2016-2017 4-H Re-Enrollment Reminder
The deadline to re-enroll in the 2016-2017 4-H program year was Friday, December 30, 2016. For anyone who missed that deadline and still wishes to re-enroll, re-enrollments MUST be completed and 4-H participation fees paid no later than Monday February 6, 2017. We are now six (6) months into the 2016-17 4-H program year, which runs September 1st through August 31st each year.

Thank you to the 638 youth members and adult leaders who have enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2016-17 4-H program year. There are 21 re-enrollments still pending due to the annual $10 4-H participation fee not paid yet. And 15 youth who have paid the annual $10 4-H participation, but have not re-enrolled/enrolled in 4-H

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4-H Club Pledge:
“I pledge
My HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service,
My HEALTH to better living
For My Club,
My Community
My Country and
My World.”
Will You Put the “U” in the Challenge U 4-H FunFest?
The 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest is another special workshop for younger (aged 9 to 13) Michigan 4-H’ers (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h). At this event, participants will:

- Spend two action-packed days – in sessions they choose, led by experts – learning the secrets of healthy living and food science. The hands-on sessions from which to choose will include:
  - What to eat and when to increase energy
  - Becoming a junior chef
  - Relaxation tips and tricks
  - Indoor and outdoor cooking
  - Healthy money habits
  - Food preservation
  - Dancing and more.

Through such 4-H projects, young people both enjoy hands-on activities and develop life skills (http://bit.ly/IPVDmlX). For example, by allowing 4-H’ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At the 2017 Challenge U 4-H FunFest, youth will also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”

- Enjoy some fun in the great outdoors
- Have an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who: Youth 9 to 13 years old as of January 1, 2017 and chaperones
When: March 11 to 12, 2017 (begins 9:30 to 10:30 Saturday morning and ends at 11:30 Sunday morning, before lunch)
Where: Kettunen Center (http://www.kettunencenter.org) in Tustin

How: The Challenge U 4-H FunFest schedule and registration is available on the web (http://bit.ly/2joxVkS). The registration fee ($70 for 4-H members and volunteers or $119 for non-4-H members and volunteers) includes overnight housing, meals and all session supplies.

If you need more details than are available on the registration site given above, you can obtain additional information from:
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Michelle Neff (by email at hydemich@msu.edu or by telephone at 989-539-7805)
COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017 Huron County Plat Books
NOW Available

The NEW 2017 Huron County Plat Book is now available at the MSU Extension Office.

Cost of the new plat book is $35. Acceptable forms of payment are CASH or CHECK ONLY with checks payable to “4-H Leaders Association”. Credit/Debit Cards NOT ACCEPTED!

PLEASE NOTE - When purchasing a plat book through the MSU Extension Office, a portion of the proceeds go the Huron County 4-H Youth Development Program!

HCHPLA 4-H Scrapbook Fundraiser.......................................................... 02/04/17
4-H Council Meeting.............................................................................. 02/14/17
Huron Community Fair Dinner Fundraiser........................................... 02/18/17
Presidents’ Day - MSUE Closed................................................................. 02/20/17
Small Livestock Association Meeting...................................................... 02/20/17
4-H Council Meeting.............................................................................. 03/14/17
4-H Exploration Days Registration Begins............................................. 03/14/17
Deadline for 4-H Council and Anthony L. Rapes Scholarships............... 03/31/17
4-H Camp Counselor Retreat................................................................. 04/08-09/17
JLA Feeder Steer Tagging...................................................................... 04/08/17
4-H Council Meeting.............................................................................. 04/11/17
Good Friday - MSUE Closed ................................................................. 04/14/17
4-H PEP Meeting.................................................................................... 04/19/17
4-H Exploration Days Registration Deadline......................................... 04/26/17
4-H Council Meeting.............................................................................. 05/09/17
JLA Sheep & Swine Tagging................................................................. 05/13/17
Blue Water Horse Show....................................................................... 05/20/17
TENTATIVE 4-H Exploration Days Orientation Meeting ..................... 05/31/17
4-H Enrollment Deadline....................................................................... 06/01/17
Thumb Area 4-H Camp Registration Deadline .................................... 06/01/17
TENTATIVE 4-H Warm Up Horse Show ............................................. 06/03/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 06/07/17
HCHPLA 4-H Horse Show................................................................. 06/10/17
4-H Council Meeting.............................................................................. 06/13/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 06/14/17
4-H Exploration Days at MSU............................................................... 06/21-23/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 06/21/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 06/28/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 07/05/17
Thumb Area 4-H Camp....................................................................... 07/06-08/17
Boxcarjack and Riders & Crafters 4-H Horse Show.......................... 07/08/17
Broken Arrow 4-H Horse Show.......................................................... 07/09/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 07/12/17
Rebel Riders 4-H Fun Horse Show.................................................... 07/15/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 07/19/17
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program)................................................. 07/26/17
Huron Community Fair Week............................................................. 07/30-8/5/17
LOCAL RECOGNITION!!!

