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**Goat & Sheep Weigh-In - Date Change**

Sunday, May 3  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Fairgrounds

Members enrolled in these projects must bring their fair animals to the Isabella County fairgrounds during these times for weighing and tagging. Goat weigh-in is for wethers only.

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**4-H Camp Clean-Up**

May 3rd – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
May 17th – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

4-H Clubs are invited to help with this annual clean-up project – even if the entire club can’t attend. Any help is appreciated! Administrative leaders have been emailed the list of chores that need to be done before the camp rental season begins. 4-H Camp Association will supply hot dogs and beverages for helpers that day. Contact the Extension Office if you can help. Reminder - this is now an Honor Club requirement.

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**Scholarship Opportunity**

The Isabella County Royalty Program is a great opportunity for you to earn some college scholarship money while sharing your 4-H accomplishments. Packets are available by emailing Amy Vogel at isabellaroyalty@gmail.com or the paper format can be picked up at the Extension Office. Completed packets will be due by May 1st. The program is open to all 4-H young ladies and gentlemen with interviews scheduled for Sunday, June 28th and the big announcement on Wednesday, July 1st.

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**Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Promotion**

April 22 - May 3

Help is needed for the spring Tractor Supply Company Spring Paper Clover Campaign that will run April 22 - May 3. TSC is a great supporter of 4-H! We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote the event at our local Tractor Supply Store. Contact the MSU Extension office if you are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.
CLUB CORNER

**Barn Yard Kids** - At our March meeting we signed up for shifts for the maple syrup festival pancake breakfast. Next we talked about Exploration Days and see who is going. We are going to organize a blood drive. Our club will be going to 4-H camp clean up on May 3. At our next meeting we will make up a date to go canoeing and pick up trash around the river. We will be putting a float in the maple syrup parade.

**Dairy Dreamers** - Our club had a great time attending the MSU Women's Basketball game in January. In February, we held an Appreciation Dinner for the families of our members, and those that volunteer their farms, and help to our club. We also began dairy judging practices, and completed the Hoards Judging Contest. In March we enjoyed watching MSU's hockey team defeat Wisconsin at Munn Arena. Later in March several of our member's attended the 4-H Dairy Conference at the Kettunen Center. The conference was a great experience with everyone learning a lot. To end the month, a trip was taken to the MSU Pavilion to attend the state holstein show, and jersey sale to practice our judging skills.

**Rural Routers** - The Rural Routers spent a great day in March working on projects at the Bryant's house. The most popular projects were beginning leather, chicken wire bulletin boards and barn quilts. Some of the new skills they learned include how to use a Creigs jig to make corners on a frame, and how to make their own chalk paint. The club will vote which barn quilt they like the best and it will be displayed on the Baby Animal Barn at the fair in July.

**Town & Country Maple Leaves** - At our last meeting Jeff Bluemer came and spoke about changes in the large animal rules. Looking forward to seeing everybody at Maple Syrup Fest. We will be serving pancakes.

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Fundraising Opportunity For Clubs

Michigan Blood is pleased to begin booking Summer Step Up Blood Drives for the June-September months. Groups that host a blood drive during these months will earn $10 for every donor that registers! (Required 20 donors). This is an excellent leadership opportunity for your groups, a way to give back to the community AND fundraise a few extra dollars for your cause. To schedule a telephone call to learn more, please contact Karalee McKinstry at either kmckinstry@miblood.org or by telephone at (989) 497-1045. Dates are booking fast! Hope to hear from you soon!

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Isabella County 4-H Scholarship

Isabella County offers two $500 scholarships to 4-H members or former members each year. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled at an institution of higher learning and have been involved with 4-H in Isabella County. The scholarship is not limited to college freshmen.

To get an application, click here: [Isabella County 4-H Scholarship](#) or you may pick one up at the Extension office. Applications are due back to the office by April 30. The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15.

