



Monroe County

4-H Family News

November 2020

Congratulations! Costume Contest Winners Announced

Thank you to all who participated in the Teen Ambassador's costume contest!

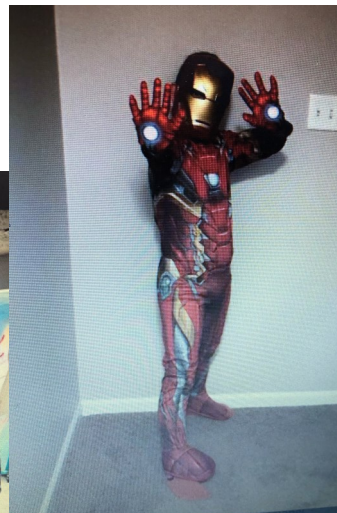


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Office Hours
Tues, Weds, Thurs
8:30am-4:30pm

Find us on Facebook at:

Monroe County, MI 4-H





Youth Enrollment Deadlines EXTENDED until April 1, 2021!

Thank you to all returning members and volunteers who worked so hard to submit enrollments by the expected November 1, 2020 deadline. We appreciate you! We recognize there has been a number of challenges with the enrollment process and understand that this new deadline and expectation has also come at a time where there is so much uncertainty. As a result, we have decided to continue to accept new enrollments AND re-enrollments until April 1, 2021! This only applies to youth members! Volunteers-if you have questions regarding your re-enrollment status, please reach out to Sarah Misiak at misiaksa@msu.edu.

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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ ZOOM	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 MITTEN TREE DONATIONS BEGIN! 	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 7PM SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING-RESCHEDULED @ ZOOM	24 7PM DOG BOARD MEETING @ ZOOM	25 7PM TEEN AMBASSADORS @ ZOOM	26-27 OFFICE CLOSED-THANKSGIVING 		28
29	30					



December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 COUNTY AWARDS DUE BY 5PM!	2	3	4	5
6	7 7PM 4-H COUNCIL	8	9	10 LAST DAY FOR MITTEN TREE DONATIONS	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 6:30PM YOUTH RECOGNITION PROGRAM @ ZOOM	18	19
20	21	22 7PM DOG BOARD MEETING	23	OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Eve– New Years Day		
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4-H County Award Applications

NOW AVAILABLE!

All applications are due by December 1 at 5pm (NOTE: Extended Deadline!!)

The County Award application form is now available in a new and improved format. In an attempt to more closely align with state expectations and state awards program, you will see a few updates to this application and a scoring rubric to help guide you in what the selection committee will be looking at and taking into consideration. Please use the link below to access the application via Google Forms.

Scoring Rubric: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/uploads/files/Scoring%20Rubric%20for%20County%20Medals.pdf>

County Awards Application Form (via Google Forms): <https://forms.gle/osanCpq8f6KE8rUu5>

4-H Club Award

The purpose is designed to assist 4-H clubs or groups report out on their projects or activities. This application should be completed through the Google Form. The application may be completed by one or more 4-H members and volunteers on behalf of the entire group and then submitted. The application should reflect the involvement of 4-H volunteers and youth working as a team toward a common goal.

Monroe County 4-H Club Award Form: <https://forms.gle/4cQdRgeHEwArNu5G6>

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award: <https://forms.gle/seR9z3qYu6UDPmNd7>

Monroe County 4-H 'I DARE YOU' AWARD NOMINATIONS

All nominations must be made by a club leader, parent, peer by December 1 at 5pm!

Since 1925, American Youth Foundation (AYF) conferences have helped young leaders discover their unique gifts, inspiring them to put those gifts into action to make a positive difference.

With this in mind, the National Leadership Award (NLA) was established to recognize extraordinary young people for their character and leadership potential. The AYF partners with schools, youth groups, businesses, community groups and 4-H clubs to identify and honor these young leaders.

Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of *I Dare You!*, William H. Danforth's classic motivational book, and an invitation to join other young leaders at the [National Leadership Conference](#). Nomination letters should include the nominee's demonstration of extraordinary character and leadership potential. Please share with the committee your knowledge about the nominee and express support for their passion of the 4-H program and leadership skills. This is your chance to give a huge shout-out to the nominee recognizing their hard work and dedication to positive youth development!

