



Monroe County

4-H Family News

March 2020

You can now view our google calendar with all the latest updates on our website.

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=monroecounty4hprogram%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

Swine Exhibitors!!

Please note that the last mandatory meeting available is this coming Tuesday

March 10th at 7pm

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Attention High School Seniors OR students enrolled in post-HS classes!! Applications are now available on the Monroe County MSU Extension website https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe_county_4_h/monroe_county_4_h_1_1 and in the office.

Applications are DUE by 5pm on Friday, April 17, 2020. Interviews will be Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Schedule your interview timeslot by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45a8a828aaf94-monroe>

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Monroe County, MI 4-H



March 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @AC | 2 6PM YLB @ AC 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ AC 6PM SWINE EXHIBITOR MANDATORY MEETING | 3 | 4 6pm Terra Quest @ AC 7:30PM SLOW SPOKES PLANNING MEETING | 5 1pm Faithful Friends @ AC 7pm Dundee Dist Meeting @ Ida HS | 6 6:30pm Exploring Expo Set-up @ AC | 7 9AM -12:30 EXPLORING EXPO @ AC 6PM PASTA & PAINT TERRA QUEST FUNDRAISER |
| 8 4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @AC 6:30 BEEF PREVIEW PLANNING MEETING | 9 7PM HORSE & PONY MEETING @ AC | 10 1ST DAY OF EXPLORATION DAYS REGISTRATION 7PM SWINE EXHIBITOR MANDATORY MEETING | 11 6PM YQCA 7PM POULTRY WORKSHOP | 12 6:30 RAISINVILLE WRANGLERS @ AC | 13 | 14 MINI EXPO @AC |
| 15 TURKEYS MUST BE IN POSSESSION 1PM FEATHER-N- FUR @AC 4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @AC | 16 6PM CAT BOARD @ AC | 17 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC  | 18 7PM JLA @ ELC | 19 7PM FAIR ADVISOR BOARD @ ELC | 20 | 21 GARAGE SALE @ AC & EXPO CENTER |
| 22 | 23 7PM SAA @ELC | 24 6PM CSI @ AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST CHURCH | 25 7PM TEEN AMBASSADOR @ AC | 26 LAST DAY TO ORDER DUCKS 6PM CLOVERBUD CHEF | 27 | 28 1PM LEGACY 4-H @ AC |
| 29 6:30 BEEF PREVIEW PLANNING MEETING | 30 | 31 | | | | |

April 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 6PM TERRA QUEST @ AC | 2 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ AC 7PM RABBIT, CAVY, POCKET PET WORKSHOP @ AC | 3 | 4 Teen Expo @ AC |
| 5 PIG SALE @ FAIRGROUNDS | 6 6PM YLB @ ELC 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ ELC | 7 6PM YQCA 7PM SQA @AC | 8 7PM SHOOTING SPORTS @ ELC | 9 | 10 JLA BEEF PRE-VIEW SHOW | 11 JLA BEEF PRE-VIEW SHOW TERRA QUEST SUNDAYS WITH BUNNY |
| 12  | 13 7PM HORSE & PONY MEETING @ AC | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE @ 5PM | 18 |
| 19 | 20 6PM CAT BOARD @ AC 6PM CLOVER-BUD CHEF @ELC | 21 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC | 22 5PM SCHOLARSHIP INTER-VIEWS @ELC | 23 | 24 FINAL DAY EXPLORATION DAYS/ SLOW SPOKES REGISTRATIONS | 25 10AM SPRING FAIR @ AC 6PM SETUP FOR SPRING SHOW |
| 26 SAA SPRING SHOW @ FAIR-GROUNDS | 27 | 28 6PM 4-H CSI @ AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST CHURCH | 29 7PM TEEN AM-BASSADOR @ AC | 30 | MAY 1ST AG AWARENESS DAY | MAY 2ND SHEEP/ SWINE TAGGING@ FAIR-GROUNDS |

What is it?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

Who is required to participate?

