This edition contains lots of information about upcoming events, Cloverbuds, Spring Achievement and important dates for the coming year, please take a minute to glance through! We would also like to make a note of our Holiday Office Hours:

- **Friday, December 15th** Closed (Training Day)
- **Monday-Tuesday, December 25-26th** Closed
- **Wednesday–Friday, December 27-29th** Open 9am-Noon
- **Monday-Tuesday, January 1-2** Closed

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State Awards

Members who are interested in being a part of the State Awards for 2017 need to plan on attending a workshop on December 13 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

Members will be given copies of the forms and guidelines. We will discuss potential areas they may be interested in and have some hands on experience as we begin to work toward completion of the application.

**Completed award forms will be due on February 1, 2018.** Monroe County 4-H members who will be 13 as of January 1, 2018 and have not reached their 20th birthday before January 1, 2018 are eligible to apply.

Members who are 11 and 12 may compete for State Recognition in the Mark of Excellence Essay Contest. Two 4-H members will be chosen from Monroe County for this award. The criteria for this will also be discussed at the December meeting.

Scholarships for Exploration Days will be given to all Regional State Award winners.

You may also want to partake in the additional webinar trainings offered:

4-H State Award Teen Training - **Monday, December 18th at 4:00 pm**  
Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: [https://msu.zoom.us/j/666848773](https://msu.zoom.us/j/666848773) Or join by phone:  
+1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968 US Toll  
Meeting ID: 666 848 773

4-H State Award Teen Training - **Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 pm**  
Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: [https://msu.zoom.us/j/847861226](https://msu.zoom.us/j/847861226) Or join by phone:  
+1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 US Toll  
Meeting ID: 847 861 226

General Information about State Awards

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program)
Spaghetti Dinner Wrap-Up

Thank you for all of the support for the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. A special shout-out to Katie Seitz for doing such a great job chairing the Spaghetti Dinner Committee! And a special thanks to everyone on the committee and those who worked tirelessly to make this such an amazing event. We could not do it without you!!

SAVE THE DATE
Exploring Expo-March 3rd, 2018 (ages 5-8)
Mini Expo – March 10th, 2018 (ages 9-19)
Spring Achievement Update:

As many of you know, Spring Achievement has been an ongoing discussion among the four districts and 4-H Council over the past few months. In early November, a youth survey was emailed out in an effort to determine how our youth felt about the event. After reviewing the survey results and hosting multiple discussions, it was determined to not be in the best interest of the program to completely eliminate Spring Achievement. Instead, we will proceed with a new take on the event. In 2018, the district’s Spring Achievement events will be combined into one grand event. It is the intent that this will be a fair compromise allowing the opportunity to focus on the youth participation, evaluation of this trial event and collaboration among the districts.

Planning this large event will require participation from all four districts. A minimum of 2 representatives from each district will serve on the planning committee, but we welcome anyone! The planning committee will have its first meeting on January 23rd at 7pm in the Extension Office.

Save the dates:

Spring Achievement
April 28th, 2018

County Share the Fun
May 5th, 2018

We would like to say a special thank you to all youth and adults who have dedicated their time, feedback and efforts in determining how to move forward with this event.
**Important Upcoming Dates**

State Awards Orientation Dec 13th, 2017 @ 6:30 pm
Beef Tagging Jan 6th, 2018 @10am-1pm
Horse & Pony Tack Sale Jan 14th
4-H Day @ Breslin (MSU Basketball) Jan 20th

**State Awards DUE February 1st**
Beef Clinic (BQA) March 1st
Poultry Workshop March 7th
Mini Expo March 10th
Spring Garage Sale March 17th
Spring Dog Clinic March 23rd-25th
Beef Hoof Trimming by Appointment March 3rd
Exploring Expo March 3rd
Rabbit, Cavy & Pocket Pet Workshop April 4th
Sheep Clinic April 5th
Pig Sale April 7th
Beef Fitting & Showing Clinic April 7th
Beef Blanchett Memorial Show April 8th
Wacky Wallenge April 14th

**Scholarship Applications DUE April 20th**
Spring Achievement April 28th
State Awards Luncheon April 29th
Broiler Workshop May 2nd
Pre-Fair Meeting May 3rd
Ag Awareness Day May 4th
County Share the Fun May 5th
Sheep & Swine Tagging May 5th
4-H Graduation May 9th

