September 2015 Meeting Dates

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

POST FAIR MEETING

Can you believe the 2015 Monroe County Fair has been here and gone? That means we need to start planning for 2016. Our annual Post Fair Meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 17 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center. Agenda items for the meeting will include:

* Distribution of Candy
* Discussion of the 2015 Fair
* Recommendations for the 2016 Fair
* Update of Fall Activities
* Spaghetti Dinner and Auction
* 4-H Explorers Program
* Kids Day
* Youth Recognition
* Leader Learning Fair

***Each club needs to be represented at this meeting, as we will also be distributing the fall enrollment packets, and going over NEW enrollment procedures!
We would like to recognize and congratulate each of our nominees who participated in the royalty contest representing their community or county club. The evening and celebration was a wonderful way to highlight your achievements.

Our 2015-2016 Royalty and Runner-Ups include:

**Emily Kittendorf: 4-H Queen**
- Kayleigh Adams: 4-H Queen First Runner-Up
- Samantha Beaudrie: 4-H Queen Second Runner-Up

**Ben Preston: 4-H King**
- Logan Grey: 4-H King First Runner-Up
- Brammer Brakel: 4-H King Second Runner-Up

**Alivia Funchion: 4-H Princess**
- Jaren Schmidt: 4-H Princess First Runner-Up
- Gabby Flowers: 4-H Princess Second Runner-Up

**Andrew Spoering: 4-H Prince**
- Joshua Marimpietri: 4-H Prince First Runner-Up
- Wyatt Funchion: 4-H Prince Second Runner-Up
Congratulations to our 2015-2016 4-H Royalty and Runner-Ups!!

A big thank you goes to our outgoing royalty for all their dedication to the program throughout the 2014-2015 program year. Check out the photos below of them leading the mini-parade around the fair-grounds!
Barns vs. Barns

Congratulations to the winner of this year’s Barn vs. Barn contest.....The Large Animal Barns!!

Awards and Trips

The completed applications must be submitted to the Extension Office by September 18th at 5pm. Email to seitza1@anr.msu.edu

**County Medals and Older Teen Awards**— Members 11 and older have the opportunity to complete the application and to be recognized at Youth Recognition this fall. Members 11 to 14 years old may apply for up to two County Award Medals. Those members 15 and older may also apply for two Older Teen Awards. The County and Older Teen medals are earned for outstanding achievements in project work. The 4-H Council makes these awards possible.

**New Horizons**— A travel opportunity is in your future. Older members also have the opportunity to become part of the New Horizons program. Members 14 and older may apply for this program. These members will work together to earn money, which will allow them to attend the Washington D.C. Focus Trip or to experience Toronto, Canada. The 4-H Council also lends support to members in New Horizons. Members will be applying for the 2015-16 trips.

**Key Club**— Members 15 and older may also apply for the Michigan Key Club Award, which is only presented to the top half of one percent of 4-H Youth. Applications have been emailed out, but are also available at the Extension Office and online.

**I Dare You**— The I Dare You Award is presented to two outstanding 4-H members each year. The award is given to members who have gone above and beyond what is expected and challenged themselves, as well as, others, to set and achieve goals. Anyone can submit a written nomination for a deserving member.

All applications have been emailed out and are available online, and at the Extension Office.
SEW CREATIVE 4-H CLUB

IS ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

- AGES 9-19
- NO PRIOR SEWING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!

OUR CLUB MEMBERS LEARN HOW TO SEW AND HOW TO DO NEW AND FUN CRAFTS TO EXHIBIT INTO THE FAIR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT “SEW CREATIVE” 4H CLUB, PLEASE CALL PATTI AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT (734) 240-3184

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 21. More details coming soon.....

Premium Checks

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail!!

ALL checks must be cashed by September.....

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

If you have questions, please call the Extension Office or the Fair Association.

Checks not cashed within 90 days will become void!
Monroe County Network

2015 Fair Parade
Monroe County Network

2015 Fair Parade
Attention all 4-H Kids with Cats....

Come out to the 1st 4-H Cat Halloween Dress-up!!

**When:** October 3, 2015 from 2-4pm  
**Where:** 4-H Activity Center

There will be Games, Prizes, Dress-up Contest and Light Refreshments.

