



APRIL 2023

4-H Family News

Monroe County



Welcome to April!

The extension office is hopping with activity 😊. April is one jammed packed month. Make sure you read your network so you don't miss a thing!

Remember the best way to reach us is by our direct lines.

All the Best,
Chelsea and Jean



Deadline April 01, 2023... 11:59 pm.
Last Chance ...Don't forget to complete
your 4-H ENROLLMENT TO SHOW AT 2023
FAIR!!!!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL DATES or CONTENTS...

- Easter Photos with Live Animals- April 01
- Sheep Clinic- April 06
- Blanchette Preview Show- April 08
- Instructor Lead YQCA -April 11
- Swine Clinic- April 11
- Animal Feed Clinic- April 21
- Spring Rabbit, Cavy and Pocket Pet- April 22
- Hunting and Wildlife meet and greet- April 22
- Spring Tea -April 23, 2023
- Scholarship Interviews April 24
- Shooting Sports Practice-April 27
- Ag Day- April 28

So many events are on the calendar make sure your not missing anything....Clinics, Shows, YQCA

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

26	27	28	29	30	31	01
March info in prior network						4-H online Enrollment Deadline to show at fair 11:59 pm
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	7 pm 4-H Council AC 7:00 Hippology practice in table/ chair room	6 pm Terra Quest AC	6:00 pm Set-up Blanchette Beef Preview	1:00 Faithful Friends AC 7pm Sheep Clinic AC		Blanchette Beef Preview 1:00 Stick Horse Practice Stable Way Farm
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter 	7 pm Horse & Pony AC	6:00 Custer District Monroe Panera 7 pm Instructor Led YQCA @AC 8:00pm Swine Clinic	6:30 pm District Leader Enrichment ELC & Hippology Across the hall ELC			Hairy Horse Show MSU Pavilion
Spring Conference hold April 17-20, 2023						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
MSU Pavilion 4-H/ FFA horse judging contest	6:30 pm Cat board @ AC Last Day to complete Scholarship Applications	7pm Caprine Council AC		7pm Fair Advisory AC 7pm Shooting Sports Rod & Gun Exploration registration deadline	7pm Animal Feed & Nutrition Clinic AC Hosted by H&P	8:30 Check-in Spring Rabbit Cavy & Pocket Pet Show 10:00am Hunting Wildlife / Introduction Interest Session
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1pm Terra Quest Spring Tea AC (See Flyer) 		6:30 pm Dog Board ELC	7pm Teen Ambassadors (Zoom) 7pm Dairy Board ELC	AG day set up 6- 7:30 pm Shooting Sports County Practice @ Rod & Gun	Ag Day 8:00am meeting Event 9 to 1:30	
TSC PAPER CLOVER; TSC						To May 7
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
TSC PAPER CLOVER; TSC						To May 7

April

2023



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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TSC PAPER CLOVER: TSC To May 7

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

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 7 pm Horse & Pony AC
 7:00 pm AC work bee
 6:30 Raisinville Wranglers
 11
Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Show May 12-14
 4-H Horse Show
 9-noon Sheep and Swine tagging
 7-9:00pm Talent Show AC

14 15 16 17 18 19 20
4-H Horse Show
 Chelsea and Jean at Training
 6:30 pm Cat board
 7pm Caprine Council AC
 7pm JLA ELC
 7:00 Fair Advisory Board

21 22 23 24 25 26 27
 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
7:00pm Exploration Days Meeting

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June Info will be in next network



May

2023



YQCA Certification



*****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*****

YQCA Certification

Youth ages 8-19 showing **MARKET** animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits) are **required to complete YQCA training no later than June 15, 2023** to be eligible to show at the Monroe County Fair.

YQCA two Completion Options:

1. \$3.00 Instructor Led/ in-person training ages 8 to 18

Go to <http://yqcaprogram.org>. If you created an account last year, log into your account, select a child, select the age and instructor led training. Search Michigan and select the training you wish to register for (Monroe County Instructor led YQCA training). If you are new to YQCA, you will need to first create an account in YQCA. Monroe County has two dates remaining all held at the 4-H Activity Center.

4/11/2023 7pm (22 youth signed up)

5/24/2023 7pm

Youth must register online at least two days prior to the selected training. Trainings are on a first come, first serve basis until full. No walk-ins will be accepted on site. All payments must be made in advance through the YQCA website. Youth must complete the pre-test prior to attending the class and then the post- test after the training.

