The 2016-2017 4-H year has begun and things are ramping up around the county. Need help on where to re-enroll? Visit: www.mi.4honline.com. Please remember, you must pay the $10 membership fee to your club leader in order to be active!! There is also a $1 fee for insurance or $2 if you participate in Shooting Sports or the horse projects.

Join us on Tuesday, October 4th at Mid-Michigan Community College for the Family Science Blast and on Wednesday, October 5th at the Gladwin City Park for the Gladwin County 4-H Science Blast. These events will help to celebrate National 4-H Week!

Are you a 4-H alum? Check out this website for more info on 4-H alumni across the nation. Want to give back to 4-H’ers? Volunteer today! Visit www.4-h.org/alumni. Interested in helping out on boards or committees? The annual meetings will be coming up in October and November. We would love to have more people on the committees. Youth members can also be involved!

We are still looking for a concession stand coordinator for next year. If interested, contact Jessica for more information.

Congrats to all the 2016 Gladwin County 4-H award winners!! See page two of this newsletter for a complete list of all the awardees.
2016 Gladwin County 4-H Fall Award Recipients

Friend of 4-H: Lori Bergman, Joe and Brenda Inscho

Parents of the Year: Jennifer Milks, Kim Bruner, Carol Hoag, Joe and Brenda Inscho

Outstanding Leader of the Year: Karen Blonde

4-H Volunteer 1 Year of Service: Carol Hoag, Brenda Inscho, Keith Jines, Irene Maxwell, Amy Pfenninger, Tim Pfenninger, Roland Shearer, Brian Simrau, Janelle Thurlow, Gwen Tweed, Angela Willford, Jeff Willford

4-H Volunteer Five Years of Service: Stephanie Bock, Tracy Curtis, Melissa Maxwell

4-H Volunteer Ten Years of Service: Jill Nartker, Kim Persky

4-H Volunteer 15 Years of Service: Karen Blonde

4-H Volunteer 57 Years of Service: Norma Maxwell

Young Member Rosette (ages 9-11) 4-H County Medals (Ages 12-19)

Zoe Jines, Communication and Rabbit Kaitlynn Maxwell: Horse
Chloe Lawrason: Horse Chloe Bruner: Horse
Lily Persky: Horse and Rabbit Dawson Blackmer: Horse
Vincent Jines: Sheep and Swine Heidi Inscho: Horse
Brytan Muma: Swine Kole Thurlow: Sheep
Kennedy Maxwell: Swine Mitchell Conley: Swine
Delaney Conley: Swine Javan Cuddie: Shooting Sports

I Dare You Award: Alyssa Abbas

Lawrence Lemke 4-H Memorial Award: Alyssa Abbas

Bill Mercer Award: Hannah Blonde

Joel James Award: Tess Badger

Mark of Excellence Award: Zoe Jines and Khloe Thulow
Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Time: 4:00- 5:30 p.m.

Place: Gladwin City Park Pavilion
240 S Cayuga St, Gladwin, MI 48624

Who: Youth ages 5+ and adults

Cost: FREE!

For More Info, call 989-426-7741

You will love 4-H Science Blast!

An opportunity to connect in-school learning with real world experiences. Learn about the world around you, play the role of a scientist and more!

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A collaboration hosted by Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University Extension and 4-H of Clare and Gladwin Counties.

Science BLAST 2016

Free Family Fun

Join us as we explore a night of science!

Tues., Oct. 4
5pm - 7 pm

Mid Michigan Community College
Harrison Campus
1375 S. Clare Avenue, Harrison

- Make a smoothie by riding a bike
- Introduce yourself to SimMan and see what makes him tick
- Learn how bees make honey
- Create a 3-D drawing in the air
- Discover the world of plastics
- Learn how to virtual weld
- Meet Clover the Cow
- Check out the science of tractors

PARENTS: Bring your children kindergarten and older!

For more information, contact 4-H of Clare and Gladwin Counties at (989) 539-7805.
Don’t forget to check out the “Carnival of Terror” hosted by the Gladwin County 4-H Performing Arts Club every Friday and Saturday night in October. Profits will benefit the 4-H Performing Arts Club and Educational Programs at Gladwin High School.
Gladwin County 4-H Presents: MEDIA-SMART YOUTH
“Eat, Think and Be Active”

FREE. 6-week, after-school education program for youth in grades 6-8.

