December 2016

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Beef Weigh-In
Saturday, December 3
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Isabella County Fairgrounds

All beef project members must bring their market beef animals to the fairgrounds to be weighed and tagged. Each member may weigh-in two animals.

4-H Winterfest
February 4-5, 2017
For youth ages 8 - 12 (by January 1, 2017)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Youth will spend two days learning about many different project areas while meeting youth from around the state. Winterfest offers participants an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports. Winterfest is also an opportunity to spend time outdoors enjoying all that Michigan winters have to offer! Participants enjoy outdoor time sledding/tubing, snow shoeing, and cross-country skiing and also learn from experts from around the state about many different topics.

Contact the Extension office if you would like to register.

From the Desk of Kristi

As I approach the end of my first year in the role of Isabella County 4-H Program Coordinator, I have reflected on all that I have learned so far, all that I will continue to learn, and how to best serve the Isabella County 4-H community to the best of my ability. I am extremely appreciative of our excellent 4-H Council, and all the incredible 4-H leaders that are so dedicated to creating wonderful learning and leadership experiences for our 4-H youth. I wish all our 4-H families happiness, success and contentment in the year to come! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Let us all continue to “Make the Best Better!”
Kristi Schreiber
CLUB CORNER

**Barn Yard Kids** - Our meeting in November was interesting due to a mix up we were locked out of the building they were supposed to meet in, so we made Christmas tree decorations for Rosebush Manor outside in the pavilion. Everyone was a great sport and tolerated the cold and wind very well. Had conversations as to who would take charge in our absence to decorate the tree, as well as when to meet there to decorate.

**Country Neighbors** - At our November meeting we finalized our club by-laws. Did a snowman craft for the residents at Stone Lodge in Shepherd. The snowmen will be gifts for the residents when we go there to decorate cookies and visit at Christmas time.

**Dairy Dreamers** - We have had a busy fall. In August we made a trip to Ludington where we had a cook-out, hiked, went to the beach, watched the Badger come in, and stayed for the sunset. It was a great day! In September we volunteered at Sportsmen for Youth. We spent the day handing out chocolate milk, provided baby goats and a calf for the participants to pet, and enjoyed the activities. In November we had our fall party with a bonfire, donut eating contest, and a scavenger hunt. Some of our members also made a trip to the U.P. in November where they stayed in a remote cabin overnight and worked hard to harvest enough balsam and cedar for our clubs wreath fundraiser. The following weekend we met to assemble the wreaths. We will be selling wreaths at Tractor Supply Company on Friday, December 2 beginning at 2 p.m. If you are looking for real, handmade wreaths for Christmas, please stop in and see us!

**Evergreen** - We elected new club officers and voted on by-laws at our last meeting. We are having our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Rosebush Manor and have voted on fundraising opportunities, where we will be donating the proceeds and also donated a yard clean-up to the Luke Line benefit. We are looking forward to a year with fun activities and good speakers. At our next meeting we will be collecting needed items for Women’s Aid and the Rotating Homeless Shelter.

**Pony Creek** – In October we had a Halloween party, bonfire, hayride and a WICKED scary haunted garage! At our November meeting we had a wood burning demonstration by Jessalyn Justice from Pony Express 4-H Club. Kathy Skinner, 4-H Leader, also provided club members with a paper craft. We will be collecting items and donations for the Isabella County Animal Shelter as a community service/charity contribution this holiday season. Our December meeting will be a Christmas party.

**Rural Routers** - In November we met for a business meeting. Along with newsletter items, the members went over the club calendar for the 4-H year. December community service activities will include Helmet and Gift Wrapping at the Shepherd Fire Department.

**Top Shot** - We collected canned goods for the organization Fill the Mayflower. We all met at Ric’s grocery store with the canned goods on November 18 and put them in the truck.

**Coffee Containers Needed**
Please save your empty plastic coffee containers. The poultry area can use them for feed and water at the fair. We can use either the small or large containers. You can drop them off at the Extension office.

**4-H Day at the Breslin Center with the Lady Spartans**
Sunday, January 22, 2017
5:00 p.m.
FREE to families

You ALL are invited to attend the twelfth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women’s basketball game as they take on the Purdue Boilermakers. Contact the Extension office now to reserve your FREE tickets!