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NEW - Isabella County 4-H Scholarship Opportunity

**For high school seniors and current college students!**

Thank you to the family of Kathryn Virginia Methner Fike for establishing a $1000 scholarship in her name to benefit 4-H members in Isabella County.

Kathryn Virginia Methner Fike was born on the farm of her parents in northeast Wise Township, Isabella County on Nov 21, 1918. Except for a few winters in Florida, she spent all most 96 years within 5 miles of her birthplace. She married Lester Fike on March 29, 1936 and spent over 60 years on what became the Fike Centennial Homestead. In her childhood years, she was a member of a 4-H sewing club lead by her mother, Daisy Methner. After having children of her own, she became a leader, too. She served in this capacity for many years. Kathryn took great pride in the accomplishments of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in their 4-H activities.
CLOVER CHRONICLES

**Small Animal News**

**Showmanship Clinics** - dates have been set. Please plan to attend as many as possible to help better prepare yourself (and your animal) for competing at fair.

* Thursday, May 28, 7 - 8:15pm
* Wednesday, June 3, 7 - 8:15pm
* Sunday, June 14, 3 - 5pm
* Monday, June 22, 7 - 8:15pm
* Tuesday, June 30, 7 - 8:15pm

All clinics are in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds. Due to other scheduling constraints, please respect the times posted. Educational material is also made available at the clinics to help you better prepare for show day. We can also help with tattooing and nail trimming if needed.

If you do not already have your small animal purchase arranged, you should do so now. For example, there are only a couple of rabbit shows before the May 1 deadline and if you haven't placed an order or made contact with someone, it may be too late to get the breed you would like to have. If you wait until April 15 or later, it will be very difficult to have your animal(s) by May 1.

**Small Animal Auction Registration** - as you start thinking about fair registration, don't forget that a separate form MUST be completed if you plan to sell your small animal in the auction held Wednesday night of fair week. These forms will be available at the Extension office when fair books are made available.

**Long Form Project Records** - have been updated this year and are available in the fair forms section on the Extension Office's webpage shortly. Please discard any of the previous forms you may still have and begin using the new long form if you are entering the Educational Project category for judging purposes. The short form has not changed and is also available online. These forms are also available at the 4-H office.

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**Broiler Chick Orders**

Time to order your broiler chicks! Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 30. Approximate cost per bird including shipping is $1.66 each if we are able to order 100 birds.

Call the Extension office for order forms. If you have any questions, call Darlene at 828-4618 or Wanda at 828-5833.

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**4-H Family Fun Weekend**

August 15-16, 2015
Kettunen Center, Tustin

For youth, ages 5-8 (as of January 1, 2015) and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s)

Explore all that 4-H has to offer! This weekend will be action-packed and full of new experiences for the entire family. Youth, ages 5-8 (as of January 1, 2015), and their parent/guardian/caregiver are encouraged to attend this workshop to learn about 4-H! Sessions will provide youth with opportunities to learn about 4-H projects and life skills, the Four-H's of 4-H, and other Michigan activities and events for 5-8 year old youth involved in 4-H.

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**4-H Day at Comerica Park**

Friday, May 8

Join fellow 4-H'ers from across Michigan as we watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals at Comerica Park, 2100 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI.

Your admission includes a Detroit Tigers T-shirt which includes the 4-H Emblem. Packages:
- Skyline Package - $18.00
- Upper Box Infield Package = $31.00

Registration information will be coming out in the next few weeks. For further information contact: Glenda Weiss at weissgle@anr.msu.edu or 734-729-3632 Ext. 101

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**Leathercraft, Stained Glass, & Fusing Classes**

Leathercraft, Stained Glass and Fusing classes are available at no charge to 4-H members. You just pay for materials. Call Vera Wiltse at 989-465-1216 to schedule a time or for more information.
2015 Isabella County Shooting Sports County Events
Please call the Extension Office to pre-register for the event!

