**2017 Exploration Days, June 21-23, 2017**
For everything Exploration Days related see:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days

Your entertainment this year is The Detroit Circus. Make sure to check out their website at detroitcircus.info.

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**Welcome Anthony Frontiera**

We would like to welcome Anthony as the new 4-H Urban Program Coordinator. He enjoys being outdoors, including bonfires and walks with his wife. He also enjoys wood working and has made his own couch, bookshelves, and other household items. He has resided in Kalamazoo for about 6 years and completed his Master’s degree at WMU this spring. He has a wide variety of work experience in many different fields but for youth related work he has an extensive working knowledge related to Juvenile Justice Issues. He’s excited to join the MSUE team and is looking forward to helping make Kalamazoo one of the most successful counties in the state for youth centered achievement.

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**June at a Glance:**

- **June 8:** Countywide cat project meeting, Fairgrounds Rm B, 7PM
- **June 9:** Rabbit agility, Fairgrounds Rm B, 6:30PM
- **June 13—Kellogg Farms Pasture Dairy Days, MSU Pasture Dairy Center, Hickory Corners**
- **June 15:** You Put What on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter webinar, 7PM, training in the comfort of your own home
- **June 20:** Countywide poultry meeting, Fairgrounds Rm B, 7PM
- **June 21:** Livestock Superintendent Association meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds 7PM
- **June 21-23:** Exploration Days, MSU
- **June 24:** Goat showmanship clinic, Livestock arena, Fairgrounds, 12PM
- **June 26:** Leaders Council-Rm B, Carcass meeting -Rm D, Fairgrounds, 7PM
- **June 28:** Fair Council, Fairgrounds Rm C, 6:30PM
- **June 29:** Countywide goat, Fairgrounds Rm B, 7PM
- **June 30:** FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE @ Fair office, 5PM

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**PLEASE NOTE:**
If you have articles, information, or pictures you would like published in the newsletter, they must be received by 5 PM on the 24th of the month to be published in the following month’s newsletter.

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BIG Poultry Project News

There are some exciting changes happening around the Poultry Project for this fair. Project members are allowed to bring TWO turkeys to the fair and auction (one tom and one hen). As of now, this is permitted this year only as we will have extra room because of low participation. We hope that you are able to take advantage.

NOTE: Pick up dates for rooster chicks, broiler chicks, and the Cornish chicks have changed due to the summer holidays. NEW PICK UP DATES ARE:

Roasters: May 31
Broilers: June 20 (order by May 26)
Cornish: June 27 (order by June 2)

That’s one week earlier for each of these projects! This will make the birds one week bigger at the fair.

NEXT PROJECT MEETING: June 20 @ 7 PM
We will be practicing showmanship at the end of the meeting so bring your birds.

Rabbit News

Are you ready to hop into summer? As we get closer to fair and the weather warms up, take the opportunity to practice with your rabbits for showmanship and agility! Please remember our MANDATORY breed rabbit check-in coming up on Saturday, June 3, 10 AM at the fairgrounds. Any rabbit you are bringing to fair (except market animals) must be brought to this meeting and checked by the superintendents. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear, this can be done at the meeting. We will also be practicing showmanship and having a picnic, refer to the article in the May newsletter for details. Please bring a dish to share along with your favorite beverage and table service. Hot dogs will be provided again this year.

Market rabbit check-in is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, 10 AM at the fairgrounds. Only market rabbits need to be brought to this meeting.

New rabbit resources are available online from MSU Extension and you can stay up to date with state wide rabbit events on the FB page ‘MI State 4-H Rabbits.’

SAVE THE DATE: The 2017 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo is being held at Anthony Hall in East Lansing on June 10. Registration is open now until June 2nd. This is a fun and educational event open to members ages 9-19. Individual events include showmanship, educational poster, quiz contest, and a skill-a-thon. Some team events are also available. Cost is $5 per person and $3 per event.

The Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association has two upcoming shows which are open to anyone of any age, these shows do not include showmanship but are a great opportunity for you to show your rabbits. June 24 in Fowlerville, MI and July 8 in Coldwater, MI. If you have questions about attending one of these shows, please contact Janelle Gray.

The rabbit agility group has several upcoming meetings to practice and prepare for fair: June 9 & 23, July 5, 12, 18, & 28. Please contact Dani Holden for more information.

