Reminder—All Committee Meetings and 4-H Council meetings are open to the public to attend. This month the 4-H Council will be electing officers and the Fair board Liaison positions.

The Fair Board Liaison attends both the 4-H Council meetings and the Fair Board meetings and gives reports at both meetings to inform what each group is doing.

Be sure to check out the “Livingston County 4-H” Facebook page and LIKE it!
Grandparents University Scholarship Opportunity

Grandparents University will be held June 26 - 28, 2018. This intergenerational program provides an opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren (ages 8-12) to come together for a three day educational experience, while spending time together on the Michigan State University campus.

Participants of Grandparents University enjoy the whole college experience of living in the residence halls, attending classes across campus and sampling the many highlights of MSU. Grandparents University gives alumni a chance to relive their college days while exploring campus and creating lifelong memories with their grandchildren.

There are a limited number of scholarships available due to the generosity of previous participants. Scholarship applications are due no later than January 8, 2018. Scholarships cover the registration rates for one adult and one child, including:

- Four special Grandparents University classes and related materials
- Two nights lodging in Holmes or Akers Hall
- Unique evening programs
- Seven meals in MSU’s award-winning dining services (Tuesday lunch through Thursday lunch)
- Campus transportation
- A lifetime of memories

Scholarships do not include travel expenses or other costs incurred by participants.

Did you know that 4-H has a drop box that is checked everyday? Please feel free to use the drop box when the office is closed. It is located in the front of the building—see picture below!
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**County Award Medals**

- **Beef**
  - Justin Williams
- **Cats**
  - Lauren Distett
- **Citizenship**
  - Josie Jackson
  - Melissa Sneath
- **Crafts**
  - Morgan Thomas
- **Foods**
  - Jaycie Brown
  - Peter Glover
- **Goats**
  - Hayley Williams
- **Photography**
  - James Lahser
  - Jenna Lindsay
- **Poultry**
  - Samantha Thomas
  - Dean Thomas
- **Rocketry**
  - Lliam Luke
- **Shooting Sports**
  - Alexander Dinstett
- **Swine**
  - Jaycie Brown
  - Hana Harshbarger
- **Vet Science**
  - Piper Luke
- **Woodworking**
  - Cole Fisher

**County Awards Recipients for 2017**

**Clover Bud**
- Cadin Arbenowske
- Taylor Sutfin
- Abigail Thomas

**Junior Incentive**
- Lizzie Armor
- Alexander Byl
- Ani Lahser
- Izzy MacCaughan
- Regan Miller
- Abigail Roberts
- Megan Zallen

**Intermediate Incentive**
- Kaitlyn Mossett

**Senior Incentive**
- Ben Zallen
- Robyn Zallen

**Junior Achievement**
- Leyna Baumgartner
- Brenna Williams
Parliamentary Procedure Training
for all 4-H Members & Leaders

RSVP Please: 517-546-3950

Date: December 5, 2017
Time: 5:30-8:00pm
Cost: FREE
Location: LESA 1425 W. Grand River

This training is for the entire club and county committees, youth and volunteers alike!

Presented by Leadership and Civic Engagement

5:30—Pizza and Pop
6:00—Parliamentary Procedure
7:00—Double your money and double your fun.
(enjoy all that 4-H has to offer from local to national opportunities and learn how to budget for those events)
Livingston County 4-H

Hartland New and Used Tack Sale

Proceeds will be used for the Fowlerville Fairground Horse Barn Improvements

Saturday, January 27, 2018

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hartland Educational Support Service Center

9525 E. Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843

Sponsored by: Livingston County 4-H Horse Committee

RESERVE YOUR SPACE

Make checks out to LCHLA and mail to:

LCHLA c/o MSU Extension 2300 E. Grand River Suite 111 Howell, MI 48843

Name or Group _______ Contact Person__________

Phone E-mail ________

# 6X8 Space Needed # 6X16 Space Needed: # of Tables __

* Set-up begins at 8:00 a.m. Doors open to public at 10:00 a.m., no early sales or entry.