OR

2. \$12.00 Web based training Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> and log in using the account you created last year, if you are new to YQCA you will need to create an account. After logging in, you will need to select the correct YQCA class depending on age.

Youth can complete the course online each module takes 15-20 minutes with there is a total of five (5) modules.

***19 year olds must take online course**

*****Once YQCA is Completed youth must provide a copy of certificate to the extension office!**

Options to submit: electronically at <https://forms.gle/RuemX1Wr3D9GbH1b6> (preferred) or hand deliver a copy to extension office. ***

Clickable Links:

YQCA Instructor Led training [Help Documents](#)

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

<https://youtu.be/wZHW2qtMIOc>

YQCA Web-based [Help Documents](#)



Small Animal Association News

Clinics, Events, Deadlines

SPRING SHOW
Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet

MONROE COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL
APRIL 22ND 2023 8:30AM CHECK-IN
EDUCATIONAL BUILDING (WEST OF FIRST MERCHANTS
EXPO), MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Small Animal Association Clinics

Spring Rabbit Pocket Pet Show 4/22/23
Education
(Far West) Building @ 8:30AM

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

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



Purchasing your Broilers 2023



The Monroe County Fair will be here before you know it. Now is the time to start thinking about purchasing your small animals. We will be taking orders broilers. **The 4-H Small Animal requires the purchase of these Broiler Chickens through the Small Animal Association to compete at the Monroe County Fair.**

Broiler chickens must be ordered by May 2nd at a cost of \$2.50 each.

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



SAA in action



Congratulations to Monroe County Youth that Participated in the 2023 State Rabbit and Cavy show.

Austin Arting, Griffin Linn, Elianna McDowell and Shyann Simmons

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.

Ag Awareness Day demos April 28th 7:30am No first year members

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



Left: Poultry Clinic

Right: Dog Board Service Project





Junior Livestock Association News

Upcoming Clinics- JLA requires first year showers in project areas to attend at least one JLA clinic. Project specific or the June 06, 2023 fitting and showing clinic will meet this requirement.



BLANCHETTE MEMORIAL BEEF PREVIEW SHOW
 HELP US FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER!

SATURDAY APRIL 8 @ 11 AM

MONROE, MICHIGAN
 MONROE CO. FAIR GROUNDS
 JUDGE: JASON BIHL

DAY-OF CHECK IN 6-8:30 AM
 FRI. APRIL 7 WEIGH IN 6-8 PM

MARKET PAYOUT		HEIFER PAYOUT	
GRAND	500	GRAND	250
RESERVE	400	RESERVE	200
THIRD	300	THIRD	150
FOURTH	200	FOURTH	100
FIFTH	100	FIFTH	50

REGISTRATION FEES
 \$50 BEFORE MARCH 25
 \$100 DAY OF SHOW
 \$5 SHOWMANSHIP
 PEEWEE AVAILABLE

REGISTER BY MARCH 15 FOR A FREE SHIRT

SHOW CONTACTS
 STACY /334 /755 /8455
 AMANDA /334 /755 /7222

Junior Livestock Association

Sheep Clinic **4/6/2023** @ 7:00pm Activity Center

Blanchette Beef Pre-View Show
4/8/23 Serves as Beef Clinic
CALL FOR HELP, SETUP Wed. 4/6 @ 6:00pm & TEAR DOWN AFTER FOR PREVIEW SHOW

Swine Clinic **4/11/2023** 8:00pm Activity Center

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

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

Barn Set-up **7/11/23** 6PM

Sheep Clinic April 06, 2023 @ 7:00pm

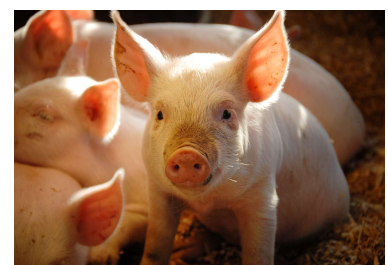
Sheep Superintendent Mark Chapman
 Topics covered will include
 How to select a sheep
 General care of sheep- health and feeding
 Requirements and timelines
 Bring you questions



Swine Clinic April 11, 2023 @ 8:00pm

Swine Superintendents Eric Kuehnlein, Jonathan Kuehnlein and Pat Motylinski
 This Q&A session will take place immediately after the YQCA training on 4/11/2023
 approx. start time of 8:00 pm.

