The Monroe County 4-H Program served nearly 2,000 youth in community and specialty clubs during the 2012-2013 program year. These clubs are found all across the county in every township, every city, and every village. All school districts have clubs and the schools assist the 4-H program by hosting club and district meetings.

The 797 adult volunteers donated an average of 160 hours this year to the youth and to the program. Monroe County is also proud of the teens that have accepted the challenge of taking on a variety of leadership roles. Club officers, junior superintendents and project leaders are some of the roles that 4-H Youth excel in. These outstanding youth are developing their own skills while they are helping others.

Monroe County hosts the largest traditional program in the state. Twenty four percent of our members live on farms, with the remainder living in rural and urban areas throughout the county. The average 4-H member carries approximately nine projects with the communications, expressive arts, livestock, leadership and community service being the most popular.

Other than a traditional program, what does 4-H have to offer? The program also worked directly with nearly 10,000 additional youth in programs such as Ag Awareness Day, Classroom visits, Character Counts, Farmer for a Day, and other youth activities. Specialty clubs, such as: Teen Ambassadors, Shooting Sports, Terra Quest and many others, give members the opportunity to explore some areas in depth. Members can also be involved with the Horse Back Riding for Handicappers Program, which is now called PEP, work with Youth in the Green Growers Program or attend a variety of state and county workshops and events.

Community service is also an important part of the county and club 4-H Program. Petting zoos, coat drives, Baskets of Love, visits to Fairview, and nursing homes, or training companion animals are just a few of the many service projects conducted each year.

Many clubs have open enrollments and will accept members before the November 1st deadline. The 4-H Staff and Middle Managers are also willing to work with interested adults to establish new clubs, or help families search for the club that is the right fit.
**Gardening—”What on Earth am I Doing?” Workshop**

Saturday, September 14th, 2013  
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
112 Park Place, Dundee, MI

A variety of topics and speakers will present on:

- Creating fairy / miniature gardens
- Butterflies: various stages of development, raising & related plants
- Rain gardens: design & installation
- Native Plant gardens
- Native plant sale to follow workshop

*Garden and butterfly related items for sale*  
*Light refreshments available*  
*Door prizes*

Dundee Farmers’ Market open: 8:00a.m.—1:00p.m.  
Behind workshop building  
Attendees can visit following the workshop

$15.00 per person  
$7.00 each additional family member  
Seating is limited, please register by September 10th  
(Only cash or check please)

Contact: Catherine Acerrboni  
Monroe Conservation District  
734 241-7755 Ext. 101

For a complete listing of plant available and an order form go to [www.monroecd.org](http://www.monroecd.org), or call the office and one will be mailed to you.
This native plant sale is in coordination with “What On Earth Am I Doing” workshop. If you will not be attending the workshop your order may be picked up at the Dundee Farmers Market Saturday, September 14, 2013 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., or call to make other arrangements.

**ALL PLANTS ARE IN QUART POTS**

**GRASSES AND WILDFLOWERS $5.25 EACH – WOODLANDS $5.75**

Please visit our website for full descriptions and the workshop lineup at [www.MonroeCD.org](http://www.MonroeCD.org)

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SIX OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAISING GOOD KIDS

FAMILIES PROVIDE MANY ORDINARY, BUT TEACHABLE, MOMENTS THAT CAN BE USED TO RAISE GOOD KIDS.

The scary part of parenting is that you never know when you’re making an indelible impression on your kids or what lesson your child is taking from it. Most of the lessons we’ll teach, will be conveyed incrementally over the course of our living together. And yet, as parents we are not completely at the mercy of random chance and circumstance. Life provides many ordinary, but teachable, moments that we can use in raising good kids. Take some time and come up with your own list of teachable moments. To help you get started, here are six opportunities to teach your child well.

- Foster empathy—From early on, make it a clear expectation that sharing is part of living as a family as well as living in society. An example might be when you see your child acting cruel or unkind, stop the action and review the situation together. Help them understand the implications of this behavior and how the other person may be feeling.