DATES FOR 2015 PROGRAM YEAR
April 11 – Qualifying Shoot - registration 8:30 am – 9:30 am; shoot begins 9 am
May 9 - Qualifying Shoot - registration 8:30 am – 9:30 am; shoot begins 9 am
June 13 - Qualifying Shoot - registration 8:30 am – 9:30 am; shoot begins 9 am
July 11 – County Shoot - registration 8:30 am – 9:30 am; shoot begins 9 am
July 13 – make-up date for County shoot, if needed

Cost per event *may be subject to change based on market prices for supplies
$5.00 registration fee
$7.00 registration fee (if you are shooting trap & 22)
$3.00 registration fee for Cloverbuds (age 7 & 8)
Bring your own safety equipment (eye & ear protection)
4-H member is responsible for buying own shells for trap; they are available for sale at the shoots

4-H Shooting Sports Age Policies
- 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to young people aged 7 through 19. The “4-H age” will be determined by a young person’s age as of January 1 of the 4-H program year.
- 4-H Cloverbud members ages 7-8 may participate in BB gun and basic archery training. Participation is at the discretion of the Certified Instructor and the participant must be under direct adult supervision (one on one). Cloverbuds do not participate in the County Shoot.
- Cloverbuds (4-H ages 5 & 6) must wait until they reach the 4-H age of 7 to participate in shooting sports.
- Hunter safety certification is required for members age 12 & older
- Members ages 9 – 11 are limited to shooting BB & archery at competitive events
- Youth must attend one qualifying shoot in order to compete at the county shoot

Qualifying shoots and County Shoot are held at the Isabella County Sportsman’s Club at the Corner of Winn & Millbrook Roads, 2872 W. Millbrook Road, Mt. Pleasant - 989-866-2505.

Spring Air Pellet League
May 11 & 18 and June 1, 8, & 15 at the Isabella County Sportsman’s Club.
6 pm – 7:30 pm
$10 registration fee – must pre-register at the MSU Extension Office. Checks payable to Isabella County 4-H Shooting Sports.

SAVE THE DATE: June 19 – shooting sports day camp at 4-H camp
for 4-H members ages 12 – 14 (will have separate registration fee).
Archery, BB & Air Pellet instruction
4-H Certified shooting sports instructors will be running the camp.
Adult help and counselors are needed to assist at this camp. You do not need to be a certified instructor to help out. Look for camp registration forms in the May newsletter.

4-H State Shoot
August 15 – at Blue Water Sportsman’s Association in St. Clair County near Port Huron, MI

Spring Hunter Safety at the Isabella County Sportsman’s Club
May 2 & 3 - hunter safety (ICSC) – contact Dave Randall 989-304-1089
FAIR INFORMATION

CAMPING
2014 fair campers watch your mail. On April 1, you should receive your registration form. Remember, we must receive your camping registration form and payment before May 1, 2015. On May 1st the fair office will be open from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, for any available camp sites. Our Fair Camping policy is: last year’s (2014) campers have until the last day of April to reserve and pay for their camping for this year’s fair, then first paid first reserved at the fair office May 1, 2015.

AMUSEMENT RIDE PASSES
Ride passes will be available on May 1. The passes will be available to 4-H and FFA families the month of May only, the price is $8.00 per pass and may be used any day of the fair.
• One pass per day, per person.
• You may purchase as many passes as you would like.
• You may send a separate check (P.O. Box 28, Mt. Pleasant, 48804), dated May 1, made out to Isabella Co. Fair and they will mail them to you. Please add, “ride passes” in the memo area on your check.

Coldwell’s Honored

Barb & Bob Coldwell were recently honored at an awards banquet during the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association Spring Convention. They were nominated by the membership and officers of this State Club for their lengthy service, dedication, and involvement in the rabbit raising and showing industry. This picture is Bob & Barb with MSRBA President, Tony Parker, after being awarded the Distinguished Service Award. The Coldwell family enjoyed a very special slide presentation prepared for the occasion, and 150 guests enjoyed a very nice meal at the University Club in East Lansing.
Helping Youth Reframe Livestock Competition

How asking a different set of questions can change a competitive experience from being about the project or showcase to being about the process and the life skills learned.