**Ice Cream Pails Needed**
Please save your plastic ice cream pails with lids. The food stand can use them during fair. You can drop them off at the Extension office.

2017 Shooting Sports Dates
April 8 - Qualifying Shoot
May 6 - Qualifying Shoot
June 3 - Qualifying Shoot
June 17 - County Shoot

More details will be coming soon.
Small Animal News

- If you sold a rabbit/poultry/goat at fair time and did not attend, then you can pick up your check at the Extension Office. Please cash your checks as soon as possible because they are only good for 90 days.

- The Small Animal Association will not meet in December. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- Goat members: for fair wether information, please contact Theresa Frederick at (989) 621-6866.

Attention Teens! Are You Interested in Serving as a Teen Superintendent?

Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in. Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years. Applicants must be enrolled in the Teen Leadership Project (Teen Leader App: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h)) and be a teen leader in the project that they would like to be a teen superintendent.

Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meetings.

You may pick up applications at the Extension office or visit our website: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h). Applications are due to the Extension office by Friday, January 6, 2017.

Dance Your Way To Fitness In 2017

We are offering an Aerobic Dance Spin Club for youth between the ages of 14-19 who want to improve their fitness, strength and flexibility in a fun and exciting sequence of dance cardio!

The class will run for 6 consecutive weeks on Monday evenings, from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., starting on January 9 and ending on February 13, 2017. Classes will be held at the Isabella County Building, in room 320.

The class will focus on the importance of sustained low impact physical activity to promote wellness, both mentally and physically. Youth will need to come dressed to work out, with tennis shoes/cross training shoes, a towel and a water bottle on the first night.

The class will consist of sequences set to music starting with a warm up, isolations, dance cardio portion, with toning working the arms and chest, abdominals, glutes and hamstrings and calves, ending with a cool down.

There is no charge to participate. Class size is limited to 15 participants, on a first registered basis. Contact the Extension office to register.

Join to dance away stress, get fit and have fun!!!
Dairy Days Results
Dairy Days was held at MSU in July and we had several youth participate. Congratulations to all!

**Novice Division:**
Management Contest - 1st Place Team
1st - Taylor Gager
17th - Gavin McQueen
25th - Lydia Deters

Dairy Judging - 3rd Place Team
Tied for 2nd - Lydia Deters and Taylor Gager
5th - Gavin McQueen

**Junior Division:**
Management Contest - 1st Place Team: 1st - Katie Wilson, 7th - Drew Neyer

Dairy Judging Contest - Isabella A (Katie, Abbie and Emily Wilson, and Drew Neyer) 3rd Place, Isabella/Kent (Cristin Theisen and Ashley McQueen) 5th Place
1st - Abbie Wilson, 8th - Drew Neyer, 9th - Katie Wilson, 10th - Ashley McQueen, 12th - Emily Wilson, 17th - Cristin Theisen

Dairy Judging Oral Reasons - Isabella A - 2nd Place Team, Isabella/Kent - 3rd Place Team
2nd - Katie Wilson, 7th - Drew Neyer, 12th - Cristina Theisen

Perfect Parts Score - Drew Neyer, Abbie Wilson, and Katie Wilson

Dairy Quiz Bowl - Isabella/Allegan (Emily Wilson) 1st Place Team

OVERALL JUNIOR HIGH RANK AWARD ($1000 scholarship) KATIE WILSON!!

Caitie's placing in the judging contest got her the opportunity to practice and try out for a spot on one of the Michigan teams that would be judging in one of the three National contests. Included in these practices was a trip to Maryland in September.

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**Animal Science 2016-17 Calendar of Events**

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For a complete schedule of events, visit: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events](http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events)
4-H Workshops

December 17: 4-H State Awards Application Preparation Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3CFD4F16E07652E9
Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Sandusky

2017

January 10: 4-H State Awards Application Preparation Workshop
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=3CFD4F16E07652E9
Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, Lapeer

January 28-29: Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

2017

January 22: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Contact Jane Love (lovejan@msu.edu)
Jack Breslin Events Center, East Lansing

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=548EEEDFD1D9C7E0
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

March 11-12: Challenge U 4-H Funfest
Contact Michelle Neff (hydemich@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

March 26: Michigan 4-H & FFA Horse Judging Contest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_ffa_horse_judging_contest
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
A Very Special Event for Younger 4-H’ers

While Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h) offers many educational opportunities for youth of all ages, there is a special, award-winning workshop for younger 4-H’ers (aged 8 to 12).