- Foster responsibility—One of the best ways to help your children in life is to coach them in taking responsibility for their actions. Unfortunately, many parents don’t allow their children the benefit of experiencing the consequences of their decisions. An example of how to foster responsibility is helping teach your child how to make amends. Brainstorm together ways to set things right whenever, wherever possible.

- Table Time—The family meal seems to be an endangered tradition, just when we as a society need it the most. Family life expert Dolores Curran explains, “The family that wants to improve its level of communication should look closely at its attitudes toward the family table”. A family table is the place where many kinds of nourishment are offered. Examples of opportunities would be learning proper social skills and the value and skills of communication.

- Introduce your children to grown-up life—Get your children involved in worthwhile work. Let them know that they can contribute to the common good. Involve your children in community service activities. Give them an important role to play in the family like a household chore.

- Foster and understanding of self and others—It’s easy for family members to misunderstand one another. Stephen Covey says that at the heart of most family pain is misunderstanding. Seeking first to understand can save a lot of trials and tribulations between parent and child. Taking the time to understand what the deeper issue is will allow you to help kids through difficulties rather than add to them.

- Foster limits—To raise great kids, you need to establish a range of age-appropriate guidelines. For example, consider your rules for what your kids can eat and when or when they get the car keys—who can ride with them, how many can ride with them, how far are they allowed to travel, etc. Be clear about why you believe an action is right or wrong. Determine which issues matter to you, and establish some house rules that support your values.

Parenting is the most difficult job you will ever have but it will also be the most rewarding job you will ever have. Parenting is a process of launching children into the world with best preparation we can give them. Just by the fact you read this article indicates your effort.

For more parenting information go to:
http://www.extension.org/parenting
http://www.search-institute.org/content/what-kids-need
TAKING A HOUSEHOLD INVENTORY

A household inventory provides valuable information for many purposes.

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 on particularly 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 belongs.

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 never has 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/video record your household furnishings and personal items in a systematic way. Inventory one room at a time and photograph/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/video record contents of each drawer. Lastly, photograph/video record storage areas such as the basement, garage, attic, and storage units. These areas need to be photograph/video 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.

For more information go to:
www.mimoneyhealth.org;
http://www.extension.org/personal_finance

To contact an expert in your area, visit people.msue.msu.edu, or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464).
SUPPORTING WORKING MOMS ACT (SWMA)

Employment is now the norm for women of childbearing age, yet breastfeeding mothers continue to face barriers in the workplace, putting them at particular risk for not meeting their breastfeeding goals. While more than three out of four U.S. mothers initiate breastfeeding, less than half of these moms are still breastfeeding at six months postpartum. [1]

In spite of tremendous recognition and recent expansion of support for breastfeeding moms in the workplace, only some moms are guaranteed this right. Currently, federal law requires employers to provide nursing mothers who are hourly wage-earners (“nonexempt” employees) reasonable break time and a private, non-bathroom location to express breast milk for one year after the child’s birth. Yet this provision does not cover “exempt” or salaried employees. While this provides protection and support for the most vulnerable workers, this distinction in the law was unintentional and is causing confusion for employers and employees alike. The Supporting Working Moms Act would ensure a fair and uniform national policy by extending the existing federal provision to cover approximately 12 million executive, administrative, and professional employees, including elementary and secondary school teachers.

That’s why we need YOUR help building support and gaining co-sponsors for the Supporting Working Moms Act (SWMA). Help us tell Congress that breastfeeding and working is not only possible, it’s good for business. A mother’s breastfeeding success shouldn’t depend on her job type.

There are many easy ways to take action:
1. Tweet key Congressional targets
2. Tweet your Senators and Representative
3. Visit your legislators while they are home “in district”
4. Help spread the word: Share the campaign with friends and family by sending them this link: www.usbreastfeeding.org/nbm

Your voice can make all the difference . . . Thank you for you continued participation and support.


MONROE COUNTY HOMEMAKERS OF EXTENSION

The council meeting was held on August 20th at the Extension office. Membership dues should be paid now.

Betty Smith put together a History Book of our organization from 1950 thru the present. It was placed at the Monroe County Fair Museum along with a plate with our emblem.

