

*Monroe County*

4-H Family News

September 2022

Post Fair Meeting

September 15th @ 6:30pm

Can you believe the 2022 Monroe County Fair has come and gone?! It was so great to see you all and celebrate the hard work of our Monroe 4-H Exhibitors. It's time to start planning for the new program year! Our annual Post Fair Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15 at 6:30p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center. Agenda items for the meeting will include:

2022-2023 Enrollment Volunteer Annual Requirements

Update on Fall Activities Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Candy Sale Fundraiser and Distribution

Discussion of the 2022 Fair

County Award Program & Recognition

*****Each club needs to be represented at this meeting, as we will be distributing the fall enrollment information.*******

**THANK YOU to all of our Volunteers,
Superintendents, Buyers, Supporters, and Youth
Participants for making Fair 2022 the best!**

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****NEW**** Pinterest:
@monroecounty4hprogram

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9am-12pm and
1pm-4:30pm

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Michigan State Fair		
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
Michigan State Fair						
11	12 Council 7pm Horse and Pony 7pm	13	14 Fair Advisory 6:30pm	15 POST FAIR MEETING 6:30pm in Activity Center	16	17
18 JLA Banquet 5pm	19	20 Caprine Council 7pm	21 Leader/Youth Banquet plan- ning 6pm	22	23	24 Dog Banquet 6pm
25 SAA Banquet 5pm	26	27 Dog Board 6:30pm	28	29	30	

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 4-H COUNCIL 7pm	4	5	6	7	8
TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN						
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
9	10 Horse and Pony 7pm	11	12	13	14	15
TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN						
16	17	18	19 7PM JLA @ AC (6pm Premium changes)	20	21	22 FALL GARAGE SALE @ AC & Expo Center
TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN						
23 4PM TRUNK OR TREAT	24 7PM SAA MEETING @ AC (6pm Premium changes)	25	26 7PM TEEN AMBASSADORS @ AC	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween 					

Banquets and Event

Save-the-Dates

JLA: September 18th @ 5pm—4-H Activity Center

SAA: September 25th @ 5pm—4-H Activity Center

[JLA & SAA Banquet RSVP \(google.com\)](#)

Dog Board: September 24th @ 6pm—4-H Activity Center

Caprine Council: October 16th @ 2pm—4-H Activity Center

Horse & Pony: November 11th @ 6pm—4-H Activity Center

Leader & Youth Recognition Banquet: December 11th @ 5pm—4-H Activity Center

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction November 19th @ 4-H Activity Center



Candy Sale

September 15th– October 28th



The 4-H Council has two major fundraisers each year, the candy sale and the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, in addition to the kitchen during Fair week. The annual candy sale, which has received excellent support in the past will begin on September 15th. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals.

(Leaders– please contact Gary Koppleman at kopplemangary@gmail.com with your estimated number of boxes ASAP if you have not already done so)

****Once overall sales reach 300 boxes, each members who sold two boxes of candy will be entered to win a family pack of Kalahari Resort Tickets!**

Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale and/or the Spaghetti Dinner. The candy will be distributed at the Post Fair Meeting.



MONROE COUNTY 4-H
 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
 & SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION
 cordially invites you to our

ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL BANQUETS

Held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds 4-H Activity Center

JLA	SEPTEMBER 18, 2022	5:00 PM
SAA	SEPTEMBER 25, 2022	5:00 PM

Don't forget to register by visiting

<https://forms.gle/XJQuQas6FQoQZR4Y8>

JLA & SAA Banquets are right around the corner don't forget to RSVP on the [Google Form](#). If you or someone you know would like help to RSVP call Support Staff Chelsea @ 734-240-3182. Youth, Volunteers, Leaders, and Sponsors are invited to attend. It is customary that those that RSVP are the First to Eat so don't wait RSVP Today!

Auction Buyers and Add-On Organizations will Be Mailed this Invitation by the JLA & SAA Boards.



Save the Date!

What? Dog Program Banquet

When? September 24, 2022

Where? Activity Center at the
Fairgrounds

Time: 6:00pm

RSVP: Lorie Shaw: froggy0628@gmail.com
or Text: 734-770-6239 by September 16th

We will also be taking nominations for officers and voting. If you would like to help grow our program, please consider running for office.



Officers commit to attending
monthly meetings.
Come join us for a fun evening of
food, games and prizes



Monroe County 4-H

Kickoff to 2022-23 Enrollment

Our 4-H program year runs
September through August each year.
Join on September 12th to take part
in our year round programs. The best
part...it is FREE to join! That's right,
NO participation fees!

