

*Monroe County 4-H Network***4-H Family News**

July/August 2021

July is here and we are so excited to have you all with us in the Monroe County 4-H Program!

All of our 4-H division Monroe County Fair exhibitors have done a great job submitting your project entries, but we acknowledge that there were a number of growing pains and tons of incoming questions and concerns about the online FairEntry registration process. Understanding that we are all human with only so many hours in the day, we reached the point of being unable to keep up with immediate responses.

For that reason, fair registration is extended till July 15.

Catch more details on this and other important dates in this issue of the Network as we enter the final countdown to fair week!

Monroe County 4-H MSU Extension Office Hours

Monday: by appointment

Tuesday: 10am—4:30pm

Wednesday: 10am—4:30pm

Thursday: 10am—4:30pm

Friday: by appointment

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@MonroeCountyMI4H****NEW**** Pinterest:
@monroecounty4hprogram

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 6pm YLB @ AC 7pm 4-H Council @ AC	6	7 Buyer Letter Packing 6pm @Extension Office	8 7pm Fair Board Meeting	9	10
11	12 7pm Horse & Pony @ AC	13 6pm Barn Set-up @ Fairgrounds Teen Ambassadors 6pm Leader Pass Pick up @ Extension Office	14	15 Fair Entry Closes Pen Fees due to MSUE office by 4pm JR Supers Due	16 Trophy Money Due	17 9am Dog Fun Match
18	19	20 7pm Caprine Council FAB Packing 6pm @ Extension Office Leader Pass Pick up @ Extension Office	21 7pm JLA Meeting @ in person	22 6:30 Superintendents Meeting @AC	23	24
25	26 7pm Small Animal Assoc @ in person	27 7pm Dog Board Meeting @ Ida Methodist Church	28 7pm Teen Ambassadors	29 1:30 Jr. Superintendents Report 2-6:30pm Project Check-in	30	31 Animal Check-in

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fair Parade Line up 10-12pm	<u>MONROE COUNTY FAIR</u>					
8	9 2-6:30pm Project Check out 7pm Horse and Pony @ AC	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 7pm Cat Board @ AC	17 7pm Caprine Council @ AC	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 6pm CSI @ AC 7pm Dog Board @ Ida Methodist Church	25 7pm Teen Am- bassadors @ AC	26	27	28
29	30	31				

We are excited to celebrate the traditional

MONROE COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 1- 7, 2021

Craft Exhibit Building Guard Duty

We are requesting the each club sign-up for at least two shifts of guard duty to monitor our 4-H exhibit buildings. Gold and Silver approved volunteers can sign up for shifts at this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEA722A4FEC25-guard>

Contact our office with any questions 734-240-3182
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NO EXCEPTIONS!

The 2021 Fair Premium Catalog and addendum are available by PDF [here](#).

All pen fees will also be extended. Payments to the Monroe County MSU Extension office by 4pm Thursday, July 15th— checks made payable to Monroe County Fair Association. **Pen fees not received by this date will be considered ineligible.**

DATE CHANGE

**Barn Set up is now July 13th
@ 6pm on the Fair grounds**



- * All hands on deck!
- * We will be setting up all of the barns (animal and craft)
- * If you are showing any projects during Fair week, plan to help!

Teen Ambassadors will also be at set up with your FAIR T-SHIRTS and PINS available for pick up

- Pick up is from 6pm to 8pm
- Pick up is at the TA Office (side of Activity Center)
- You can pay when you pick up
- If you have not paid yet, please bring cash or a check to pick up



Leader Pass Pick up

July 13-22nd

Leaders may come to the MSU Extension Office

Tuesday July 13th and Thursday July 22nd 10am-4:30pm

In each packet, you will receive your 4-H wrist bands, parking passes, exhibit tags, and one day passes for Guard Duty. Please complete this form so we can have the appropriate items ready for you

<https://forms.gle/5NosP8LvEhSC3sQs5>

(or just show up and we will gather them while you wait)

Reminder- we have asked that all clubs cover two craft barn guard duty shifts. Please sign up here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AAEA722A4FEC25-guard> Shifts will be assigned to clubs at packet pick-up if you have not done so yet.

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Important Dates!



- Barn set up: July 13th @ 6pm
- Fair Registration Ends: July 15th @ 5pm
- Pen Fees due by: July 15th @ 5pm
- Trophy money due by: July 15th
- Jr Superintendent sign up: July 16th
- Leader pass pick up: July 13th—22nd
- Superintendent's meeting: July 22nd @ 6:30pm
- Jr Superintendent meeting: July 29th @ 1:30pm
- Project Check in: July 29th @ 2—6:30pm
- Animal Check in: July 31st (look in catalog for specifics)
- Fair Parade: August 1st @ 12pm
- Fair Week: August 1—7th
- Fair clean up and animal check out: August 8th @ 6am
- Project Check out: August 9th @ 2—6:30pm

