



4-H Family News

March 2026



Welcome to the Month of March

Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone!

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. To show at this year's fair must be enrolled in 4-H online by April 01, 2026!!! Please note any dates regarding workshops, deadlines, and events. We all know how busy this time of year is. We can't wait to kick-off Spring with all of you.

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

Jean A. Genaw

Monroe County Program Coordinator

This month's content highlights



2025-2026 4-H enrollment complete NOW. LAST MONTH TO ENROLL in 4-H online and show at fair DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST DAY 4/1/2026

- 4-H Tack Sale
- Clinic Dates
- Mini Expo
- Entrepreneurship
- Drop-in with Jean
- YQCA training
- Fundraiser events
- Garage sale

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

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MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tack Sale & Dog Treat Bake Sale; FM Expo 10AM-2PM	2 4-H Council; AC 7PM	3 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	4 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	5 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Sheep Clinic; AC 7PM	6	7 Mini Expo; AC Registration required
8	9 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	10 Poultry Wksp; AC 7PM	11 YQCA training; AC 7pm	12 Exploration days registration opens Entrepreneurship; AC 6:30PM D-12 Volunteer Learning Series 6:30 registration required	13	14 Hoof Trim by appointment only contact Tim Judit 734-735-7779
15 Denim and Dust Photo Shoot	16 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM Slow Spokes Mtg; ELC 6:30PM	17 Drop In W/Jean; ELC 5PM Carprine Council 7pm ELC	18 Hippology; AC 6:30PM JLA; ELC 7PM	19 Fair Advisory Board; ELC 7PM	20	21 Legacy 4-H;
22 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3PM Pony Farm Meet&Greet	23 SAA; ELC 7PM	24 E.S.I.; AC 6:30PM	25 Teen Ambassador; AC 7PM	26 RCPP Clinic; AC 7PM D-12 Volunteer Learning Series 6:30 registration required Garage Sale Drop off AC 10:00 to 7pm	27 Garage Sale Drop Off AC 10:00 to 7pm	28 Garage Sale; AC
29	30 Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM	31 Swine Clinic; AC 7PM				

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM Deadline to enroll in 4-H online	2 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	3	4
5	6 4-H Council; AC 7PM	7 Terra Quest; AC 6PM	8 Hippology; AC 6:30PM	9	10	11
12	13 Horse & Pony; 7PM	14	15 Scholarship applications Due JLA; ELC 7PM Shooting Sports; ELC 7PM	16 FAB Mtg; ELC 7PM	17 Entrepreneur- ship; AC 6PM	18 RCPP Spring Show; Small Animal Barn 8AM Tom Blanchet Beef Preview Show; Fairgrounds
19 London Fancy Farmers; AC 3PM	20 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	21 Drop In w/Jean; ELC 5PM E.S.I. AC 6:30PM Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	22 Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM Scholarship interviews	23 YQCA Training; AC 7PM	24	25
26	27	28 Broiler Wksp; AC 7PM	29 Teen Ambassador; AC 7PM	30		



Enrollment in 4-H online



- 4-H online link: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Monroe County 4-H 2025-2026

4-H online enrollment

Opened September 08, 2025

All re-enrollments should be complete

Please re-enroll NOW!!!



Deadline to Show at fair register by 4/1/2026



Do not wait enroll as soon as 4-H online

Contact the 4-H office with any questions or assistance you may need

(734) 240-3188

***UPDATE Current 4-H online enrollment numbers

*****Incompletes 63 Please log back in and complete!!!**

Reminder Adults need to be active gold or silver before enrolling in 4-H online (See page 31)

To be reviewed: 17 Volunteers & 40 youth, **If you submitted an enrollment before January and it is still in awaiting review contact Jean at the office after Immediately!!! (734) 240-3188**

489 Volunteers Approves 1,113 youth approved **leaders please pull your rosters. Great Job, let's get the final enrollments in!!!**





Small Animal

Next Meeting March 23, 2026 @7:00pm ELC

Save the Dates:



Small animal requires youth to attend one workshop per year

- Poultry Workshop 3/10/2026 7pm AC
- RCPP Workshop 3/26/2026 7pm AC
- Spring RCPP Show 4/18/26 Ed. Building
- Broiler Workshop 4/28/2026 7pm AC

