



St. Joseph County

4-H Family News

September, October 2021

4-H Families and Friends,

Summer is quickly coming to a close, which means fair week is right around the corner! The next few weeks will be busy, busy, busy for us all – are you ready? After a non-traditional year, we are excited to be back.

The annual county fair presents us all with an exciting opportunity to share our passions and hard work with our community. It gives us the chance to connect with people outside of 4-H and show them how awesome this organization is. There is truly an opportunity for everyone in 4-H to learn by doing. Let's show our community what 4-H is all about: Making the Best Better!

This newsletter is packed full of important information about the fair, including all of the dates and times you'll need to know. Please take a few minutes to read carefully through this newsletter to ensure you don't miss anything. We know there's a lot of information, so please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at (269) 467-5511 with questions. We are happy to help! I also want to thank everyone for the warm welcome; I am looking forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks!

Yours in 4-H,

Autumn Converse
Program Coordinator
4-H Youth Development

Extended Office Hours

The 4-H Fair Office located between 4-H still project exhibit buildings #43 and #44 will be open during the following hours starting Saturday, September 18th.

Saturday 9/18: 8:00 am– 7:00 pm

Sunday 9/19 - Thursday 9/23: 9:00 am– 7:00 pm

Friday 9/24 & Saturday 9/25: 9:00 am– 9:00 pm

Thursday staffing will be limited. If you need assistance please go to the show arena.

Attention TEENS wanting community service hours: you can volunteer your time in the 4-H office during fair week. Call the MSU Extension Office for more information!

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Text @4hgener to 81010

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[RMD.AT/4HGENER](https://www.reminder101.com/join/RMD.AT/4HGENER)

For us to better serve you: If you are planning a trip to the MSU Extension Office to pick up multiple copies, bulletins and/or publications you can call ahead at (269) 467-5511 to let us know you are coming and we will do our best to have them waiting for you.



TSC Paper Clover Fall Campaign

The fall 2021 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place Wednesday, October 6, through Sunday, October 17. Shoppers at the Sturgis and Three Rivers TSC stores will have the opportunity to support 4-H in St. Joseph County by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in St. Joseph County.



Passes and Exhibit Tags

One of the first things 4-H members need to do when they arrive at the fair is pick up an envelope containing their fair admission pass and/or still project exhibit tags on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm or 1:00 - 4:00 pm in building #46. No passes will be distributed after the 4:00 pm deadline on Sunday.

Fair Admission Passes: 4-H members only receive fair passes if they exhibit a project at the fair. In addition, only members 11-19 years old will receive fair passes, since all youth ages 10 and under are admitted free.

4-H livestock exhibitor car and driver passes are issued one (1) per 4-H family to those families who need to enter the fairgrounds on a daily basis to feed and care for their animals. This pass will be distributed by the Fair Management at the "red trailer" across from barn #44. One-day car and driver passes will be available upon request (at the rate of one/family/event) for 4-H members who are not eligible to receive 4-H livestock exhibitor passes but who will be participating in one or more of the following non-animal activities at fair:

- ◆ 4-H Animal Project Demonstrations scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021, beginning at 3:00 pm at the 4-H Photo Wall.
- ◆ 4-H Still Project Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks/Performances and Style Revue scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm, location TBD.

4-H Leader Passes: Active registered 4-H leaders will receive a fair pass UPON REQUEST from the "red trailer" across from barn #44. Individuals registered to serve as leaders, but who have been identified as inactive by club organizational leaders in terms of fulfilling their responsibilities as leaders will NOT receive fair passes. It is the responsibility of 4-H club organizational leaders to see that all project leaders are registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. All leader passes MUST be picked up by 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 19.

Passes may be picked up at the RED trailer located in front of the 4-H office at the Fair Grounds. During the following times:

- ◆ Saturday, September 11, 2021, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, September 12, 2021, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, September 17, 2021, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday, September 18, 2021, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



Express Pass

4-H members who will be exhibiting in the 4-H Dog Show or Rabbit Evaluations on Saturday, September 18, and who also need to have still projects evaluated on that date may, if their situation meets the conditions stated in the next paragraph, pick up a special 4-H wristband in the 4-H Fair office (located between buildings #43 & #44) that will serve as an "express pass" for still project evaluation. The "express pass" will allow members to be moved to the front of still project evaluation lines.

Express Pass Criteria: Express passes will be distributed only when special access to still project exhibit evaluation is absolutely necessary to ensure that the 4-H member in question can complete participation in both the 4-H Dog Show/Rabbit Evaluations and Still Exhibit Project Evaluation during the times allotted for these activities.