2022-23 Enrollment begins
SEPTEMBER 12th at v2.4honline.com

As always, please contact our office
with any questions at 734-240-3170

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium check as soon as you receive it in the mail. **ALL checks must be cashed within 90 Days, otherwise void!**

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office:

734-241-5775

Auction Checks

If you will not be attending the JLA Banquet or SAA Banquet, you will need to pick up your check at the

MSU Extension office 963 S Raisinville Road

These payments must be cashed within 60 days or the funds will roll back to JLA/SAA!!

ATTENTION ALL LEADERS

If you have members that left fair projects or need trophies/ name plates, please pick them up from the MSU Extension office or at Post Fair Meeting on **Friday, September 15th!**

Remaining projects will sadly be discarded.

Thank you!!!!!!

Volunteers

With annual enrollment for our youth, also comes enrollment for our volunteers! There are two steps to annual volunteer enrollment.

1. Go to www.v2.4honline.com to renew your enrollment for the 2022-2023 program year beginning September 12th
2. Go to our Volunteer Central <https://msu.samaritan.com/> to become a registered Volunteer with our program.
- 3. Gold level Volunteers must complete their Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training by December 31, 2022 to stay active!**

Frequently Asked Questions:

We've had many questions regarding volunteer status leading up to this fair season, so here are some details to help out.

- **How do I become an approved volunteer with 4-H?** We're so glad you asked! The first step is to apply at the Volunteer Central Website

<https://msu.samaritan.com/>

Not sure if you've already done this? Call our office to double check so you don't end up completing an extra step. You may already have a profile setup.

- **What does it mean to be a GOLD vs. Silver Volunteer?** All Club leaders, Superintendents, and other individuals who will be interacting with youth should be GOLD status. Gold volunteers should also be enrolled in 4honline and are eligible for wristbands during fair week. **Silver Volunteer Status** should only be used for those individuals who have no direct interaction 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. Silver Volunteers can only receive one day passes for kitchen or guard duty that they may be working. These individuals do not register in 4honline.



Special thanks to the 2022

JLA and SAA Buyers for their support!

Adams Acres Livestock	David Swartout - District 7 County Comm	Heck Farms LLC
Ag-Pro Berkey	David Thompson Monroe County Drain Commissioner	HL Meyer Farms
AJF Inc	Dekalb Seeds/Gary & Connie Kreps	Homrich
All Transportation Inc.	Digger Specialties	Hoppert Farms Inc.
Allen Chevrolet Cadillac	Directions Credit Union/Barry Shaner	Ida Farmers Co-op
Alta Equipment Company	Diuble Equip	Ida Veterinary Clinic
Alteris Group LLC	Dobberstein Organic Family Farms	In memory of Gail Meyer
American Family Concessions	Drodt Farms Inc	In Memory of Joyce & Judge Michael A Weipert
American Heating & Cooling	Dundee Lumber	Jackie Manwell
Amy Smith Century 21 Allstar	Durocher's	Jacobs Architects
Andy Hill	Eagle Valley Ag Risk Advisors	Jacob's Supply
Aristeo	Edward Jones Financial Advisor Joel Spotts/Spotts Excavating & Paving LLC	James DeSana for State Rep
ASF Construction & Bedford Machinery	Emily Albring TKO Medical	Jamie Thompson - Candidate for State Representative 28th District
ASKaff	Fall's A-1 auto care	Janice Doederlein
B&B Party Rentals LLC	Family Farm & Home - 51	Janssen Brothers Farm
Barron Insurance Agency	Family Farm & Home #52	Jason & Anna Sahloof
Bill LaVoy	Farm Bureau of Dundee JC Carner Agency	Jaworski Farms
Blue Collar Hot Sauce	Farmer & Underwood	JC Hunt Club
Bob Copp, Subway of Monroe	Farmers & Merchants State Bank	Jeff & Julie Linn
Brett Mizzi	Finishers Unlimited of Monroe	Jennifer & Herman Brey
Brittannie Cummings	First Merchants Bank	Jeremy Chisholm, Attorney for Monroe and Ida Public Schools
Buckingham Farms	Fishers Ag Insurance	Jeremy Neely
Cadillac Asphalt	Flowers By Winter	Jessica Stotz
Carleton Farm Supply	Fluff N Puff Pet Grooming	Jeth Ott - Little Brown Jug
Carrington Golf Club	Fusilier Family Farms	Jim Haxton
Chad & Patty Dubke	Garst LP Gas	Jim Lloyd
Christian and Erin Stumpmier	Generators Plus	John & Kate Delmotte - Pioneer Seed
CM Smith Sand & Stone	Genoa Bank	John Marion Inc
Corey & Mallory Setzler	Gerdau Special Steel	Joseph Johnson- Dynamic Transportation
Corey Seed Service LLC	Gerken Paving / Materials, Inc.	Judge Michael Brown
Countryside Excavating	Golden Harvest Seeds- Mark & Sarah Mathe	Just Right Grain Systems
Countyline Co-op	Greenstone Farms Credit Services	Kamprath Farms
D AND P COMMUNICATIONS	Haws Family Farms	Kastel Show Cattle
Dale Biniacki for State Representative 31st District	Heath & Jamie Hunter	Katie Welch
David & Leah Morelli		
David and Diane King / King Tool		

