



Monroe County

# 4-H Family News

September 2021

## Post Fair Meeting September 9th @ 7pm

Can you believe the 2021 Monroe County Fair has come and gone?! It was so great to see you all and celebrate the hard work of our Monroe County exhibitors. It's time to start planning for the new program year! Our annual Post Fair Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center. Agenda items for the meeting will include:

- 2021-2022 Enrollment
- Volunteer Annual Requirements
- Update on Fall Activities
- Spaghetti Dinner & Auction
- Candy Sale Fundraiser and Distribution
- Discussion of the 2021 Fair Recommendations for 2022
- County Award Program & Recognition

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

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### Google Calendar

<https://bit.ly/3mk4xqg>

### Social Media

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@MonroeCountyMI4H

### **\*\*NEW\*\*** Pinterest:

@monroecounty4hprogram



**Beginning Tuesday, September 7th**

**Monroe County MSU Extension**

**Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday 9am-4:30pm**

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# SEPTEMBER 2021



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	7	8 6PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD @ELC	9 7PM POST FAIR MEETING @ AC	10	11 4pm Legacy 4-H Club Meeting
12 5PM JLA BUYER BANQUET @ Anderson Show Arena	13 7PM COUNCIL @ ELC 7PM HORSE & PONY @ AC	14	15 New Program year Enrollment Begins at <a href="http://v2.4honline.com">v2.4honline.com</a>	16 7pm Fair Board Meeting	17	18
19 5PM SAA BUYER BANQUET @ Fairgrounds	20	21 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC 7PM SPAGHETTI DINNER COMMITTEE @ ELC	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 6PM CSI @AC 7PM Dog Board Banquet @ TBD	29 7PM TEEN AMBASSADORS @AC	30 County Award Applications Due		



# OCTOBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ AC	5	6 7pm Spaghetti Dinner Committee Meeting @ ELC	7	8	9 4PM LEGACY 4-H CLUB @AC
TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN						
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
10	11 Columbus Day 7PM HORSE & PONY @AC	12	13	14	15	16
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17 4PM CAPRINE COUNCIL Banquet @ Fairgrounds TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN	18	19 6PM 4-H CSI @ AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST	20 7PM JLA @ AC	21 7PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD @ ELC	22 GARAGE SALE SET UP @ AC	23 FALL GARAGE SALE @ AC & Expo Center
24 4PM TRUNK OR TREAT @ AC	25 7PM SAA MEETING @ AC	26	27 7PM TEEN AMBASSADORS @ AC	28	29	30
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Monroe County 4-H

# KICKOFF TO 2021-22 ENROLLMENT

*our 4-H program year runs  
September through August each  
year. Join now to take part in  
our year around programs. The  
best part... it's FREE to join!  
That's right, NO participation  
fees!*

2021-22 ENROLLMENT BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 15TH AT  
[V2.4HONLINE.COM](http://V2.4HONLINE.COM)

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS AT 734-240-3182

# Volunteers

With annual enrollment for our youth, also comes enrollment for our volunteers!

There are two steps to annual volunteer enrollment.

1. Go to [www.v2.4honline.com](http://www.v2.4honline.com) to renew your enrollment for the 2021-2022 program year beginning September 15th
2. Go to our Volunteer Central <https://msu.samaritan.com/> to complete your annual Code of Conduct and Background Check authorizations.

*(Your 4honline enrollment cannot be approved until this piece has cleared.)*

## Frequently Asked Questions

We've had many questions regarding volunteer status leading up to this fair season, so here are some details to help out.

- **How do I become an approved volunteer with 4-H?** We're so glad you asked! The first step is to apply at the Volunteer Central Website

<https://msu.samaritan.com/>

Not sure if you've already done this? Call our office to double check so you don't end up completing an extra step. You may already have a profile setup.

- **What is the MSU Volunteer Selection Process (VSP)?** This is our screening process for accepting adult volunteers who wish to interact on behalf of 4-H programs and activities. Once approved, you'll just need to renew annually to remain active.
- **What does it mean to be a GOLD vs. Silver Volunteer?** All Club leaders, Superintendents, and other individuals who will be interacting with youth should be GOLD status. Gold volunteers should also be enrolled in 4honline and are eligible for wristbands during fair week. **Silver Volunteer Status** should only be used for those individuals who have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension. This could be someone working at a registration table, at our 4-H Activity Center during fair week, as a building guard, or at a youth or adult event with at least one Gold Status volunteer or MSU Extension employee present, etc. Silver Volunteers can only receive one day passes for kitchen or guard duty that they may be working. These individuals do not register in 4honline.



