## **4-H Family News**

## **Monroe County**

December 2023



#### **Welcome to the Month of December**

December has arrived in a blink of an eye. Please take the time to spend with family and 4-H friends this Holiday Season.

4-H Clubs have already started celebrating with holiday parties, service projects and creating floats for local holiday parades.

4-H is a family so on behalf of the Extension staff, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season filled with joy!



#### This month's content highlights

- Enrollments
- Christmas Parades
- Winter Celebration
- Beef Tagging
- Leader Youth Recognition Banquet RSVP needed
- Fundraisers
- Call for Instructors Cloverbud/ Mini Expo

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SEE JANUARY CALENDAR NEXT MONTH

## January 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Extens	sion Office Happy New Year	e Closed	6:30 pm Dog Board ELC	4	5	10:00am - 1:00pm Beef Tagging Anderson Arena
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1:30 to 4:00pm  Hippology open  practice/ Meeting AC	7PM Horse & Pony mtg – AC 7pm Council ELC	6:00pm Custer District Bylaws 7:00pm Custer District Meeting ELC				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1:30 to 4:00pm Hippology open practice/ Meeting AC	Office Closed	7:00pm Caprine Council meeting – ELC	7pm JLA @ELC 7PM Shooting Sports @ ELC	7pm Fair Advisory Board ELC		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5:00pm Leader Youth Recognition Banquet RSVP Required	7pm SAA @ELC		7pm Teen Ambassadors @AC			6:30 pm Terra Quest Masquerade Murder Mystery @AC
28	29	30	31			



#### **Small Animal Association News**

State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show – Save the Date 1/27/24 Small Animal Clinics 2024

- Poultry March 12, @activity center 7PM
- •Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet March 28, @activity center 7PM
- •Spring Rabbit Cavy Pocket Pet April 20 Educational (Far West) Building at 9AM
- •Broiler Workshop April 30, @activity center at 7 PM
- •Fitting and Showing June 4 SAA building at 6PM Barn Setup (Date Change) Thursday July 11th, 2024











Sam Gibson and Morgen Schmidt represented Monroe County at the Michigan ARBA Show on MSU's Campus Friday November 24th. Sam says, "I had a lot of fun showing my cavy against all the others in the state. Even though I didn't place, it was still a fun learning experience for me, and I can't wait to go back and try again!" Morgen says "The MSRBA Rabbit Overall Showmanship was very competitive with approximately 30 overall winners from different counties participating. I was very honored to represent Monroe County. Although I didn't place in the top 5 it was a great learning experience, and it was fun to compete against the best of the best. I also attended a rabbit workshop that night, which was very informative. It was overall a great experience, and I would definitely recommend it to the next overall rabbit showman of Monroe County."





# Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

## Where do we meet:

4-H Activity Center

## When do we meet:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (February – June, September – November)

## Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H kid is welcome including Clover Buds

#### **Need more information:**

Contact Kim Cramer at cramergirls09@gmail.com







## **Junior Livestock Association News**

Congratulations Newly Elected 2023-2024 JLA Officers

President: Lindsey Roof Vice President: Briley Bordine Secretary: Kennedy Albring

Tresure: Sophie Kreps

## Junior Livestock



#### **Association**

Beef Tagging 1/6/24 10am-1pm

Blanchette Beef Pre-View Show April 06, 2024

Barn Set-up July 11, 2024 6:00pm

All Held @ Monroe County Fair Grounds

Stay tuned for clinic and YQCA Dates

Congratulations to the Caprine Council 2023-2024 officers.

Elizabeth Gomez- President

Danielle Pienta- Vice President

Stewart Funk- Secretary

Ava Blaisdell- Treasure





## **Horse and Pony News**



## Reserve your Tack Sale Spot







Reserve Your Spot Today\*

Monroe County 4-H Tack Sale, Crafts & Flea Market Sunday, January 28th, 2024 10 AM – 3 PM

Located at:

First Merchant Expo Center

Monroe County Fairgrounds 3775 S. Custer Rd. Monroe, MI

#### Large Heated Space will include:

Equine Tack & Supplies
Craft Vendors
Flea Market
Door Prizes
Concessions Stand
Demonstrations
& More



For more information or to become a vendor contact Carla:

<u>Monroecountytacksale4h@outlook.com</u> or 419-304-9217

\*Vendor spots are first come, first serve

Horse and Pony info

Main communication through Facebook:

Monroe County 4-H
Horse and Pony

Members Only

and

Monthly meetings 2<sup>nd</sup>
Monday of the month

7:00 pm Activity

Center (Except Dec &

Aug)

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

Hippology meeting 1:00 4:30pm

#### **Dates**

12/03/2023 12/17/2023 1/07/24 1/14/24

Location Activity
Center



## **Special Events**





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Currently Seeking 5 Gold Level Volunteers and 5 Teen Leaders to support this afternoon of Winter Fun!