Special thanks to the 2022 JLA and SAA Buyers for their support!

Kayla Kob	Monroe County Farm Bureau President Roger Bezek	Sheriff Troy and Carolee Goodnough
Kent Wyse		Sieb Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning
Key Bank	Monroe County Republican Party	
Kiwanis Club of Monroe	Moonlyte Equestrian Center	Sieler's Old Grainery Feed Store
Knabusch Insurance/Fremont Insurance	MPM Oil	Smith Trucking Inc
Kobelt	Mud Run Creek Farms	Southeastern Fencing LLC
Kreps Brothers Farms	Nature's Way Farms LLC	Spartan Ag
Kreps Farm	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Spartan Insurance
Kurt & Jaclyn Ryder	Ohio Specialties Co.	Specialty Hardwood Molding
LaRocca Trucking	Ottawa Lake Co-op	St. Isidore Farm
Larry King	PASCHALL BROS CONSTRUCTION	Stanger Seed Solutions
Larry Kurtzel	Paul and Sherri Iacoangeli	State of Michigan Representative Joe Bellino
Liedel Power Cleaning & Painting	Paul F Marks	State Senator Dale W Zorn
Lievens Family Farm	Pittman Trucking	Stoneco
Longshot	RA Rush Plumbing	Stotz Brothers LLC
Lotus Financial Services	Reaume/Kuehnlein Farms	Tackin G Parrot
M & M Strahan Farms	Redline Equipment / Jaye Biniecki	The Andersons Trade Group
Mark Metz	Redmond Concessions	The Beautiful Life
Martin and Sherry Kuhn	Remington Floor	The Mannik & Smith Group Inc
Mary Staelgraeve	Republic Services	THEBOLT ELECTRIC
Masserants Feed and Grain	RLS Private Wealth Consulting	Tim Hortons
Matt Corbin	Rob Bosart	Tim Laitur Attorney
Matthes Farm In Memory of Judge Michael Weipert	Rollo Juckette and Brad Newhart Auctioneers	Tim Magrum
Matthes Tree Farm and Four Timbers Barn	Ryan Pittman Jr./Pioneer Seed Sales	TLC Community Credit Union
Meijer	Ryan's Nursery	Tom & Andrew Woelmer Farm
Metz Seed Farms	S & J Cattle	Uhl Concrete LLC
Michael & Gina Baker	S.A. Storer & Sons Masonry Company	UIS Insurance & Investments
Michelle LaVoy	Salenbien Materials	Unlimited Contracting
Mid American Group	Salenbien Trucking & Excavating	Village Wealth Management
Mieden Farms	Salenbien Welding	Wells Farm
Mike Anderzack	Sandra Bondar	Wiesler Photography
MJ Lumbrezer Cattle Co.	Schmidt Transport LLC	William Beaudrie & Son Farms
Mold & Air Quality Professionals - Greg Lambert	Schoenborn Family Farms Auction Resale	Winter's Show Pigs
Monroe Community Credit Union	Scott Hadyniak	Woelmer Steel LLC
Monroe County Fair Board	Secord Farms LLC	Wolverine State Concrete
	Seegert & Seegert Financial Services	Yardmaster

Are you new to 4-H?

Would you like to learn more about what we have to offer?

Come to our New Enrollment Meet and Greet!



Invite A
Friend!

Welcome A
New Club
Member!