**Stay Tuned to the Network for Updates & Changes!**
Annual Mitten Tree

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching, and that means we are again preparing to decorate the Mitten Tree. Pat Webb, Project Chairman will set the tree up on November 14th, in the lobby of the MSU Extension Office. We encourage all clubs, families and interested community members to donate hats, scarves and mittens to decorate the tree. Items must be dropped off to the MSU Extension Office no later than December 12th, as that is the day the tree comes down. The gifts will then be wrapped, and distributed to youth across the county.

Just before Thanksgiving, Teen Ambassadors made approximately 50 hats and scarves sets out of fleece for their monthly community service project. The club also donated approximately 25 new hats and gloves. All of these items will be donated to the Mitten Tree at the Extension Office. Great job TA!

Hate Gift Wrapping?? Want to help some 4-H Youth earn money for their annual trip?? Let the Terra Quest 4-H Club help you out. They will be wrapping presents at the Monroe Mall inside the old TCBY Store during the times listed. All wrapping will be done by donation.
DATE & TIME:
Tuesdays 6:00-7:30pm
  January 30
  February 6
  February 13
  February 20
  February 27
  March 6

LOCATION:
Monroe MSU Extension
963 South Raisinville Road
Monroe, MI 48161

COST: $40 cash or check (scholarships available upon request)

SOCIAL MEDIA:
https://www.facebook.com/events/152643695491605/

Youth ages 11-15 who want to learn about caring for children and being a great babysitter should join this short term 4-H Club. Youth who participate will:

- Learn about the responsibilities of babysitting and becoming a capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitter.
- Learn and practice skills and techniques needed to become a good babysitter.
- Help develop the confidence needed to handle situations that could happen when babysitting.
- Develop a positive attitude about the care of children.
- Prepare youth in the business aspects of babysitting.

HOW TO REGISTER:
Current 4-H members: enroll through 4-HOnline, selecting Babysitting 101 as additional club participation

New 4-H members: visit 4honline.com, create free profile using prompts, complete all required info, select Babysitting 101

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2018 Cloverbud Premium

General Rules

Educational Objective: Cloverbuds remain safe and have positive, developmentally appropriate experiences that address safety, personal development, learning and fun.

A. 4-H Cloverbuds are to adhere to the 4-H Youth Exhibits General Regulations in addition to those below.
B. 4-H Cloverbud exhibition settings must be noncompetitive, with equal recognition given to all participants. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons only and will not receive premiums.
C. 4-H Cloverbuds will not be allowed to sell livestock.
D. If 4-H Cloverbud members are to have direct contact with an animal, the contact must take place with direct, one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer.
E. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI- approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences

Educational Projects:

Puzzles

Educational objective: Time management and how to work and have fun with others.

A. Puzzles must be no larger than 100 pieces. Pieces must be glued together and put in a frame ready to be hung for display or in a free standing frame. NO GLASS, Plexiglas will be accepted.
B. The puzzle box top should be broken down and an index card with the following information attached to your frame:
   1. Tell who helped you put the puzzle together
   2. How long it took to put the puzzle together.
   3. Why you chose this puzzle

Photography

Educational Objective: Learn how to use a camera.

A. Picture must be taken during the current project year
B. Entry will consist of one (1) 4”X 6” photo, mounted on 8 1/2”x11” cardstock.
C. On back of poster put type of camera (SLR, Phone or point N Shoot) and how or where printed and who helped you.

Fishing Lures & Flies

Educational Objective: Learn how to make your own flies or lures to fish with.

A. Exhibit 1 handmade fly or lure that you can use for fishing.

Toy Construction

Educational Objective: Learn visual construction creating a toy using Duplo or Lego construction bricks.

A. Construction of the toy is work done in the current project year.
B. Attach an index card with the following information:
   1. Made with a kit or original design
   2. Number of pieces used, not to exceed 50 pieces
   3. How long it took member to complete project.
C. Project must be attached to cardboard base or baseplate for display not to exceed 14” X 17”

Hobby Collections

Educational Objective: To learn how to collect and maintain a collection of items.