Please submit nominations through this [form](#) or by nomination letter to Sara Lewis, 4-H Program Coordinator at seitzsa1@msu.edu.



Virtual Youth Recognition Program

When: Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Where: Zoom (Connection information to be shared soon)

Monroe County 4-H

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Holiday Lights

Tour



- All 4-H families and alumni are invited to decorate your home's outdoors as part of our holiday lights tour! Prizes will be awarded, including a People's Choice! Driving maps will be provided online. Details and registration information can be found on our website-click on News & Events --> 4-H Lights Tour

MAKE AN IMPACT



Be an instructor at 4-H Exploration Days and impact the lives of Michigan youth!

Michigan State University Extension [4-H Exploration Days](#) is a pre-college program for more than 2000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state of Michigan. Come volunteer for this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated for June 23-June 25, 2021. MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience.

Benefits for you as an instructor:

- Share your passion and knowledge about a topic important to you and youth
- Support youth experiencing college life on the campus of Michigan State University

Information on Instructor roles and Youth Co-Instructors roles can be found on the Exploration Days website under [Volunteer Information](#). Please take a few minutes to review.

New Schedule! Sessions take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2 ½, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots.

Session Submissions are now open until December 1, 2020. In completing the form, you will want to come prepared with the session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) that you know (as of now) and their contact information. Please note a session submission does not equate to a session at the event. All sessions will not be accepted due to need, size of sessions, and spacing availability. Notification will be sent at by early 2021 regarding acceptance.

Please use this link to complete the survey for each session you wish to have considered for teaching: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMbpOoV1ZpOex8N

If you need assistance with the survey, have questions, or would like to brainstorm session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please reach out to Laurie Rivetto at rivettol@msu.edu.

Thank you, again, for considering this opportunity!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
COMEBACK DINNER OF THE YEAR**

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION

NOVEMBER 2021



Stay tuned for "Basket of the Month" and presale tickets for 2021. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Pennies for Turkeys

Calling All Clubs!

Monroe County 4-H clubs are invited to participate on a county wide competition to raise the most money to buy turkeys for underprivileged families.

How to Participate: Each club will collect pennies or any other types of money

What You Win: A Special Prize

Why Should You Participate: A fun, competitive way to raise money for a great cause

Money is due by Thanksgiving to the Extension Office

Sponsored by:
Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club

Any questions call Tammy 625-4852

We would appreciate if the money could be rolled ahead of time.

Thank You





The Annual *Mitten Tree*
will be set up in our MSU Extension
office lobby

November 9th
till
December 11th

Gloves, hats, and scarves collected will
be given to youth in need in Monroe
County. We would love to share your
donations with our community.



Lobby open Monday- Friday
8am-5pm



Greetings from Christmas in Ida,

Let's make Christmas in Ida a little brighter and festive this year. We are bringing back the official community Christmas Tree Lighting. But to do that we need your help.

Please accept this invitation for you, your family, or your 4-H Club to create your own special Christmas tree ornament for our very large tree. Make sure you put your family name, your name, or your club's name somewhere on the ornament. Ornaments should be at least 6 inches in diameter and no larger than ten inches in diameter. They can be any shape you wish, with an easy

Ornaments should be completed and submitted by noon on November 24, 2020 at Zorn's Service, Inc. located at 2855 Lewis Ave., Ida, MI. They will be hung on the tree before the festival.

Please join us in celebrating our community Christmas tree by helping to decorate it with your special ornament. Tree lighting will take place Dec. 5 at 5:40pm at the Ida Township Park.

If you have any questions, give me a call 734-269-6175 or email dwz@d-pcomm.net

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Cindy Zorn
Entertainment Coordinator
734-269-6175



Christmas in Ida
FESTIVAL & PARADE OF LIGHTS





Do you love helping others?

**Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club
is looking to grow its club!**

Any youth 4-H Age 12 and up are welcome to join our very active club helping our community.

The club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7PM,
via Zoom call.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 30th.

If you would like more information, please contact our Youth President Alivia Funchion, via Facebook Messenger, or our Adult Leader Tammy Schmidt, via email:
schmidty_power@yahoo.com.

