MONROE COUNTY FAIR

July 28 - August 3, 2013
"LIVIN' THE DREAM IN 2013"

School may not be over, but you MUST think FAIR already. Your Community Leader has received all of the materials for members to complete in order for them to exhibit at the 2013 fair. Members should complete all of the paperwork and return it to their leaders, no later than Saturday, June 15th. It is the responsibility of the Community Leader to submit all registrations from their club. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office, the Fair Superintendent that works with the areas in question, or your Community Leader.

Remember - Use the back pages from the premium catalog - THE PAGES WITH THE CLOVERS. Explorers classes can be found throughout the catalog - Explorer classes will always be number one – Remember – Explorers do not get premiums or graded.

The Animal Certification sheets will need to be completed by the member and the parent when the animals are brought to fair. A separate document will be completed for each species.
Emergency food and water supply – is your family prepared?

It is unlikely that your food and/or water would be cut off for an extended period of time in the event of an emergency.

Posted on May 23, 2013 by Kris Swartzendruber, Michigan State University Extension

For those that have ever experienced the inconvenience of a power outage, you understand the challenges associated with preparing a meal for your family. Pizza delivery or dinner out is probably the short term solution that many of us use to remedy this problem. Families that have had to deal with a power outage that lasts more than 24 hours or an emergency situation, such as an earthquake, hurricane, winter storm or other natural disaster, understand how important it is to have access to safe food and water.

Even though it’s unlikely that an emergency would cut-off your food supply for an extended period of time, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the American Red Cross recommends that families consider maintaining a food and water supply that will last at least two weeks. Michigan State University Extension says that it may not be necessary to make a special trip to the grocery store to prepare for an emergency – a quick inventory of the canned goods, dry mixes and other staples that are already stored in your pantry might indicate that your family has access to an ample food supply.

The publication, “Food and Water in an Emergency” provides the following recommendations when preparing an emergency food supply:

- Take into account your families unique needs and tastes – in an emergency situation, you want to have food on hand that is not only high in calories and nutrition, but will be enjoyed by members of your family and help lift their morale during a stressful time.
- Make sure to stock foods that require no refrigeration, water, special preparation or cooking.
- Take into account family members that have special diets and/or allergies. Don’t forget about babies, toddlers and the elderly that might require special foods.
- Store a manual can opener and disposable utensils.
- Don’t forget to regularly check the expiration dates of canned and dried goods.

Make sure to have non-perishable food stored for your pets.

It’s important not to forget about water. Access to clean, drinkable water should be your number one priority in an emergency situation. The average person drinks about two quarts (a half gallon) of water per day - water is also used for food preparation and hygiene, so at least one gallon per person, per day, should be available. The safest and most reliable source of water is commercially bottled water. Make sure to keep bottled water in its original container and do not open it until you are ready to use it.

For more information, the following websites are available:
http://www.redcross.org/prepare
http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1442

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Eating healthy when the power is out

Plan ahead to use food that is already on-hand and avoid spending excess money when the power is out.

Wind, rain and tornados are all part of the next few months in Michigan’s weather forecasts. Planning ahead can eliminate some of the stress faced when the power goes out; how are we going to eat for the next few hours, or days! It also becomes expensive to eat out more than one or two times a week. Following these tips may give you ideas on stretching your food resources and offering your family healthy meals during this difficult time.

During an emergency you can eat healthy. Take into consideration MyPlate as you look through your cupboards, refrigerator and freezer to find foods you need for meal preparation and that are good in health. Believe it or not, preparing balanced meals may be easier than you thought if you have some of these items on hand. Keep in mind that opened food that cannot be kept cold should be tossed at the end of the meal. Incorporate perishable food (from the fridge and freezer) at the beginning of the emergency if possible. Michigan State University Extension suggests:

Grains:
- Bread
- Crackers (graham, whole grain)
- Unrefrigerated tortillas
- Ready to eat cereals
- Canned pasta and rice
- Breakfast/granola bars and plain cookies

Vegetables:
- Vegetable juices
- Canned vegetables
- Tomato sauce and salsa
- Ready-to-serve soup
- Canned vegetable salads (three bean, potato, etc.)

