I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for an enjoyable 2013 Gladwin County Fair. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to create valuable shows, sales, and events during the week of the fair. The fair superintendents, 4-H officers and fair board members need a "Big Thank You" for taking a leadership role and volunteering their time during that week. This was a perfect opportunity to learn more about 4-H projects as well as specific clubs in what they do.

September 1, started the beginning of the 2013-2014 4-H Year. Many clubs are coming together to finish up last year’s details and start planning for the year ahead. Please attend the leader trainings because we will be going over the new process for end of the year forms, enrollment and re-enrollment forms. Look for dates and times under the association meetings.

4-H Fall Awards Banquet! I encourage all 4-H families to attend this great event. Youth are given recognition for the outstanding 4-H experiences that they have participated in over the last year. The banquet is a Pot Luck Luncheon. On Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the K of C Hall in Gladwin.

2013-14 4-H LEADER TRAINING. This year Fall Leader Training will be taking place 1 hour before the association leader meetings. At the trainings, information about the new procedure for re-enrollment and new enrollment forms will be gone over along with club end of year forms. It will be very important for each leader to attend one meeting so the new information can be communicated to all leaders and 4-H members. All meetings will start at 6:00pm promptly, with association meeting following.

Looking forward to working with you this new year!
ATTENTION ALL 4-H’RS
REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR BUYER PICTURES, AND SEND OUT YOUR BUYER THANK YOU’S. IF YOU NEED ADDRESSES FOR YOUR BUYERS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ASSOCIATION.

2013 4-H Calendar

SEPTEMBER
5 4-H Leader Training –6:00 pm –MSUE H Small Animal Meeting-7:00pm
9 Special 4-H Leader’s Council meeting to discuss the 2013 Fair
12 4-H Leader Training 6:00 pm –MSUE– Horse Leaders Meeting 7:00pm
26 4-H Award Applications DUE

OCTOBER
7-13 National 4-H Week
8 4-H Leader Training 6:00pm-MSUE ----4-H Livestock Meeting-7:00 pm
10 4-H Horse Council ANNUAL Meeting –7:00 pm
21 4-H Leader Training-6:00pm----4-H Council ANNUAL Meeting -7:00pm
26 4- H Make-A-Difference Day
27 4-H FALL AWARDS BANQUET- 1:30pm, K of C Hall-Gladwin

NOVEMBER
7 4-H Small Animal ANNUAL Meeting –7:00pm
12 4-H Scholarship/Admissions due –MSU
21 4-H Livestock Council ANNUAL Meeting –7:00pm
28-29 OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER
3 4-H Enrollment Forms are DUE
24-25 OFFICE CLOSED-CHRISTMAS
31-1 OFFICE CLOSED-NEW YEARS

Clubs should plan enrollment meetings in November to ensure forms are turned in by December 1st with all participation fee money for the whole club.
The MSU Extension office will not be collecting money for re-enrollment from individuals.
New Enrollments will be accepted until February 1st, 2014 to be able to show at the fair.
The Children & Youth Institute is requiring all new 4-H Volunteers to complete the 4-H Volunteer e-learning Course. This requirement will be mandatory beginning September 1, 2013. As a reminder, completion of the online orientation must occur before the volunteer can begin working with youth on behalf of Michigan 4-H. It is recommended for them to complete the e-learning course; however, we will not be requiring it in the same way that we will for new volunteers.

Accessing the 4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course:

The 4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course is housed within the "Volunteers" information page on the Michigan 4-H Youth Development website. The direct link to that page is: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/volunteers.

There is a description of the course on the page under the link entitled "4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course." When clicking on the link from the volunteer page, it will first open the description and then provide a link. Clicking on the link in the description section that says "4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course" will take you to the link needed to open the course. You can access it directly by going to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/volunteertraining/.

They should enter their first and last name and select Michigan. The correct password is Volunteer. Then click "Login". Once finished, click submit will alert MSUE Staff.

According to a study released by the Agricultural Leaders of Michigan, dairy farmers in Michigan are finding it increasingly difficult to hire qualified workers to meet their needs.

The study was conducted by Bill Knudson, an economist with the Michigan State University Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Michigan Milk Producers Association and focused on the needs of its members.

MMPA president Ken Nobis says the industry needs to have a qualified labor force so that it can take advantage of opportunities for growth.

According to Nobis, increasing milk production in Michigan has created a trend toward larger dairy farms - those with 400 cows or more.

The study notes that these larger operations tend to require more highly skilled employees, suggesting that the industry should focus on developing additional agricultural training programs and identifying career paths for advancement to keep up with industry trends.

Read more: http://www.woodradio.com/articles/wood-news-125494/study-shortage-of-qualified-dairy-workers-11569185/?ixzz2c8sNu3C
You Are Invited to
2013
4-H Fall Awards Potluck

Sunday - October 27th
1:30 p.m.
K of C Hall - Gladwin

Each family is asked to bring a tray of vegetables or a salad
AND a dessert. Make sure that each dish you bring is enough to feed 20 people.
The 4-H Leaders council will furnish ham, green beans and rolls plus, table service along
with, coffee, cider and milk.

We will be recognizing 4-H members and
leaders with the following awards; County
4-H Medals, Young Member Rosettes,
I Dare You Award, Friend of 4-H,
4-H Parent and Leader of the Year,
Joel James 4-H Horse Award,
Lawrence Lemke Award,
A special recognition will be given to
leaders.

