



4-H Family News

October 2026

Welcome to the Month of October

Thank you to all our club leaders that completed club paperwork on time! If your club paperwork is still not turned in please reach out to the office immediately.

National 4-H week is October 4th to the 10th. Fair Theme Contest is open for submissions till October 31, 2026, Show Us Your Creativity. 2027 fair theme contest is open.

We have several awesome events planned for this month to celebrate Monroe Counties 4-H youth and program. We hope you take advantage of all the events! RSVP's are required for some events.

Complete your 4-H online enrollments NOW we are just under ½ of last years enrollment number!

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

Sincerely,

Jean A. Genaw and Torey Madura
Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinators

This month's content highlights

- October 6th Club and New Families Meet and Greet
- October 8th 4-H Night at Rev'd Up Fun
- October 11th Caprine Banquets
- October 17th Garage sale
- October 18th Kids Day
- October 18th Trunk r Treat
- October 17th Garage sale
- October 28st Drop-in With Jean
- October 25th YOUTH RECOGNITION EVENT RSVP by 18th
- 2025 Candy Sale- we have boxes in the office
- Nov 1st LEADER BANQUET RSVP by 24th
- Nov 14th Spaghetti Dinner and 4-H auction

2025-2026 4-H enrollment complete NOW

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

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OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM	2	3
4 National 4-H Week	5 4-H Council; AC 7PM	6 4-H Meet & Greet; AC 6PM	7 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	8	9	10
11 Goat Banquet AC 2:00pm	12 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	13	14	15 Fall Garage Sale Drop Off 10AM-7PM FAB; AC 7pm	16	17 Fall Garage Sale; AC 9AM-4PM ESI Geo Caching at Crosswinds Marsh 10:am
18 Kids Day; AC 2PM Trunk R Treat; AC 3-4:30PM	19 Cat Board; AC 6:30PM	20 Entrepreneurs hip; AC 6:30PM	21 Whispering Spirits; AC 7PM	22	23	24
Fall Conference- Office Closed						
25 Youth Recognition; AC 3PM RSVP required	26 SAA; ELC 7PM	27	28 JLA Premium Book mtg 6pm, JLA; ELC 7PM Shooting Sports; ELC 7PM Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!!

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Leader Baquet; AC 4:30PM	2 4-H Council; AC 7PM	3	4 Dog Board; ELC 6:30PM	5 Faithful Friends; AC 12-4PM Entrepreneur- ship; AC 6:30PM	6 Horse & Pony Banquet: AC 5:30PM	7 Whispering Spirits Pumpkin Smash: Grass by AC 1-4PM
8	9 Horse & Pony; AC 7PM	10	11	12	13	14 Spaghetti Dinner & Auction; AC 4PM
15	16 Cat Board: AC 6:30PM	17 Raisinville Wranglers; AC 6:30pm Caprine Council; ELC 7PM	18 JLA; ELC 7PM	19 Fair Advisory Board; 7PM	20	21
22 Denim & Dust Photo Shoot; AC	23	24	25 Teen Ambassadors; AC 7PM	26 Happy Thanksgiving!!	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					



Small Animal

Next Meeting August 24, 2026 7pm ELC

Follow Us on Social Media

[Monroe County Small Animal Association](#)

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

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



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

AS A THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF MONROE COUNTY 4-H
WE WOULD LIKE TO JOYFULLY
INVITE YOU TO THE 2026 SMALL
ANIMAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

20

5 O'CLOCK

2026

THE ACTIVITY CENTER AT THE
MONROE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

*Whole turkey
dinner to be served*

Don't forget to RSVP Here
by September 16



Monroe County 4-H Cat Program



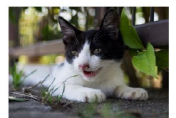
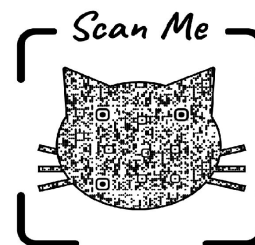
Meeting Location: 4-H Activity Center

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.