Fruits:
- Dried fruit, canned fruit
- Bottled 100 percent fruit juice

Dairy:
- Dry milk and box milk
- Evaporated milk
- Canned pudding
- Canned cheeses
- Instant breakfast mixes

Meat and beans:
- Jerky
- Canned beans (pinto, kidney, pork and beans)
- Nuts
- Peanut butter
- Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken)

Without a stove you can create bean burritos, using beans and tortillas. Cereal is easy with or without using canned or reconstituted milk. Filling in with fruit, pudding and other staples will complete a meal. Parfaits can be made using dry fruit, pudding and cereal. Tuna salad could be made using the canned meat served on crackers or as a sandwich. Take some time to inventory your food on hand and make a list of what you would create if you were in a power outage situation.

Other equipment to have on hand includes a hand operated can opener, plastic utensils, disposable plates and napkins, sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizer and garbage bags for trash.

It is very important to keep in mind that food safety is very important during an emergency. MSU Extension recommends avoiding leftovers, as you will have no way to store them once you have opened canned goods. All foods should be stored in a cool, dry place. To ensure that emergency foods are at top quality, store them with your everyday foods. Remember to replace them as you use them. If water is limited, use disposable utensils that won’t need to be washed.

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If you live with someone who is immune-compromised (infants, pregnant women, elderly, persons receiving chemo or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, transplant recipients, diabetics or people with multiple sclerosis) it is important NOT to keep leftover food.
To learn more about being better prepared or taking steps to start a preparedness plan visit FEMA’s Ready website or the CDC and American Red Cross site, both of these will offer you more information and checklists to prepare for an emergency. By taking a few steps now you will save yourself stress and be able to provide nutritious meals and snacks to your family during an emergency.

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PROGRAMS

NURTURING PARENTING ONGOING CLASS
Tuesdays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Arthur Lesow Community Center
120 Eastchester
Monroe MI 48161
Pre-registration requested
734 240-3179
Cost: FREE

FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP
Thursday, July 18, 2013 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm
More information to be announced in June e-NETWORK

MONROE COUNTY HOMEMAKERS OF EXTENSION

We have 4 Flower Cards left. They will be $16 now.
The lesson “Living Green” scheduled for June 11th has been canceled.

Fair – We need members to call Maggie at 734-241-0164 before June 18th to schedule a shift to work. The shifts are 12:00 – 3:00 PM or 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

The next meeting for council will be June 18th at 10:00 am at the Extension Learning Center.
A household inventory provides valuable information for many purposes. Create one now to decrease stress later!

Terry Clark-Jones, Michigan State University Extension

A household inventory is a collection of pictures and or video documentation of all your possessions. As part of the inventory, information would also be collected particularly on the more expensive items. This may include date purchased, cost, warranties, etc. An inventory of your household furnishings and personal belongings can be useful to you as well as other members of your family. By listing and providing information about each item, the household inventory serves many purposes.

One of the most important purposes is that the inventory provides a basis for filing insurance claims in the event of loss by fire, flood, theft or other types of disasters. On the flip side, it helps you decide how much insurance protection you need to adequately cover your household furnishings and personal belongings.

From a financial stand point, it is functional in planning and forecasting replacement needs for furnishings, equipment and clothing. The inventory can also indicate the money value of your possessions for development of net worth statements which show financial growth.

Once the household inventory has been collected, it should be stored in a safe location so it won’t be destroyed due to destruction of your home. Consider placing the household inventory in a bank safe deposit box or fireproof home safe.