Posted on March 19, 2015 by Makena Schultz, Michigan State University Extension

When you ask someone who isn't involved in 4-H if they've heard of the program, the response is often skewed towards activities revolving around agriculture and livestock. In thinking long and hard about why this might be, two things come to mind.

The first is the historic background of 4-H. In the late 1800s, agricultural researchers found that farmers were not entirely open to trying the new approaches discovered through university work. Young people, on the other hand, were open to trying new ideas and shared their experiences with adults in their community. This history highlights the idea that 4-H’s roots are in agriculture, and that we’ve long acknowledged the great potential of youth to shape our communities.

The second thing that might reinforce the stereotype of 4-H being only for agriculture and livestock is those projects are the ones often talked about first by youth participants in the program. Logically, this makes sense. A young person may be involved in a lot of static project areas like photography, rocketry, food and nutrition, but if they’re also involved in a livestock project, that project is the one that likely takes the largest investment of time, resources and energy. While youth may take photos for their photography project throughout the year, their beef steer requires attention and work every day, multiple times a day.

The founding history of 4-H isn’t going to change, so how can we help youth reframe the role of their livestock project? As leaders, parents and community members, we are in a position to help young people shift their view of 4-H livestock projects from competition to life lesson with just a few simple questions.

During the time before arriving at a showcase, such as a county fair, state livestock expo, open class or show, we can help change from the livestock project to the processes involved in making that project being the sole focus. Under the structure before the shift, youth often think of their learning experience as specific to their livestock species. Contrarily, when we help youth think about the processes involved in raising their animal, they can better articulate the life lessons learned through their project. Examples include fiscal responsibility, ethical animal husbandry and time management. Using an animal project record book is one tool that can help facilitate this shift in learning, but is most successful when reinforced by the questions we ask as adult mentors.

One common question that is asked after the conclusion of such a showcase is, “Did you have fun?” There are two characteristics of this question that could be improved upon. One being that its answer requires only a simple “yes” or “no” and thus prompts little critical thought. The other is that it implies the most important thing a participant should get out of a competitive showcase is fun. While enjoyment in your activities is crucial, use this post-showcase time as an additional learning opportunity. Reframe your question to state something like, “What did you learn during this experience?” or “What new connections or friendships did you make?” These questions require youth participants to think harder about the bigger picture of their livestock projects and help shift from competition to learning and networking experiences.

The Michigan State University Extension offices work hard to develop meaningful opportunities for the youth in your counties. The goal of our work connects back to the broader goals of 4-H: opening the door for young people to learn leadership skills and have hands-on experiences that utilize said skills to better their communities.

For more information on such opportunities in your area, check out the Michigan 4-H events calendar today.
If you are interested in helping with the Isabella County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show, May 2, at the fairgrounds, please contact Angie Coldwell, 989-828-6229. We also are requesting items for our silent auction, which may be left at the Extension Office any time until May 1.

26th Annual Isabella County
4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
Grand Stand at the Isabella County Fairgrounds
500 N. Mission, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Saturday, May 2, 2015

**SKILL-A-THON**  **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT**  **SILENT AUCTIONS**
**CAGE VENDOR (MasterKorner - 989-697-3687 to pre-order supplies)**

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**Rabbit classes enter by 8:30am / Cavies by 10:00am**

Show Superintendents: Tammy Brecht - 989/828-6394  
Alissa Davis - 989/465-7279

Show Secretary: Angie Coldwell - 989/330-1106  
angella.coldwell@gmail.com

Rabbit Showmanship: Trophies to 1st place each age division  
Rosettes to 1st through 10th place each age division

Rabbit Breed Classes: Trophies to BOB & BOS for Top 5* Breeds,  
Best 4-Class, Best 6-Class, and Best in Show

Cavy Showmanship: Trophy to top overall showman (all ages considered)  
Rosettes to 1st through 10th place each age division