We are looking forward to fair and hope you are too! Please contact us if you have questions about fair, meetings, requirements, fair registration, etc.
Carcass Project News

Fair time is quickly approaching! There is still time to meet your attendance requirement of two meetings. The last two scheduled meetings before our competition are June 26, 2017, and July 24, 2017. These meetings are held at the fairgrounds at 7 PM.

Be sure mark your calendars and schedule time off with your employers for the competition days: Monday, July 31, at 6 PM and Wednesday, August 2, at 10 AM.

Fair Forms are due July 1. The following are a list of the carcass project entry numbers:

- Beef Market Carcass: Department 4, Section A, Class 4150
- Dairy Steer Carcass: Department 4, Section A, Class 4151
- Sheep Carcass: Department 6, Section A, Class 4225
- Swine Carcass: Department 10, Section A, Class 4400

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations—in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com.

Sheep Reminders

Mandatory Weigh-in and Tagging
Saturday, June 3
9 AM @ the Fairgrounds
Contact Alisha at (269) 873-5857 or gibsonaml6@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Donate Wool
Please consider donating your wool to SHALOM! An organization serving adults with disabilities by allowing them to operate a Woolery.

Wool, fiber made from the fleece of the sheep, is durable, insulating, wrinkle-resisting, fire-resistance and moisture-absorbing. It makes an ideal fabric for sweaters, coats, rugs, blankets, and much more.

Contact Keith Lohman (Executive Director) at shalomkazoo@aol.com.
The 4-H StrykeForce Robotics Team 2767 won the FIRST® Robotics World Championship in St. Louis, MO on April 29, 2017. FIRST® Press Room & News reports, “This week, more than 15,000 students from around the world traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, putting their innovation skills to the test at the annual FIRST® Championship Presented by Qualcomm Incorporated.” This was the culmination of the 2017 season wherein more than 83,000 students on 3,336 teams from 25 countries competed. 406 teams qualified for the St. Louis Championship event.


The intense Saint Louis World Championship was a four-day event which was attended by more than 30,000 people and featured teams from around the world. After setting two game records and winning the extremely competitive 68 team Daly sub-division, Stryke Force captained a four team alliance to capture the overall title on Einstein Field Saturday night. In addition to StrykeForce, the other three teams are Team 254, The Cheesy Poofs, San Jose, Calif.; Team 862, Lightning Robotics, Canton, Mich.; and Team 1676, The Pascack PI-oneers, Montvale, N.J. This is the first time a western Michigan team has captained an alliance to the title. They are also the youngest team to achieve this feat. On its way to qualifying, Stryke Force won the St. Joseph and East Kentwood events as well as its sub-division at the Michigan State Championship; only losing the State Championship in the finals.

Stryke Force 4-H FIRST Robotics Team 2767 is comprised of passionate students interested in STEM and Business careers. They are drawn from local high schools and homeschools in Kalamazoo County: Comstock, Gull Lake, Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix, Mattawan, Portage Central Portage Northern, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, and homeschools. Team 2767’s rookie season was 2008-2009 and has experienced tremendous growth and success. Stryke Force would like to thank their 2017 Sponsors: Stryker, Mid-Link, Michigan State University Extension—Kalamazoo County 4-H, Kalamazoo Water Jet, CTS Telecom INC, Clausing, River Street Flowerland, Crystal Car Wash, Western Michigan University Haworth College of Business, Allegra, EMA Design Automation, Lake Michigan Credit Union, and Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Area, Education for Employment (EFE) as well as all of their alliance partners from this year’s record setting season.

You can find more information at www.strykeforce.org

Or check out our social media:

www.facebook.com/2767strykeforce
www.twitter.com/2767strykeforce
www.instagram.com/2767strykeforce
StrykeForce 4-H club Competes in St. Louis
On April 22, the majority of the Hickory Corners Country Club (HCCC) riders headed up to the campus of MSU to represent Kalamazoo County while competing against other 4-H teams and individuals in the 2017 Hippology “knowledge bowl”. The team was divided into smaller teams of three or four girls based on age as the competition divides the juniors from the seniors. Each member competes on their team and then as an individual as well. The HCCC Riders sent one senior team of four, and then one extra individual competitor for a total of five individuals, as well as two junior teams, one of three and one of four, with a total of seven individual competitors. Both the junior and senior girls answer questions in an exam form, a slide presentation, and then about stations that are set up throughout, the senior team add a horse judging component to the day that the juniors do not participate in.