## Banquets and Event Save-the-Dates



JLA: September 12th @ 5pm– The Anderson Show Arena

SAA: September 19th @ 5pm- The Anderson Show Arena

Dog Board: TBD @ 6pm– TBD

Caprine Council: October 17th @ 4pm– 4-H Activity Center

Horse & Pony: TBD during Sept Meeting

Leader & Youth Recognition Banquet November 7th @ 4-H AC

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction November 13th @ 4-H AC



## Candy Sale



September 9th– October 22th

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 9th. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals. **(Leaders– please contact Gary Koppleman at [kopplemangary@gmail.com](mailto:kopplemangary@gmail.com) with your estimated number of boxes ASAP if you have not already done so)**

**\*\*Once overall sales reach 300 boxes, each members who sold two boxes of candy will be entered to win a family pack of Kalahari Resort Tickets!**

Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale and/or the Spaghetti Dinner. The candy will be distributed at the Post Fair Meeting.



## **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, otherwise void!**

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.

**Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office: 734-241-5775**

## **Auction Checks**

If you will not be attending the JLA Banquet or SAA Banquets, you will need to pick up your check at the MSU Extension office 963 S Raisinville Road

**These payments must be cashed within 60 days or the funds will roll back to JLA/SAA!!**

## **ATTENTION ALL LEADERS**

If you have members that left their fair projects behind, please pick them up from the MSU Extension office by **Friday, September 10th!** Remaining projects will sadly be discarded.

**Thank you!!!!!!!**



# Special thanks to the 2021 JLA and SAA Buyers for their support!

Action Logistics	Dekalb Seeds/ Gary & Connie Kreps	Horn Leasing
Adams Acres	Diuble Equipment	Hunter Power Washing Services
AJF Inc	Dobberstein Organic Family Farms	Ida Farmers Co-op
Allen Chevrolet Cadillac	Don Sahloff– Whiteford Twp Trustee	Ida Veterinary Clinic
Amayas Fresh Mexican/ Tino Amaya	Dr. Spetka & Family	In Memory of Dan Stotz
American Family Concessions	Drodt Farms Inc	In Memory of Gail Meyer
American Heating & Cooling	Dundee Lumber	In Memory of Wilbur Burkett Sr
Aristeo	Durocher's TV Appliance	Indian Creek Zoo
ASF Construction & Bedford Machinery	Eagle Valley Ag Risk Advisors	Iott Insurance Agency
Barbara Siebarth	Eric & Marie Kuehnlein	J & K Service
Barron Insurance Agency	FIC Berkey	Henry Lievens Attorney % Counselor at Law
Ben and Kelsey Starr	Finishers Unlimited of Monroe	Jackie Manwell
Bennett's Orchard	First Merchants Bank	Jacob's Supply
Bill & Cheri Mannor	Flatland Builders	Janssen Brothers Farm
Bill Branham	Flowers By Winter	Jason Kitts
Blue Collar Hot Sauce	Ford Builders	Jaye & Bailey Biniecki
Brad & Cheri Baumann	Fusilier Family Farms and Greenhouse	JC Hunt Club
Brad's Septic & Sewer Service	Gabe's Construction/ Brad Baumann	Jeff & Julie Linn
Brittannie Cummings	Garst LP Gas	Jeffrey Thomas
Buckingham Farms	Gem Inc.	Jennifer & Herman Brey
Cadillac Asphalt	Generators Plus	Jeremy Chisholm/Collins & Blaha, PL
Carleton Farm Supply	Gerdau Special Steel	Jeremy Neely
Carrington Golf Club	Gerweck Real Estate	Jerome Country Market & Processing
Carter Paddy	Golden Harvest Seeds/ Mark & Sarah Mathe	Jeth Ott/ Little Brown Jug
Chapman Builders	Greenstone Farm Credit Services	Jim Haxton
City Sewer Cleaning	Greg Lievens	Joe Gust Farms
CM Smith Sand & Stone	Gross Puckey Gruel & Roof, PC	Joe Long & Sons Farms
Corey & Mallory Setzler	Guldi Farm	John & Kate Delmotte/ Pioneer Seed
Corey Seed Service LLC	Haws Family Farms	John Marion Inc
Countryside Excavating	Heath & Jamie Hunter	Joseph Johnson Dynamic Transportation
Countyline Co-op Pemberville,OH	Heck Farms	Joyce & Judge Michael A Weipert
Crystal Flash	Herkimer Farms	Judge Michael Brown
D&P Communications	Homrich	Just Right Grain Systems
David and Leah Morelli		
David Arthur Consultants		
David Swartout MC Commissioner Dist 7		
David Thompson, Drain Commissioner		