Welcome!
TO 4-H

**WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES TO THE FUN
MEET & GREET**
OCTOBER 5TH, 7PM @ ACTIVITY CENTER
REQUESTING YOUTH & ADULT LEADERS TO HELP WELCOME
& SHARE THEIR CLUB DISPLAYS



JOIN THE CLUB

Open to 4-H members, leaders, volunteers and the public!

Stop by and learn about the Monroe County 4-H Program!

Nominations and Award Applications

Monroe County has several opportunities to recognize our Volunteers and Youth.

Please use below google links to submit nominations and applications, each area has a separate google link.

Deadline for each area is October 31, 2022.

County Awards Program

Youth Member- The County Medal program is designed to provide 4-H members with recognition for their project achievements. County Medals are given to signify a job well done, encourage youth to strive for more and to reward youth for successfully overcoming obstacles along the way. Effort, willingness to learn and personal growth experiences are considered desirable qualities for projects.

County Medals are awarded in every 4-H project area. Each project area/award medal may be received only once in each age division.

Age Divisions for Awards: 11-14 years (4-H age): County Awards

15-19 years (4-H age): Older Teen Awards

County award application link: <https://forms.gle/nMeDBjGNk7Vrr5XE6>

Outstanding Club Member

Club Leaders- Did you notice a youth member going above and beyond this past year? We'd like to recognize the effort and achievements of your OUTSTANDING club member!

Link for Club Leaders: <https://forms.gle/aOUKc4SPuJgGF9fe8>

Club Award

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

Club Award link: <https://forms.gle/pdEcSoSa2anc6yZo7>

I DARE YOU Award

Anyone can nominate- the I DARE YOU award recognizes youth who stand out to leaders, youth peers and parents. The I Dare You Award is awarded to two youth who have been seen by others as being mentors, who go above and beyond and who demonstrate growth through 4-H.

I DARE YOU AWARD link: <https://forms.gle/pMTwnBs7xpFPXyoy8>

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

Youth Member is eligible who has:
reached 15 years of age by the beginning of the previous program year (September 1, 2021)
completed 3 years of club work
completed 4-H projects in at least 2 project areas
completed a teen leadership project
participated in 3 county or state 4-H events

Michigan Key Club application link: <https://forms.gle/X9KaHdkkUSShLoxK9>

Volunteer Nominations

Anyone Can Nominate Monroe County 4-H would not be as impactful to our community without the dedication of our volunteers and community partners. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving recipient for the categories of
4-H Club Leader of the Year
Meritorious Service Individual
Meritorious Service Business or Organization
Distinguished Alumni.

(Please note that individuals can only receive each award once in their career. Past recipients of these awards will not be considered for the 2021-2022 award). Past winners will vote to determine final winners

Volunteer Nomination Link: <https://forms.gle/54GYe5c6fH8oKEoU6>

**Save the Date for Youth/Leader Banquet
December 11, 2022 @ 5:00pm in
the Activity Center**

**Call for individuals to serve on Leader/Youth Banquet planning
committee**

**Attend next meeting Sept. 21, 2022 @ 6:00 in the Extension
Office**

6th Annual Teen Ambassador's Trunk r' Treat and Kid's "All Stars" Day!



This event is **OPEN** to the **PUBLIC**

Anyone interested to join 4-H, there will be information on how to join a club and get involved!



Place: Behind the Activity Center

When: Sunday, October 23th

Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

Events included: Treats, Goodies, Games, and Trunk r' Treating!

Rain plan: park in Anderson Arena

Awards Program will begin at 4:45pm for current:

4-H Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old

4-H Youth: 8-10 years old

Costumes are encouraged!



Please park your vehicle in the north lot of the Activity Center if you wish to participate in passing out yummy treats! It is highly encouraged that clubs participate in decorating a trunk at this event. The best decorated trunk will win a prize! Set-up time for decorating your trunk will start at 3pm on the day of the event.

Please contact Tammy Schmidt if you are participating in decorating a trunk and passing out treats.

Teenambassadors.4hmonroemi@gmail.com or 734-240-3174



Monroe County 4-H
invites you to



A Woodland Forest

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction



Live Auction 7:00 pm

4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

**Nov
19**

Public Welcome



Silent Auction 4-6:30pm

Bake Sale ** Kids Grab Bag

Dinner 4-7pm



Adults: \$10

Kids 4-9 years: \$5

Family of 5: \$35

Meal includes :

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI

Salad, Bread, Drink &

Dessert

All profits benefit youth members of Monroe County 4-H through scholarships, recognition and year-round programming

*Current MSU health & safety requirements will be followed during this event.





