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January 2018

Isabella County

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Shooting Sports Instructors Needed

We are looking for volunteer leaders to become certified as 4-H Shooting Sports instructors in archery, rifle, and shotgun.



You will need to attend the April 27 - 29, 2018 workshop at Kettunen Center, in Tustin. At the workshop you will learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment that you can teach the youth.

Please call the Extension office if you are interested or for more details.

4-H Healthy Living Training

Saturday, January 6, 2018

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MSU, East Lansing, Brody Complex, Room 175

All teens that are interested in healthy living and making a difference in their community are invited to attend this special training. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided, along with fun prizes and handouts.

This type of training looks great on resumes and job applications.

Contact the Extension office if you would like to attend.

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners

Rosebush Manor would like to congratulate the winners of their annual Christmas tree contest. Barn Yard Kids 4-H Club won first place, Bowen Busy Bees 4-H Club was second place, and Evergreen 4-H Club took third place.

We would like to say thank you to all the clubs that participated this year; Lincoln Center and Pasture Pals. All the trees look amazing and the residents are really enjoying them. This time is always fun and festive for all the residents, so again, thank you for helping us make this an enjoyable holiday season!

2018 4-H Calendars

There still are 4-H calendars available at the office, in case you have not yet received one. Stop by and get one!



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Broomfield Valley - In December we talked about fundraising ideas. We also talked about attending some different workshops for 4-H. We discussed what we would do in January for our meeting. After we were done with the meeting, we made a snowman candle for Christmas time.

Dairy Dreamers - At our December meeting, we discussed how our wreath and bake sale fundraiser went, reviewed our 2018 agenda, and picked a date for going to an MSU hockey game. We also wrote Christmas cards for recovering soldiers. In January, we plan to compete in a cardboard sled race.

Evergreen - In December we talked about our next upcoming community service project, Wreaths Across America. On December 16, wreaths will be laid on veterans graves at several cemeteries. We voted on our fun day activity and ordered new club shirts. We took donations for the rotating homeless shelter and made cookie platters for residents at the Rosebush Manor.

Make It, Take It Workshop

Saturday, February 3, 2018

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For Youth ages 5 - 13, by Jan. 1

Isabella County Building, Room 320

See page 5 for more information.

CPR, AED, First Aid Training

We will be having a training for volunteer leaders this spring. 4-H Council will pay the cost to attend. More details to come when we have the date confirmed. Contact the Extension office if you're interested.

Livestock Producers Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018

7 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320

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 Mark of Excellence Award

4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To apply, a 4-H member needs to write an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H, I can"

For more information and instructions, see the *Overview and Instructions* at:

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program

Deadline for submission is February 1.

State Awards Webinar

January 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Interested in being recognized for a prestigious 4-H State Award? Learn about it from the comfort of your own computer! This training is geared to 4-H teens that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program. There will be an overview of the State Awards Program, as well as go over the application and deadlines. It will also be a way for teens to ask questions and know what to expect throughout the process.

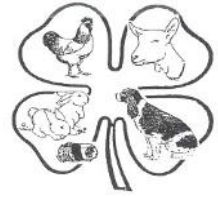
Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/847861226> Or join by phone:
+1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 US Toll Meeting ID: 847 861 226

General Information about State Awards

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program

Small Animal News

- If you have been enrolled in a small animal project for at least two years and are enrolled as a Teen Leader, and are interested in applying to be a Teen Superintendent during fair week, please complete the appropriate form and turn it in at the Extension office no later than January 12. You will be contacted in February if you are selected for one of the positions.
- Reminder, if you live outside of Isabella County and plan to sell in the small animal auction, you will need approval from the Small Animal Association. Plan to attend their next meeting on Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building. If you have already met with the Small Animal Association to sell in the auction and were approved, you do not have to do it again.
- If you are needing fair wethers, contact Theresa Frederick at (989) 773-5259. Remember when buying wethers, they must be born January 1 or later. Also, all goats, wethers or does must have a scrapies tag.



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) 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.

Applications are due to the Extension office by Friday, January 12, 2018.

4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular!

January 27-28, 2018

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way! Planned in the spirit of "thinking globally and acting locally", attending the Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart, and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures.



The workshop features 20 incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills and career exploration and workforce preparation.

This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2018), and youth development professionals.

Feast your eyes on the complete conference schedule, activities, and breakout session descriptions, and register to attend the conference, by going to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular18/>

Contact the Extension office by January 5 if you would like to register.