HATS OFF TO...

...4-H members who wrapped more than 170 gift boxes for the Huron County Clothe-A-Child Program in 2016. The Clothe-A-Child Program delivers complete outfits and goodies to needy children in Huron County at Christmas time. We would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the following 4-H Clubs who had members wrap boxes for this worthwhile program:

- Country Corners 4-H Club
- Country Fun 4-H Club
- Growing Go-ers 4-H Club
- Happy Gals & Guys 4-H Club
- Laker 4-H Club
- Lucky Livestock 4-H Club

GREAT JOB!! 😊 All participating 4-Hers will receive community service certificates in appreciation for all their efforts.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY FOR RECOGNITION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund - Several $500 scholarships are awarded annually to Huron County's outstanding college-bound high school seniors through the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since 1981, this scholarship has been awarded to several students each in memory of Tony Rapes, a long-time Extension Agricultural Agent in Huron County.

Criteria for scholarship awards include high moral character, initiative, and scholastic achievement, as well as outstanding achievements in 4-H and/or FFA. Students are eligible if they will be focusing on a major in agriculture or a related field. Applications are available at high school offices or stop by the MSU Extension Office. Deadline for completed applications is by 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017, to the MSU Extension Office. Late entries will not be accepted!!

Huron County 4-H Council Scholarship - The Huron County 4-H Council is offering “up to four (4)” $500 scholarships. To be eligible for the Huron County 4-H Council Scholarship, students must be a high school senior enrolled in the Huron County 4-H Program, as well as enrolled in a college/trade school. Applications are available at high school offices or stop by the MSU Extension Office. Deadline for completed applications is by 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017, to the MSU Extension Office. Late entries will not be accepted.

Additional Scholarships - Many more college scholarship opportunities are detailed at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4-h_scholarships.

Check It Out

You can now find the 4-H Family News and other 4-H events flyers by going to www.thumbnet.net

Click on “Coupons/Flyers” and scroll down to “Event Flyers & Event Schedules”

Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/huroncounty4-H
**THUMB AREA DAIRY QUIZ BOWL TEAM FORMING**

Cow-loving kids ages 9-19 have a new opportunity. A Thumb Area Dairy Quiz Bowl Team is being formed with the goal of having teams compete in each age division at Michigan 4-H Dairy Days, July 20, at MSU. Quiz bowl is fun and educational, and is open to those who are new to dairy, also.

Young dairy farmers and dairy professionals in the area have volunteered their time to coach youth. Practice sessions will be held. So far, youth from Huron, Lapeer and Sanilac counties will take part. Be sure to share the news with your friends from any Thumb county. Opportunities for showing at Dairy Days, participating in the dairy management contest and dairy judging are also available.

For more information, contact Marianne Buza, MSU Extension Dairy Educator at 989-269-9949, ext. 612, or email mbuza@msu.edu; Ashley Messing Kennedy at messingashley@gmail.com; or text Addy Battel at 989-325-0305.

**HURON COMMUNITY FAIR DINNER FUNDRAISER**

The Huron Community Fair will be hosting a Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at the Bad Axe Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are $25 per person ages 21 and older, and can be purchased from any Huron Community Fair Board Member, Bad Axe Ace Hardware, Sebewaing Ace Hardware, any Bay Port State Bank branch or GreenStone Farm Credit Services in Bad Axe. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please see the fundraising event flyer in this newsletter for more details.

**CANCELLATION OF 2017 4-H PROJECTS GALORE WORKSHOP**

Unfortunately, the 2017 4-H Projects Galore Workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Bad Axe High School has been CANCELLED due to the lack of instructors for this year's event. The 4-H Council is hopeful that this event will be held again in March 2018.

**4-H LEADERS APPRECIATION DINNER**

The Huron County 4-H Council is currently planning the 2017 4-H Leaders Appreciation Dinner for mid-April. More information will be forthcoming. This is an AWESOME OPPORTUNITY for adult 4-H leaders to mix and mingle with other adult 4-H leaders, as well as gather resources for your 4-H club. A light meal will be provided.