Early Check-in for Dairy, Horse and Swine Members

Any Dairy Cattle, Horse and/or Swine member that would like to bring in their animal(s) early may do so on Friday, September 17, 2021, during the following times: Dairy Cattle (not dairy market or dairy feeder) 6:00-10:00 pm., Horse 4:00-8:00 pm., Swine 4:00-7:00 pm. Superintendents will be on hand to check tag numbers. Animals should be clean and tags easy to read. If tags are not clean and easily read; member, animal, and vehicle will be moved to the end of the unloading line. All Swine will be weighed as unloaded from trailer. Note: There is no reweighing.

Market Livestock Weigh-In

Official "weight" of a given market livestock project animal (for show and sale purposes) will be determined when the animal is weighed in at the fair (see weigh-in schedule list). The weight of your animal at this time will determine the specific market "weight-class" your animal will be entered in for competition at fair.

Attention! Market livestock will be weighed ONE TIME ONLY. Market beef cattle, dairy beef, swine, and rabbits must be weighed before being housed.

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| Poultry | = Friday, 4:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Rabbits | = Friday, 4:00 - 8:00 pm |
| Steers | = Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Swine | = Friday, 4:00 - 7:00 pm and Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| Lambs | = Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| Goats | = Saturday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm |

***New for 2021:

Beef:

*Each beef exhibitor will be required to participate in a Beef Skill-A-Thon. The Skill-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021, 2-5 pm. in the Show Arena.

Swine:

*No Ractopamine products may be fed or given to ANY animal at the fair. A signed affidavit will be required before any pigs cross the scale.

* The St. Joseph County Grange Fair is now a NON-TERMINAL fair. If a member chooses to take their swine animal home (as long as it is not the Grand/ Reserve Grand Barrow or Gilt) they may do so. It still needs to go through the sale and buyer will determine destination.

Sheep:

*Skill-A-Thon will be required for ALL sheep exhibitors on Sunday, September 19 from 2-5 pm in the Show Arena.

*Sheep exhibitors may use Natural/dry mulch or shavings for bedding purposes. Breeding stock sheep may also use straw.

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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.



All Species **Carcass**
Contests will be held at:
Bontrager Custom Meat
Processing
53541 Correll Rd.
Leonidas, MI 49066
269-496-7587

Please note the date and
time changes for live
evaluations of all species.
(Live evaluations will still
be held at the fairgrounds.)

**Saturday, September 11,
2021.**

Goats:

Weigh in at 1:00 p.m.
Judging at 1:30 p.m.

Beef:

Weigh in at 1:00 p.m.
Judging at 2:00 p.m.

Sheep:

Weigh in at 2 p.m.
Judging at 2:30 p.m.

Swine:

Weigh in at 2:00 p.m.
Judging at 3:00 p.m.

**4-H Fair Office Phone
Number**

The phone number for the
4-H Fair Office is 467-6167.

2021 Health Requirements for Livestock

The following is a summary of important animal health information for animals brought to exhibit at the 2021 St. Joseph County Grange Fair.

All Cattle (Market & Breeding Stock) - Must have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag.

Goats - Have official identification (Scrapies tags) in the ear or tail of animal.

Horses and Ponies - All equine, except foals under six months and nursing their dam, entered in a fair, exhibition, exposition, or show must test negative to an official Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test within the current calendar year. (Coggins Test) Have original on hand with you, a copy should accompany your fair registration form.

Rabbit - No paperwork or vaccinations required at this time.

Sheep - All sheep moved within Michigan shall be identified with official USDA Scrapies program identification tags prior to movement off the farm. Contact the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at (517) 324-5294 for ear tags.

Swine - Have clean animals and be sure ear tags are readable and clean when entering fair. A NEUES ID tag is also required of all Swine. If your swine does not have a NEUES ID tag or 840 tag in the ear, one will be put in prior to penning the animal at the fair for 2021.

2021 Dairy Feeder Steer Vaccination Requirements

Step 1 - First vaccination must be received at the June weigh-in to help protect against infectious diseases.

Step 2 - "Booster" the calf two to four weeks later (following the Step 1 vaccination) with the same type of modified live vaccine used in Step 1.

Step 3 - Nasalgen will need to be administered to all steers. 4-H Club leaders will be responsible to administer Nasalgen between August 17 - 31, 2021.

Watering Livestock Reminder

Due to the potential for transmission of communicable livestock diseases through use of shared drinking water containers, no group watering tanks will be allowed at the fair.

In addition, all animals are to be watered either in their pen/stall or at the appropriate wash rack, and the wash rack cleaned up if necessary (i.e. any manure left behind by your animal properly disposed of). This rule is necessary due to the problems with "water holes" and mud that are created when livestock are watered next to water faucets at the ends of barns.

Miracle of Birth Tent

The Birthing tent coordinator is looking for volunteers to help staff the tent during the fair. Your responsibilities would include but are not limited to:

- Encourage and show visitors where to wash their hands after petting animals.
- Keep area clean of all feces.
- Do not let anyone pet animals that appear ill.