What and Why

4-H Winterfest (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2)

At this event, participants will:

- Spend two days learning new skills from experts in six different, action-packed sessions of their choice. Project areas may include crafts, science and technology, dance movement, shooting sports, healthy living, animal science and international education.
  Through such 4-H projects, young people enjoy hands-on activities, while developing life skills (http://bit.ly/1PVdmlX). For example, by allowing 4-H’ers to choose the sessions in which they want to participate, they learn decision-making skills and independence. At 4-H Winterfest, youth also learn communication, cooperation and teamwork. All in all, participants learn to make “the best (themselves) better.”
- Experience some outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, outdoor cooking, tubing, snowshoeing and possibly hiking in the woods along the trails
- Enjoy an overnight workshop experience
- Meet other 4-H’ers from around the state

Who Should Attend

4-H’ers who are 8 to 12 years old as of January 1, 2017

Where

Kettunen Center (http://www.kettunencenter.org) in Tustin

When

February 4 to 5, 2017 (begins Saturday morning and ends before lunch on Sunday)

How

The Winterfest schedule and registration will be available in early December on the 4-H events web site (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h). The $70 registration fee includes overnight housing, three meals, all session supplies and a special gift.

While you wait for 4-H Winterfest registration information to be posted on the Michigan 4-H web site, you can check the following for more information:

- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)
- The Winterfest Facebook page (http://bit.ly/2eOnF2x)
- Start Thinking About 4-H Winterfest Coming in February (http://bit.ly/2fjW36S)

This workshop fills up quickly, so keep your eye peeled for registration information!
Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience
March 20–23, 2016

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing a current issue area (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan’s Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Choose Your Issue Area
Participants will choose an issue area to learn more about and will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue that will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Community Health
- Corrections
- Education
- Environmental Quality
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Military & Veterans
- Natural Resources
- State Police
- Transportation

For more information visit: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience

Location, Registration & Cost

The University Quality Inn of Lansing provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court and surrounding areas.

$315 Current 4-H and MFB members
$325 Non 4-H or MFB members
(Scholarships are available)

The registration fee includes all meals, lodging and material fees.

Registration deadline: February 5, 2016
Register at events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex

For more information visit: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience
STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

Classes:
Rabbit and Cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

Other events during the show:
» Breed ID
» Educational Posters and Displays
» Club Informational Booths
» Supply Vendors
» Scholarship Auction
» Gold Clover Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship Award Contests

Cost:
$3.00 per class

Who can participate:
Open to all Michigan 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2017). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available.

Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
For more information and event catalog, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the website at: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

January 28, 2017
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
On-site registration begins at 6:45 a.m.

The Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
Create a short video – up to 60 seconds – about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: Climate Change, Ocean Health, or Rapid Urbanization.

All videos must include:

a) how population growth impacts the issue
b) at least one idea for a sustainable solution

Narrow your focus:

- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
  - weather events and patterns,
  - impact on agriculture,
  - impact on coastal cities,
  - human health,
  - ecosystem disruption

- **OCEAN HEALTH**
  - overfishing,
  - coral bleaching,
  - climate regulation,
  - habitat loss,
  - pollution,
  - dead zones

- **RAPID URBANIZATION**
  - sprawl,
  - sanitation,
  - air and water quality,
  - megacities,
  - migration,
  - slums and informal settlements

**HIGH SCHOOL: FOUR WINNERS PER GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

- First place: $1,000
- Second place: $500
- Honorable mentions: $250

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: TWO WINNERS PER GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

- First place: $500
- Second place: $250

All students grades 6–12 worldwide are eligible to participate and win.

**Deadline**
February 23, 2017

For full contest details visit: [www.Worldof7Billion.org](http://www.Worldof7Billion.org)
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**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**

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**Isabella County 4-H Calendar**

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**Beef Weigh-In**
Saturday, December 3, 2016

**4-H Day at Breslin**
January 22, 2017

**4-H Winterfest**
February 4-5, 2017

**Camp Counselor Training & Camp Set-Up**
July 10, 2017

**4-H Summer (overnight) Camp**
July 11 & 12, 2017

**4-H Cloverbud Camp**
July 18 & 19, 2017

**Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair**
July 23 - 29, 2017

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