YQCA includes information for youth showing the following animals:

- Pigs
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Goats (Meat and Dairy)
- Market Rabbits
- Market Poultry
- Sheep

Participation Options

ONLINE:

- \$12.00/youth
- visit yqca.org (can create login or use 4honline login information)
- MUST COMPLETE BY JUNE 1, 2020

IN PERSON (all held at 4-H Activity Center on Monroe County Fairgrounds):

- \$5/youth
- register and pay online using the unique link for each date
 - March 11: https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCA_March_11_2020_MonroeCounty/
 - April 7: https://events.anr.msu.edu/YQCA_April_7_2020_MonroeCounty/
 - April 16: link to be shared
 - May 5: link to be shared
 - June 1: link to be shared

\$5 scholarships are available on an 'as needed' basis. Contact Sara Lewis at seitzsa1@msu.edu for more information

I show an animal not listed. What am I required to do?

- Dogs
 - Youth and/or parent must attend at least 1 of 2 mandatory meetings **AND**
 - Youth must attend at least 1 of the following:
 - 1 of the 2 fun matches (First-year youth required to attend 1 fun match)
 - Ag Awareness Days
 - Fitting and Showing Clinic
 - Dog Camp
 - Agility practice
- Cats
 - Youth must attend at least 1 cat program meeting **AND/OR** Fitting and Showing Clinic
- Breeding Rabbits, Cavies, Pocket Pets, Breeding Poultry
 - First-year youth required to attend a species-specific workshop

I am showing a species for the first time.

- Any exhibitor showing **ANY** animal--beef, sheep, swine, any poultry, any rabbits, cats, dogs, goats, dairy, cavies, pocket pets--for the first time, **MUST** attend an in-person, species-specific workshop.
- First-time exhibitors attending a species-specific workshop may also need to complete the YQCA training if required by the species--beef, sheep, pigs, dairy cattle, market poultry, market rabbits, meat and dairy goats.

Workshop/Important Dates

7pm 4-H Activity Center (unless noted)

- Poultry Workshop: March 11
- Rabbit, Cavy, Pocket Pet Workshop: April 2
- Sheep Workshop: April 7
- SAA Spring Show: April 26 (details to be announced)
- Broiler Workshop: May 5
- Swine Workshop: May 13
- Fitting and Showing Clinic-all species: June 8 (details to be announced)

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February 18, 2020

TO: ALL MONROE COUNTY 4-H SWINE EXHIBITORS AND FAMILIES

FROM: SARA LEWIS-MONROE COUNTY MSU EXTENSION, MONROE COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

RE: USE OF RACTOPAMINE IN SHOW HOGS

Recent announcements by the US packing industry have indicated, in response to export requirements and consumer feedback, that packing entities will no longer purchase pigs fed Ractopamine beginning in early 2020. This change will affect the marketability of exhibition swine for many county fairs across Michigan.

The packer decisions to remove Ractopamine-fed pigs from their supply chain reflects primarily the restrictions placed on pork destined for export markets. Export markets currently reflect greater than 25% of the value of the US pork, a market that is necessary for US swine producers to compete internationally and to maintain profitability across the pork chain.

As these new requirements are implemented, it was time for Fair Boards and 4-H programs to determine options for marketing exhibition swine from local and county fairs. The packer challenges are real, in that a single positive test in an export container can result in an entire container/shipment being lost, with no payment for product and all the associated costs of shipment bore by the packer. Not a situation anyone wishes to encounter.

As a result of the conditions and climate mentioned above, the Monroe County 4-H Junior Livestock Association and the Monroe County Fair Association has followed industry recommendations and placed a ban on feeding Ractopamine to show pigs with exhibitors and parents/guardians having to sign an affidavit stating they did not feed Ractopamine, thus the animal is Ractopamine-free (meaning never ever fed). This signed affidavit will be collected with the Livestock Registration forms due in June with all other fair registration paperwork. In addition to the signed affidavit, it is the expectation to have the exhibitor (at least one per family) AND a legal parent/guardian attendance at one of the three offered **mandatory** meetings—Tuesday, February 25 7pm 4-H Activity Center; Monday, March 2 6pm 4-H Activity Center; or Tuesday, March 10 7pm 4-H Activity Center. We have also had direct communication with our market swine buyer and local feed dealers as necessary.

We are still working to develop language to outline consequences if Ractopamine is found to be fed in the show hogs at fair. We are actively pursuing more information on the subject and will convey information as we gain added insights.

For the 2020 exhibition year, pigs that have been fed a ractopamine product at any time will not be allowed to exhibit at the Monroe County Fair. Youth exhibitors will be required to complete



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the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA). These changes will continue to allow buyers of the pork projects at the fair access to resale markets for this year and possibly beyond.