- Chicken/Duck \$4.00 orders due 4/01/2026, pick-up 4/30/2026
- Broilers 2.50 orders due 4/28/2026 pick up June 11th
- Turkey orders due 2/10/2026 \$4.00(turkey orders can be done on your own)
- Rosters on your own

Follow Us on Social Media

[Monroe County Small Animal Association](#)

[Monroe County 4-H Dog Program](#)

[Monroe County 4-H Cat Program](#)

See JLA page for YQCA Dates



SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 25-26

President: Daisy Branham
 Vice President: Journey Williams
 Recording Secretary: Kathryn Dietrich
 Corresponding Secretary: Angyl Bischoff
 Youth Treasurer: Samantha Gibson
 Historian: Mackenzie Sommers



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program



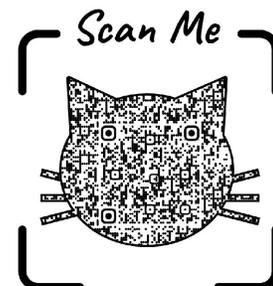
Meeting Location: 4-H Activity Center

Meeting Dates: 3rd Monday of the month
 (except December, January, July and August)

Meeting Time: 6:30PM

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds who own a cat are welcome.

For more information: Contact Kim Cramer at cramergirls09@gmail.com or scan the QR Code.





Monroe 4-H Dog Program



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026!

MAY 1ST - AG AWARENESS DAY

MAY 5TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

MAY 31ST - FUN MATCH @ 12PM

JUNE 2ND - FAIR FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

JUNE 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

JULY 11TH - FUN MATCH @ 10AM

JULY 16TH - AGILITY PRACTICE @ 6:30PM

AUGUST 1ST - FAIR SHOW @ 8AM

AUGUST 2ND - DOGGIE DRESS-UP @ 7PM

AUGUST 7TH - FAIR SHOW - RALLY @ 10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 19TH - MI STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

**For more information please contact your club
leaders or the dog program superintendent,
Casey Young 419-344-3753**





Junior Livestock Association News



Next JLA 3/18/2026 meeting 6pm Auction
Committee Meeting, 7pm monthly board mtg. ELC

Tagging:

Sheep and Swine tagging 5/2/2026 8am-10am *all sheep and swine must be tagged to show at the Monroe county fair**

Clinics: JLA requires 1st time showers to attend species specific clinics. All are encouraged to attend

Sheep 3/5/2026 7pm Activity center

Swine 3/31/2026 7pm Activity Center

Beef 4/18/2026 Tom Blanchett Preview Show

Fitting and Showing 6/2/2026 6pm Fairgrounds

YQCA Instructor Lead trainings: ~~2/24~~, 3/11 & 4/23/2026 all start at 7pm in the Activity Center. Registration and pre-test required. All market animal exhibitors need YQCA certification.

Barn Set-up July 7th

2025-2026 JLA Officers
President: Sophie Kreps
Vice President: Kayla Pittman
Secretary: Lindsey Roof
Treasure: Clara Iott



YQCA Training



Complete YQCA no later than June 08, 2026 *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 08, 2026 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 [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](https://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 instructor led training to be held at the 4-H Activity Center on

YQCA Training Feb. 24th 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training March 11th 7:00 pm @ AC

YQCA Training April 23rd 7:00 pm @ AC

***** 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 [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](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/5M3Ab17QPtcPtUAZ9> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. *****

Clickable Links:

·YQCA Instructor Led training [YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingILTCertification_2024.pdf](#)

·“help video” specifically for students enrolling in instructor-led trainings

<https://youtu.be/wZHW2qtMIOc>

·YQCA Web-based [YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingWBTCertification_2024.pdf](#)



Youth Volunteer Hours

Get Involved in the Barns!

Help in the Small Animal Barn & Junior Livestock Barns!

Complete a Minimum of **8 Volunteer Hours**
January 1st - July 24th

8 HOURS VOLUNTEERED

- ✓ Rabbit Clinic
- ✓ Sheep Tagging
- ✓ Clearing Barns
- ✓ Fitting & Showing Clinic
- ✓ Rabbit Show

Turn in Your Volunteer Log!

