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4-H Family News

May/June 2015

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Now that the warm weather is here, it seems that everyone has really been super busy. Soccer, baseball, softball, and getting ready for the fair has everyone on the go. And don't forget getting ready for the end of school and SUMMER! We know that you all have a lot going on so if there is anything we can do to help, please ask. There are lots of exciting things going on in Gladwin County and the state of Michigan. Be sure to check out the events pages for more info.

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 23, 24, 25 Rodeo at Gladwin County Fairgrounds**
- **May 25th Memorial Day Speed Show Gladwin County Fairgrounds**
- **May 29th Twilight Show 6:30 p.m.**
- **June 1st, Horse project forms due to MSU Extension Office**
- **June 4th, Small Animals Association Meeting**
- **June 5th, 4-H Summer Camp Registration Deadline**
- **June 9th, 4-H Livestock Advisory Meeting**
- **June 11th, 4-H Horse Leaders' Associtaion Meeting**
- **June 15th County-wide meeting at Gladwin County Fairgrounds 6:00 p.m.**
- **June 17th, small animal project forms due**
- **June 17th, 4-H fair entry paper forms due to Fair Office**
- **June 19th Twilight Series Horse Show, 6;30 pm.**
- **June 20th, 4-H Horse Boot Camp**
- **June 22nd, 4-H fair electronic entry deadline**

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We are looking for volunteers to help out with short, six, week programs for the summer. Do you know anyone that likes crafts, gardening, robotics, or more? We would to have them as a guest to help share their interests with the kids in Gladwin County. Call Jessica for more info.

Check us out on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gladwin-County-4-H/

Gladwin County News and Updates

- 2015 Fair book is now online.
- Registration for Gladwin County Fair is now open. Visit Gladwincountyfair.net. Click on Blue Ribbon. Create new account. Be sure your projects listed in "Blue Ribbon" match what is listed on 4-H online.
- Are you participating in the swine project this year? Do you need to take the PQA certification? You can take the course and test online. (www.pork.org/login) If you aren't sure, we can look it up for you. Please keep a hard copy of your certification for your files and be sure to send to MSUE staff.
- Is your 4-H online enrollment complete? Do you have the correct age listed? Do you have the projects you are participating this year listed? Check it out at https://mi.4honline.com

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!!

The Still Exhibit Barn is making some changes. This year we will be offering an opportunity to sell your still exhibits. There will be a silent auction option for those participates earning one of the top three recognition ribbons, excluding perishable goods. Remember projects you have completed during the school year can be placed in the still exhibit barn. It could be a wood shop project, writing assignment, graphic design from your computer classes, it can be a flower or vegetable plant you have grown, or an art project you have completed. After school projects are always welcomed too! Any questions please contact Janelle Thurlow at janellethurlow@yahoo.com or Julie Jines at heylaydeee@hotmail.com . We hope to see you and your projects in the still exhibit barn!!

Parents and Caring Adults Matter in 4-H!

Parents and other caring adults are vital to 4-H youth development programs and they serve many important roles. When adults of all ages, backgrounds and professions come together to support young people in their communities, great things happen!

The adults may be registered 4-H volunteers or they may provide assistance for a club, a program or an event they are attending with their child or friends. Parents can help leaders by offering to bring refreshments, set up for events, help plan activities, be supportive of club goals, assist with transportation, or by considering service as a project

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Gardens can be a great way for youth and adults to connect with nature and enjoy some quality time together. A garden can be in a pot, on a patio, in a square foot or a good-sized plot. You can grow herbs, vegetables, flowers or a mixture of it all. There is no one way to grow a garden, but a variety of plants to enjoy and methods can lead to fun, colorful results that taste great.