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Kamprath Farms	Nate & Megan Gust/ Farm Bureau Crop Insurance	Spotts Excavating & Paving LLC
Kevin & Dawn Barrett II	Natures Way Farms LLC	Stanger Seed Solutions
Kiwanis Club of Monroe	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Star Towing/Shane Anders
Knabusch Insurance/ Fremont Insurance	Oliver & Paige Hill	State of Michigan Rep. Joe Bellino
Kreps Brothers Farms	Ottawa Lake Co-op	State of Michigan Rep. TC Clements
Kreps Farm, Brian	Pat & Katie Motylinski	State Senator Dale W Zorn
Kuhn	Paul F Marks	Steve & Carrie Sampson
L & M Farms	Paul Iacoangeli	STG Aviation Technical Advisors, LTD
Lajiness Portable Restrooms	Philip Motylinski	Stoneco
LaRocca Trucking	Pittman Trucking	Stotz Brothers LLC
Lee Wright Siding	Pratt Industries	Subway of Monroe
Leicht Farms	RA Rush Plumbing	Team Trailer Sales & Service
Lievens Farm & Greenhouse	Reau Manufacturing Company	Thebolt Electric
Lisa Manwell and Kevin Jinks	Reaume/Kuehnlein Farms	Tim & Denise Hill
Longshot	Red D Transport	Tim Henes Family
Lotus Financial Services	Redline Equipment/ Jaye Biniiecki	Tim Hortons
M & M Strahan Farms	Redmond Concessions	Tim LaRoy
Mark & Kimberly Gardner	Rev'd Up Fun	Tim Magrum
Mark Cotton/Grower Direct Marketing	RLS Private Wealth Consulting	TLC Community Credit Union
Matt Corbin	Rutkowski	Tom & Andrew Woelmer Farm
McKenzie's Dream Barn	Ryan Pittman	Tom and Joann Cooley
Meijer	Ryan's Nursery	Uhl Farms
Michael & Gina Baker	Salenbien Materials	UIS Insurance & Investments
Michael Adams/ Alta Equipment	Salenbien Trucking & Excavating	UIS Insurance & Investments/ Hastings Mutual Insurance
Michelle LaVoy	Salenbien Welding	Village Wealth Management
Mid America Shows	Sampson Cattle CO	Wellman Seed
Mid America Group	Scott's Quality Concrete	Wells Farm
Mieden Farms	Secord Farms LLC	William Beaudrie & Son Farms
Mike & Shawn Mero	Seegert & Seegert Financial Services	William Bruck Visiting Angels
Mold & Air Quailty Professionals/ Greg Lambert	Sheriff Troy & Carolee Goodnough	William Stumpmier & Sons
Monroe County Community Credit Union	Shoenborn family Farm	Winter's Show Pigs
Monroe County Fair Board	Sieb Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Woelmer Steel LLC
Monroe County Farm Bureau	Sieler Farms	Wolverine State Concrete
Monroe County Republican Party	Sieler's Old Grainery Feed Store	Yardmaster
Monroe Real Estate	Smith Trucking Inc	Zeeland Farm Services
MPM Oil	Spartan Insurance	
	Specialty Hardwood Molding	

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Ambassador's Trunk r' Treat and Kid's "All Stars" Day!



**This event is OPEN to the PUBLIC**

**Anyone interested to join 4-H, there will be information on how to  
join a club and get involved!**



**Place: Behind the Activity Center**

**When: Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4pm - 5:30pm**

**Events included: Treats, Goodies, Games, and Trunk r' Treating!**

**Awards Program will begin at 4:45pm for current:**

**4-H Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old**

**4-H Youth: 8-10 years old**

**Costumes are encouraged!**



**Please park your vehicle in the north lot of the Activity Center if you wish to participate in passing out yummy treats! It is highly encouraged that clubs participate in decorating a trunk at this event. The best decorated trunk will win a prize! Set-up time for decorating your trunk will start at 3pm on the day of the event.**