For more information or to volunteer please contact Chelsea

butle301@msu.edu or 734-240-3174!





## **Donations / Fundraiser**

Last call for donations please bring to office by December 05, 2023





#### **Fundraiser**

#### 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 2023 Christmas Season and 20% of your Christmas Shoppe purchase goes toward Monroe 4-H Council.

- Wreaths
- Roping and Greens
- Holiday décor
- Gift items



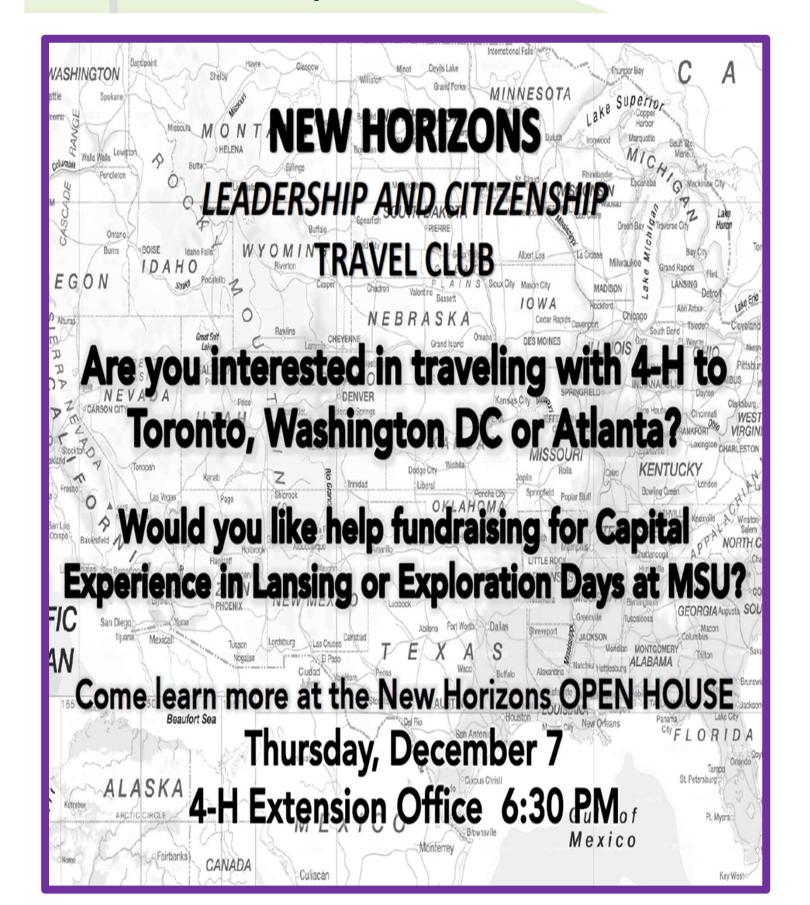
Lots for the whole family

- Santa here 12 to 5
- Pony rides
- Petting zoo
- Free entertainment
- Bonfire pits
- Free Hayrides



