



Monroe County

# 4-H Family News

January 2020



## Happy New Year to All!

May this be your best Year yet!



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# January 2020

| Sun   | Mon                                       | Tue   | Wed                            | Thu  | Fri | Sat                                     |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|--|-----|---|
|   |   |   | 1                              | 2  | 3   | 4                                       |
|   |   | OFFICE CLOSED   |                                |  |     |   |
| 5   | 6<br>6PM YLB @ AC<br>7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ AC | 7   | 8                              | 9<br>6:30 RAISINVILLE WRANGLERS @ AC<br>7PM DUNDEE DIST. MEETING @ IDA HS      | 10  | 11<br>4PM HORSE & PONY TACK SALE SET-UP |
| 12 10AM HORSE & PONY TACK SALE<br>5PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD DINNER @ BIG BEAR LODGE | 13<br>6PM HORSE & PONY MEETING @ AC       | 14<br>7PM MINI EXPO COMMITTEE MEETING @ AC                  | 15<br>7PM JLA @ ELC            | 16 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ AC<br>7PM FAIR BOARD<br>7PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD @ AC | 17  | 18<br>1PM LEGACY 4-H @ AC               |
| 19<br>4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @AC  | 20<br>6PM CAT BOARD @ AC                  | 21<br>7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC                              | 22                             | 23   | 24  | 25                                      |
| 26  | 27<br>7PM SAA @ ELC                       | 28 6PM 4-H CSI @ AC<br>7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST CHURCH | 29<br>7PM TEEN AMBASSADOR @ AC | 30   | 31  |   |

# February 2020

| Sun                                     | Mon  | Tue   | Wed                                    | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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|   |  |   |  |  |   | 1<br>10AM- 1PM<br>BEEF TAGGING &<br>WEIGH-IN @ FAIR-<br>GROUNDS                               |
| 2                                       | 3<br>6PM YLB @ ELC<br>7PM 4-H COUN-<br>CIL @ ELC | 4   | 5<br>6PM TERRA<br>QUEST @ AC           | 6<br>1PM FAITHFUL<br>FRIENDS @ AC<br>7PM DUNDEE<br>DIST. MEETING<br>@ IDA HS | 7   | 8 8AM CPR &<br>FIRST AID TRAIN-<br>ING @AC<br>6PM COOKIE<br>DECORATING<br>WITH TERRA<br>QUEST |
| 9<br>4PM HIPPOLO-<br>GY PRACTICE<br>@AC | 10<br>7PM HORSE &<br>PONY MEETING<br>@ AC        | 11  | 12<br>7PM SHOOT-<br>ING SPORTS<br>@ELC | 13<br>7PM FAIR BOARD<br>MEETING  | 14<br> | 15  |
| 16                                      | 17<br>6PM CAT BOARD<br>@ AC                      | 18<br>7PM CAPRINE<br>COUNCIL @ AC                                       | 19                                     | 20   | 21  | 22<br>11AM CAPRINE<br>COUNCIL WORK-<br>SHOP @AC   |
| 23                                      | 24   | 25 6PM 4-H CSI<br>@ AC<br>7PM DOG<br>BOARD @ IDA<br>METHODIST<br>CHURCH | 26<br>7PM TEEN AM-<br>BASSADOR @<br>AC | 27   | 28  | 29  |
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## Save the Date(s):

### **Exploring Expo:** March 7th 2020

5-7 year olds can enjoy a fun filled Saturday of crafts, learning about 4-H project areas and more!

### **Mini Expo:** March 14th, 2020

8-14 year olds can enjoy a Saturday learning about 4-H project areas and making crafts. Each participant will pick three of the available projects to complete.

### **Teen Expo:** April 4th, 2020

15-19 year olds will have the opportunity to pick several advanced projects being offered that day.

### **Planning Committee Meeting:**

**January 14th 7pm at the Activity Center**



## 2020 Livestock Dates

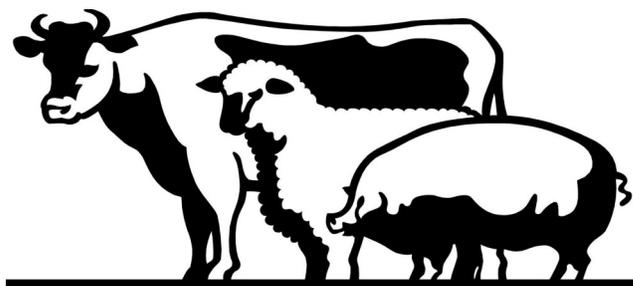
### **Beef Tagging**

Feb. 1st 10am-1pm @ Fairgrounds

### **Sheep & Pig Tagging**

May 2nd 9am-noon @ Fairgrounds

Stay tune for exciting new changes coming for 2020



# **Monroe County New & Used Tack Sale**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 10am—3pm**

**MBT Expo Center**

**3775 South Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161**

**\$3 Admission**

**Free Admission for Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans  
with valid ID.**

**Heated facility with  
plenty of parking!**

**Silent Auction!**

**Tons of Vendors!**

**Concessions!**

**Come out and support Monroe County 4-H  
Horse & Pony Board!**

**If interested in becoming a vendor please contact Christin Gordon by email at  
[christinnowland@gmail.com](mailto:christinnowland@gmail.com). Vendor tables are available on a first come first serve basis.**



# Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



## 4-H State Award Recognition Areas

- Beef Science
- Birds & Poultry Science
- Career Development
- Civic Engagement and Service
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer & Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat Science
- Leadership
- Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Sheep Science
- Shooting Sports
- Swine Science
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Group Award

**Applications for Michigan 4-H State Awards are due February 1.**

**Questions? Contact: Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbet@msu.edu](mailto:nashbet@msu.edu) or 810-648-2515 or Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu) or 269-657-8213**



Through the program, Michigan 4-H members have an opportunity to receive recognition while expanding their network and improving their leadership skills. At the conclusion of this program, participants have a cover letter, resume and a portfolio highlighting their 4-H experiences. Many of these tools will be transferable to future application essays for jobs, college and scholarships.

### Age Categories

Mark of Excellence Essay Contest: 11-12 year-old 4-H members

Junior State Award: 13-15 year-old 4-H members

Senior State Award: 16-19 year-old 4-H members

Group Award: 13-19 year-old 4-H members

### New for 2020

- Awards program will be held on Wednesday evening during 4-H Exploration Days
- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9
- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system

**Learn more and apply at:**  
**[extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards](https://extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards)**

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## Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience March 15-18, 2020

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing current issue areas (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

### Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will choose their top three issue areas and will learn about one. They will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue and will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices may include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Environmental Quality/  
Natural Resources
- Health
- Human Services
- Government Reform &  
Transparency
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement
- Technology

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### Location, Registration & Cost

The Okemos Conference Center provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court, and surrounding areas.

**\$360 4-H members\***  
**\$380 Non members\***

Contact your local MSU Extension or Farm Bureau office to inquire about scholarship opportunities.

\*Note this registration fee reflects the 2019 prices. Prices for 2020 are TBD. The registration fee includes most meals, lodging and material fees.

**Registration deadline: TBD**

For more information visit:

[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)





Dundee District Presents

# FIRST AID & CPR CERTIFICATION COURSE

February 8, 2020 @ 4-H Activity Center (3775 S. Custer Road Monroe, MI 48161)

Doors open 8:30am, Class begins promptly at 9am until 1pm

Cost: \$15 payable at the door

- Open to 4-H Members 14-20 yrs old (Actual Age, not 4-H age)
- 4-H Volunteers, Parents, and Superintendents are also welcome to participate.
- Participants will receive an American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED course completion card that is valid for 2 years
- Please contact Tamithy Jackson at 734-693-3270 or [chadandtamithy@gmail.com](mailto:chadandtamithy@gmail.com) with any questions

Registration due no later than February 7th

To register: follow the link below and search "Monroe, MI, USA".  
Once classes populate you can filter by date range for ease of  
finding the class. Select class (shown in screenshot) →  
and enter you reservation information.

<http://ahainstructornetwork.americanheart.org/AHA/ECC/classConnector.jsp?pid=ahaecc.classconnector.course.registration&requestid=92008>

Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED (1088)  
4-h activity center  
3775 S. Custer, Monroe, MI 48161

🕒 08 Feb 2020, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

👤 Matthew Ruesh

✉ [ruesh7@aol.com](mailto:ruesh7@aol.com)

🪑 30 Seats Available

☎ 4194671716

# 4-H Youth Health Awareness Class



**Saturday February 8, 2020  
9-11 am  
Monroe County 4-H Activity Center**

**Youth age 5-13**

**Cloverbuds ages 5-7 An adult must be present**

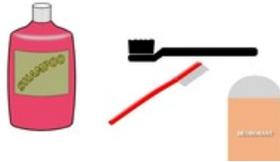
This class is designed to teach your child basic health awareness, healthy eating habits and basic first aid skills.

We will touch basic first aid and what to do when there is an emergency at home or school. We will also provide some supplies to make a small first aid kit to keep.

**Cost \$5.00 per child  
at the door**

**Registration is required to 4-H office  
by February 3  
734-240-3182**

Sponsored by:  
Monroe County Dundee District Association



# **\*DONATIONS\***

## **FOR THE MONROE COUNTY YOUTH CENTER**

### **HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!**

The Center is across from the fairgrounds in Monroe. We are collecting items to give to the teenagers as they leave the Youth Center to show we care and are supporting them.