It is requested that you volunteer for a 3-hour shift any time between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. during the week of the fair (Sunday, September 19 - Saturday, September 25). For more information and/or to sign up for a volunteer time call Steve Wolf at 269-254-5488.

Still Exhibit Judging

All 4-H still exhibits **MUST** be checked in and evaluated on Saturday, September 18, 2021, during one of the following evaluation periods:

Morning Evaluation: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Afternoon Evaluation: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

There will be an hour lunch break for judges and judging clerks from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Still project exhibit buildings will be closed during the lunch break. Member access to the exhibit buildings will be limited as necessary starting at 11:30 am to help ensure that judges wrap things up in time for lunch.

The Still Exhibit Evaluation procedure is as follows:

1. Pick up an envelope containing your 4-H member gate admission pass and still project exhibit tags in during the noted times above. Location TBD.
2. Report to the **EAST** end of the appropriate still project exhibit building. An Evaluation Traffic Controller will assist members with finding the right stations.
3. 4-H members only will be admitted into the buildings during evaluation times. Each member exhibiting "still projects" will receive a **one-on-one evaluation**.
4. Public viewing of the still exhibit barns start at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

Still Exhibit Unloading

Unloading of still exhibits may be done next to the barns; however, your vehicle **MUST** be moved immediately after unloading is complete (do not leave your vehicle unattended). If your vehicle is left in the unloading zone it will be towed to the back of the southeast parking lot. Please make sure you are not in an animal unloading line.

Style Revue

The **4-H Style Revue** will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 4:50 pm, Location TBD. All 4-H members who will be exhibiting a completed Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and/or Wardrobe Personalization project at fair are eligible to participate in the Style Revue.

Members may model a combination of project exhibits if desired. In addition, members may also use purchased accessories to complete or accentuate their outfit and/or a "prop" to help "set off" the particular type of garment(s) being modeled.

4-H Style Revue participants will be divided into two divisions according to age (8-13 year olds and 14-19 year olds). Members will be judged on their modeling ability and garment fit, and will receive an A, B or C rating and premium accordingly.

Demonstrations & Performances

All 4-H still project demonstrations, performances, public speaking presentations and illustrated talks will be given on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**, 1-5 pm. Location TBD.

All 4-H animal project demonstrations will take place on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**, 3:00 - 4:00 pm at the 4-H Photo wall.

Note: One table and one easel will be provided at each of the above noted locations.

Demonstration/Performance "Times": Sign-up for "times" will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis in building #46 on Saturday, September 18 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm or in the 4-H Office between buildings #43 & #44 on Sunday, September 19, 2021, from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Plan to be at your designated "presentation" location at least 15 minutes early. Be sure to bring all the equipment you need.

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Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting & Wardrobe Personalization

1. Members will not be asked to change into their garments for evaluation at fair.
2. Sewing and Wardrobe Personalization project members are reminded to bring garments on a hanger(s) so that they are ready to be "hung" on the exhibit building wall for display purposes.

Viewing Schedule for Still Project Barns

The two 4-H still project exhibit buildings (#43 & #44) will be open for public viewing according to the following schedule starting with the opening on Sunday, September 19:
Sunday 1:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

4-H Still Exhibit Building Monitors will be on duty each day during viewing hours as a security measure to help prevent mishandling and theft of exhibits. This viewing schedule will be strictly adhered to out of concern for security of the exhibits.



Still Project Judging Schedule:

All projects will be judged on Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9 am - 12 pm and 1 - 4 pm.

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Evaluation Process for the Livestock Species for 2021

Beef/Dairy Beef/Feeder Steer:

- ◆ Sunday, September 19, 2021
- ◆ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- ◆ Beef Barn/Feeder Steer Barns
- ◆ Interview Only
- ◆ Notebook optional
- ◆ Skill-A-Thon, 2 - 5 pm, located in the Show Arena
- *Required

Dairy:

- ◇ Sunday, September 19, 2021
- ◇ 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- ◇ Dairy Barn
- ◇ Interview required
- ◇ Notebook required
- ◇ No Skill-A-Thon
- ◇ 4"x 6" Picture required on front of Notebook

Dog:

- ◆ Saturday, September 18, 2021
- ◆ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Livestock Arena, Fair Grounds
- ◆ Skill-A-Thon/Grooming judging required

Goat:

- ◇ Sunday, September 19, 2021
- ◇ Interview required
- ◇ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Note the time change
- ◇ 4-H Goat Barn
- ◇ Notebook optional
- ◇ Skill-A-Thon required
- ◇ 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- ◇ West end of the Show Arena

Poultry:

