2016-17 4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for being chosen as Honor Clubs for the 4-H year of 2016-17. 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, Country Kids Livestock, Country Neighbors, Evergreen, Farm Hands, Lincoln Center, Pony Creek, Rural Routers & Town & Country Maple Leaves

Award Winners

The Meritorious Service Awards and the Alumni Award were announced at the Recognition Banquet. 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:
Albaugh Excavating - Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H
Brianna Filhart - 4-H Alumni Award

Still Exhibit Auction Checks

Still Exhibit Auction checks are available at the Extension Office. Please pick-up and cash before January 5, 2018. Any checks not picked up by January 5, 2018 will be donated back to the Still Exhibit Auction.

Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 2
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.

Out of County Participants

Due to the over crowding in our large animal barns, (beef, dairy feeders, swine, and sheep) the Isabella County Fair Board will close its doors to all out of county 4-H and FFA participants who wish to show and sell large animals at our county fair.

Those out of county 4-H and FFA participants who showed and sold last year (2017) will still have the privilege to participate in our county fair.
Aim High - We kicked off the new 4-H year with our first official meeting. Last month, several of our members volunteered at the concession stand at the rabbit show in Midland to help raise money for Fair Board’s multipurpose building fund. At our November meeting, we are making Christmas cards for Commission on Aging for them to use with the many senior citizens they serve.

Country Neighbors – At our October Meeting we discussed whether we needed to change anything to our club by-laws and whether we wanted to add to our club membership. We did our re-enrollment for the 2017/2018 4- H year. We discussed when we wanted to go back to Stone Lodge again. We also set up our calendar for the year.

Dairy Dreamers - We have been very busy the last couple of months following the fair. In August we took our annual day trip to Ludington. We hiked, went to the beach, had a cook out, and watched the Badger come in to the dock and leave again at sunset. In September, we volunteered at Sportsman for Youth where we handed out over 1200 pints of chocolate and strawberry milk. In October two of our members, Drew Neyer and Caitie Theisen, attended the National 4-H Dairy Conference at World Dairy Expo. Drew won an all expenses paid trip to this event by being one of the top attendees at the MMPA Milk Marketing Tour. Congratulations Drew! We had our fall party in October where we elected officers and made plans for the upcoming year. We also had a bonfire and scavenger hunt. Three of our members made a trip to the U.P. in October to spend a night in a secluded cabin where we harvested balsam and cedar to make wreaths for our upcoming fundraiser.

Evergreen - For our October meeting, we highlighted the newsletter and discussed the 4-H Recognition Banquet, Teen Chopped and MSU Extension 100 years of service to Isabella County. The club collaborated and voted on participating in certain community service acts and fundraising opportunities. Some ideas were continuing to provide Thanksgiving dinner to the Rosebush Manor and a spaghetti dinner for the community. We also elected new officers for the upcoming year.

Pine River - Our October meeting was held at Deerfield park with a cookout, nature scavenger hunt, trivia and we elected club officers; President - Ashley, Vice President - Jake, Secretary - Kayla, and Treasurer - Dana. We discussed crafts to make at the next meeting, community service and to make dinner one night in November for the homeless shelter.

Pony Creek – At the October meeting we had our annual Indoor Haunted Barn and potluck meal along with member sign ups. We also handed out the club brochure for the year with meeting dates, activities and contact information. New this year, we invited 4-H clubs and families to our Indoor Haunted Barn on Saturday, October 28, 2017. For future meetings we will be planning for club signs, barn decoration themes and awards.

Teen Representative Opportunity for 4-H Council
If you are interested in being a teen representative on 4-H Council, please submit an application to the Extension Office. Teens must be enrolled in a teen leadership project. The application is at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h)

Cat Project Updates
If you would like to know more about the cat project, the superintendent would be willing to come to your club meeting. There have been some changes made and some new changes may still be.

