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Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 13
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 2 animals.

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 24 - April 26, 2015 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 would like to register or have any questions.

2013-2014 4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for being chosen as the Honor Clubs for the 4-H year of 2013-2014. Each club received a monetary award from the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for their outstanding participation and organization.

Aim High, Barn Yard Kids, Bowen Busy Bees, Country Kids Livestock, Farm Hands, Lincoln Center, Town & Country Maple Leaves, Wise Workers

Award Winners

The Meritorious Service Awards and the Alumni Award were announced at the Recognition Banquet on October 9. We thank these winners for their dedication and continuous support for 4-H. Your years of hard work and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to:
C & S Concessions - Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H
Angie Moss - Meritorious Service Award, 4-H Leader
Alissa Davis - 4-H Alumni Award
**Small Animal News**

- Thank you to all the 4-H members who brought food and door prizes to our Small Animal Banquet. It was a delicious meal! 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 next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 7:00 pm, at the Isabella County Building Room 320. Superintendents will begin setting up any changes for the 2015 Fair Book. (We will not meet in December)
- All 4-H members, leaders, and families are invited to participate in a cheesecake sale from December 1 - 13 with cakes available for pick up on December 18, in time for Christmas. Max & Emily’s is very gracious to offer a $6 profit on each cake sold and we will donate the proceeds from this fundraiser to the Fair Board’s building project. If you are interested and have not already done so, contact Angie Coldwell at 828-6229.
4-H Day at the Breslin Center
Sunday, January 18, 2015
3:00 p.m.
FREE to 4-H members, volunteers, and families
MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

You ALL are invited to attend the ninth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women’s basketball game as they take on the Iowa Hawkeyes!

Contact the Extension office now to reserve your FREE tickets!

Thank You!
Special thanks to Evergreen 4-H Club and Lincoln Center 4-H Club for helping out at the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fall Campaign that was held in October. We appreciate your help in promoting Isabella County 4-H at our local TSC store!

State Rabbit & Cavy Show
January 31, 2015
More information on page 7.

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest
Rosebush Manor is looking for seven 4-H clubs who would be willing to decorate Christmas trees. The contest will begin on Friday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. and the trees must be completed (totally decorated) by Sunday at 6:30 p.m., unless other arrangements are made prior to the 28. Judging will be on December 3. Trees must be decorated with handmade ornaments, we have some lights here that you may use but if you want a particular color of lights please call by November 15 to reserve what you would like. Lights will be on a first come first serve basis. You may decorate the tree by any theme you choose. We ask that ornaments be handmade and if you participated last year you need a fresh theme.

Awards: 1st place - $100, 2nd place - $50, all others will receive a certificate of participation

The criteria for judging is as follows: Creativity, the use of natural material, attention to detail and overall look.

To register for this contest, call (989) 433-0150 x. 3 and ask for Dawn Corwin. Participants must be registered by November 15. Registration is also on a first come basis. We look forward to having you here with us during the Holiday season! This was a smashing success last year! You made our holidays fun, interesting and beautiful!

Animal Science 2014 - 2015 Calendar of Events

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For a complete schedule of events, visit: http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events
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**THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!**
Attention…

Statewide 4-H Workshops
Each year, primarily during the school year, Michigan 4-H puts on workshops for teen and adult volunteer leaders. These workshops cover a variety of subject areas.

While, some upcoming workshops are listed on the right-hand side of this page, the entire schedule is on the Michigan 4-H web site at http://bit.ly/1olFRn2

As individual workshops open for registration, details and the program announcement will be listed with the specific workshop.

4-H Workshops

2015
January 17-18: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://bit.ly/1xZoEX2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 31-February 1: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest15
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 14-16: Outdoor Adventure Challenge Winter Camping Workshop
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/environmental_outdoor_education/outdoor_adventure
Pigeon River State Forest near Gaylord

February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1suj1tU
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 28-March 1: 4-H Beef Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1vRGKef
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

January 18: 4-H Day at the Breslin
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_lady_spartans_vs._iowa
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 30-31: Green & White Hog Show
Contact Carla McLachlan (mclach12@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 31: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
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February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
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MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 7: 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic and Tack Sale
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

March 7: Spring Galaxy Meeting: 4-H Horse Program Committee
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

March 22-25: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience
Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
4-H Awards and Recognition Program
Whether you're a 4-H'er or an adult 4-H volunteer, if you're doing great 4-H work in Michigan, there are lots of ways to be recognized for it! In this issue, we are highlighting youth recognition. There are five kinds of youth recognition. They are listed here in order of age of eligibility.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
If you are a 4-H'er in 5th to 12th grade and you are an active volunteer, you may want to apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. You can apply online at [http://spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [www.principals.org/spirit](http://www.principals.org/spirit). Applications must be submitted to a county 4-H program coordinator by November 1. For more information visit Prudential Spirit of Community Awards at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/prudential_spirit_of_community_awards_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/resources/prudential_spirit_of_community_awards_program).

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 enter, a young person needs to write an essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can . . . .” Counties select their representatives, and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee. For more information and instructions, see the “Overview and Instructions” link listed on the 4-H web site at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program). Deadline for submission is February 1.

Project Medals
Outstanding members between the ages of 11 and 13 are likely to be considered for one of these medals that celebrate excellent work in a particular project area. Each county may establish its own criteria for awarding the medals and process for determining medal recipients.

State 4-H Awards Program
The State 4-H Awards program, the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth, is for 4-H youth aged 13 and up who have at least three years of 4-H experience. Youth compete in 19 different award areas showcasing their knowledge, skills and experiences. To apply, youth submit the State 4-H Awards application to State4H Awards@anr.msu.edu by February 1. Applications are carefully reviewed by selection committees. Delegates are invited to participate in either an advanced leadership development program (juniors) or competitive interviews (seniors) during 4-H Exploration Days. State 4-H Award winners are announced at the 4-H Recognition Program, during 4-H Exploration Days. Complete instructions (including an overview and a webinar) and the application, are on the “4-H Awards and Recognition Program” web page at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program).

Michigan 4-H Key Club Award
The 4-H Key Club Award is intended to be the top county 4-H honor and selections are made at the county level. To be eligible, a 4-H member must be 15 years old by the beginning of the project year (September 1). Other eligibility requirements are listed on the application, which may be found at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/MI4HKeyClubApp.pdf](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/MI4HKeyClubApp.pdf).
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, 2015). 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

CLOVER CHRONICLES

January 31, 2015
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m.

The Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

- **Beef Weigh-In**
  December 13, 2014

- **4-H Day at Breslin**
  January 18, 2015

- **4-H Winterfest**
  January 31 - February 1, 2015

**Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair**
July 19 - 25, 2015

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In 2014, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service, a state-by-state national network of educators who extend university-based research and knowledge to the people.

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**Isabella County 4-H Calendar**

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