Additional rules as they will appear in the 2020 Monroe County Fair Premium Catalog:

- Pigs fed ractopamine (in feed or top-dressed) at any time during their growth will not be allowed to be exhibited at the Monroe County Fair.
- All exhibitors and/or their parent/guardian will be required to sign an affidavit stating that at no time has their pig(s) been fed ractopamine. Exhibitors or parents not completing this affidavit by fair registration paperwork day in June will not be allowed to exhibit their animal(s).
- All youth exhibitors ages 8-19 will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) prior to the fair (Deadline: June 1, 2020).
- All pigs exhibited at the Monroe County Fair are subject to testing for usage of unapproved products. Please refer to the 2020 health requirements for livestock exhibited in Michigan through the MDARD website.
- The three-quarter-inch hair length will be strictly enforced.

Among the new requirements for swine exhibitors is certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This program is a national, multi-species quality assurance program for youth aged 8-21. It focuses on three pillars: food safety, animal well-being and character development. Cost for the class is \$12 if taken on-line and \$5 if taken during a scheduled class with an instructor. Exhibitors should watch for class dates or call the MSU Extension office for more information regarding the classes.

Please contact our office if you have questions, we will be happy to assist where we can.

Please note that the last mandatory meeting
available is this coming Tuesday
March 10th at 7pm

LAST CALL FOR 4-H ENROLLMENT TO SHOW AT 2020 FAIR!!!!

All 4-H
ENROLLMENTS DUE
APRIL 1, 2020
By 5PM

All clubs must ensure members and volunteers/leaders have enrolled in 4HOnline and the youth \$20 participation fees are paid **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1ST!** To help ensure a successful registration, we ask that club leaders collect member payment and turn them in as a whole whenever possible and make sure their members are enrolled at mi.4honline.com before making payment.

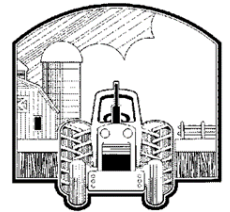
Reminder: all checks must be payable to **MSU** and a member payment form must be turned in with all payments.

Leaders/Volunteers who are requesting a fair pass for this year must have completed the Volunteer Selection Process and be in good standing with the 4-H program. Questions regarding the Volunteer Selection Process may be directed to Sarah Misiak at 734-240-3188.

Members and volunteers who have questions concerning their current enrollment status should contact their community leader first. Additional questions can be directed to the Extension Office at 734-240-3182.

Agricultural Awareness Day

Volunteers NEEDED!



Planning is in full swing for the 2020 AG Awareness Day. During this event, 1st through 4th grade classrooms from across the county get the opportunity to experience agriculture through various hands-on learning stations. AG Awareness Day will be held Friday, May 1st on the Monroe County Fairgrounds from 9am –1:30pm.

We are in search of volunteers, both teens and adults, who would be willing to present educational stations, youth ages 13+ who are interested in volunteering as a classroom guide and volunteers who can help serve the volunteer lunch or help with set-up and clean-up. If you would like to be a part of this event, please call Sarah Misiak in the 4-H Office at 734-240-3188.

Interested in sponsoring a 4-H trophy for the 2020 Monroe County Fair?

As we begin plans for the 2020 Monroe County Fair it's time to gather our trophy sponsors. Over 500 trophies are earned each year by our outstanding 4-H membership. If you would like to be part of these amazing awards, please email the

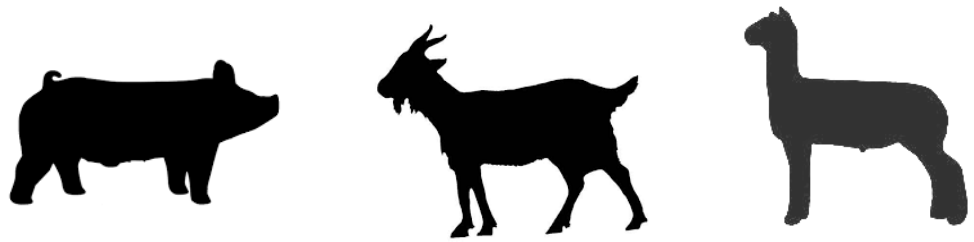
Awards General Superintendent,

Debbie Kraftchick at Debbra.kraftchick@utoledo.edu

and she will follow up with you regarding what is available for new sponsors this year.

Each sponsorship is a donation of \$25.