- ◆ Sunday, September 12, 2021
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Poultry/Turkey Barn
- ◆ Evaluations will consist of written questions and interview (all age appropriate)
- ◆ Notebook optional
- ◆ No Skill-A-Thon
- ◆ Study guides available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/st._joseph/4_h_livestock1#poultry

Rabbits:

- ◇ Saturday, September 18, 2021
- ◇ 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ◇ Rabbit Barn
- ◇ Interview required
- ◇ Notebooks/Reports required http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/st._joseph/4_h_livestock1#rabbits
- ◇ If member is doing **BOTH** Breeding Stock and Market, they **MUST** do a notebook/report and interview for **Both**.
- ◇ No Skill-A-Thon

Sheep:

- ◆ Saturday, September 18, 2021
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Sheep Barn
- ◆ Interview optional
- ◆ Notebook optional
- ◆ Skill-A-Thon, Sunday, September 19, 2021, 2 - 5 pm.
- *Required

Swine:

- ◇ Saturday, September 18, 2021
- ◇ Interview required 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. In the Swine Barns
- ◇ Notebook optional
- ◇ Skill-A-Thon, Sunday, September 19, 2021, 2 - 5 pm.
- West end of the Show Arena.

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.

Photo Coverage

4-H members receiving trophies or special awards in still and/or livestock projects may report to the **4-H Fair Photo Wall** located between barns #23 and #24 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm starting on Monday, September 20 and running through Friday, September 24 for "photo opportunities" with reporters from area newspapers.

4-H Photo Information Sheet: All award-winning 4-H members seeking a "photo opportunity" must report to the 4-H Fair Office to obtain and complete a **4-H Photo Information Sheet** prior to reporting to the Fair Photo Wall.

"Photo trophies" have been set aside for use in photo sessions with local media. These trophies have blank engraving plates and "generic" figures on top. The trophies will be on loan from our trophy supplier. A volunteer "photo session coordinator" will be on hand each day that photo sessions are scheduled to assist the reporters/photographers. The photo session coordinator will be responsible for: Transporting the "photo trophies" to the photo session location at the 4-H Fair Photo Wall by 4:45 pm, and returning the trophies to the 4-H Fair office at the end of the photo session. Assisting photographers from local newspapers in coordinating an orderly flow of interested members through the photo process. Your cooperation with this system of handling photo opportunities with our local newspapers and fair photographer will be greatly appreciated.



Volunteer Opportunities Still Available

Many volunteers are needed to help with the operation of the 4-H portion of the fair September 18-25. Volunteers are needed to serve as judging clerks, on Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and/or 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Judging clerks record projects, handling them from evaluation on, by attaching ribbon and recording best of shows/trophies; exhibit set-up, Sunday helpers, and in a variety of other capacities throughout the week.

Please call the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office at 269/467-5511 to volunteer your services.

A Few Reminders.....

- Don't Forget to check your fair books for all project requirements.
- Notebooks are in a three ring or plastic binders.
- Livestock members.. Remember to show up on time for your evaluations.
- Dress appropriately for your evaluations and for your species show.
- Use good sportsmanship before, during and after each show.

Barn Spraying

All buildings on the fairgrounds will be sprayed for insects on September 8–September 9, 2021. All buildings will be closed and off limits for 48 hours after spraying is completed. Please be sure all washing and painting is done by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 3 so that the buildings are dry and ready to go on Tuesday, September 8th.



Volunteer in the Milk Barn

The 4-H Youth Council Milk Barn Committee is looking for volunteers who are willing to sell milk during the week of fair. There are several shifts available if you are interested in helping out. We are looking for adults and older teens. Please call Jennifer Mead-Bennett at 269-651-2053, Vice president of the 4-H Youth Council to schedule your time.



Ag-Citing Experience Volunteers Needed

With fair *fast* approaching we are finding that we are still in need of volunteers for the 30th annual Ag-Citing Experience. The dates for the program are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of fair.

For those of you who are not aware of “Ag-Citing Experience”, it is an educational program that gives 3rd grade students an opportunity to learn about farm animals and agriculture. The classes are bussed to the fairgrounds where they will be lead on a tour of designated animals and field/vegetable crops. The animals they will be learning about this year are cattle, goats/sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits. Note: Knowledge is not necessary in these areas in order to volunteer.

Sign-up has begun and we are in need of a few tours guides, a lot of resource people.

Please call Jenny Bower at 269/467-5511 at the MSU Extension office to see when volunteers are needed and/or to sign up.

Golf/ATV/Off Road Vehicles Policy:

Golf Carts/ATV/Off Road Vehicles will NOT be allowed for recreational use. Any vehicle, if on the fairgrounds, shall require a permit at a cost of \$50.00 purchased at the fair office.

