



## Monroe County 4-H Network

# 4-H Family News

June 2021

## Fair Season is here and we could not be more excited to share all the details!

We are moving forward with plans for a traditional in-person fair. Some highlights in this issue of our monthly newsletter include introducing our new 4-H Program Coordinator, in-person Fitting and Showing clinic, and fair registration details. All project registration will be completed online. This new process will take the place of our formerly used “long forms” and “half sheets”. Check out page 4 for more details!

### Monroe County 4-H MSU Extension Office Hours

Monday: by appointment only

Tuesday: 10am—4pm

Wednesday: 10am—4pm

Thursday: 10am—4pm

Friday: by appointment only

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#### Google Calendar

<https://bit.ly/3mk4xqv>

#### Office Hours (currently working remotely)

Monday-Friday  
8:30am-4:30pm

#### Social Media

Facebook:  
[@MonroeCountyMI4H](https://www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyMI4H)

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Pinterest:  
[@monroecounty4hprogram](https://www.pinterest.com/monroecounty4hprogram)

## Club Leaders wishing to host in-person meetings

You must complete the “Communicating through Conflict” training before submitting a request.

To submit an activity request, please complete the survey [here](#).

To learn more about face-to-face program requirements and how to submit your request, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at [extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities](https://extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities).

Contact our Monroe County office with any questions.

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# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 YQCA Certifications due	2	3	4	5
6	7 Fair Registration Opens! 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic @ Fairgrounds 7pm 4-H Council @ Fairgrounds	8	9 6pm Meet & Greet with new 4-H staff	10 6pm Dog Agility @ Glen Stock 7pm Fair Board Meeting	11	12
13	14 7pm Horse & Pony	15	16	17 Broiler pick-up 7pm Fair Advisory Board @ in person	18 Last day to pre-order fair shirts and pins!	19
20 	21	22 7pm Dog Board Meeting	23 6pm Dog Agility @ Glen Stock 7pm Junior Livestock @ Zoom	24	25	26
27 12pm Dog Fun Match	28 7pm Small Animal Assoc @ in person	29	30 12pm Fair Registration Closes 7pm Teen Ambassadors			

# July 2021

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

We are excited to celebrate the traditional

## **MONROE COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 1- 7, 2021**

Registration for 4-H classes will take place online through [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com) beginning

**Monday, June 7th thru 12pm Wednesday, June 30th**

Families will receive an email with further direction once the registration page opens Friday. The 2021 Fair Premium Catalog and addendum are available by PDF [here](#). Printed copies of the premium are available at the MSU Extension office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays 10am-4pm

All pen fees will be due, from club leaders, to the Monroe County MSU Extension office by 4pm Thursday, July 1st — checks made payable to Monroe County Fair Association. **Pen fees not received by this date will be considered ineligible.** Club leaders may pick up their club packet of wristbands and parking passes from the MSU Extension office starting July 1st

A variety of classes will also be offered as virtual entries. We understand that there may be circumstances where virtual entries may be needed to accommodate your needs as a result of Covid-19. However, you must choose either all in-person or all virtual classes. You cannot mix and match.

### **Craft Exhibit Building Guard Duty**

We are requesting the each club sign-up for at least two shifts of guard duty to monitor our 4-H exhibit buildings. Gold and Silver approved volunteers can sign up for shifts through [Volunteer Central](#)

Login, View “Activity List”, Select 2021 Monroe County Fair Guard Duty and choose your preferred time slot.

Contact our office with any questions 734-240-3182 [binieck4@msu.edu](mailto:binieck4@msu.edu)



# Fitting and Showing Clinic



**IN PERSON EVENT**



**Monday, June 7th at 6pm**



**Enter through Raisinville Rd. entrance**

**Stop at gate for attendance**

**Parking in lot D/behind large animal barns**

**Large animal clinic in Anderson Arena**

**Small animal clinic in Small Animal Barn**

**Dog Meeting behind Glen Stock Arena**

**LAST CHANCE for workshop requirement to show at Fair**



**Social Distancing is REQUIRED**

**Masks and Hand Sanitizer will be provided**

**Consider bringing personal seating for event**

## 2021 SAA Dates

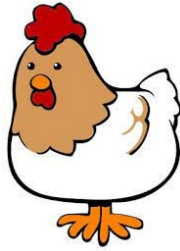
June 7 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic in-person @ Small Animal Barn

June 17th 2– 4pm Broiler Pick-up @ Ida Co-Op

July 6 6pm Barn Set-Up @ Fairgrounds

July 31st Animal Check-in

August 1st-7th—Monroe County Fair!



## Dogs

Follow Monroe County 4-H Dog Program on Facebook for meeting details

June 7 6pm **Mandatory Dog Program Meeting** @Grass area behind Glen Stock Arena (part of the Fitting & Showing Clinic)

June 10 6pm **Agility Clinic** @Grass area behind Glen Stock Arena

June 23 6pm **Agility Clinic** @Grass area behind Glen Stock Arena

June 27 1pm **Fun Match** (Registration is at 12pm noon)

July 17 10am **Fun Match** (Registration is at 9am)

July 31 1pm **Fair Show!**



## 2021 JLA Dates

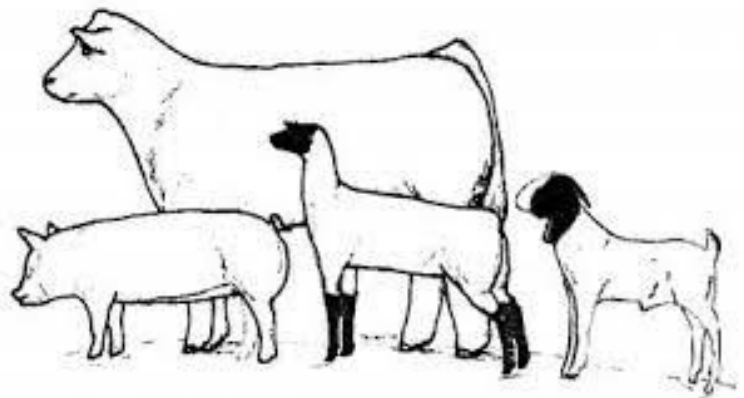
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Monroe County Fair!



## Attention Sheep and Swine Exhibitors!!!

The Monroe County 4-H Junior Livestock Association has been hard at work to make necessary decisions regarding the shortage of availability in processing options for sheep and swine. Please read further to see how this may affect you!

### Swine

- Each member may **exhibit 2** individual pigs. However, youth may only **sell 1** through the fair auction per pound, while the other will go to market/resale at Napoleon Livestock for current market price.
- If a youth has 2 pigs in the top 4 both pigs will be sold in the fair auction.
- The higher placing pig in each pen will be sold in the auction. The other will go to Napoleon.
- Swine will remain a terminal sale. All pigs exhibited must be sold & transported through approved JLA transportation.

### Sheep

- Each member may **exhibit 2** individual lambs. However, youth may only **sell 1** through the fair auction per pound, while the other will go to market/resale at United Producers, Inc. for current market price.
- If a youth has 2 lambs in the top 4 both lambs will be sold in the fair auction.
- The higher placing lamb in each pen will be sold in the auction. The other will go to United Producers, Inc.
- Youth will be able to declare “no sale”, following all rules/timeline established in Premium Catalog.

### Beef

- No exhibition or sale changes.

**\*\*All exhibitors will have the opportunity to receive add-on support from buyers via the online auction platform\*\***

## Updates to Official Identification for Exhibition Swine 2021

For the 2021 exhibition year and beyond, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) will no longer provide bulk orders of the plastic NUES tags for county fairs to use as official ID as they have in the past.

So, what does this mean for you:

- The individual exhibitor or owner of the animal will need to acquire the official identification (ID) for the animal(s) in the form of a USDA 840 tag.
  - This can be done by the exhibitor purchasing a pig that has already been tagged with a USDA 840 tag by the breeder or by the exhibitor purchasing USDA 840 tag(s).
  - Exhibitors are strongly encouraged by MDARD to request that tags are placed in the pig before purchasing it.
  - Currently, there is no requirement for in state breeders to provide official ID or USDA 840 tags; instead, this is a service that the breeder can provide for their customers.
- It is illegal to remove official ID tags from an animal. You may not apply an official ID tag if one is present in the animal already. For example: If a pig currently has a USDA 840 tag identifying it, a NUES tag should not be applied to the animal.
- **The Monroe County Fair will still require a non-official fair specific identification tag for the exhibition event.**

More information regarding the changes for official identification of exhibition swine can be found [here](#).

meet & greet



Please join me in welcoming our newest Monroe County 4-H Program Coordinator, Claudia Paddy!

Claudia is from Monroe County and was a 4-H member for 13 years. She grew up showing rabbits, poultry, pocket pets, and sheep and also enjoyed the communication projects. She participated in local, state, and national 4-H programs, including State Youth Leadership Council.

After finishing high school and her 4-H career, Claudia furthered her education at Michigan State University where she received her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, focusing on Political Science. While attending college, Claudia completed two summer internships for Monroe County 4-H. Once she graduated, Claudia knew she wanted to have a career in 4-H, especially because she wanted to give back to the program she loved as a youth member and to help prepare youth for the future, like it did for her. Most recently, Claudia worked for AmeriCorps and MSU Extension in Oakland County to expand her knowledge about 4-H and to create new programs for youth in this virtual world.

In her spare time, Claudia enjoys music. She has been singing since she could remember and has learned over 10 instruments to play. She is excited to join the Monroe County team and help grow the program to its highest level. Claudia truly believes in the impact that 4-H can have on youth and adults alike and can not wait to share her passion with them. Welcome (back) to Monroe County 4-H, Claudia!

Contact Claudia at [paddycla@msu.edu](mailto:paddycla@msu.edu) or 734-240-3188

**Join us for a Meet and Greet Zoom hour to learn more about Claudia**

**Wednesday, June 9th at 6pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99208058407>

Meeting ID: 992 0805 8407

**Passcode: Monroe4h**

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# Teen Ambassadors Annual Fair T-Shirt and Pin Sale

T-Shirt Design



This year we are doing a pre-sale only on the t-shirts and we are offering a Long Sleeve option as well.

Long Sleeve T-shirts will be offered in sizes Adult Small through Adult XL for \$18.00.

T-Shirt Sizes/Pricing: Child Small, Child Medium, Child Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large & Adult XL = \$10

2XL = \$13 and 3XL = \$15

**Submit your Pre-order here**

<https://bit.ly/2021FairT>

Commemorative Fair Pin \$6 each **\*\*Limited Availability\*\*** First Come, First Served



Pre-order sales open thru June 18th. Cash or Check, payable to Teen Ambassadors, can be dropped off or mailed to the Monroe County Extension Office 963 S Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161.

Distribution of orders is expected for the mid-end of July

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

May 17th Letter from Michigan State 4-H Director, Jake DeDecker

Dear 4-H Community,

Over the past several months, MSU Extension has been working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming. Thanks to the thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by our colleagues, we are excited to share that we are ready to resume hosting face-to-face programs and events that adhere to public health guidelines.

Beginning today (May 17th), Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers may submit a request to host an in-person event or meeting that follows [specific guidelines and requirements](#). The health and wellbeing of program participants and volunteers, as well as their families and our staff, remains the top priority. All guidelines outlined by MSU Extension are based on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) (MDHHS), and the [MSU Community Compact](#) and *must be followed closely*.

As we begin expanding our in-person offerings, communication, transparency and collaboration are essential for the safety and well-being of all parties. MSU Extension expectations regarding programming and events will remain fluid and subject to change based on evolving guidance from the CDC, MDHHS and the MSU Community Compact. Flexibility is key. Groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

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It has been many months since the COVID-19 pandemic landed at our doorsteps. We appreciate the resiliency and commitment that our 4-H'ers have shown during this time. We have witnessed countless examples of 4-H youth and volunteers stepping up and helping their communities, their neighbors, and families. This exemplifies the spirit of the 4-H pledge. While we were glad to continue learning and growing with you virtually through this time, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to reengage in more in-person programming while continuing to protect one another and the public health.

Yours in 4-H,

Jake DeDecker  
State Program Leader, Michigan 4-H

Quentin Tyler  
Interim Director, MSU Extension

*Sign Up Now!* 2021  
**Michigan 4-H Virtual**  
 For youth ages 5-10!  
**Colts & Fillies Camp**  
 June 21-25. Space is limited! \$35 registration fee includes kit, crafts, t-shirt & 3 camp meetings.

Do you love horses? Do you like to create things while learning? Then this is the camp for you! The Michigan 4-H Colts & Fillies: Kick off to Summer Virtual Camp is now open for registration!!

Camp kits and t-shirts will be shipped to each participant with camp supplies and we will meet on Zoom three times during camp week (June 21, 23, & 25 at noon) to go over activities and learn all about equine science. Each day of camp we will cover a different topic and play a game. Youth will only need to register one time for the entire week's camp, register soon as this camp has limited space.

Register HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HVirtualColtsandFilliesCamp/>

Do you love dogs? Do you like to create things while learning? Then this is the camp for you! The Michigan 4-H Puppy Pals: Kick off to Summer Virtual Camp!! Camp kits and t-shirts will be shipped to each participant with camp supplies and we will meet on Zoom three times during camp week to go over activities and learn all about canine science! Each day of camp we will cover a different topic and play a game! Youth will only need to register one time for the entire week's camp, register soon as this camp has limited space. <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HCaninePuppyPalsCamp/>

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# WHARTON CENTER INSTITUTE FOR ARTS & CREATIVITY

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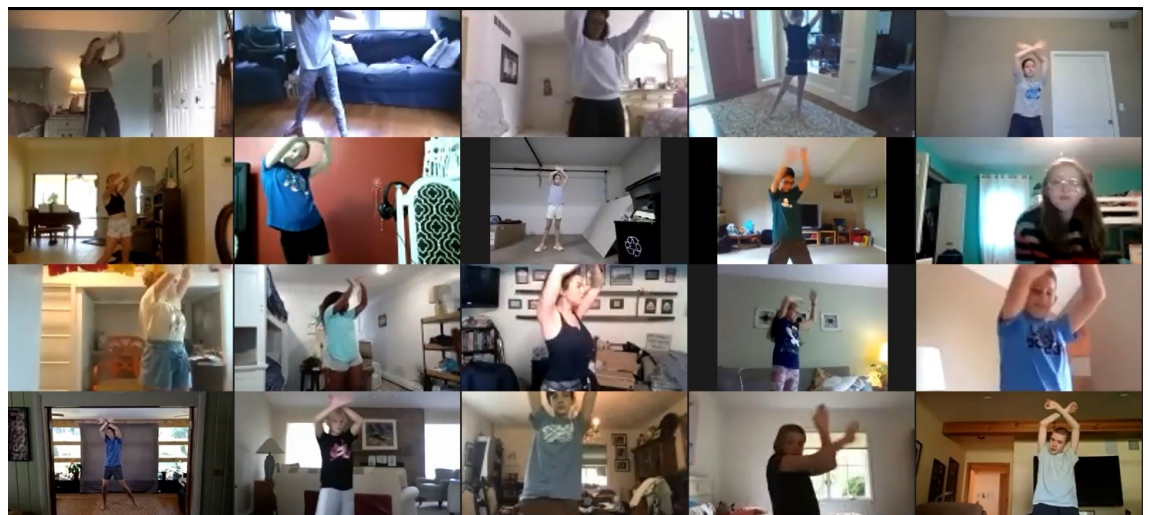
Attention Broadway dreamers, are you looking for an opportunity to hone your skills?

The Wharton Center Institute for Arts & Creativity and “Take It From The Top” are back with a virtual educational program allowing students to advance their skills from home.

How better to strengthen the core disciplines of singing, acting, and dancing than learning from Broadway professionals? This season's “Take It From The Top” (TIFTT) virtual session is filled with more Broadway professionals than ever before. Students will hear from teaching artists who know what it takes to make it in the business. We are thrilled to continue our partnership with TIFTT Co-Founder Paul Canaan and his team of professionals. View the exciting promo video here: <https://fb.watch/5S23tjTYIU/>

The link to the registration page is [www.whartoncenter.com/tifft](http://www.whartoncenter.com/tifft).

Questions about any of our TIFTT offerings? Contact Kelly at [stuible3@whartoncenter.com](mailto:stuible3@whartoncenter.com) or (517) 884-3166.



**Capture What's  
Great in the  
Midwest States 4-H  
Photography  
Challenge**



Minnesota 4-H is excited to offer another photography challenge to Midwest youth in grades K-13. In this challenge, youth are encouraged to highlight something that stands out about their town, county, state or travels to another Midwest state. There are a lot of hidden gems around the Midwest so get out and capture them!

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Youth can submit up to three (3) images by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Find more information at [z.umn.edu/midwest-states-photo-challenge](http://z.umn.edu/midwest-states-photo-challenge).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

June 5, 12 and 19: 4-H League of Clovers—Magic Gathering Tournament

*Online*

The Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society is hosting a virtual Magic: The Gathering multi-day event. Participants will meet via Zoom each of the three days to test their mettle against other players. Register by June 2.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-league-of-clovers-live-magic-the-gathering](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-league-of-clovers-live-magic-the-gathering)

June 12—13: 4-H Youth Virtual Fishing Derby

*Online*

Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a statewide virtual fishing derby during Free Fishing Weekend. Youth ages 5-19 will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the Goosechase app to earn prizes.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby)

June 12: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening

*Online*

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

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-june-12](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-june-12)

June 21: Michigan 4-H and FFA Virtual Livestock Judging Contest

*Online*

The 2021 Michigan 4-H and FFA Virtual Livestock Judging Contest is designed to help contestants enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision making skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-and-ffa-virtual-livestock-judging-contest](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-and-ffa-virtual-livestock-judging-contest)

June 30: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Jalapeno Cheese Dip

*Online*

In this 4-H in the Kitchen adventure, learn how to make a special jalapeno cheese dip that is very popular around the MSU campus. Attendees will also learn about the science behind jalapenos.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-jalapeno-cheese-dip](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-jalapeno-cheese-dip)

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



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### Join the 4-H Summer of Service and dare to serve in your community!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This summer, you're invited to join Michigan 4-H and Learning to Give for the #4HDARETOSERVE project and the 4-H Summer of Service. 4-H DARES you to give back to your community and unite with other 4-H'ers to make a collective impact.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more! Through the partnership with Learning to Give, youth can gain access to all the tools needed for simple, safe service. Find a project that fits your desire to serve.

The summer of service runs through August 30 and Michigan 4-H hopes to obtain 100% participation from all 83 counties. Learn more and register your project at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/community\\_service\\_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge](https://www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge).

### Join the Virtual Fishing Derby!



It's time to go Fishin' in Michigan! Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to offer A FREE a statewide virtual fishing derby on [Free Fishing Weekend](#), June 12-13. Youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to share their fish stories with youth across the state!

Fishing derbies are a great way to build angling skills, increase confidence, learn angler ethics, and have fun! Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

During the fishing derby, youth will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the Goosechase app, with points awarded for each mission that is completed. Top participants will be eligible for prizes or certificates.

Learn more and register for the derby at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby>.