- ✓ Submit a sheet with
- ✓ Date & Event
- ✓ Total Hours Worked
- ✓ Signature of Jean Genaw, Ron Bash, Dave, or General Superintendent
- ✓ Description of Your Tasks

Receive a Sign for Your Pen at the Fair!

Get Your Hours In By July 24th!

Volunteer Forms Due to:
Large Animal Superintendents
or Small Animal Superintendents

2026
Volunteered **8 Hours**
Your Name



Agriculture Awareness Day Volunteers Needed!

Agriculture Awareness Day
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



MAY 1ST, 2026

MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS
PLEASE USE QR CODE TO SIGN UP





Dairy Board / Goat Board



Congratulations 2024 Dairy Board Officers

President: Isaac Haws

Vice President: Alex Haws

Secretary: Kylee Buchanan

Treasure: Mason Eagle

JLA rep./ Historian: Lauren Mathe

Thank you 2025 Monroe County 4-H Dairy Board Sponsors

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Wind in the Willows Floral Boutique |
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Next Dairy Meeting
TBD
Youth elections will be held/ please attend!



Caprine Council

2025-2026 Caprine Officers

President- Danielle Pienta

Vice President- Liam Bednarz

Treasurer- Emma Lane

Secretary- Stewart Funk

Historian- Ashlyn Weslow

JLA Goat Representatives- Stewart Funk & Liam Bednarz



Next Caprine Meeting
3/17/2026 7pm ELC



Horse and Pony News

Save The Dates

- No Meeting in December
- ~~3/1/2026 Rescheduled Tack sale~~
- May 01, 2026 Horse paperwork due
- Leveling show - May 8-10
- Point Show 1 June 5-7
- Point Show 2 June 26-28
- All Mini Show- July 17-19
- Clinic/Meet and Greet- September 13th
- Banquet 2026 November 6th

2026 H&P Officers

President- Nora Sheets

Vice President- Mackenzie Reed

Secretary- Mia Brinson

Treasure- Maleah Wylie

Webmaster/Historian- Laynie Timmons

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





Hippology and Horse Judging Team



When: Hippology and Horse Judging Meetings are usually twice a month, but competition season comes they are more often

Where: SMCC high school and 4-H activity Center. Can also be 4-H Extension Office

What we learn: In Hippology and Horse Judging we learn about diseases, conformation, and different riding styles

2026 meeting dates

- January 7-SMCC
- January 20-Extension Office
- February 4-SMCC
- February 10-Activity Center
- February 18-Extension Office
- March 4-SMCC
- March 18-Extension Office
- April 8-Activity Center



Join the facebook study group for more information Contact: Liz Kotus via group.me





MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM

Questions and Answers

-  **What is this program:**
 - Recognize youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.
-  **Who Can Participate:**
 - Any youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project member in Michigan.
-  **What are the requirements to log my hours:**
 - Trail location, date, hours ridden, miles, type of ride
 - Trail type classes or arena riding do not count towards these hours
 - Miles will accrue from August 1st thru the following July 31st.
-  **Recognition:**
 - Top five Junior and Senior participants awarded at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.
-  **How do I Record my Rides:**
 - Use this link to record your rides:
https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOyn5zWO RdTsyfY

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JORDAN AT HEWITTJ8@MSU.EDU
OR DAVID AT LINDSA75@MSU.EDU

Who: Youths aged 5-19 who have an interest in horses!

What: Opportunities for public speaking, individual presentations, and team presentations

When: Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10am and check-in starts at 9:30am

Where: Anthony Hall on campus at Michigan State University (474 S. Shaw Lane East Lansing, MI 48824)

How: Register at https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information
Registration closes on March 11, 2026

Michigan 4-H Youth Equine Communications Contest

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Interested in horses and love talking about them? Join us!
All Equine related topics are welcome!

- Public Speaking
- Individual Presentations
- Team Presentations

Registration is open now!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information



State Equine Program

2026 Michigan 4-H and FFA State Horse Judging Contest

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University
Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.