- The Fair office must have a proof of liability insurance for all vehicles before a permit can be issued. (form available on the Fair website. www.centrevillefair.com)
- Drivers must be 16 years or older with a valid drivers' license. Must have copy filed with fair office.
- Permit must be displayed on vehicle and be visible.
- NO more than the allotted number of people can ride on the vehicle than the available seating
- A map will be given to each person showing the routes allowed to travel based on type of permit given and time of day.
- Any violation to these rules may result in the removal of the vehicle from the fairgrounds.
- Lights must be on the front and rear with proper intensity and must be operating after dark.

Exception: persons handicapped and/or disabled will be allowed to have battery-powered wheelchairs and/or battery-powered three-wheeled scooters.



Still Project Auction



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New for 2021!

The purpose of the still project auction:

- ♦ To entice more interest in 4-H youth participation in still project areas because of the opportunity of financial gain.
- ♦ To give the 4-H still project exhibitors the “marketing” experience like the livestock exhibitors have, such as face-to-face experience with potential buyers, writing skills in the form of buyer letters and Thank-you notes, and the character building skills of presentation in the sale ring.
- ♦ To have the means for funds specifically earmarked for Still Project area development and Exhibit improvements by assessing a small commission.

Criteria for Still Project Auction Entry:

Entry is completely voluntary and project must be on approved list set by committee

1. Exhibitor must have shown in that project area at least once before.
2. Project must be entered in current year fair and receive an “A” rating.
3. **4-H member MUST take project through the auction.**
4. Auction entry form must be completed and turned into the 4-H office by Monday, September 20 at noon to allow committee enough time to verify placings and completeness of application.
5. If project was awarded a trophy/award, the appropriate thank you note must be submitted with the Auction Entry form. Committee will record this on 4-H office records.
6. Project may be pulled from auction with a written request by exhibitor and parent/guardian no later than Friday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m.
7. Items entered in Auction will be moved to barn #44 on Monday afternoon.
8. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to contact at least three potential buyers in writing and/or in person to attend the auction.
9. Auction will be held in Still Exhibit Barn #44 at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Thank you cards for auction items must be turned in to the 4-H office by Friday, October 1, 2021. No monies will be released to the exhibitor until thank you note is turned in.
10. Items that are auctioned become the property of the buyer upon completion of the sale. Project item must remain on display until the designated pick up time.
11. Items purchased may be picked up on Saturday, September 25 after 10:00 p.m. or Sunday, September 26, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (same as other still projects) with Bill of Sale ONLY.
12. There will be a Sales Commission of 2% deducted from sale check. These monies will remain with the SJC Youth Council and be used for Still Project Development programs/workshops and Still Project Exhibit/Display improvements only.

Approved projects that can be sold at the auction:

1. Creative Crocheting
2. Creative Knitting
3. Creative Sewing
4. Quilts & Comforters
5. Quilting (other than quilts)
6. Ceramics
7. Ink on Glass
8. Jewelry Making
9. Other Crafts (Original Work)
10. Other Creative Arts (Not Listed)
11. Basket Making
12. Tin Punch
13. Wood Burning
14. Woodworking
15. Woodworking (Fine Arts)
16. Puzzles (Suitably Framed)
17. Flower Arranging
18. Home Design
19. Rugs

Members can pick up
an auction entry form
at the 4-H office or at
project check in.

Attention

4-H Entry Tags

4-H members will not be allowed to add classes that they do not have tags for on Saturday, September 18. Only projects registered on the entry forms will have printed tags. These will be the only projects that we have in our computer system.

Rabbit Exhibitors

Showmanship classes dress code long sleeve **white** shirt, **black** pants, closed toes shoes. (3) **Market and Breeding Stock classes** long sleeve shirt, dark colored pants, closed toe shoes.

Teen Leadership

Teen leadership Leader evaluations are due to the MSU Extension office by Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Forms can be found at http://canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_still_projects

End of Fair Events

Barnyard Olympics will be held Friday night right **AFTER** Sweepstakes on the east end of the livestock show arena. This will be a fun night for 4-H members and Cloverbuds to celebrate a week of fun and friendly competition.

To get your free ticket, you must pick up the exhibitor envelope in barn #46 (red barn) on Saturday, September 18, 2021, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. You **MUST** have a ticket to enter the event! For more information call the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5511.

The Open Adult and Youth Livestock Judging Contest will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Time TBD. It will happen in the show arena with judging of all large animal species. It is a free event with quality prizes being given to those who "know their stuff". Come and test your knowledge!!

The final events will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the show arena. The GOAT COSTUME contest will feature goats AND handlers dressed to "Moov'in and Groov'in". Immediately following will be the GOAT OBSTICAL Course!

Come and celebrate with us!



