Don’t Forget to Fall Back……Into 4-H!!

As we reach that time of year again where we fall back an hour, don’t forget to “fall back into 4-H,” and get re-enrolled today.

Want to be more involved? How about joining one of the many committees to help with the Gladwin County 4-H Leaders’ Council? You don’t have to be a leader to be involved.

Want to help with a short 4-H club? We have some upcoming opportunities for you to help. Got an idea for a short, six to eight week club? Let us know, we can help get you started.

Congratulations to all our 2015 award winners. Check out the pictures on page 2 and 3.

Put these dates on your calendar…. Fish Fry, January 8th. Snow Snake Mountain Tubing February 20th!!

Announcements :

- November 5th Small Animals Association Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Krafty Kids Club meeting 1:00 p.m. MSU Extension Office
- November 10th Livestock Advisory Board Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- November 23rd Krafty Kids Club meeting 5:00 p.m. MSU Extension Office
- 2015-2015 4-H enrollment open now. Create or log into your family profile at www.mi.4honline.com
- There are still livestock and small animals buyers pictures that have not been picked up at the Extension office. If you have not gotten your picture yet, please do so as soon as possible.
- We want to hear from you!! Take the MSU Extension and AgBioResearch Survey to help us sharpen our focus. msue.msu.edu/focus

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Fall Awards Banquet 2015

Congratulations to all the award winners at this year’s annual 4-H awards banquet. It was great to see so many nominations and awardees. We had a wonderful turnout for the day’s event. Thanks to all of you who came out to support the youth members and volunteers.

**Outstanding Young Member Rosette Winners:**

- **Farm Crops:** Emmie Pratt
- **Photography:** Emmie Pratt
- **Goat:** Lily Persky, Elizabeth Hoag
- **Horse:** Brenna McKimmy, Jennifer Kea, Leiyah Mungin, Lexi Moore, Lily Persky
- **Sheep:** Delaney Conley, Preston Staley, Jason Wallace, Chase Wallace, Lexi Kirkpatrick, Jack Willford, Cole Bailey
- **Poultry:** Brianna Mead, Elizabeth Hoag
- **Rabbit:** Leiyah Mungin
- **Swine:** Scott Inscho, Madison Fedelejem, Dalton Peters, Logan Simrau, Emma Edick, Jesse French, Allison Heyer, Rafe Oard, Denver Peters, Sindle Corlew, Kyle Campbell

**County Project Medals Winners:**

- **Beef:** Elisabeth Cotton, Tess Badger
- **Photography:** Anastasia Shears
- **Hobbies and Collections:** Javin Simrau
- **Rabbit:** Alyssa Abbas
- **Poultry:** Alaina O’Dell, Lindsey Shears
- **Visual Arts:** Kearstin Simrau
- **Swine:** Josh Pate, Sierra Jankowski, DJ Whitmer, Tessa Bissonette
- **Horse:** Alyssa Abbas, Rylie Alward, Tess Badger, Anastasia Shears

**I Dare You Award Winners:**

- Tess Badger, Javin Simrau, and Hannah Blonde

**Congratulations to Hannah Blonde for earning the top award, 4-H Key Club Award.** This is the top honor for a 4-H member and is very difficult to earn.

**Bill Mercer Award Recipient:**

- Roger Willford
Fall Awards Banquet 2015

Special Thanks To:
Maxwell’s Pumpkin Farm
Gladwin K of C
Awards Committee
Gladwin 4-H Leaders’ Council
Greenstone Farm Credit Services
Farm Bureau

Congrats to the volunteers who received awards and special recognition:

Alumni of the Year: Kim Abbas

Friends of 4-H: Lila Krauss, Linda Cudney, Jim and Cheryl Badger Lil’Bit Trucking

Parents of the Year: Carrie Risch, Greg and Kim Abbas, Eric Morgan, Andie Fisher

Special recognition for years of service: Janet Smith and Andie Courneya

Years of Leadership:

