Pre-Fair Meeting

It’s getting to be that time of year once again, and fair will be here before we know it. The Pre-Fair Meeting is the time for Leaders of each club to be provided with all registration material required to allow your members to exhibit at the 2016 Monroe County Fair. This year’s meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 5th at 7:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center**.

The General Superintendents will be on hand to bring you up to speed on the new classes and new schedules. **ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED** and all member and leaders must have completed enrollments and volunteer agreements on file from the April 1st deadline to be eligible.

Community leaders or their designated person must submit completed fair forms on June 15th. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that all members get all of the information to their leaders in time for them to submit the forms. Registration for fair will only be accepted on June 15th, between 1:00 and 7:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center.

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The Rockin' Ranchers 4-H club began 9 years ago and we are a very active club, our members range from 7-18 years old. Our kids show everything from pocket pets to large animals, a variety of craft projects and also participate in the communication area. Our club does several community service projects throughout the year, we hold monthly club meetings and do monthly craft projects so they have projects to enter into the fair. Some of the community services we do are food drives during Christmas time, collect pop tabs yearly for the Ronald McDonald house, baking cookies for families at Ronald McDonald house, make fleece blankets for the U of M cancer patients, coat drives, shoes drives, packages for the military troops and we even visit the senior citizens. Our older teens in the club each month put on power point animal presentations and teach the other members how to care for and show their fair animals. We have many guest speakers come and talk to our club so that they can learn new things or to help them improve on things they already know. Our kids love to learn as much as they can! We also have club fun days, field trips, club parties and team building activities to help our kids strive to make the best better!

This photo is at Ronald McDonald house where we baked cookies for the residents and donated pop tabs!
National Paper Clover Campaign Continues Support of Monroe County 4-H Youth

Monroe, MI – April 1 – National 4-H Council has announced the launch of the spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign in partnership with Tractor Supply Company (TSC). This event marks the sixth year of collaboration between the organizations on the national in-store fundraiser, benefiting state and local 4-H programming in each of the communities where a TSC or Del’s Farm and Feed Supply store is located.

The spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place April 13-24, 2016. Shoppers at the Dundee and Monroe stores will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Monroe County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a $1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in Monroe.

“For many years, the Paper Clover fundraiser has allowed us to provide thousands of 4-H youth across the country greater access to 4-H programs,” said Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO, National 4-H Council. “We are thrilled about our continued partnership with Tractor Supply Company as it drives the excitement of local community participation and support for 4-H programs, and therefore the success of the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign.”

Last year, across 49 states, the TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign provided more than $1.8 million to 4-H across the country. All proceeds raised directly benefit 4-H, with 70 percent of funds being returned to state and local 4-H programs. The effort has provided direct support for local camps, after-school programs and other activities, and has granted scholarships to these events where youth can explore their interests in everything from animal science to robotics.

“The Paper Clover fundraiser is a significant part of Tractor Supply Company’s support of 4-H programs throughout the 1,300 communities we serve,” said Christi Korzekwa, vice president, Marketing, Tractor Supply Company. “We are proud to be able to provide essential funding to more than 1,000 county 4-H programs. These programs make a positive impact on young people that last a lifetime. The continued success of the Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraisers demonstrate the importance of our 4-H partnership with our customers, team members and communities.”

Once again, funds donated during the national campaign will be tracked online and recorded by state and by store. Visit www.tractorsupply.com/4-H for more information on the spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign and to view the donation tracker.

Contact: Sara Lewis, 4-H Program Coordinator, 963 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161 or seitzsa1@anr.msu.edu or 734-240-3170.
Applications for all scholarships are due on April 15th, and interviews begin at 7:00pm on April 19th at the 4H Extension Office.

Cash scholarships will be awarded to 4-H members who are high school seniors or college freshman, and are currently enrolled in the Monroe County 4-H Program.

Awards are made directly to the student after the completion of their first semester of school, and their grades are submitted to the 4-H Extension Office.