Thank You Cards For Sale

The 4-H Youth Council will be offering "sets" of 4-H "thank you" note cards, for sale at fair, with each "set" including a 4-H "note card", plus a stamped envelope. "Thank you" note sets may be purchased at the 4-H Fair office starting on Sunday, September 19, 2021, and running through Saturday, September 25 during regularly scheduled office hours for as long as supplies last.

At \$2.00 each, these attractive "thank you" note sets are a great buy for use in writing "thank you" notes to trophy, plaque and special award donors and market livestock buyers! (However, the use of "4-H" thank you note stationary is not required.)

Trophy and special award recipients are required to write and submit a "thank you" note for the donor(s) of each trophy/special award received. The "thank you" note is then exchanged by the member for his/her trophy/special award. "Thank you" notes must be submitted in a stamped envelope (which has both the donor's address and the award recipient's return address neatly written on the envelope). Note: If the "thank you" note is for a buyer, write on the back of the envelope what species of yours they purchased.

Attention: Thank you notes (including envelopes) should be written using an ink pen to end up with the most professional and neat-looking results! In addition, the 4-H Youth Program Coordinator reserves the right to refuse "thank you" notes submitted with sloppily and/or incompletely addressed envelopes and/or dirt-smudged envelopes.

Donor Name/Address Information: The trophy/special award donor's name will be printed on a "donor identification card" that will be attached to each trophy/special award. A list of all trophies/plaques/special awards and the corresponding donors (including the donor's complete address and the name of the "contact person" for business donors) will be posted on the A-frame in the middle of building #43.

Buyer Name/Address Information: The buyer's name and number will be written on a sheet of paper that is filled out immediately following the sale of your animal. A list of all buyers (including complete address and "contact person" for businesses) will be posted on the A-frame in the middle of building #43.

Be sure to put some real time and thought into composing your note. **Hastily written notes are not well received by donors and buyers.** It is up to you as an award winner to express your appreciation in such a way that donors are encouraged to continue donating trophies and special awards in the future. Without the support of our donors, the awarding of fair trophies and awards would not be possible.

Trophies & Special Awards Pick-Up

Trophies and special awards may be picked up on Saturday, September 25, 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 26, 2021, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in building #43.

To pick-up your trophy you must submit a stamped and sealed, thank you note written to the donor with the correct address and your return address. Thank you notes with pre-stamped envelopes will be for sale in the 4-H office for \$2.00 each during regularly scheduled hours. A listing of all the donors, with correct spelling address etc. will be posted in building #43.

Shooting Sports

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of a few volunteers this year, St. Joseph County 4-H members who are interested in archery, BB gun, shotgun and rifle will be able to compete in the 16th annual county "shoot". This is possible because of the many hours the shooting sports volunteers put in to organize and work with the kids throughout the year. The "shoot" will take place on Thursday, September 16, 2021 starting at 6:00 pm at the St. Joseph County Conservation Club. The conservation club and leaders have been very influential in helping get support from other organizations for supplies, etc. and have offered hunter safety classes, that are necessary to participate in any shoot. For more information, contact your shooting sports leader. Each shooting sports participant must also do an educational still project to be judged on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Release of Exhibits at the End of the Week

Saturday, September 25 - All 4-H still project exhibits released from 10:00 - 11:00 pm.

Sunday, September 26 - All livestock will be released between 5:30 and 10:00 am. This includes beef cattle, dairy beef, dairy cattle, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, and horses.

Sunday, September 26 - Pick up of any remaining still project exhibits from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in buildings #43 and #44.

It is highly recommended that still exhibits be picked up during the above noted times as there is no guarantee of exhibit security. Any exhibits not picked up two weeks following the fair will either be disposed of or given to a charitable organization as deemed appropriate.

Pen/Stall Clean Up Out Post Fair

The Fair Board requests that all livestock exhibitors clean out their pens/stalls on Sunday, September 26 following removal of animals. This clean-out effort on your part really helps



the fair maintenance staff get the fairgrounds back in order quickly and efficiently following the fair. **4-H project leaders will be responsible for organizing their members to get the clean-up accomplished.** Be sure to visit with the appropriate 4-H animal superintendent/assistant superintendent during fair week to get details on how the clean-out will be handled. **Attention:** All 4-H Livestock member/clubs will be held responsible for cleaning and tearing down their project pen/stall at the end of fair. Individuals or clubs maybe assessed a \$50.00 fine for failure to do so.

Check in Promotional Displays

4-H club banners & Promotional Displays **MUST** be checked in during 4-H still project exhibit evaluation on Saturday, September 18, 2021 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Judging will be Monday, September 20, 2021.

Banners and Displays will be displayed throughout the two 4-H still project exhibit buildings to add interest and eye-appeal. Hanging of the banners will be done by set-up crew helpers on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

Be sure to check the fair book for all information regarding dates, times, rules and regulations.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week is October 3-9. Let the MSU Extension office know if you or your club would like to do some promotional work during this time.