Superintendents will be available to assist with Swine project questions
 Bring all your questions for Swine projects.





Junior Livestock Association News

Animal Feed & Nutrition Clinic

Presented by Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Board and Family Farm and Home Monroe

When? April 21

What Time? 7pm

**Where? 4-H Activity Center
Monroe County Fairgrounds**

3775 South Custer Rd, Monroe, MI 48161

Cost? \$2 entry

Everyone is welcome to come, learn, and have fun. Door prizes, bake sale, and 4-H information available at event. A representative from Kalmbach feeds will be teaching you everything you need to know about feed and nutrition!

Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Youths can receive one service hour for attendance

Horse and Pony info

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

1:00 pm April 8th Stick Horse Practice Stable Way farm, 13072 Armstrong Rd, South Rockwood, MI

May paperwork will be submitted online. Turn in a paper copy of Coggins and full color body picture to your leader before May 04, 2023

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4-H Horse Shows

Monroe County 4-H Horse and Pony Board

Summer Shows 2023

May 12-14

June 9-11

June 23-25

@ the Monroe County fairgrounds

More details to come



Hippology Dates

April 3rd 6-8pm Horse Judging at AC overflow room

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

April 12th 6-8pm Horse Judging at ELC

April 16th Horse Judging Contest at MSU (Registration Required)





Club/Volunteer/Leader Corner

CLUB CORNER



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Welcome New Club(S)

Rails & Tails

Gina Johnson leader club is looking into multiple project areas plus being a Horse Club.

Calder Banditz

Stacy Eagle leader with a focus on Dairy Cow projects

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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

April 13, 2023 how to energize your 4-H club.

For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series.

MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER WEBINAR SERIES

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

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

REGISTER HERE:
www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series

LEADER CORNER

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

Pre-fair Meeting scheduled for May 04, 2023 7pm @ AC LEADERS ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED.

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

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

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





Donations Continued

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

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

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

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

or
call Jean at 734.240.3188
for a list of sponsorships needed





Monroe County 4-H Scholarship program

College Scholarships

Monroe County, Michigan 4-H Scholarship applications are Open until April 17th!

Don't forget to Schedule an Interview for April 24th!

Scholarships Summary with Links to Apply:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PGoZiGyCdvIK8sTjQcdwDJg2sHphEP0tCCqeChIUeE/edit?usp=sharing>

MONROE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS
ARE OPEN NOW



GOT QUESTION?
butle301@msu.edu
Call 734-240*3174

SLOW SPOKES RETURNS 😊



Finally it has returned....

The Bike Trip to Exploration Days

Slow Spokes is a Challenge Event for 4-Hers 13-19 years old and beyond. The group bikes over 3 days from Monroe County to MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. Registration is now Open! For More Information Contact Scott Wiesler at monroecountyslowspokes@gmail.com!

Register Here: <https://form.jotform.com/230525405318146>





Exploration Days

Class Catalog, Scholarships, Registration

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

Exploration Days Website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index

Exploration Days Facebook:

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

7pm May 25, 2023 Exploration Orientation AC

2023 4-H Exploration Days!



June 21, 2023 - June 23, 2023





Upcoming fundraiser



Easter Photos with live animals

Bake Sale & Petting Farm

Saturday April 1, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



At Family Farm and Home

205 N Telegraph, Monroe

Photos

\$5.00 Each

Proceeds to benefit the
Monroe County 4-H Goat Program





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Upcoming Fundraisers

The flyer is set against a light teal background with several colorful Easter eggs scattered around. The eggs include a yellow one with white polka dots, a pink one with multi-colored polka dots, a yellow one with orange stripes, a red one with white stripes, and a purple one with white swirls. In the bottom right corner, the top of a white Easter bunny with pink ears is visible. The central text is contained within a large, light green egg shape.

TERRA QUEST 4-H PRESENTS



**EGG
DROP**

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

OTHER DATES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

HAVE THE TERRA QUEST EASTER BUNNY REPRESENTATIVES BRING EGGS FILLED WITH CANDY AND TOYS TO YOUR YARD AND HIDE THEM IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE NIGHT! BRING JOY TO YOUR CHILDREN'S HEART WHEN THEY FIND A PERSONALIZED LETTER FROM THE EASTER BUNNY AND TONS OF COLORFUL EGGS ON EASTER MORNING.

