December 2015 Meeting Dates

1  Middle Managers       6pm  Applebee’s Dundee
1  Terra Quest           7pm  Stevens Chiropractic
6  Leader Banquet        5pm  4-H Activity Center
7  4-H Council           7pm  4-H Activity Center
9  State Awards Meeting  7pm  Extension Office

Beginning November 9th Monroe County MSU Extension will go back to our regular office hours. Monday–Friday 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 5 pm. We will be closed noon to 1 pm for lunch.

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WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR COOKS TO TAKE OVER THE 4-H ACTIVITY CENTER DURING FAIR WEEK STARTING IN 2016. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW ANYONE THAT MAY BE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

Find us on Facebook at: Monroe County, MI 4-H
Julia Kurtz is the newest member of our staff here at the MSU Extension office. Julia worked at Monroe Bank & Trust for 10 years so she brings a lot of financial knowledge to our office. She left Monroe Bank and Trust in 2013 and took 2 ½ years off of work to focus on her therapy after she was involved in an accident.

Julia grew up in the Military and has lived in several different states and spent a few years in Iceland. She enjoyed Iceland a lot because it gave her a different outlook on another country’s culture. She graduated in 2000 from St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. After graduating and her Dad’s retirement from the Air Force she moved to Monroe with her family. She attended Monroe County Community College and is currently working on her Associates degree in Business Management. When Julia is not working, she likes to spend her time with her three boys and fiancé camping, hiking, and just spending time as a family.

Although Julia has had no involvement with the 4-H program before, she is excited to learn more about the program and looks forward to meeting new people in the community.
The Holiday Season is quickly approaching, and that means we are again preparing to decorate the Mitten Tree. Pat Webb, Project Chairman set up the tree on November 20th, in the lobby of the Extension Office. We encourage all clubs, families and interested community members to donate hats, scarves and mittens to decorate the tree.

Items must be dropped off to the Extension Office no later than December 18th, as that is the day the tree comes down. The gifts will then be wrapped, and distributed to youth across the county.

This is a great community service project, one that is certainly needed. So please do your part, and help keep our kids warm this season.

**State Awards**

Members who are interested in being a part of the State Awards for 2016 need to plan on attending a workshop to be held on Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Members will be given copies of the forms and guidelines. We will discuss potential areas they may be interested in and have some hands on experience as we begin to work toward completion of the application.

Completed award forms will be due on February 1st. Monroe County 4-H members who will be 13 as of January 1st, 2016 and have not reached their 20th birthday before January 1st of 2015 are eligible to apply.

Members who are 11 and 12 may compete for State Recognition in the Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. Two 4-H members will be chosen from Monroe County for this award. The criteria for this will also be discussed at the December meeting.

Scholarships for Exploration Days will be given to all Regional State Award winners and to our Mark of Excellence winners.
Monroe County Network

Youth Recognition 2015

Photo’s provided by Sara Lewis
Monroe County Network

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SAA Elects New Officers

President—Amelia Arting
Vice-President—Kayleigh Adams
Secretary—Rachel Ouellette
Treasurer—Sarah Ouellette
Corresponding Secretary—Claudia Paddy
Reporter/Historian—Ben Miller
Thank you for all of the support for the Spaghetti Dinner. Despite the weather, and all of the football games, we had quite a turnout. A special shout out to Lisa Marimpietri and Becky Lomas for doing such a great job chairing the Spaghetti Dinner Committee!!

THANK YOU!!!
Important dates to remember
Leader Banquet – December 6, 2015
State Awards meeting – December 9, 2015
Beef Tagging – January 9, 2016
4-H Day at Breslin Center – January 16, 2016
Spring Garage Sale – March 12, 2016
Mini Expo – March 19, 2016
4-H at the Piston’s – March 19, 2016
Bedford Spring Achievement – April 16, 2016
Airport Spring Achievement – April 23, 2016
Custer/Dundee Spring Achievement – April 30, 2016
Beef Fitting & Showing Clinic – April 30, 2016
Beef Preview Show – May 1, 2016
Pre Fair Meeting – May 5, 2015
Ag Awareness Day – May 6, 2016
Horse & Pony Clinic – May 6-8
County Share the Fun – May 14, 2016
Sheep & Swine Tagging – May 14, 2016
Small Animal Spring Show – May 15, 2016
Exploration Days Meeting – June 1, 2016
Monroe County Fair July 31 – August 6, 2016

** Dates Changed**
COME ONE, COME ALL
TO THE
2016 EXPLORING EXPO

When: Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 9am - 3:30pm

Where: At the 4-H Activity Center

What: Come learn all about 4-H and make 3 craft projects to take home that are ready for Spring Achievement and Fair!

For: All Explorers (Ages 7 & 8) and Any First year 4-H Members (Ages 9 - 11)

How much: $15 per member (Includes lunch & all materials)

Hosted By: Kerrie Kraftchick & Country Kids 4-H Club

RSVP: Space is limited to the first 30 people. to make reservations or for more information please call the 4-H office @ 734-240-3170
DETROIT RED WINGS
2015-16 GROUP TICKETS

Dallas Stars vs. DETROIT RED WINGS
Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 p.m.
Kids Sling Bag Giveaway (First 2,500 kids 12-Under)

Philadelphia Flyers vs. DETROIT RED WINGS
Wednesday, April 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Special 4-H Ticket Prices:
Regular – Rows 13-21 – $37
Preferred – Rows 6-12 – $52
Upper Level Seating

The Detroit Red Wings and the Wayne County 4-H have teamed up for two fundraising nights during this season. Exclusive ticket savings are available for all supports, as well as their family, friends and co-workers.

FREE T-Shirt
Each ticket will include a free Red Wings edition 4-H t-shirt for you to pick up at the game.

Support A Great Cause
The Red Wings will donate proceeds from each ticket sold back to Wayne County 4-H.

To purchase tickets, visit:
www.DetroitRedWings.com/4h

Clark Rowekamp
Group Sales Manager
Clark.Rowekamp@Hockeytown.com
313.471.7546
Save the Date!

March 19, 2016

4-H at the Piston’s

- Leadership workshop for all youth (two age division sessions)
  - 4-H T-shirts
  - High 5 Tunnel (as players run out of the tunnel for warmup)—for selected youth
  - On Court Photo (postgame)
  - Shot on the Court (postgame)
  - Sideline Kids (sit behind Press Row during player warmups)—for selected youth
  - Anthem Buddies (join the team on the court during the national anthem)—for selected youth
  - Honorary Captains (join in the referee meeting with the captains & NBA officials)—for selected youth
4-H Workshops

December 3: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

December 8: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

December 10: This Is Your Brain Online: The Impact of Digital Technology....
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=BeSAFETechWebinar
Online

December 16: Mindfulness & Adolescence: Windows of Opportunity....
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=BeSAFEMindWebinar
Online

January 8-10, 2016: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference
http://4h.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_horse_judges_and_show_managers_conference
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 13: Michigan 4-H Embryology Program Coordinator and Volunteer Training
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=Embryology
Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

January 15-18: National Youth Summit on Agri-Science
http://bit.ly/1Fp304q
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

January 30-31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://bit.ly/1Xe491o
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 5-6: 4-H/MQHA Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

January 16, 2016: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 29-31: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
Contact Carla McLachlan (mclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msu.edu/events
## Monroe County MSUE Staff & Resources

- The Monroe County MSU Extension office is open to the public Monday thru Friday from 9 am to Noon, and 1 pm to 5 pm. The office staff may be accessed via the main phone line at **734-240-3170**

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