Applications are available at the 4-H Extension office or online.

Farm Bureau Scholarships

Graduating high school seniors and college students with aspirations in the field of agriculture once again have the opportunity to earn one of three $750 scholarships toward their education. The Monroe County Farm Bureau will be awarding the Betty Bliss Scholarship, Dale Lynn Mason Scholarship and Young Farmer Memorial Scholarship again in 2016.

To qualify for these scholarships, students must be enrolled in post-secondary education pursuing a career directly related to agriculture. Students who are currently enrolled in college are also eligible. Individual or family membership in Farm Bureau is not a requirement for selection, although membership in the Young Farmer committee is always encouraged.

Application forms may be downloaded from the county Farm Bureau website or picked up at the office in Ida during regular business hours. Completed applications are due to the county Farm Bureau office by April 1. The Young Farmer Committee will conduct applicant interviews the afternoon of April 9. Applicants will be notified of this schedule by letter.

Winners of the scholarships will receive a check made payable to them and the school they are attending once their first semester’s transcripts are submitted showing proof of enrollment and grades. Previous scholarship winners are also welcome to reapply in subsequent years, provided their course of study remains in the field of agriculture. Please contact the Monroe County Farm Bureau office at 734-269-3275 or MonroeCounty@ctyfb.com for more information.
**4-H EXPLORATION DAYS**

From June 22-24 Monroe County youth and adults will be living on the campus of Michigan State University. They will experience “first hand” what it’s like to live in dorm, and attend classes at MSU.

Exploration Days is a program designed for 4-H youth ages 11 to 19 from all over the State of Michigan to come together and take part in hands-on learning sessions, field trips, and recreation opportunities. It is a program that is designed to increase youth’s responsibilities, confidence, independence, accountability, problem solving, decision making and time management skills.

Are you still interested in attending? There is still time!! All Youth and Adults must register no later than **April 22nd**.

The book is currently available online at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days/registration_information](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days/registration_information), and in hardcopy books at the Extension Office. Please contact the 4-H Extension Office for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Exploration Days meeting is **June 1st @ 7:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Activity Center. This is a mandatory meeting for those attending this event. Transportation, Rooming and additional information will be discussed!

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**2016 MONROE COUNTY DELGATES NAMED:**

Congratulations to the 2016 Monroe County State 4-H Award Delegates!!

Kayleigh Adams  
Samantha Beaudrie  
Noah Doederlein  
Ethan Harbaugh  
Logan Houpt  
Sarah Houpt  
Karlie Lokuta  
Rachel Ouellette  
Sarah Ouellette  
Claudia Paddy  
Paige Sweet  
Anthony Vandermeer  
Hannah Vincent

Award delegates and their families are invited to a luncheon on April 24 at 2:00 pm. RSVP to Sara Lewis by April 18th.

Congratulations to Alexis Fisher and Elizabeth for receiving the Mark of Excellence! Thank you to all the applicants for submitting your great work!

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**4-H Graduation Date Set**

We would like to invite the graduating Class of 2016, along with their parents/guardians to a 4-H Open House on Wednesday May 18th at the 4-H Activity Center @ 6:30pm.

There will be some fun activities, and each graduate will receive a small token, to recognize their accomplishments.

Party will be provided by Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club.

RSVP to 734-240-3170 by May 9th.
2016 SPRING ACHIEVEMENTS

Mark your calendars, the 2016 Spring Achievement are near. Bedford District is scheduled for April 18th, Airport District is scheduled April 23rd and Custer and Dundee have once again combined and is scheduled for April 30th. All Spring Achievements will be held at the 4-H Activity Center.

Each district will still have the opportunity to send five acts and two emcees to the County Share-the-Fun which is scheduled for May 14th.

Adults and teens interested in judging at any of these events should contact the District President or the 4-H office.