ANIMAL POSSESSION/TAGGING DEADLINES

Large Animal

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| May 2020 | Dairy in possession |
| May 1st | Goats must be in member possession <i>(except kids born after May 1)</i> |
| May 2nd | Market Swine in possession/tagged |
| May 2nd | Market Lambs in possession/tagged |
| June 15th | Sponsored Goats declared and registered |
| June 15th | ALL market livestock registered |

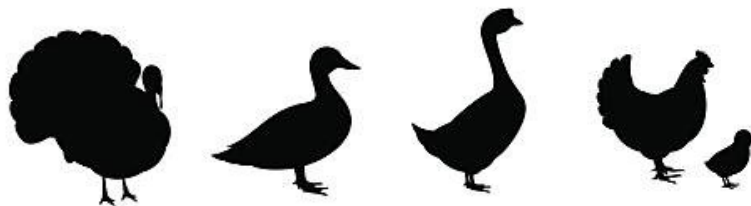


Rabbits

Market Class rabbits must be kindled and raised by member. Brood Doe must be in possession by May 1st.

Roaster rabbits must be under 6 months old; Weight standard 5.5-9 pounds

Meat rabbits must be under 70 days old; Weight standard 3.5-5.5 pounds



Poultry

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| Turkeys | In possession by March 15th, 20-25 weeks, 15-40 pounds |
| Ducks | In possession by May 13th, 80-100 days, minimum 4 pounds |
| Geese | In possession by May 13th, 80-100 days, minimum 8 pounds |
| Roasters | In possession by May 25th, 9-12 weeks, minimum 8 pounds |
| Broilers | MUST be purchased through SAA by May 5th, minimum 3 pounds |

PRE-FAIR MEETING
MAY 7, 2020
7PM
4-H Activity Center

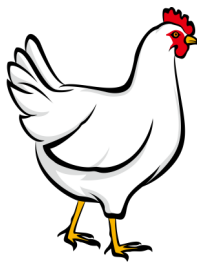
Pre-Fair Meeting Info

It's getting to be that time of year once again, and fair will be here before we know it. The Pre-Fair meeting is the time for leaders of each club to be provided with all registration materials required to allow your members to exhibit at the 2020 Monroe County Fair. This year's meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 7th at 7:00pm** at the 4-H Activity Center.

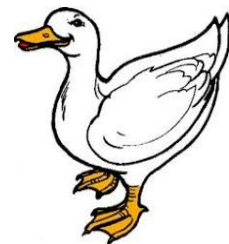
The General Superintendents along with the 4-H staff will be on hand to bring you up to speed on the new classes and new schedules. **ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED** and all members and leaders must have completed enrollments and Volunteer agreements on file via 4HOnline by the April 1st deadline to be eligible.

Community leaders or their designated person must submit completed fair forms on June 15th. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that all members get all of the information to their leaders in time for them to submit the forms. Registration for fair will **only** be accepted on June 15th, between 1:00 and 7:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center. **NO Exceptions!!**

FAIR REGISTRATIONS
DUE
Monday,
JUNE 15, 2020
1-7PM
4-H Activity Center



Broilers and Ducks: ORDER NOW!!



Pricing

Broilers: \$1.75 each

***must order no later than May 5th (Broiler Workshop)
(will all be roosters)**

Ducks: \$3.00 each

***must order no later than March 26th**

To order or for more information, please contact
the Poultry Superintendents

Barbara Siebarth at 419-350-9482 or Susan Arting at 734-649-4117.

REMEMBER: Broilers MUST be purchased through the
Small Animal Association.

Are you looking to become more involved in the 4-H program? Would you like to take on a leadership role and gain a different perspective on the planning of the 4-H division at the Monroe County Fair? Or, if this isn't the role for you, do you know someone who would be interested? We have an amazingly talented group of volunteers who already exist in our program and we are hopeful that maybe this is the opportunity someone has been waiting for.

On behalf of the Monroe County 4-H Fair Advisory Board, we are searching for a volunteer to fill a vacant position on the board to serve as the General Superintendent of Human Resources. The expectations of this role are listed here. We hope that we can fill this position in the upcoming month as there are responsibilities that will be coming up soon in preparation for the 2020 Monroe County Fair.

Please share this widely with your club families so parents are aware of this opportunity and/or consider this role for yourself. Interested parties should contact Sara Lewis by email at seitzsal@msu.edu (or you can reply to this email) or by phone at 734-240-3174. Feel free to ask questions about the role, too. Anyone expressing interest should be prepared to meet with the Monroe County 4-H Fair Advisory Board on Thursday, March 19th at a time to be determined (probably around 6pm).