Terry Jones of Extension will present a lesson “Who gets Gramma’s Yellow Pie Plate” on Monday, November 4th from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. This lesson is free. Pre-registration is required by calling the Extension office at 734 240-3170.

Rally Day with a Hawaiian theme is Tuesday, September 24th at 5:45 pm. Please bring school supplies to be donated to area schools.

Patchwork Pals will be taking care of the Christmas Tree at the Monroe County Historical Museum this year. All members are asked to donate twin size sheets, blankets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths or small plastic cups. The tree will be formed with the linens. These linens will be donated to the Salvation Army. The families there also need children’s socks, T-shirts, and underwear. Linens should be brought to the council meeting or the Extension office in October or November.

The Flower Cards were also discussed and we plan to start selling them in November in time for Christmas Gifts. The cost will be $30.00 this year. They will be available from members and from Deb’s Florist.

The next Council meeting will be September 17th at the Extension office at 10:00 am. New members are always welcome. For more information on membership please call Betty Curley at 734 241-6238.
SMALL ANIMAL ANNUAL MEETING

Members enrolled in the Small Animal Project are encouraged to take part in the annual meeting schedule for October 29th. The association has planned the meeting so that members, parents, leaders and buyers, who have an interest in small animals can have input into the direction of the association.

The meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Activity Center. A discussion will be held on ideas for the 2014 auction. Suggestions are welcome to improve both our show and sale. Election of new directors to the governing board will also be held. Any 4-H’er, 14 and older with an interest in rabbits, poultry or cavies is encouraged to run for a seat on the board. One adult position will also be on the ballot.

The meeting will include refreshments. A recognition portion of the meeting will include presentations to the 2013 Board and awarding of the Master Stockman awards. Reservations are not required.

PREMIUM CHECKS

Remember to cash your premium check as soon as you receive it in the mail.

As soon as it arrives, TAKE IT TO THE BANK.

All checks must be cashed by September 15th. Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get stuck in a file to wait for the next meeting.

If you have questions, please contact the 4-H Office or the Fair Association.

Checks not cashed within 30 days will become void.

YOUTH RECOGNITION

Don’t forget to get this important program on your agenda for the fall. Youth Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the 4-H Activity Center. At this program we will be recognizing all of our members who have outstanding accomplishments for the past year. With Queen Delaney and King Daniel presiding, we will recognize county award winners, Key Club Awards, Older Teen Awards, clubs who have been chosen for the outstanding club awards and a variety of other recognition pieces.

Princess Dominique and Prince Noah will act as the Host and Hostess for the afternoon and the event will end with refreshments provided by the 2013 New Horizons. This is a good activity for new club leaders to attend, as you will learn first hand about the abundance of awards available to our 4-H Youth. Each of these awards may lead to a scholarship in the future.

UP COMING PROGRAMS

We are thinking and planning for late fall and winter programs. You need to watch for information on the following county events.

Leader Learning Fair – This year’s Leader Learning Fair enrollment packet will be available at the Post Fair Meeting – September 5th. The program will be held at the Activity Center on October 19th. You must pre-register to participate and enrollment will be limited. Part of the cost will be picked up by the 4-H Council, so register early as enrollment will be limited.

Kid’s Day — Everyone is invited – but all of the Nominated “All Stars” who attend with be recognized. Starting a 2:00 pm on Sunday October 6th - The Teen Ambassadors will host and work with everyone in attendance to do a lot of fun activities. Mark Sunday October 6th on the calendar, 2-4 at the Activity Center. Recognition will begin at 3:00 for the All-Stars. Refreshments will be served.

Garage Sale – Don’t forget to bring your good – used treasures to the 4-H office or Activity Center before October 26th for the fall garage sale. As part of the counties largest garage sale we have been very successful in raising money for our ribbons and rosettes for the fair. It is all made possible from so many donations from our 4-H family and the community. Mark your calendar for OCTOBER 26th – the doors will open at 9:00. (we do not take clothes)
**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK**

Clubs are encouraged to create window displays to provide 4-H Awareness during the month of October. 4-H has made a tremendous impact on our community, and will continue to make a difference to future generations. *Let’s get this story out.*

The 4-H Council is encouraging clubs to create these displays in store windows, a church, school or library. Perhaps you could paint a store window, which tells your clubs 4-H story. Clubs who create a display, and submit a picture to the 4-H Office by October 31st, will be given a $25.00 award.