4-H Memorial Park

Access to the 4-H office during the fair is by way of the beautiful brick-paved pathway.

There have been several bricks added to the walkway this year.

The Donate-A-Brick Program is a fund-raiser for the 4-H Youth Council that started with the 2001 fair season.

To put your mark on the fairgrounds pick up a **4-H Donate-A-Brick Program** form. Fill it out and return it to the MSU Extension office.

Jim Fairchild Volunteer 4-H Leader Award

Just a quick reminder that applications are now being accepted for the 10th annual Jim & Thelma Fairchild Volunteer 4-H Leader Award. If you know of someone who you think is deserving of this special award, contact the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5511 for more information and guidelines. Completed forms are due to the MSU Extension office by Friday, October 8, 2021.

Exploration Days!!

Are you ready for 2022 Exploration Days? We had a GREAT virtual trip this year. Don't miss out! Let's see if we can charter a bus next year! Dates for 2022 Exploration days are June 21st -23rd.

Citizenship Washington Focus

CWF is a learning lab about our national government in Washington D.C., for 4-H members between the ages of 15 and 19. Held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD., (one mile outside of Washington, D.C.) the week-long session runs with the help of college aged program assistants. There are scholarships available for those who are interested. We only have 2 spots available for 2022, so don't wait...Call now for more information and to reserve your spot! Applications to attend CWF will be on the website under the County Awards.

Helpful Links

Be sure to check the fair book and the website for information, updates and new requirements.

- Fair Information - https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_fair
- Companion Animals - https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_dog_project
- Horse & Pony - https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_horse_and_pony
- Livestock - https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_livestock
- Still Project - https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_still_projects

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Fair Frenzy

Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, September
22, 2021 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Starting at the **WEST** end
of the Livestock arena.

Directions will be given
at 7:00 p.m.

Each team of four (4)
must include one (1)
youth 8-11, one (1) youth
12-14, and two (2) youth
15-19.

Registration will begin in
the livestock arena at
6:30 p.m.

Prizes will be given out
to the top 3 teams who
return to the livestock
arena by 9:30 p.m. and
who fully complete the
tasks.




Sponsored by the St.
Joseph County 4-H Youth
Council & the St. Joseph
County United Way.
















Fair Schedule 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 12 11 am - 3 pm Poultry Evaluation | 13 | 14 6 pm Goat Carcass Evaluation @ Bontrager Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas 6 pm Rabbit and Poultry shaving delivery at the fairgrounds. 6:30 pm Swine Carcass Evaluation @ Bontrager Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas | 15 5:30 pm Sheep Carcass Evaluation @ Bontrager Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas 6 pm Beef Carcass Evaluation @ Bontrager Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas | 16 6 pm Cat Show 6:00 pm Shooting Sports Tournament @ St. Joseph County Conservation Club (Check with discipline leader for start time.) | 17 4 - 8 pm Rabbit Check-in 4 - 7 pm Swine weigh-in (optional) 4 - 7 pm Poultry Check-in 4 - 8 pm Horse Check-in (optional) 6-9 pm Dairy Cattle Entries (optional) | 18 8 am- 12 pm Swine Weigh-in 8 am- 1 pm Beef Weigh-in 8 am-1 p.m. Dairy Cattle Entries 8 am-1 pm Sheep Weigh-in 8 am-1 pm Goat Weigh-in 8:30 am Dog Show ALL Dog Classes 9 am-12 pm & 1 - 4 pm Sill Project Entries 11 am - 3 pm Rabbit Evaluation 11 am - 3 pm Sheep Evaluations and Interview. 12:45 pm Poultry Mandatory Meeting 1 - 6 pm Swine Interview 12:45 pm Poultry required meeting and Show |
| Carcass live evaluations Goats: weigh in: 1:00, judging: 1:30 Beef: weigh in: 1:00, judging: 2:00 Sheep: weigh in 2:00, judging: 2:30 Swine: weigh in: 2:00, judging: 3:00 | | | | | | |
| 19 FAMILY DAY 8:30 am Horse Show - Western/ Showmanship/Reining/ Trail 9 am Rabbit Show 9 am - 12 pm Beef/ Dairy Beef Interview 11 am - 3 pm Goat Evaluations 2 - 5 pm Goat, Beef, Swine and Sheep Skill-A-Thon 3 - 5 pm Dairy Cattle Evaluation | 20 KIDS DAY 8:30 am Horse Show - English/ Jumping 8:30 am Goat Show 9:30 am Swine Show | 21 EDUCATION DAY 8:30 am Horse Show - Driving 9 am Beef Cattle Show 9 am Dairy Beef Show 4 pm Sheep Show | 22 SENIORS DAY 10 am Dairy Cattle Show 1 - 5 pm Still Project Demos & Performances 3 pm Animal Project Demos 4:50 pm Style Revue 6 pm Horse Costume Show 7-9:30 pm 4-H Fair Frency Scavenger Hunt | 23 LADIES DAY 10 am Small Animal Sale (chickens, turkeys, rabbits, goats) 10:30 am Large Animal Sale (hogs, lamb, market beef, dairy steers, gallon of milk, dairy feeder steers) | 24 VETERANS DAY 7 pm Sweepstakes Showmanship 9 pm 4-H Members' Fun Night- Barnyard Olympics | 25 COUNTRY DAY 8 am Horse Show - Gymkhana TBD: Livestock Judging Contest 3:30 pm Goat Costume Contest. Following is the Goat Obstacle Course ~ 6 pm Horse Project Awards 10 pm Poultry Barn Clean-up/Load Out 10 - 11 pm Still Project Check-out |

