Give me an F, Give me an A, Give me an I, Give me an R. Let’s hear it for FAIR TIME!!!

We know you are all working diligently to prepare for fair. Can you believe it’s less than a month away? We are also working hard here at the Extension office to help out any way we can. Deadlines, papers, project information and more have definitely kept us on our toes.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Gladwin County fair. Please remember the Code of Conduct that each and every one of you signed. We are guests of the fair so let’s make this a fun and safe time to remember. Be a proud 4-H member and show the community your appreciation for helping to keep 4-H here in Gladwin County.

Please be sure to check this newsletter, your email, and the Gladwin County Facebook page for recent updates as Fair time approaches.

Announcements:
- **Meat birds must be delivered to the home of Jeremy and Corey Cuddie by 8:00 p.m. on July 24th in order to participate in the sale. Failure to deliver birds will result in no participation in this year’s auction. See page 3 for more detail!**
- There are 13 members still needing to complete their PQA certification. If you do not complete, you don’t compete!!
- Visit www.gladwinfair.net for a copy of this year’s fair book and an up-to-date fair schedule.
- Buyer’s passes will be available at the Extension Office July 7th.
- Twilight Show July 17th 6:30 PM
- Week of Fair ride passes for 4-H Members- $30.00 (rides open Monday)

NEW CLUB: **Krafty Kids Klub.** Members are creating projects and will participate in the still exhibits this year.

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REQUIRED:
- **Barn Duty**-check with your barn superintendent for more info!
- **Concession Stand**- Sign up book is at Extension Office.
- **PQA Training-MUST** be done by July 17th.
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The Gladwin County 4-H Leaders’ Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Gladwin County 4-H Scholarship and the Kenneth J. Dubiel Scholarship.

Congratulations to Sara Edick, Gladwin High School and Merissa Gingerich, Beaverton High School.

We wish you and all the graduates of 2015 the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Information updates and Frequently Asked Questions regarding the poultry shows and avian influenza can be found at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/avian_influenza/poultryshows.

See Page 3 for more detail.

- Barn Set-Up Dates:
  Small Animal Barn (for rabbits only): Tuesday July 7th 6:30 p.m.
  Livestock Barn: Thursday July 9th 6:00 p.m.
  Horse Barn: Tuesday July 21st 6:00 p.m.

- Fair Arrival Dates:
  Still Exhibits: 1-7 p.m. Friday July 24th
  Beef Arrival: 6-8 p.m. Saturday July 25th
  Prospect Beef Arrival: 6-8 p.m. Saturday July 25th
  Swine Arrival: 7-12 p.m. Sunday July 26th
  Sheep Arrival: 7-12 p.m. Sunday July 26th
  Rabbits Arrival: 10 a.m. Sunday July 26th
  Horse Arrival: 12-5 p.m. Sunday July 26th

- Auction Dates
  Livestock Auction: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday July 29th
  Small Animal Auction: 6:30 p.m. Thursday July 30th

- Parade
  Line-up 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 26th
  Parade: 5:00 p.m. Gladwin Fair 40th Anniversary
  Theme for Fair: “American Heroes”

- Still Exhibit Information:

  The Still Exhibit Barn is making some changes. Barn set up and entry submission will be on FRIDAY, July 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  This year we will be offering an opportunity to sell your still exhibits. There will be a silent auction option for those participants earning one of the top three recognition ribbons, excluding perishable goods. Remember projects you have completed during the school year can be placed in the still exhibit barn. It could be a wood shop project, writing assignment, graphic design from your computer classes, it can be a flower or vegetable plant you have grown, or an art project you have completed. After school projects are always welcomed too! Deadline for entry in Blue Ribbon is July 11th.
  Forms for project entry can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/gladwin/county_fair_forms
  Any questions? Please contact Janelle Thurlow at janellethurlow@yahoo.com or Julie Jines at heylaydeee@hotmail.com.

  We hope to see you and your projects in the still exhibit barn!!
The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has banned all live poultry exhibitions in Michigan for 2015 until further notice. MSU Extension has worked with MDARD and the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions to find creative alternatives to the traditional live shows.

The Gladwin County 4-H Program and the Gladwin County Fair have been working closely together to ensure that youth have the opportunity to continue to participate in their projects as in year’s past. This year, the projects will look slightly different due to not having live birds at the fairgrounds.