11 am Line



1 pm Line



Finally, after a two-year break, it's back!!

The Monroe County Shooting Sports Association hosted the 2022 Tri-County Archery tournament at the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club on Sunday August 21st. Twenty-seven 4-H archers from 7 different counties scattered across the lower peninsula came out to compete in this one-day event. Twenty medals were handed out to the top shooters. Monroe county was well represented by 16 youth, with ten of those youth earning medals!

Huge thank you goes out to the members of the SSA youth executive board, the shooting sports instructors and volunteers for all their work in putting this event together and to the Washtenaw Sportsman's club for the use of their facilities!!

Want to find out more about shooting sports?

Come to our next Shooting Sports Association (SSA) meeting. We meet 4 times a year. Our next meeting is Oct 19th @ 7pm.



Monroe Duo Competes at State Tournament

Hunter Divert (Sharp Shooters) and Justin Yarger (Crazy 'Bout Critters) competed in the 4-H Shooting Sports State Tournament on July 23 @ Centerline of Calhoun County in Bellevue, MI. The pair competed in the shotgun Trap division and did quite well. In the individual Senior age group, Hunter shot 44 out of 50 clays which placed him in a tie for 3rd place. Justin also did well and shot 43 out of 50 clays and earned him a tie in 4th place.

Congratulations to both Hunter and Justin for a job well done and representing Monroe County shooting sports!!



The 2022 4-H Tri County Archery Tournament hosted by Monroe County 4-H Shooting Sports was a huge success! Congratulations to all the participants. Of course, a big shout-out to our local 4-H leaders and volunteers that helped put on this event. We would also like to thank Washtenaw Sportsman Club for co-hosting. We are excited to see this tournament continue to grow even more. Hope to see you participating in this next year!



State 4-H Dog Show Results!



On August 20th we had 4 exhibitors attend the Michigan 4H State Dog Show at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds in Corunna.

Congratulations to our Monroe Youth that participated at this event. Great job representing the county!



Showmanship:

Champion Class 15-19
Makenzie Rehburg 2nd Place
Champion Class 9-14
Madison Rehburg 2nd Place

Rally Obedience:

Novice B 12-15
Ashton Hohendorf 6th Place
Intermediate A
Stewart Funk 6th Place

Obedience:

Pre-Novice B 9-13
Ashton Hohendorf 5th Place

Agility:

Beginner B 10-11
Stewart Funk 1st Place- Reserve
High Point on-leash
Beginner B 12-14
Ashton Hohendorf NQ





Monroe County 4-H Cat Program

Where do we meet:

4-H Activity Center

When do we meet:

Every 3rd Monday

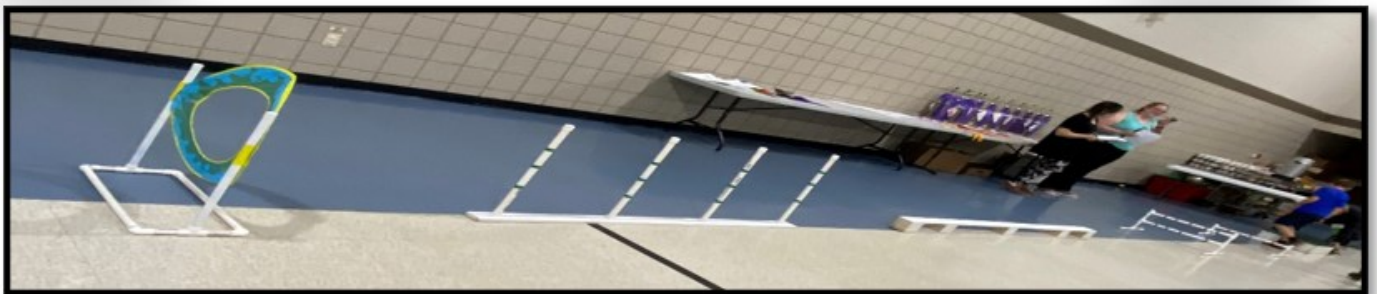
(March-June, September – November)

Who are welcome to attend:

Every 4-H kid is welcome including Clover Buds

Need more information:

Contact Becky Lomas at sgatedk@yahoo.com



 CITIZENSHIP • LEADERSHIP
WASHINGTON FOCUS 



Monroe county teens spend a week in Washington D.C. learning all about citizenship and leadership while visiting the U.S. capital. Justin Yarger (Crazy 'Bout Critters) and Stephen Wiesler (Wise Acres) left the day after Expo Days with 28 other 4H'ers from Michigan on a bus to Washington D.C. for the trip of a lifetime. They spent their time meeting other 4H'ers from all over the United States while touring the capital along with stops in Arlington and Gettysburg. Just ask Stephen or Justin about their experience and they'll be more than happy to tell you all about it.