For more information, contact Paula at 517-404-4544 or gustyacres@yahoo.com.

Visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwPSKzckIV1hNXQ0S2xrbGJaMFU/view?usp=sharing for more forms

Public invited to buy or sell.

Space available: 6'x8'=$20 or 6'x16'=$30

Tables (5’-6’ ) available $5 per table (additional fee)

Please obtain space for any kind of racks. These cannot be in aisles.

The fees are non-refundable.

No dogs (except service dogs) allowed in building.
Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards

Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards.

JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H.

To get the free reward card, visit http://www.joann.com/4-h/ or download the Joann’s app to your mobile device.

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The Ranger's 4-H Club will be hosting a project day on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Methodist Church in the Village of Hartland.

It will be open to all Livingston County 4-H members.

The Livingston County 4-H Clothing and Textiles Committee will be offering some projects, as well as Ranger's leaders.

Other leaders are also invited to offer craft projects - contact Judy Paulsen at rangers.judy@gmail.com if you are interested in offering a project for members.

Please hold the date - more specific information will be available soon after Christmas.
Borderhauss Kennels in Howell is offering full scholarships to 4-H students to prepare for fair. Beginning in January, you will be able to join our 8 week classes in Basic Obedience (Life Skills/CGC) and/or Agility for **FREE**. All we ask in return is you agree to practice our lessons everyday with your dog (5 min) and attend 6/8 classes for your registered session. Don't have agility equipment, no worries! You don't need equipment at home to train. Please see our website for information on classes and dates. Classes are indoors (not heated) in a 4000 sq ft. building on artificial grass (turf) with a full competition agility course. Let's get those dogs playing and learning now before the mad rush of last minute fair happens.

Parents: We have a heated observation room/playroom for other children and you! Or, come out and train with your child, the more the merrier! Happy Holidays and don't forget to reserve your spot now!
S.E.M.I. 4-H TARGET ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, March 31, 2018
Location: Springfield Oaks Activity Center, Davison, MI
Check-in: 8:30 (U/S) & 12:30 (Open)
Shoot Begins: 10 (U/S) & 2:00 (Open)
Cost: $20/Participant
($10 Cancellation fee)

AGE DIVISIONS       BOW DIVISIONS
Beginner 9-11        Unsighted Bow
Junior 12-14         Sighted Bow
Senior 15-19         Open Bow

PER-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY
MARCH 17, 2018

Hosted by Wayne, Oakland, & Macomb County 4-H.
Registration to open on January 1, 2018
https://events.anr.msu.edu/SEMIShoot18/

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Sharpen your Skills
4-H Workshop

Who: Youth ages 11-19, volunteers, parents
What: Career preparation skills workshop
Where: Suburban Showcase Collection
46100 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI 48374
When: Saturday, January 20, 2018 10 am-noon

Youth applying for awards (i.e. 4-H State Awards), scholarships or jobs will benefit by attending the workshop and will explore the following:
- Creating good resumes
- Writing tips to improve your application
- Interview preparation and practice

Please RSVP by Friday, 1/12 to Debbie Morgan 248-347-3860, ext. 279 or email morga194@anr.msu.edu

Questions:
Kathy Jamieson,
jamies13@msu.edu or
Laurie Rivetto, rivettol@msu.edu
MICHIGAN 4-H STATE AWARDS PROGRAM

Personal Development Opportunity for Michigan 4-H Members

Applications due February 1st

Recognition Areas
- Beef Science
- Biological Science
- Birds and Poultry Science
- Civic Engagement
- Communications and Expressive Arts
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer and Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental and Earth Science
- Equine Science
- Goat Science
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Leadership and Personal Development
- Plant Science
- Rabbit and Cavy Science
- Sheep Science
- Swine Science
- Technology and Engineering
- Group Award

Age Categories
- Mark of Excellence Essay Contest
  - 11-12 year old 4-H members
- Junior State Award
  - 13-15 year old 4-H members
- Senior State Award
  - 16-19 year old 4-H members
- Group Award
  - 13-19 year old 4-H members

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is an opportunity for 4-H members ages 11-19 to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development. After participating in the State 4-H Awards Program youth will:

- Learn to better communicate and represent their accomplishments on professional applications such as scholarships, college entrance applications, résumés and cover letters for employment.
- Have more experience and be better able to communicate during job interviews.
- Build long-lasting friendships and establish connections with industry and academic leaders.
- Be encouraged to set new goals, continue building skills and assets, and broaden interests.

