## November 2015 Meeting Dates

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**December 2nd Leader Banquet Meeting 6 pm at the 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.
**Terra Quest is Back**

Terra Quest is:

- A 4-H Travel Club
- Open to 4-H’ers 15 and up
- Each member is given a change to earn money through direct fund-raising and community service projects to take a trip
- An opportunity to learn about our destination, make new friends, and possibly confront your fears
- A LOT OF FUN!!!

Places we’ve traveled include: Niagara Falls, St. Louis, Fredericksburg, and Chicago. We’ve explored caverns, gone zip lining and ridden Segway's, gone on boat rides, ghost tours and so much more!! Every year is different.

Come see what you’ve been missing out on!!

To learn more about Terra Quest contact Jodie Stevens at 734-644-9962 or 734-241-4070 or the 4-H Office.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 3rd at 7pm at 11 East Front Street. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Darryl at 734-240-3188.
Mitten Tree

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching, and that means we are again preparing to decorate the Mitten Tree. Pat Webb, Project Chairman will 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. A member may win up to two state awards.

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.
This year, Kid’s Day featured a carnival theme. Congratulations to all of our 7-10 year old 4-Her’s that participated in the 2015 “All Star” Kids Day. A Special Thank to the Teen Ambassadors for planning such a cool event, and thank you to 4-H Council for providing support for the recognition of each of the these members.
Monroe County Network

Kid’s Day 2015

Photo’s provided by Sara Lewis
JLA Elects New Officers

President– Charlie Martin  
Vice-President– Emily Kittendorf  
Secretary– Courtney Baumann  
Treasurer– Ray Kuehnlein

Chapman named new Beef Superintendent

The Junior Livestock Association welcomes Lee Chapman as the new Beef Superintendent. Lee follows long-time Superintendent Gary Drodt, who recently stepped down after 30+ years of service. Randy Vore and Mike Jaworski will be the assistant Superintendents. Welcome to your new roles, we look forward to working with you.

Beef Cattle Sales

Michigan State University has published a list of Cattle Sales for those members who are on the hunt for a steer for next year’s fair. The list is available at:

http://micattlemen.org/CMDocs/MichiganCA/Fall%20Cattle%20Sale%20Schedule%20Final.pdf

If you do not have access to the internet, please call the Extension Office and will print you off a copy.

Cattle must be in the member’s possession by January 1, 2016
Gary Drodt steps down as Beef Superintendent after 30+ years of Service

The Monroe County Junior Livestock Association recognizes

GARY DRODT

for his 30+ years of service to the Monroe County 4-H Program.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to The Monroe County 4-H Program!!
Marissa Lajiness presented the Master Stockman awards at the 2015 Small Animal Annual meeting held on October 26th. This award is given to 4-H youth between the ages of nine and 19, who not only exhibited their animals, and competed in showmanship, but also took a species test and competed in five different project divisions. Well Done Everyone!!

A Big Congratulations goes out to the 2015 Overall Master Stockman, Katrina Lomas.

**Division Winners:**

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The Small Animal Association elected its new members at the Annual Meeting held on October 26, at the 4-H Activity Center. Elected to the 2016 Board include:

**Representing Poultry**
- Ashley Epoch
- Rachel Ouellette
- Sarah Ouellette
- Claudia Paddy

**Representing Rabbits**
- Sarah Rose Henes
- Ben Miller
- Kayla Russell
- Hannah Vincent

**Representing Cavies & Pocket Pets**
- Kayleigh Adams
- Amelia Arting

**Adult elected to a three year term**
- Maureen Spotts
2016 New Horizon Delegates

New Horizons is a countywide citizenship and leadership experience for 4-H’ers. The members submitted applications to be accepted into the program through the County Awards process. They have already begun to work to earn funds for both the Washington D.C. and Toronto experiences for next year.

The 2016 New Horizons Delegates include:

Kayleigh Adams  Drew Cousino  Noah Doederlein
Susan Grant  Ethan Harbaugh  Sarah Houpt
Kerrie Kraftchick  Karlie Lokuta  Karissa Lomas
Katrina Lomas  Jessica Marimpietri  Claudia Paddy
Brianna Ray  Katie Sweet  Paige Sweet
Hannah Vincent  Makenna Wickenheiser
C.S.I

Critter Science Investigations

- Do you like animal science?
- Are you looking for great friends and fun?
- C.S.I meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- For ages 9 and up (4-H Age)
- Dissections, Field Trips, Vet-A-Visit, Pet Dentistry, Community Service

For more information, contact Ricki Spotts at:
419-388-6837 or steergirl@yahoo.com

FALL BANQUETS & EVENTS

Horse & Pony Banquet: November 6 @ 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center
Caprine Council Banquet: November 8 @ 5pm at the 4-H Activity Center
4-H Spaghetti Dinner and Auction: November 21 @ the 4-H Activity Center
Leader Banquet: December 6 @ the 4-H Activity Center
Spaghetti Dinner

November 21 is the 2015 Spaghetti Dinner and Holiday Auction. The 4-H Council will be sponsoring once again this year. The program will take place at the 4-H Activity Center and dinner will be served from 4 pm to 7 pm. The Auction will begin at 6:30 pm sharp. The price is $6.00 for adults, youth 10 and under are $3.00. This year we will once again have a Silent Auction.