New Class Schedule

Class #1: Performance - Place 4-H Only

Class #2: Performance - Place 4-H Only

Class #3: Performance - Place and Questions (4-H and FFA)

Class #4: Performance - Place and Reasons (All but Jr. Novice)

Class #5: Halter - Place and Questions (All but FFA)

Class #6: Halter - Place and Questions (ALL contestants)

Class #7: Halter - Place and Reasons (ALL contestants)

Class #8: Halter - Place for all (Reasons for Sr. Regular Only)

2026 Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest

Sunday, April 12, 2026
Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University
Contest starts at 9:00 a.m.

Contest Schedule

8:00am: Check-In for Participants and Volunteers

9:00am: Orientation

9:30am: Judging Phase Begins

10am: Slide Test Phase

10:40am: Knowledge Test

11:10am: INSTRUCTIONS for next phase

11:20am: Begin Stations and Team Problem

3:00pm: Contest should conclude

Awards approximately 2 hours after contest concludes

Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HHIPPOLOGY26/>



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension



Register now at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HHORSEJUDGING26/>

Questions? Email David at lindsa75@msu.edu

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Beyond Ready





Monroe County Scholarships



2026
MONROE COUNTY
4-H SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN

APPLY BY
April 15th 2026

INTERVIEWS INPERSON & ZOOM
April 22nd 2026

RECOGNIZED & AWARDED
4-H Graduation

FOR MORE INFORMATION
genawjea@msu.edu
734-240-3188

Click here for [2026 Scholarship list](#) and requirements. Read list and requirements before starting your application! Once you're ready to start your application click on Link:

<https://bit.ly/Monroe4HScholarshipApplication2026>

or use QR code





MONROE COUNTY 4-H ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES

All classes held the the 4-H Activity Center on the Fairgrounds

Thursday, January 22nd 6:30pm

Goal Setting- putting SMART goals into practice for 2026

Tuesday, February 17th 6:30pm

Building your Brand recognition and marketing

Thursday, March 12th 6:30pm

The WHAT, WHY, and HOW of the 4-H Entrepreneurship category
dive into the project booklet

Friday, April 17th 6:30pm

“Strategic sales” Learn how the big companies catch and keep their
customers coming back

Wednesday, May 6th 6:30pm

topic: TBD

Building the **FUTURE**



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



First Merchants
Helping you prosper

MEMBER
FDIC





Exploration Days registration

*****ONLY PAY \$50.00 Deposit so scholarships can be applied. IF YOU PAY FULL AMOUNT SCHOLARSHIPS CAN'T BE APPLIED!!!**

March 12, 2026: Registration opens for youth and adult at 7pm [2026 4-H Exploration Days Registration Book](#)

April 17, 2026: Registration closes for all youth participants at 5pm

2026 4-H Exploration Days

June 24-26th, 2026

Michigan State University Campus
East Lansing, Michigan



Who?

All young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults interested in chaperoning should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

What?

Live like a college student while exploring careers, building skills, and envisioning your future. This three-day pre-college program offers over 100 fun learning sessions across MSU campus led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff, and experts.

How much?

2026 cost is \$250 for youth, which includes two nights' lodging, meals, sessions, free-time activities, and an event T-shirt.

Need more info? Scan here:



Contact Information:

4h.expodays@msu.edu

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CUSTER DISTRICT YOUTH MEMBERS

Custer District is offering a \$25.00 4-H Exploration Days scholarship to any Custer District member who submits a brief description of their participation in Monroe County 4-H in 2025.

Email or text description to Michelle McLaughlin at 734-740-7114 or michelleduffey@hotmail.com

Deadline for submission is May 7th.



SPRING SPECTACULAR Photoshoot

Sunday March 15, 2026



12-4 pm

**Mini Horse
Unicorn**

Baby farm Animal petting

3 Digital Photos E-Mailed Directly to You

ONLY \$25

Easter Crafts

Cookie / Cupcake Decorating

Light Lunch

Indoor / Outdoor Event

Monroe Co. Fairgrounds
Activity Center
3775 S. Custer
Monroe .Mi 48161



**All Proceeds Benefit
Denim & Dust 4H Club**





Slow Spokes

Lets go to MSU!



Get on

Get going



Have fun



Learn More

Meeting
March 16
6:30pm

The best way to
get to MSU
Exploration Days!