**FESTIVAL OF TREES 4-H CLUB FUNDRAISER SILENT AUCTION**

The Huron County 4-H Leaders' Association is planning for 4-H clubs to participate in a 4-H Club Fundraising Silent Auction at this year's Huron Community Fair with proceeds going back to each of the participating 4-H clubs. We are asking 4-H clubs to obtain, decorate with a theme of your choice, and display the decorated artificial Christmas tree (any size) at the 2017 Huron Community Fair within the 4-H Building. The silent auction will be held during fair week, with the highest bidder taking home the decorated tree and the individual 4-H club receiving the profit.

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Once decorated, 4-H clubs should cover the tree with a large bag or plastic covering so when fair time arrives, the trees are ready to be displayed and placed in the 4-H Club Fundraiser Silent Auction! If you have further questions, please direct them to any 4-H Council member. In fact, please join us at the next 4-H Council Meeting - second Tuesday of each month in the MSUE Office conference room at 4:00 p.m. - and ask in person!

2017 LARGE LIVESTOCK TAGGING DATES
April 8, 2017 - Prospect Feeders - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
   at Fairgrounds, Bad Axe
May 13, 2017 - Sheep & Swine - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
   at Fairgrounds, Bad Axe

JLA Registration forms along with Fair Entry forms MUST be completed before each tagging...

* **ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE TAGGING OF YOUR ANIMAL.**
* **PLEASE HAVE YOUR FORMS COMPLETED AND READY TO HAND IN WHEN YOU GET THERE!**
* **YOUTH MUST ALSO USE THEIR AGE AS OF 12/31/17, AS STATED CLEARLY ON THE JLA AND FAIR ENTRY FORMS.**

Forms can be found at [www.huroncommunityfair.com](http://www.huroncommunityfair.com) under the Main Menu (left side) and click on JLA. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate JLA Species Superintendents.

2017 HURON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY SHOW DATES
May 20 - Blue Water Horse Show
   June 3  - TENTATIVE Warm Up 4-H Horse Show
   June 10 - HCHPLA 4-H Horse Show
   July  8 - Boxcarjack and Riders & Crafters 4-H Horse Show
   July  9 - Broken Arrow 4-H Horse Show
   July 15 - Rebel Riders 4-H Fun Show (separate show bill)
   July 30 - August  5 - Huron Community Fair Week

2017 PROUD EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM (PEP) DATES
The Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) is a therapeutic horseback riding program that offers riding lessons to youth with special needs. PEP is held during the summer at the Huron Expo Center (fairgrounds) in Bad Axe on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

   June 7, 14, 21, 28
   July  5, 12, 19, 26, 30 (fair)
   August 9, 16, 23 & 30

PEP is a wonderful opportunity for volunteer experience and for individuals who may need to acquire volunteer hours for college credit, National Honor Society, student council, etc. For more information on volunteering to help PEP participants or with the program itself, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949.

Seeking Adult Male Chaperones for 2017 Thumb Area 4-H Camp
Thumb Area 4-H Camp is scheduled for Thursday, July 6 - Saturday, July 8, 2017, at Camp Cavell in Lexington.

We are in need of 1 to 2 adult male chaperones from Huron County to stay for the duration of 4-H Camp; otherwise boys will not be able to attend this awesome event.

If you are interested and can make arrangement in your schedule to help out, please contact the MSU Extension Office, save the dates and mark your 2017 calendar.

It’s an awesome experience with many fun, educational activities for everyone...including adults!! 😊
2017 4-H Exploration Days

Come to 4-H Exploration Days and “Journey to Success.” 4-H Exploration Days will be held June 21-23, 2017, at Michigan State University. This is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts more than 2500 participants from all 83 Michigan counties; and is like no other teen conference you’ll ever attend!

4-H Exploration Days is an exciting 3-day experience that can change your outlook and your life; and is offered for youth ages 11 to 19 years of age by January 1, 2017! Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate in this awesome event. Registration booklets will be available the end of February or early March.

Registrations for 4-H Exploration Days will open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis with many sessions filling quickly on the first day of registration.

Final deadline to register with the MSU Extension Office is Wednesday, April 26, 2017. The registration fee will once again be $165 ($175 for non-4-H members). This is a bargain for a 3-day, 2-night MSU pre-college program full of experiential learning and personal growth opportunities! Entertainment at the Wharton Center for the 2017 4-H Exploration Days will be The Detroit Circus.