The HCCC Rider girls did a great job representing our county and our horse program. Our junior team A (Grace Cox, Paige McKee, and Lexi Morris) placed third, while our junior team B (Raelene Colvin, Riley Francis, Effie and Lila Jibson) placed fifth out of six teams. Lexi Morris placed second as an individual, and Lila Jibson brought home tenth. Our senior team (Kelsey Ekkens, Sydney Free, Molly Harma, and Hannah Zimmer) placed third out of five teams, with Kelsey Ekkens placing fifth and Sydney Free placing eighth as individuals.

Congratulations ladies, great job representing Kalamazoo County.
The 2017 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair is going to be a blast! Lots of fun activities and attractions are in the works for Fair week. For everything County Fair, visit www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/index.htm. We are even planning fun stuff just for 4-Hers after the fair closes each night. Stay tuned for more information!

2017 Premium Book

The 2017 Premium Books is now available online at www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/fairinfo.htm. The deadline for entries is Friday, June 30, 2017.

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.
Display Your Vegetables at the County Fair!

Do you have a green thumb? Are you or your family planting a garden this summer?

Did you know you can display your flowers and vegetables at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair this summer? For more information on how to pick your best vegetables and how to display them, visit:


Meating the Need

For those of you selling your livestock at the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair, your buyers can help to make a difference in our county! Buyers can designate their purchase to be donated to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission or Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. Both help those who are in need. Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes fed 180,646 people last year and the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission feeds over 4000 clients per week. Please share this tax-deductible option to your livestock buyers.

Gardening Donations

Don’t forget that if you have extra produce in your garden, you can also donate it to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes for use by clients who are in need.
Have You Sold Cattle on the Farm?
If so, be sure you paid the $1 Checkoff.

Did You Know?
Every time you sell a bovine animal, regardless of age, sex, breed, purpose, or number a dollar-a-head is due. The dollar is to be collected by the buyer from the seller, although both parties are responsible for remittance. The Checkoff is designed so that everyone pays their fair share.

How are you Checkoff dollars being used?
- Beef and veal television, radio, and print advertising
- Food safety, health and nutrition research
- Product technology and development
- Educating consumers and children about beef’s role in a healthy diet
- Refuting issues that could negatively impact the beef industry (such as BSE, E. Coli and Foot-and-Mouth disease.)

How Do You Pay?
Complete a remittance form and mail it along with your check to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Additional remittance forms are available through the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, MI 48864.
Fax: (517) 347-0919

Who Pays?
When cattle are sold or imported, the buyer of the cattle must withhold a $1 per head, or equivalent, from the seller's purchase price. Failure to do so is a violation of the law and may be subject to a $5,500 penalty. It's the law—no one is exempt.

Visit http://www.mibeef.org, go to Checkoff Info and then to Checkoff Remittance Form.

Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development defines Health Requirements for Livestock exhibited in Michigan.

For the 2017 requirements, please visit:

Volunteers & Help Wanted!   JUNE 2017

Feed those in Need

Do you have fruits or vegetables that go to waste because you grew too many? Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes served over 180,000 meals to families last year and fresh fruits and vegetables are always welcome. If you have extra, please think about our 4-H pledge:

“Hands to larger service and health to better living for my club, my community, my county, and my world.”

You have the opportunity to use your hands to plant and give back to others in need. Getting out in a garden can be relaxing for your health and by providing fresh fruits and vegetables to those in need you are helping families in our community to live a healthy life.

Helping Hands

- Barn Clean-up on July 29, 2017, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM  Youth who attend the entire day will receive a free ride wrist band from the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair.

- We will need help unloading shaving on August 3, 2017 (mandatory meeting night) at 5 PM. All adults and youth are welcome!

4-H Camp Kidwell Needs Your Help!

Are you or someone you know looking for a summer job?

Summer 2017 is coming fast and we still have 4 or 5 positions to fill to complete our staff. **Staff Training starts on June 11,** so apply TODAY!

Please apply today or share with anyone you know who might be interested in a fun, exciting, rewarding and enjoyable job for the summer!