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

Who? Michigan 4-H Youth ages 14-19

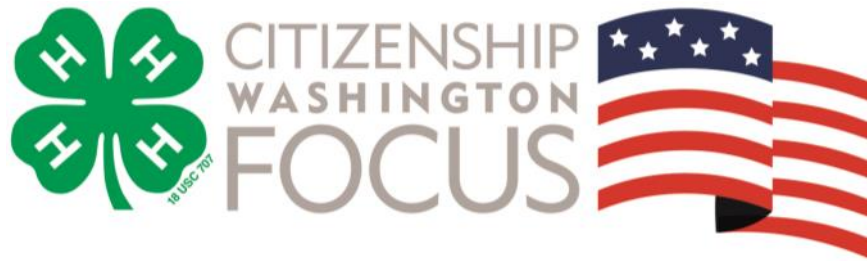
What? Experience our National government through legislative visits, tours and workshops. Participants will travel by charter bus and stay the first night in Gettysburg to visit the National Gettysburg Museum and tour the battlefields. During the week in D.C., participants will meet with legislators and spend a day at the Capitol and surrounding area, participate in leadership workshops, visit many presidential and war memorials, visit the Holocaust Museum and also attend a theatre production. Members will serve on committees with 4-H'ers from other states to lead parts of CWF as well as making action plans for their own communities after returning home.

When? June 23 - June 30, 2018.

Where? The group will stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD; one mile from Washington D.C.

Cost? The total cost is \$1,450.00 (includes transportation, all lodging, conference costs and most meals) plus 7 meals and spending money. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 by January 5, 2018.

How do I sign up? Contact the Extension office or visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/>



4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

Saturday, February 17, 2018

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MSU, Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This workshop is open to dog project volunteers, youth over 14, current dog project judges, and those who are interested in becoming judges.



Participants will learn from seasoned judges how various classes are evaluated at a dog show and how to effectively work with youth in clubs to help them prepare for the various classes.

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/mi4Hdogleaderjudgesworkshop/>.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 per participant. 4-H Council will cover the cost to attend.



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Make It - Take It Workshop

For Youth ages 5 - 13

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, February 3, 2018
1 PM - 4 PM

COST:

\$10 - 4-H Members
\$30 - Non 4-H Members

LOCATION:

Isabella County Building
Room 320
200 N. Main Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

HOW TO REGISTER:

MSU Extension
(989) 317-4079



Want to get a jump start on your fair projects? Come spend the afternoon making projects to take to the fair or just enjoy at home!

Youth need to pre-register for 5 craft projects. A snack will be provided.

Pre-register by January 26, 2018, space is limited!

Project Choices:

Seahorse Bookmark



Color-Me Pet Leash



Owl Pillow



Flip Flop Knotting



Moonlit Wolf Picture



Raffia Basket



-----Cut along this line and mail to Isabella County MSUE, with payment -----

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Choices: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____

Make checks payable to: MSU

Send to: Isabella County MSUE, 200 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Calling 4-H
Alums:
Attend the 4-H
Alumni Tip-Off
Reception!**



On January 20, 4-H alumni from across the state will gather at the Varsity S Club on the second floor of Spartan Stadium to celebrate 4-H.

Alumni and their families will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before heading over to the 4-H Day at the Breslin game.

The 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception will be held from 1:30—3 p.m.

Registration for this free event is currently open at <http://bit.ly/2zliKTx>. Please register by January 12.

4-H Workshops

January 6: 4-H Healthy Living Teen Ambassador Training

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Teen training designed for youth interested in healthy living programming and how they can make a difference their community.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_healthy_living_teen_ambassador_training

January 10 : Family STEM Night

Mio Elementary School, Mio

Available to third and fifth graders, the Family STEM Night will provide hands-on STEM activities that will engage families.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/family_stem_night

February 7: 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Owosso

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training_shiawassee_cou

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration will be opening soon.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration will be opening soon.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

Other 4-H Events

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan.1 of the current year.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

JOANN



JOANN Fabrics & Crafts partners with 4-H

JOANN Fabrics and 4-H have formed a new partnership to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Through this partnership, they hope to empower more kids through experiences where they can grow valuable life skills and learn by doing, creating and making.

As part of the partnership, JOANN's is providing a free rewards card to members of the 4-H community, including youth, parents, alumni, volunteers and supporters. Reward card holders receive 15 percent off the total cost of eligible in-store and online purchases; 2.5 percent of all rewards card purchases will be donated back to 4-H. To sign-up for your free rewards card, visit <http://www.joann.com/4-h/> or download the JOANN's app on your mobile device.

The popular craft store is also supporting 4-H through a 4-H Paper Clover campaign that will take place during the month of February. Visit your local JOANN's store during this time to purchase either a \$1 or \$4 Paper Clover. One-hundred percent of the proceeds raised during the Paper Clover campaign will support 4-H with 70 percent of funds generated in Michigan being donated to the state 4-H program.

As the partnership grows, JOANN's and 4-H hope to provide additional opportunities to the 4-H community. Look for additional details in the future about an in-store volunteer project on Feb. 3, and an online fashion review!

Michigan 4-H Healthy Living Challenge: 5-2-1-0 for Your Health

Michigan 4-H wants to help you jump start a healthier year in 2018 with the 4-H Healthy Living Challenge: 5-2-1-0 for Your Health! With 200,000 youth annually pledging their health to better living for their clubs, their communities, their country and their world, youth across Michigan are encouraged to join in this fun 4-H challenge that focuses on one of the four main pillars of

4-H: health!