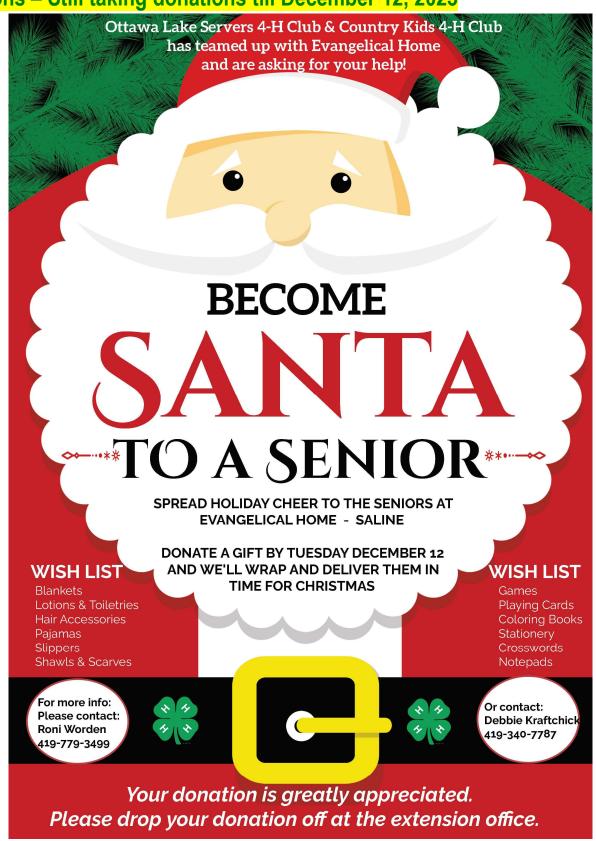


## **New Horizons Open House**





#### Donations - Still taking donations till December 12, 2023





## **Special events**



**Leader and Youth Recognition Banquet** 

**RSVP Needed use link RSVP Leader Youth Recognition Banquet** 

## 2023 Leader Banquet & Youth Recognition



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED (both youth & leaders)

**RSVP Leader Youth Recognition Banquet** 

Call Jean if assistance is needed 734-240-3188



## **Leader Banquet Volunteer Nominations**

#### Congratulations to our nominees

#### Volunteer Nominations

#### 4-H Leader of the Year Nominations

Tamithy Jackson- London Fancy Farmers

Carrie Beaudrie- Raisinville Wranglers

Cara Bischoff- Country Critters

Denise Hill- Progress Seekers (2 nominations)

Roni Worden-Ottawa Lake Servers

Scott Wiesler- Council, Slow spokes

Heather Turnblom- Whispering Spirits

Debbie Mattes- Paws-R-Us

Jill Calkins- Country Critters

Marry Wickenheiser- Treasure Hunters

#### **Meritorious Service Business**

Ottawa Lake Co-op

Dynamic Transportation LLC- Joe Johnson

Jacob's Supply (2 nominations)

Sofo Foods (2 Nominations)

Gordon Foods

Backstage Eats and Drinks Ella

Uhl Concrete LLC

#### Meritorious Service Individual

Chad Jackson

Linda Krug (2 nominations)

Jessica Kovach

Jeff Linn

Shelly (Michel) Aulph

Duane Alt

Adam Uhl

Patti Donnelly

Toni Baker

#### Distinguished Alumni

Jeff Winter

Kerri Kraftchick

Lilly Anderson

Jenna Payne

Mandy (Michel) Cadle

Marsha Aerts

Cara Bischoff

Christopher Manwell

Toni Baker





## **Fundraiser**



<sup>\*</sup>Proceeds to fund travel trips and Terra Quest activities



## **Special Event**

Cloverbud and Mini Expo Please contact office if you would like to teach a session



~\*~\*~\*~\*~ SAVE THE DATE ~\*~\*~\*~\*~

## 2024 Mini Expo

Saturday - MARCH 16, 2023 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

4-H Activity Center on the Monroe County Fairgrounds

All Registered 4-H Members (ages 8 to 19) are invited to join us for a day of learning and crafting.

Members can complete up to 3 Fair ready 4-H Projects from 25+ choices.

Lunch is provided.

Cost is \$15 per members (includes lunch and all materials)

Registration Required – watch for FEBRUARY NETWORK for details!

Please contact Jean at 734-240-3188 if interested in teaching a class!





## Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner



#### **4-H online Enrolments**

Thank you for getting your enrollments completed early. Still have some incompletes and youth not enrolled. Club Members 711 Cloverbuds 150



4-H online link: <a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>

How to Video create New Family profile: 4-H Online 2.0 Creating A New

Family Profile - 4-H (msu.edu)

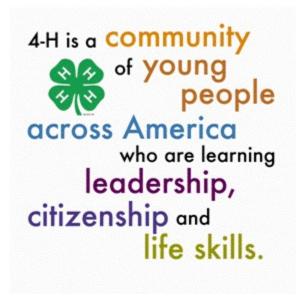
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Profiles - 4-H (msu.edu)

4-H online family guide: 4-H Online 2.0 Family Guide - 4-H (msu.edu)

Club leaders please pull and review your rosters. Please reach out to youth that need to enroll.

<u>Directions on how to pull club rosters</u>





## Volunteer/ Club/ Leader Corner

#### **VOLUNTEER CORNER Our Program can not run without you**

#### Thank you for answering our call SILVER LEVEL VOLUNTEERS

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

We now have 263 silver volunteers doubling our number from last year

#### Steps to become an MSU Extension silver volunteer

Complete a profile application using below link

https://msu.samaritan.com

- •Sign 2 waivers 1) Background check 2)Code of Conduct, medical and media releases Sometimes there is a delay in between loading clicking the refresh button helps.
- \*\*\*If you need assistance with becoming a Silver Volunteer, please contact Jean (734) 240-3188

#### **Gold Level Volunteer**

#### We are at 535 active gold level volunteers. 4 New Gold Volunteers

Are you still showing as pending Gold or Silver? Please contact Jean for assistance to complete the Volunteer Selection Process.







#### Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support the Michigan 4-Her's. There will be a minimum of 6 topics offered throughout the year, with each topic offered twice as a daytime and evening option. Click on the below link to view the wonderful upcoming trainings.

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



## Information Station

#### **Static Premium Book Updates**

2024 Monroe County 4-H project updates. A full list of rules will be published in the 2024 fair premium that will be distributed to leaders at the Pre-Fair Meeting.

## New classes for 2024 Crafts:

Diamond Dots
Macrame
Mason Jar Gift Mix
Formed Cake Pops
Decorated Eggs (Boiled)

#### **Educational Area:**

Club Table Setting theme: Summer Celebration

#### **Communications Area:**

Listening Skills Activity (Thursday, check-in evening starting at 7:00p.m.)

#### **Changes/Eliminations:**

#### **Crafts:**

Healthy Foods
Felted Wool will be exhibited under
Needle Work
Baskets will be exhibited under Challenge
or Paper
Flea Market Flip will be exhibited under
Recyclable Art

#### **Communications:**

**Poetry Writing and Presentation** 

#### **District Officers**

Congratulations to District Elected Officers. Thank you For your Commitment

#### **Airport**

- President: Amy Harbaugh
- Vise President: Connie Ammerman
- Secretary: Jill Calkins
- Treasure: Carrie Beaudrie

#### **Bedford**

- President: Debbie Kraftchick
- Vise President: Open
- Secretary: Michelle Denise Williams
- Treasure: Sue Andrews

#### Custer

- President: Brenda Chandonnet
- Vise President: Barbara Siebarth
- Secretary: Michelle McLaughlin
- Treasure: Michelle Grider

#### Dundee

- President: Tamithy Jackson
- Vise President: Mary Valentine
- Secretary: Roni Worden
- Treasure: LeeAnn Comstock



## Officer Help Guides





**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

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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

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



## 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!

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#### **December 2: Oakland County Tack & Craft Sale**

Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davisburg

Come shop for one of a kind unique holiday gifts! Admission to the sale is \$1. All are welcomed to attend.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10111-8-23

#### **December 12: Wild Spartans – Casting for a Career in Coldwater Conservation Online**

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Various locations

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- Dec. 18 Kalamazoo 4-6:30 p.m. Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center

Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Walk-in registrations may be limited due to facility capacity. Register now at <u>events.anr.msu.edu/listeningseries</u>.

#### 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, such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, mugs and more, is now available for sale! 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 at <a href="https://mi4hfdtn.org/shopkett/">https://mi4hfdtn.org/shopkett/</a>.







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## Recap Spaghetti Dinner

#### **Spaghetti Dinner & Auction**

would like to give a Big Thank You Shout Out for all of our Supporters on one of our Biggest Dinners Ever.

2023 Committee Members: Austin and Susie Arting, Shelly Aulph, Patti Donnelly, Jean and Samantha Gibson, Lynette Hackett, Amy Harbaugh, Tim Henes, Denise Hill, Brittany and Sherri Iacoangeli, Tamithy Jackson, Debbie Kraftchick, Kerrie Kraftchick, Jackie Manwell, Brenda Martin, Angela Michel, Barbara Siebarth, Bev Winter, Dennis Winter, Roni Worden, Chelsea and Jean

4-H Council and President Rob Yarger MC

Contributors: Sofo Foods Toledo OH, Bennett's Orchard Ottawa Lake MI, DRM Maintenance and Mechanical Dundee MI, Monroe County Fair Board, Jansen Brothers Monroe MI, TAV Catering Ida MI, Kastel's Slaughterhouse Tim & Denise Hill, The Tom & Gwen Schmidt Family, Maddie's Clovers, Larry Hamblin

All Clubs, individuals and Businesses that Donated Baskets! Clubs and individuals that donated handmade ornaments! Teen Ambassadors and other 4-Hers that Volunteered Time! Community Members that Participated!



We Look Forward to Seeing You Next Year





## **Recap Spaghetti Dinner Pictures**











#### Horse and Pony Banquet and Beef Clinic Recap

#### What a successful Banquet with over 240 in attendance





## **Beef Clinic- Great kick off to 2024 Beef Projects**





## **Officer Training Recap**

## Can you unlock the box?