AG AWARENESS DAY

Friday May 6th, 1st through 4th graders from around Monroe County will take over the Monroe County Fairgrounds to learn about agriculture. Volunteers from 4-H, FFA, and others will share their knowledge about animals, plants, farm equipment, farming, crops and a wide variety of safety topics.

We are currently seeking volunteers, both teens and adults who would be willing to teach, work as guides, scoop ice cream, or help with set up and cleanup. If you would like to take part of this event please call the 4-H Extension Office.

SHARE-THE-FUN

The 2016 County Share-the-Fun is being coordinated by the Dundee District Leaders Association. This year’s event will be held at Dundee High School on May 14th.

Please Note: The top five acts from each district and the emcee winners will have the opportunity to demonstrate their talents and compete for the overall county winner.

The Dundee District Leader Association is also looking for kids who might be interested in helping with the production of the show (curtains, lights, etc.). Contact Amber Hine at 419-467-0457 to volunteer.

Come out and support all our 4-Hers as it is sure to be a great time had by all!
It’s getting to be that time of year that we need to be thinking about ordering our broilers.

The cost of broilers for 2016 is $1.25 each and must be ordered no later than May 4th (Broiler Workshop).

To order, or for more information please call Barbara Siebarth at 419-350-9482 or Susan Arting at 734-649-4117.

**IMPORTANT FAIR REMINDERS**

Fair will be here before we know it, and we want to make sure you are all prepared. Listed below are some important things to remember.

**Premium Catalogs** will not be published in the Monroe Evening News. All families will need to get the catalogs from their Community Leaders.

**Pre-Fair Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday May 5th, 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center. There must be representation from EVERY CLUB.

**Premiums** You will be receiving premiums this year for everything but Market Livestock. The Fair Board will be paying $3.00 for blue ribbons, $2.00 for red and $1.00 for white.

**Monroe County Fair**: July 31st-August 6th.

**Thanks to** HEARTT, Katie Seitz and her crew, money is being raised to pay for the ribbons and rosettes for the 2016 Fair.

All Fair registrations **MUST** be turned in by your leader on **June 15th** at the 4-H Activity Center. Registrations hours are 1pm to 7pm that day.
Looking for a **JOB**? 4-H members 11 years of age and older are needed to serve as Junior Superintendents for the 2016 Fair. Like any other job, you must take your responsibility seriously, arrive on time, and stay until the work is done. Your duties will consist of preparing the exhibit area, assisting with check-in, and working with judges, helping to prepare the displays and releasing the exhibits at the close of fair.

Junior Superintendents need to make a commitment that they will be available to help when needed and that they are willing to work the time and put forth the necessary effort to do an effective job. Junior Superintendents will be identified by name tags and ribbons which designate them as part of the official 4-H volunteer Fair Staff.

Applications must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by May **16th**. Each member must take the responsibility to submit their own applications. Group applications by the community leader will not be accepted. In addition to the traditional assignment, many youth are needed to work in Old Macdonald’s Nursery. Please check if you are willing to work a position different from your choice. Members who do not submit an application by the due date, will not serve as a Junior Superintendent role this year.

**Junior Superintendent Registration Form**

Name__________________________________________________________________Age___________

Address___________________________________City________________________________________, MI Zip____

Phone___________________________________________________________

Email Address__________________________________________________________________________

Choice of Areas:

___Educational      ___Crafts      ___Office

___Communications  ___Produce & Horticulture  ___Large Livestock

___Small Animals  ___Horse  ___Human Resources

Return to 4-H Office by May 16, 2016

Mail to: 963 South Raisinville Road, Monroe MI 48161
The 8th annual Tom Blanchett Memorial Beef Preview Show will be held on Sunday, May 1st, 2016 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. The show “gives the exhibitor's an opportunity to gain helpful information to better themselves and their project.” Part of the proceeds will be donated toward Thyroid Cancer Awareness.

