Mandatory Livestock Meeting Schedule:

- **6:00 PM** Horse and Poultry
- **6:15 PM** Beef/Dairy Steer
- **6:30 PM** Rabbits
- **6:45 PM** Sheep
- **7:00 PM** Dairy/Dairy Feeders
- **7:15 PM** Swine
- **7:30 PM** Goats

**July at a Glance:**

- **July 7:** Countywide Pinewood Derby Project mtg, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM
- **July 8:** Market rabbit check in, arena, 10 AM; Open Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- **July 9:** Goat showmanship clinic, livestock arena, 1PM, Open Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- **July 11:** Swine Fit & Show
- **July 17:** Dog Council, Panera, W. Main, 7PM
- **July 18:** Countywide poultry mtg; Pullorum testing 5-7PM; Fit & Show, arena, 7PM
- **July 19:** LSA, Rm B, Fairgrounds, 7PM
- **July 20:** Horse Council, Rm C, Fairgrounds, 7PM, Beef Fit & Show, Myer Farms, 6PM
- **July 23:** Hickory Corners Club Mtg
- **July 24:** Leaders Council, Rm B, Carcass Rm D, Cooper Cav., Rm A, Fairgrounds, 7PM
- **July 26:** Fair Council, Rm C, Fairgrounds, 6:30PM
- **July 28:** 4-H Day with Kalamazoo Growlers, 6PM
- **July 31:** Carcass competition, Pease Packing, 6PM

**Mandatory Livestock Meeting for All Families Bringing Livestock to the Fair**

The annual Mandatory Livestock meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 4th, 2016. (see the schedule below for times). This is a time to get the final details about bringing your livestock to the fair, setting up and decorating the barns and working together to help create a fun, inviting and clean environment for the animals and fairgoers. Contact your superintendent if they have not already announced a time they would like to get started on setting up the barns.

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Dear Michigan 4-H families, volunteers and partners:

With the busy summer months quickly approaching, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some changes to the Michigan 4-H participation fee that will be implemented this fall. Beginning Sept. 1, 2017, the annual participation fee will be $20 per youth or $60 per family, whichever is lowest, for any youth ages 5-19 who participates in any type of ongoing or in-depth 4-H program. This is the first increase in 4-H participation fees in 10 years. Even with this increase, I am sure you will continue to find Michigan 4-H is one of the best investments you can make in your child’s growth and development as a result of the many diverse opportunities and benefits available to our state’s 4-H members.

As always, a portion of the participation fee will remain in the county to support local efforts and the remainder will continue to be managed by the MSU Extension State 4-H Office. The funds that are managed through the State 4-H Office will be used to support the 4-H participation fee grant program (which funds various county and state 4-H programs across Michigan), the purchase of American Income Life supplemental accident insurance for all 4-H youth and volunteers enrolled in 4HOnline, resources for centralized and more rigorous Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) background checks, and more. These new and enhanced statewide resources will not only provide county 4-H programs with a time and financial savings – allowing them to redirect those resources to other local 4-H efforts – but will provide parents with an added level of safety and security when their child is engaging in 4-H programs.

It is important to note that with these changes, MSU Extension remains committed to ensuring that participation fees will not be a barrier to 4-H participation for any youth. Scholarship grants are available to families unable to pay the participation fee. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with questions about these scholarships or other matters related to your county 4-H program.

Thank you for your on-going support of and participation in Michigan 4-H and for understanding the need for these important changes. We look forward to growing 4-H across the state, as well as providing additional resources that will benefit all of the state’s 4-H’ers.

Yours in 4-H,

Julie Chapin
State Leader, Michigan 4-H Youth Development
Sheep Reminders

- Our last meeting will be the Fit & Show which is scheduled for Sunday, July 30 at 6PM. Location: Gibson Farm 16187 East S Ave, Fulton MI 49052. Contact Alisha Gibson for directions, if needed. Please bring a dish to pass and something to drink for your family. The main course and table service will be provided. Bring lawn chairs as well!

- Also, don’t forget to start working on your educational exhibits which are mandatory for this year. Please don’t wait until the last minute and let Alisha Gibson know if you have any questions!

Poultry Project News

Fair is just around the corner--- all the chicks should be growing in your brooders and coops by now and the show birds should be growing their prettiest feathers. The next project meeting is our Fitting and Showmanship review on Tuesday, July 18th. The meeting starts at 7pm in the Livestock Arena at the fairgrounds BUT if you are bringing a breed/show bird to the fair they need to be Pullorum tested. We will start testing at 5pm and test until its time for the meeting. Please bring the birds that you plan to enter in a carrier that keeps them clean and securely contained with good ventilation to keep them cool. Remember to keep working on your Market Journal if you have a market project!