**Please contact Tammy Schmidt if you are participating in decorating a trunk and passing out treats.**

[Teenambassadors.4hmonroemi@gmail.com](mailto:Teenambassadors.4hmonroemi@gmail.com) or 734-240-3174



# 2021 MAFE

## Scholarship 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, 2021.
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 2 years.
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. Applications must be typed and submitted as a word, PDF or Google Doc file. (If submitting via Google Docs be sure to grant permission to view to michiganfairs@gmail.com). Applications can be found on the MAFE website at mifairs.com. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/11DCaHwKkERoS04J6z51ImPTknqouAFMv/edit>
9. The applicant must be involved in a MAFE member fair or festival for the prior 3 years. This can include exhibiting, volunteering, etc.

**Applications must be received by October 1, 2021. Send by mail or email to:**

**Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions**

**P.O. Box 554, Manchester, Michigan 48158**

**michiganfairs@gmail.com**

### Share your 4-H story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

September 8: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing*

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Morrill Hall of Agriculture for networking and free dinner! Interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception)

September 11: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fish Camp—Bay County

*Bay City State Park, Bay City*

Bay County 4-H, Michigan Sea Grant, Project FISH and local partners will be hosting a one-day Fish Camp. Participants will learn about knot-tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Register by September 3.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county)

September 11: Clare & Gladwin Counties 4-H Teen Night

*4X Adventureland, Harrison*

Come hangout with your 4-H friends! All participants will get to do one escape room, play a round of putt putt golf and get ice cream! Register by September 8.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/clare-gladwin-counties-4-h-teen-night](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/clare-gladwin-counties-4-h-teen-night)

September 11: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series 2021

*Zoom Webinar*

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 veggie harvest and storage.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-sept-11](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-sept-11)

September 18: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fish Camp—Arenac County

*River Side Park, Au Gres*

Arenac County 4-H, Michigan Sea Grant, Project FISH and local partners will be hosting a one-day Fish Camp. Participants will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Register by September 10.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-arenac-county](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-arenac-county)

September 18: 4-H Open House Lapeer County

*Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer*

Come join this family-focused event and learn what 4-H has to offer! Open to the public, the event will have hands-on activities and fun events.

## Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced at virtual recognition program

The [Michigan 4-H State Awards](#) Recognition Celebration took place on June 23, to celebrate the accomplishments of Michigan 4-H members. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members. While 4-H members were unable to gather at Michigan State University (MSU) this year, the Recognition Celebration was able to be held via virtually, allowing 4-H members along with their family and friends to attend the program.

Awards were presented in 13 of the 19 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills, and experience. Recipients of the 2021 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Jady Herzog, Mecosta Co. (junior); Andrew Strohm, Marquette Co. (senior)
- **Bird and Poultry Science:** Alison Borowski, Alpena Co. (junior)
- **Career Development:** Amanda Towne, Van Buren Co. (junior); Amy Saxton, Kalkaska Co. (senior)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** IsaBelle Stull, St. Clair Co. (junior)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Bryant Janetzke, Ionia Co. (junior); Dylan Sawdon, St. Clair Co. (senior)
- **Dairy Science:** Irene Nielsen, Ingham Co. (senior)
- **Equine Science:** Evie Clare, Berrien Co. (senior)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health Fitness:** Rebecca Thomas, Ionia Co. (junior); Audrey Martin, Midland Co. (senior)
- **Goat Science:** Carey Towne, Van Buren Co. (junior)
- **Leadership:** Amari Potts, Oakland Co. (junior)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Thomas Tafoya, Cheboygan Co. (junior)
- **Swine Science:** James Endres, Isabella Co. (junior); Hana Harshbarger, Livingston Co. (senior)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph, Monroe Co. (junior)

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

## Michigan 4-H Foundation reopens 2021-22 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently reopened their grant and award opportunities for the 2021-2022 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due September 9.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.

### Indoor masking reminder



In August, MSU issued new guidance for the MSU community. **Until further notice, attendees at any indoor MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H program or event are required to wear a face covering.** This includes 4-H meetings and other volunteer-led events. Unless they have a medical exemption, face coverings must be worn by everyone in attendance over age 2 regardless of vaccination status.

For the purpose of MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H events and programs, indoor events are considered those in an enclosed building with limited airflow. Barns and other outbuildings that have multiple doors that can be fully opened to maximize air flow are considered an outdoor, open air facility.

Find the most up-to-date information about in-person event requirements at [extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities](https://extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities).