



Monroe County

4-H Family News

April 2020

Although our physical office is closed and we are not offering in-person programs at this time due to novel coronavirus mitigation measures, your Monroe County MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H team members are still working remotely to provide you with virtual programs and resources.

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

Please use this calendar to follow scheduling updates as we work through this unprecedented time together!

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES!

High School Seniors OR students enrolled in post-HS classes!! Applications are currently available on the Monroe County MSU Extension website https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe_county_4_h/monroe_county_4_h_1_1 Completed applications should be **emailed** to Sara Lewis by 5pm on Friday, April 17, 2020. **Zoom** will be used in place of the in-person interviews. This will still take place Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Schedule your interview timeslot by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45a8a828aaf94-monroe> Sara will send you the zoom link to log on for your interview.

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Monroe County, MI 4-H



April 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 7PM RABBIT, CAVY, POCKET PET WORKSHOP @ ZOOM | 3 | 4 Teen Expo @ AC |
| 5 | 6 6PM YLB @ ZOOM 7PM 4-H COUN- CIL @ ZOOM | 7 7PM SHEEP VIRTUAL CLINIC @ZOOM | 8 7PM SHOOT- ING SPORTS | 9 | 10 | 11 JLA BEE PRE- VIEW SHOW CANCELED TERRA QUEST SUNDAYS WITH BUNNY CANCELED |
| 12  | 13 7PM HORSE & PONY MEETING @ ZOOM | 14 | 15 7PM SHOOT- ING SPORTS @ ZOOM | 16 | 17 4-H SCHOLAR- SHIP APPLICA- TIONS DUE EMAILED TO SARA LEWIS BY 5PM | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 5PM SCHOLAR- SHIP INTER- VIEWS CON- DUCTED VIA ZOOM | 23 7PM FAIR ADVI- SORY BOARD @ ZOOM | 24 FINAL DAY EX- PLORATION DAYS/ SLOW SPOKES REGIS- TRATIONS | 25 10AM SPRING FAIR @ AC CANCELED 6PM SETUP FOR SPRING SHOW |
| 26 SAA SPRING SHOW @ FAIR- GROUNDS CANCELED | 27 | 28 7PM DOG BOARD @ ZOOM | 29 TEEN AMBAS- SADOR OPEN CELED CANCELED | 30 | MAY 1ST AG AWARENESS DAY CANCELED | MAY 2ND SHEEP/ SWINE TAGGING@ FAIR- GROUNDS Postponed 6/6/20 |

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| 3 | 4 6PM YLB @ ZOOM 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ ZOOM | 5 7PM BROILER WORKSHOP @ ZOOM | 6 | 7 DUCK PICKUP | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 7PM HORSE \$ PONY MEETING | 12 | 13 7PM SWINE CLINIC @ ZOOM | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 6PM CAT BOARD @ AC 7PM SAA @AC | 19 CANCELED 6PM CLOVER-BUD CHEF @ELC 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC | 20 7PM JLA @ELC | 21 | 22 | 23 1PM LEGACY 4-H CLUB MEETING @ AC |
| 24 | 25  | 26 6PM 4-H CSI @ AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST CHURCH | 27 6:30 4-H GRADUATION PARTY @ AC | 28 | 29 | 30 SPRING GARAGE SALE @ FAIR-GROUNDS |
| 31 | | | | | | |



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Silver Status Volunteer

Definition: Individuals who have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations and no-to-low opportunity to form relationships with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension. This could be someone working at a registration table, at our 4-H Activity Center during fair week, as a building guard, or at a youth or adult event with at least one Gold Status volunteer or MSU Extension employee present, etc.

ACTION NEEDED!! Who needs to complete this process: If you are not a current volunteer and you would like to volunteer in a silver role, you need to apply. Any individual--parent, grandparent, friend, family member, neighbor in the community--who may sign up to work in the 4-H Activity Center or work as a building guard during fair week should begin the process NOW! **There is no cost to you!**

Volunteer Central Site:

https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/#/volunteer_home

Steps to become an MSU Extension Silver Status Volunteer:

- Application Submission & Review
- Criminal History Check
- Sexual Offender Check
- Volunteer Training/Onboarding

Contact Us: Sarah Misiak, misiaksa@msu.edu

Questions? We're offering open office hours via Zoom:

Tuesday 4/7 2-3pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/228850225?pwd=Z1l2QVJ5RVBpWDkyU21TVXhnYlhYUT09>
PW: 022954

Thursday 4/16 7-8pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/580303247?pwd=djRPbGw3d3ZWVk9tMVhiZmknNy9hUT09>
PW: 008933

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Following the recent announcements, you all should have received from Dr. Jeff Dwyer and Dr. Jake DeDecker on behalf of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H, we are now extending the social distancing guidelines to refrain from any in-person 4-H activities, including meetings and events—locally and county-wide—through May 15, 2020.

With this announcement, a number of previously scheduled species workshops will now be held virtually. On the next page, you will find connection information for each of the workshops that we are going to be offering an online presentation to attend.

General Livestock

Rick Rozanski 734-845-6679

Justin Rozanski 419-277-8696

Beef

Lee Chapman 734-586-2179

Sheep

Mark Chapman 734-755-3158

Swine

Eric Kuehnlein 734-777-1422

Dairy

Sarah Mathe 734-915-4544

Goats

Joyce Lewis 734-915-0924

General Small Animal

Ron Bash 734-347-4916

Jerry Vandermeer 734-625-7901

Tim Henes 419-367-6552

Dogs

Lorie Shaw 734-243-4478

Cats

Becky Lomas 734-775-7992

Rabbits

Jerry Vandermeer 734-625-7901

Cavies & Pocket Pets

Kevin Martin 734-854-1503

Poultry

Barbara Siebarth 419-350-9482

A few things to announce/note:

- YQCA required to be completed by June 1, 2020. Visit yqca.org to register and pay for the online course. \$12/youth payable via credit card. All exhibitors of market poultry, market rabbits, goats, sheep, beef, and swine are required to complete this certification.
- The Small Animal 2020 Spring Show scheduled for Sunday, April 26 is CANCELED and will not be rescheduled.
- The 2020 JLA Blanchett Beef Preview Show scheduled for April 10-12 is CANCELED. It is under discussion if it will be rescheduled for a later date. Stay tuned and information will be shared as it is available.
- Sheep and Swine tagging is RESCHEDULED for Saturday, June 6 9am-12pm Regardless, possession date of May 2 remains the same.
- The 2020 Spring Dog Camp scheduled for May 2 and May 3 is CANCELED. Be sure to communicate with the species superintendents for updates regarding your project.
- For exhibitors of ducks, the Small Animal Duck Pick-Up will REMAIN as May 7, but please be expecting a call from the poultry superintendents with specific details.

Rabbit, Cavy, Pocket Pet Workshop: April 2, 2020 @ 7pm

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/191860620>

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +13126266799,,191860620#

Or Telephone:

US: +1 312 626 6799 Webinar ID: 191 860 620

Sheep Clinic: April 7, 2020 @ 7pm

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/408040467>

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +16468769923,,408040467#

Or Telephone:

US: +1 646 876 9923 Webinar ID: 408 040 467

Broiler Workshop: May 5, 2020 @ 7pm

Please click this URL to join the webinar.

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/746077201>

Password: broiler

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +16468769923,,746077201#

Or Telephone:

US: +1 646 876 9923 Webinar ID: 746 077 201

Swine Clinic: May 13, 2020 @ 7pm

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/827877975>

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Or Telephone:

US: +1 646 876 9923 Webinar ID: 827 877 975

Attention Leaders!
**IMPORTANT
CHANGES TO THIS
MEETING!!!
READ CAREFULLY**

Pre-Fair Meeting Info

It's getting to be that time of year once again, and fair will be here before we know it. As a result of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), we will be hosting 4 VIRTUAL opportunities via ZOOM for club leaders to connect with us to get all of the updates to prepare for the upcoming fair, including modified processes for distributing, completing, and collecting paperwork. 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.

The General Superintendents along with the 4-H staff will be connected to bring you up to speed on the new classes and new schedules. Even through this different delivery method of hosting the meeting, **ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED—attendance will be taken!** Additionally, 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!!**

MEETING DATES (you only have to attend one meeting)

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 1PM

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 7PM

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 1PM

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 6PM

CONNECTION INFORMATION

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join. <https://msu.zoom.us/j/202729531>

Password: prefair

Or join by phone:

Dial US: +1 646 876 9923 Webinar ID: 202 729 531

HOW TO CONNECT (Just a few tips and tricks if this is your first time using Zoom)

- ⇒ Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from your device app store. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.
- ⇒ Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting
- ⇒ If you are joining via telephone, you will need the teleconferencing number provided in the invite above.
- ⇒ Consider checking out the Zoom FAQ page [here](#) for more information.

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

Congratulations

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to our Monroe County 4-H
State Awards delegates

SENIOR SHEEP SCIENCE

HANNAH VINCENT

SENIOR RABBIT SCIENCE

ALEXIS FISHER

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

KATRINA LOMAS

JUNIOR GOAT SCIENCE

JUSTIN YARGER

GROUP AWARD

TEEN AMBASSADORS

ALANA AULPH, GABBY FLOWERS, ALIVIA FUNCHION

Congratulations

to our Monroe County 4-H
Mark of Excellence Winner

CORINNA AULPH

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.4honline.msui.edu/YQCA_March_11_2020_MonroeCounty/
 - April 7: https://events.4honline.msui.edu/YQCA_April_7_2020_MonroeCounty/
 - April 16: link to be shared
 - May 5: link to be shared
 - June 1: link to be shared

In person classes canceled.

Online only

\$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 [Moved to Zoom Webinar \(connection information on pg. 6\)](#)
- Sheep Workshop: April 7 [Moved to Zoom Webinar \(connection information on pg. 6\)](#)
- ~~SAA Spring Show: April 26 (details to be announced)~~
- Broiler Workshop: May 5 [Moved to Zoom Webinar \(connection information on pg. 6\)](#)
- Swine Workshop: May 13 [Moved to Zoom Webinar \(connection information on pg. 6\)](#)
- Fitting and Showing Clinic-all species: June 8 (details to be announced)

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ANIMAL POSSESSION/TAGGING DEADLINES

Large Animal

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 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 (tagging JUNE 6, 2020 9AM-12PM) |
| May 2nd | Market Lambs in possession (tagging JUNE 6, 2020 9AM-12PM) |
| June 15th | Sponsored Goats declared and registered |
| June 15th | ALL market livestock registered |

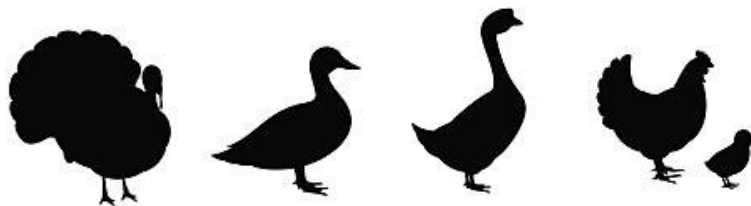


Rabbits

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

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| 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 |

Monroe County 4-H Out-of-School GooseChase Game #1



Out of School for a few weeks?

Looking for something to do?

4-H has a GooseChase for you!

Download the GooseChase
App on a mobile device &
register at:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/Monroe
4HGooseChaseGame1/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Monroe4HGooseChaseGame1/)

An Online Scavenger
Hunt for **YOU!**

Dates: Saturday, April 4-Sunday, April 5, 2020

Prizes: Youth with the highest points earned or the
most creative submissions will be mailed prize

Questions? Contact Sara Lewis at seitzsa1@msu.edu



The GooseChase platform is designed for 13 youth and over. Parent permission is needed. Youth under the age of 13 may join teams with parents/guardians or older siblings/friends.

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4-H CLOVERBUDS



4-H Cloverbuds are youth members 5-7 years of age as of January 1, 2020. The following categories will be offered to 4-H Cloverbuds at the 2020 Monroe County Fair 4-H Division. Project descriptions and rules will be published in the Fair Premium Catalog to be available in May 2020.

Crafts I and II

- Pottery
- Terra Cotta Pots
- Jewelry
- Woodworking Kits
- Scale Models
- Gift Wrapping
- Challenge
- Mosaics
- Scrapbooking
- Wind Chimes
- Needlework
- Greeting Cards
- Decorative Bird Houses
- Leathercraft
- Christmas Tree Ornaments
- Fleece
- Ceramics and Plastercraft
- Glass Etching
- Duct Tape Art
- Flip Flops
- Decorated Shirts
- Soap and Bath Products
- Metal Punch
- Stenciling
- Paper

Foods & Nutrition

- Baking
- Decorated Cookie
- Frozen Food
- Preparation
- Dried and Dehydrated Food
- Pet Treats
- Decorated Cupcake
- Candy
- Gingerbread Houses

Educational

- Basic Conservation Collection
- Fishing Lures and Flies
- Photography
- Toy Construction
- Puzzles
- Safety and First Aid

Communications

- Modeling
- Team Inventions
- Storytelling
- Poster Promotion
- Talent Showcase
- Show and Tell

Produce/Hort

- Yard Art-Stepping Stone
- Scarecrow 1'-2'
- Flowers (Single Marigold)
- Potted Marigold Plant
- Cactus or Succulent Garden
- Vegetables (Single Vegetable)

Small Animals

- Poultry Showmanship
- Rabbit Showmanship
- Pocket Pets
- Cavy Showmanship
- Pocket Pet Showmanship
- Small Animal Dress-Up
- Dog Dress-Up
- Cat Judging
- Cat Showmanship
- Cat Dress-Up

Large Animals

- Sheep Showmanship
- Swine Showmanship
- Goat Showmanship
- Lamb Lead

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.

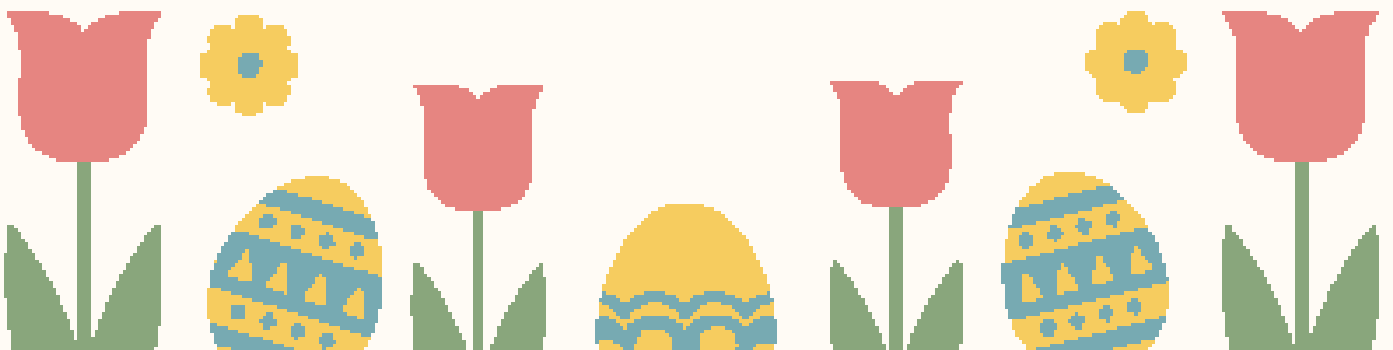


SHARE A SMILE

Want to share a smile?

Residents at Medilodge would love a handmade Spring or Easter themed card. Drop your card in the 4-H dropbox located in front of the Extension office.

For more information or questions contact Michelle McLaughlin at 734-740-7114 or michelleduffey@hotmail.com.





WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

**Raked the neighbors yard?
Baked something new?
Painted a picture?
Did something cool?**

We want to see what you've been up to during quarantine!

Please send any photos or stories of how you've been spending your time on quarantine to misiaksa@msu.edu. We would love to share them on our Facebook page.





Virtual Expo

Have a craft or project that
you love doing? Share it
with us!

We need your creative and fun ideas for
our Virtual Expo!

Due to the recent cancellations of the
Exploring, Mini and Teen Expos, we want
to bring a fun and exciting way to
participate at home.

Interested?

Record a tutorial and send it to
misiaksa@msu.edu. Videos will be posted
on our Facebook page for everyone to
do at home.



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 contact **Scott Wiesler, group coordinator, at 734-652-9977**

Or scottwiesler@gmail.com

Also, check out 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
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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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Terra Quest Presents

EGG MY HOUSE

Sat APRIL 11

Other dates available upon request.

Let us deliver eggs filled with candy and toys to a friend, neighbor or your yard during the night! Surprise your kids Easter Sunday!

50 EGGS \$25

100 EGGS \$50

To order your eggs call:
Becky 734-775-7992
Christina 734-731-0661

Winter Show Pigs

2549 Petersburg Road
Dundee, Michigan 48131
734-279-1998 | 734-777-1627

Show Pig Sale via Virtual Bid Board

Sunday, April 5th

10:00 am

- 20+ elite pigs available
- Bid board link will be available on our FB page or you can contact us directly at betsywinter85@gmail.com
- Pictures of pigs can be viewed via the bid board link or farm visits welcome and are encouraged

We have over 30 litters of January-February pigs at the farm!



Wayne County Fair 2019
Grand Champion
Shown by: Tanner Bukis



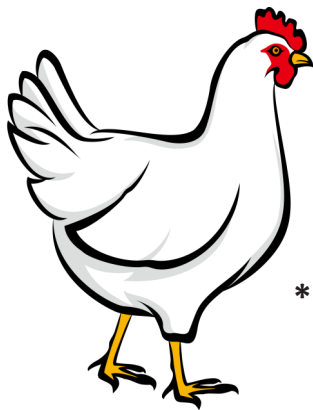
Green & White Swine Expo 2020
Grand Champion Overall &
Grand Champion Crossbred
Shown by: Lilli Kastel



Be sure to like our FB page! <https://fb.me/wintershowpigsmi>

Broilers

ORDER NOW!!



Pricing

Broilers: \$1.75 each

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

To order or for more information, please contact one
of the following 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.

**Save the date for
the 2020 4-H
Spartan Coding
Camp!**



In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension is excited to offer 4-H Spartan Coding Camp for the second time this summer. This five-day camp will bring high school-aged youth to the campus of MSU, June 28 - July 2.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! At the end of camp, you'll also be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further your coding skills.

Registration will be open soon. For more information, visit canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.

As novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, Michigan State University Extension remains focused on the health and wellbeing of its participants, volunteers and employees. Per university guidance, MSU Extension staff have been asked to find alternative delivery methods for all in-person activities schedule through May 15. If a virtual method is not practical, the event must be canceled or postponed until after May 15 (at a minimum).

This applies to our Michigan 4-H volunteers and youth as well. You are encouraged to move upcoming events to an online format such as Zoom or Skype. If a virtual option is not practical, please postpone or cancel in-person 4-H meetings and activities scheduled between now and May 15.

Although face-to-face programs and events will not take place through May 15, MSU Extension will continue in its mission to serve communities. Visit the [Remote Learning and Resources online space](https://canr.msu.edu/rlr) at canr.msu.edu/rlr for a collection of online offerings that can be enjoyed from home, including resources for school closure activities.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please contact your county 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming 4-H Events and Workshops

April 1 –10: Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/672412960>

Youth can enjoy a short 45-minute online lecture from animal science experts each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Topics and speakers vary each day.

April 1—3: MSU Extension's Family Yoga with Kylie

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/761734640>

Join each weekday from 9:30—10 a.m. for 30 minutes of yoga, breathing and mindfulness.

April 1, 7, 8 & 14: Credit Craze—Basics of Credit for Youth

<https://bit.ly/2y75S5n>

These short one-hour interactive webinars will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more. You'll also learn how you can use the knowledge learned to take part in the 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest!

For the full event listing of virtual events for youth audiences, visit <https://bit.ly/3dqPfl1>.

4-H Renewable Energy Camp



From July 6–10, 2020, the 4-H Renewable Energy Camp will take place at Michigan State University (MSU). This five-day pre-college program is available to youth ages 13-15 who are interested in exploring ideas, research and opportunities related to renewable energy.

During this camp, the youth will visit labs that are conducting renewable energy research, renewable energy companies that think outside the box, and farms that are using renewable energy to remain profitable. The interactive camp will engage youth in experiments, questions and conversations focused on the application of solar radiation into electricity. The culmination of the week will be youth teams designing solutions for incorporating solar energy into real-life applications.

The cost for this camp is \$280 for 4-H youth. Registration is available until April 15. Learn more and apply at canr.msu.edu/4_h_renewable_energy_camp/.

Michigan 4-H #DareToServeChallenge to be issued in April as part of the national 4-H True Leaders in Service

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 April, 4-H is again launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. Though the novel coronavirus situation may limit traditional in-person service activities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to think about ways they can lend a helping hand in their communities.



As in year's past, Michigan 4-H'ers goal for 2020 remains the same: to have at least one 4-H-led community service project in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April!

Are you ready to make sure that 4-H in your county meets the goal? Here's how you can participate:

- During the month of April, work on your own or join with others (in your home or virtually), to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference. Here are a few ideas you can do from your own home to get you started:
 - Write cards or notes to members of a senior center or nursing home who can no longer receive visitors at this time.
 - Sew masks for healthcare workers.
 - Help raise money or resources for organizations in need.
- Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan at: www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service.
- After you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.
- If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to Michigan 4-H at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/donate> or <https://givingto.msu.edu>.

Save the date for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp!



The 2020 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp will be held August 2-8 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County.

Youth ages 13 to 15 will explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The cost for this camp is \$410 for current 4-H youth. Registration will be available soon. Learn more at canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.