Contact MaryAnne Tompkins for more information at 989-948-0535.
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! We recognized Smith & Sons Meat Processing, Russ Smith as our 2017 Meritorious Service Award Winner. Russ has supported Isabella County 4-H and the Small Animal Association for several years, and we are very appreciative of what he does!
- If you sold a rabbit/poultry/goat at fair time and did not attend, 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 16 at 7:00 p.m., at the Isabella County Building, Room 320. Superintendents will be finalizing 2018 fair book changes. (We will not meet in December)

Potential Blood Drive - Fundraiser

No date is set, but potentially there will be a blood drive fundraiser and we are inquiring to see who may be interested in participating. Thanks to those who suggested this type of event. We must have a minimum of 20 donors committed/signed up before we will proceed. Michigan Blood offers a program for educational-type organizations to fund-raise for a project. This is for 18 year-olds and over (so leaders, here is your special opportunity), but with parental permission, 4-H’ers 16 and 17 years old can also participate. We help those in need of blood right here in our local area and we receive a contribution for each person donating, as long as we have the minimum number of 20. There is no maximum and the last we heard, we would receive $10/person so potentially this could be a very positive donation to the Fair Board’s building fund.

Please seriously consider if this is something you could commit to. We all hear about the shortage of blood at any point in time; here is our chance to help that need and contribute to improving our fair grounds as well.

Please contact the Extension office if you are interested in participating.

4-H Day at the Breslin Center with the Lady Spartans

Saturday, January 20, 2018
4:00 p.m.
FREE to families

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

Contact the Extension office now to reserve your FREE tickets!

Community Service Opportunity

The Character Counts gazebo at Island Park has flower beds around it and we’re looking for a club or any 4-H leaders/members that want to adopt it next year. Duties include weeding, mulching, planting or separating and some general care of the area.

Anyone interested can contact Craig Brune, Parks and Public Spaces Coordinator
City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation, at (989) 779-5340 or cbrune@mt-pleasant.org.
**Christmas Tree Decorating Contest**

Rosebush Manor is looking for 6 4-H clubs who would be willing to decorate Christmas trees again this year.

The contest will begin on Saturday, November 25 and all the trees must be completed (totally decorated) by Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m., unless other arrangements are made prior to December 3. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 6. All trees must be decorated with homemade ornaments, we have some lights available that you may use but if you want a particular color of lights, please call by Friday, November 17 to reserve what you would like. Lights will be on a first come first serve basis. We will also have extension cords available.

You may decorate the tree with any theme you choose. We ask that the ornaments be homemade and if your club participated last year you will need to use a new theme.

**Awards:**
1st place $100  
Runner-up $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, option #3 for Dawn Corwin. Participants must be registered by Friday, November 17 at 5 p.m. 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 all made our holidays fun, interesting and beautiful!

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**MSU Dairy Days Results**

**Dairy Judging:**

Novice Team - 4th  
Megan Wilson - 5th, Eli Deters - 14th

Junior Team - Isabella-2nd, Isabella/Ottawa-5th  
Katie Wilson - 2nd, Cristin Theisen - 6th  
Kenzie Bradley - 7th, Emily Wilson - 11th  
Abbie Wilson - 23rd

Junior Team Reasons - 1st  
Katie Wilson - 1st, Cristin Theisen - 4th  
Emily Wilson - 6th, Lydia Deters - 11th  
Abbie Wilson - 14th, Kenzie Bradley - 21st

Perfect Cow Parts - Cristin Theisen, Katie Wilson, Abbie Wilson & Emily Wilson

Senior Team Reasons - 4th  
Caitie Theisen - 7th, Drew Neyer - 10th

Novice Management Team - 3rd  
Megan Wilson - 1st

Junior Management Team - 2nd  
Katie Wilson - 1st, Abbie Wilson - 9th

Novice Quiz Bowl - Isabella/Huron  
Megan Wilson & Eli Deters - 4th

Jr. Quiz Bowl - 4th  
Cristin Theisen, Abbie Wilson, Emily Wilson & Katie Wilson

Senior Team - 4th  
Caitie Theisen - 5th, Drew Neyer - 7th, Owen Bontekoe - 20th

Congratulations to Drew Neyer on your trip to World Dairy Expo this fall to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference!! Great job at the MMPA tour and your interview!
## 2016-17 County Medal Winners

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**THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!**
### New 4-H Science Blast Activity Released

A new 4-H Science Blast activity is now available! This resource is designed to help leaders show youth how to make and place "track traps" to capture animal tracks for identification. Youth return in one to two days to the trapping area to check for the presence of animals by looking for tracks and other signs such as markings left by wings or tails. Participants take note of their findings and a discussion of animal adaptations and habitats follows.

