



Gladwin County

4-H Family News

October 2015

New office manager:

We are pleased to welcome Rachel Brewer to the Gladwin County MSU Extension team as our new office manager. Rachel was born and raised in Gladwin County and is glad to be working in the community again! Rachel was in 4-H for numerous years and was part of Berg's Barnyard Kids. She now lives in West Branch where she and her husband own and operate a small family dairy farm. They also have three children. Rachel has numerous interests in many things, but among her favorites are riding horses, camping and hunting. She is excited to be part of the Gladwin County team and looks forward to meeting and working with you all. Welcome aboard, Rachel.

*Looking for volunteer opportunities?
Have a few hours to share with local youth?
Contact Jessica for more info.*

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**October 7th Gladwin
4-H Science Blast has
been Cancelled!**

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

- The 4-H Performing Arts Club is once again hosting the "Carnival of Terror," at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds every Friday and Saturday night in October.
- October 8, 2015: 4-H Horse Leaders' Association Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 10, 2015: Ag Day at Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm, Beaverton, 11-3 p.m.
- October 13, 2015: 4-H Livestock Advisory Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 19, 2015: 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 25, 2015: 4-H Fall Awards Banquet, Gladwin K of C Hall, 1:00 p.m.
- 2015-2016 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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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Ever Wonder Where the Name "4-H" Came From?

During the early 1900s, 4-H was called various names such as boys' and girls' clubs, agricultural clubs, corn-growing clubs, tomato clubs, poultry clubs, home-canning clubs, etc. In those early days, 4-H was also known as "four-square education," based upon education, fellowship, moral and physical development.

In 1918, Gertrude Warren, widely known as the first national 4-H leader and often called the "Mother of 4-H," employed the term "4-H" in a federal publication. At a conference of club leaders in the early 1920s, participants discussed giving these clubs a distinctive, national name. Several people, including Miss Warren, favored "4-H" as the name. Thus, in 1924, the clubs became known as 4-H.



4-H Workshops

November 5: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/north_central_region_4_h_volunteer_e_forum
Online

November 10: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
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December 3: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
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December 8: North Central Region 4-H Volunteer E-Forum
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Online

January 30-31, 2016: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
<http://bit.ly/1Xc491o>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 6-7, 2016: 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/1GalbOO>
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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

March 11-13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4_H_Dairy_Conference
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

Other 4-H Events

November 27-December 1: National 4-H Congress
<http://national4-hcongress.com>
Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia

January 30, 2016: 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>

2015 National 4-H Week: 4-H GROWS Here!

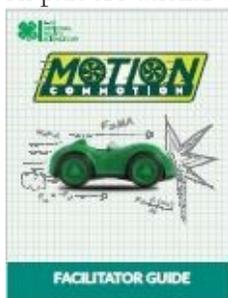
During 2015 National 4-H Week — **October 4 to 10** — join thousands of Michigan 4-H (<http://4h.msue.anr.msu.edu>) members, volunteers, families and staff as they *celebrate* the more than 100 years of accomplishment and service the 4-H program has provided.

Did you know:

- 4-H (<http://www.4-h.org>) – a place where young people explore, learn and discover in a safe environment – is the nation’s largest youth-development and empowerment organization?
- Worldwide (<http://bit.ly/IVPMniZ>), over 7 million youth participate in more than 50 countries?
- Michigan 4-H, which is in 81 counties, is a part of Michigan State University (MSU) (<http://www.msu.edu>) Extension (<http://msue.anr.msu.edu>) and the State 4-H Office is located on the Michigan State University campus (<http://maps.msu.edu>) in East Lansing (<http://bit.ly/lifUx67>)?
- Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people? Tufts University’s (<http://www.tufts.edu>) *Findings From the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* (<http://bit.ly/1CJqZCM>) indicates that, when compared to their peers, 4-H’ers are almost:
 - Four times more likely to contribute to their communities
 - Two times as likely to pursue healthy behaviors and
 - Two times more likely to engage in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs in out-of-school time.



As part of National 4-H Week on October 7, millions of youth will participate in *Motion Commotion*, this year’s 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) (<http://bit.ly/1JX1ZcM>) experiment. *Motion Commotion* combines a speeding car collision and a distracted driving demonstration to investigate the physical and human factors of motion. It uses the science of motion (physics, speed and safety) to evaluate stopping times and connects it with the dangers of distractions. Why not consider hosting a science blast with your favorite club or group of children? Or work with your local 4-H program coordinator (<http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3>) to find an event near you. If you are unable to reach a local 4-H staff member, email 4hscience@anr.msu.edu. Then, be sure to register your event on the national 4-H web site (<http://bit.ly/1JX1ZcM>) so Michigan is represented.



Just look around you and you will be impressed by 4-H’ers taking the lead in addressing today’s challenges in Michigan’s urban, small-town and rural communities. 4-H operates on the principle of learning by doing, or experiential learning (<http://bit.ly/1Q3t2qG>), which takes research-based information from the country’s land-grant universities (<http://bit.ly/1MdVE2B>) (of which MSU was the first) to 5- to 19-year-old youth. In 4-H, through a wide range of hands-on program areas (<http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs>), young people develop critical life skills such as self-discipline, goal-setting, teamwork and conflict resolution. Additionally, 4-H’ers can make new friends, visit new places, go on trips, attend workshops and conferences, and help their communities.



So, especially during National 4-H Week, let’s celebrate 4-H, where kids find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to their community!

Or How About the 4-H Clover?

For more 100 years, 4-H has been symbolized by a green clover with a white “H” on each leaf. Originally O. H. Benson designed the emblem as a three-leaf clover with the “H’s” signifying head, heart and hands. However, in 1911, Benson saw the need for four “H’s” to stand for:

- **Head**, trained to think, plan and reason
- **Heart**, trained to be true, kind and sympathetic
- **Hands**, trained to be useful, helpful and skillful and
- **Hustle**, to render ready service, to develop health and vitality. O.B. Martin, who directed club work in the South, later suggested having the last “H” stand for **health**.



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