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4-H Recognition Banquet
Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Mt. Pleasant
All 4-H families are invited to help us recognize accomplishments of 4-H youth and leaders. Please RSVP to the Extension Office.

2017-2018 4-H Club Enrollments
4-H club enrollments are due Tuesday, October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. The annual participation fee will be $20 per youth, or $60 per family, whichever is lowest. Scholarship grants are available for those families unable to pay the participation fee. This payment should be made to your Administrative Leader and they will submit the payment for the entire club to the Extension Office.

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion
Help is needed for the fall Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 4 - 15, 2017. We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote the event at our local TSC store. Try displaying your record books or projects! Contact the Extension office if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.

MSU Extension Celebrates 100 Years in Isabella County
The public is invited to an open house to celebrate 100 years of cooperative Extension services in Isabella County on Friday, October 6, 2017, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Isabella County Building, in room 320. Historical displays and information will be provided about the first agriculture agent, early years of 4-H, and the home demonstration programs. There will also be a historical display in the lobby of the county building from September thru December.

Throughout the years, Michigan State University Extension has grown to include 4-H, health and nutrition, agriculture, community development, home food preservation, land use, Master Gardener, and many other programs in the community.
Aim High - We had a fair celebration pot-luck dinner by current members at our September gathering. Achievements and experiences were shared by those that attended. Many upcoming dates and activities were discussed, and several service opportunities were discussed. A few families participated in a petting zoo with a local assisted living facility, and Elizabeth Herron was preparing to be a guest speaker at the annual Into The Light annual cancer awareness walk. Aim High’s "Team Elizabeth" was actively collecting pledges to also be present.

Evergreen - We will be hosting their first meeting Sunday, 10/1. We have many members that have won county medals, and will be attending the recognition banquet. We were pleased to have donated $3,000 to the fair board that was used for sawdust, and $1500 towards the large animal livestock education project, thanks to supporters of our fundraising projects.

Pony Creek – At our August meeting we elected the 2017-2018 club officers and recapped the fair. For our September meeting we completed our Adopt-A-Highway roadside cleanup, held a pizza party and discussed volunteering at the “Into the Light” Cancer Awareness walking event that was held on September 22, 2017 at the fairgrounds. In October we will be having our annual Indoor Haunted Barn with hayride and potluck meal along with member sign ups. This year our club is inviting all 4-H clubs and families to our Indoor Haunted Barn on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 7-9 p.m. The location is: 4620 S. Brinton Road, Remus, MI 49340. Come on out for a fun and SCARY night!

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

Adult Representative Opportunity for 4-H Council
If you are interested in being an adult volunteer representative on 4-H Council, please contact Kristi at the Extension Office. Membership on the Council is open to any registered adult volunteer leader of the Isabella County 4-H program who has completed at least one year of volunteer service and is currently enrolled as a volunteer leader.
Small Animal News
- Buyer Appreciation Banquet: Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. (please arrive between 6 and 6:15 p.m.), at Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

- All small animal members who participated in the auction during fair week should plan to attend -- please make it a priority as it is considered part of your project. We take the opportunity to offer a special thank you to the buyers who join us for dinner. Each member that sold an animal is asked to bring a nice door prize item, one hot food dish, and one cold food dish to pass. Informational invitation letters were sent out a couple of weeks ago. If you did not receive one, please let the Extension office know and they can share more details. The Small Animal Association provides KFC chicken, potatoes, rolls, beverages, and table service. The Aim High 4-H Club will be providing the dessert this year. **Everyone planning to attend should RSVP as soon as possible.** Please do not presume we know you are coming; help us plan appropriately.

- If you have not yet done so, send a thank you note to your specific buyer. Make sure to also mention coming to the banquet. Just a simple, personal comment will mean a lot for those that so faithfully support the auction year after year.

Fundraiser
There will be a fundraiser for the multi-purpose building at Five Below in Mt. Pleasant, on October 28-29.

10% of the purchases made from people using our flyer on those days.

Flyers should be available at the small animal banquet. They will also be sent out in email and posted on Facebook as well.

Help Needed
If you are interested in some community service hours, there is an opportunity on Saturday, October 14, at the Midland Fairgrounds. A group will be providing a concession stand for a rabbit show. Help is needed for any amount of time between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; whatever you can offer. All proceeds will benefit the fairboard's building project. Midland is a great place for a day trip of shopping and eating out to round out the day. Contact Angie Coldwell (828-6229) if you can help or for additional details.