We will include many of these pictures, and all club names in the December Network.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

As you begin the school year the seniors begin to think about scholarships and where they will be attending college next fall. If you are thinking about attending Michigan State University, next fall you need to look at the MSU 4-H Scholarship. This is a tremendous scholarship for the student who wants to go to MSU. Please read the information carefully and make sure you apply to MSU by the November 1st deadline.

**Other 4-H Scholarships are also available:**

**Schunk Memorial 4-H Beef Scholarship** in the amount of $1000 is available to a 4-H member who has exhibited beef - they do not have to be pursuing agriculture or attending Michigan State University - Application is due December 1st.

**The Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Scholarship** will be in the amount of $400 - $500 and goes to students who have be active in the Rabbit or Cavy Program. This application is also due on December 1st. Applicants do not have to be attending MSU to win this scholarship.

**Michigan Farm and Garden Association 4-H scholarship** range from $360 to $1000. These applications are also due on December 1st.

Information on all of the State 4-H scholarships is available by simply “Googling” Michigan 4H Scholarships.

In the spring the Monroe County 4-H Program will also be making their applications available. All local scholarships are based on a members involvement in the program. Some of the county scholarships require involvement in a special project area, others do not. These scholarships will all be due on April 15th.

The tremendous 4-H experiences you have had gives you the qualifications to apply for these awards. All applications are available at the 4-H Office; please call and we will mail you a form.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

Want to get ahead of the rush? We have some items that just might fill the bill for a variety of gift giving needs.

**4-H Brick** - For that special person who has everything, give them the lasting gift of a brick in the 4-H Walk of Support. The 4-H Council will be cutting and placing additional bricks next spring. Special Presentation Cards will be available for bricks that are purchased to be given as gifts. The cost of the brick is $100 for a 4x8 or $150 for an 8x8, $250 for a granite block.

If you would like further information, please contact the 4-H Office.
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Mark November 23rd on your calendar – take you family to dinner and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. The Council will be sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Holiday Auction. If you want to HELP – please come to the committee meeting on September 12th at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting in the 4-H office.

The program will take place in the Activity Center with the meal beginning at 4:00 p.m. - the first items will be auctioned off beginning at 6:00 p.m. but dinner will be served until 7:00 p.m.

Cost for the meal is $6.00. How can clubs and individuals be involved? Wendy Rozanski, chairman, is hunting for people to help with the set-up and running of the auction. They are also seeking donations from families, businesses, and individuals for the evening activities. That prize winning 4-H project, or that Christmas gift from Aunt Rose may be someone else’s treasure. Clubs will also be challenged to donate something unique that will get the bidding going. The club and district with the highest selling items, will receive half of the price back for their treasury. Special auctions will also be held for the kids, with the items they want to buy.

Items may be brought to the Extension Office any time during regular business hours. Arrangements can be made for pick-up of large items.

Desserts are needed to round out the meal. Families are encouraged to bring fancy desserts as well as the traditional cookies and cupcakes. That good 4-H cooking guarantees an excellent end to a perfect meal.

**LEADER BANQUET**

The 66th Annual Leader Banquet will be a special event this year as we celebrate the partnership with Monroe Bank & Trust and the tremendous work that our 4-H volunteers do for our program and our youth.

The committee is again planning the event for the Activity Center. The date for this years banquet will be December 13th. This evening we will bring together the past, present and future to guarantee a 4-H program for the next generation.

Monroe Bank & Trust will again be providing a buffet dinner for all Monroe County 4-H Leaders and their guests. Leaders will be recognized for their outstanding efforts, along with alumni and community supporters who have together combined to make the 4-H Program the largest youth program in the county and state.

The Award of the Clover will also be presented to the leaders who have completed years of service; the award is given in five-year increments. A 2013 pin is being designed and will be presented to every leader who attends.