Join Via



monroecountyslowspokes@gmail.com



Drop-In with Jean

3rd Tuesday of the month

5:00 pm at Extension Office

Please RSVP so supplies can be purchased

~~10/21/25 Machine Knitting~~



~~11/18/25 Beads/Jewelry~~

~~12/16/25 Creative Gift Wrapping~~

~~1/20/26 Perler Beads~~



~~2/17/26 Seed Art~~

3/17/26 In- A-Jar (mixes or cookies)

4/21/26 Large Animal Science

5/19/26 Small Animal Science

6/16/26 Wonders of Water

RSVP LINK: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9EKbexaljfZ2gDQ

Select all sessions you would like to attend.





Pony Farm Meet & Greet

Sponsored by Custer 4-H District

March 22, 2026
1 PM to 3 PM

Stable Way Pony Farm
South Rockwood, MI

Scan Here to
Pre-Register



Ages 6 & Up
Wear closed
toe/heel shoes!



Questions?
Contact Amy at
thestableway@gmail.com



MICHIGAN 4-H LICENSE PLATE

Support Michigan 4-H and show your 4-H pride by purchasing a Michigan 4-H license plate! Michigan 4-H license plates cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H. The \$10 renewal fee will also benefit Michigan 4-H.

Order your Michigan 4-H license plate today through the Michigan Secretary of State by visiting Michigan.gov/sos, mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office.

Learn more at extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate.





HOP ON OVER FOR OUR

Spring Photos

with live animals

BAKE SALE & PETTING FARM



Join us on

March 28th

10:00am-2:00pm

Photos

\$5.00

CASH ONLY

At Family Farm and Home
205 N Telegraph Rd, Monroe, MI 48162

FOR SOME EGG-CITING FUN!



Proceeds to benefit the Monroe County 4-H Program





4-H Spring Garage Sale

MARCH 28, 2026

4-H Activity Center

Part of the Monroe County Fair Association (MCFA)
Flea Market & Garage Sale event

DONATIONS NEEDED:

BOOKS, & TOYS,
CRAFT SUPPLIES,
SPORTS STUFF,
FURNITURE,
HOLIDAY ITEMS,
HOUSEHOLD
STUFF

PLEASE NO
CLOTHING or
ELECTRONICAS

Donation drop offs

accepted March 26 & 27
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
4-H Activity Center



All proceeds are donated to MCFA to help defray the cost of fair ribbons

Contact Jean at 734-240-3188 with questions





TERRA QUEST PRESENTS



Spring Tea

Come delight in an afternoon of fun with the whole family at our fourth annual Spring Tea! Enjoy different teas, finger foods, and activities for all ages! Come dressed in your Sunday best with your favorite fascinator! Prizes for the best fascinator! Space is limited, please RSVP by April 25th.

SATURDAY

**MAY
16
2026**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$25/Pair (1 Adult & 1 Child)

\$5 for each additional child after a pair

\$10 for each additional adult after a pair

OR

\$15/Adult Attending

4-H Activity Center

3775 N. Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161



For Tickets or Questions contact the Office

@ 734 - 240 - 3182



JOIN THE TERRA QUEST 4-H CLUB



Wisconsin Dells, 2025



Hocking Hills, 2022



Hershey, 2023

**THE ONLY TRAVEL CLUB
IN THE COUNTY**

**WE DO EDUCATIONAL TRIPS
WE'VE TRAVELED TO:**

Hershey, Pennsylvania
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
Hocking Hills, Ohio
Red River Gorge, Kentucky

**MUST BE 13 & OLDER TO JOIN
AND 14 & OLDER TO TRAVEL**

**MEMBERS WILL FUNDRAISE
FOR COST OF ALL TRIPS**

**TRIPS ARE THE SECOND
WEEK OF AUGUST
(AFTER FAIR)**



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION



MONROE COUNTY FAIR 2026 – 4-H

PROJECT AREA CHANGES

CRAFTS - New project areas

SECTION 824-- PULL-APART CUPCAKE CAKES (TROPHY)

RULES – READ CAREFULLY

- A. Cakes MUST be on a study board no bigger than 24”x24”, with at least TWO INCHES of board showing all around the cake.
- B. Single layer only with all cupcakes touching.
- C. Must be filled standard size cupcake papers.
- D. You may use a box mix or made from “scratch” for your cupcakes.
- E. Use made from “scratch” frosting.
- F. All embellishments must be edible.
- G. Include directions on how you decorated the cake.

