It’s that time of year again!! Time to re-enroll for the new 4-H year that started September 1st. Need help on where to re-enroll? Visit: www.mi.4thonline.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.

There are several youth members who still have not picked up their pictures for auction buyers. Please pick those up and deliver to your buyers asap!!! You will not be permitted to participate in the auction next year, if you do not deliver the pictures. We are still waiting on a few buyers to pay also. Checks will be coming. Please be patient. The volunteers are doing all they can. Checks may be picked up at the MSU Extension office next week. Please call to see if yours is here. They will only be released to youth members whose name is on the check.

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. The more the merrier, we say.

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

National 4-H Week is October 2-9, 2016. Help us kick off the week at the annual fall awards banquet on Sunday, October 2nd at the Gladwin K of C Hall. Look in this newsletter for info on happenings around the county that week!
Sportsmanship Award Winners
Tess Badger and Ken Klamer

Congrats to Gladwin County 4-H Members Who participated in the recent State 4-H Horse Show!! Tess Badger, Hannah Blonde, Lexie Edick, Dawson Blackmer, Kaitlynn Maxwell, Danielle Klamer, Alyssa Abbas, and Heidi Inscho. Way to go!!

State 4-H Horse Show
August 18-21, 2016
Livestock and Small Animal Buyer Pictures Are Ready For Pick-Up at the MSU Extension office. Don’t Forget to Thank Your Buyer!!!

Need help writing a letter? Use the tip sheet below.

Thank You!!

The Seven Steps to a Great Thank-You Note

Why should you write a thank-you note?
- To show appreciation for someone supporting you
- To acknowledge a gift, donation or service
- To provide recognition to someone who has done a good deed

When should you write a thank-you note?
- After receiving any type of gift
- After attending a job interview
- After someone does a favor for you
- After someone helps you with a project or endeavor
- When you want to make a good impression
- If you are unsure of whether or not to write a thank-you note

How should you write a thank-you note?
A good thank-you note has six main components:

1. A greeting to the thank-you note recipient (Dear . . .)
2. The specific reason you are thanking them (Mention what they bought, gave or did. This is always important to do first.)
3. The reason why you appreciate them (They supported you, were thoughtful and gave a gift, went out of their way to help you or others)
4. How you plan to use the gift or why the gift or act of service was important to you (You will use it to save for college; you really enjoyed playing the game, you can’t wait to go shopping with the gift card; you know you have a great chance at the scholarship because of the letter of recommendation — or other ways.)
5. A comment or detail about yourself (This is a great time to share news on your life or a positive comment; This is a great time to share news on your life or to add a positive remark about the recipient)
6. A repeat of your thank-you (This may leave this out if you sign “with thanks” at your closing)
7. A closing and signature of your name (With thanks, Name or sincerely, Name

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More Thank-You Note Examples...

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for attending my spring band concert. It was great to see you in the audience and I am so glad to have such nice parents who support my school events. I really enjoy being in band and look forward to playing in the next competition. I hope to go to band camp this summer.

Thank you,

Dear Reader,

Thank you for reading this informational letter. I appreciate your taking the time to read about the importance of thank-you notes and how to write a great one. I hope you found something new.

Thank-you notes are an important part of good communication and relationship building. Having this skill will benefit you throughout your life. Thank you again for your time and all the best to you.

Sincerely,

Linda

Your note should be:
- Handwritten in blue or black ink
- Neat and legible
- On a note card or good quality paper (Lined paper or index cards are not a good choice.)
- Personalized to the situation

Tip: In the case of a job interview, you may need to write a thank-you note in email form if the employer did not reach a decision quickly. The key is to make it personal.

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Join Gladwin County 4-H for Cloverbud Fun Day!!

When: Saturday, September 10, 2016
Where: Gladwin Farmer’s Market
200 N. State St. Gladwin, MI
Who: All Youth Ages 5-8 years old
Time: 10-12 p.m.
What: Free & Fun 4-H activities for ages 5-8
* Learn about Money Around the World and Create Your Own Bank
* Explore Animal Science and Be a Zoonotic Detective
* Learn about rockets! Build and Launch Your Own!

Get Your Name Into a Drawing for Fun 4-H Prizes. Sign up for 4-H!

Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities for Michigan 4-H Youth Development in providing Cloverbud programs.

Cloverbuds are participants between the ages of 5 and 8 as of January 1 of the 4-H program year.

Cloverbud activities and programs are set up to where risk of failure is minimized and the opportunity to experience success is maximized.

Cloverbud curriculum is developmentally appropriate for its age group.
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.
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/

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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4-H Workshops

September 13: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417
Your computer

September 14-16: Facilitative Leadership Workshop for Youth-Serving Professionals & Volunteers
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=EAB1845F2861118D
Louhelen Baha’I School Retreat and Conference Center, Davison Township

September 15: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417
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September 17-18: 4-H Shooting Sports 101
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=89CAF2D7207B424D
Jay’s Sporting Goods, Clare

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

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

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h
4-H National Youth Science Day: Drone Discovery!

Are you, or do you know, someone who wants to be part of the world’s largest, youth-led science experiment? If you would like to take part in a fun, hands-on, 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) (http://bit.ly/1HWfd7K) is for you.

On October 5, thousands of young people from 4-H clubs, groups and school programs across the country (and around the world) will participate in Drone Discovery, this year’s 4-H NYSD Engineering Design Challenge. Drone Discovery explores the science behind drones and how drones are being used to solve real-world problems. For example, rescue workers mapping damage from natural disasters, farmers determining how to increase crop yield or filmmakers looking for the perfect aerial shot all might use a drone. This experiment, designed by a Cornell University Cooperative Extension (http://cce.cornell.edu), will allow youth to experiment with fixed- and rotary-wing designs, explore the concept of remote sensing and dive into the world of coding for real-world drone applications. Participants will learn everything from flight dynamics and aircraft types, to safety and regulations, to remote sensing and flight control.

You don’t have to be a teacher, science enthusiast or expert to be part of the fun. National 4-H (http://www.4-h.org) will provide everything necessary to make your 4-H NYSD event a success. Materials for the Drone Discovery Challenge, including the youth (http://bit.ly/2aVuTES) and facilitator (http://bit.ly/2aFBGOs) guides, are available for download. Engineering design challenge kits (http://bit.ly/1OIV9KM) are available for presale at the 4-H Mall. Each kit comes equipped with all the materials necessary for 10 youth, aged 8 to 14, to complete the experiment, including instruction booklets for both youth and adult facilitators. The national sponsors of 2016 4-H NYSD are HughesNet® (http://www.hughesnet.com), Lockheed Martin (http://lmt.co/1s8abO1) and U.S. Cellular (https://www.uscellular.com).

Sound like fun? Then consider hosting a science day with your favorite club or group of children. You can work with your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3) to find out about an event near you or you can host one of your own. (If you are unable to reach a local 4-H staff member, you may email 4hscience@anr.msu.edu for more information.) Register your event on the national site (http://bit.ly/2aApv7Y) so that Michigan is represented.

Not sure that Drone Discovery will excite your group or think you are not ready to tackle this? More great science experiments are just a click away. Check out the guides and materials from past 4-H NYSD experiments (http://bit.ly/1HWfd7K).

Embrace your inner scientist!