An initial $80 deposit is due for 4-H members and $90 deposit is due for non-4-H members when registering. Checks are payable to MSU. Registrations will not be accepted without the initial deposit. ONLY 4-H members are eligible for scholarships, so please ONLY pay the initial deposit when registering.

Anyone cancelling out of 4-H Exploration Days before May 1, 2017, may receive a full refund; however, registration cancellations between May 3 - June 2, 2017, are non-refundable.

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Online.

Just a few friendly reminders:

1. If you have re-enrolled in 4-H Online, but have not paid your annual $10 4-H participation fee, please do so ASAP, as youth re-enrollments ARE NOT complete until that is paid to the MSUE Office.
2. If you have NOT yet re-enrolled in 4-H Online, please do so NOW. Again, please be sure to pay your annual $10 4-H participation fee.
3. Checks are payable to “MSU” – not 4-H or anything other than “MSU”.
4. For a family of 3 or more the annual 4-H participation fee is ONLY $30. 😊
5. If you have paid your annual $10 4-H participation to the MSUE Office, but have NOT yet re-enrolled in 4-H Online, please do so NOW. Re-enrollments ARE NOT complete until you have re-enrolled in 4-H Online.
6. Step-by-step instructions can be found in this issue of the 4-H Family News.
7. Please BE SURE your 4-H re-enrollment is fully completed and that all

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Authorizations are checked appropriately and signed. Always click “Continue” at the bottom of each page. Again, be sure to sign the Authorization Forms and click agree or disagree, click yes or no on the medical information, continue through until you are able to click on “Submit Enrollment.” Again, please see #6 above for step-by-step instructions.

8. If you don’t know your password for logging in to 4-H Online, you will need to click “I forgot my password” and 4-H Online will email you a “temporary password” to get you into 4-H Online. From there, 4-H Online will request you to “recreate a password.” We strongly encourage you to write your new password down where you will have it for future usage.

9. Please DO NOT DELAY ANY LONGER if you plan to re-enroll in the 2016-17 4-H program year. The 4-H year runs September 1st to August 31st each year. 4-H families have had more than five (5) months to re-enroll.

10. This information has been in three (3) 4-H Family Newsletters (September; Oct-Nov; and Dec-Jan issues); numerous email reminders have also been sent out. It was even announced on the local radio station.

11. The re-enrollment process also applies to adult 4-H leaders who plan to continue their volunteerism through 4-H.

12. Adult 4-H leaders DO NOT pay the annual $10 4-H participation fee.

13. If you don’t want to go online to re-enroll, then you will need to complete the appropriate youth member or adult 4-H Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Release form (available at the MSU Extension Office) and return it to the MSUE Office by Monday, February 6, 2017. We will then re-enroll those who turn the forms in to the MSUE.

If you still have questions after reading the above information or need any assistance, please feel free to contact Kari VerEllen. She is more than happy to help you through the process of re-enrolling. Thank you for your time and cooperation!

BAD WEATHER POLICY

With winter weather upon us and the probability of bad weather, the MSU Extension Office has established a policy for cancellation of committee meetings and other events.

*If the Bad Axe Schools are cancelled or released early that day due to bad weather, the meeting or event will be cancelled as well.*

If you are ever in question, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949. Please also listen to WLEW for cancellations and/or closings.
Pearl Daskam Represents Michigan at 2016 World Food Prize

Six outstanding youth leaders were selected to represent Michigan at the Global Youth Institute, where they shared their global hunger fighting research and ideas. This series highlights their stories.

From addressing hunger issues by raising chickens for her local food bank, to addressing sustainable agriculture in faraway America Samoa, one youth from Ubly, Michigan, is engaged in solving critical issues related to local and global food security. Pearl Daskam, a sophomore from Cass City Homeschool, traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 12-15, 2016, to participate in the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute, where she shared her research and recommendations for addressing global food security with peers and experts from the U.S. and around the world.

The World Food Prize was founded by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Norman Borlaug to recognize and inspire great achievements in improving the quality, quantity and availability of food in the world. This year's World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue International Symposium focused on the theme "Let Food Be Thy Medicine" and gave special emphasis on issues such as the crucial role of nutrition in global food security, leadership, biofortification, conflict and infrastructure. Global Youth Institute students and teachers had the opportunity to take part in symposium sessions with the top minds and foremost leaders in global agriculture, food and development.