SECTION 890—SHOEBOX FLOAT (TROPHY)

RULES – READ CAREFULLY

- A. Make your float from ONE shoebox using a space no larger than 10”x15”.
- B. Your float theme is your choice. Include your theme in your directions.
- C. No Legos or other building toys allowed.

HORTICULTURE - New Project area

FRUITS

Guideline to fruit and quantities required to enter for fair to come soon.

EDUCATIONAL – Discontinued project area

SECTION 964 – CONSUMER EDUCATION CLOTHING

***crafts is discontinuing club class



Volunteer/ leader Corner

Link to Volunteer Central become a 4-H volunteer

<https://msu.samaritan.com>



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 \(msu.edu\)](#)

Winter Volunteer Trainings

Volunteer Webinar Series, register for a webinar or view recordings from past topics on the [MSU Extension Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series page](#).

Did you miss a session of the volunteer training? Click the above link for all the recorded webinar trainings.

The below link will take you to the Beginning Farmer resource guide over 600 pages of information Check it out!

[Beginning Farmer Resource and Decision-Making Guide](#)

Financial Manuals to assist clubs with financial requirements.

[Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers: Leading the Way to Financial Accountability](#)

[Managing Money Wisely: Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers](#)

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

Beyond Ready: Equipping Youth with Skills for Life

October 6th
at noon or 7 pm
on Zoom



Beyond Ready

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Beginning Farmer Resource & Decision-Making Guide

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Fair Superintendents

Attention

calling all

2026

Fair Superintendents

Superintendent contracts will be emailed
the first week in April
Please sign and return your contract by
May 7th

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



*****Pre-Fair leader meeting May 07, 2026 7 PM at the Activity Center. Each club needs to be in attendance for the meeting please!**

LOVE

Many Hearts. One Family.



Volunteer/Leader Training



MAKING THE BEST BETTER SOUTHEAST MI 4-H VOLUNTEER SERIES

Learn with and from other 4-H volunteers
In person or virtual from January-March

RSVP HERE!

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/D12VOLUNTEER](https://bit.ly/d12volunteer)

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Our District 12 counties (Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw) are teaming up to host a 4-H Volunteer Learning series **in person or virtual** January – March. Each of the 5 sessions will focus on a different theme and many sessions will include seasoned volunteers who can share their tips, tricks, and perspective.

~~•Cha-ching Making Cents of 4-H Finances: February 12th at 6:30 pm in Our Livingston County MSU Extension Office~~

~~•Join the Conversation: Engaging Parents & 4-H Alums in 4-H Experiences and Implementing Shared Leadership in 4-H Clubs: February 26th at 6:30 pm in Washtenaw~~

•Youth Engagement & Engaging Youth Voice: March 12th at 6:30 pm in Lenawee

•From Clash to Collaboration: Practicing the Art of Conflict Resolution: March 26th at 6:30 pm in Jackson

This series is for all volunteers, whether your brand new to 4-H or have been volunteering for decades. Learn alongside and with your fellow 4-H volunteers.

Register for one or more sessions here: <https://bit.ly/d12volunteer>



2026 Michigan 4-H Volunteer Winter/Spring Webinars

CONTACT US:

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



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This webinar series will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a Michigan State University and Michigan 4-H volunteer.

All webinars take place at 12pm (noon) EST. Registration is required for each individual webinar- registration is free! Recordings will be posted on the website for later viewing.

Sessions include:

January 26, 2026: Beyond Ready Basics: Bringing the Vital Elements to Life in Your 4-H Club: Every great 4-H experience has a few powerful ingredients—and volunteers play the biggest role in making them happen. In this session, we'll explore the four Vital Elements that help youth thrive, discovering sparks, feeling a sense of belonging, building developmental relationships, and staying meaningfully engaged.

February 11, 2026: Building Belonging: Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences: Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

March 25, 2026: From Sparks to Skills: Using AI Responsibly in 4-H: This webinar will help volunteers understand what AI is, how it impacts youth development, and how to use it responsibly within the 4-H program. We'll explore practical guidance from MSU Extension resources, discuss ethical considerations, and share tips for supporting youth as they navigate this evolving technology.