September

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| Sunday 5 | Monday 6 Office Closed | Tuesday 7 | Wednesday 8 Barn Spraying | Thursday 9 Barn Spraying | Friday 10 | Saturday 11 Carcass Live Evaluations |
| 12 Poultry Evaluations | 13 | 14 Goat & Swine Carcass @ Bontrager Custom Meat Processing | 15 Beef & Sheep Carcass @ Bontrager Custom Meat Processing | 16 Cat Show, Dog Show Shooting Sports Tournament | 17 Rabbit, Swine, Horse, Poultry Dairy Entries/weigh-ins | 18 Dog & Poultry Shows. 4-H Still Projects Rabbit, sheep & Swine Evaluations, weigh -ins/entries, |
| 19 Horse & Rabbit Show. Beef, Dairy & Goat Eval. Goat, Beef, Sheep, and Swine Skill-a- Thon. | 20 Goat, Horse & Swine Shows  | 21 Beef, Dairy Beef, Horse & Sheep Shows | 22 Dairy Cattle Show, Demo/ Preform/Public Sp./ Illustrated Talks. Style Revue Fair Frenzy , Horse Show | 23 Livestock Auctions | 24 4-H Sweepstakes Showmanship Barnyard Olympics | 25 Horse Show, Open Livestock Judging, Goat Costume /Obstacle Contest, Still Project check-out, Poultry Barn Clean-up |
| 26 Projects released | 27 | 28 | 29  | 30  | 1 | 2 |
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October

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| Sunday 3 | Monday 4 Youth Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. | Tuesday 5 Horse Council Meeting 6:30 pm | Wednesday 6 Processed  Poultry/Rabbit Pick up 5-7 p.m. Fairgrounds Building #45 | Thursday 7  | Friday 8  | Saturday 9  |
| | | | TSC Paper Clover Days 6-17 | | | |
| 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  |
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Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

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illness.

Animals exhibited at the county fair that will return to their home herds pose a significant biosecurity risk to the animals left at home. Follow these steps after the fair has ended to protect everyone.

Animals that have been exhibited during the county fair are likely near and dear to their exhibitors' hearts. After all, they spent countless hours training and preparing their animal for the show at the fair. We protect them from everything before the show season, but do we give enough thought about what happens when they go home? Each time an animal is taken out of its home environment and exhibited, there is a certain amount of risk for exposure to

Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort.
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake.
 - Fever.
 - Lethargy.
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure.
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes.
 - Overall weakness.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Care of animals after the fair is critical. Exhibited animals were exposed to animals from other farms, fair goers who may not have washed their hands in between various species of animals, and potentially a lot of stress. By following these steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

For more information about fair biosecurity, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity>.

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**Take part in the
4-H Mail-In
Match for
shooting sports!**



SHOOTING SPORTS
Mail-In Match

In lieu of a 2021 State Shoot, shooting sports competitors are encouraged to take part in the Michigan 4-H Mail-In Match! This statewide event features competition at the home club, saving time and money. Events will be offered in all shooting disciplines, including air pistol, and members can compete in multiple experiences all for free!

The Match may help clubs to meet the pre-requisite of local competition prior to entry into the State Shooting Championships. Scores must be reported by September 26.

Learn more and find rules and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/shooting-sports/tournaments.

Reminder:

Enrollment for next year begins on October 1, 2021.

Check with your club leaders to find out when your club is doing enrollment.

Sign up online at: www.v2.4honline.com

Have a Great Fair

Remember to be kind and courteous to judges, clerks, leaders, fellow 4-H members, MSU Extension staff and all other fair goers.

Join MSU Extension for the fourth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 8. All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

For more info, visit: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 8

5:30 - 7 p.m.

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North lawn
outside the Justin
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