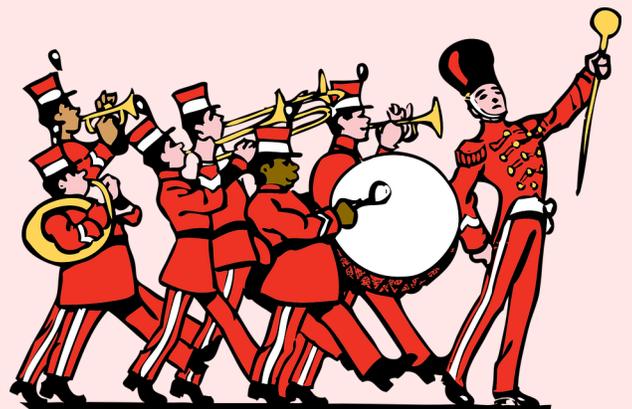
Fair Parade

The Fair parade has officially been approved . Teen Ambassadors will be walking in the parade carrying the American flag, 4-H flag, the State of Michigan Flag, and the Fair banner. We ask that other 4-H youth walk in the parade with TA. You can also carry one of the 4-H club flags in the parade as well. Please call the office if you are interested in participating in the parade this year.

Clubs are also welcome to create a float if they are interested.
Just let the Extension Office know!

The Fair parade is on August 1st.

Line up begins between 10 and 12pm at Navarre Field in Monroe.



Jr. Superintendent Sign Up

Last day to sign up to be a Jr. Superintendent is July 16th. Follow the link below to sign up on the google form. You must be 12 years of age or older to be a Jr. Superintendent. Unless you have permission from the Adult Superintendent in charge of the project are you are interested in helping with.

Your responsibilities include:

- ◆ Attend the Jr. Super meeting on Project Check in day: July 29th @ 1:30pm
- ◆ Meet with your Adult Superintendent to get duties for the week
- ◆ Wear your name tag during the week
- ◆ Be present throughout the week and be helpful in your specific project area

We appreciate all who sign up and help during Fair!



Google Form Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6hDhjBI8xDShW1ZE_ucl500UfYEosVks1KdrzP62-j-TtEw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR066gBVzr9YwXAG3ugE1Hieh6ND1ixjaL3e_uwzrIQe5bAS-Ofhkst-5IU

Please call or email Claudia Paddy or Bailey Bienicki if you have any questions

We are happy to announce the newest Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinator, Jean Genaw!

Joining our team July 12th

Jean holds a Master's Degree of Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor's degree in Human Services (emphasis in Early Childhood Development) from Siena Heights College. She has extensive background in outreach and working with underserved and diverse populations of youth and their parents. Currently, Jean works as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (in Taylor) where she interacts with transition youth who have disabilities. Jean is active with 4-H in Wayne County, is a gold volunteer and volunteers with the fairgrounds. Jean has served as the head Equestrian Coach for Allen Park High School the last 3 years. She is an avid crafter and enjoys knitting and crocheting. Jean was a co-leader for her son's Cub/Boy Scout troop (8 yrs.) where she led meetings, planned activities and participated in events including hiking, camping, archery and BB gun. As a youth, she participated in the Branch County 4-H fair showing hogs, dairy and poultry and was a member of FFA. Help us welcome Jean as you see her around during fair week!



Michigan 4-H returns to in-person programming



Thanks to thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, Michigan 4-H is excited to once again be hosting face-to-face programs and events.

Since May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers have been hosting in-person activities that adhere to specific public health guidelines.

To learn more about these meeting requirements and how your club or group can request a face-to-face program, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 1: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-2

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www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-3

July 10: MSU Tollgate Farm HomeGrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series! This session will focus on season extension for the home garden.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-july-10

July 12: Michigan 4-H Sights and Sounds of Nature

Online

Michigan youth are invited to become mindful and engaged in nature during July and August by completing nature journaling prompts each week using the app Goose-Chase.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-sights-and-sounds-of-nature

July 14: 4-H Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

The Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a fun filled day of everything outdoors, from nature walks to crafts and bug hunting to meeting animals! Open to ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp

July 17: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Online

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program for two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp

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

4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Explore the exciting field of computer coding with MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program, 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! Discover your passion for technology and develop skills you can continue practicing throughout high school.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is a four-day virtual camp being held over two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15. In addition to coursework, it will include evening engagement activities, including career exploration. Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding experience and skills through this interactive online experience. By the end of the camp, youth will learn how to develop their own tech ideas, as well as design and code a personal website from scratch!

This camp is open to rising high school freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in learning computer coding and applying it to solve problems. **Space is limited, register online by July 12 at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.** The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$300 and includes tech support, post-camp support and program fees. There is potential grant funding and limited scholarships available. Attendees will need a computer with internet and the ability to do video conferencing (microphone and webcam) to participate.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or email johns832@msu.edu.

Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan.

MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.



Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens

Help communities you care about by donating your **myWalgreens** Cash rewards



4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free **myWalgreens** membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards. It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at: <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.