The STATE 4H POULTRY SHOW is back!!! Plans are being finalized to hold the State 4-H Poultry Show at the Michigan State Fair on Labor Day weekend. More details about entering and showing to follow soon.

July Carcass Project News

The first portion of our competition is the last day of this month! Call Pease packing by the 15th to inform them what animals you are bringing. Then have your animals there by 5:30 PM on Monday, July 31st. We will evaluate the animals live along with our judge Emily Elmer.

Then Wednesday, August 2, at 10 AM we return to Pease for the written evaluation, followed by the judging results and ribbon awards.

Remember that you must have attended two meetings during the year in order to participate. Monday, July 24, 2017, is the last meeting before the competition. It will be held at the fairgrounds at 7 pm.

If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com.
Swihart’s Swine Fitting & Showmanship Demonstration

Tuesday, July 11, 2017
7PM
14718 East X Ave.
Fulton, MI

If you have any questions, please contact Mick at 269-312-0949.
Light refreshments will be provided

The largest flower is the Rafflesia Arnoldii.

Do you know how wide it is?
(answer below)

New programs offered Fall 2017

The MSU Extension, Kalamazoo County 4-H program is looking into some fun new programming for the fall of 2017 and would like to know how many youth would be interested in some of the following:

- Spa/entrepreneurship class (learn how to make “spa” items and how to sell them to make a profit)
- Quadcopter racing (similar to flying drones)
- Cooking classes (followed with a cooking competition at the 2018 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair)
- Art classes (at local locations such as Make Studio, Art Bayou, Kalamazoo Glass Association, etc.)
- Geocaching
- Kayaking/outdoor adventures

If you are interested in any of these or have other ideas for countywide projects please contact Veronica or Anthony.
Come out and enjoy a night of fun with the Kalamazoo Growlers while helping to support MSU Extension, Kalamazoo County 4-H programs.
BARN CLEANUP DAY!

Saturday, July 29
8AM—2PM

Any youth that participates for the day will receive a free one-day Maple Leaf Amusements Carnival Ride wristband.

Come out and help get your barn ready for the Fair!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to give a huge thank you to the MSU Extension Master Gardeners program for sprucing up the 4-H mall! They have been working hard replanting some of the gardens, and have added four large raised beds next to the Poultry Barn.

The grounds will have a whole new feel come Fair Week!
Volunteer Opportunities during the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

We have a new and exciting way to sign up for set up, tear down and hosting in the still project room along with the 4-H Food Booth (the little red barn). The site is called Sign up Genius, links to the four specific sites are below. It takes many hands to have a successful fair for both 4-H youth and families along with fairgoers—we appreciate each person who takes the time to help make this a successful event.

Click to go to the Sign Up Genius page for each sign up:

- Set up – http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-still2
- Information booth/monitoring – http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-4hinformation
- Tear down - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4eabad28a1f58-fair

Each club is being asked to take a minimum of 4 shifts at the 4-H Information booth, with at least one adult being present at all times. Hopefully this will help families to be able to look at their schedules and people will be able to work around the food booth schedule and their children showing. This may mean that one volunteer is from one club and another from a different club on the same shift. What a great opportunity to meet a new friend, get new ideas, and share resources!

The Sign Up Genius for the 4-H Food Booth will be out soon and will be created based on the schedule that Andrea McCubbin (food booth committee coordinator) will be creating. If you have specific questions about the food booth please contact Andrea at 269-598-5231 (texts are the best way of contacting Andrea) or jamccubbin@aol.com. Please look for this link from your community club leader soon.

The process of signing up is super simple and as you go in you will be able to see the slots that are still open. If you have questions about set up or tear down or hosting in the still project room please contact the 4-H office.
2017 Kalamazoo County Fair Camping Fees & Information

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Reservations for 2017 began January 3.

To make a reservation, please call the Parks Office at (269) 383-8778. Reservations can also be made in person at the Parks Office located at 2900 Lake Street.

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8AM to 5PM.

Full payment with a credit or debit card is required at the time of reservation. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are all accepted.

Maple Leaf Amusement Carnival Ride Wristbands

Kalamazoo County is partnering with 9 local Harding’s Friendly Market stores in the Kalamazoo area to help sell presale Maple Leaf Amusement Carnival Ride wristbands.

They will be on sale from July 5 through August 7 at the Customer Service desks.

They can also be purchased at the Kalamazoo County Parks Office.

Presale wristbands are only $10!