Here are some details:

- Staff members work weekly sessions: Sunday to Friday
- They stay at camp in cabins with our campers
- Each staff member is hired to do a specific duty (i.e., Lifeguard, craft instructor, etc.), and help with the general program around camp.
- They need to fill all the positions and need to add a few more male staff members (to meet ratios)  Females are welcome and will be considered too.
- Here is what they need to fill:

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| Lifeguards –2     | 18+ years old  
|                   | Current certification needed; we can help find a training session |
| Archery Instructor| 18+ years old  
|                   | Current certification needed; we can help find a training session |
| Craft Instructor  | 18+ years old  
|                   | Creativity is a must. Thinking outside the box and willing to try new things! |
| Male Counselors   | 16+ years old  
|                   | Creative, caring, adventurous and outgoing young people who enjoy kids! |

Get details and apply today at [www.campkidwell.org](http://www.campkidwell.org)
4-H FUNDRAISING NIGHT
WITH THE KALAMAZOO GROWLERS

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH
GATES OPEN: 6:05 PM
FIRST PITCH: 7:05 PM
DAYE THE CANNONBALL GUY, FOOD FIGHT JERSEYS, AND MORE!

TICKET OPTIONS:
$10 INCLUDES BLEACHER TICKET AND HAT
PROMO CODE: 4H20ZOD

$20 BLEACHER SEAT & TAILGATE ACCESS (INCLUDES ALL-YOU-CAN-HANDLE FOOD AND DRINK UNTIL THE 5TH INNING)
PROMO CODE: 4H20ZODG

CONTACT STEVE SALENS
(269) 364-6326
STEVE@GROWLERSBASEBALL.COM

HOMER STRYKER FIELD | 251 MILLS ST, KALAMAZOO, MI 49048 | GROWLERSBASEBALL.COM
Wild Edibles Workshop

Saturday, June 10
9 AM
W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

Have you ever wondered which wild plants are edible? Join the Sanctuary staff on a hike to look for tasty plants as a team and learn about the plants you encounter. **Reservations are required by June 2.**

Register at: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=606E4FBB71EA4ACA](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=606E4FBB71EA4ACA)

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**You Put What on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter**

**Webinar!**

Join the MSU Extension staff as they help you think about what you post on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. This webinar will help volunteers consider some of the benefits and consequences of social networking and help you make informed decisions about what you post and share with others.


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**Family Farm Days with Ganton Senior Communities**

**June 26**
1:30—3:30PM

This is for elderly who are unable to attend the fair. This will bring them a lot of joy. We are asking for help with bringing small animals at the following locations (which are on the same street):

- Lakeview Assisted Living @ 1:30PM
- Reflections Memory Care @ 2:30PM
- Heritage Assisted Living @ 3:30PM

If you cannot attend the entire event, please just meet at one of the locations. Contact Amanda Lanphear-Funk at amanda.m.lanphear@gmail.com for questions.
Global Village

An overnight youth experience immersed in primitive cultures from around the world!

Michigan 4-H teens are invited to participate in a one-night opportunity to learn about life around the globe. The Howell Nature Center is home to a Heifer Global Village where teens have a first-hand experience through a day in a life from another country, as well as spend the night in a model house from another region of the world. Time is spent in role-playing games, stories, and hands-on experiences with a group debriefing the following morning. Please contact Sheri Montoye, Washtenaw County, at montoyes@anr.msu.edu, or 734-222-3905, for more information.

August 26-27, 2017
Howell Nature Center, Heifer Global Village
1005 Triangle Lake Road
Howell, MI 48843

Open to: Youth age 12-19 (as of January 1, 2017)


Application deadline: August 19, 2017

Fee: $50 payable to MSU (upon selection—not with application)
Limited $25 scholarships available to youth from Kalamazoo County.

PLEASE NOTE:
If you have articles, information, or pictures you would like published in the newsletter, they must be received by 5 PM on the 15th of the month to be published in the following month’s newsletter.
Celebrate 90 Years of Modern Farming at the W.K. Kellogg Farm’s Pasture Dairy Center

Visit the W.K. Kellogg Farm’s free Pasture Dairy Center Open House on June 13 from 4 – 8 p.m. to celebrate 90 years since W.K. Kellogg deeded the Farm’s land to MSU. W.K. Kellogg intended the Farm to “operate under the most modern system of farm management”, and visitors are invited to learn all about farming technology at this open house while enjoying family friendly activities and MSU Dairy Store ice cream.

View the most modern farming technology and tractors of each decade for the past 90 years, ranging from steam engines to computer systems, robots and drones. Dr. Bruno Basso will be providing drone demonstrations and explaining how drones are used in agricultural research. A field demonstration will take place, dependent on weather. Take a wagon ride and learn about Michigan’s agricultural landscapes. Wagon tours depart hourly starting at 4:30 p.m.