Have questions? Contact the MSU Extension Lawn and Garden Hotline at 888-MSUE-4MI (888-678-3464). The phone line is answered weekdays between 9 am and noon and 1 to 4 pm. Calls during other times will be directed to the "Ask an Expert" feature at http://bit.ly/1K2vUS6.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

July 17-19: 4-H Mentoring Weekend
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=mentoring15
Kettunen Center, Tustin

August 15-16: 4-H Family Fun Weekend
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_family_fun_weekend2015
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 15: *Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching Sportsmanship in Animal Science*
http://bit.ly/1MnLRnB
Your Computer

June 19-21: State 4-H Trail Ride
http://www.ans.msu.edu/uploads/files/Packet_of_Info_2015.pdf
Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer

June 21-26: National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational
Heartland Public Shooting Park, Grand Island, NE

June 24-26: 4-H Exploration Days
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing

June 27: State 4-H Goat Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/state_4_h_goat_show1
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
MSU Campus, East Lansing

July 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/2014_state_4_h_ffa_livestock_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 20-24: Michigan Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Days
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer @msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 24: Michigan 4-H Meat Judging Contest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_ffa_meats_judging_contest
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

August 7-9: State 4-H Horse Show
Contact Carla McLachlan (mclachl2@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

August 15: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament
Blue Water Sportsman's Association, Kimball

2015 National 4-H Congress: *Excite, Spark Ignite!*

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the 4-H program. It is a five-day educational gathering that brings together outstanding 4-H members from across the nation to share ideas and experiences. For more than 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership-development conference. Congress provides youth with high-quality educational, leadership, community-service and cultural opportunities such as:

- Workshops with topics that include leadership development, character education, agriculture, cultural awareness and diversity education, workforce preparation, environmental stewardship, science and technology, literacy- and communication-skills development.
- Assemblies, seminars, and discussion groups about issues facing our country today and a town hall meeting they moderate where they share the results of those discussions.
- Hands-on projects during a community-service day, at which they learn to work with others to assist individuals and community organizations to improve themselves.
- Networking skills to help them in their after-conference work to address youth needs in their community and state.

In short, Congress is designed to address youth needs and issues, while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens.

Who: Congress is designed for youth aged 15 to 19.
When: November 27 – December 1, 2015
Where: Hyatt Regency (http://atlantaregency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html), Atlanta, Georgia

How

In Michigan, counties identify their delegates and the State 4-H Office provides coordination for the trip. Therefore, interested Michigan 4-H members should contact 4-H staff in their local MSU Extension office (http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3). While there is no limit to the number of participants counties can send, young people are strongly encouraged to attend only once since each year's program is similar.

Cost

The 2015 cost (that includes airfare, registration fee, lodging, snacks, most meals, two shirts and a photograph) is **approximately $1,300 per young person**.

More Information

Ways to find out more about National 4-H Congress include:

- The Congress web site (http://national4-hcongress.com)
- The Congress *Facebook* page (http://on.fb.me/1FGhdQH)
- Articles about the Michigan delegations to National 4-H Congress in
  - 2014 (http://bit.ly/1FMTFz6)
  - 2013 (http://bit.ly/1PIRZcD)
  - 2012 (http://bit.ly/1ctisf0)
- 4-H staff in your local MSU Extension office (http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3)

Learn by Doing

In 4-H, we learn by doing. We help young people gain skills through hands-on experiences that allow them to perform an activity; then we follow that up with important and purposeful questions. This is called "**experiential learning**."

Participants:

- Experience an activity
- Share the results
- Process by discussion
- Generalize to understand how it connects to the real world
- Apply what they learned to other situations.

When 4-H volunteers use this model, everyone benefits from the exchange of ideas, and everyone grows in knowledge and the ability to apply what was learned in other settings.

2015 4-H Mentoring Weekend: *Live 360°!*

4-H Mentoring Weekend brings together members of the mentoring community (mentees, mentors, program staff and volunteers) from across Michigan for a weekend of fun, learning, laughter and memories. The weekend is designed for adults and youth who are in a mentoring program through 4-H or another youth-mentoring organization. 4-H Mentoring Weekend offers mentoring matches relationship-strengthening activities that focus on science, outdoor education, healthy living and meaningful service. The weekend (with its theme of "Building Life Skills") will also feature structured mentor training that aims to build the mentoring relationship.