Many participated in our Spirit Week to celebrate their love for Monroe County 4-H.



Thanks for sharing your
4-H pride!

**MSU's Institute of
Agricultural
Technology Virtual
Open House!**



**Institute of
Agricultural
Technology**

You're invited to attend a virtual open house for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology to learn more about [MSU's academic programs](#) and many [partnerships with Michigan community colleges](#).

The open house events begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 45 minutes. The presentation will include information about academic programs, career pathways, enrollment process, resources for student success, and key campus life opportunities, as well as providing an opportunity for youth to ask questions at any point throughout the presentation.

To register, click on the preferred date below:

[Tuesday, November 3](#)
www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-3-nov-2020

[Tuesday, November 17](#)
www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020

Questions?
Contact ati.iat@msu.edu or
call 517-884-7334.

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6-11: Michigan Youth Fall-a-thon

Online via GooseChase

Join the fun on the GooseChase app as youth compete as household teams to complete challenges in this fun, self-paced, virtual fall event!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-youth-fall-a-thon>

November 9-13: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

Online via Zoom

Join the 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club and explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-minecraft-spin-club-nov-9-13>

November 9-12: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Vet Science Interactive Series

Online via Zoom

Explore veterinary science through interactive sessions as you visit Tollgate Farm virtually to learn about livestock and companion animals through STEM challenges and learning!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-vet-science-interactive-week-long-series>

November 9-12: Youth Armory Babysitting Training

Online via Zoom

Join this four-day training designed to teach teen youth everything they need to know about being safe, effective, trustworthy and responsible babysitters.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-armory-babysitting-training>

November 10: Wild Spartans Series

Online via Zoom

Join 4-H staff to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-november>

November 25: 4-H Sooper Yooper GooseChase Scavenger Game

Online via GooseChase app

Learn fun facts about the U.P. while completing missions on the Goose Chase app! Participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, or wherever your family will be during this time!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-sooper-yooper-goosechase-savenger-game>

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



Instructors wanted for 2021 4-H Exploration Days!

Plans are underway for an exciting and enhanced 4-H Exploration Days in 2021—and we need your help! MSU Extension’s 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. Volunteers are crucial to this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated to be held June 23-25, 2021 on the campus of MSU. During this tumultuous time, MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are also preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience. We will continue to keep both volunteers and potential participants informed as to any updates as time progresses.

To make the most of our 2021 event, regardless of format, we are currently looking for instructors to host fun and engaging sessions. Please consider submitting a session proposal before December 1. Session proposals include a session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) you plan to engage and their contact information.

New for this year, sessions will take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2.5, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots. To learn more about instructor roles and to access the form, please visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/ or contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

4-H’ers excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase; \$50,000 in youth scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H youth didn’t let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they have put into this year’s 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H’ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](#) and [MSU Extension](#). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Among those scholarships were new funds provided in 2020 to support 4-H Virtual Scholarships, specifically for 4-H youth. Recipients of the 4-H Virtual Scholarships are:

- Magdalene Callender, Ingham County
- Rebecca Havelka, Menominee County
- Travis Liford, Oakland County
- Adrian Noecker, Antrim County
- Elizabeth Shane, Washtenaw County
- Alexis Fisher, Monroe County
- Sarah Liford, Oakland County
- Allison Littlefield, St. Joseph County
- Kylie A. Ossege, Oakland County
- Troy Todd, Osceola County

“I have always dreamed of competing at the Michigan State Fair, but due to distance that was not possible,” said scholarship recipient Rebecca Havelka. “The positive in this whole experience is that I had the ability to compete virtually at more shows than I could have ever imagined. Thank you so much for making this possible!”

In total, more than 400 youth from 62 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards. To view placings for the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, visit www.michiganstatefairllc.com.

Getting crafting — for free!



Through National 4-H Council’s partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H’ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com!

When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15 percent off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com!

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Already have a rewards card? Go to www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h and use your rewards card number to sign up for free Creativebug access today.

Don’t have a JOANN’s reward card? Sign-up at www.joann.com/4-h/.