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 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.

Exploration Days Orientation

The 2016 Exploration Days Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday June 1st at 7:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center. All delegates **MUST ATTEND**. This meeting will also include chaperone responsibilities. Room assignments, transportation and rules will also be discussed.

It is very important that **ALL MEMBERS** are in attendance and that parents understand the rules and requirements for both Exploration Days and Slow Spokes.
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**June 2016**
Treasure Hunters 4-H Club started about 7 years ago with 5 members and we recently reached over 25 members. Our co-leaders are Mary Wick- enheiser and Brandy Werner. We have a few members that are older than 13, but most of them are 12 and under, including 4 Explorers. We are a community club and learn about crafts, animals, the outdoors, and community service. We are lucky to have great project leaders and parents who help, too. We usually meet monthly at the Carleton Library or Crosswinds Marsh.

The members practice running the meetings and discussing business and voting. After business, we may do a craft like fleece or we may go fishing or we may practice for a Share the Fun skit. We also work on projects at leaders' homes. For service this year, we have volunteered at Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary helping as they expanded pens for the rescued alligators, and we donated dog beds to local animal shelters, and collected water for Flint. Members may enjoy Exploration Days, Kettenun Center workshops, Mini Expo, Explorer Expo, and they love to participate in Airport Spring Achievement and the Monroe County Fair.

Our latest project that we are very excited about is learning about beekeeping. Our club is one of four in the county to win a grant to keep bees this year. We are also planting wildflowers and learning to help pollinators.

A few of our members are very involved in 4-H and take advantage of the many growth opportunities in our County and State. Most are interested in just a few crafts or animal projects, but we all "learn by doing", by making new friends, and finding the treasures in 4-H.
It’s getting to be that time of year to once again start thinking about the upcoming 2016 Fair!! Your community Leader will be receiving all material in the upcoming weeks for members to complete in order to exhibit at the 2016 Fair. Members should check with their club leaders to see when they want the completed paperwork turned in. It is the responsibility of the Community Leader to submit all registrations for their club. Individual registrations will NOT be accepted on June 15th, they MUST be turned in as a club. If you have questions please contact your Community Leader. PLEASE REMEMBER: Use the back pages from the premium catalog - THE PAGES WITH THE CLOVERS. ALL 4-H pages have small clovers on the top of each page; these indicate the 4-H divisions. The classes in the front of the premium catalog are the Open Classes and if a member registers for 4-H using open numbers, they will not receive premiums and entries will not appear in the judging books.
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.
Teen essay contest

During fair week, the Monroe County Farm Bureau’s Promotion and Education Committee will sponsor an essay contest for teens writing on the subject “How does Farming affect your life”. Teens may stop in and get paper and pencils at the Farm Bureau concession building and/or hand-in essays of 100 words or more. First prize will be $50 and second $30.

SLOW SPOKES

If you are planning on riding your bike to Michigan State, then you need to know the following information. Practice Rides - The first ride will be held on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 am starting at 2427 Baldwin Road, in Monroe. The second ride will be held on May 15st at 9:00 am starting at the Raisinville Township Hall at 96 Ida Maybee Rd. at 10:00am. If you have never ridden on the Slow Spokes trip, it is mandatory that you attend at least one session. Each practice ride will consist of at least 30 miles and will cover different parts of the county. Please call the 4-H Extension office if you have any questions. Practice rides are important as they not only determine if you are in shape, but also if your bike is ready of the 107 mile ride!! You MUST wear a helmet on all 4-H rides. Keep in mind, you are expected to ride rain or shine, plan on doing the first trip if possible and then if it rains, you at least have a back-up date. If you plan on the second ride and it rains, you get wet!
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 at 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.

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.

Just a reminder that winners need to be at rehearsal at 6pm on Friday the 13th.

Come out and support all of our 4-Hers as it is sure to be a great time had by all!!!
Terra Quest 4-H Spring Clean-Up

Sunday, May 22, 2016 11 A.M.-?

Terra Quest 4-H Club will be offering a spring clean-up day. Members and parents will assist with light yard work or planting flowers in preparation for summer.

There will be no set price for this service; donations of any amount will be accepted. All money collected will be used by the members for their trip this summer to Gatlinburg, TN. Please contact one of the numbers below with your name, address, phone number and the work you would like completed.

4-H Office 734-240-3170
Carrie Beaudrie 734-915-7956
Jodie Stevens-Bean 734-241-4070
Broiler Chicks

Monroe County 4-H members will have until May 4th to order Broiler Chicks for exhibition and sale at the 2016 Fair. The Broiler workshop is May 4th at 7pm at the Activity Center. You will have the opportunity to meet the poultry superintendents and learn first hand what is expected to raise a potential champion hen for the 2016 Fair. To order, or for more information please call Barbara Seibarth at 419-350-9482. **Broilers may be picked up on June 2 from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Tractor Supply in Dundee.**

Duckling Pick-Up

**Ducklings can be picked up on May 5th from 2:00pm-3:00pm at Tractor Supply in Dundee.**
If you have any questions, need help, or your animal loses a tag, please call your Superintendent immediately.

