Parents Leaders and Volunteers!

October kicks off national 4-H week and with that, we have some awesome programs upcoming. First we have our trip to Ebels October 7th. We are looking for more members to sign up; deadline is October 3rd. You must be enrolled in 4-H online and paid to go. This trip is free but you need to be an active member. This program is now open to families and members ten and over.

October 11th is our livestock Advisory Board meeting here at the MSU Extension office at 6:00 pm. The leader's council meeting will take place October 16th here in the MSU Extension Gladwin office at 6:00 pm.

Parents, we will be having a community meeting the 12th at 6:00 pm here in the Gladwin MSU Extension office. This is a required meeting as we will be discussing changes coming in the next 4-H year. I encourage you to bring your children along as well. I want to get to know everyone but also what they are looking to get out of this program.

These meetings are important and we are looking for individuals to join committees. We want to encourage some of our youth members to take a leadership roll in these committees. We have amazing youth with outstanding talents that we want to help grow.

Our Awards Celebration will be October 22nd at 2 and will run until 5. This year is an ice cream social and will be fun for all. Come to the Knights of Columbus hall and help us celebrate all our members accomplishments this year.

Lastly, Leaders its that time of year for our annual meeting. This year will be different as I will meet with each leader individually on what works around their schedule. It is a requirement for each leader to meet with me so please call the office at 989-426-7741 to set up a meeting.

Thank you

Melissa Preston
Gladwin County 4-H PC
New Opportunity for Members

Starting in the coming month we shall be doing a local spotlight on 4-H piece in the paper. This piece will be used to showcase what's happening at the club and member level in the community. Once a month a member, club, or leader will be selected to talk about what they are doing or what they have accomplished while in the program. This piece might also showcase a program the leaders did at their club or program the members attended. This piece hopes to showcase all our amazing volunteers and members and show what 4-H is doing here in Gladwin county along with where it is going. If you would like to make a suggestion to anyone you feel we should interview then please call the office at 989-426-7741.

Calendar of Events

Nation 4-H week Kicks off October 2nd-October 8th

October 5th Science Blast at Mid Michigan Community College (Harrison Campus) from 5pm-7pm. Come out and experience science and fun under one roof.

October 7th Ebels & Maple leaf Farm trip free to all registered members. We will be leaving at 9 and arrive to Ebels at 10 for the tour. Permission slips need to be into the office October 3rd to verify if busing will be needed or not.

October 8th Judged Trail class at the Gladwin county fair grounds Registration starts at 8:30Am

October 11th livestock advisory board meeting at 6pm in the MSU Gladwin Office.

October 12th Community Meeting at 6pm here in the MSU Gladwin Office. I encourage youth to attend as we will be discussing the needs and wants in the community for their 4-H program.

October 16th Leaders council Meeting at 6pm here in the MSU Gladwin Office.
4-H Workshops

October 12: 4-H Club 201—Building Bridges  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges  
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training  
Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training  
Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training  
Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

Other 4-H Events

October 4: MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/msu_national_youth_science_day_at_the_childrens_gardens  
Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens, East Lansing

October 6: Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge  
Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest  
MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_national_youth_science_day_afterschool_program  
Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

November 14: 4-H Robotic Series  
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1  
Delta Township District Library, Lansing

Equine welfare science is an emerging discipline. The guide will help youth learn equine welfare principles as well as how to better care for their horses. It is designed to assist horse leaders in providing a way to teach and improve important skills for life such as clear oral communication, information gathering, analytical thinking and observation. There are also sample scenarios as a supplement to the welfare assessment.  
Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_equine_welfare_assessment_4h1748 to find the guide and more information including the link to the sample scenarios.

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to Michigan 4-H and the youth who participate in our programs, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. These awards are patterned after the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards and are designed to provide an opportunity to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers on the state, regional and national level.

The two categories of awards include Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, for a current or former 4-H volunteer who has served 4-H’ers for ten or more years, and the Volunteer of the Year, for currently serving volunteers that have served for less than ten years at the county or state level.