April 22, 2026: Lets Talk It Out: Handling Conflict with Ease: Conflict happens—even to the best volunteer groups. This laid-back session is all about learning how to handle tough conversations without the stress.

May 4, 2026: Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects: Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's curriculum *Youth Business Guide to Success*.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready



Beyond Ready

4-H's approach to readiness begins with participation in high-quality positive youth development programs.

4-H has historically helped young people prepare for work and life through the development of competencies, skills and tangible assets, resulting in youth who are healthy, productive and engaged.

The complex landscape youth face today calls us to go a step further in preparing them to navigate their readiness pathway during and after their 4-H experience.

Is your club intentionally preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for the changing world? Watch here for tips to use with your club.

#BeyondReady

March 5: Future Ready – Exploring College and Career Paths Workshop

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This workshop will feature an interactive panel discussion about the variety of opportunities available for high school graduates in college, trades and more. Ideal for youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-ready-exploring-college-and-career-paths-workshop

March 10: 4-H Give Green Day

Online

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 10: 4-H Wild Spartans - The Lands Has a Story to Tell – But Are We Listening?

Online

Explore the stories that nature and humans weave with Zach Wilson, forest ecologist for the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Learn about his career and education, and ask questions via a live Q&A. Suited for youth ages 12-19.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-march

March 25: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Using AI Responsibly in 4-H

Online

Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we learn, work and interact. Learn what AI is, how it impacts youth development, and how to use it responsibly within 4-H. Explore MSU Extension guidance, discuss ethical considerations, and share tips for supporting youth navigating technology.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-from-sparks-to-skills-using-ai-responsibly-in-4-h

March 30- April 1: 4-H on the Move: Detroit Cultural Connection Camp

Detroit

An unforgettable spring break alternative! Build cultural awareness, empathy, and a deeper understanding of Detroit's diverse communities through guided tours, hands-on activities, and an opportunity to make a positive impact.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cultural-connection-camp

April 1: Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

Everywhere

This fun money management scavenger hunt game is played on the Goosechase app and is open to youth 13-19 years old residing in Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Invite an international youth (ages 12-17 years) or adult chaperone into your home and share an American experience! Michigan 4-H is looking for host families interested in opening their homes and hearts this summer. Consider sharing the clover and giving a lucky Japanese youth and your family the experience of a lifetime!

The Japanese delegation will arrive in Grand Rapids mid-July and depart mid-August, meeting their hosts for a 3.5-week stay. A host family must complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (within three years of age) be Michigan 4-H adult Gold volunteers, and participate in an interview and home visit process.

Online applications to host can be found at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>. For more information, contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu.



Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$33-54. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit

Tigers bucket hat (while supplies last). Hats can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a hat.

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

4-H Youth in Action Program applications open

Apply now for the 2027 4-H Youth in Action Awards! This program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives who are making a difference in their communities. Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 14-19. The deadline to apply is April 13. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/>.



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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January 24	4-H State Rabbit Show
Feb. 27- March 1	4-H Dairy Conference
March 7	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
March 14	4-H Horse Communications Contest
March 21-22	Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show
March 21	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop
March 22	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl
April 11	4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest
April 12	4-H Hippology State Contest
May 6	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 10-11	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
June 27	4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
July 1	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
July 6-7 & 8-9	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
July 13-16	4-H Youth Dairy Days
August 13-16	4-H State Horse Show
September 19	4-H State Dog Show



Scan me for more
information about these
programs!





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions>

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Smart Money Missions Goosechase 2026



Program Details

This exciting, interactive, and virtual scavenger hunt game is designed for youth, ages 13-19 years old residing in Michigan, to learn essential money management skills. Powered by the Goosechase app, participants will complete creative missions, answer trivia, and solve problems to earn points and climb the leaderboard. Missions may be text, photo or video. Top scoring youth will earn a \$50 gift card.

Contest runs April 1, 2026 at noon through April 21, 2026 at noon EST.

Deadline to register is April 20, 2026 at 11:59 EST.

