



Monroe County

# 4-H Family News

December 2019

## Join us in Welcoming Sarah Misiak to Monroe County 4-H!



Hi everyone, my name is Sarah Misiak and I am the new 4-H Program Coordinator. I recently graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Public Relations and a minor in Environmental and Sustainability. I grew up in Brighton, Michigan and spent over eight years in Livingston County's 4-H showing my horse, a goat and a variety of crafts. I'm very excited to be able to give kids the same opportunities that I had growing up in 4-H, as it has shaped me into the person I am today. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to be able re-live my fair and 4-H days however, this time as a 4-H Program Coordinator.

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Monroe County, MI 4-H

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# December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6PM YLB @AC 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @AC	3	4 6PM TERRA QUEST @AC	5 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ AC 6:30 PAWS-R-US @AC 7PM DUNDEE DIST. @IDA HS	6	7
8 5PM YOUTH RECOGNITION AND LEADERSHIP BANQUET @AC	9	10	11	12 7PM FAIR BOARD MEETING	13	14 TERRA QUEST GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER @AC
15 4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @ AC	16	17 9AM FARM BILL EDUCATIONAL MEETING @AC 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC	18 	19 6:30 SPAGHETTI DINNER DEBRIEF MEETING @AC 6:30PM PAWS-R-US @AC	20	21 TERRA QUEST GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER @AC
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28 TERRA QUEST NEWYEARS EVE PARTY
						
29	30	31	JANUARY 2020			
						

# January 2020

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



## Holiday Office Schedule

Our office will be **closed** the following dates

**Wednesday, December 18th**

**Tuesday-Friday, December 24– 27th**

**Tuesday-Wednesday, December 31-January 1st**

We will remain open 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm all other days

## Maternity Leave Reminder

As you may know our 4-H Program Coordinator, Sara Lewis, has welcomed a sweet baby BOY, Dylan Riley Lewis! Sara will be out of the office through the months of December and January to enjoy this exciting time with her family.

Questions during this time may be directed to

**Bailey Biniiecki**

**Monroe County MSU Extension Support Staff**

**[binieck4@msu.edu](mailto:binieck4@msu.edu) or 734-240-3182**

Thank you for your patience and understanding  
as we are short staffed this season.





## Save the Date!

Dundee District will be hosting a CPR and First Aid certification class 9am-1pm **February 8th, 2020** at the Activity Center More details to follow!



### *It's Mini Expo Planning time!*

Do you have idea's to help make this year's mini expo the best yet? Please join our planning committee

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

Also, Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

**Exploring Expo for ages 5-7 March 7th**

**Mini Expo for ages 8-14 March 14th**

**Teen Expo for ages 15-17 April 4th**

# Congratulations!!



2019 I Dare You Nominees Alexis Fisher, Ethan Harbaugh, Jaren Schmidt, Jewel Mason, Liz Vincent  
(not pictured Betsy Brockman and Alivia Funchion)

The annual Youth recognition and Leader Banquet was celebrated Sunday December 8th. The beautiful décor, delicious meal, and well organized event are all thanks to our wonderful Monroe County 4-H Council, Awards Committee, Cindy Andrews, and Karen Bash. Awards were given to youth county award winners and volunteers reaching milestone years of service (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 years)

If you were not able to attend the banquet, certificates and pins can be picked up at the Extension office.

## Highlights of the night

Meritorious Service for business or organization was awarded to **Oberly Auction Services**

Meritorious Service for individual was awarded to **Dale Brose**

Leader of the Year awarded to **Carrie Beaudrie** of Raisinville Wranglers

Distinguished Alumni awarded to **Darlene Liedel**

I Dare You winners were **Ethan Harbaugh** and **Alivia Funchion**

Special thanks to this years sponsors, First Merchants Bank, Monroe County Farm Bureau, and Wiesler Photography.



# WRAP

*it up!*

December 14 and 21 | 12-4pm

Leave the wrapping  
to us this year!