With all the great technology available, creating your household inventory has never been easier. Most cell phones have the capability to video record your property. The most important issue is to make sure that the information recorded is downloaded to a safe place for accessibility when needed. Photograph or video record your household furnishings and personal items in a systematic way. Inventory one room at a time and photograph or video record everything in the room. Don’t forget to go into closets and take special pictures of the more valuable items. Open drawers and photograph or record contents of each drawer. Lastly, photograph or record storage areas such as the basement, garage, attic and storage units. These areas need to be photographed and recorded in the same way as the interior rooms of your house. Take pictures of the whole area and open doors to cupboards, closets or storage chests.

When it comes to prize possessions, take extra care in documenting jewelry, furs, paintings and other values. Group small pieces of similar items together and place on a solid-colored rug or cloth. Document the brand name and if the item is extremely valuable, include a member of the family in the picture as proof that the items are really yours.

Once the household inventory had been established, it needs to be updated at least annually. When updating, consider the following tips: major purchases need to be added to the inventory immediately, small items should be done annually and items that you no longer have should be purged from the inventory.
EXPLORATION DAYS ORIENTATION

It’s hard to believe. There aren’t going to be many 4-H members left in Monroe during Exploration Days. We have a wonderful problem; this year we have been able to again reach a record number of 4-H members and leaders to attend Exploration Days. Staff, both professional and volunteer has been working steadily to get your options and return your materials.

We have scheduled an orientation, which all delegates MUST ATTEND. The meeting, which will also include chaperone responsibilities, will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5th in the Activity Center on the Fairgrounds. At this meeting you will get your room assignments, arrange for your transportation and cover the rules, which will be part of the 2013 Exploration Days.

We will discuss how members are assigned to adult chaperones, and will welcome the input of both adults and members, as the schedule is determined. Also each youth delegate should bring a recent picture which will be attached to an ID sheet which your head chaperones will assemble. This will help them identify in the event you get lost on campus.

Again this year we have high expectations for our delegates and chaperones and we want to prepare them so they go to Michigan State to have a good time, learn some new skills and have a positive experience.

It is very important that all members are in attendance and that parents understand the rules and requirements for both Exploration Days and the Slow Spokes.

MONROE COUNTY CLOVER DAYS!

The Monroe County 4-H Council has planned an exciting three days for Monroe County 4-H members and for county youth who would like to explore what 4-H is all about.

July 10th, 11th and 12th. Members attending this year will be experiencing a “Circus” theme. Each day will be different and will offer youth a variety of experiences.

Wednesday and Thursday the schedule will be from 10:00 – 2:00. Crafts, games, and fun activities will be part of the first two days. All registered members will get lunch at noon. The schedule will change on Friday – starting at 2:00 and going to; 5:00 with a snack in the afternoon. At 5:30 a dinner will be served for the whole family, followed by entertainment by the campers and a recognition program for participants.

The program is open to youth who are 7 and older as of January 1st of 2013. The cost is $10.00 for all three days, or $5.00 for each day if you cannot attend all three days. The dinner on Friday evening will be $2.00 per person, for each non-participant. Registrations must be received by June 17th. Registrations are available at the 4-H Office.

Questions – call Judy at the 4-H Office 734-240-3174 or Patti or Diane at 734-240-3170.
4-H Royalty

The youth who are chosen as the 4-H Royalty have found that they are asked to represent the 4-H Program and the other 4-H members many times throughout their reign. Katie Seitz, Nick Beaudrie, Claudia Paddy and Zane Piedmonte-Lang have taken on some major responsibilities and continue to be excellent examples of the Monroe County 4-H Program and its outstanding youth.

The selection of the 4-H King and Queen has been happening about as long as the 4-H Program has been active in the County. This will be the 21st year that we have had a Prince and Princess to share the responsibilities.

As you begin the search for new 4-H Royalty, please be aware of the following rules:

King and Queen - Candidates must be between the ages of 13 to 19 years of age. Members who will reach their 20th birthday in 2013 are not eligible to run.

Prince and Princess - candidates must be between the ages of 9 and 12. Their major responsibility will be to reign at Kid’s Day.

Members selected to represent their club or Association must be currently enrolled in the club they will represent.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday evening, July 16th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Activity Center. Members will also have the opportunity to be in the Monroe County Fair Parade, and to be a part of the royalty festivities at the Fair on Thursday evening.

A club may select as many candidates as they would like to have represent them. Clubs are encouraged to select candidates for King, Queen, Prince and Princess. Many clubs will present their candidates with a banner, which proclaims them as royalty. All clubs are encouraged to recognize members in this way.

Please submit your candidate’s names on the special form provided in your Fair Packet or call the Extension 4-H Office by July 11th with the names of your nominees. 734 240-3170.

Buy a Brick

Did you place a Brick in the 4-H Walk last summer? It’s not too late to leave a permanent symbol of your support of the 4-H Program. The 4-H Council will again be placing bricks into the walk this spring and early summer.

An 8"x8" brick, with up to five lines of engraving costs $150. The standard 4"x8" brick will cost $100 and have three lines.

Forms may be picked up at the 4-H office and will be accepted until mid-June. This is a wonderful gift for alumni, families or 4-H supporters.

The “Walk” is already becoming a piece of history, as people pause to remember, before entering the Activity Center. What a great way to recognize a 2013 graduate.
Rain showers and humid weather in the past week can be conducive to disease outbreaks. Protect your crops, especially on fields with disease history.

**POSTED ON MAY 30, 2013 BY LINA RODRIGUEZ-SALAMANCA, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

**Weather**

Our area had 1.37 inches of rain in four rain events in the past week. Temperatures in the southeast ranged from 44 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit with an average of 55 F. In the following week, temperatures are forecasted to range from 55 to 84 F, with 44 to 84 percent chance of rain from Friday to Sunday (May 31-June 2).

Beware that pathogens prefer rainy, overcast and humid weather, just like the weather conditions we experienced in the past week and are in the forecast for next week. Fields with history of Phytophthora spp. diseases that are planted with susceptible crops such as cucubit crops (cukes, melons, pumpkins, etc.) and solanaceous crops (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, etc.) should be protected with efficacious fungicide application. Visit the Phytophthora fact sheets from Michigan State University Extension plant pathologist Mary Hausbeck’s lab to see current recommendations.

Downy mildew spore counts remain low but present in the spore traps. Remember to scout your plants regularly for early downy mildew symptoms. Downy mildew can infect and cause symptoms on young plants, even in cotyledons. Cucurbits raised in tunnels can be protected with fungicide (Fluopicolide) treatment through the drip. Consult the MSU Extension bulletin E0312, “Nematode, Insect and Disease Control” (online or paper copy), and the MSU Extension fact sheet “Monitoring and Managing Cucurbit downy mildew” for more information.

The growing degree days (GDD) recorded at the Petersburg Enviro-weather station indicated the current year is behind by 63.1, 52.5 and 37.8 GDD base 42, 45 and 50 F (see table below).

**Growing degree day (GDD) summary (data summarized from Enviro-weather)**

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Field operation continues, but was delayed by the rain of the previous days. Peas are flowering, while green beans and snap beans are behind or just planted. Cole crops such as cabbage, broccoli and radishes continue to grow. Radish planting continues. No damage caused by cabbage maggots has been observed.

Get ready to scout for caterpillars that cause damage in cole crops. To learn more about them and how they differ, check out MSU Extension specialist Zsofia Szendrei’s bulletin “Caterpillar pests in cole crops” (online or paper copy) that compares caterpillars. The bulletin comes in handy when scouting your cole crops and provides decision-making thresholds.

Early planted sweet corn continues to grow and planting continues. According to insect forecast, low risk of corn earworm is forecasted to move from the southern states. However, this risk is more relevant for tomatoes in high tunnels that are reaching first fruit set. Pheromones traps can be used to monitor adults and scout for tomato damage. Tomato and pepper transplanting to the field continues.