Cavy Breed Classes: Trophy to Best in Show

*If largest cavy breed exceeds entries in #5 rabbit breed, the cavy will receive the BOB & BOS trophy

Educational Competitions: Medals will be awarded to top placings  
Cloverbuds (ages 5 - 8 yrs @ 1/1/15) may participate in showmanship for evaluation only -- participation medals will be awarded to all Cloverbuds.
Educational Exhibit: (One exhibit per participant) should be focused on educating first year and non-rabbit members of all ages. Classes will be broken into two age groups: 9-13 years (junior) and 14-19 years (senior). Medals will be awarded to the top entry of each age division.

**SILENT AUCTIONS**
Bid on merchandise and quality rabbits from reputable breeders

**DIRECTIONS:**

**FROM THE NORTH** –
Exit US-127 at the Rosebush exit (#149). Turn right (west) onto Rosebush Road. Travel approximately four blocks to the 4-way stop at Mission Road (bank on the right, Shell on the left). Turn left (south) and travel 3.5 miles; fairgrounds on your left.

**FROM THE SOUTH** –
Exit US-127 at the Rosebush exit (#149). Turn left (west) onto Rosebush Road. Travel approximately four blocks to the 4-way stop at Mission Road (bank on the right, Shell on the left). Turn left (south) and travel 3.5 miles; fairgrounds on your left.

**FROM MIDLAND** –
Follow M-20 into Mt. Pleasant, it becomes Pickard Street. At Mission Street (Meijer on right) turn right (north) get into the left lane. Take Mission/Old 27 to a slight left (northwest) which straightens out heading north; travel 2 miles; fairgrounds on your right.

**FROM REMUS** –
Enter Mt. Pleasant on M-20. Travel east to Mission Street (Shell on left). Turn left (north) onto Mission; travel 1.5 miles, crossing Pickard Street, stay in left lane. Take Mission/Old 27 to a slight left (northwest) which straightens out heading north; travel 2 miles; fairgrounds on your right.

SEE YOU THERE!!!
Moo Madness is here again!
New exciting stations planned!!

Join us June 19th, 2015 for a day of fun learning about dairy cattle!! Sessions include information on showmanship, judging, and care of your dairy animal. Moo Madness is for anyone who wishes to learn more about showing dairy cows or heifers, dairy judging, or just to learn more about the dairy industry in general. You do not need to be in 4-H to attend. It is NOT a dairy feeder clinic. The day begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends about 3:00 p.m. with awards and door prizes. Lunch and a t-shirt are included. Cost is $10 per person if received by May 29, $15 after. Youth under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions feel free to contact Cathy Fry at 989-304-1983 or Jessica Bryant at 989-304-1201.

Please return the bottom portion along with payment to:

*Misty Morning Farm, 8180 Townline Lake Rd., Lakeview, MI 48850*

*Clinic is held on a farm, and we will be outdoors. Please dress appropriately.*

Name: ________________________________________________________ Age:________
Address:___________________________________________ City:______________________________
Phone Number: __________________________ Years of dairy experience:________

Name: ________________________________________________________ Age:________
Address:___________________________________________ City:______________________________
Phone Number: __________________________ Years of dairy experience:________

Chaperone Name: ________________________________________________________
Address:___________________________________________ City:______________________________
Phone Number: __________________________ Years of dairy experience:________

Feel free to use back or make copies.

Number of participants:______ x $10 = _______ Total due with registration

Return by May 29, 2015 to be guaranteed a shirt.
CLOVER CHRONICLES

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Events

May 4: Build Your Future Curriculum Training
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/build_your_future_curriculum_training3
Max Thompson Community Center, Warren

May 6-8: 2015 Michigan Envirothon State Competition
http://conta.cc/1AVTkY5
Fort Custer, Augusta

May 15-16: W ilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Bay College, Escanaba

May 16: Michigan 4-H State Poultry Show (formerly 4-H Poultry Palooza)
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_poultry_palooza1
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