A. First year project should consist of at least 5 items. Second year project should add at least 3 more items.
B. Attach an index card telling why you collect this item, how long you have been collecting these items and how you have obtained the items you brought to display

Shooting Sports:

ARCHERY 101—Recurve & Compound Instinctive Guided instruction and 10 yrd. Shoot (Non-State Qualifier & No Trophy)

Educational Objective: To encourage members to follow all Safety rules, respect, follow directions, and enhance shooting skills.

A. 4-H Members will follow the shooting sports rules & guidelines recommended by the State of Michigan Shooting Sports: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament
B. Tournament will be held Saturday, July 21, 2018 Monroe County Rod & Gun Club.
C. Only 4-H members who have a certified shooting sports instructor in their club or as a project leader to practice under may participate.
D. 4-H members must have attended ONE county practice in each division they plan to participate in and 4-H members must practice a minimum of TWO times with their own instructor. County practices will be listed on the FB page SSA – Shooting Sports Association
E. Awards will be posted in the Educational Building, indicating the results

Craft Projects:
Cloverbuds may enter up to eight from the following categories but only one in any project area. These projects are open to Cloverbuds only. All Cloverbud projects will be displayed together in Crafts II Building.

Sweets without Heat
Create a Sweet treat or dessert without the use of oven, microwave or stove. Kids love to cook and there are many sweet treats to make that do not require the danger of heating ingredients.
   A. Create a sweet treat or dessert without the use of oven, microwave or stove.
   B. Bring a copy of the recipe for your sweet treat.
   C. Follow all food safety guidelines that apply to all 4-H Culinary projects. These may be obtained at the 4-H Extension Office.
   D. Cloverbuds will take their project to a judge on check-in day. They will be asked simple questions by the judge about how they made their sweet treat and will have their project critiqued by the judge.

Graham Cracker Houses
A simple gingerbread house with a base of graham crackers. Decorate with frosting, candies and other edible decorations.
   A. Create a gingerbread house out of graham crackers, using frosting to hold it together. Secure the house to a base with frosting.
   B. Decorations are the choice of the Cloverbud, but must be edible.
   C. Cloverbuds will take their project to a judge on check-in day. They will be asked simple questions by the judge about how they made their graham cracker house and will have their project critiqued by the judge.

Playdough Sculptures
Playdough or other air dried clays made into a project of the Cloverbud’s choice.
   A. If the project has more than one piece they must be secured to a base no larger than 12” X 12”.

Pony Bead Craft
Any craft made out of pony bears. Project ideas include: bracelet, key chain, sun catcher, barrettes, etc.
   A. No melted pony beads.

Velvet Coloring Art
Fuzzy velvet picture purchased.
   A. Size is limited to no larger than 8” X 10”.
   B. Colored with Cloverbud’s choice of markers, crayons or colored pencils.
   C. Finished project does not need to be framed.

Wooden Balsa Airplanes
Simple Balsa wood airplane kit put together by the Cloverbud.
   A. Airplane may be finished with paint or markers.

Pipe Cleaner Craft
Cloverbud may make a project of their choice using pipe cleaners only.
   A. Small accents may be added, an example would be googly eyes.

Scrapbooking Memory Page:
Cloverbud can create a single scrapbooking memory page using paper and embellishments and as many photos as they would like.
   A. Finished size is to be a single 12 X 12 page.
   B. The page should follow a theme of the Cloverbud’s Choice.
   C. Project must be entered in a two gallon zip-lock bag for display purposes.
Produce Projects:

Scarecrows
Educational Objective: Produce an original artistic design using natural materials

A. Scarecrow may be made from any material, stuffed with straw or fiber fill, etc
B. No face mask. Recommended, any dried material, cloth, etc
C. Fabric may be used for clothing
D. May range in size from 12” to 18”
E. SCARECROWS MUST BE ABLE TO HANG ON WALL BY HOOK WITHOUT FALLING APART
F. NO PRODUCE OR FRUIT WILL BE ACCEPTED
G. Scarecrows must be brought in on Thursday and will be critiqued on Friday