For additional information please contact Blanchettbeefpreview@yahoo.com or check out their Facebook page: Blanchett Beef Preview Show

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BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE (BQA) - Members showing beef for the first time in 2016 and members who did not attend the Beef Workshops in 2015 are Required to attend the meeting on March 3rd. This workshop will focus on how to raise a good quality beef carcass for the 2016 Fair. Feeding, care, and showmanship tips will all be part of the evening activities. All members attending will be given a BQA card. The program will begin at 7:00pm and will be held at the 4-H Activity Center.

SHEEP QUALITY ASSURANCE (SQA) - Members showing sheep for the first time in 2016 and members who did not attend the Sheep Workshops in 2015 are Required to attend the meeting on April 7th. This workshop will focus on how to raise a lamb for competition at the 2016 fair. Feeding, care, and showmanship tips will all be part of the meeting. The program will begin at 7:00pm and will be held at the 4-H Activity Center.

PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE (PQA) - All members in Monroe County showing swine are STRONGLY encouraged to attend this annual meeting on May 17th at the 4-H Activity Center at 7pm. Many shows around the state require that all youth participating are PQA certified in order to show, and some slaughter houses are now requiring it (and rules could change at any time for those that do not currently require it). ALL members in Monroe County that are showing swine are still REQUIRED to attend at least one workshop each year. Monroe County will most likely be following the new guidelines for 2017 and beyond. They are as follows:

The National PQA requirements:

*Beginners (ages 9-11) required to take PQA annually

*Intermediate (ages 12-14) required to take the PQA class annually unless tested out of intermediate level class. If tested out must take class again when at age 15.

*Advanced (ages 15-19) required to take the PQA class annually unless tested out of advanced level.

SHEEP & SWINE TAGGING – Will be held on May 14th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the fairgrounds. From that date on, all animals must be in the possession of the member until the fair.
We are still in need of volunteer cooks to take over the 4-H Activity Center during fair week! Please see the Job posting and information below.

Head Cook 4H Activity Center
Monroe County 4H Council

**JOB TITLE:** Head Cook 4H Activity Center

**DEPARTMENT:** Fair Committee

**SUPERVISOR:** Chairman, Fair Committee

Monroe County 4H Council serving the youth of Monroe County with programs and learning activities throughout the year. The Kitchen is one of three major fund raisers during the year.

**GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

- To manage and run 4H Activity Center Kitchen
- Knowledgeable on cooking large quantities
- Willing to put in long hours. Hours: 5:30 a.m. till approximately 9:30 p.m. Service Hours of the kitchen: 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Must be able to work well with people. Will be managing volunteers on a per shift basis. New volunteers approximately every 3 ½ hours
- Serve three (3) meals per day Monday through Saturday, plus breakfast on Sunday morning for the Boy Scouts

**MINOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Prep work prior to fair includes baking cookies, stocking shelves and setting up kitchen.
- Meal preparation on Sunday and possibly Monday for entertainment

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JOB**

- Must have Food Safety License
- Must have organizational skills and work well with volunteers

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Able to lift heavy boxes and pans
- Able to be on feet for up to 10-12 hours
Michigan 4-H Day at Comerica Park

Sunday April 24th

Game starts at 1:08 p.m.

Join fellow 4-H'ers from across Michigan as we watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Cleveland Indians at Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI.

Game Day Packages (includes ticket and a Detroit Tigers T-shirt which includes the 4-H Emblem)

- Upper Reserved = $25.00
- Upper Box Infield Package = $34.00
- Lower Baseline = $40.00

Purchase tickets at [http://www.tigers.com/4h](http://www.tigers.com/4h) -- For groups of 15 or more please contact Jeremy at Jeremy.hostetter@detroittigers.com or phone (313) 471-2236

For further information contact: Glenda Weiss weissgle@anr.msu.edu or 734-729-3632 Ext. 101

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Pizza & Paint Party
4-H Activity Center
Monroe County Fairgrounds
Monday, May 23, 6pm to 9pm

$35.00 per person

Painters 13 yrs and up are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.