This event is free, although donations are appreciated. The entrance to the Pasture Dairy Center is on North 39th St., one block west of the intersection at North 40th St. and East B Ave. The Farm Office’s address is 10641 N. 40th St., Hickory Corners, MI 49060. The open house is being put on in partnership with MSU Extension, and is a Spartan Green Certified event. To learn more about the Dairy Open House or about the Pasture Dairy Center’s work and research, call 269-671-2508 or email pasture.dairy@kbs.msu.edu or visit kbs.msu.edu/events.

The Pasture Dairy Center uses robotic milking technology, a system allowing cows to set their own milking schedule, and features 220 acres of pasture devoted to grazing research with a focus on sustainable agriculture and ecosystem services. The barn at the Pasture Dairy Center was the first livestock building in the U.S. to receive a silver level certification for Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED).

The W.K. Kellogg Farm is part of the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station. Celebrate with us our legacy of conservation as we mark 90 years since W.K. Kellogg donated the lands that make up KBS to Michigan State University. Our commitment to research, education and outreach stands on the foundation of W.K. Kellogg’s vision for cutting-edge science and learning.

As MSU’s largest off-campus educational complex, we’ve put our land-grant values into practice as we’ve provided the public with examples of science’s crucial role in sustaining natural and managed communities for nearly a hundred years. As we look forward, our students and faculty are working to understand and solve real-world environmental problems for a better tomorrow. To learn more about KBS, visit us online at kbs.msu.edu.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

June 2-4: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp_1
Camp Tuhsmehetra, Greenville

June 16-18: Southern Michigan Outdoor Recreational Education Symposium (SMORES)
Contact Denise Noble (nobledenise@rocketmail.com)
Camp Tuhsmehetra, Greenville

June 17: Project FISH Instructor Training
Contact Mark Stephens (stephl43@msu.edu)
Camp Tuhsmehetra, Greenville

Other 4-H Events

June 3: 4-H Day at Michigan’s Adventure
https://www.miadventure.com/events/things-to-do/special-events/4H-Day
Michigan’s Adventure, Muskegon

June 10: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=D18688A80648792D
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

June 18: Michigan 4-H at the Tigers
http://m.mlb.com/tigers/tickets/special-events/4h
Comerica Park, Detroit

June 21-23: Michigan 4-H Exploration Days
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days
MSU, East Lansing

June 23-25: State 4-H Trail Ride & Family Camp Weekend
D Bar D Ranch, Chase

June 24-July 1: Citizenship Washington Focus
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=8B79FA950153A0AF
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 25-June 30: National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships
http://4h.unl.edu/4hshootingsportsnationalchampionships
Grand Island, Nebraska

June 26-30: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp
MSU, East Lansing

June 27-28: MMPA 4-H Milk Marketing Tour
https://www.mimilk.com/events/mmpa-4-h-milk-marketing-tour
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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
This exciting, hands-on opportunity—presented by Michigan State University (http://www.msu.edu) Extension (http://msue.anr.msu.edu) 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4-h)—will provide participants with opportunities to (1) demonstrate their knowledge and skill in showmanship and (2) take part in classes such as dairy, fiber, Boer, pygmy and specialty breed, as well as driving and pack classes. The show has wonderful judges who focus on educating youth as they compete. It’s a great show for youth to attend!

**Who Should Attend?**
- Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H’ers who are 9 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017.
- To participate in the Cloverbud Division, youth must be aged 5 to 8 as of January 1, 2017.

**When Is the Show?**
June 24, 2017

**Where Will the Goat Show Be Held?**
MSU Pavilion (http://www.canr.msu.edu/ans/facilities/pavilion)
South Barn

**How Can Someone Register?**
Registration forms (for participants and show sponsors) are available on the Michigan 4-H web site (http://bit.ly/2qoglny). All entries and entry fees must be submitted online (http://bit.ly/2qoTGaA), using a credit or debit card. The online registration site will close on June 2, 2017. Participants should print and bring a copy of their registration confirmation to the event.

**What Is the Cost of the Show?**
The nonrefundable fees are:
- $6 per person for all State 4-H Goat Show participants
- $10 per goat (The individual goat can be entered in all appropriate classes for its age, breed and sex)
- $25 Pavilion camping (Friday night only)

**More information** about this event is available from:
- Katie Ockert (ockertka@anr.msu.edu), Michigan 4-H Animal Science Educator
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)