2013 MSU Weed Tour scheduled for June 26

Michigan State University Extension invites you to attend the annual MSU Weed Tour on Wednesday, June 26, beginning at the MSU Crops Field Lab (Beaumont Road and Mount Hope Road on MSU campus). Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the field tour kicking off at 9:30 a.m. The tour will provide ample opportunity to look at research plots and participate in some short field presentations. (Be sure to bring a hat and sun screen!) Participants can compare their favorite corn and soybean herbicide programs to other commercial programs and evaluate how new transgenic crops interact with weed management strategies. The morning tour ends with lunch.

The afternoon tours will begin at 1 p.m. with two concurrent tours: The Weed Control in Horticultural Crops Tour (MSU Horticulture Farm on College Road, south of Jolly Road) and the Non-GMO Soybean Weed Control Tour (MSU Crops Field Lab at Beaumont Road and Mount Hope road on MSU campus). Pre-registration for the tour is $25 per person which includes a tour booklet and lunch (on-site registration is $35). View the 2013 MSU Weed Tour page for a map and registration form.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, visit our website at www.msuweeds.com or contact Sandie Litchfield at 517-355-0271 ext. 1104 or litchfi9@msu.edu.
SCOUTING WILL BE KEY TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF GLYPHOSATE-RESISTANT PALMER AMARANTH IN MICHIGAN

Posted on May 30, 2013 by Christy Sprague, Michigan State University Extension, Department of Crop, Soil and Microbial Sciences

It has been almost three years (fall 2010) since Palmer amaranth, resistant to glyphosate (Roundup) and ALS-inhibiting herbicides, was first reported in Michigan. Initially, populations of this weed appeared to be localized to parts of St. Joseph and Kalamazoo counties. However, last summer (2012) more populations of Palmer amaranth were confirmed in nine Michigan counties: St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, Cass, Barry, Ionia, Clinton, Shiawassee, Gratiot and Livingston. This weed is not native to Michigan and with resistance to glyphosate and other effective herbicides, this weed is undoubtedly the toughest that Michigan growers have ever faced. In fact, in many southern states where this weed is a problem it has been reported that the average increased cost to manage this weed ranges from $30 to $50 more per acre.

Some of the initial cases where glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth in Michigan was confirmed were in fields that had been spread with dairy manure. Michigan State University Extension specialists and educators have speculated that Palmer amaranth seed was brought in as a contaminant with cotton seed that was fed to dairy cattle. This may not be surprising when you consider the hundreds of thousands of cotton acres that are infested with glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth in the southern United States. While this may help establish the origins of some of these initial reports, once Palmer amaranth establishes itself, it is extremely difficult to control and seed can be moved from field to field with equipment and by other means.

It is essential for all growers to scout for Palmer amaranth in their fields. In areas where Palmer amaranth has not been confirmed, scouting efforts should be targeted in Roundup Ready fields that have been spread with manure in the past couple of years. If initial glyphosate applications are not controlling pigweed, it may be Palmer amaranth. It is important to get confirmation of this early to allow for potential management with herbicides or hand-weeding prior to seed production.

Remember: one female Palmer amaranth plant can produce an average of 400,000 seeds. In many cases, if Palmer amaranth is identified early in its first year of establishment, there may only be a few plants scattered throughout the field. Early identification and removal of this weed before it produces seed and spreads throughout the field is extremely important.

To help with the identification of glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth, we have developed two fact sheets “Keys to distinguishing Palmer amaranth from other species” and “Palmer amaranth in Michigan: Keys to Identification.” These fact sheets can be found on our website: www.msuweeds.com.

Dr. Sprague’s work is funded in part by MSU’s AgBioResearch.

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Fusarium head scab continues to be Michigan’s most challenging wheat disease. Michigan State University Extension recommends growers consider the use of fungicides during wheat’s early flowering stage of development when weather conditions are conducive for Fusarium development and infection. A fact sheet titled “Managing Fusarium Head Blight” is available for learning more about the disease and the use of fungicides. The disease, in general, is favored by moderate temperatures (56 to 86) and high relative humidity (particularly in excess of 90 percent) beginning and ending several days on either side of early flowering. The national Fusarium prediction model is available to give a daily risk assessment for specific locals. The model is correct about 75 percent of the time, so growers are also encouraged to consider their own experience and that of local consultants.