Monroe County 4-H General and Assistant General Superintendent

Job Description-Responsibilities and Expectations

Monroe County 4-H Fair Advisory Board Department Specific Roles

Human Resources

PERFORM DUTIES

Early in the Year

- Work with 4-H staff to update list of active clubs, membership, and volunteers.
- Communicate with Kitchen managers to determine needs (number of volunteers, appropriate schedules, etc.).

Pre-Fair

- Have schedule ready for Pre-Fair meeting to be distributed to club leaders
- Communicate with club leaders about requested changes in schedule or coordination of volunteers
- Collect Kitchen and Guard sign-up forms on Fair Registration Day
- Prepare and mail reminder cards to all volunteers for kitchen and guard duties

Fair Week

- Maintain binder containing sign-in/out sheets in Educational, Crafts I, Crafts II, and Kitchen
- Provide identification lanyards for guards
- Provide identification tags for kitchen workers
- Upon start and conclusion of each shift, check for fulfillment of workers from each club

Post-Fair

- Prepare report of absent workers.
- Present summary and thank you for volunteers at Post-Fair meeting.



\$25
TICKET



TERRA QUEST PRESENTS

PASTA AND PAINT

(spaghetti and bread sticks provided!)

4-H ACTIVITY CENTER

MARCH 7 | 6PM

**3775 S CUSTER RD, MONROE MI (PLEASE USE
RAISINVILLE RD ENTRANCE)**

RSVP with Becki: 734 775 7992



Easter Photos with live animals

Bake Sale & Petting Farm

Saturday April 4, 2020

10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

At Family Farm and Home

205 N Telegraph, Monroe



Photos

\$3.00



Proceeds to benefit the Monroe
County 4-H Goat Program



SUNDAE'S WITH THE BUNNY

April 11th
12pm - 3pm

Tickets: \$3-per person

Join the 4-H Terra
Quest Club for a
tasty treat and a
fun day!

Location:

**Monroe 4-H activity building
3775 S Custer Rd (please use
Raisinville Rd entrance)**

games!
petting zoo!
sundae bar!



MONROE COUNTY 4-H DISTRICTS PRESENT:

LET'S TACO 'BOUT SPRING FAIR 2020

**Saturday, April 25, 2020
@ 4-H Activity Center**

Schedule:

10:00 AM- Noon Project Check in and Live Judging

10:30 AM-Noon Communications and Food Judging

11:00 AM-11:30 AM Modeling Workshop

Noon- 1 PM Team Inventions

1:30 PM- 2:45 PM Bake Off Session One

3:00 PM- 4:45 PM Bake Off Session Two

5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Doors Open to Review Projects

5:15 PM- 6:00 PM Taco Dinner (\$3 for individual \$10 for family)

All proceeds go to defibrillator fundraiser

6:15 PM- 7:00 PM Awards Program

7:00 PM Project Check Out

New Cash Awards Have Been Added!

Please bring first aid items for community service project

RSVP needed for Taco Dinner

Contact: Sarah Misiak 734-240-3188 or misiaksa@msu.edu



Cruise to Exploration Days with Slow Spokes!

Have you heard about the group of 4-Hers who ride their bikes to East Lansing each summer? At 47 years strong, Monroe County 4-H members and chaperones have endured the 100+ mile trek to Michigan State University. The trip is made over three days, with overnight stops in Manchester and Leslie. Some parents ride, others drive vehicles to haul equipment and pick up tired bikers and disabled bicycles.

If you would like to be a part of, or find out more about the trip, please attend the:

2020 Slow Spokes Planning Meeting to be held at the 4-H Activity Center on

March 4th starting at 7:30pm

Scott Wiesler, group coordinator, will cover Registration materials, rules and expectations, answer questions and committees will be formed for the planning process of this year's event. Be thinking if this is something you're interested in as it would be a great leadership opportunity for our youth members.

Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a fun activity, which will give you the opportunity to make many new friends. The practice rides, the trip, and Exploration Days all combine for a great experience.

Learn more at the Slow Spokes Facebook page @4Hslowspokes



4-H GROWS HERE



4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,400 participants from all across Michigan.

This program is like no other teen conference you'll ever attend!

- Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions in your favorite interest areas.
- Develop your leadership abilities and enhance your individual growth.
- Learn new ideas, skills and techniques you can use at home or in your 4-H group and community.
- Make friends and enjoy leisure activities on the beautiful MSU campus.

Ask anyone who has attended

4-H Exploration Days is an exciting experience that can change your outlook. It's an experience that can change your life! We'll look for you this year at 4-H Exploration Days — MSU's largest pre-college program!

JUNE 24–26, 2020
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Costs

The full-time participant fee is \$220. (Youth who aren't yet enrolled in 4-H pay an additional \$20 4-H participation fee.) This includes all meals, shared lodging, sessions and an event T-shirt. Check with your local MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

Entertainment

An exciting, fun, high-energy show in the world-class Wharton Center is bound to entertain you!

Other highlights of 4-H Exploration Days 2020 Include:

- Experience life at MSU — just like a college student
- Meeting people from across the state
- Enjoy additional activities like:
 - Dance
 - The Dairy Store
 - Planetarium Show
 - Museums
 - Campus Facility Tours

Monroe County registration forms can be found on our website.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe_county_4_h/monroe_county_4_h_1

Currently accepting registrations
Now– April 24

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Thank you to all who attended this fun event with our Youth Leadership Board. If you missed this year's event, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for next year's festivities!

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Pay it Fourward with JOANN Fabrics



From March 1—April 30, you can support 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store and adding a donation to 4-H at the register.

The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 20% supporting Michigan 4-H.

To find out more information about this donation visit <https://bit.ly/38U22Kw>.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 7: 2020 Michigan 4-H Dog Project Leader and Youth Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This event is for youth, ages 8 to 19, and 4-H dog project leaders to build their knowledge and skill in understanding dog care, management and training topics.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dog-project-leader-and-youth-workshop>

March 14: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training *Alcona EMS Station, Harrisville*

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-alcona-county>

March 21: Montcalm County Fun Goat Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville

This is a fun and educational goat show for ages five to adult. Also included is a market and fiber hands-on educational class and a goat cart demonstration.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-fun-goat-show>

March 26: Credit Craze - Basics of Credit for Youth

Online webinar

This short one hour interactive webinar will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit-craze-basics-of-credit-for-youth-march-26>

March 28: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

This interactive horse show will have judges using microphones and giving on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors. This event is free for all spectators.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/norma-agnew-memorial-4-h-hairy-horse-show>

April 4: 4-H Day at the Red Wings

Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Michigan 4-H youth, families and friends are invited to cheer on the Red Wings. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-red-wings>

4-H Exploration Days registration opening March 10



4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! Registration for this popular event will open March 10 and is open to any Michigan 4-H'er above the age of 11 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 200 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. During the 2019 4-H Exploration Days, nearly 2,000 youth attended and they gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication.

Registration will be available beginning March 10 at 9 a.m. All registration information should be turned in to your county's Extension office, typically by the end of April. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for your specific county date or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days for more information.

Celebrate Money Smart Week with 4-H Money Smarts contests

Money Smart Week is April 4-11 and to celebrate, you can win cash for you and your county 4-H program! Youth ages 13-19 have the opportunity to participate in the second annual **Show Your Money Smarts Contest**. During this contest, youth will learn how to use credit wisely through an online challenge. High-scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing for themselves and counties with 10 or more youth participants will be eligible to receive \$50 for their county 4-H program. Make sure to register by April 16!

Students in fifth through eighth grade also have the opportunity to participate in the **Money Smart Kids Essay Contest**. In partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking youth to answer this year's Money Smart question for a chance to win a \$1,000 prize. To participate, youth will share what they know about predatory lenders, why people use them, what the negative consequences are, and how to avoid these types of financial risks. Essays should be 300 words or less and be submitted by March 29.

To learn more about both contests, including official rules, registration links and resources for completing the contests, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

Share your photo and support 4-H with Manna Pro!

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From February 1 – April 30, Manna Pro is hosting a contest to build a 4-H picture mosaic online. Those pictures are integrated into tiny pieces to make a larger photo.

At the conclusion of the contest, Manna Pro will be providing the top three state 4-H programs with prizes of \$6,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000. Winners will be determined based on the number of photos uploaded in relation to the state's total population.

4-H members, supporters, and friends can upload pictures of their pet or animal to Manna Pro's contest site. In return, they will receive \$50 in coupons and help increase their state's chances at taking home a cash prize!