RSVP to the SAA Banquet here: <https://forms.gle/fqpbZ7PM2t12hDn69>



Congratulations

2026-2027 4-H Council Executive Board

President: Toni Branham

Vice-President: Rob Yarger

Secretary: Roni Worden

Treasurer: Denise Hill

Thank you to our outgoing board members!

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 5 at 7pm in the AC

Congratulations!

Small Animal Association

Poultry:

Daisy Branham, Emily Bray, Kathryn Dietrich, Mackenzie Sommers

Rabbits:

Angyl Bischoff, Morgen Schmidt, Logan Wells, Journey Williams

Cavies & Pocket Pets:

Brandon Fisher, Samanth Gibson

Adult Rep:

Chay Wickenheiser

Thank you to our outgoing board members!

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 26 at 7pm in the ELC



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DOG PROGRAM

Upcoming Meetings:

October 7th, 6:30PM @ the Extension Office



CONGRATULATIONS

2026-2027 DOG EXECUTIVE BOARD



PRESIDENT- SAM PRITULA

VICE PRESIDENT - LILY HELMSTATDER

TREASURE - RAELEIGH FICHTNER

SAA REPRESENTATIVE - JACK JINKS



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





JLA News Next JLA October 28, 6pm premium changes Mtg.
7pm monthly board mtg at the extension office. New year youth board elections will occur.



2026-2027 JLA elected and appointed board

8 elected youth

Kody Fitch
Maddie Kreps
Clara Iott
Kayla Pittman
Brett Juckett
Chloe Juckett
Ben Winter
Oliver Hill

Appointed youth

Sheep
Owen Neely
Jillian Lievens
Beef
Alex Haws
Issac Haws
Swine
Avery Notario

3 elected adults

Emily Kittendorf- King
Katie Albring
Troy Lievens

Master Stockman Winners

Beef

1st Lane Stanger
Intermediate Sheep
1st Karly Culter
2nd Evan Anderson
Junior Sheep
1st Sawyer Rozanski
2nd Brooklynn Rozanski
Senior Swine
1st Zoe Stanger
Intermediate Swine
1st Lane Stanger
2nd Ben Winter
Junior Swine
1st Matt Winter
2nd Josh Winter
3rd Karson Worden
Senior Goat
1st Sewart Funk
Junior Goat
1st Emma Lane
2nd Isabella Benitez
Junior Dairy
1st Lauren Mathe
2nd Sydney Ruehs



Congratulations

2026 Herdsmanship Winners



Beef

1st Place : Legacy 4-H
2nd Place: Country Bunch



Swine

1st Place: Country Critters
2nd Place: Family Roots
3rd Place: Country Charmers



Sheep

1st Place: Country Charmers
2nd Place: Country Critters
3rd Place: Country Kids 4-H

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/4-HPlate](https://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate)



Horse and Pony News

Save The Dates

- Banquet 2026 November 6th
10.00 tickets pay your leaders
prior to October H&P
meeting.

2026 H&P Officers

President- Nora Sheets

Vice President- Mackenzie Reed

Secretary- Mia Brinson

Treasure- Maleah Wylie

Webmaster/Historian- Laynie Timmons

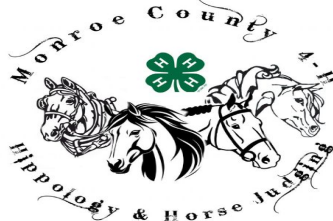
Horse and Pony info

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

Fall 2026 meeting dates

September 2 @6pm-SMCC
Brothers Conference room
October 7 @6pm-SMCC
Brothers Conference Room
November 4@6pm-SMCC
Brothers Conference Room
December 2@6pm-SMCC
Brothers Conference Room
More dates for practice
or future contests TBA



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





Horse and Pony Tack Sale



MONROE COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY
PRESENTS

Annual Tack Sale 2027

Shop from a variety of vendors from new and used horse tack, show clothes, accessories, and more! Concession vendors available as well!