Lisa Marimpietri and Becky Lomas are chairing this event, and are seeking donations from families, businesses, and individuals. We are also looking for clubs to work in the kitchen, as well as, help out with various other duties during the event.

Each club is encouraged to bring an item valued at $10 or greater (i.e. a themed basket) so that every group is represented.

Families are encouraged to bring fancy desserts, as well as, baked goods for the bake sake. Try and stay away from cupcakes….they just don’t sell.

This is a fun event that brings the community together, and gives you the chance to buy some special presents for the Holiday Season, at a reasonable price.

Youth who enjoyed the 4-H Council Scholarships at Exploration Days are reminded to bring a donation.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!
2015 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair

Claudia Paddy participated in the Michigan State Fair over Labor Day Weekend. She won best of breed and best opposite with her mini rex rabbits. She also participated in showmanship. She was a finalist in the State Super Stars singing and song writing competition.

Photos courtesy of the Paddy Family
Important dates to remember

Leader Banquet – December 6, 2015
State Awards meeting – December 9, 2015
Mini Expo – March 12, 2016
4-H at the Piston’s – March 19, 2016
Spring Garage Sale – March 26, 2016
Bedford Spring Achievement – April 16, 2016
Airport Spring Achievement – April 23, 2016
Custer/Dundee Spring Achievement – April 30, 2016
Ag Awareness Day – May 6, 2016
County Share the Fun – May 14, 2016
Pre Fair Meeting – May 5, 2015
Monroe County Fair July 31 – August 6, 2016

Hams for the Holidays

The Teen Ambassadors are collecting money for Hams for the Holidays. They are looking for donations to buy hams for those in need. You can drop off your donations (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and they will except cash as well) to the Extension office by Friday November 23th. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.
Help us sharpen our focus

Michigan State University Extension has long been a source of information and education for Michigan residents. Along with MSU AgBioResearch scientists, Extension professionals throughout the state are asking Michigan residents to help them determine where they should place their emphasis in the future.

The MSU Extension and AgBioResearch Survey to Sharpen Our Focus will supplement face-to-face meetings that will engage nearly 500 residents. And we need your help.

Take our survey at

**msue.msu.edu/focus**

Complete the survey before Nov. 15, 2015 and you can enter a drawing to win

- two tickets to an MSU men's basketball game (date and time to be determined)
- a basket of Michigan-made agricultural products
- a gift certificate to shop.msu.edu
**DETROIT RED WINGS 2015-16 GROUP TICKETS**

**4-H Night at the Joe**

**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](http://www.DetroitRedWings.com/4h)

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Group Sales Manager  
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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
School Gardens: The New “In” Thing for Schools

School gardens are making headlines as they become the new “in” thing for schools.

While school gardens were once thought of as an “extra” busy activity and only for schools in warm climates, today they are in the mainstream, as research is demonstrating that, among other things:

- Schools are using gardens in creative ways to improve academic test scores in science, math, social studies and art (http://bit.ly/IVSoRF5).
- Other benefits that school gardens provide to students include:
  - Improved classroom behavior
  - Valuable life skills such as higher-level conflict resolution, problem solving and thinking and
- School gardens are reportedly helping combat childhood obesity (http://bit.ly/4jojck).
- School garden programs have a positive effect not only on students, but also on school staff, families and communities (http://bit.ly/1hEAluo).

Michigan 4-H (http://4h.msu.eedu) and the Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden (http://4h.garden.complex.com) are eager to embrace this innovative trend, and to work with county Extension staff, schools and partners to:

- Share the research behind this growing movement
- Inform others about tried and true best practices, and
- Introduce exciting new programs.

One of these new programs is Texas A & M University’s Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! (LGEG) (http://mgkids.us/lggeg) program. LGEG is the new research- and evidence-based curriculum project of the International Junior Master Gardener® Program (http://mgkids.us). It is an interdisciplinary program that combines academic achievement, gardening, nutrient-dense food experiences, physical activity, and school and family engagement.

Join us at Kettunen Center (http://kettunencenter.org) from March 11 to 12, 2016 for a special, fun-filled, information-packed training for Extension staff, teachers and volunteers that features the Learn Grow Eat & Go curriculum to use in schools, after-school programs, 4-H and partner programs. Find out more about this exciting new program and the training from your local 4-H staff (http://msue.org/county) or Extension Specialist Dixie Smedborg (dixie@msu.edu).

Additional information about the benefits of school gardens is available from:

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

January 30-31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular
Kettune Center, Tustin

February 5-6: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
Contact Taylor Fabus (tflentz@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

February 18-19: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1G1b0OQ
Kettune Center, Tustin

February 20-21: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1JS8BYw
Kettune Center, Tustin

February 26-28: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop
Contact Taylor Fabus (tflentz@msu.edu)
Kettune Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

January 10, 2016: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Contact Gail Hebert (jabertz@msu.edu)
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 29-31: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
Contact Carla McLaughlin (cmclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 30: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.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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