is that youth form developmental relationships. Young people thrive best when their families, friends, schools, neighbors, businesses and other community members support them in a variety of ways.

Positive relationships with volunteers provide young people with chances to learn life skills such as goal setting, problem-solving and communicating. Volunteers can help young people move through the developmental stages and address difficulties along the way. One important way volunteers can help youth thrive is to help them build their Five C's. According to "Liberty: Thriving and civic engagement among America's youth" by Richard Lerner, the Five C's are competence, confidence, connection, character and compassion.



The Five C's aren't tangible things you can give to young people. They're skills and characteristics young people develop through their experiences and relationships. According to Zarrett and Lerner, young people who are able to display stronger evidence of having the Five C's are considered to be thriving and more likely to be developmentally on target than those who do not. Volunteers have the potential to assist young people in building the Five C's by creating relationships and situations that allow them to thrive.

MSU Extension recommends the following ideas to help Michigan 4-H volunteers working with youth to help build the Five C's.

- Help youth learn new concepts for the projects or activities they are participating in.
- Know youth names and address them by their preferred names and pronouns.
- Have youth find their spark by trying something new.
- Help youth navigate obstacles that they encounter.
- Help youth work through the tough side of giving away a project (i.e., selling an animal, giving away a project they worked hard on).
- Help youth record progress, no matter how small; each completed task is a job well done (i.e., maintain a "Done It List").
- Identify values or ethical standards a youth lives by. Do this with them. Write a non-negotiables list showing beliefs the youth will not alter. This helps alleviate peer pressure break downs.
- Define confidence, competence, connection, character and compassion. Use one of these terms to define during a group meeting and discuss ways we show it. Align with the 4-H pledge and have youth brainstorm ways (or goals) to show these traits in the new 4-H year on paper. They can draw or write those ideas.
- Use simple ice breaker activities in pairs or small groups to help young people talk through or work on a common activity or topic. Have them share out loud to the larger group their shared connection or how they worked together to achieve a common goal (building competence and confidence, building connections).
- Focus on building relationship with the youth involved by really getting to know them (their hobbies, interests, events in school or family) and inquire about them with a genuine interest.
- Recognize specific positive behaviors or accomplishments in competence, confidence or character of youth in the club/group.
- Be compassionate in one's interactions with youth (and others) and serve as a role model in that behavior.



Recap

Money Carnival – 4-H Entrepreneurship Program



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Horse and Pony Banquet





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Spaghetti Dinner and Auction THANK YOU such a huge success



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