Contact Claudia or Jean at the office about going to CWF.



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**COFFEE
ROASTERS**

ORGANIZATION

Monroe County 4-H Hippology Team

FUNDS FOR

General Expenses/Resources

DATES

August 1- August 31st, 2022



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HOW TO PURCHASE

- 1) Go to M36CoffeeRoasters.com/4h (or scan the QR code above), and enter the password: **horse**
- 2) Your order will ship to you. Shipping is additional with free shipping on orders over \$75.



HOME ROAST

100% FT Organic. Rich, smooth, dark roast. Hints of caramel and brown sugar. Our favorite.

16 OZ



FTO COLOMBIAN

100% FT Organic. Medium roast, mild flavor, with sweet floral notes.

16 OZ



SUPER JACK'D

Ultra-high caffeine. A blend of Arabica and Robusta beans. Complex, unique, bold.

16 OZ



KITALE

This blend was made for those who appreciate an ultra-dark coffee that's rich and smoky without tasting burnt.

16 OZ



ERC HOUSE

The House Blend, with its chocolaty aroma, smooth character and robust body, is our most popular blend.

16 OZ



ERC HOUSE DECAF

100% Arabica beans are peak roasted to a dark Italian roast. You won't know it's decaf.

16 OZ



CHOCOLATE ALMOND

Premium chocolate almond flavored coffee beans, medium roast, full-bodied, 100% Arabica coffee.

16 OZ



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It's medium roasted to deliver a rich, nutty and well-rounded taste that's not too sweet for a flavored coffee.

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2022 MAFE Heritage Award

Every fair has those volunteers that for many years have been a huge part of the success of their fair. The MAFE board has approved this award to honor our state's outstanding long term volunteers. Fairs couldn't last without volunteers and the special people that do it year after year need a special award to say thank you. We hope that every fair board will fill out an entry form for the Annual MAFE Heritage Award.

The Heritage Award is used to recognize those individuals who have had a significant influence for their fair, but have not been involved at the zone, regional, state, or national level.

2022 Hall of Fame Program

This program is to recognize the service(s) rendered to fairs, festivals and our industry by individual(s) who have devoted their time and talents. These individuals will have not only worked locally, but on a regional, statewide, or national level to promote and insure the future of all events in Michigan. Recognition will take place during the annual MAFE Convention. Those recognized will be featured in a display book that will be updated each year with the new inductee(s) added. The names of the inductees will also be printed in the MAFE Directory.

The individual may be living or deceased.

The individual(s) shall have been an involved with a MAFE Regular, Associate or Festival per Article II of the MAFE Bylaws either as a paid employee or as a volunteer with their organization or have served with a county or state agency that has direct involvement with the MAFE Membership and its promotion of Agriculture and Youth.

2022 MAFE Volunteer of the Year

The Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions recognizes that volunteers are the lifeblood of Fairs. The annual **Volunteer of the Year** recognition program is designed to showcase the contributions made by volunteers throughout the entire year to fairs in Michigan. Many of you already recognize someone from your organization each year at your own events. Simply nominate that person or persons for recognition statewide by your Association!

There are two categories that you may make nominations. One is for **youth** (up to 21 years old as of January 1, 2022) and one for **adults** (22 years and older). Fairs may make nominations in both categories. Awards will be presented for youth and adult *Volunteer of the Year*.

We encourage all volunteers to attend the MAFE 138th Annual Convention in Grand Rapids, as all nominees will be recognized for their contributions to Fairs. The *Volunteer of the Year* and *Youth Volunteer of the Year* will be announced at the annual convention (see the convention brochure for scheduled time) held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids January 12-14, 2023.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Nominate an
extraordinary 4-H alum
today!**



**Nomination deadline:
Oct. 1, 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan's 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years. For details and the online nomination form, visit:

<http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

September 7 : Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, MSU Campus, East Lansing , MI

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion

Various Locations

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 7 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2022 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways you can celebrate 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to [share a 4-H memory](#), express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Have a 4-H Reunion — [4-H alumni](#) often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) that can help support your county 4-H program.



Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults.

Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2