\$1 boxes

free  
paper!

pay by  
donation

Location: 3775 S Custer Rd, Monroe  
MI 4861 (Raisinville Rd Entrance)

For Additional Questions  
Call 734-775-7992

Proceeds go to 4-H  
TerraQuest Club



4-H TERRAQUEST PRESENTS

# 2020 New Year MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Enjoy a night at a ritzy 1920s themed jazz club while our members bring a murder mystery scene alive. As a guest, you will find the culprit and have lots of fun!

**SAT. DECEMBER 28**

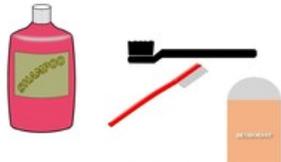
AT: 4-H Activity Center 3775 S Custer Rd,  
Monroe MI 48161 (Raisinville Rd entrance)

FREE DRINKS | FREE APPETIZERS |  
ENTRY \$10 | FREE PARKING | FROM 7-10PM |

**RSVP BY DEC 21**

contact [Kerrie.Kraftchick@utoledo.edu](mailto:Kerrie.Kraftchick@utoledo.edu) /  
734-775-7992 / [sgatedk@yahoo.com](mailto:sgatedk@yahoo.com) in order  
to RSVP





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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# **\*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.



Drive is running  
from  
November -  
January

# CRACK THE CODE

Have questions about Parliamentary Procedures? Want to learn how to build a team? Looking for Leadership skills? **Gather knowledge at this fun escape box experience!**



**Monday**

**December 30th 2-4pm**



**River Raisin Room Human Services Building**

**1040 S. Winter ST Adrian**

**Please RSVP to 517-264-5300**

**Bring 4 or more people from your club and receive a prize!**

**Snacks will be provided!**

**Open to Ages 9-19!**



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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

### 4-H Dog Patch Program



The Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H dog project area.

The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area. There are numerous patches available to reflect the varying disciplines in which youth can participate. In 2019, three new patches have been added; the Rally Intermediate, Rally Master and Beginning Novice.

For more information about the Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program or to order patches, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_dog\\_patch\\_program](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_dog_patch_program).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

December 3: Give Green Day

*Statewide*

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 12: Start Your Own Insect Collection

*Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township*

This class will introduce collecting and preserving insects. All participants receive an insect collection box, set of pins, and leave the class with 10-20 pinned insects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/starting-your-own-insect-collection>

December 14: Treat Yourself Workshop

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office, Benton Harbor*

A countywide project where youth will learn about chocolate and spa projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/berrien-county-4-h-treat-yourself-workshop>

December 15: 4-H Day at the Lions

*Ford Field, Detroit*

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Dec. 15 Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-19>

December 30: 4-H Spa-Delicious Countywide Project

*Van Buren County MSU Extension Office, Paw Paw*

Learn how to make homemade body products in this fun and educational class. Each participant takes home their own bath fizzies, sugar scrub, lip balm and air freshener!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spa-delicious-countywide-project>

## Save the Date

February 1: Michigan 4-H Winterfest

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

A crowd favorite every year, this statewide event is for youth ages 8-12. A special emphasis is placed on providing sessions that offer hands-on learning.

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

### Get ready for the 2020 4-H State Award applications process!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning

experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition). Applications are due Feb. 1, 2020. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu).

### What can you do because of 4-H? Share for a chance to win!

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are encouraged to share how 4-H has impacted them through the 4-H Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. A great introduction to the Michigan 4-H State Awards program, Mark of Excellence contestants write a 500 word essay on the topic of "Because of 4-H, I can..." Winners will receive a certificate of recognition and medal to commemorate their accomplishment.

Essays are due to respective county 4-H offices by February 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youth essays as their representatives and submit those names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. The committee uses the essays to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth and copies are also shared with the Michigan State 4-H Office, Michigan 4-H Foundation, and Kettunen Center.

For more additional information and instructions, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition) or contact Kelly Stelter at [grandtke@msu.edu](mailto:grandtke@msu.edu).

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