1 Year—Jeremy Cuddie, Amy Grice, Julie Jines, Eric Morgan, Carrie Shaver, Fred Shaver, Gabby Tester
2 Years: Bonnie Allen, Sheila Ritchie
3 Years: Jon Curtis, Richard (Dick) Simmons
4 Years: Stephanie Bock, Tracy Curtis, Melissa Maxwell
5 Years: Joannie Willford
7 Years: Amy Snyder, Adam Breault
8 Years: Denise Shears, Michelle Jewell
9 Years: Jill Nartker, Kim Persky
10 Years: Lisa Schwager
11 Years: Mike Simrau
12 Years: Kristie Simrau
14 Years: Karen Blonde, Debbie Longstreth
21 Years: Jeff Balzer
22 Years: Dennis Maxwell
31 Years: Lee Hannahs
36 Years: Daniel Bergman, Nancy Buzzell
56 Years: Norma Maxwell

Krafty Kids 4-H Club and the centerpieces they created for the banquet.

Chloe, Zoe and Khloe led the pledges.
Michigan State University Extension has long been a source of information and education for Michigan residents. To help define the needs and priorities of those residents, MSU Extension professionals throughout the state are asking Michigan citizens to help them determine where they should place their future emphasis through a short online survey.

Michigan 4-H parents, alums and volunteers (anyone over the age of 18) are encouraged to take the survey, located at (http://bit.ly/1QtlhL6). Although not collected in the survey, input from youth will be solicited through a series of face-to-face meetings.

4-H Workshops

December 3: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

December 8: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

January 8-10, 2016: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_horse_judges_and_show_managers_conference
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 30-31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 5-6: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1Ga1bOO
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 20-21: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1JS8BOv
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 26-28: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
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Other 4-H Events

January 10, 2016: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Contact Gail Hebert (hebertg@msu.edu)
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 29-31: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
Contact Carla McLachlan (mclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 30: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
School Gardens: The New “In” Thing for Schools

School gardens are making headlines as they become the new ‘in’ thing for schools.

While school gardens were once thought of as an “extra” busy activity and only for schools in warm climates, today they are in the mainstream, as research is demonstrating that, among other things:

- Schools are using gardens in creative ways to improve academic test scores in science, math, social studies and art (http://bit.ly/IVSORF5).
- Other benefits that school gardens provide to students include:
  - Improved classroom behavior
  - Valuable life skills such as higher-level conflict resolution, problem solving and thinking and
- School gardens are reportedly helping combat childhood obesity (http://bit.ly/ljoJcks).
- School garden programs have a positive effect not only on students, but also on school staff, families and communities (http://bit.ly/lhEAulo).

Michigan 4-H (http://4h.msue.msu.edu) and the Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden (http://4hgarden.cowplex.com) are eager to embrace this innovative trend, and to work with county Extension staff, schools and partners to:

- Share the research behind this growing movement
- Inform others about tried and true best practices, and
- Introduce exciting new programs.

One of these new programs is Texas A & M University’s (http://www.tamu.edu) Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! (LGEG) (http://jmgkids.us/lgeg) program. LGEG is the new research- and evidence-based curriculum project of the International Junior Master Gardener® Program (http://jmgkids.us). It is an interdisciplinary program that combines academic achievement, gardening, nutrient-dense food experiences, physical activity, and school and family engagement.

Join us at Kettunen Center (http://kettunencenter.org) from March 11 to 12, 2016 for a special, fun-filled, information-packed training for Extension staff, teachers and volunteers that features the Learn Grow Eat & Go curriculum to use in schools, after-school programs, 4-H and partner programs. Find out more about this exciting new program and the training from your local 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county) or Extension Specialist Dixie Sandborn (dixie@msu.edu).

Additional information about the benefits of school gardens is available from:


Scholarships Now Available!

Applications for both the Michigan 4-H Youth Development Scholarship and the Michigan State University (MSU) 4-H Scholarship are on the Michigan 4-H web page (http://bit.ly/1M6LRT0). This is a great opportunity for eligible 4-H members to earn financial support towards their post-secondary education.


In 2015, only the Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarship is available through this application.

Deadline: November 1
Award amount: Varies.
Eligible: Students who will be college freshmen in Fall 2015; who have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years; and have financial need.

MSU 4-H Scholarships (http://bit.ly/1j0HBv1)

Deadline: November 1 of the student’s senior year
Award amount: $2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given annually.
Eligible: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of – and be accepted to – MSU.