**Items Most  
Needed:**

**Ankle socks**

**Hygiene items**

**Notebooks**

**Colored Pencils**

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**CONTACT MARY  
TO ARRANGE  
PICKUP:**

**734-915-8200 or  
[mw8200@gmail.com](mailto:mw8200@gmail.com)**

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**Drive is running  
from  
November -  
January**

# Lenawee County Horse & Pony Board



## Tack Sale

**Saturday February 15th**

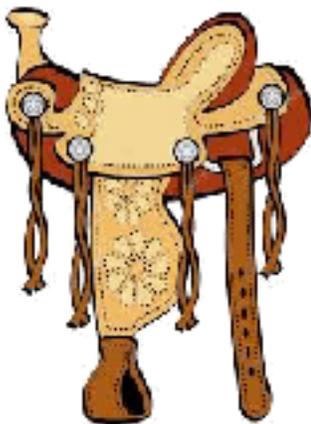
**11am-2PM**

**Merchants building**

**Lenawee County Fairgrounds**

**\$1 admission fee at the door**

**For more information contact: Heidi Gautz at 517-260-7457**



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# 4-H NIGHT

WITH THE TOLEDO WALLEYE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 ★ 3:30 PM**

TOLEDO WALLEYE VS IDAHO STEELHEADS

Enjoy a game with your 4-H club on President's Day Weekend!

Pre-game panel with business professionals in the Ag industry at 3:30PM  
Walleye game at 5:15PM

Contact Rita Natter to reserve your club's seats:  
[rnatter@toledowalleye.com](mailto:rnatter@toledowalleye.com) or 419-725-9258

# Michigan 4-H Day



at the

## Breslin Center



March 1, 2020

**What:** Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Penn State Women's Basketball team.

**When:** March 1, 2020. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests 1.5 hours before the game. Game time will be either **12:00 p.m.** or **2:00 p.m.**

**Why:** To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

**Who:** 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

**Cost:** Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above.  
Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

**Transportation & parking:** FREE for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

**Attire:** Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

### Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

### Get in the game!

Reserve tickets online. For ordering information, visit  
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

For additional information, contact your county  
MSU Extension office or email Jane Love at  
[lovejan@anr.msu.edu](mailto:lovejan@anr.msu.edu)

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### 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsmanship



#### winner

Michigan 4-H congratulates Caleb Hall, of Shiawassee County, on being named the 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year!

Hall received nine nominations, and that in itself is an incredible accomplishment. Their nomination letters were accompanied by an enthusiastic letter of support from Nikki Hersch, Shiawassee County 4-H program coordinator.

The nominators shared stories of leadership, mentorship to other 4-H youth, determination and passion for his animal projects, and his bright personality. Additionally, Hall was awarded Shiawassee County's John & Joan Spindler Sportsmanship Award in 2019. Congratulations

## 4-H Events and Workshops

January 6: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy

*Online webinar*

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

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

January 7: 4-H State Award Program Overview Teen/Parent Training

*Online webinar*

This training will provide 4-H members/teens with an overview of the 4-H State Awards Program, as well as review the application and deadlines.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-award-program-overview-teen-parent-training-january>

January 8: Resumes and Cover Letters Made Easy

*Online webinar*

Youth will learn to build a resume, even if they have limited work experience! Attendees will also receive a step-by-step guide for creating attention grabbing cover letters. Register now at:

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

January 15: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

*St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, Centreville*

YQCA is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 18.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals-yqca-st-joseph-county-01-15-20>

January 31: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join this Friday evening judging workshop followed by a practice contest on Saturday morning! The workshop will feature three classes and an opportunity to give oral reasons. This is an approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar.

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

February 1: 4-H Benefit Clinic

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join us for an annual clinic, with a day full of clinics in the classroom and arena.

### MSU Extension to launch new portal for volunteers in 2020

In early 2020, MSU Extension will launch Volunteer Central, a statewide volunteer management database and screening system. Volunteers are the core of many MSU Extension programs and the most essential partners MSU Extension has. As such, the organization has made a major investment into Volunteer Central in an effort to improve processes for both staff and volunteers. In the new system, volunteers will enjoy improved features including easy-to-read dashboards and a one-stop application process, among other advantages.

A unique feature of Volunteer Central is that each volunteer will have their own unique online account and profile. Unlike 4-H Online, family profiles will not be permitted. This is necessary to protect the confidentiality of each volunteer and the integrity of data in the system. In preparation for the launch of Volunteer Central, those who currently share an email address with another 4-H volunteer should make plans to create a separate email address for each shared user. For those who may need help with this task, holiday time with family, friends and neighbors is a great opportunity to ask for assistance in this area.

Once you have created a new email address, please either:

1. Log in to 4-H Online and add the newly created email address to the volunteer with whom it should be associated; or
2. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator and share the newly created email address and the volunteer with whom the account should be associated.

The email addresses in 4-H Online and shared with 4-H program coordinators will be used to create access accounts for current volunteers in Volunteer Central. In the coming weeks, look for additional information about Volunteer Central and when current volunteers will have access to the system. In the meantime, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

### 4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, March 1, at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.). Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.

NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Use the [ticket link \(https://fevo.me/34iKc1r\)](https://fevo.me/34iKc1r) to claim as many free tickets as desired. Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. After filling out all the information on the screen, click "CONFIRM." You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan tickets off your phone at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.

### 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you making plans to apply for a 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award? Take note of the exciting changes to this year's program!

- The awards program will be held on Wednesday evening of 4-H Exploration Days.
- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9.
- This will open up the opportunity for all State Award delegates to attend both first and second half sessions at 4-H Exploration Days.
- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Learn more and apply at: [extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards](https://extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards).