



Monroe County 4-H Network

4-H Family News

May 2021

Spring is here... are you ready?

Welcome to May! This month's issue of *The Network* is packed with important information and dates as the calendar is beginning to fill up, even if many of our upcoming events are still being held virtually.

I would like to direct our leaders attention to page 4 where you will find details on our **Pre-Fair Leader meeting Thursday, May 13th, 2021**. Please mark you calendars to join us.

Please take advantage of the many opportunities that are shared within this publication as well as events that are shared on our social media pages. Although we continue to find ourselves in these unique times, this is a chance to meet others around the state and participate in activities that aren't offered locally.

As we continue to move forward, stay tuned to your inboxes as I will share any announcements or changes to our operations via email communication!



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

Office Hours

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

Social Media

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

****NEW** Pinterest:**

[@monroecounty4hprogram](https://www.pinterest.com/monroecounty4hprogram)

May 2021

****All workshops are currently scheduled to be held via Zoom. All dates/locations are subject to change****

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am-12pm Sheep & Swine Tagging @ Fair- grounds
2	3 7pm 4-H Coun- cil @ Zoom	4 Last day to or- der broilers	5	6 Duck pick-up	7	8
9	10 7pm Horse & Pony @ Zoom	11 7pm Swine Workshop @ zoom	12	13 5:30pm OR 7pm Pre-Fair/ Leader Update @ Zoom	14	15
16	17	18 7pm Caprine Council @ zoom	19 7pm Junior Livestock Assoc @ Zoom 6pm 4-H Dog Program Man- datory Mtg 7pm Sheep Workshop @ zoom	20 7pm Broiler Workshop @ Zoom	21	22
23	24 7pm Small Ani- mal Assoc @ Zoom	25 7pm Dog Pro- gram Meeting @ Zoom	26 7pm Teen Am- bassadors @ Zoom	27	28	29
30	31 					

June 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 YQCA Certifications due	2	3	4	5
6	7 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic 7pm 4-H Council @ Zoom	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 7pm Horse & Pony @ Zoom	15	16	17 7pm Fair Advisory Board @ Zoom	18	19
20	21	22 7pm Dog Board Meeting	23 7pm Junior Livestock @ Zoom	24	25	26
27 Happy Father's Day!	28 7pm Small Animal Assoc @ Zoom	29	30 7pm Teen Ambassadors			



Pre-Fair Leader Update Meeting Info

It's getting to be that time of year once again, and fair season will be here before we know it! As a result of COVID-19 and still operating virtually, **we will be hosting 2 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 any necessary fair-related registration materials. The Pre-Fair Leader Update is the time for leaders of each club to be provided with all registration materials required to all your members to exhibit at the 2021 Monroe County Fair.

The General Superintendents along with 4-H Staff will be connected to bring you up to speed on what we know so far in the fair planning efforts. Even through this different delivery method of hosting the meeting, **ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED—attendance will be taken!** Additionally, to be eligible, by April 1st all members and GOLD volunteers must have completed enrollment in 4-H Online and processed their consents for background checks in Volunteer Central. Silver volunteers must have completed their consents for background checks in Volunteer Central only, no need to enroll in 4-H Online.



MEETING DATES (you only have to attend one meeting-they will NOT be recorded)

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 5:30PM OR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 7:00PM

CONNECTION INFORMATION

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

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99192624755> Passcode: prefair

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 991 9262 4755

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 “dial by location” number provided in the invite above.

During the transition...

Please use this as a guide as we work to serve the Monroe County 4-H Program to the best of our abilities given the challenging circumstances. *Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated!*

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4-H Council
Fair Advisory Board
All Animals
Fair Planning

please note this is not an exhaustive list of responsibilities and any questions can continue to be addressed to either MSUE staff members.

Mark Your Calendars!

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover April 28 – May 9, 2021

Since 2016, Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover has provided scholarships for more than 165,684 youth to attend camp and leadership events.

visit tractorsupply.com/4h for more details





- YQCA (8-19
year olds)

Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle,
Goats

Market Poultry, Market Rabbits

- Participation Options

Online: \$12/youth. Visit yqca.org (use
4honline login credentials)

In Person: to be determined-don't rely on
this option!!!

Reminder!!!
DUE: June 1, 2021

2021 JLA Dates

Sheep Workshop

May 19 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/91795160527> Passcode: 409733

Swine Workshop

May 11 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97841160911> Passcode: 712056

May 1 9am-12pm Sheep & Swine Tagging @ Fairgrounds

June 7 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic

July 6 6pm Barn Set-Up @ Fairgrounds

July 31st Animal Check-in

August 1st-7th—Monroe County Fair!

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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.

Sheep & Swine Tagging

Saturday, May 1, 2021

9am-12pm

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](#).

2021 SAA Dates

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Broiler Workshop

May 20 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/99613372606> Passcode: 677181

Dogs

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

May 19 6pm Mandatory Dog Program Meeting @ Zoom

June 7 6pm Mandatory Dog Program Meeting (same night as the Fitting & Showing Clinic)

June 10 6pm Agility Clinic (only if able to be in-person)-*stay tuned for info!!*

June 13 1pm Fun Match (Registration is at 12pm noon; only if able to be in-person)-*stay tuned for more info!!*

Other Details

June 7 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic

July 6 6pm Barn Set-Up @ Fairgrounds

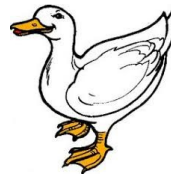
July 31st Animal Check-in

August 1st-7th—Monroe County Fair!

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Broilers and Ducks:

ORDER NOW!!



Pricing

Ducks: \$3.00 each

Broilers: \$1.75 each

***must order no later than April 1st**

***must order no later than May 4th**

****pick up will be May 6****

****pickup will be June 17th****

To order or for more information, please contact

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

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



4-H Exploration Day: Expanded

June 22-24,2021

Registration Opens

May 1

Registration Link:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/explorationdays21/>

Monroe County 4-H Council will be providing scholarships to youth who plan to participate!! Save \$20 with the coupon code below.

[Coupon Code: expo20](#)



**Monroe County 4-H
Teen Ambassadors
continue to serve Monroe
County. The teens helped
clean Reinhardt Road and
Heiss Road on Sunday, April
18th through the Adopt-a-
Highway Program. The teens
filled 30 bags with trash! The
teens want to remind
everyone - please don't litter!**





VIRTUAL CROSS-CAMPUS CRUISE

Get ready for a 12 mile virtual running challenge that will take you through the heart of the university “on the banks of the Red Cedar”!

May 16, 2021 thru May 29, 2021.

For more Information

Contact:

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Mason County 4-H

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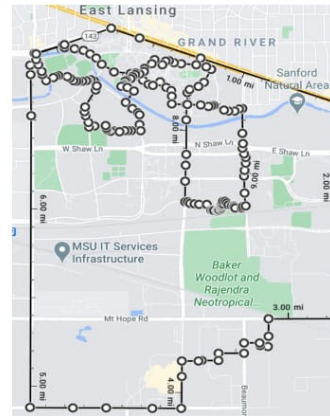
Sarah Schaner

Oceana County 4-H

Coordinator

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Where you're going isn't as important as where you've been:

Are you ready to run? Mason County and Oceana County 4-H are partnering together for the mother of all virtual fitness challenges. Over a two week time period, participants will virtually run across the MSU Campus.

Participants ages 5 thru 19 can run anywhere they choose (school tracks, parks, beaches) and log their miles into our special online form to track their progress. They will receive special postcards highlighting Campus landmarks as they continue on their journey and upon completion, will receive a beautiful finishing medal, sure to look great on their wall of accomplishments!

There will also be a special Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt for participants to win more prizes.

How to sign up:

1. Go to the following link to enroll:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CrossCampusCruise/>

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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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Puppy Pals Camp

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Community Language School
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Italian Virtual Culture Experience

Presented by the Community Language School & MSU Extension







Viva
Italia



DATE, TIME
& LOCATION

Saturday, May 22nd from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (EST)
Zoom – Links to Be Provided

The Italian Virtual Culture Experience is geared for everyone 8 years and above and it is free! The cultural experience will showcase language and culture sessions in four segments:

-  Language: Learn Some Basic Words and Phrases
-  Cooking: Learn to Make a Simple Classic Dish
-  Craft: Learn to Create a Traditional Symbol
-  Movement: Learn Some Steps & Move to Music

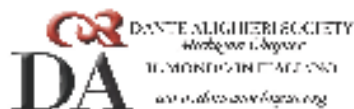
Please register by clicking the link: <https://forms.gle/oozETVm9dS4PMV9u9>

Register by 5pm on Friday, May 14th to reserve your spot!

Zoom links and list of ingredients and materials for cooking and craft activities will be sent out to registered participants.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Embryology 4-H SPIN Club



TUESDAYS MAY 25TH-JUNE 29TH 4:00-5:00PM

MICHIGAN 4-H | embryology



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



Back by popular demand! Join now and help grow baby chicks (virtually) during the 4-H Embryology SPIN Club! The Club has its own incubator and participants will be watching the chicks hatch virtually! A FREE learning kit will be mailed directly to participants and is packed full of eggs-tremely fun supplies for club activities will be mailed to each participant. During the 4-H Embryology SPIN Club, we'll explore parts of a chicken egg, incubator set up, incubation days 1-21 (daily chick development, candling, the hatch!), after the hatch, and chick handling. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is FREE to join and designed for youth ages 8-12 but open to ages 5-19 (adult guidance suggested for younger youth). Meetings will take place Tuesdays, from May 25th-June 29th. Registration closes on May 17th. Open to all current and new 4-H Members.

Register today at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Embryology24hspinclub/>

If you have trouble registering, or general questions about this club, please email Ashley Rodarte at rodarte1@msu.edu.

MANAGING YOUTH STRESS



The novel coronavirus pandemic has been stressful for everyone. Families and youth are navigating new challenges, including social distancing, uncertain health outcomes and “a new normal.” These new stressors may spill over into their relationships and compound other stressful conditions in the family.

MSU Extension's “Managing Youth Stress” document shares warning signs, ways to help and resources for stressed youth and parents of stressed youth. View or download the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 5—26: Shiawassee Small Animal Online Workshop

Online

Join us each Wednesday in May for a small animal workshop! Great for 4-H youth, parents and volunteers, the May 5 presentation will focus on goats, May 12 on poultry, May 19 on rabbits and May 26 on biosecurity and animal health.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-small-animal-online-workshop

May 1—29: Michigan 4-H Horse Programs' Virtual Communications Contest

Online

Youth ages 5-19 have the opportunity to demonstrate their communication skills and earn prizes through various contests including public speaking, demonstration, infographics and photography. Entries must be submitted during the appropriate contest time frame.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-mi-4-h-horse-program-s-virtual-communications-contest

May 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

Online

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? Join this new monthly series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! The May session will focus on growing fun with kids.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-may-8

May 11: Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest

Online

Evaluate carcasses and identify meats online in both individual and team competitions. The contest will include three beef classes, three pork classes, identification of 20 retail cuts, beef yield grade, quality grade of beef, two classes with questions, and one set of oral reasons.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-virtual-meats-judging-contest

May 11: Wild Spartans Series—Conservation & Management of Tribal Natural Resources

Online

Learn about researching and protecting species with cultural significance and discover how one Michigan tribe is preserving the natural world. Doug Craven, natural resources director for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, will share his field work, education and career path.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may

May 21: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Online

Explore climate science and climate change with PhD candidate Lindsey Kemmerling as she shares climate science basics to help build your knowledge and understanding. Explore your own carbon footprint and engage in conversation about how you can make a difference.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-may-21

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

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2021-22 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2021-2022 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge



The MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is excited to share a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters!

Starting May 2, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program!

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge.



Plug into 4-H this summer with 4-H Exploration Days 2021-22: Expanded

Make plans to attend an exciting summer opportunity and choose your own adventure with 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded. This MSU precollege program has something for everyone, ages 12-19!

From June 22 - 24, youth from across Michigan can participate in this fun and engaging virtual learning experience that offers more than 60 different topics. Attendees will also hear from keynote speakers Justin and Alexis Black, authors of *Redefining Normal*, and come away with new energy and a desire to make a difference.

Registration for this event will open May 1 and close May 28. The cost to attend is \$20 and all youth will receive a swag bag, with the option to order their own 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded apparel. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.