Weekend **highlights include**:

- Relaxing by the **campfire**
- Telling **ghost stories**
- Eating ***s'mores***
- **Competitions (with prizes!)** between mentor-mentee matches

- **Mentor training** from *Ready to Go*, the Michigan 4-H mentor-training curriculum
- A **carnival** (featuring *Wii* games, *karaoke*, board games, a photo booth and more)
- Fun, hands-on **mentee science activities**
- **Workshops** (for example, archery, kickball, the famous *Jell-O* War, creativity with paper)

Who: **Mentees aged 11 to 19 by July 17, 2015 and** their **mentors or chaperones**

When: July 17-19, 2015

Where: Kettunen Center (http://kettunencenter.org), Tustin

How

Each participant is required to complete **registration forms** (http://bit.ly/1GKxSZh) found on the web **or** register on the 4-H Mentoring Weekend **registration page** (http://bit.ly/1ERjYEs) **by July 1**, 2015. **Staff and men-**

Volunteers Make

a Difference!

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H youth programs and they offer the best of who they are to members across our state.

When adults share research-based information with youth and work with them to apply the experiential-learning model to their projects, youth learn by doing. This process allows youth to develop their analytical skills and gain confidence as they build expertise in their project areas.

Experience is life's greatest teacher, and when we combine it with caring adult volunteers who support our young people through successes and disappointments,

4-H Summer Camp 2015

Science Adventure Camp

WHEN: July 7 & 8
WHERE: Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp
AGES: 9-13 (by 1/1/15)
COST: $45.00 - 4-H members
$55.00 - Non 4-H members
CHECK-IN: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
CHECK-OUT: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

T-Shirt Size (adult): S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____
(youth): S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____

Name of Camper:_____ County:_____

Address:_____
street city zip

Phone:(_____)_____ Age (as of 1/1/15):_____ Grade: _____ Gender: M F

School:_____ Email:_____

Are you currently a 4-H member? Yes___ No___ If yes, circle which county: Clare Gladwin Gratiot Isabella

Does the camper have parent permission to sleep on a top bunk? Yes___ No___

OFFICE USE
Ck#_____
Date_____

Any food allergies:_____
Any restrictions on activities:_____

Residence: ____Farm ____Town Under 10,000 ____Town/city w/population of 10,000-50,000 ____Suburb

Racial-Ethnic background: *(for statistical purposes only)*
____White, not of Hispanic origin ____Asian or Pacific Islander ____Hispanic
____American Indian or Alaskan Native ____Black, not of Hispanic Origin

Disability - learning or functional (please indicate):_____

****Registration Deadline - June 5th! Camp session will be filled on a first come basis.****

Make check payable to: Michigan State University
Return forms and check to: Gladwin County MSUE, 555 W. Cedar St., Gladwin, MI 48624

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4-H Cloverbud Camp 2015

Science Adventure Camp

WHEN: July 14 & 15
WHERE: Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp
AGES: 5-8 (by 1/1/15)
COST: $30.00 - 4-H members
$40.00 - Non 4-H members
CHECK-IN DAILY: 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
CHECK-OUT DAILY: 4:30 p.m.

T-Shirt Size (youth): S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____
(adult): S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____

Name of Camper:_____ County:_____

Address:_____
street city zip

Phone:(_____)_____ Age (as of 1/1/15):_____ Grade: _____ Gender: M F

School:_____ Email:_____

Are you currently a 4-H member? Yes___ No___ If yes, circle which county: Clare Gladwin Isabella

Any food allergies:_____

Any restrictions on activities:_____

OFFICE USE
Ck#_____
Date_____

Residence: ____Farm ____Town Under 10,000 ____Town/city w/population of 10,000-50,000 ____Suburb

Racial-Ethnic background: *(for statistical purposes only)*
____White, not of Hispanic origin ____Asian or Pacific Islander ____Hispanic
____American Indian or Alaskan Native ____Black, not of Hispanic Origin

Disability - learning or functional (please indicate):_____

****Registration Deadline - June 12th! Camp session will be filled on a first come basis.****

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