Since returning to the Activity Center the committee has provided some tremendous recognition, we have brought our program home and we will again this year provide an evening of enjoyment for the Monroe County 4-H Leaders and their spouses.

As the growing season winds down, pumpkin growers struggle to control diseases.

The cool weather (49 to 87 degrees Fahrenheit) has kept insect pests in check, but disease epidemic continues. Late blight continues to be present in the area in both potatoes and tomatoes. The Phytophthora infestans, or causal agent of late blight, genotype is US-23 and is sensitive to mefenoxam (Ridomil products). This means that Ridomil products can be used and are recommended in field with late blight infestations. Check Michigan State University Extension’s fungicide recommendation for potatoes and tomatoes. The weather outlook has low chances of precipitation for the rest of the week, and a 20 to 34 percent chance of rain for the weekend (Sept. 7-8). Check the disease risk forecast at www.lateblight.org and www.usablight.org to time your sprays.

Vegetable crops report

Sweet corn harvest will soon be complete. No European corn borers have been caught in the Monroe County trap. One western bean cutworm was trapped. Corn earworm moth counts in the Monroe and Lenawee county traps were seven and nine, respectively, during Aug. 27-Sept. 3.

As harvest of fresh market and processing tomato continues, it is time to scout for fruitworm damage. Fruitworms and corn earworms are the same pest, but they have different names according to the crop they cause damage on. As sweet corn harvest winds down, the moths can move into pepper and tomato fields and cause some damage in the fruit. Pumpkins are bearing 10- to 18-inch fruit. Symptoms of sunscald, bacterial wilt and Phytophthora rot have increased in the last two weeks in southeast Michigan. Virus symptoms have been observed in several pumpkin fields. Even though aphids are present in low numbers, they can move virus from plant to plant.

Top row: Sunscald (left) and fruit rot (right) in pumpkins. Bottom row: Mosaic-like symptoms, characteristic of virus (left), and Phytophthora foliar symptoms (right).

Photo credits: Lina Rodriguez-Salamanca, MSU Extension
Growers continue to battle with powdery mildew. At this point in the season, fungicides with systemic and translaminar movement combined with adequate coverage are critical as powdery mildew infects the underside of the leaves.

Protect your foliage from downy mildew and powdery mildew. Remember that some of the fungicides that protect for downy mildew can help manage Phytophthora rots (see table with recommendation below). However, keep in mind the products for downy mildew are different to the products for powdery mildew, and the fungicide program for powdery mildew is protecting the crop from foliar loss, fruit sunscald and shriveled Jack-o-lantern handles. Remember to alternate between FRAC codes (Fungicide Resistant Action Codes) and read fungicide labels.

**Pumpkin key diseases control:**

Alternate products, mix each with either: Dithane (mancozeb) or Bravo (chlorothalonil)  *FRAC= Fungicide Resistance Action Committee, products with the same number(s) belong to the same chemistry group; AVOID consecutive application of the same FRAC code.

**Not to be used alone, always tank mixed with different protectant fungicide or another fungicide with different FRAC code.**

***Before cucurbit Downy mildew has been confirmed in the area.

Read the label and follow all instructions closely. Remember that the pesticide label is the legal document on pesticide use. The use of a pesticide in a manner not consistent with the label can lead to the injury of crops, humans, animals and the environment, and can also lead to civil or criminal fines and/or condemnation of the crop. Pesticides are good management tools for the control of pests on crops, but only when they are used in a safe, effective and prudent manner according to the label.

Do you have a surplus of produce? Are you on the lookout for a specific commodity? Michigan MarketMaker can help you. Learn more about MarketMaker at the Michigan MarketMaker website.

It’s that time of the year where you can build the soil health at your farm. Use the Midwest Cover Crops Council’s Vegetable Cover Crops Decision Tool to plan cover crops to improve soil health and enhance weed control, among many other benefits they provide.

Table 1. Pumpkin key diseases control on page 13.