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions>
or

<https://bit.ly/4h7zqji>

Sponsorship

This program is free for participants and is made possible through a generous sponsorship from the Michigan Credit Union Foundation and the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



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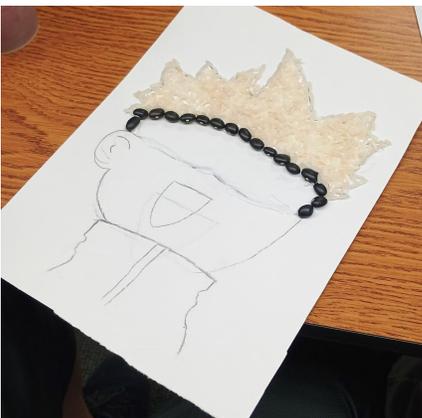
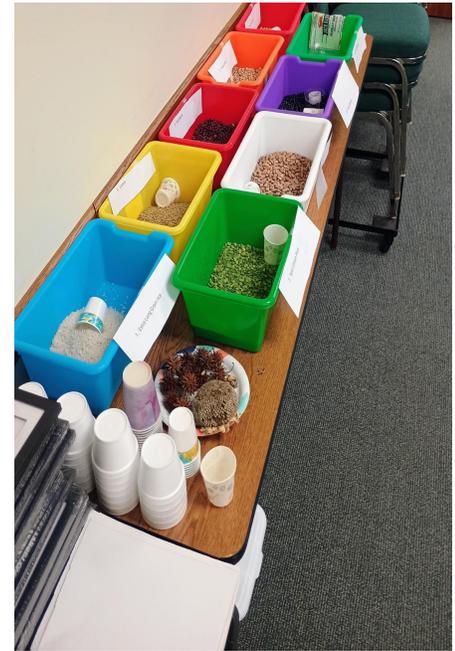
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| Jan. 25- 4-H Tack Sale & More | July 11-12- FCHA Horse Show |
| Jan. 31/Feb. 1- Oddities & Horror Fest | July 17-19- 4-H Horse Show |
| Feb. 7-8-Gun & Knife Show | July 31- Fireworks |
| March 8- The Vintage Market | Aug 2- Aug 8 -MONROE COUNTY FAIR |
| March 21- Ducks Unlimited Banquet | Aug. 22-23- Gun & Knife Show |
| March 28- Garage Sale & Flea Market | Aug. 22-23- FCHA Horse Show |
| April 4- Winter Storage Removal | Aug. 30 Auto Swap Meet |
| April 10- Soil Conservation Tree Sale | Sept. 11-12- Monroe Comic Con |
| April 12- Auto Swap Meet | Sept. 25-27- Monroe Kennel Club Dog Show |
| April 18- Tom Blanchette Memorial Beef Show | Oct. 3- Winter Storage begins |
| April 18- 4-H Spring Rabbit Show | Oct. 4 - Wicked Pickin' |
| April 19- FCHA Tack Sale | Oct. 10-11 - Gun & Knife Show |
| April 26- Monroe Bike Show | Oct. 10-11- FCHA Horse Show |
| May 1-Ag Awareness Day | Oct. 17-Garage Sale & Flea Market |
| May 1-3- Fair Food Drive-Thru | Oct. 24- Grand Day of Tournaments |
| May 8-10- 4-H Horse Show | Oct. 31/Nov. 1- Shishewana on the Road |
| May 10- Flower & Garden Show | Nov. 14- 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction |
| May 17- Motorcycle Swap Meet | Nov. 20-22 - Michigan Tattoo Convention |
| May 23- Bedford Fire Explorer Training | Dec. 13- The Vintage Market |
| May 30-31- FCHA Horse Show | |
| June 5-7 -4-H Horse Show | |
| June 7- The Vintage Market | |
| June 13-14- Gun & Knife Show | |
| June 21- Monroe Hamfest | |
| June 26-28- 4-H Horse Show | |
| July 3-5- Ann Arbor Kennel Club Dog Show | |





RECAP

Drop In w/Jean



Recap

Flag Workshop



Line Dancing



Communications Day



Zoe Stanger- MDARD Scholarship Winner!

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has announced the recipients of the 2025 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) awards. Congratulations Zoe

- **\$1,000 state-wide scholarship** – Zoe Stanger of Monroe County



Recap

Hygge Ornament Workshop

