Greetings!

YAY Spring!!! When spring fever strikes and you have more energy than you know what to do with, be sure to check out our volunteer opportunities to see how you can get involved with 4-H. Maybe being a club leader is not your thing, but we have many other opportunities available that just might be what you are looking for.

April 1st is the registration deadline to have the following market animals at the Northern District Fair: Swine, lamb, goat, rabbit. If you have any questions about participating in the Northern District Fair please contact our office.

Tractor Supply Company will be having their 4-H Paper Clover Campaign again this spring. I will have a display booth set up for 4-H. Members and clubs are encouraged to display their projects and practice their showmanship or run a fundraiser during this time. I will be at Tractor Supply in Cadillac on Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

There will be an afterschool babysitting club at Mesick High School on the following dates: April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19. Youth must be at least 11 years old and must be registered 4-H members on https://www.4honline.com/.

We will be having a pizza and planning meeting on Saturday, April 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a 4-H Model Train Club. Youth and adults interested in Model Trains can register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HModelTrainClub/.

The “Write Stuff” Communications training will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 at the 4-H office. This training is designed to help youth make the most of their 4-H Market project.

We have some exciting changes taking place in 4-H this year. A project Sewing club will be starting up in April and be sure to watch for your summer newsletter to see all of the activities we will be having at the Northern District Fair! Follow us on our Facebook page to make sure you’re getting all of your news and updates. As always if you have questions or want to know how to get involved contact me or Jessica at the 4-H office!

Have a great Spring!

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Happy Birthday to our Future Leaders!!

April
Hanna H.
Janet D.
Jill B.

May
Andrew T.
Austin Li.
Damien C.
Destiny M.
Elizabeth T.
Joseph H.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

April II: The “Write” Stuff Communications Training: Your 4-H Market Animal Project
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=02C2B6A3D674F22B
Wexford County MSU Extension Office, Cadillac

April 28-30: 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=4AC5F2D9F5BE2CEA
Kettunen Center, Tustin

May 13-14: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_regional_shooting_sports_air_pistol_training
Demmer Center, Lansing

May 20-21: Teens as Teachers Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3828E28B31BCA578
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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

Other 4-H Events

April 8: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4-h_hairy_horse_show
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

April 22: Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Expo
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

May 11: World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=194D71E9BDAF67A7
MSU, East Lansing

May 20: State 4-H Poultry Show
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=E025CAFF682A6962
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte Michigan State University

June 3: Iron Belle Trail Challenge
http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10369_55920---,00.html

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

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
After School 4-H Club Leader

**Position:** Provides overall leadership to an after-school 4-H group which meets at a local school as part of an after-school program; to provide leadership for the structure, content, and operation of the club; to be the main contact person for the club with the 4-H program.

**Time Requirement:** 3-4 hours a month from September through August or 1-2 hours per week for 6-8 weeks.

Awards Coordinator

**Position:** The Awards Coordinator will be responsible for putting together the annual 4-H awards Banquet. This includes: promoting the event, creating decorations, designing the program booklet, ordering food, coordinating entertainment, greeting attendees, putting together awards packets, door prizes, and working with Extension staff to develop a budget. The Awards Coordinator is encouraged to delegate responsibilities as they deem appropriate.

**Time Requirement:** Pre-planning for this event will take a minimum of fifteen hours. This event will be held each fall, no later than November 30th.

Awards and Recognition Committee

**Position:** Assist Awards Coordinator with annual Awards Banquet. Participate in other means of recognition for the 4-H members. Committee Members will: choose theme and plan for decorations, review numbers and types of achievements, plan for awards (prizes), assist in decorating, attend event to assist.

**Time Requirement:** 10-12 hours per year plus actual event times. 2-3 planning meetings plus the event.

Cloverbud Leader

**Position:** To provide leadership to the group as they explore the various project topics of 4-H. Serve as the primary contact person for the group. *Cloverbuds are 4-H Youth ages 5-8. (it is strongly recommended that parents be required to remain at club meetings).

**Time Requirement:** Flexible Scheduling of 1 1/2—2 Hour meetings.

4-H Newsletter Editor

**Position:** To inform 4-H families and leaders of upcoming 4-H activities, deadlines, and other 4-H information through the county 4-H newsletter on a regular basis.

**Time Requirement:** 4-8 hours per newsletter.

If interested in volunteering, contact Carol at (231)779-9480
What can you do?

Cookies and More
Learn baking and cooking skills and enjoy your efforts as an added bonus.

Manton Horse & Pony
You don’t have to be a horse owner to join in on the fun with this all around horse club. Learn about our equine friends and how to care for them.

Mesick Livestock
Raise the animals you love the most and learn about their care and how to participate in the fair.

Model Train Club
Learn about the different systems and how to make the perfect train for you.

Sewing Club
Learn the basics to get you started and take on harder projects as you develop your skills. Sewing machines are provided.

The Grands
Have fun with this club as they learn how to care for and show rabbits and cavies.

Wexford Whatevers
Whatever your favorite livestock is, you can learn a lot about how to care for it and how to get it into the fair with this livestock club.

Wild Ones
This science/nature club comes up with new activities all the time. Dissect owl pellets, clean-up the forest, test stream water, tag butterflies and so much more while you learn about the world around us.

After School Programming
Babysitting Club
Times and location vary throughout the year. Ask for details.

More Fun with 4-H
Library Engineering Boxes: Look for our engineering activities located in your local library branch and try something new.

Science in the Park: Join us each week in the summer as 4-H and the DNR bring you fun science activities to challenge your thinking.

Exploration Days: Held on MSU Campus in East Lansing, each year Exploration Days offers a wide selection of programs to match your interests.

Northern District Fair: Even if you aren’t entering a project you can join us at the fair for fun everyday. Join our scavenger hunt and geocaching demonstration. Ride the Smoothie Bike or participate in the Ag Olympics. Be sure to stop by the small animal barn and see the hatching baby chicks!

How do I join??

Who: Youth ages 5-19
What: Choose a club and register at www.4honline.com
When: Join anytime, however some of the animal clubs do have deadlines for fair participation.
How Much: A $10 enrollment fee covers your membership in 4-H for the entire year! (Scholarships are available)

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