Recycle Your Used Eyeglasses

Wondering what to do with your used eyeglasses? Don’t throw them way—donate them to charity!!

Many charities take used eyeglasses to provide a vision benefit to people that would otherwise not have access to eyeglasses:

- Lions Club
- All About Vision
- Seeing is Believing
- Eye Make a Difference
**Interviews on Still Project Judging Day**

Each year on the Saturday before the fair begins, youth bring in their educational (still) projects to be judged between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. These educational displays can be anything from a livestock poster/notebook to robotics, gardening, crafts and so much more!!

A project tag will also need to be attached to each project. These can be picked up from either your community club leader, any time, or the 4-H office, prior to August 1. They will also be available on the day of judging, but it is much simpler to have them done ahead of time.

When the projects are brought in youth will need to find the judge assigned to the specific project area. Each judge will ask a number of questions about your project and the educational display you made. Going through this process is a chance to practice your interview skills, show the judge what you’ve learned and practice good communication about your knowledge.

When preparing your educational exhibit know that the judge is looking for progress in your learning. If you’ve been involved for several years the judge is going to expect to see a project that has a higher level of educational materials than that of a youth who is younger or new to the project.

Here are some tips to a successful interview with the judge:

- Dress for the interview—it doesn’t have to be your Sunday best, but should be a step up from your everyday clothes
- Shake the judges hand
- Know your materials—you’ll be asked specifics about your project, be sure to be able to answer them
- PRACTICE—have family or friends look at your project ahead of time and have them ask you question
- Make eye contact
- Be polite
- Do your best!! Remember you should be representing yourself to the best of your abilities (set a goal, organize yourself and your materials, finish early–instead of the night before)
- If the judge asks you a question that you don’t know the answer to, tell them you don’t know, but WOW them with another fact that you do
- Remember this is practice for future scholarship and job interviews that you will have in the future
- Have fun, do your best and we’ll see you at the Expo center on August 5!
Be the Best Exhibit at Your Fair!

When you are at the fair as an exhibitor, leader, parent or guest, be at your best! Exhibiting good sportsmanship is not always easy but it is always in style. Ways to exhibit good sportsmanship include displaying respect for:

- **Animals.** Practice good animal management, proper nutrition and health-care practices.
- **Opponents.** Appreciate and respect well-prepared competitors who challenge you to bring out your best.
- **The event.** Know and follow the rules; use skill and training to achieve positive results.
- **Others.** Be respectful to officials, judges, parents and leaders, even when you may be frustrated. Say “thank you,” after the day is complete.

Starting in 2015, Michigan 4-H Youth Development selects a **Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year.** Consider nominating an **adult or young person** who has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in the 4-H animal-science project areas by October 1. Find out more at ([http://bit.ly/1HWjFn6](http://bit.ly/1HWjFn6)).

STILL PROJECT AUCTION GUIDELINES

The annual still project auction will be available this year to any 4-H member interested in selling their 4-H still project. Projects to be auctioned will be displayed in a separate section in the Still Exhibit Room. The bidding will be open all week, closing at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Bid cards will have a minimum $5.00 bid posted. All auction items must be judged. 4-H'ers can let judges know if they would like their item to go into the still auction. Judges will approve auction quality for each item. The successful bidder would be phoned on Saturday. Buyers will have until Friday, August 25 to pick item up or the item will go on to the 2nd highest bidder. Checks would be made out to Leaders Council and then Leaders Council would write a check to the 4-H'er.
Activities

JULY 2017

Design. Build. Program.

Learn to create and program your very own robots using LEGO’s most advanced and newest robotics technology – the powerful MINDSTORMS® EV3. You’ll work as a team to complete projects and challenges created specifically for EV3 and you will have the opportunity to create your own challenge and then build a robot to complete that challenge. This is a great introduction to robotics that will help campers develop their interest in robotic systems and a better understanding of how to make them work.

Limited to 16 participants! Register now to get a spot!

Overnight and day programs offered for children 4-16.

www.campkidwell.org
269-521-3559
campkidwell@btc-bci.com

Do you ever wonder how robots work? What to give it a try?

Adventures in Lego Robotics

At 4-H Camp Kidwell
July 30 - August 4

Register for Adventures in Lego Robotics here:


See a list of all the camp sessions here:

Learn from the Best at CMS' Middle School Band Camp!

Looking for a summer camp for your middle school musician? Choose MSU Community Music School’s Middle School Band Camp, held July 10-14 on MSU’s campus.

This five-day camp is for kids ranging from 10-14 years old who have played at least one year in their school band or through private lessons. (Students going into 9th grade in Fall 2017, are still eligible to participate in the middle school band camp.)

