Post Fair Meeting
September 7th @ 7pm

Can you believe the 2017 Monroe County Fair has been here and gone? That means we need to start planning for 2018. Our annual Post Fair Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center. Agenda items for the meeting will include:

* Distribution of Candy
* Discussion of the 2017 Fair
* Recommendations for 2018
* Update of Fall Activities
* Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
* 4-H Explorers Program
* Kids Day
* Youth Recognition
* Leader Learning Fair
* Unveiling of 4-H Cloverbuds (5 & 6 yr olds)

*** Each club needs to be represented at this meeting, as we will be distributing the fall enrollment packets. *****

Want to be reminded about upcoming meetings and events? Join our group by:

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County Awards and Trips

The completed applications must be submitted to the Extension Office by September 15th at 5pm. Drop off or email to seitzsa1@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.

**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. Ideally, the member will have displayed mentorship, leadership, citizenship, and an overall positive impact. A short letter can be submitted to Sara making your nominations. You can nominate as many youth as you feel deserving.

**Club Awards**— Club Leaders: there is also an opportunity for your club to be recognized for the work you do throughout the year by completing the club award form. This short application form gives everyone the chance to see the cool stuff everyone is doing around the county.

**Trips/New Horizons**— If you are interested in joining New Horizons to attend trips like Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, etc., you MUST complete a County Award Application. Details about New Horizons can be directed to Amy Harbaugh at amyr.harbaugh@gmail.com.

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Save the Date!

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction will be Saturday November 18th

More details to follow soon...
ATTENTION ALL LEADERS

If you have members that left their fair projects behind they MUST pick them up no later than Thursday September 7th! We are NOT a storage unit and all left over projects will be donated to our 4-H Garage Sale or discarded.

Thank you!!!!!!!

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail!!
ALL checks must be cashed within 90 Days

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.

Checks not cashed within 90 days will become void!!

Barn VS Barn Competition Results

During Fair week Teen Ambassadors challenged the barns to collect school supplies for area students in need. A total of 289 items were collected and will be donated to Waterloo Elementary School here in Monroe.

Special Congrats to the Small Animal Barn for collecting the most supplies and thanks to all who donated!
The 4-H Council has two major fundraisers each year, the candy sale and the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, in addition to the kitchen during Fair week. The annual candy sale, which has received excellent support in the past will begin on September 7th. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals.

New this year is that every 4-H member who sells a box of candy will qualify for a $5 4-H participation fee reimbursement with the potential to earn extra reimbursements for other members in the clubs. See club leaders for more information.

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.
Annual 4-H Garage Sale

October 21st @ 9am

Proceeds from the sale go to HEARRT /ribbon funds

Donations accepted include: Toys, Bikes furniture, luggage, working electronics, accessories, knick knacks, kitchen and housewares, holiday décor, outdoor & patio gear, books, etc

We cannot accept clothes, mattresses, cribs, car seats or computers.

All items should be clean and in good condition. Unsold items will be donated. Donations can be brought to the Monroe MSU Extension Office.

Come join us for our next Cat Program meeting. We will be discussing how the fair went, future field trips, and much more!

Who: Everyone that showed their cat or would like to

When: September 13th

Time: 6pm

Where: The Activity Center
Caprine Council Fall Goat Walk

Date: September 17th @ 1pm
Location: Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Preserve
27600 Haggerty Rd New Boston, MI 48164
Details: Bring your goat, walking shoes and snacks to pass!

Shooting Sports Related Opportunity!!!

The Whiteford Valley Gobblers chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is hosting a JAKES FIELD DAY, Saturday, September 9, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Monroe Rod & Gun Club, 6280 Lighthouse Road, Monroe, MI 48161.

Our JAKES FIELD DAY will have several educational stations involving archery, pellet, shot gun, sling shot, and much more. Lunch will be provided.

If you would like to attend this event please fill out the registration form below and send to our coordinators: Butch & Denise Williams, 2923 W. Rauch Rd., Temperance, MI 48182. For questions please call 419-270-1332. **Registration must be received to attend the event! (You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend)**

JAKES FIELD DAY Saturday, September 9, 2017

Youth Name: ______________________________ Age: ____________
Address: _____________________________________________________
Phone: _____________________ Email address: _____________________

Mail registration form to: Williams, 2923 W Rauch Rd., Temperance, MI 48182

*open to youth up to 17 years old, duplicate form as needed, families can all be on one form, please include each youth name/age.*
MINI HORSE CLINIC

OCTOBER 8TH @ 10 AM
Location: Newport, MI

We will cover showmanship, In-hand jumping, In-hand trail/obstacle, liberty and driving. Bring your mini! Pack a lunch! Indoor and outdoor. We will have extra minis there if you would like to participate but don't have a mini.