**FEBRUARY 28TH, 2027 FROM 10A-2P AT THE FIRST
MERCHANT EXPO CENTER
3775 CUSTER RD MONROE, MI 48161**

Heated Indoor Facility * Silent Auctions * New &
Used Tack Vendors * Concessions
Admission is \$3 per person (cash or check)

All Profits Benefit the Monroe County
4-H Horse & Pony Program!





Reservation Form for Tack Sale

2027 Monroe County Horse & Pony Tack Sale Vendor Form

February 28th, 2027

Please complete the form below to reserve your spot.

Questions? Call or Text Kaitlin at 419-271-1442

Reservations will not be considered completed without a form of payment!

10' x 10' Vendor Space \$45 each	# of Spaces: _____	\$45 x # of Spaces = Total: \$ _____
All spaces include ONE 8ft Table	Extra Tables: _____	\$5 x # of Extra Tables = _____
All spaces include 2 Admission Passes Admission also available at the door for the same price	Extra Passes: _____	\$3 x # of Extra Passes = _____

Contact Name: _____ Business: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Your email will be used to send confirmation of your reservation and communications regarding future tack sale events you may be invited to.

Payment Only by Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to MCHP

Mail your completed form and payment to:

Kaitlin Lance

4240 Clegg Rd Lambertville, MI 48144

Please make note of the following:

Set up is 2/27/2027 from 5pm to 8pm and 2/28/2027 from 7am to 10am

Sale is 2/28/2027 from 10am to 2pm

Tear down is 2/28/2027 from 2pm to 5pm

How did you hear about our tack sale? _____

What are you selling? _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Number of Spaces: _____

Date Received: _____

Number of Passes: _____

Payment: CASH or CHECK (# _____)

Number of Tables: _____

Total: \$ _____

☐ This vendor is a PRE-REGISTRATION from 2026 sale and pays \$40 per space. (check box)



Leaders CLUB PAPERWORK

Club Paperwork Due October 01, 2026

Club paperwork is due back to the Extension Office by **October 01, 2026**. On October 02, 2026 it will be past due. If you have not completed your paperwork there is no time to wait! Club paperwork is an annual requirement to keep your club in good standing.

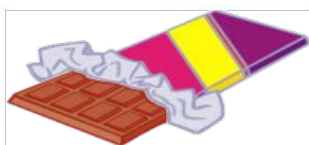


Message for Dundee District:

If any members are planning on going to Exploration days in June and will want scholarship money from the district. You will need to sell Candy bars, donate an item, or give your time to help out during the spaghetti dinner and auction .

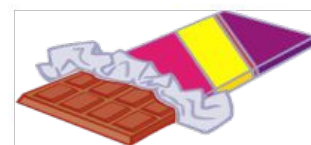
Thanks,
Lynette Hackett _District President

Annual Candy sale Additional boxes still available



Candy Sale

September 9th– October 30th



The 4-H Council has three fundraisers each year, the candy sale, the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, in addition to the kitchen during Fair week. The annual candy sale, which has received excellent support in the past will begin on September **9th**. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals.

****Once overall sales reach 300 boxes, each members who sold two boxes of candy will be entered to win Fair Grandstand event or a 50.00 Meal ticket to the AC!**

Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale and/or the Spaghetti Dinner. The candy will be distributed to leaders at the Post Fair Meeting.

*****Please encourage each youth to sell one box to support the 4-H program *****

Candy Bars are \$2.00 each this year



Fair Theme Contest

Link: <https://forms.gle/mYHatpk2HHTiEJW76>



2027 Monroe County Fair Theme Contest

Club Submissions accepted at

<https://forms.gle/mYHatpk2HHTiEJW76>

Submit by October 31, 2026



ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

Benefiting Monroe County Residents

**Collection of new or gently used hats and gloves
will begin November 6th - December 10th at the
4-H MSU Extension Office
963 Raisinville Rd**



New Year Kick off

4-H online Enrollment started September 03, 2026



How to Register with 4-H: *Returning Family*

1. Visit **mi.4Honline.com**.
2. Log in to your account.*
3. Click "Enroll Now" for the returning member(s).
4. Update information.
5. Continue until you click the final SUBMIT button.
6. Add members if needed.