**50 EGGS
\$30**

**100 Eggs
\$60**

**TO ORDER
YOUR EGGS
CALL: Becky 734-775-7992
Kerrie 419-309-2593
Andrea 517-260-1123**

RSVP BY: APRIL 3RD



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Monroe County Dog program Service Project

What: project 2nd chance
(projectsecondchance@monroe.org)

When: April 16th Sunday 1:00pm til 5:00pm

Where: Woof Lodge
2400 n. Dixie Hwy
Monroe 48162

Who: All available youth and parents.

(We are hoping to make this a continuing partnership for future service to the community)

We will be helping the volunteers at the woof Lodge to improve their new facility in order to open their doors to the community in a timely manner. We will be helping to be doing some simple prep and paint tasks.

Water and a snack will be provided.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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



TerraQuest 4-H Presents



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Fun for all



TERRA QUEST 4-H PRESENTS

LET'S KICK IT

First Annual Kickball Tournament

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Hunting and Wildlife Program Meet and Greet



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

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

The Hunting & Wildlife curriculum will cover,

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

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



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

Spring TEA

APRIL
23rd

1 - 3 pm

Location:
4-H Activity
Center
3775 S. Custer Rd

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

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

Space is limited, please RSVP by April 17th

For tickets please call one of the following:

Kerrie @ 419 - 309 - 2593

Becki @ 734 - 775 - 7992

Andrea @ 517 - 260 - 1123



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Monroe 4-H Shooting Sports



COUNTY PRACTICE SHOOTING SPORTS

SSA-Shooting Sports Association will be holding one of three **County Practices on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Monroe County Rod & Gun Club.**

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.





Agricultural Awareness Day

Agricultural Awareness Day CALL FOR PRESENTERS



EVENT: APRIL 28TH, 2023
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Interested in being a Presenter, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/K8UdEVyVH3hHseBU9>

Interested in being a Tour Guide, please register here:

<https://forms.gle/rPnA1jKPjd6AVWKq5>

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

CALLING ALL
CUSTER DISTRICT YOUTH
MEMBERS

Custer District is offering a \$25.00 4-H Exploration Days Scholarship to Custer District members who send a brief description of how they participated in Monroe County 4-H in 2022 by May 1st.

SEND DESCRIPTION TO:

Michelle McLaughlin at
michelleduffey@hotmail.com



Call 734-740-7114 with any questions



Talent Show

Please register today!

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/
SYXymrMncTMw
UiCC7](https://forms.gle/SYXymrMncTMwUiCC7)

MC Registration

[https://forms.gle/
jEdfNGvmVs4rL3k
h6](https://forms.gle/jEdfNGvmVs4rL3kh6)

Modeling
Registration

[https://forms.gle/
oBdEC11QomDCP
Mwy6](https://forms.gle/oBdEC11QomDCPMwy6)



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date 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 Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

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

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. 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 who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.



MSU Extension
4-H Capitol Experience

Recap Capital Experience



Zoe Stanger, Emma Miller, Senator Joseph Bellino, Valentina Brown, Danielle Pienta



Samuel Royer, Liliana Hawley, Zoe Stanger, Dori Stuever, Rowan Conley, Stellamia Aerts, Valentina Brown

Stella Mia Aerts and Zoe Stanger had a Successful couple days at Capitol Experience in Lansing making a bill that passed into a law in their mock senate simulation.

Ag for All - a bill that gave schools funding if they offered an agricultural elective. The bill focuses on urban farming, exploration of career fields in ag, along with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the farming industry.

Wow!
These girls are going to rule - FEED - the world!!





Cloverbud and Mini Expo

Recap



Thanks to everyone how helped make our **2023 Clover Bud and Mini Expos** such a HUGE SUCCESS! Special thanks to the 4-H Office, Chelsea Butler, all instructors and helpers, Darryl Diamond and Tobie Fitch, Teen Ambassadors and all our CLOVER BUD and 4-H MEMBERS who attended and made such awesome projects!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

RECAP Hippology contest- congratulations to all our Monroe youth





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Recap Shooting Sports CPR course fundraiser





Recap

March 25, 2023 garage sale was a great success pulling in \$2,500.00 to help with fair ribbon cost. THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT ASSISTED WITH THIS EVENT



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