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**CROP INSURANCE AND THE FARM BILL SYMPOSIUM**

**AN OPPORTUNITY OF INTEREST TO OUR COLLEAGUES:**

The Crop Insurance and the Farm Bill: A New Paradigm in U.S. Agricultural Policy Symposium will take place on October 8 – 9, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Symposium Overview**

Since the inception of the U. S. agricultural policies in the early 1930’s, the Farm Bills enacted have centered on various iterations of supply controls, price supports and/or direct transfers. In the current political climate a paradigm shift seems to be underway toward alternative risk management strategies, primarily subsidized crop insurance offerings, to help mitigate the substantial risks inherent in agricultural production and marketing. In this symposium, the topic areas to be explored include the interaction between crop insurance and traditional Title 1 farm support programs; rating and delivery challenges related to more widespread reliance on insurance; innovations in the tools and techniques for crop insurance analysis; and the intersection between crop insurance and farm management decisions.

The link to Symposium information and registration is: [http://aaea.org/meetings/crop-insurance-and-the-farm-bill-symposium](http://aaea.org/meetings/crop-insurance-and-the-farm-bill-symposium)
Table 1. Pumpkin key diseases control. Information compiled from Mary Hausbeck bulletins.

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# Calendar

## September / October 2013

### 4-H

**September**

- **9/3/13** 4-H Council  
  Extension Learning Center  
  7:30 pm

- **9/5/13** Post Fair Meeting—Mandatory  
  4-H Activity Center  
  7:00 pm

- **9/9/13** Horse & Pony Board  
  4-H Activity Center  
  7:00 pm

- **9/12/13** Spaghetti Dinner Committee  
  Extension Learning Center  
  6:00 pm

- **9/15/13** Junior Livestock Assoc. Banquet  
  4-H Activity Center  
  5:00 pm

- **9/23/13** Small Animal Assoc. Banquet  
  4-H Activity Center  
  7:00 pm

- **9/25/13** Teen Ambassadors  
  Extension Learning Center  
  7:00 pm

**October**

- **10/6/13** Kids Day  
  4-H Activity Center  
  2:00 pm

- **10/7/13** 4-H Council  
  Extension Learning Center  
  7:30 pm

- **10/14/13** Horse & Pony Board  
  4-H Activity Center  
  7:00 pm

- **10/15/13** Spaghetti Dinner Committee  
  Extension Learning Center  
  6:00 pm

- **10/19/13** Leader Learning Fair  
  4-H Activity Center  
  9:00 am

- **10/19/13** Horse & Pony Banquet  
  4-H Activity Center  
  6:30 pm

- **10/21/13** Small Animal Assoc. Annual Meeting  
  4-H Activity Center  
  7:00 pm

- **10/24/13** New Leader Orientation  
  Extension Learning Center  
  5:30 pm

- **10/26/13** 4-H Garage Sale  
  Monroe County Fairgrounds  
  9:00 am

### Agriculture

**September**

- **9/16/13** Soil Conservation Board Meeting  
  7:00 pm

- **9/19/13** Monroe County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner/Meeting  
  Reception  
  Meeting  
  5:30 pm  
  6:00 pm

**October**

- **10/12/13** Work and Learn  
  Extension Demo Gardens  
  9:00 am

### Horticulture

**September**

- **9/14/13** “What on Earth am I Doing?” Workshop  
  Registration before 9-10 required  
  $15 per person—$7 additional family member  
  8:00 am

- **9/14/13** Work and Learn  
  Extension Demo Gardens  
  9:00 am

**October**

- **10/19/13** MCMGA Meeting  
  Extension Learning Center  
  10:00 am

### Health and Nutrition

**September**

- **9/17/13** MCHE Meeting  
  Extension Learning Center  
  10:00 am

**October**

- **10/15/13** MCHE Meeting  
  Extension Learning Center  
  10:00 am
STAFF AND MSUE RESOURCES

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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Though Extension has recently reorganized our structure, Extension professionals are still located in communities across the state and are still working to address Michigan’s most pressing needs through four broad-themed areas; greening Michigan, agriculture and agribusiness, children and youth, health and nutrition. If you would like to learn more about these program areas, you can read about them in a document called “Carrying Out the Land-Grant Mission” that can be found at www.msue.msu.edu To locate MSU Extension Staff across the state by name or area of expertise go to: http://people.msue.msu.edu