*If you need assistance accessing your account, contact your local 4-H staff; do not create a new account.



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Monroe County 4-H 2026-2027
4-H online enrollment
Opened September 03, 2026
Please **re-enroll** by November 01, 2026
Do not wait!
Contact the 4-H office with any questions
or assistance you may need
(734) 240-3188

Keep the enrollments coming
we are at 500 youth enrollments!!!!

Clubs needed to have displays Leaders please contact Jean if you'll have a table at this event.



Welcome!

TO 4-H



WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES TO THE FUN
MEET & GREET

OCTOBER 6TH, 6-8PM @ ACTIVITY CENTER
REQUESTING YOUTH & ADULT LEADERS TO HELP WELCOME
& SHARE THEIR CLUB DISPLAYS



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Prizes**

EQUINE NUTRITION NIGHT

Hay to Health

Featuring Tribute Equine Nutrition Specialist: Tracy Mohnke

Monroe County Fairgrounds

3775 S. Custer Road, Monroe, MI

Wednesday October 7th

6:00 p.m

*RSVP to Masserant's
734-568-6024*



📍 Activity Center

Enter fairgrounds off Rainsinville Rd, Gate D



Revd up fun

Link: [h](#)

CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

**FAMILY FUN
NIGHT
FUNDRAISER
AT REV'D UP FUN**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026 - 5PM - 9PM

SUPPORT THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

**FUNDS EARNED WILL
SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

CONTACT REV'D UP FUN FOR MORE INFORMATION: 734-307-3711

Rev'd Up
FUN

19830 WEST RD, WOODHAVEN, MI 48183

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MONROE COUNTY 4-H

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

OCTOBER 4TH-10TH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Do something nice for a neighbor or family Member	Go Green! Wear green and show your 4-H Spirit!	Post and Share what 4-H means to you!	Do you know someone with a 4-H license plate?	Thank someone who has supported you in 4-H!	Share your favorite 4-H Project!	Were you involved in 4-H as a youth? Join Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends Here!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/EVENTS/NATIONAL-4-H-WEEK](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week)



MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN 4-H
#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek

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734-240-3182

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



More info link: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends Link: <https://msu4h.my.site.com/WalkInLead/s/>

National 4-H Week Club Display Submissions



In the spirit of National 4-H week, the Monroe County 4-H Council is encouraging clubs to put up a 4-H themed display in a store window, church, school, or library. Clubs who create a display and submit a picture (Google Link: <https://forms.gle/Xmo9RPzvu3TuAzJKA>) with noted location to the 4-H office by October 31st, awards given to clubs that participate. Please be creative. **Display should include an advertisement for the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction.**



Important Reminders

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail. **All checks must be cashed within 90 Days, otherwise void!**

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

**Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair Office:
734-241-5775**

Auction Checks

If you are unable to attend the JLA Ice Cream Social or SAA Banquet, checks will be available for pick up at the MSU Extension office starting **October 1st, 2026.**

Located @ 963 South Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI, 48161

Static project Silent Auction/ Entrepreneurship Checks
&
Parking Lot Fundraiser Checks

Available at the Extension Office
For More Information, Please Call 734-240-3182

Thank you!!!



FALL GARAGE SALE



ANNUAL FALL GARAGE SALE & FLEA MARKET

hosted by the Monroe County Fair
Association in the Activity Center

Oct 17th

9am-4pm

Drop- Off Donations to Activity Center

October 15th and 16th from 10am-7pm

No Clothes please

Call Jean if different time is needed (734)240-3188

All 4-H Sales by Donation, proceeds go to Fair Board to assist with 4-H
fair ribbon cost.



KIDS DAY CELEBRATION

COME HELP US RECOGNIZE
OUR 8-11 YEAR OLDS

October 18th, 2026 at 2pm

Hosted by: Teen Ambassadors 4-H club

**WEAR A COSTUME AND MAKE IT
FUN, TRUNK OR TREAT, AND
PRIZES TO FOLLOW**

RSVP using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Z8CzkA1HDiLsMqsf7>



9th Annual Teen Ambassadors Trunk or Treat

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Costumes are Encouraged

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 3:00-4:30PM

TRUNKS MAY BEING SETTING UP AT 1:30PM

RAIN OR SHINE

MONROE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN C- LOT OF THE ACTIVITY CENTER IF
YOU WISH TO

PARTICIPATE IN PASSING OUT YUMMY TREATS!

IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT EACH
CLUB PARTICIPATES IN THIS EVENT!

DOOR PRIZES AND A BEST DISPLAY AWARD FOR TRUNKS!

Please contact the Extension Office at 734-240-3182
if your club will be participating with a trunk.





Building the FUTURE



4-H Financial Literacy

Have you heard First Merchants Bank has partnered with Monroe County 4-H to "Build the Future"? You've seen this logo, but what does it mean? This partnership is bringing hands-on financial literacy education to our Monroe County youth ages 8-19. We cover everything from goal setting, to smart spending, to starting your very own business! As a bonus, First Merchants provides monetary incentives to those who participate! Participants must complete a fair project in one of the three auctions (Static Craft, SAA, or JLA) to receive add-on donations of \$25 per class attended for up to four classes.

2026-27 Class Schedule

(Topics TBD and dates subject to change. Follow updates in the monthly newsletter and the Facebook page)

- Monday, September 28th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Tuesday, October 20th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Thursday, November 5th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Tuesday, December 29th 2-4pm 4-H Activity Center
- Thursday, January 14th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Thursday, February 11th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Wednesday, March 10th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Tuesday, April 13th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Thursday, May 11th 6:30 pm 4-H Activity Center
- Monday, June 14th open office hours for one-on-one project review at Extension office

**Financial Literacy Instructor Bailey Biniecki can be reached at
734-735-2318 or binieck4@msu.edu**



RSVP by Oct 18 link: <https://forms.gle/Q6Y5xmn8wV8XG9qUA>



2026 YOUTH RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Our youth will be recognized with County Medals, Older Teen Awards, State Award participants, Key Club, I Dare You nominees, Club awards and More.

All youth leadership roles in the county will be recognized.



Sunday October 25, 2026 @ 3:00pm
Activity Center

Appetizers and Refreshments will be served

ALL 4-H YOUTH & FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Drop in with Jean

No RSVP needed

5:00 pm at Extension Office

*10/28/26 Flower Seed Collecting (this one is on a Wed.)