4-H Ambassadors
The team will be participating in a couple of banquets, a parade, and hopefully a couple of service projects over the next month. Fair week was very busy, but everyone had a great time and are gearing up for several months of service, promotional, and educational opportunities. Our Junior Ambassador, Elizabeth Herron, was a guest speaker at the Into The Light cancer awareness event held at the fairgrounds. She did a great job and everyone appreciated her informative words.
Alexa Lehr, of Country Stars 4-H Club Will Represent Michigan at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference

After a successful showing at the Isabella Country Youth and Farm Fair in late July, Anna and Alexa Lehr tried their luck at the Michigan State Fair earlier this month.

The 16-year-old twins from Mt. Pleasant traveled with their parents, Barrett and Michelle Lehr, to Novi on Sept. 3 after taking home several awards in the poultry competitions at the county fair.

Going against hundreds of competitors from across the state, the twin sisters – who have competed in 4-H for five years – once again finished near the top.

Alexa, with her Svart Honna Hen, was named champion for Senior Poultry Showmanship and also came in first place for breed judging. She came in second place in the breed identification round.

Anna, with her Salmon Faverolle (chicken), placed right behind her sister with a second-place finish in showmanship, and third-place finishes in judging and identification.

With Alexa placing claiming first place in two categories, she earned an invitation to the National Egg and Poultry Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on Nov. 15.

“It was just another show under my belt,” Alexa said. “I’m very excited. We have to raise enough money to go there, but if we can we’re definitely going to go.”

Anna said she has learned a lot working side-by-side with her sister for so many years and is proud of their success.

“It was a pretty cool experience,” she said. “It was obviously fun to watch see Alexa take first in (almost) everything.”

After the national conference, the girls will then begin to prepare for next year’s county fair. Barrett Lehr said he is very proud of his daughter’s work ethic and is excited to see how far they take their skills.

“This was something that they developed an interest in on their own and they have pretty much taken responsibility for all the chickens that we have,” he said. “It’s just fun watching them develop the work ethic and determination to take care of them. We just encourage them to pursue their interests with everything they got.”
2018 Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular is now accepting proposals for breakout workshop sessions!

What is the 4-H Spectacular?
The 4-H Spectacular, led by Michigan youth and staff from Michigan 4-H Youth Development, is a lively celebration of the power of young people as community and global leaders.

When and where will it take place?
The 4-H Spectacular will be held January 27-28, 2018 at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI.

The Call for Workshop Session Proposals:
The 2018 Spectacular workshop session proposal form can be downloaded at https://goo.gl/UzumWu

Proposals for 1 or 2-hour breakout sessions led by youth, adult volunteers, community partners, 4-H/MSUE/MSU staff and other interested parties will be welcomed by the planning committee. Youth ages 12-19 are highly encouraged to submit proposals for workshop sessions they would like to lead (or co-lead with another youth or adult). The planning committee strives to make the 4-H Spectacular a place where young people take the lead in sharing their leadership and global citizenship knowledge, skills and experiences with peers and adults. If you know young people who might like to lead a breakout session, please encourage them to submit a session proposal form!

In the spirit of “thinking globally and acting locally” youth and adult volunteers (ages 12+) will participate in small and large group sessions during this exciting, energetic, and hands-on conference where they will share and develop knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship and international cultures. The planning committee welcomes the proposal of any session focused on topics related to youth leadership and global citizenship, including (but in no way limited to):

- Teen/Youth Leadership
- Cultural Competency
- Global Issues
- Youth Volunteerism
- Youth Voice
- Youth/Adult Partnerships
- Multiculturalism
- Nurturing Relationships
- Responsible Citizenship
- Teamwork and Team Building
- Understanding Differences
- Communication Skills
- Cooperation
- Conflict Resolution
- Diversity
- Peace and Justice
- International Exchanges
- Community Service
- Service Learning
- Community Engagement
- Civic Engagement
- Youth In Politics
4-H Workshops

October 12: 4-H Club 201—Building Bridges
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

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

November 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training
Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

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

Other 4-H Events

October 4: MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/msu_national_youth_science_day_at_the_childrens_gardens
Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens, East Lansing

October 6: Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge
Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest
MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_national_youth_science_day_afterschool_program
Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

November 14: 4-H Robotic Series
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1
Delta Township District Library, Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to Michigan 4-H and the youth who participate in our programs, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. These awards are patterned after the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards and are designed to provide an opportunity to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers on the state, regional and national level.

The two categories of awards include Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, for a current or former 4-H volunteer who has served 4-H’ers for ten or more years, and the Volunteer of the Year, for currently serving volunteers that have served for less than ten years at the county or state level.