**Beef**
- Beef-Lee Chapman 734-586-2179

**Sheep**
- Sheep—Mark Chapman 734-755-3158

**Swine**
- Swine—Ray Kuehnlein 734-242-0613

The market specie Superintendents will be doing random checks of beef, sheep and swine projects this year so make sure you animal is where it is supposed to be!

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**LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS**

- **Broiler Workshop**  
  - May 4  
  - 7:00pm  
  - Activity Center

- **Horse & Pony Clinic**  
  - May 6-8  
  - Fairgrounds

- **Sheep & Swine Tagging**  
  - May 14  
  - 9:00am-1:00pm  
  - Fairgrounds

- **Pork Quality Assurance**  
  - May 17  
  - 7:00pm  
  - Activity Center

- **Fitting & Showing Clinic**  
  - June 13  
  - 6:00pm  
  - Fairgrounds

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**Spring Livestock workshops**

**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 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.
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.
Animal Tagging information!

**SHEEP**

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FLAT ROCK SPEEDWAY PRESENTS

MONROE COUNTY 4-H NIGHT

Saturday, May 21

1401 TELEGRAPH RD
1 MILE SOUTH OF FLAT ROCK
734.782.2480

(Rain Date May 28)

SEE YOUR LEADER FOR A FREE TICKET!
Pizza & Paint Party
4-H Activity Center
Monroe County Fairgrounds
Monday, May 23, 6pm to 9pm

Brushes N' Bubbles

Pizza & Soda included in the price.
No Drawing Skills Necessary.
$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
$9.99

Monroe County 4H

Fundraiser

What: Fundraiser to benefit the Monroe County 4H Program
$3.00 donated from every ticket sold

When: June 12th, 2016 - 9:00AM-9:00PM

Where: Splash Universe Dundee

Who: All Monroe County 4H Family/Friends

How: Present this flyer at admissions/pub for pricing

Treehouse Pub & Grub
Present this coupon to donate 15% of all proceeds of your meal to the Monroe County 4H Program

Present this coupon for $9.99 Admission to Splash Universe with $3.00 donated to the Monroe County 4H Program
Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp

The first Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp will be held at Michigan State University (https://msu.edu) from August 2 through August 4, 2016.

What will campers do? At this fun, interactive program, youth participants will:

- Explore fields related to health
- Participate in numerous, hands-on learning activities
- Gain knowledge about nutrition, physical fitness and personal safety
- Examine situations, ask questions and solve problems
- Work in teams to develop a plan to address health issues in their community
- Have the opportunity to visit and explore MSU

Who should attend?
Youth (13 to 19 years of age as of January 1, 2016) who are interested in exploring health, food science, nutrition, physical fitness and personal safety related activities

When and where will it be held?
The camp will begin with check-in on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 12:30 to 1:50 pm and it will conclude at 5 pm on Thursday, August 4, 2016. Participants will be lodged overnight at Shaw Hall (https://liveon.msu.edu/rivertrail/shaw) on the MSU campus (http://maps.msu.edu). Camp sessions will take place on campus with visits to many different facilities and much more!

How do interested youth and chaperones apply for camp? By 5 pm Friday, May 13:

- Youth interested in being a camp participant need to submit:
  - An application (https://bit.ly/1VtvM5w)

- Adults interested in being a camp chaperone need to submit an application (http://bit.ly/ISNkHKc)

How will participants be chosen?
Space is limited; up to 40 youth will be admitted. Youth campers will be selected based upon:

- Meeting the age requirement
- Having a complete application with all of the proper signatures
- The applicant’s responses to the short-answer questions

By June 1, 2016, the selection committee will email all applicants with their decision. At the same time, youth who are accepted as campers will receive additional information, including the camp agenda and payment information. A waiting list will also be developed based on application scores.

What is the cost?
The cost, which includes all meals, lodging, transportation around camp and camp materials, is $165 for 4-H members and $175 for nonmembers. Payment will be due by July 1, 2016.

What is the cancellation policy?
No refunds will be given after July 15, 2016. For more information, see the event rules (http://bit.ly/1XeSzBd)

- Contact your local 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/country) Contact Michelle Neff by email at hydemich@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops
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
May 12: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A3839AEE24EE4DCE
Michigan State University
May 20-21: State 4-H Poultry Show
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=5D42DB572A7DF7AC
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte
June 11: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E19130891F82354
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing
June 15-16: 4-H MMPA Dairy Tour
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@anr.msu.edu)
Michigan Milk Producers Association Headquarters, Novi
June 17-19: State 4-H Trail Ride
Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer
June 22-24: 4-H Exploration Days
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing
June 25: State 4-H Goat Show
Contact Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
June 26–July 2: 2016 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships
http://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingsportsnationalchampionships
Heartland Public Shooting Park, Grand Island, Nebraska
June 27–July 1: 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp
MSU, East Lansing
June 27–July 1: 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4Hrenewableenergycamp
Michigan State University
July 14: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
http://bit.ly/1qnhDvu
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