Seed Art
Educational Objective: Produce an original artistic design using seeds

A. The interior size of the exhibit (picture frame, cutout or ornament) shall be no larger than 3” X 5.5” somewhere inbetween.
B. Only one (1) type of seed is necessary (may use more if you wish)
C. Must have a center cut out design (like a circle, heart, square, etc)
D. Seeds are to cover a picture frame or frame styled ornament with opening
E. Seeds must be glued on cardstock, material, wood, etc
F. Seeds can be dyed for color
G. A hanger must be secured to the frame
H. Seed art must be brought in on Thursday and will be critiqued on Friday

Communications Projects:

Show & Tell
Educational Objective: To provide the opportunity for members to learn presentation skills in a safe and encouraging environment.

A. Members must sign up for Show and Tell on Thursday, prior to fair and then check in with superintendents by 11 a.m. on Friday, prior to fair.
B. Members must present the item to the judging team on a first-come, first-serve basis on Friday, prior to fair.
C. Members must bring the item (could include a photo of a place or person, vacation souvenir, a 4-H project/craft, family treasure, school/church/4-H award, etc).
D. Member should show/demonstrate and explain the importance/meaning of the item to the member. The presentation to the judging team should be between 2 and 4 minutes.
E. Members will be critiqued based on originality, creativity, use of time, and speaking ability.

Talent Showcase

A. One or more members will perform an act or skit in front of judges for evaluation. Members must all be Cloverbuds
B. Performance may be no longer than 5 minutes in length. Each member of the act must have a part in the performance.
   Each member will be given 5 minutes for set up and 5 minutes for tear down of props or equipment.
C. Participants are responsible for set up and tear down of equipment and props that are needed for performance.
D. Performance must be in good 4-H taste.
E. Participants must email Monroetalentshowcase@gmail.com with the length of skit, written lyrics, names of participants and how many microphones will be needed. You are also required to attach any prerecorded music to be played at Fair to that email. The email must be submitted by 6:00 the Thursday prior to fair.
F. Participants must submit their entry tags (all group members entered together) and sign up at the Fairgrounds the Thursday before Fair between 2:00 and 6:30.
G. Any act or skit deemed inappropriate will be ineligible for performance.
H. Must enter on Fair Entry Form.
I. Must sign up for Talent Showcase Performance competition on Thursday before Fair. Talent Showcase will be held on Wednesday of fair week, 9 a.m. at the Free Stage. Lyrics are required for all songs that will be performed. Lyrics must be in good 4-H taste.
Modeling
Learning Objective – To allow the member to organize an appropriate set of garments that not only fit well, but enhance the member’s appearance. The member will present the garments, on stage, as they model to an original narrative.
   A. Outfit may be purchased or handmade.
   B. Narration card for garment should be turned in with exhibit tag on Thursday before fair, between 2 and 6:30 p.m. Narrations should be 50 words or less.
   C. Garments entered in any other division of the fair may not be used.
   D. Style show and modeling will be held on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at the free stage

Junior Livestock Association:
All exhibitors must adhere to (1) General Livestock rules and regulations, (2) Monroe County Junior Livestock Association Rules and (3) 4-H Sheep project guidelines. If 4-H Cloverbud members are to have direct contact with an animal, the contact must take place with direct, one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer.

4-H Lead Class
Educational Objective: The objective of this class is to present a class of sheep in the most attractive manner, to give spectators a real opportunity to view classes of beauty with beauty and to improve the image of our sheep show. The class will also promote the wool industry by assembling and modeling a wool outfit.
   A. Cloverbuds will be sponsored with lambs from 4-H members- they may not bring their own lambs to the fair
   B. 4-H Cloverbud members must have one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer
   C. Sheep must be conditioned and trained to show at halter.
   D. Cloverbuds will only receive a participation ribbon. The entrant will be critiqued on the mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive, made with wool or wool blend material and lend elegance to the class. Critiquing will be done as follows: A narration of 75 words or less must be turned into the sheep lead committee no later than noon on Wednesday

Standards
1. Entrant costume, poise and appearance ...............50%
2. Control and presentation of the animal................30%
3. Standard judging procedure of the animal............20%
   An infraction of the above rules will automatically disqualify the contestant

Small Animal Association:
All Exhibitors must adhere to (1) General Livestock rules and regulations, (2) Small Animal general rules and (3) Specie specific rules under each department.
If 4-H Cloverbud members are to have direct contact with an animal, the contact must take place with direct, one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer.

Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Pocket Pet, Dog & Cat Showmanship Contests
Each showmanship contest will take place according to schedule within each individual species
Basis of award: 1. fitting of animal. 2. Exhibitors knowledge of animal. 3. Showmanship of exhibitor. 4. Attitude of Showman
   A. Exhibitors must adhere to specie specific rules found in each department. This includes requirements for species workshops/clinics. See departments for more information.
   B. Cloverbuds will be sponsored with animals from other 4-H members- they may not bring their own animals to fair
   C. Per the superintendent’s discretion, the exhibitors may be asked to use a prop or stuffed animal in place of a live animal for safety and the wellbeing of the animals
   D. Cloverbuds will receive participation ribbons only and will not qualify for showmanship sweepstakes
Pocket Pets
A. Exhibitors must be present at the time of judging
B. All exhibits must be the actual project of the exhibitor
C. Members can enter no more than two classes- one exhibit per class.
D. Exhibits must be kept in carrier or cage until judging and returned to carrier or cage after judging
E. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon & will not be eligible to receive the trophy.
F. Exhibits will not be kept at the Fairgrounds. They will return home after judging.
G. Judging will include:
   a. General health and condition
   b. Condition of coat and appearance
   c. Ability to be handled, tameness
   d. Tameness
H. It is mandatory that exhibitors attend at least one of the numerous small animal clinics, exhibition shows, fitting and showing clinic, etc throughout the year prior to showing any small animals at the Monroe county fair. Result from not attending any is exhibitor will not be allowed to have any small animal entries present at that years Monroe County Fair.
   Class 1. Hamsters
   Class 2 Gerbils
   Class 3 Mice
   Class 4 Rats
   Class 5 Chinchillas
   Class 6 Hedgehogs
   Class 7 Ferrets

Horse & Pony:
Showmanship
A. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI- approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences
B. 4-H Cloverbud members must have one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer
C. Cloverbuds will be sponsored with horses from another 4-H member- They may not bring their own horse to the fair

Lead Line
D. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI- approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences
E. 4-H Cloverbud members must have one-on-one assistance from a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer
F. Cloverbuds will be sponsored with horses from another 4-H member- They may not bring their own horse to the fair

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Monroe County 4-H Terra Quest invites you to our 1st annual Breakfast with Santa.

SATURDAY
December 9th, 2017
9:30 – 11:00 am

Event Includes:
Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Door Prizes, Fun Activities, Arts & Crafts

Tickets:
Kids ages 2 and up
Pre-Sale - $5
At the Door - $6

Please bring unwrapped toys to donate to the Toys – For – Tots program

Location of event is at the 4-H Activity Center
3775 S Custer Rd, Monroe MI, 48161
(Please use Rasinville Rd entrance)

Questions please call: 734 – 240 – 3170
The Monroe County 4-H Youth Leadership Board is hosting...

Christmas Babysitting
(For ages 5 and up)

Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 4 – 9 pm
at the 4-H Activity Center
3775 S Custer Rd, Monroe, MI 48161
(Please use Raisinville Rd. entrance)

Cost: $10 per child ($30 max for families of 4 or more)
Includes Dinner, Movie and Snacks

Parents can enjoy a night out and the kids will have a fun night watching Christmas Movies and other activities with friends and 4-H youth!

Please bring blankets/pillows to sit on while watching the movie!

For Questions please call the extension office at 734-240-3170

This event is open to the public, so invite everyone!

Please RSVP by December 4th to the 4-H Extension Office, 963 S Raisinville Rd, Monroe, MI 48161
and make checks payable to 4-H Youth Leadership Board

Child(ren) Name(s): ___________________________ Age(s):

Parent(s) Name: ___________________________ Home Phone #: ___________________________
Cell Phone #: ___________________________

Emergency Contact: ___________________________

Special Needs (i.e. Allergies): ___________________________
Contact the Extension Office at 734-240-3170 to reserve your tickets today!