Nominees are selected on the following criteria:
- Evidence of positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision making, problem solving, meeting challenges and mastery.
- Dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program.
- Innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
- Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
- Innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth-serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
- Demonstrating a professional attitude, character and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer.

Winners and honorable mentions from the pool of nominations will be announced in November of 2017 and will receive a personalized plaque. The most qualified candidates will be forwarded to the National 4-H Council for consideration for regional and national recognition. Those awards are announced in February 2018 and April 2018, respectively.

The nomination process requires nominees (or their nominators) to work with their local 4-H program coordinator to complete a nomination form, a resume and assemble three letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating an outstanding volunteer in your community for the Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards, contact your local 4-H program coordinator. All nomination materials must be submitted by your county staff person by October 15.
Youth Swine Clinic
Open to Surrounding Counties

October 15, 2017 10:00 am-Noon
Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds
Livestock Pavilion

Come learn about how to choose your swine project and how to feed them in preparation for fair.

Free to 4-H Youth and 4-H leaders.

Derrick Alward, Feed Representative from Lindner United, will help 4-Hers decide how and when to feed their hogs. He will discuss pan feeding vs. self-feeders. He will also discuss nutrition needs of a 4-H swine project.

Ben Burtch, Michigan breeder and hog judge, will talk to 4-Hers about how to select your hog project. He will discuss what a judge might be looking for in the show arena.

Free Swag

Please call Rory Eldridge for more information, 616-255-6733.
MICHIGAN 4-H
AGRICULTURE CAREER TOUR & CHICAGO TRIP

DATE & TIME:
October 27-30, 2017

LOCATION:
Lansing, Michigan &
Chicago, Illinois

COST:
$300 (includes lodging,
transportation, most
meals, tour, and museum
admission)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Michigan youth ages 13-19 years old (age as of 1/1/18)

DESCRIPTION:
Whether you grew up on a farm or not, chances are there is a career
opportunity waiting for you in the agriculture industry. Jobs in the
agriculture field include technology, business, natural resources, plants
and animals.

The 4-H Agriculture Career Tour and Chicago trip will include tours and
speakers from various agriculture businesses highlighting potential
career possibilities for young people to explore. The itinerary may
include marketing, shipping, processing, regulatory, or retail facilities.
In addition, participants will have an opportunity to visit a Chicago
museum and the "MAG Mile".

HOW TO REGISTER
Register online by October 16, 2017
https://events.anr.msu.edu/agcareerchicago/

CONTACT:
Betty Jo Krohnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-648-2515

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Cooperative Extension Service first came to Isabella County in 1917. This was established as a state-by-state national network of educators who extend university-based research and knowledge to the people.

On Friday, October 6, 2017, join us as we celebrate 100 years of extending knowledge and changing lives in Isabella County, Michigan.

For more than 100 years, MSU Extension has helped grow Isabella County’s economy by equipping residents with the information that they need to raise healthy and safe families, build their communities, support sustainable agriculture, and empower their children to dream of a successful future.
Rejuvenate your Mind
Scrapbooking, Crafts, Fabric Projects, etc.
Saturday, November 4, 2017
9:30 AM—7:00 PM
First Church of Christ
1610 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant

$55 WILL GET YOU:
* A goody bag worth over $20  
* 4 Make and Takes
* Handmade Gifts
* Morning Snacks, Lunch, and Dinner
* Your Own Table Space

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND SUPPLIES TO WORK ON!

Use this opportunity as a “mental wellness” day — doing things you enjoy and visiting with others of like mind. We supply the space and logistics; you supply the project and/or activity!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND FARM FAIR SOCIETY’S MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please include a group name to guarantee you are sitting with your friends.
Send registration form below with your payment by check or credit card to Kim Vogel.
RSVP by October 24. Space is limited, so get your spot held soon!
Kim Vogel, Stampin’ Up!  Kimsbasementbunch.com  (989) 506-1410
5783 E. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

NAME: ____________________________
GROUP NAME (if applicable): ____________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________________________ PHONE: ____________________________
PAYMENT METHOD:  CREDIT CARD _______ CHECK _______
MASTERCARD _______ VISA _______ DISCOVER _______ CARD #: ____________________________
EXP. DATE: ____________ CVV: _______
DO YOU NEED ELECTRICITY?  YES _______ NO _______
DIETARY CONCERNS/FOOD ALLERGIES?  YES _______ NO _______
EXPLAIN: ____________________________
Club Re-Enrollments for the 2017-18 4-H year are due October 31, 2017!

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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