To participate in the challenge, youth should strive for the following each day throughout the months of January and February:

- 5 servings of fruits and vegetables
- 2 hours or less of screen time (TVs, computers and tablets)
- 1 hour of physical activity
- 0 sweetened beverages (soda and juices)

To help you keep track of your progress, Michigan 4-H has created a helpful tracking sheet. Record your efforts each day and at the end of February, submit your form to your county 4-H program coordinator. All individuals who submit a tracking sheet will receive a healthy living prize!

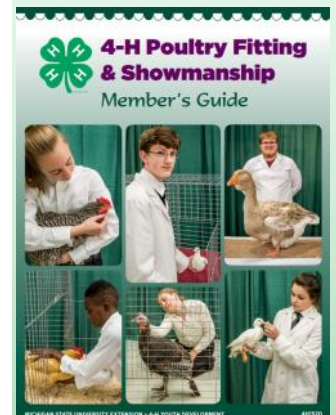
For more information and to download your tracking sheet, visit <http://bit.ly/2CKBlqW>.



Updated

Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship

Guide for



Members now available!

The Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting and Showmanship Guide for Members has been updated and is perfect for both beginning and experienced showmen.

This edition features colored photos depicting the methods of fitting and showing chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons. Scorecards are also included at the end of each species' section.

Download your copy at
[msue.anr.msu.edu/
resources/4_h_poultry_](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_poultry_)



Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience April 15-18, 2018

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 current issue areas (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 their top three issue areas and will learn about one. They will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue and will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Animal Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Health
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement
- Natural Resources & Environment
- Technology

Location, Registration & Cost

The Okemos Conference Center 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.

\$350 4-H members

\$370 Non members

(Scholarships are available)

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

Registration deadline: March 16, 2018

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/>

For more information visit:

msue.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience



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National Marine Sanctuaries
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



January 2018 Professional Development Workshop Opportunity

UNDERWATER ROBOTS 101

Basic ROV Build for Great Lakes Regional MATE ROV Competition

Date: January 20, 2018

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Visitor Center. The Center is located at: 500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena, MI 49707. 989.884.6200.

Overview and Cost

The workshop will provide a forum to:

1. Acquire knowledge and skills needed to build an ROV with students in the classroom or as an after school activity.
2. Develop an understanding of what ROV technicians do and career pathways.
3. Learn about the Annual Great Lakes Regional MATE ROV Competition for students held in Alpena.

Best for educators or mentors working with students grades 5th – 12th

Cost

\$20 fee to attend. Attendees commit to supporting a student team to enter the 2018 or 2019 Great Lakes Regional MATE ROV Competition in Alpena, MI. Attendees will leave with a robot to use with their teams. The 2018 competition will be held May 12. Payment may be made at the workshop via check or credit card, invoices or purchase orders are available upon request. Schools and groups are encouraged to send teams of two to work on a build together!

Space is limited! To sign up, please contact thunderbay@noaa.gov or 989.884.6200.

Overnight Stay

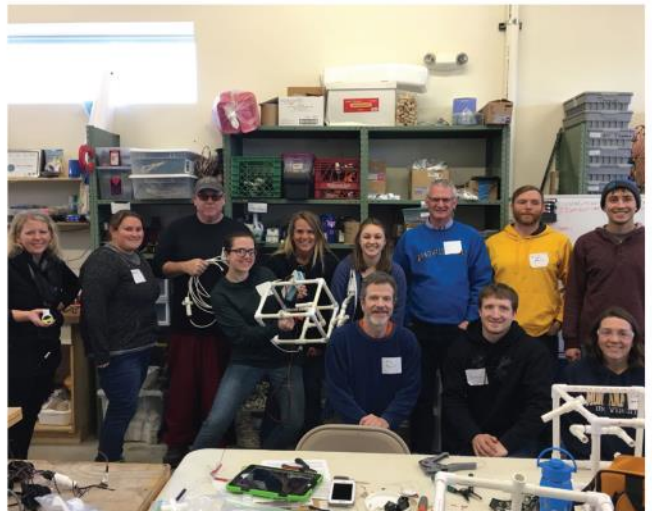
If you are coming from outside of Alpena, you are invited to stay overnight for free in the sanctuary's Visiting Researcher Quarters located above the Visitor Center on both Friday and Saturday night please RSVP to secure a bunk.

Workshop made possible through partnership with Michigan State University Extension and the MATE Center

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Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 21 - 28, 2018

SAVE THE DATES

4-H Day at Breslin

January 20, 2018

Make It - Take It Day

February 3, 2018

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

March 10, 2018

4-H Exploration Days

June 20-22, 2018

4-H Summer (overnight) Camp

July 10, 11 & 12, 2018

4-H Cloverbud Camp

July 17 & 18, 2018

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 22 - 28, 2018

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

January 1	OFFICE CLOSED	
8	Livestock Producers @ MSUE	7 PM
15	OFFICE CLOSED	
17	Shooting Sports Committee	7 PM
18	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 PM
23	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM

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