The curriculum is designed to empower young people to:

* Build skills that help make informed decisions about being physically active and eating nutritious food in daily life.
* Become aware of, and think critically about, media’s role in influencing nutrition and physical activity choices.
* Establish healthy habits that will last into adulthood. Try, and eat, new and fun foods!
* Learn about media and create their own media products to educate their peers, community and family!
* Have fun and be a part of 4-H in Gladwin County!
* No cost, It’s Free!!

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<td>Open to all youth in grades 6, 7 and 8.</td>
<td>Tuesday afternoons From 3:30-5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Every Tuesday, October 18th-November 22, 2016 (Session will meet on Thursday, November 17th, instead of Tuesday, November 15th)</td>
<td>Beaverton High School 3090 Crockett Rd Beaverton, MI 48612</td>
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Questions or To Register:
Contact Gladwin County MSU Extension at 989-426-7741 or email huffordj@anr.msu.edu
*Must Pre-Register to Participate
Register by October 14th, 2016
Attending all sessions is encouraged
Must have at least five youth signed up to run series

Cost:
**Free**, thanks to a grant from the Gladwin Community Foundation

What to Expect:
Media-Smart will explore:

[Images of icons for Media Literacy, Good Nutrition, Physical Activity]

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4-H Advisory Group Retreat

When and where:

Nov.19-20, 2016 (optional early arrival on Nov. 18)
4-H Kettunen Center, 14901 4H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Who:

4-H members age 13-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers serving on 4-H councils, boards, and committees interested in an opportunity to refocus and renew their energy and enthusiasm and build a productive team. Work with Extension experts and volunteers from other advisory groups to make the most out of your meetings and advisory groups. Previous attendees said: “We brainstormed, networked, moved out of our comfort zones, collaborated, made goals, reached consensus, made plans to share info after this meeting, became energized, and will definitely share what we learned.”

Cost:

- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$99.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$158.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Optional Early Arrival Fee: $73.00 (includes lodging on Friday night and breakfast Saturday along with some extra time with 4-H Educators)
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Persons canceling without a replacement after Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, will be charged a $40.00 cancellation fee. Persons who do not show up at the workshop, do not have a replacement, or do not cancel to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu 48 hours (Oct. 17, 2016) prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee of $114.00.

Registration information:

- The deadline to register for this event is Nov. 6, 2016.
- To register, visit [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAdvisory16/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAdvisory16/)

Find out more...

Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or Jackie Martin, marti623@msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

October 5-6: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Port Huron

October 8-9: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_goat_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_advisory_group_retreat_1
Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress
https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress
Atlanta, Georgia

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February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

October 2-8: National 4-H Week
Nationwide

October 5: 4-H National Youth Science Day
http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day
Nationwide

2017
January 28: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
4-H: Today’s Big Picture and Our Proud Heritage!

What is 4-H?
4-H (http://4-h.org), the largest youth-development organization in both Michigan and the U.S., was thought up in the late 1880s. At the time, university, agricultural researchers realized farmers were often not willing to try new methods being developed on campus. However, noting that (as today) young people: (1) were: open to new thinking, (2) would experiment with new ideas and (3) would then share their experiences with adults, the researchers introduced their new ideas to rural youth. Thus began 4-H!

Where can 4-H programs be found?
While 4-H continues to use the hands-on, learning-by-doing, experiential learning (http://bit.ly/2csbWpu) approach, its scope has expanded. Today, our 200,000-plus Michigan 4-H (http://bit.ly/12NxiLN) members are part of a program that reaches 7 million young people in more than 50 countries. 4-H Youth Development exists in all but one of the seven continents. As can be seen on this map (http://bit.ly/2d0vSn9), there are 4-H programs in North America, Mexico, much of Central America, Bolivia, many northern European and Scandinavian countries, much of the southern third of Africa, nearly all of eastern and Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Michigan 4-H welcomes youth from all parts of the state (from the Upper Peninsula to our border with Indiana, from Lake Michigan's shores to those of Lake Huron, and everywhere in between). Although Michigan 4-H still has rural programs, it now also includes youth from urban areas and the suburbs, as well. Quite a difference from just 25 years ago!

What is 4-H's focus?

How is 4-H doing?

As you celebrate National 4-H Week (October 2 to 8), take pride in being part of not only the largest youth-development organization in the country, but also being a member of a program that has remained true to its founders, while quickly responding to today’s challenges!

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