For more information and location please contact Amy Wertenberger at huntfronts@hotmail.com

Petting Zoo

Hosted by Faithful Friends 4-H Club

Join us for a fun event open to the public. Come visit the sheep, alpacas, rabbits, pigs, and cows!

Bake Sale

When: September 16th, 10-3

Where: Family Farm & Home, 205 N. Telegraph Rd. Monroe
Join Monroe County 4-H in celebrating National 4-H Week

This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about 4-H, the impact it has had on you and the incredible experiences it offers over 6 million young people! Here are some fail proof ideas for clubs and individuals to participate:

- Set up a public club display
- Host a community service project
- Share stories, pics and facts about 4-H on Social Media (official hashtags above)
- Jazz up your profile picture with a 4-H frame or 4-H cover photo
- Encourage others to support the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign

#TrueLeaders
#4HGrowsHere

National 4-H Week Resources can be found here
Pasta with a Purpose

A Benefit Dinner for Patsy Hancz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2017

5:00pm – 9:00pm (Dinner served at 6:30pm)

4-H Activity Center
Entrance off of Raisinville Rd.
Monroe County Fairgrounds
3775 S. Custer Rd.
Monroe, MI 48161

$10 per Person

Tickets Must Be Purchased Ahead of Event
Ticket Includes:
Pasta, Salad, Drink & Dessert

Tickets can be purchased on Facebook (Renee Lynn Hancz) or rhancz89@gmail.com

**Be the Match will be present to perform cheek swabs for bone marrow matching**

Silent Auction, 50/50 and Raffles
2nd Annual Teen Ambassadors
Trunk r’ Treat and Kid’s “All-Star” Day!

This event is for all:
Clover Buds – ages 5 and 6
Explorers – ages 7 and 8
4-H’ers – ages 9 to 11 and Anyone new that would like to learn more about 4-H! Open to the Public!

Place: Activity Center
When: Saturday, October 14th
Time: 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Events include:
Treats, Games, Crafts, Trunk r’ Treating and the Awards Program will begin at 5:30PM

Costumes are encouraged!
Please park your car in the north lot of the Activity Center if you wish to participate in passing out yummy treats! It is highly recommended that each club decorate a trunk and participate in this exciting event!

The best decorated trunk will win a prize!
Craft Show

Sponsored By:
Monroe County C.S.I. 4-H Club

4-H Activity Center
Monroe County Fairgrounds

Saturday, October 28, 2017
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes **** Food Concession Available
FREE PARKING * ADMISSION $1.00

For More Information Contact
Sharon Flowers
806 Regents Park Drive
Monroe, Michigan 48161
(734) 777-2936
Allison was diagnosed with epilepsy when she was 2 years old. Her daily seizures have caused her to develop debilitating anxiety of social situations, including going to school. Bucky, her dog, is in the process of being trained to be a service dog to help her be able to go out into public and to a regular school again. Unfortunately, the cost of training is very high.

Help support Bucks for Bucky to raise money for service dog training. [Link](https://www.gofundme.com/bucky-the-service-dog-for-allison)

Want to attend the auction?
3223 Dennison Rd, Dundee, MI 48131
Saturday, Oct 21st 8:30AM

Special thanks to Mark & Teresa Oberly for allowing this fundraiser and our 4H leader Clara Ostrander for reaching out to all of her contacts!

Questions? Email: Katie at Bucks4Bucky@gmail.com
Attention High School Seniors & College Students!!
Applications can be picked up at the Extension office or emailed upon request!

Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions
Procedures & Guidelines

1. Each year six (6) scholarships of $1,000 may be awarded, one being the Neil Kentner memorial scholarship.

2. Scholarship is open to applicants that are **high school seniors** or **currently enrolled** in an institution of advance learning such as a college, university or trade school. (If applicant is a high school senior they must have submitted an application to an advanced leaning institution.)

3. Application must be RECEIVED by October 1.

4. Scholarships winners will be announced at the Annual MAFE Convention.

5. Recipients may apply each year he or she is enrolled in the Institution, but shall not be eligible to receive a scholarship more than 6 years. Preference for awarding of scholarship each year will be to first-time applicants.

6. The scholarship can be used for any and all expenses related to the applicants’ continued education.

7. The full amount of the scholarship will be paid at the MAFE Annual Convention. If attendee is not present at the convention, the scholarship will be mailed to the address listed in the application.