The application process and selection for the Michigan 4-H State Awards program is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Recognition may include certificates, plaques, and cash prizes for junior and senior award winners. Get more information at the link below.

All applications are due February 1st. Each county may select up to two Mark of Excellence Essay winners to be recognized. Up to 12 youth across the state in both the junior and senior level in each project recognition area may be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

4-H members will learn to communicate their experiences into a professional application that includes documenting how 4-H has helped them:

- Learn and apply life skills
- Practice leadership and service
- Tell their 4-H Story

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program

Contact your local MSU Extension office for additional information.
2018 4-H State Award applications process now open!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO and is due Feb. 1, 2018. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu.

Last year Livingston County had three youth, Jaycie Brown, Grace Schmidt and Dale Mize, participate in the State Awards program. CONGRATULATIONS to Jaycie Brown as the recipient of the State Award in Beef! If you are interested in finding out more information about State Awards, please contact Christine Miller at johns832@msu.edu.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award

If you are 11 or 12 years old, you could be the recipient of the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award! To enter, you write an essay on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can...” Essays should be submitted to the county office by February 1st. Counties then select their representatives and submit names and essays to the State 4-H Awards Committee.
SHOP 4-H Online and support Michigan 4-H!

Get ready for the holidays by buying your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store. Ranging from 4-H apparel to 4-H flashlights, you can find the perfect gift for every 4-H member, volunteer, parent or staff person. As you share the 4-H spirit this holiday season, you’ll also be supporting Michigan 4-H! The SHOP 4-H Online Store is giving five percent back to Michigan 4-H when you shop using this link: https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0.

4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Free tickets are now available at your county Extension office for 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women’s basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers at 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 2018 at MSU’s Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Make sure to come early, doors open at 2:30 p.m., to browse booths set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events.

4-H alumni and their families are also invited to a special pre-event activity at Spartan Stadium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. To learn more, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception.

Whether you are a new or longstanding club, learning the 4-H pledge is an important step for all 4-H members. Help new members learn the pledge by downloading a free 4-H pledge poster available at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_pledge_posters.

The colorful pledge posters can also be used for displays that can help with recruitment of youth and volunteers.

If you have any questions regarding the 4-H pledge posters, contact Jodi Schulz at schultz@anr.msu.edu.
4-H Workshops

December 7: 4-H Treasurers Training
Dowagiac Union High School, Dowagiac
Being a 4-H treasurer is an important role. 4-H youth treasurers learn valuable life skills to benefit their future.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_treasurers_training

December 12: 4-H Alumni Engagement Training
Northstar Cooperative Building, East Lansing
This session will highlight meaningful ways to maintain relationships and steward 4-H alumni. Topics will include: 4-H alumni as 4-H volunteers, 4-H donors and 4-H advocates.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/alumni_engagement_training

December 13: Ready to Go Volunteer Training Toolkit Train the Trainer Workshop
MSU Federal Credit Union, East Lansing
Ready to Go: Volunteer Training Toolkit provides mentoring program staff with activities you may customize, support for using the curriculum and a toolkit.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/ready_to_go_volunteer_training_toolkit_train_the_trainer_workshop

January 8: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training—Bay County
Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City
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--bay_county

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception
Spartan Stadium, East Lansing
4-H alumni will gather before 4-H Day at the Breslin for networking, refreshments and games.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Jack Breslin Student Events Center, East Lansing
Join us for the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women’s Basketball game.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

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.