We are asking youth members to move forward with their projects with only a few changes. First, please document the project with a photo taken of both the bird(s) and the youth member in the photo. The photo should be taken at the beginning, midway, and end of the project. These will be used for an information display board that the youth will create to be judged as part of their project. Pictures should be of good quality as judges will look at these pictures and ask questions based upon the information provided on the display boards. All projects can be displayed on one board. The board should be standard sized poster board that can be purchased at many local stores.

Also, please provide an 8 X 10 photo of the member and their project. These will be displayed in the small animals barn as well as used the night of the auction.

Members participating in the meat rabbits, broilers, and pheasant projects must still complete a project book and poster for their project. Posters should include a copy of the weight chart from the project book. If you do not have your project books, please contact the Extension Office.

Trophies will be given out to the top single, top pen of 3, and showmanship. The birds will be judged by weight.

The showmanship competition will be similar to previous years; however youth will be using a life-like bird model. The showmanship score sheet has been modified to compensate for the lack of live birds and will focus on the showmanship steps and youth’s answers to questions. The Michigan 4-H Poultry Modified Showmanship Scorecard can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_poultry_modified_showmanship_score_sheet.

The auction will be held on Thursday night as in previous years. It will be in the same format, same night and time. The difference is that we will not have the live birds present for the auction. Birds will be taken to be processed on Friday, July 24 to Munsell’s Poultry Processing in Fowlerville, MI and will be returned to the fairgrounds to be stored until the auction night. Birds will be given to the buyers immediately following the auction.

Please remember to encourage your buyers to attend the sale and remind them that avian influenza does not impact the quality of the meat.

**Birds that will be processed need to be delivered to the home of Jeremy and Corey Cuddie between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on July 23rd.** The address is 5424 Renas Rd Gladwin, MI 48624.

All non-meat projects will still be sold at the auction as usual. Buyers will be shown pictures of the projects using the display posters created by the youth. Once the buyer has purchased the bird, a transfer of ownership can take place following the auction at the youth’s home. Buyers must pick up the birds from the youth member at their home. Youth will not be permitted to deliver the birds to the buyer’s requested location due to the safe handling practices put into place.

I know that this decision was not what we had hoped for, but maintaining the status of being Avian Influenza free is of the utmost importance to our state’s poultry industry. It is very important to practice proper biosecurity on your farms. Proper practices include wearing clean and organic free clothing and footwear while caring for your animals and washing those items after interacting with animals, cleaning and disinfecting feed and water dishes and other equipment regularly, and not visiting other areas where poultry are housed. After interacting with any animals, also be sure to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. If you bring new birds onto your farm separate them from your flock for 14 to 21 days.

I truly hope that your family takes full advantage of all of the amazing opportunities that are being offered for youth in lieu of the absence of a live bird show. This situation is allowing us to live out our 4-H Motto “To make the best better”! Let’s celebrate our youth and volunteers as they rise to this occasion! See you at the Gladwin County Fair.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

August 15-16: 4-H Family Fun Weekend
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder-familyfun
Kettunen Center, Tustin

August 19: Be SAFE Addressing Bullying in Youth Settings
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/be_safe_addressing_bullying_in_youth_settings
Hannah Community Center, East Lansing

October 7-8: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Houghton-Hancock

October 21-22: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Sturgis

Other 4-H Events

August 2-8: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glnrc
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

August 7-9: State 4-H Horse Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 10: The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/wfpmiyi
Michigan State University, East Lansing

August 15: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament
Blue Water Sportsman's Association, Kimball

August 15: State 4-H Dog Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_dog_show1
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 22: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
http://bit.ly/1KQJMPE
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

October 4-10: National 4-H Week
http://www.4-h.org/?gclid=CKegl_vFgMYCFQ8paQodUqUxAig
Nationwide

October 7: 4-H National Youth Science Day
http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day
Nationwide

Do You Know of Any Exemplary 4-H Volunteers?

If so, read on!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation http://www.mi4hfdtn.org
would like help in identifying an exemplary 4-H agricultural
volunteer to receive the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB)
http://bit.ly/1B31krm
4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award
Applications for this award are due August 1, 2015.

The Foundation is also accepting nominations for outstanding 4-H
alumni for the 2016 Class of the 4-H
Emerald Clover Society (ECS)
http://bit.ly/1G9R7sy
ECS nominations are due January 31, 2016.