Nominees are selected on the following criteria:

- Evidence of positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision making, problem solving, meeting challenges and mastery.
- Dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program.
- Innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
- Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
- Innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth-serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
- Demonstrating a professional attitude, character and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer.

Winners and honorable mentions from the pool of nominations will be announced in November of 2017 and will receive a personalized plaque. The most qualified candidates will be forwarded to the National 4-H Council for consideration for regional and national recognition. Those awards are announced in February 2018 and April 2018, respectively.

The nomination process requires nominees (or their nominators) to work with their local 4-H program coordinator to complete a nomination form, a resume and assemble three letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating an outstanding volunteer in your community for the Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards, contact your local 4-H program coordinator. All nomination materials must be submitted by your county staff person by October 15.
4-H Alumni, Help Gladwin county win a 500 dollar programming grant!

Michigan 4-H leadership is challenging counties to make alumni identification and registration a goal. The county that generates the largest number of alums during the month of October will receive a $500 grant for use in their county 4-H program! Remember, registrants to the 4-H alumni community can be 4-H parents, volunteers, supporters and of course, program alumni!

If you are 4-H alumni and want to help Gladwin county win the 500 dollar programming grant
Sign up at www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand
A collaboration hosted by Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University Extension and 4-H of Clare and Gladwin Counties.

**Science Blast 2017**

**Free Family Fun**

Join us as we explore a night of science!

**Thurs., Oct. 5**

5pm - 7pm

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 about entomology
- Be a part of science experiments
- Check out the Mentos Geyser
- and much, much more!

PARENTS: Bring your children kindergarten and older!

For more information, call (989) 539-7805.
Ebels & Maple Leaf Farm Tour

Come along with us during National 4-H week as we take a behind the scenes look into two local industries

October 7th
From 9am-4pm
12 and Older Participants only
Free to 4-H Members
Non-4-H members cost $20.00
Lunch will be provided by Ebels Catering

Please register for this event. Contact the Gladwin MSU Extension Office at 989-426-7741 or prest142@anr.msu.edu for permission forms and details.

If enough participants busing will be provided if not we will be looking at carpool options.

Learn the ins and outs of the meat packing industry
See how bacon is made!
Explore with us the art of cheese and soap making and how one family took a love for goats and turn it into a business.
# Judged Obstacle Course

**October 8th, 2017**  
Registration 8:00-9:00am  
Open Arena 9:30-9:50  
show to start by 10:00am  
at the Gladwin County Fair Grounds

Come test your horsemanship skills as you maneuver through 15+ obstacles. Obstacles may consist of multiple components. You will be judged on team work, horsemanship and correctly completing each obstacle safely. Moving through the course quickly and accurately receives higher points (Walk Trot Canter = WTC Walk Trot only = WT)  
You may show multiple horses in multiple divisions. You may not take the same horse through the course with multiple riders.

## Classes and fees

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-Negative coggins required  
-Novice In hand = lead your beginner horse through  
-Class 1 may only ride in Novice class 2  
-Novice = beginner horse or beginner rider  
-Participants 18 and under helmet required; helmets encouraged for adults  
-During open arena riders may walk around obstacles, but not through them  
-Ages are by Jan 1st, 2017  
-You may attempt each obstacle no more than 3x then you must move on to the next.  
-Pay out to top 5 riders in each class. 50% payback  
-The arena will remain open after the show for riders to practice.  
-Show coordinators and Gladwin County Fair are not responsible for lost/stolen items or accidents.

Proceeds will go to Farm Central 4H Club and to support Gladwin County Fair Horse Program  
For more information you may call Gwen 989-429-1542
Gladwin County 4-H Award Celebration & Ice-Cream Social

October 22nd
2pm-5pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
751 S M 18, Gladwin, MI 48624

Come out and help us celebrate all our amazing members and volunteers for their accomplishments this past year. Ice Cream will be provided by the Leaders Council.

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