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**FALL BANQUETS & EVENTS**

**Junior Livestock Banquet:** September 13 @ 5pm at the 4-H Activity Center  
**Small Animal Banquet:** *NEW DAY*— September 20 @ 5pm @ the 4-H Activity Center  
**Kid’s Day:** October 10, from 2-4pm @ the 4-H Activity Center  
**Dog Camp:** October 16-18 @ the 4-H Activity Center  
**Fall Garage Sale:** October 24, from 9-4pm @ the 4-H Activity Center & Expo Center  
**Youth Recognition:** November 1 at 2pm at the 4-H Activity Center  
**Horse & Pony Banquet:** November 7 @ 7pm at the 4-H Activity Center  
**4-H Spaghetti Dinner and Auction:** November 21 @ the 4-H Activity Center
Candy Sale

The 4-H Council has two major fundraisers each year, in addition to the kitchen during Fair week. The annual candy sale, which has received excellent support in the past will begin on September 17th. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals.

The Council Candy Committee met with the candy representative during fair to plan for this year’s program. Perhaps you were awarded meal tickets for this year’s fair and spent your award at the 4-H Activity Center. Start now to plan for next year.

Each club will earn 10% of the net profit, in addition, profit is shared with the districts and individual sale winners, and the 4-H Council will benefit from the remaining funds. All clubs are encouraged to take part and earn funds for their club, as well as, the district and the county program. Monies earned from the 2014 sales were used to provide member pins, awards, scholarships, funding for Kid’s Day and much more.

Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale or the Spaghetti Dinner or both. The candy will be distributed at the Post Fair Meeting.
PADDY AND WELLS NAMED 2015 CHAMPION SHOWMEN

Each year the top showman from each species are brought together on one special night to compete for the top honors at the Showmanship Sweepstakes. This year’s winners were Taylor Wells, Champion Sheep Showman, and Claudia Paddy, Champion Pocket Pet Showman.

Representing the different species in the Large Animal Sweepstakes were: Courtney Post from the Horse Barn, Erica Kapolnek, from the Swine barn, Sidney Fetterly, from the Beef Barn, Hunter Schafer from the Dairy Barn, and Lauren Eby, from the Goat Barn.

Representing the different species in the Small Animal Sweepstakes included: Kayleigh Adams-Cavies, Craig Lajiness-Poultry, Ashley Teets-Rabbits, Katrina Lomas-Cats, and Jessica Clark-Dogs.

CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR TOP SHOWMEN!!

National 4-H Week October 4-10

In the spirit of National 4-H week, the 4-H Council is encouraging clubs to put up a 4-H themed display in a store window, church, school, or library. More details will be available in the October Network!!!
Kids Day: Come One, Come All

Who’s ready for a CARNIVAL?!? Balloons, Ice Cream, Games, and Prizes. The Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club and Monroe County 4-H Council invites all 9-10 year old 4-Hers and their families for an afternoon of fun at the annual Kids Day “All-Star” recognition program. This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th 2:00pm-4:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center. The awards program will begin at 3:30pm. An ice cream sundae bar will be offered as a light refreshment. Please RSVP for all those attending by Wednesday, September 30th to 734-240-3174.

A Special Thanks to Cindy Andrews & Karen Bash for all of your hard work & dedication over the years and keeping our bellies full with delicious Food!!

WE THANK YOU!!!!
2015 Soybean Harvest Equipment Field Day

Mike Staton, MSU Extension Soybean Educator

On average, harvest losses reduce marketable soybean yields by one to two bushels per acre. Given the projected soybean prices, this could cost soybean producers $9.25 to $18.50 per acre in 2015. Harvest losses can increase significantly if the crop is lodged, very short, or harvest operations become delayed.

Because of this, Michigan State University Extension is cooperating with Chad and Mindy Goetz Farms, Fred Ott, Inc., Archbold Equipment Inc., Burnips Equipment Company, Crary Industries Inc., the Michigan Soybean Checkoff and the Ohio Soybean Council to conduct a Soybean Harvest Equipment Field Day on Friday, September 18th. The field day will be held on this date if conditions are conducive to harvest. The program will begin with an update from Michigan Farm Bureau on farm truck safety and regulations at 10:45 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. The field day site is located south of Blissfield at 9245 Thompson Highway about one quarter of a mile south of Fike Road.

Participants will learn new information about farm truck regulations and safety and reducing soybean harvest losses. This is also an excellent opportunity to see the latest harvest equipment demonstrated in the field. Equipment company representatives will be on-hand to discuss specific recommendations for fine-tuning their combines. The following soybean harvest topics and equipment will be demonstrated: Draper heads, air-assisted reels, measuring soybean harvest losses and ground speed effects on harvest losses.

There is no charge for the field day. However, pre-registration is requested by calling (269) 673-0370 ext.2562 before noon on Tuesday, September 15th as a complimentary steak lunch and educational materials will be provided. Please call this same number for cancellation and rescheduling updates.
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE OF POSTING: August 12, 2015
DEPARTMENT: Extension
POSITION: Part-Time Secretary (Non-Union)
- Approx. 20 hrs per week
- Flexible schedule
SALARY: $12.98/hr
REQUIREMENTS: High School diploma or its equivalent with advanced coursework in word processing, writing skills, and related areas. One year of experience in a secretarial capacity.
SUMMARY: Provides a variety of secretarial and clerical support functions to professional and supervisory staff such as screening telephone calls, scheduling appointments and establishing and maintaining filing systems. Regularly prepares a variety of documents such as memos, invoices, letters, etc., using word processing and spreadsheet software.

**Completed application and resume required: send to jason_schreiber@monroemi.org**

Contact the Monroe County Human Resources Department,
125 E. Second Street, Monroe, MI 48161

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Visit the Monroe County Website: www.co.monroe.mi.us
2015 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Do you want to grow your club program? Are you looking for a way to involve the leaders in your club? Do you want to invigorate your committee members or just discuss something new?

If so, consider:

- Participating in one or all of this year’s 4-H Volunteer e-Forum sessions or
- Hosting a few of your fellow leaders or parents to watch the session(s). Your group can be 2 to 3 people sitting casually or a group of 200 in a banquet hall. The choice is yours.

When

Each session will be offered live twice so you can pick the time that works best for you. The sessions stand alone so you can attend or host one or all of them. Best of all, these three sessions are free and will provide great training by experts in the field. The sessions are:

1. The Heart of Belonging on October 8 at 7 pm or October 13 at 8 pm
   In this informative session, you will learn to guide youth to develop expectations that will accommodate all members to support youth with special needs and discover resources to help you in your role as a caring adult. Participants will leave with activities that will help them foster positive behavior, belonging and inclusion in their club or committee!

2. The Heart of Community on November 5 at 7 pm or November 10 at 8 pm
   Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth become actively engaged in their communities. This session will include resources and models that incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity and independence as you include citizenship activities in 4-H settings.

3. Encouraging the Heart of Leadership on December 3 at 7 pm or December 8, at 8 pm
   Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from the first 4-H experience. You’ll receive tools to help inspire youth to develop independence and mastery.

How

You can participate in – or host – one or all of these fun sessions in any location as long as you can connect live through Adobe Connect.

To participate, contact your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/lu0f9E3). Hosting an event is fun and easy! All you need is a computer, projector, screen and a reliable Internet connection. We will provide you with:

- A facilitator’s guide.
- A customizable flyer and bookmark to assist with your promotional efforts.

To be a host, register at (http://events.anr.msu.edu/volunteereforum)

More Information! If you have questions or want to talk through some of your ideas for hosting, contact your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/lu0f9E3) or Jennifer Weichel (weichel@anr.msu.edu) We look forward to seeing Michigan faces in lots of great places statewide!
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

* September 27-October 1: National 4-H Dairy Conference [http://national4hdairyconference.org](http://national4hdairyconference.org) Madison, WI
* October 7-8: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec) Houghton-Hancock
* October 17-18: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_textiles](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_textiles) Kettunen Center, Tustin
* October 21-22: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec) Sturgis
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* January 30-31, 2016: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular) Kettunen Center, Tustin
* February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16) Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

* October 4-10: National 4-H Week [http://www.4-h.org/?gelid-CKeql_vEgMYCFQ8paQodUqUAig](http://www.4-h.org/?gelid-CKeql_vEgMYCFQ8paQodUqUAig) Nationwide
* October 7: 4-H National Youth Science Day [http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day) Nationwide
* November 27-December 1: National 4-H Congress [http://national4-hcongress.com](http://national4-hcongress.com) Atlanta, Georgia

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](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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