3rd Tuesday of the month

11/17/26 Perler Beads

12/15/26 Livestock Judging, Skill-A-Thon, Quiz bowl study resources

1/19/27 Sun Catchers

2/16/27 Yarn /Needle Crafts



3/16/27 Stenciling

4/20/27 Painting crafts

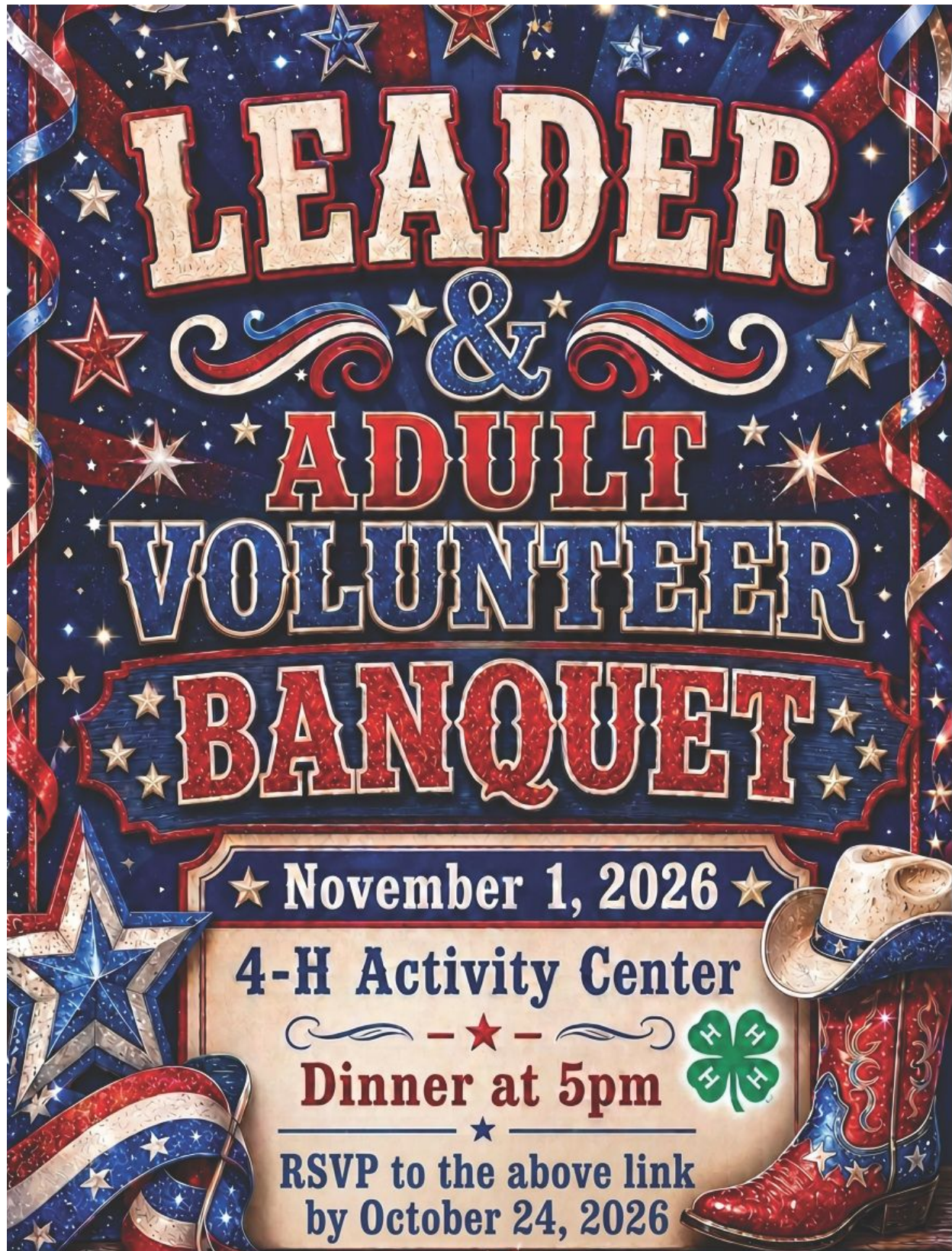
5/18/27 Sewing

6/15/27 Crafts with t-shirts





RSVP by Oct 24th: <https://forms.gle/56KHeMLLLkNXywydA>





1st Annual
PUMPKIN SMASH BASH
& Fall Festival Fundraiser

November 7, 2026
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

at

Monroe County Fairgrounds



Whispering Spirits &
Monroe County Hippology Team



\$10 per child
LIMITED NUMBER OF
TICKETS SOLD!