Camp Highlights:

♦ Receive instruction from highly-skilled, local band directors
♦ Learn from professional musicians skilled in the instruments they’re playing during sectionals
♦ Meet and play alongside kids from other music programs throughout Michigan
♦ Be a part of MSU’s campus - practicing in the College of Music building, performing at the MSU Auditorium, and, maybe even the best part, eating lunch at Brody Square!

REGISTER TODAY!

To register for the CMS Middle School Band Camp, please print and complete the following documents:

2017 Middle School Band Camp Registration Form
Medical Release Form

Mail or drop off your completed forms and payment to CMS at 4930 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823. You may also call us at 517-355-7661.

Financial assistance is available to help cover camp tuition.
Family Fishing Day: What Eats What?

Friday, July 14th
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Be a part of the food web by fishing for our new resident Bald Eagles and examining what fish eat with KBS scientist Dr. Sarah Fitzpatrick. In this program we will experience firsthand how energy moves through the environment and discover some of the many relationships in nature. Lunch will be provided!

Pre-registration required by July 7th.

Cost:
Members: $50 for one adult and one child
$15 for an additional child
Non-Members: $60 for one adult and child
$20 for an additional child

Space is limited to 25 participants.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

August 11-13: Kayaking, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2
Little Bay de Noc, Gladstone

August 18-20: Flat-Water Canoeing, Outdoor Adventure Challenge Level 2
Manistee River near Kingsley

August 26-27: Global Village and Global Gateway Experience With 4-H
http://howellnaturecenter.org/programs/heifer-global-village/global-gateway
Howell Nature Center, Howell

Other 4-H Events

July 13: Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_ffa_livestock_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

July 17-21: 4-H Youth Dairy Days
http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-dairy-expo-and-4-h-dairy-days
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

July 21: Michigan 4-H/FFA Meat Judging Contest
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

July 24-28: 4-H Renewable Energy Camp
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=95D877C85D23203A
MSU, East Lansing

July 30-August 3: National 4-H Forestry Invitational
http://4hforestryinvitation.org
Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Conference Center, Weston, West Virginia

August 2-4: 4-H Health & Food Science Camp
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=A11B8C3CF0D2FB86
MSU, East Lansing

August 11-13: State 4-H Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

August 19: Lansing Lugnuts 4-H Night!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/lansing_lugnuts_4_h_night
Cooley Law School Stadium, Lansing

August 20: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
South Barn, MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
2017 State 4-H Dog Show

This event – presented each August by Michigan State University (http://www.msu.edu) Extension (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) 4-H Youth Development (http://bit.ly/12NxjLN) – allows participants to:

- Present dogs in the following classes:
  - Leader Dog/Service Dog Puppy
  - Freestyle
  - Junior Showmanship
  - Obedience
  - Rally
  - Agility
  - Brace
  - Teams
  - Cloverbud

- Display honesty, respect for others, good sportsmanship, understanding of the humane and ethical care and treatment of animals, and their ability to follow 4-H policies and procedures

- Participate in free Educational Posters and Photography Contests

Who Should Attend?

Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H'ers (but not necessarily enrolled in a 4-H dog project) aged 9 to 19 years, as of January 1, 2017. Cloverbud division youth must be 5 to 8 years old, as of January 1, 2017. 4-H members can show up to two dogs (5 months or older) of any breed. Naturally, spectators are welcome!

Date and Location of the Show: August 19, 2017, the MSU Pavilion (http://bit.ly/2pPWBd1)

What Is the Cost of the Show?

The nonrefundable registration fees are $6 per dog and $10 per class. Camping is available at the MSU Pavilion for $30 per night (Friday and Saturday only)

How Does Someone Register?

Registration forms (for participants and show sponsors) are available in the show catalog found on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2qBtqHy). Youth must fill out entry forms completely and take the documents to the local MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county) by July 21, 2017. To be accepted, entries must have the following:

1. A complete entry form, found in the 2017 State 4-H Dog Show Catalog (http://bit.ly/2rw96aC)
2. A copy of proof of vaccination (this is generally an itemized receipt or certificate from the veterinarian) for each dog entered (participants may bring up to two dogs)
3. Payment of class fees (to ensure all applicable fees are paid, check the math on the entry form)

More information about this show is available from:

- The 2017 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show Catalog (http://bit.ly/2rw96aC)
- Your local MSU Extension 4-H staff (http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3)
- Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu), Michigan 4-H Animal Science Educator
- How to Measure Your Dog for the 4-H Dog Show (http://bit.ly/2qwzFy7), by Dr. Elizabeth Wells