Spring Into 4-H

Warmer weather has shown its face briefly this week and that means spring is just around the corner. Don’t forget to move your clocks ahead an hour this weekend. There are lots of fun things coming up in 4-H World. Check this newsletter for upcoming dates and keep watching for updates on our Facebook page.

4-H’ers in the county have been busy this past month. Attending Kettunen Center Workshops, tubing at Snow Snake, and more. Check out the pictures below.

Have news of the awesome things that your club or 4-H-er is doing? Share that with us. We want to hear from you!

Need something to do over Spring Break? Join us for the inaugural Gladwin County 4-H Spring Break Day Camp: 4-H Palooza on Wednesday, March 30th and Thursday, March 31st. For ages 7-12. Know someone not a 4-H member? Bring a non-4-H friend to camp and get your name in a drawing to win some cool 4-H prizes! Check out the flyer on the last page for more info.

Upcoming Dates:
- March 10th: 4-H Horse Leaders’ Association, MSU Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
- March 14th: Deadline for Exploration Days Registration Paperwork to MSU Extension, March 15th, registration opens!
- March 15th: Livestock Buyers’ Banquet, Gladwin High School Cafetorium, 6:00 p.m.
- March 19th: Mid-Michigan Farm and Garden Show
- March 21st: Gladwin County Leaders’ Council, MSU Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
- March 30th and 31st: Gladwin County 4-H Palooza, Spring Break Day Camp
- April 5th: Youth PQA Training, Gladwin MSU Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
- April 7th: Small Animal Association Meeting, MSU Extension Office 7:00 p.m.
- April 14th: 4-H Horse Leaders’ Association, MSU Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

March 4: Junior Master Gardener Workshop  http://bit.ly/1TvKk8P
Children’s Garden Classroom, East Lansing

March 11-13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4-H_Dairy_Conference
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

March 12-13: 4-H Robotics Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HRobotics16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens as Teachers Workshop http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=TeenTeachers
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19: 4-H Day at the Palace and Leadership Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_day_at_the_palace_and_leadership_workshop
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills

March 19-20: Challenge U 4-H FunFest
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=challengeu16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

March 5: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 20-23: 4-H Capitol Experience  http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex
Lansing

April 6: 4-H Night at the Joe (Red Wings)
http://redwings.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=108326
Joe Louis Arena, Detroit

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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State 4-H Goat Expo  http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=goatexpo
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

Anthony Hall & MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Small Animals Day  Contact Carla Mc Lachlan (mclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

4-H News, Events and Information Right in Your Inbox!

Did you know MSU Extension’s News digests deliver the latest news, information and events right to your inbox? Sent once a month, these electronic newsletters feature recent articles and events published on the MSU Extension web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) and they are available in more than 60 interest areas! We recently added new 4-H and youth newsletter topics. These include 4-H animal science, youth arts, youth environmental and outdoor science, and youth money management.

If you already receive MSU Extension News digests, update your subscriber settings to add these new topics. However, if you’re a new subscriber, simply text “MSUE” to 22828 or visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu and click on “Newsletter Sign-Up.”
STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Being a Michigan 4-H International Exchange Host Family
Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4-h) needs families to host international students, teachers and chaperones. Hosting can be for a period of a month or as long as 10 months for an academic school year. For an overview of Michigan’s 4-H International Exchange Programs, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/international_exchange_programs.

Academic-Year Hosting Program (AYP) (August 2016 to June 2017)
Would you like to host an international high school student who will attend grade 10, 11 or 12 grade in Michigan? Through the Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program, the U.S. Department of State sponsors students, who are finalists in the top 2 to 4 percent of a competitive scholarship program. FLEX students come from Armenia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Ukraine and Uzbekistan. We also place students from Japan, Korea and Mexico through other programs. Host Families volunteer to provide friendship, support, and room and board (3 meals a day). Health insurance is covered by the program. Personal expenses are paid by the student.