May 16-17: May 15-16: W ilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Otsego County M SU Extension Office, Gaylord

May 12-13: Skill Building for Youth Workers: Youth Development and Communication
https://bit.ly/1m7xT http://bit.ly/1m1xT
M SU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

May 30-31: Michigan 4-H Companion Animal Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_companion_animal_camp1
Camp Tuhsmeheta

June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_expo2015
Anthony Hall, M SU, East Lansing

June 13-14: W ilderness First Aid, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Class
Contact Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu)
Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville

June 13-20: Citizenship W ashington Focus
http://bit.ly/1Mm2yOi
National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

June 15: Keep Your Head When You Win and Your Heart When You Lose: Teaching Sportsmanship in Animal Science
http://bit.ly/1MnLRnB
Your Computer

June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/michigan_4_h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp
M SU, East Lansing

June 17-18: MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour
Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu)
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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events

Social Media Highlights 4-H
If you tweet, post, chat or pin, you are enjoying social media.

Did you know that 80 percent of people check their smartphones first thing in the morning? Michigan 4-H can be found on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Twitter.

You will also find that many state events and county programs have their own pages and groups to share information. Log in to like us, retweet, share a post, follow what is happening or learn about upcoming events.
2015 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp (GLNRC)

This weeklong, triple award-winning camp, now in its 33rd year, features outdoor, hands-on learning experiences and activities such as charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, swimming, hiking, dune exploration, and wading through wetlands!

GLNRC learning sessions and recreation are designed to:
- Increase teens’ appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors, natural resources and science.
- Develop a strong attitudinal attachment to Michigan’s unique natural resources and bioregional features.
- Increase teens’ knowledge about the Great Lakes, natural resources ecology and management issues.
- Foster scientifically rooted environmental stewardship.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Develop leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Increase social and academic skills needed for successful transition to college and life as an adult.

Who: Youth aged 13 to 15 (or going into grades 8 to 10) who function at grade level or above.

When: August 2 to 8, 2015

Where: Camp Chickagami (http://www.campchickagami.org/#!), Presque Isle

How: Youth applicants must complete the 2015 Michigan 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camper Application (http://bit.ly/1xbmVw8) and submit the application by May 1 to Laura Potter-Niesen, 4-H Youth Development, Room 160 Morrill Hall of Agriculture, 446 West Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824. Space is limited!

Cost: The 2015 cost (that includes meals, snacks, lodging, and program and activity fees) is $345 per young person ($355 for youth who are not 4-H members). A limited number of state 4-H scholarships are offered for teens with financial need. 4-H members may wish to check with their county MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

More Information: Ways to find out more about 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp include:
- The 4-H GLNRC website (http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/glncrc)
- The 2014 full evaluation report (http://bit.ly/1Aad3nT)
- Michigan Science Curriculum High School Content Expectations (Grades 8 to 12) addressed by 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp (http://bit.ly/1Ad3nTN)
- 4-H staff in your local MSU Extension office (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- Nick Baumgart (baumga75@anr.msu.edu) or 906-774-0363

What is Your Hashtag?

Are you capturing your 4-H memories on Instagram or Twitter? Be sure to use some of our hashtags to connect with the 4-Her’s across the state and nation.

Here is a list of some of the common Michigan 4-H hashtags:
- #MI4H
- #4H
- #makeadifference
- #volunteer
- #leavealegacy
- #giveback
- #MSUExtension
- #4Halumni
HOST A JAPANESE YOUTH
in Summer 2015 through States’ 4-H International

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world!

Hosting Period: 4 weeks from late July to late August (summer 2015)

Youth Characteristics:
- 12-16 years old (most are 12-14) or adult chaperones
- Youth have limited English language skills, and host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively

Host Family Requirements:
- You must have a child of the same gender and within 2 years of the hosted youth (Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone)
- No special activities need to be planned, these youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family
- Volunteer to participate in the program
- You don’t need to be involved with 4-H to host

For more information, visit http://www.states4Hexchange.org/
or contact your state coordinator: Brian Wibby, wibby@anr.msu.edu, #906-475-5731
www.4h.msue.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs

Please note: Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process as well as student availability and personality compatibility

“It’s like having a sister I always wanted, and a best friend”

- 4-H Host Sibling
Michigan Host Families needed for 4-H Exchange

Welcome an international youth to your home as a son or daughter. Experience the global connection!