Michigan 4-H Day
at the
Breslin Center
January 20, 2018

What: Celebrate MSU Extension’s 4-H youth with the MSU Women’s Basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers.

When: January 20, 2018. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 2:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above. Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: FREE for school buses, all other buses are $20. Cars are $5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:
- Hear fellow 4-H’ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

Get in the game!
Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information: 
msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

Contact your county MSU Extension office OR email Jane Love at lovejan@anr.msu.edu
Monroe County New & Used Tack Sale

Sunday, January 14, 2018  10am—3pm
MBT Expo Center
3775 South Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161
$3 Admission
Free Admission for Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans with valid ID.

All Proceeds Benefit the Monroe County 4H Program

Heated facility with plenty of parking!
Tons of Vendors!
Come out and Support Monroe County Horse & Pony Board!
Concessions!

Thank You Fair Board!

If interested in becoming a vendor please contact Christin Nowland by email at christinnowland@gmail.com or at 734-430-5377. Vendor tables are available on a first come first serve basis.
Sharpen your Skills
4-H Workshop

Who: Youth ages 11-19, volunteers, parents
What: Career preparation skills workshop
Where: Suburban Showcase Collection
       46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48374
When: Saturday, January 20, 2018 10 am- noon

Youth applying for awards (i.e. 4-H State Awards), scholarships or jobs will benefit by attending the workshop and will explore the following:
- Creating good resumes
- Writing tips to improve your application
- Interview preparation and practice

Please RSVP by Friday, 1/12 to Debbie Morgan 248-347-3860, ext. 279 or email morga194@anr.msu.edu

Questions:
Kathy Jamieson, jamies13@msu.edu or
Laurie Rivetto, rivettol@msu.edu

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STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

Classes:
Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

Other events during the show:
» Breed ID Contest
» Educational Poster Contest
» Judging Seminars
» Club Informational Booths
» Supply Vendors
» Scholarship Silent Auction

Cost:
$3.00 per class

Who can participate:
Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2018). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5–8 years of age is also available.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
For more information, event catalog, and online pre-registration, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/rabbitshow18/

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3rd Annual Ingham County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
Sponsored by Town N Country 4-H Club

January 6, 2018
Ingham County Fairgrounds
700 E Ash St.
Mason, MI 48854

Doors open at 6:00AM. Entries must be in by 8am. Show begins at 9am.
ABBA comment cards will be used
(Town N Country has the right to substitute judge as the need arises)

Entry fees:
$2.75 per class
$1.00 Fur/Wool class
$2.50 Showmanship
Educational Display Contest $1 to enter

- Showmanship: Junior (9-11 years old), Intermediate (12-14 years old), Senior (15-19 years old). Ages as of January 1st, 2018. Cloverbud showmanship will be judged by our teen leaders.
- Breed Classes: All breeds that are recognized are eligible for show. All breeds will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- Cloverbud Breed Judging: $2.50 entry fee (limit 1 animal - they will have their own class)
- Photography Class: Open to all participants
- Educational Exhibit: Open to all participants
- Cavy Class: Open to all participants

Food Vendors, Bake Sales, Silent Raffle, and Silent Auction will be available
Show Superintendent: Penny Sween 517-202-1618 jezuitrabbitry@yahoo.com
Interested in being a vendor? Contact me!
Follow us on Facebook - Town N Country 4-H Rabbit Show
4-H Workshops

December 7: 4-H Treasurers Training
Dowagiac Union High School, Dowagiac
Being a 4-H treasurer is an important role. 4-H youth treasurer’s learn valuable life skills to benefit their future.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_treasurers_training

December 12: 4-H Alumni Engagement Training
Northstar Cooperative Building, East Lansing
This session will highlight meaningful ways to maintain relationships and steward 4-H alumni. Topics will include: 4-H alumni as 4-H volunteers, 4-H donors and 4-H advocates.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/alumni_engagement_training

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing
Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/ready_to_go_volunteer_training_toolkit_train_the_trainer_workshop

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County
Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City
This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--bay_county

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception
Spartan Stadium, East Lansing
4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing
Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women’s Basketball game.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you’ll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0.

2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu. INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WORKSHOPS IF APPLICABLE.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Free tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women’s basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU’s Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception.

Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schulzj@anr.msu.edu.