Country Fall

Doors open at 4:30, painting starts promptly at 6pm

Pre-Register for this event by emailing Carrie Beaudrie cbeaudrie1@yahoo.com

Proceeds benefit the Terra Quest 4-H Club
Calder Dairy Farm is looking to hire seasonal help for the Spring/Summer season at their farm in Carleton. Must be at least 16 years of age and must have their own transportation. Pay starts at minimum wage, and the shifts are from 10 am to 3 pm and 3 pm to close (which will get later as the weather improves). Peak season hours will also include a 1 pm to 8 pm shift. Those interested may send their resumes to Calder Dairy Farms: calderdairy@provide.net or can be filled out at the farm at 9334 Finzel Rd. Carleton, MI.

Jobs fill-up quickly so please don’t wait! Interviews will be by appointment only.
4-H Workshops

April 22-24: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=177B0A9F8361B7C
Kettunen Center, Tustin

June 3-5: 4-H Companion Animal Spring Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

April 6: 4-H Night at the Joe (Red Wings)
http://redwings.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=108326
Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

April 10: 4-Hairy Horse Benefit Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 16: 4-H Pattern-O-Rama Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

State 4-H Goat Expo
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=goatexpo
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 22-23: 2016 Equine Educational Expo
Anthony Hall & MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 23: 4-H Day at the West Michigan WhitecapsContact Kristi Ayers (bowerskr@anr.msu.edu)
Fifth Third Ballpark, Grand Rapids

Small Animals Day http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/small_animals_day_1
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 24: Michigan 4-H Day at Comerica Park
http://m.mlb.com/det/tickets/info/4h?partnerId=1K714G07RU1-Y112
Comerica Park, Detroit

May 12: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/world_food_prize_michigan_youth_institute
Michigan State University

May 20-21: State 4-H Poultry Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
Making $en$e of Money for People of All Ages

On the National Financial Educators Council's (https://www.financialeducatorscouncil.org) web site, it observes that: “Money is a fact of everyday life, and learning to manage money well is critical to achieving freedom, independence, and success.” Yet, while financial education and money management are important, it can be difficult to find good resources to discuss saving, spending, sharing and preserving money with our children and youth.

April is Financial Literacy Month (bit.ly/21tSp9G). Originally the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) (http://www.nefe.org) (pronounced knée-fee) began this observance as Financial Literacy for Youth Day. It was an activity of NEFE’s High School Financial Planning Program (http://www.hsfpp.org). When NEFE turned Financial Literacy Day over to the Jump$tart Coalition (http://www.jumpstart.org), that organization expanded the program and its final change was from one day to a month designated to recognize the need for financial literacy for individuals of all ages. With this year’s theme, “Envision a Financially Literate Future,” the Jump$tart Coalition seeks to acknowledge the importance of preparing young people for their future. In 2016, Money Smart Week (http://www.moneysmartweek.org) will be held from April 23 to 30.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) offers many opportunities for young people to learn about personal finance, including fund-raising for their club or a community service project, participating in clubs dedicated to investment, and selling their own entrepreneurial products or their own market animal at the fair. There is a Michigan 4-H Youth Money Management web site (bit.ly/1U7i9KA) filled with:

- **News articles.** For example, did you know there is a retirement account that young people can set up (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/myra_a_smart_first_step_in_investing_for_teens)?

- **Upcoming events.** This includes 4-H Exploration Days (bit.ly/1PaxPEl), which will feature six sessions in all (including everything from coin collecting and thinking through buying a first car to how to spend money without risk) and

- **A collection of important resources** (bit.ly/1Rmah0F). Since teaching money skills to people starting at the very early stages of life is important, did you know this web site points to a collection of 53 activities (bit.ly/1TNNOQz) based around children’s literature that has money as a theme?

For more information, you may contact:

- **Your local 4-H program coordinator** (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- **Barbara Duvall**, Senior Extension educator, by email at duvall@msu.edu or
- **Laurie Rivetto**, Extension educator, by email at rivettol@msu.edu