Host for Academic-Year 2015-2016:
Exchange students, ages 15-18, arrive Aug. 2015 to join a family and attend a year of high school.

FLEX: Our delegates from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine are top finalists in the U.S. State Dept.’s competitive FLEX Program (Future Leaders Exchange).

LEX/LABO: Host a delegate from Japan or Korea and earn a $1000 credit toward your child’s 4H trip.

Host for a month or less in Summer 2015

Japan middle-school youth: Host a youth (age 12-15) from Sat., July 25th to Sat., Aug. 22nd. Apply online by 5/1/15 at www.states4hexchange.org. Adult chaperones and college-interns can be hosted for 2 weeks (no sibling requirement). Earn $100 credit to your child’s 4H trip to Japan by hosting.

Belize high-school youth: The Belizean delegates are ages 14-18 (national language=English). They attend 4-H Exploration Days on June 24-26, 2015, and then go to their Michigan family.

IFYE (formerly International Farm Youth Exchange): College-aged youth, usually European, live and work with Michigan agribusiness families for 3 weeks each during summer/fall 2015.

Feb. 2015: incoming delegate profiles are available!
Applications at: www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs
Contact Heather Gray at grayhea2@msu.edu, ph# 517-355-2361

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Frequently Asked Questions:

General:
What are the obligations for a host family? You provide 3 meals a day and a bed (delegates can share a room with same gender siblings). Additional expenses are paid by the delegate.

How can I get a good match? Delegate profiles are available starting February 2015. All our delegates come with detailed interest profiles on their application. Our staff will help you match your interests with your delegate’s. You help select your own exchange student from the profiles.

What are the benefits of hosting? Life-long friendships; cross-cultural understanding; sharing a positive experience of American family culture; promoting world peace via citizen diplomacy.

High School Academic Year (9-10 months):
What about arrival and departure? Students will arrive and depart at your closest local airport (Marquette, Saginaw, Traverse City, Lansing, Kalamazoo, etc.). Arrival dates are somewhat flexible.

What about students’ expenses? Students are responsible for their own expenses beyond housing and meals. The FLEX students are coming from weaker economies than the US, so the State Dept provides them with a stipend for winter clothing and shoes, school fees (athletics, fine arts, yearbook, field trips, etc.), personal expenses, and civic education enrichment, like 4H Capitol Experience.

What do we know about our exchange students? Our school-year students’ 43 pg. applications include all high school transcripts, teacher evaluations, medical history, 3 timed essays written in English, TOEFL scores, average daily schedules, types of chores done at home, a letter to host family, etc. There is a lot of information. You help select your own exchange student based on this data. (A student can be relocated if the placement is not satisfactory.)

What is the timeline to host? Fill out an application; pass 4H volunteer screening; confirm local high school placement; schedule a home interview; select a student starting in February; family orientations in summer; students arrive in Aug. 2015; complimentary host family retreat at Great Wolf Lodge and Waterpark, Nov. 20-22, 2015, 4H Youth Leadership retreat in Jan. 2016, 4H Capitol Experience in March 2016; students fly home in May/June 2016. Contact Jan at brinn@anr.msu.edu to get started!

Summer Hosting (1 month):
What time commitments does 4H need during the one month stay? None. During the family stay, the Japanese, Belize, and IFYE delegates follow your family’s schedule, including travel, camping, etc. For the Japanese group, an optional group picnic is on Sat., 8/8/15.