The best fungicides for reducing Fusarium’s threat to grain quality are Prosaro and Caramba. However, even these products may only reduce the infection level by 40 percent and the associated mycotoxin (D.O.N.) by approximately less than 50 percent. To optimize the benefit of a fungicide treatment against Fusarium, growers should make sure to apply when wheat is in the early flowering stage – depending on air temperature, this is usually two to five days after half of the heads have fully emerged above the flag leaf collar.

The application timing of early flowering mostly targets Fusarium head scab. In practice, however, fungicide use at this time is equally important for the suppression of various foliar fungal diseases that invariably threaten yields. This often lends additional financial justification for the use of a fungicide.

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4-H

June
3 - 4-H Council work bee 6:00 pm Activity Center Meeting 7:30 ELC
5- Exploration Day Meeting 7:00 pm Activity Center
6 – Youth Leadership Board 7:00 Extension Learning Center
8- Fishing Derby – Waterloo Park – 10:00 am Free –
10- Fitting and Showing Clinic – Fairgrounds 6:00 pm
10- Horse and Pony Meeting – 7:00 pm Activity Center
11- 4-H Dog Agility Practice 6:30 Fairgrounds
15 – Horse and Pony project Mandatory meeting 10:00 am Activity Center
16-18 - Slow Spokes – leaving from Maybee Co-op 9:30 am
17 – Fair Registrations – must be brought in by community leader – Activity center noon – 7:00 pm
19-21 – Exploration Days - MSU
20 – State Awards Program – Wharton Center – MSU Campus 7:00 pm
22 – 28 – Citizenship Washington Focus
23 – 4H Horse Show – fairgrounds
26 – Teen Ambassadors – 7:00 Extension Learning Center
27 – Fair Advisory Board – 7:00 Extension Learning Center

13 – Horse and Pony open show – Fairgrounds
16 – Royalty Interviews 7:00 Activity Center
17 – Shooting Sports Association 6:30 – Extension Learning Center
18 – Superintendents Meeting 7:00 Activity Center
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26 – Judging of projects entered on Thursday and all craft, Educational, and Communications Projects
27 – Livestock entered – check premium catalog for times
28 – Fair Opens at 10am - parade 1:00 - July 28 – August 3 – Monroe County Fair

July
1 - 4-H Council Work bee - 6:00 pm Activity Center Meeting 7:30 ELC
8 – Horse and Pony Board 7:00 pm Activity Center
9- Fair Setup all buildings and barns 6:00
10-4-H Dog Agility Practice 6:30 Fairgrounds
10-12 – Clover Days – “Crazy Circus” must be registered to participate

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HORTICULTURE

June
6/8/13 MCMGA Work and Learn Extension Demonstration Gardens 9:00 am
6/10/13 MCMGA Field Trip Westland Butterfly Garden 10:00 am
6/21-22/13 Michigan Master Gardener College Michigan State University Campus
6/27/13 MCMGA Work and Learn Extension Demonstration Gardens 9:00 am

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

June
6/18/13 MCHE Board Extension Learning Center 10:00 am
6/19/13 Food Preservation Workshop 1:00—3:30 pm MSU Extension Office, 1715 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202
Contact: Jeannie Nichols at nicho115@msu.edu or 517-283-2258

July
7/18/13 Food Preservation Workshop 1:00—3:30 pm Monroe MSUE office
Contact: Jeannie Nichols at nicho115@msu.edu or 517-283-2258
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The Monroe County MSU Extension office is open to the public on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am—noon and 1:00—5:00 pm. The office staff may be accessed via the main phone line at 734-240-3170. Service is also available at the lobby counter during these hours. On Wednesday and Friday, staff may only be reached via their direct lines which are noted below.

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