Each 4-H Club is responsible for bringing 5 fall table decorations made
of pumpkins and gourds for our Special Guests and Nursing Homes.
There will be a costume contest this year.
Held at the Kellogg Biological Station (KBS), this conference provides continuing education for current 4-H PEP Program certified instructors. Attendance is required at either the Fall 12 or Fall 13 Instructor Update to maintain 4-H PEP Program Instructor status. The program is also open to PATH (formerly NARHA) certified instructors and those interested in therapeutic riding.

Sessions include topics related to instructing therapeutic riding, working with youth with special needs, and horse management and care are included in the program.

Open to 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructors or Instructors in Training. The program is also open to NARHA certified instructors and those with an interest in therapeutic riding. Support for this workshop is provided by the James H. and Dorothy A. Anderson Endowment of the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the Accident Fund Holding, Inc.

**4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen and Adult Volunteer Training Workshop**

**Date:** November 8, 2013 - November 9, 2013  
**Location:** Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Gain new ideas and information about the rabbit and cavy project areas. Participants will choose from a variety of learning opportunities including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun 4-H club activities. The workshop will provide adult and teen leaders 12 years (as of January 1, 2014) and up, the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new friends, and explore new areas with other individuals who are just as excited about rabbits and cavies as you are! Participants are encouraged to develop plans for sharing the learning experiences back in their local counties. Support for this workshop is provided by donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

**4-H Teen & Adult 2013 Horse Leaders Conference**

**Date:** November 22, 2013 - November 24, 2013  
**Location:** Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

This workshop is designed for BOTH youth and adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H Horse Programs. Topics include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities, and opportunities beyond a county program. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged, for exchanging of ideas and programs and meeting other volunteers in the same interest area. Participants are expected to share the information and experiences gained at this conference with fellow 4-Hers in their counties. Support for this workshop is provided by donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.
**4-H Family Fun Weekend**

**Date:** October 5, 2013 - October 6, 2013  
**Location:** Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Explore all that 4-H has to offer! This weekend will be action-packed and full of new experiences for the entire family. Youth, ages 5-8, and their parent/guardian/caregiver are encouraged to attend this workshop to learn about 4-H! Sessions will provide youth with opportunities to learn about 4-H projects and life skills, the Four-H’s of 4-H, and other Michigan activities and events for 5-8 year old youth involved in 4-H. Parents/guardians/caregivers who attend will learn about 4-H programming specifically designed for the 5-8 year old audience, how to make the most of 4-H experiences, and Michigan 4-H facilities, workshops, and programs. Families will learn and grow together exploring Kettunen Center and 4-H! Support for this workshop is provided by donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

**4-H Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop**

**Date:** October 12, 2013 - October 13, 2013  
**Location:** Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Youth aged 12 by January 1, 2014, and adults will be energized at this workshop with new ideas for working with youth in arts and crafts projects. Seventeen workshops will introduce participants to ways they can “Discover life skills through the arts”. Arts and crafts taught will include: Nuno Felting, Beginning Fused Glass, Iris Paper Folding, Basketry, Photography, Locker Hooking with Trash Bags, Glass Etching, Gourd Art, Bling Jewelry, Leather Tooling for the Beginner, Dryer Duct Pumpkins, Transforming Fabric Techniques, Creating Crafts from Recycled Fabrics, Knitting, Color It Fun – Sharpie Tie Dye, Beads for Life and Social Media & the Arts. Support for this workshop is provided by donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

**4-H Clothing & Textiles Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop**

**Date:** October 19, 2013 - October 20, 2013  
**Location:** Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Explore new project ideas and skills to use in your 4-H clothing and textiles program. Sessions tentatively scheduled include beginning and advanced sewing skills, recycle t-shirts into yoga pants, fashion illustration and design, buymanship, community service projects, several quilting classes, reversible tote bag, totally teens class, knitted lacy scarf, easy zippers, recycled mittens, 5-8 year old projects, and more. Support for this workshop is provided by the Henning Family Endowed Fund and other donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

**4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update**

**Date:** November 2, 2013 - November 3, 2013  
**Location:** Kellogg Biological Station (KBS), 3700 East Gull Lake Drive Hickory Corners, MI 49060
The Haunted Building

Date: Friday and Saturday nights in October

Time: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Located 1 mile South of Gladwin on M-18 (behind Sun Seekers Salon)

4H Performing Arts would like you to come and join them in a scare of a lifetime. Every Friday and Saturday night for the month of October.

For more information please contact Tracy Curtis: 989-329-1602 or Jon Curtis: 989-329-1940. We are always looking for volunteers to help scare the water out of you.
Michigan 4-H Volunteer Forum
Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013  Michigan State University

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Amanda Eicher —Keynote Speaker

Amanda Eicher lives in Sturgis, MI with her husband Luke and their 4 daughters ages 9, 7, 5 and 4. Amanda graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in Family Community Services and has an emphasis in Youth and Leadership.

Her involvement in 4-H and FFA as a teenager and young adult gave Amanda an understanding and heart for volunteering. Amanda is passionate about motivating people to impact lives and making a difference.

Amanda’s Opening Keynote will follow the General Welcome at 9 a.m.

The 2013 4-H Volunteer Forum will showcase Michigan 4-H! 4-H teen and adult leaders will attend hands-on workshops, learn from each other and staff, network, take home resources, leaving renewed and refreshed about MSUE 4-H!

Join The Revolution of Responsibility!
See you on Nov. 9th!

Registration Information
On-line registration will be available mid August
http://www.events.anr.msu.edu/

Registration fee is $35, which covers program costs, morning snacks, and lunch.

Day of Forum Registration Check-in:
Plant & Science Bldg. 8—9 a.m.

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