More information and applications are available on the Michigan 4-H AYP web page (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/academic_year_hosting_programs). You may also contact Jan Brinn by email at brinn@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 269-673-0370, Ext. 2555.

International Youth Exchange (IFYE) Program
This program, formerly known as the International Farm Youth Exchange, was founded on the premise that through understanding each other, our world could become a more peaceful place. The program brings college-age youth, usually from Europe, to live and work at Michigan farms for three weeks in the summer. Since family living is at the heart of the cultural experience, IFYE representatives discover life in the United States as a member of the family, not as a guest or tourist. During the hosting period, host families are expected to provide love and understanding, care and guidance, as well as food and housing.

For more information about this opportunity, visit the Michigan IFYE web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/international_4_h_youth_exchange_ifye). You can obtain further details about hosting for summer or fall 2016 or for application forms, from Makena Schultz by email at schul430@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 517-432-7603.

Japanese Summer Inbound Exchange (July to August 2016)
Do you have a child between the ages of 10 and 17? If so, we can match your son or daughter with a Japanese host sibling for four weeks this summer. The students will join your normal summer schedule. Funds are available for the student to join your camp. Alternatively, you may host an adult Japanese teacher or college-age chaperone for two weeks, either July 24 to August 7 or August 7 to August 20. These adult leaders are bilingual in English and Japanese.

More information and applications are available on the Michigan Japanese Summer Inbound Exchange web page (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/japan_summer_inbound_exchange). You may also contact D’Ann Rohrer by email at drohrer@anr.msu.edu or by phone at 231-757-4789.

Find out more about the various national 4-H international exchange programs from:
- National 4-H International Exchange Programs (www.states4hexchange.org)
- National AYP (http://www.states4exchange.org/year-long)
- IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. (http://ifyeusa.org)
- Heather Gray, Michigan’s 4-H International Exchange Coordinator by email at grayhea2@msu.edu or by phone at 517-355-2361

And the Winners Are!
The inaugural Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Awards went to Mary Adams, a Calhoun County 4-H leader who has been involved in 4-H for more than 30 years and Cassie Holladay, a 10-year Oceana County 4-H’er. It was clear to the selection committee that both Mary and Cassie exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship.

According to Mary’s nominators, she’s an energetic, dedicated leader who helps all youth, no matter what 4-H club they belong to.

Cassie, whose project areas include beef, dairy, horse, teen leadership and community service, is a member of the 4-Star and Rough Riders 4-H Clubs. While Cassie’s nominators made it clear she is a fierce competitor, they also stressed she never hesitates to help teach someone less experienced.

Read these articles for more information about:
1) Mary (bit.ly/248fUte)
2) Cassie (bit.ly/1PZzKk9) and
3) the award-selection criteria (bit.ly/1OezfgH)
Gladwin County

4-H Spring Break Day Camp

“4-H Palooza”
March 30th & 31st
2016

Join us to learn more about 4-H and to have fun!

Gladwin City Park Community Center
240 S Cayuga St.
Gladwin, MI 48624

Open to all youth ages 7-12
(By January 1st, 2016)
Camp is from 9am-3pm each day
Cost: $15 for 4-H members
$25 for non 4-H members

Limited Space Available, Register by March 25th to confirm your spot!
Contact Jessica Hufford at 989-426-7741 to register today!
Gladwin County 4-H Members

All youth in Gladwin County MUST be PQA certified to exhibit a swine project at the fair.

WHAT: Youth PQA Training
WHEN: Tuesday, April 5, 2016
TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: MSU Extension Office
555 W Cedar Ave
Gladwin, MI 48624

Please welcome Youth PQA instructor: Michelle Neff, MSUE Educator Materials and training will be provided for youth involved in pork production and to promote good production practices for exhibition swine.

This PQA Class will last about an hour with testing immediately after.

Please contact MSU Extension office for more details for the Pork Check Off online training class; if unable to attend training.

For More Information

Please contact: Jessica Hufford, 989-426-7741 or huffordj@anr.msu.edu

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