Daskam was selected as one of Michigan's youth delegates to the 2016 World Food Prize after writing a research paper on the topic of sustainable agriculture in America Samoa. She presented her research at the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute, which was held on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, on May 12, 2016. The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a pre-college program that engages Michigan youth as active global citizens in understanding and solving global food security challenges and provides an opportunity to explore academic and career pathways, which can contribute to ending global hunger and malnutrition. The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is coordinated by Michigan 4-H in partnership with the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, MSU Extension, Michigan FFA and the World Food Prize Foundation.

Daskam decided to participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute because she wanted to learn more about global hunger. "I had been researching issues on American Samoa and it was the perfect time to be able to narrow down my research and write a paper," she said. "I loved the idea of getting to go to Michigan State University and talk to professionals about things I am interested in."

In her research paper, Daskam made recommendations regarding the viability and sustainability of pig farms, which accounts for one of the island territory's largest agricultural activities. She recommended the implementation of improved waste management practices in American Samoa piggeries, including developing and using centralized composting facilities to address waste and carcass management and environmental health issues.

"The aspects of global food security that I am most interested in are the aspects that involve..."
17. Update any personal information and click continue at the bottom of the page.
**Be sure your email address is correct and current. This is often the counties best way to communicate with you.

18. Read all of the additional information carefully.
**Add complete first and last name. Make sure all spelling is correct. Incorrect or incomplete enrollments will be returned.

19. Mark the check box and sign each section. This section will be locked for editing after the enrollment has been submitted.
20. Click Continue.

21. It is very important that each member's Health Form is complete, accurate and current. Review and/or enter the member's Health information.
22. Click Continue.

23. Review and edit your Clubs. Only Clubs in which the member will participate during the current program year should be listed.
24. Click Continue.

**If you are a Volunteer you will also have the option of selecting the Volunteer Type

25. Review and edit projects.
**NOTE: Only projects in which the member will participate in during the current year should be listed in the Projects tab. Projects for previous years will remain on the Member's enrollment history. Remove any projects listed in which the member will no longer participate in for the new 4-H year.

**If you are a Volunteer you will also have the option of selecting the Volunteer Type

26. Click Submit Enrollment. (or continue on to groups)
27. Your county will receive notification of your Re-enrollment.
28. You will receive email notification when the county has reviewed and accepted your Re-enrollment. Please contact your 4-H Club leader or county office for information on how to pay participation fees.

29. **Groups is optional.** If your county is offering Groups, add any groups in which the member will participate during the current program year.

30. Click Submit Enrollment.

31. Your County will receive notification of your group enrollment.

32. You will receive email notification when the County has reviewed and accepted your group enrollment.

**TIPS:**

- After your initial login, you will see the Families Home Page when you first log in.
- The Announcements and Newsletters section is where your county can post newsletters, announcements and other important documents for you to view.
- To access your member list, click “Continue to Family.”
- If you would like to change your password at any time after your initial login, click “Change Password.”
- If you have forgotten your password, please select “I forgot my password” from the login page. County and state offices do not have access to Family passwords.

- If, at any point, you would like to return to your start page, click on “Home.”
- To return to your member list from any page, click on “My Member List.”
- For quick navigation between the four member enrollment pages, simply click on the page title under the navigation bar.
HURON COMMUNITY FAIR
DINNER FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017
Doors Open at 6:00 PM
EACH TICKET PURCHASED FOR ATTENDANCE
WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A $400
SOARING EAGLE CASINO TRIP!

At: Bad Axe K of C Hall
Tickets: $25 per person (must be 21)
Includes: Dinner Served at 6:30 pm by McDonald’s Catering
Connection Raffles, Silent & Live Auctions, Music throughout the
Evening!

Tickets: Available from any Huron Community Fair Board Member,
Ace Hardware of Bad Axe, Sebewaing Ace Hardware, any Bay Port
State Bank branch or Greenstone Farm Credit Service in Bad Axe

Proceeds to benefit the construction of new restrooms at the fairgrounds
THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP

SAVE THE DATES and come join us for this year’s amazing Thumb Area 4-H Camp July 6-8, 2017 to be held at Camp Cavell, Lexington

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

THANK YOU to our sponsors of the 2016 Thumb Area 4-H Camp

- Champagne Funeral Chapels, Inc.
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- GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- Huron County Farm Bureau
- Tuscola County Farm Bureau
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