Upcoming Dates and Reminders:

- 4-H online enrollment open now. Be sure to pay your membership fees to the office.
- December 6th, 4-H State Awards Workshop, MSU Extension office, 6:30 p.m.
- December 7th, Small Animal Project Committee Meeting, MSU Extension office, 6:00 p.m.
- December 12th: Volunteer and Teen training webinar for State Awards, 6:30 p.m.  
  (https://msu.zoom.us/j/614924209 or 1 646 558 8656 phone number Meeting ID: 614 924 209)
- December 14th, Livestock By-laws Committee Meeting, MSU Extension office, 5:00 p.m.
- December 16th, Ticket Orders Due to MSU Extension office for 4-H Day at Breslin Center
- December 21st, 4-H Blood Drive, 1-6 at MSU Extension office
- December 29th, County T-shirt Design Entry Deadline
- January 5th, 4-H Member Portfolio Workshop, MSU Extension office, 6:00 p.m.
- January 10th, Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, MSU Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
- January 12th, 4-H Horse Mentoring Program Meeting, MSU Extension office, 6:30 p.m.
- January 14th, Beef Project Weigh-In, Gladwin County Fairgrounds, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- January 18th, 4-H Leaders’ Council Meeting, Beaverton Activity Center (Ross Lake Room)  
  6:00 p.m.
- January 22nd, 4-H Day at the Breslin Center, 5:00 p.m.
- February 10th, 4-H Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus, Gladwin
- Feb 25th, 4-H Tubing Day at Snow Snake

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Registration for 4-H Winterfest at the Kettenen Center will be opening soon!! Watch your email and Facebook for the announcement!

Festival of Lights Parade 2016  
4-H Float

Everything Under the Sun  
4-H Club helped packed boxes for “Aaron’s Gifts From Home,” as their monthly community service project.
4-H State Awards

Application Preparation Workshop

Who: Gladwin County 4-H members, parents, and volunteers who want to learn more about 4-H State Awards

What: Workshop to learn about 4-H State Awards and to help members begin putting together their 4-H State Awards application

When: December 6, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Where: Gladwin MSU Extension Office
555 W Cedar Avenue, Gladwin, MI 48624

Applications for Michigan 4-H State Awards are due February 1, 2017
Have you started your application yet?

- Review application questions and procedures
- Opportunity to brainstorm, outline, and begin writing application responses
- Peer support to proofread and review progress
- Network with other 4-H members

Please RSVP to attend this training.
Questions about this workshop or to register, contact Jessica Hufford
989-426-7741

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The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H members ages 11-19 to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development. After participating in the State 4-H Awards Program youth will:

- Learn to better communicate and represent their accomplishments on professional applications such as scholarships, college, entrance applications, résumés and cover letters for employment.
- Have more experience and be better able to communicate during job interviews.
- Build long-lasting friendships and establish connections with industry and academic leaders.
- Be encouraged to set new goals, continue building skills and assets, and broaden interests.

**Age Categories**

- Mark of Excellence Essay Contest
  
  11-12 year old 4-H members

- Junior State Award
  
  13-15 year old 4-H members

- Senior State Award
  
  16-19 year old 4-H members

- Group Award
  
  13-19 year old 4-H members

The application process and selection for the Michigan 4-H State Awards program is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Recognition may include certificates, plaques, and cash prizes for junior and senior award winners. Get more information at the link below.

All applications are due February 1st. Each county may select up to two Mark of Excellence Essay winners to be recognized. Up to 12 youth across the state in both the junior and senior level in each project recognition area may be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

**Applications due February 1st**

**Recognition Areas**

- Beef Science
- Biological Science
- Birds and Poultry Science
- Civic Engagement
- Communications and Expressive Arts
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer and Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental and Earth Science
- Equine Science
- Goat Science
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Leadership and Personal Development
- Plant Science
- Rabbit and Cavy Science
- Sheep Science
- Swine Science
- Technology and Engineering
- Group Award

4-H members will learn to communicate their experiences into a professional application that includes documenting how 4-H has helped them:

- Learn and apply life skills
- Practice leadership and service
- Tell their 4-H Story

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program

Contact your local MSU Extension office for additional information.
Help Gladwin County 4-H

Save Lives By

Donating Blood

December 21, 2016
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Gladwin MSU Extension
(555 W Cedar Ave, Gladwin, MI)

For every donation $10.00 will be given to the 4-H program. Minimum of 15 donations needed to complete the goal.

Each person who donates blood will also be entered into a drawing to win 4-H Swag. Call 989-426-7741 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins Welcome!

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MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
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A Very Special Event for Younger 4-H’ers

While Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) offers many educational opportunities for youth of all ages, there is a special, award-winning workshop for younger 4-H’ers (aged 8 to 12).

What and Why
4-H Winterfest (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2)

At this event, participants will:

- Spend two days learning new skills from experts in six different, action-packed sessions of their choice. Project areas may include crafts, science and technology, dance movement, shooting sports, healthy living, animal science and international education. Through such 4-H projects, young people enjoy hands-on activities, while developing life skills (http://bit.ly/1PVDmlX). For example, by allowing 4-H’ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At 4-H Winterfest, youth also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”
- Experience some outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, outdoor cooking, tubing, snowshoeing and possibly hiking in the woods along the trails
- Enjoy an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who Should Attend
4-H’ers who are 8 to 12 years old as of January 1, 2017

Where
Kettunen Center (http://www.kettunencenter.org) in Tustin

When
February 4 to 5, 2017 (begins Saturday morning and ends before lunch on Sunday)

How
The Winterfest schedule and registration will be available in early December on the 4-H events website (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h). The $70 registration fee includes overnight housing, three meals, all session supplies and a special gift.

While you wait for 4-H Winterfest registration information to be posted on the Michigan 4-H web site, you can check the following for more information:

- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- The Winterfest Facebook page (http://bit.ly/2cOnF2x)
- Start Thinking About 4-H Winterfest Coming in February (http://bit.ly/2fgW36S)

This workshop fills up quickly, so keep your eye peeled for registration information!