What about summer camps? Our middle-school age, Japanese delegates can attend summer day camps with their host siblings. Costs up to $200/week can be covered. VBS/church/ synagogue, etc. camps are accepted. Check out our awesome 4H summer camps at www.4h.msue.msu.edu/events

What about arrival and departure? Pick-up and drop-off are from MSU campus; transportation north to the U.P. is also offered. If you have a conflict on the specific arrival/departure day, let us know and we’ll try to accommodate you.

Summer Travel Abroad for Michigan Youth: To learn about 2016 4H trips for Michigan youth, see www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs. Youth age 12-18 can travel to Japan for 1 or 2 months. Youth age 14-18 can travel to Belize for 1 month. Scholarships are available. States 4H offers trips to Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Tanzania, and Norway www.states4hexchange.org/summer-outbound/
GEORGE PIFER FAMILY BENEFIT

In June 2014, George was diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer. After a short, but very BRAVE fight, he made his final journey to heaven on January 11, 2015.

He left behind a wife, Kristi, and four sons, Seth, Wesley, Riley, and Ty Pifer. To help assist Kristi and the boys, we are organizing a benefit to defray bills and costs that have incurred as a result of his illness.

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
319 E. ILLINOIS STREET
MT. PLEASANT, MI 48858

TICKETS:
$10 Adults/$5 Kids-12 and under
Meal includes pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, salads, desserts, and beverages

Tickets available at:
Mountain Town Rehab
Chemical Bank-Rosebush
Shepherd High School
Winn Elementary School

Make checks payable to:
The Pifer Family Benefit

For more info call:
Gary Lynch 847-909-9912
Linda Fabian 989-433-2297
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Saturday, April 11, 2015
9am until 7:30pm
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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND FARM FAIR SOCIETY’S MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please include a group name, this will guarantee you are sitting with your friends.
Send registration form below with your payment by check or credit card to Kim Vogel
RSVP by April 4th
Kim Vogel, Stampin’ Up  kimsbasementbunch.com  (989)506-1410  5783 E Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Group Name: __________________________________________________________
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Authorized by Kim Vogel’s Basement Bunch Stampers
Explore the exciting field of natural resources with one of Michigan State University Extension's premier pre-college programs! Discover more about coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology, invasive species and wetlands with this seven-day exploration camp!

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources campers will stay on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. While at camp, they'll enjoy a mix of learning experiences and recreational opportunities that may include:

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- Hiking the beaches and dunes of Lake Huron while exploring coastal wetlands.
- Interacting with leading scientists and professionals from MSU Extension, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and others.
- Studying water samples and freshwater marine biology.
- Fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and snorkeling.
- Learning about future careers in the natural resources field.
- Contributing to conservation stewardship in the Great Lakes.
- Lighthouse tours, fossil hunting, archery and sailing.
- Applying the scientific process.

August 2–8, 2015
Camp Chickagami
Presque Isle, Michigan

APPLY!
Youth aged 13 to 15 can go to http://4h.msu.edu/events/glnc to apply. Space is limited! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Laura Potter-Niesen at 517-432-2963 or potterla@msu.edu to learn more.

LOW COST!
The cost to attend this five-day camp is just $345 ($355 for youth who are not 4-H members) and includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials.

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Michigan 4-H Poultry Show

Classes:
- Breed Judging
- Showmanship

Other Activities:
- Live Bird Auction

Cost:
$3 per breed class, $5 for showmanship, $5 entry fee

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2015.
Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more…
Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_poultry_palooza
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie VanderKolk at (517) 432-5270. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

May 16, 2015
Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte, MI

The Michigan 4-H Poultry Palooza is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
STATE 4-H GOAT SHOW

Classes:
» Showmanship
» Dairy Breeds
» Angora & Fiber Goats
» Pygmy
» Market Wether
» County Herd
» Obstacle & Pack
» Driving
» Boer

Cost:
$6 per participant, $10 per goat and free stalling. No showing from trailers in 2015.

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2015.
Special cloverbud classes for ages 5 to 8!
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June 27, 2015
MSU Pavilion,
East Lansing, MI

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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