The lesson plan is designed for 4-H'ers 8 to 12 years of age. From the activity, they will develop many life skills including problem solving, critical thinking and learning to learn.

Visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_science_blast_activities](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_science_blast_activities) to download this and other 4-H Science Blast lesson plans.

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### 4-H Workshops

#### 4-H Trainings and Workshops

- **November 8:** Teen Leader and Officer Training  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training)  
  Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

- **November 11:** 4-H Club Officer Training  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training)  
  Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

- **November 14 – December 19:** 4-H Robotic Series  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1)  
  Delta Township District Library, Lansing

- **November 18-19:** Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_and_textiles_workshop_1)  
  Kettunen Center, Tustin

### Other 4-H Events

- **November 8:** Be Healthy at the Fair Meeting Series—Connecting Critical Partners in the Fair Industry  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_in_the_f_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_in_the_f_1)  
  Alpena County Fair Merchants Building, Alpena

- **November 9:** Be Healthy at the Fair Meeting Series—Connecting Critical Partners in the Fair Industry  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_kalkaska](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/be_healthy_at_the_fair_meeting_series_connecting_critical_partners_kalkaska)  
  Kalkaska United Methodist Church, Kalkaska

- **November 9:** 2017 Fall Horse Workshop—Ann Arbor  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_fall_horse_workshop_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_fall_horse_workshop_2)  
  Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

- **November 18:** Around the World Day  
  [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/around_the_world_day](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/around_the_world_day)  
  MSU Extension Office, Cassopolis

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events).
Michigan 4-H is Participating in International Education Week

International Education Week begins on November 13, 2017, and Michigan 4-H is celebrating the benefits that come from international education and exchange programs. As a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State, the week emphasizes gaining a global mindset through encouraging leaders to participate in education and exchange programs worldwide.

During the celebration, Michigan’s nine 4-H international year-long exchange students will be giving presentations about their home countries in their host counties. To learn more about International Education Week, visit https://eca.state.gov/programs-and-initiatives/initiatives/international-education-week.

2018 Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Every year, Michigan 4-H’ers bring their rabbits and cervices to compete at the Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show. This year’s event is taking place on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Michigan State University Agricultural Pavilion in East Lansing.

Along with showmanship and judging classes, this year’s event will feature educational contests such as breed identification and educational posters. There will also be a 15 to 20 minute judging seminar throughout the day that is free for youth and volunteers to learn how to judge like a professional.

Pre-registration and the show catalog are available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show. Registration will also run from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. the morning of the event.

Save the Date for 4-H Day at the Breslin

Although ticket’s aren’t yet available, the annual 4-H Day at the Breslin is quickly approaching on January 20, 2018. Make sure to keep your calendars clear to watch the Lady Spartans take on the Indiana Hoosiers while celebrating Michigan 4-H at this fun family event!
4-H Winterfest 2018

DATE & TIME:
February 3-4, 2018

LOCATION:
4-H Kettunen Center
Tustin, MI

COST:
$70

SOCIAL MEDIA:
4-H Winterfest

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
4-H Youth 8-12 years old

DESCRIPTION:
Youth and adults who attend 4-H Winterfest will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers participants and chaperones an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports!

HOW TO REGISTER
Registration information will be available in early December with registration taking place through MSU Events Management.

CONTACT:
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Youth Holiday Crafting and Giving Afternoon
Saturday, December 16th, 2017

Pick 5 out of the 6 different crafts, and snacks too!

Location:
Isabella County Building
Room 320
(200 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant)

For: youth ages 5 to 13
Cost: $10
Only 20 spots available
RSVP to the Extension office by December 8.

Bring in 2 cans for Adopt-A-Family

Seahorse Bookmark

Owl Pillow

Moonlit Wolf Picture

Raffia Basket

Color-Me Pet Leash

Flip Flop Knotting

Raffia Basket
SAVE THE DATES

Beef Weigh-In
Saturday, December 2, 2017

4-H Day at Breslin
January 20, 2018

4-H Winterfest
February 3-4, 2018

4-H Summer (overnight) Camp
July 10 & 11, 2018

4-H Cloverbud Camp
July 17 & 18, 2018

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 22 - 28, 2018

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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