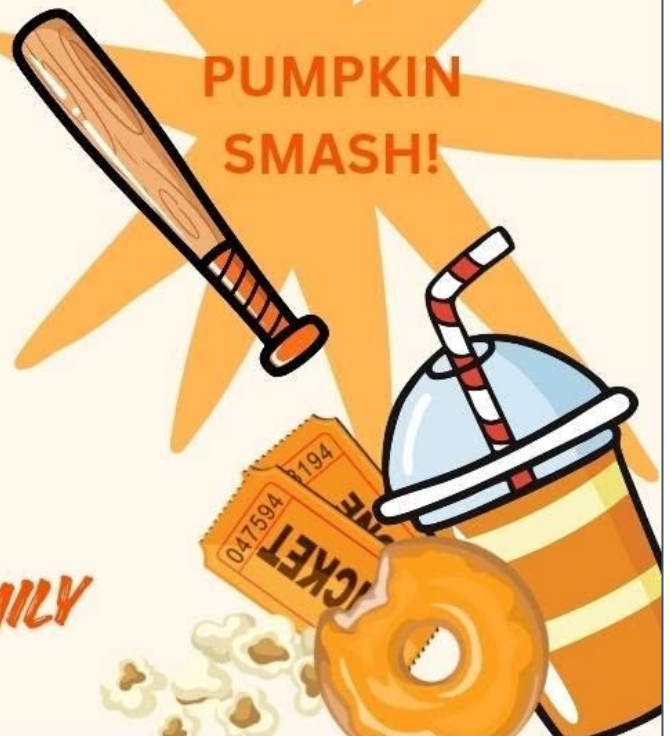


SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Take a swing in the
main event

**PUMPKIN
SMASH!**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY





2026
*Monroe County 4-H
Spaghetti Dinner & Auction*

*Grateful
& thankful
& blessed*

4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

*Pick a Prize
Bake Sale*

*Handmade Ornaments
Kids Grab Bags*

Silent Auction
4-6:30 pm

Nov.
14

Dinner 4-7 pm

Meal includes:
ALL YOU CAN EAT
SPAGHETTI
Salad, Bread,
Drink & Dessert

Live Auction
7 pm

Public Welcome

Adults: \$10
Kids: \$5
(7-12 years)

All profits benefit youth members of Monroe County 4-H through scholarships, recognition and year-round programming.



**ATTENTION
ALL CLUBS,
LEADERS, MEMBERS &
4-H FAMILIES**



Monroe County 4-H Spaghetti Dinner
Committee needs your HELP!

Please help fill the tree with beautiful
handmade ornaments and fill our
tummy's with homemade baked
goods for the bake sale!



Arrange ornament drop off:
Susan Arting 734-649-4117 text

Bake goods drop off:
Fri 11/13 & Sat 11/14
Activity Center

Your donation will be greatly
appreciated.





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 Treasurer's - 4-H (msu.edu)

Volunteer Trainings

Please visit:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series> for full details on the series and registration links. The titles and dates are below:

- Infusing Positive Youth Development into your 4-H Club: October 27, 2026
- Growing Money Skills through 4-H: November 19, 2026

Resources:

- Characteristics of Beyond Ready 4-H Clubs: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/characteristics_of_effective_4_h_clubs
- Beyond Ready in Five Video Series: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tag/4-Hbeyondready5>
- Michigan 4-H Club Development Website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index>
- Ten Benefits of being a Michigan 4-H Member: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/ten-benefits-of-being-a-michigan-4-h-member>
- 10 reason Michigan 4-H matters: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/10-reason-michigan-4-h-matters>
- Beyond Ready 4-H Club Reflection: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/building-a-beyond-ready-4-h-club-reflection>.

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

Beyond

Ready:

Equipping

Youth with

Skills for Life

October 6th

at noon or 7 pm

on Zoom

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Michigan 4-H

Fall 2026 Volunteer Webinar Series

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

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Officer roles resource links



[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: President](#)

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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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[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Secretary](#)

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

[So You Are an Officer in Your 4-H Club: Treasurer](#)

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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.



Leaders start preparing for next years club paperwork today! Templates for Minutes and next page template for Treasure reports

Sample Minute Template



4-H Club

Date

The _____ 4-H Club meeting (regular or special) was called to order at (time) by the president. *(If someone other than the president is serving in this role for this meeting, be sure to record who it is.)*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by _____ and the 4-H pledge was led by _____.

Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance:

Guests in attendance:

Secretary's report

The secretary's report was read. _____ moved to accept the secretary's report as read. Motion seconded. Motion passed or failed. *(Alternate: The secretary's report was read. Changes were suggested. _____ moved to accept the secretary's report as corrected. Motions seconded. Motion passed or failed.)*

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was read with a beginning balance of _____ and an ending balance of _____. _____ moved to place the treasurer's report on file. Motion seconded. *(No debate or vote is required because this is not a debatable motion.)*

Committee reports

(Reports such as fair, fundraising, activities, community service and others are included.)

Old business

(Any unfinished business is recorded here.)

New business

(Any business that has not been discussed at a previous meeting is recorded here.)

Leader announcements

(Announcements made by leaders about upcoming projects meetings, educational opportunities and other topics are recorded here.)

The meeting was adjourned at (time).

Submitted by:



Group Name: _____

Treasurer's Report

1. Beginning Account Balance

Date _____

Balance \$ _____

2. Money Received *(Attach additional page, if necessary.)*

Amount \$ _____ purpose _____

Amount \$ _____ purpose _____

Amount \$ _____ purpose _____

Total Received \$ _____

Subtotal (Balance #1 + Money Received #2) \$ _____

3. Expenses *(Attach additional page, if necessary.)*

\$ _____ to whom _____ purpose _____

\$ _____ to whom _____ purpose _____

\$ _____ to whom _____ purpose _____

Total Expenses \$ _____

4. Closing Account Balance

Date _____

Subtotal (Subtotal - Total Expenses #3) \$ _____

5. To reconcile your group account balance with bank statement balance, complete the following steps:

a. Add back checks that have not shown up on the account statement (+) _____

b. Subtract deposits not showing up on account statement (-) _____

c. **Adjusted balance** should agree with account statement (=) _____

(Adjusted balance = #4 closing account balance + 5a - 5b)

File a copy of account statement that agrees with the total closing or adjusted balance above.

Prepared by (Treasurer's Signature) _____ Date _____

Remember to reconcile savings and checking accounts separately.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready: Building leadership skills through 4-H



Beyond Ready

4-H provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills in meaningful and age-appropriate ways. Whether leading a club activity, serving as an officer, mentoring younger members, or helping plan an event, youth practice communication, teamwork, decision-making and responsibility.

Volunteers can support leadership development by encouraging youth voice, sharing responsibilities and creating opportunities for members to take ownership of their learning. Every leadership experience helps young people build confidence and prepares them to contribute in school, work and their communities.

How are you helping youth grow as leaders this year?

#BeyondReady

October 3: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2026

October 4-10: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H in various ways including Go Green Monday, Wheels Up Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Stay Connected Saturday!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 7: Adulting 101—Mental Health Toolkit: Everyday Skills and Resources to Help Care for Your Mental Health

Online

This Adulting 101 session will equip participants with practical tools to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-adulting-101-mental-health-toolkit-everyday-skills-and-resources-to-help-care-for-your-mental-health

October 27: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Infusing Positive Youth Development into Your 4-H club

Online

Explore simple strategies that foster belonging, build developmental relationships, encourage youth voice, and create engaging experiences where young people can develop confidence, competence, character and caring.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-infusing-positive-youth-development-into-your-4-h-club

October 31: 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth will have the chance to learn about a variety of animal science topics, disciplines and careers from industry experts and Department of Animal Science staff. Open to youth ages 12-19. **Register by October 15!**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-fall-fest-2026





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Nominate a deserving 4-H'er for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year!

Do you know someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. Nominations are due **October 15**. You can find full details, including the nomination form, at: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Ready to level up your future? Youth ages age 12–19 are invited to join the 4-H Future Squad, a virtual 4-H club focused on life skills, career readiness, financial literacy, Adulthood 101 topics and more.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the sixth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2026 through May 2027, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management,

communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Meeting dates will take place on a variety of days of the week; dates and times will be communicated via email and on the program website. Youth can attend as many of these dates as they wish. 4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club. Learn more and complete the interest form at: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

4-H scholarships available!

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.



RECAP

Dog Board Banquet



Small Animal Banquet





Congratulations

**Missy
Gordon**



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4-H Excellence
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