8. The applicant must be involved in MAFE member organization and related industry for the prior 3 years.

**Applications must be received by October 1. Send by mail or email to:**
Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions
P.O. Box 554, Manchester, Michigan 48158
michiganfairs@gmail.com
Announcing the 2018 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest!

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2018 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Poster Contest!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

SMOKEY BEAR SAYS: ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!
Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear appeared in 1944. Smokey’s message, “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!” encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires, and matches.

WOODSY OWL SAYS: LEND A HAND—CARE FOR THE LAND!
Woodsy Owl is America’s icon for the conservation of the environment. Since 1971, Woodsy has helped parents and teachers inspire children to observe, explore, and care for the environment. He challenges children to “Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!” and to take an active role in caring for the land through recycling, reusing, and reducing waste, planting and caring for trees, using resources wisely, and not littering.

PRIZES
• The National Grand Prize Winner of the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest will be honored with a Recognition Ceremony in Washington, DC. Round-trip airfare and accommodations for four will be provided.
• The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will award $50 check to each of the First Place national winners in all five grades.
For more information about discussion meet, rules and registration please contact Ashley Frye at the Extension Office.

**REGIONAL YOUTH DISCUSSION MEETS**

Regional Youth Discussion Meets, held in the fall, give students interested in agriculture a chance to win prizes as they freely discuss a current topic affecting the agriculture industry while practicing their public speaking skills with other students around Michigan.

For more information about how to register and when the event near you will be held, visit us at: www.michfb.com/MI/YouthDiscussionMeet/

**AG, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAREERS CONFERENCE**

The Ag, Food and Natural Resources Careers Conference held in Lansing on November 9 explores the basics of picking the right career and planning the right education to get where you want to go. High school students can network with agriculture, food and natural resource professionals, visit with colleges and trade schools during the career fair, tour local Agriculture businesses, meet 150 other students interested in agriculture, and win great prizes and giveaways.

Registration forms and fee are due by October 26, 2017. Visit us at: www.michfb.com/MI/CareersConference/.

**MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU**
4-H Workshops

September 12: Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4-h_club_leaders
Webinar

September 23-24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 12: 4-H Club 201: Building Bridges
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

October 12: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_escanaba
Delta County MSU Extension Office, Escanaba

October 20: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_mt_pleasant
Mid-Michigan Community College, Mt. Pleasant

November 8: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/nefe_high_school_financial_planning_program_instructor_training_port_huron
St Clair County Administration Building, Port Huron

Other 4-H Events

September 23: Dickinson Outdoor Extravaganza
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson_outdoor_extravaganza
Cowboy Lake Park, Kingsford

September 26: Sustainable Ag Field Day for 4-H and Informal Educators
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/sustainable_ag_field_day_for_4h_informal_educators
W.K. Kellogg Biological Field Station, Hickory Corners

October 6: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h.foundation_annual_meeting
MSU Kellogg Center, Lansing

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkifest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkifest
MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

November 11: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkifest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training
Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2017, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2017. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond!

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:
- Nomination Form found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.
- Nomination Letter
- Letter of Support from County Staff

Congratulations to the 2017 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth ages 11 and 12 the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards’ 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. As part of the contest, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension staff members select up to two youth essays from each county to be recognized as award winners.

The essay theme for 2017 was “Because of 4-H, I can...” and the youth referred to their 4-H experiences as ones that allowed them to make new friends, try new projects, explore new places and help their dreams come true. Some credited 4-H with helping them increase their public speaking skills, confidence and time management skills. Other 4-H’ers wrote with excitement about their club meetings, events, exhibits and community service projects.

Overall, 31 youth from 18 counties were honored as 2017 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Branch County: Kathleen Bailey and Jacob Reif
- Cass County: Benjamin Shelby and Madison Weedon
- Cheboygan County: Thomas Tafoya
- Eaton County: Javelynne Bowels and Ryleigh Mauk
- Ionia County: Cassidy Cashen and Peyton Hoppes
- Kent County: Grace Richmond
- Macomb County: Taylor Frazier and Teagan Lake
- Marquette County: Halle Graves and Hayden Graves
- Mason County: Ryann Rohrer
- Menominee County: Malorie Baumler and Kara Solander
- Monroe County: Griffin Linn and Jaren Schmidt
- Oakland County: Samantha Conlon and Khamani Potts
- Oceana County: Beckett Newell and Alexis Settler
- Sanilac County: Emily Martinez and Riley Wallace
- Shiawassee County: Emma Challender and Veronica Gross
- St. Clair County: Gwyneth Glombowski and Douglas Modrich
- Washtenaw County: Quinn Hilla
- Wayne County: Carlene Armstrong

Congrats Griffin & Jaren!!

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan.