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4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Training Workshop – May 17
Smart Vegetable Gardening 101 Webinar Series – April 22-May 27
Thank You SAFE Countywide Stuffed Animal Drive Participants
The Livingston County 4-H Clothing and Textiles Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the countywide stuffed animal drive for SAFE. We received over 140 stuffed animals. These donations will provide a lot of comfort to children. SAFE is very excited to receive the donations. The only way SAFE can continue the work that they do is through drives like this one.

Alexis Marsh, 4-H member, coordinated the community service project during Spring Achievement 2014. Her efforts and dedication to the Clothing and Textile project area are appreciated.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus
Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus has a new online system. Instead of having youth or adults call in to request an account be set-up for them, they can simply go online and register themselves to complete the online tutorial developed by the Pork Checkoff program at [www.pork.org](http://www.pork.org). The attached document helps walk adults and/or youth step-by-step through creating an account. Additionally, MI Youth PQA Plus has a new website. Information can be found at the MSU Extension Pork Quality Assurance - Certification page: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/quality_assurance_certifications](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/quality_assurance_certifications). The page features a calendar of face-to-face Youth PQA Plus Training Dates as well as a link to the Youth PQA Plus Handbook. TO SHOW A PIG AT THE FAIR YOU MUST HAVE A PQA CERTIFICATION.

Youth PQA Plus Online Training
Training is available for youth age 8-19 based on their 4-H age on January 1st of the certification year. Parents can register to manage their children’s training (parental registration is required for youth age 8-12) Youth 13-19 can self-register. To show
a pig to fair, you MUST have PQA Training. Registration for Youth PQA Plus Training is at www.pork.org

4-H Spring Achievement 2014
Congratulations to the following Spring Achievement placements!

Clover Awards
Sewing-Intermediate  Patricia Balister

Bronze
Sewing-Novice  Theresa Schroeder, Matthew Schroeder
Sewing-Junior  Karla Hacker, Kylie Steffee
Sewing-Intermediate  Kayla Berringer, Madison Shaw
Knitting/Crochet - Courtney Steffee
Buymanship - Bella Baker, Kylie Steffee, Courtney Steffee
Textiles - Bella Baker, Piper Luke, Matthew Schroeder

Incentive Awards
Sewing-Novice  Katie Rhodes
Sewing-Junior  Elise Helppi, Ashton Good
Sewing-Intermediate  Spencer Good
Knitting/Crochet  Kala Barringer
Buymanship  Victoria Wolf
Textiles  Brianna Hayes

Gift Certificates
Sewing-Novice  Maretta Finley
Sewing-Junior  Courtney Steffee
Sewing-Intermediate  Keagan Tremel
Sewing-Senior  Brianna Edgar
Knitting/Crochet  Kylie Steffee
Buymanship  Jenna Lindsay
Textiles  Maretta Finley

Spring Achievement Pin
Sewing-Novice  Jordan Huhn, Lilah Finley
Sewing-Junior  Meghan Smith
Sewing-Intermediate  Josie Jackson
Knitting/Crochet - Jenna Lindsay
Buymanship - Ashley Hansen, Shelby Hansen
Textiles - Kortney Moulton

Schwan’ s Cares Fundraising Program
Schwan’s is excited to introduce the Schwan's Cares program to 4-H as a supplement fundraising program. This program is not meant to replace our traditional fundraisers, but to provide income for your group all year long. This program will allow your group to earn money from people you know who already purchase Schwan's products or are willing to try Schwan's products for the first time.

Here are additional reasons why you will want to consider Schwan's new virtual fundraising program:
- 20-40% Payback to Fundraising Organization (during high yield 45 day campaign)
- 5% Annuity for On-Going Purchases
- Kids & Parents do not Touch Product or Money!
- Product Delivered to Consumers’ Homes
- No Markups (Our Fundraising Price = Our Market Price)
- Simple Online Setup & Mgmt System
- Online Reporting
- Team Competition Tools
- 350+ Products & LiveSmart High Quality Products
- Wellness Fundraising Options

**2014 Great Lakes Summer Discovery Cruises registration is now open!**
Do you want to learn about the Great Lakes by being on the Great Lakes? If so, you will want to learn more about our 2014 Summer Discovery Cruises season!

For the thirteenth summer, Michigan Sea Grant Extension will provide Michiganders (and visitors to Michigan) with the opportunity to learn about the Great Lakes by being on the Great Lakes. Cruises depart from Lake Erie Metropark, with cruises on the lower Detroit River and Lake Erie, and Lake St. Clair Metropark, cruising Lake St. Clair.

The 2014 season offers more than 20 educational cruises around themes such as Fisheries, Wildlife, Wetlands, Shipwrecks, Lighthouses, Weather, Shipping and more. Cruises for educators wanting to enhance the use of Great Lakes content in their teaching are also provided, with stipends.

Some of the exciting cruises for the 2014 season include:

**Lake St. Clair Fisheries**
This is not a fishing cruise, but it definitely is a “fishy” cruise! Learn first-hand about the fish that are found in Lake St. Clair, many of which are available for hands-on examination during the cruise. We will be joined by a Michigan DNR Fisheries Biologist and rendezvous with their research vessel while out on the lake to observe fish tagging, measuring and other research operations.

**Warfare on the Waterfront**
The War of 1812, World War II, and even the American Civil War have all shaped the Detroit River and western Lake Erie. Long after the end of hostilities, remnants of this military presence can still be found. Join an Interpreter for an in-depth look at these conflicts, their sites and stories, and see how they impacted the region and the world.

Shipwreck at Sugar
Just under the waves off a crumbling Sugar Island dock lie the remains of a vessel sank in 1945. Travel with our resident historian to the wreck site to learn about the S.S. Seabreeze, the story of how it got there and the circumstances surrounding its mysterious sinking.

Eco-Art
Join us as we explore the Great Lakes in a great new way – through Eco-Art! Learn about the Great Lakes ecosystem and combine elements of it with your own imagination to create a unique work of art to take home. Both fun and educational, you will translate what you see and learn into an amazing Great Lakes Eco-Art piece! No prior art experience needed. All materials provided. Wear clothes that allow you to get messy.

Birds, Boats & Booze (4 hour history cruise)
Many things brought people to the St. Clair River Delta Flats area. The abundant wetlands brought duck hunters and fishing. Wood boats and passenger steamers brought tourism and recreation, and Prohibition brought rumrunners and speakeasies to the region. Spend a little more time in "the flats" with us as we cruise farther up the South Channel and share a little of the past including stories of the big hotels, Tashmoo Park, Chris Craft boat building and more.

All Aboard Kids Cruise
Learn some sailor talk (the good kind!), rope work, a few pirate skills, anchor haulin’, deck swabbing and depth sounding. You’ll even get a chance to pull up some of the finest bottom muck you’ve ever laid eyes on. Aye, it’s a fun and educational journey through time and place. Parents are welcome — if they behave.

To learn about the Great Lakes by being on the Great Lakes, visit the Summer Discovery Cruises web site at www.discoverycruises.org for complete cruise descriptions, locations, dates and times, as well as directions on how to register for your 2014 Summer Discovery Cruises. Don’t miss the boat!

NEW! UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/EVENTS/MEETINGS:
Speak Up! Public Speaking Workshop – May 20
May 20th, 7:00pm
LESA in Howell
This is a wonderful educational opportunity to gain learn more about public speaking. These skills are relevant for EVERY 4-H member. Fair is just around the corner. Practicing your public speaking will help with showmanship, talking to judges and much more!
Speak Up!
Public Speaking Workshop

**When?**  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
7:00---8:30 p.m.

**Where?**  
Livingston Educational Service Agency  
1425 W. Grand River Avenue, Howell

**Who?**  
Anyone interested in public speaking and demonstrations

**Why?**  
Alex Schnabelrauch will present information to help you improve your public speaking skills and become more comfortable talking in front of groups

Livestock Shows Across the State
Below is a variety of livestock shows across the state. Click on the following links for more information.

Blue & Gold Lamb Jackpot – May 24 @ 12:30 p.m. @ Barry County Fairgrounds  

Michigan Beef Showcase – June 6-8 @ MSU Pavilion  

MJLS Sheep Spectacular – June 6-7 @ MSU Pavilion  

MSU Block and Bridle Lamb Show – June 8 @ MSU Pavilion  

Spartan Classic Jr Hog Show and Jackpot Show – June 13-15 @ MSU Pavilion  

Michigan Livestock Expo – July 16-20 @ MSU Pavilion  
http://www.milivestock.com/
**Be the E Curriculum Training**  
May 22  
The Hatch, E. Lansing  
10:30am-3:30pm  
Learn how to implement this National 4-H curriculum focusing on youth entrepreneurship in your club, school or community group. From identifying passionate business ideas, to developing a business plan, to operating a business, the Be the E curriculum helps teens develop the skills and knowledge needed to be a young entrepreneur. Participants experience a variety of experiential learning activities that include famous entrepreneurs, entrepreneurial traits, business name game, recipe for success, can I make the best better, does it pay to be nice, how much do I charge, and doing the right thing.

Curriculum snacks and refreshments are included. The Hatch is located in the heart of downtown, 325 E. Grand River, Suite 345, East Lansing, MI 48823, across from the Michigan State University Campus, and in walking distance to many restaurants, shops, bookstores, and parking. The Hatch is a student run incubator and is on the 3rd floor of the Technology Innovation Center.

MSU Extension is pleased to offer professional development opportunities designed to assist youth development program staff, teachers, community members and volunteers with tools and resources to engage youth in entrepreneurial endeavors. Lunch will be on your own. Casual dress is appropriate. There is a $25 cancellation fee for those who cancel after May 15, 2014. The cost for MAC AmeriCorps Members is $0, all other participants $50. Online registration for Be the E Curriculum Training is open. The last day to register online is May 21, 2014. Registration link: [http://events.anr.msu.edu/Entrepreneurship/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/Entrepreneurship/)

**Practice Steer Show**  
June 22  
Fowlerville Family Fair Livestock Arena  
County Line Rebels 4H Club is hosting a practice steer show. Bring your own beef animal to gain experience, ask any questions you may have about your beef project and judging too! Lunch will be provided. Set up is at 8:30am with show beginning at 9:00am. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Chamberlain at 517-468-3614.

**Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp**  
June 22-26  
Springfield Oaks County Park
Do you want to improve your horsemanship skills...be better prepared for horse shows...meet other horse kids? AND...Have fun? If your answer is YES! you should attend Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp.

The CIT program needs teens just like you: Motivated, dedicated, responsible and adventurous leaders. Horse camp will give you awesome opportunities to learn and develop skills in effective communication, problem-solving, conflict management, leadership, teamwork, and horsemanship safety. Become a counselor and mentor kids at the Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp!

For more information contact: Debbie Morgan at morga194@anr.msu.edu 248-858-0894

Check-in is 6:00 p.m. Fees: $195 per camper; $180/each for 2 or more; $135/each for 3 or more from the same family

Oakland County 4-H Horse Camp is a four day instructional camp at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg, MI offered to 4-H youth ages 9-19. Campers and their horses attend three classes a day with instruction by local horse professionals.

Classes include: Fitting & Showing, Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Dressage, Saddle Seat, Jumping, Trail, Centered Riding, Bareback, and Gymkhana. The daily schedule also includes crafts, games and educational sessions with topics such as show grooming, hoof care, trailer safety, tack fit, and equestrian first aid. Open to 4-H youth ages 9-19. Must provide project horse (with proof of negative Coggins test), feed, bedding, and tack (including SEI approved helmet)

Day Camp 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or overnight camping is offered. All adult overnight chaperones must be registered 4-H volunteers who have completed the 4-H Volunteer Selection Process prior to the start of camp.

**4-H Small Animal Fitting & Showing Clinic**

June 24
Fowlerville Fairgrounds
Join us at the Fairgrounds 6:00-8:00pm in the Livestock arena to learn more about fitting and showing 4-H small animals from the experts. Proceeds from the clinic, sale of t-shirts and food will support building the new poultry wash rack between the Dairy & Small Animal Barns. The wash rack is a joint project of Barnyard Bunch and Kounty Klover Kids 4-H clubs.

Cost of clinic is $5.00 for each 4-H member. Parents are FREE to participate. 4-H Small Animal Proud t-shirts are $10.00. Hot dog combo dog-chips-pop is $3.50. Get ready for Fair and Showmanship Sweepstakes!

4-H Japanese Summer Exchange Host Families Needed
Only 5 youth and 2 college age chaperones are left to place for our 4-H Japanese summer exchange. If you know of anyone that would be interested in hosting, please have them contact me at nvictors@anr.msu.edu. Four of the youth have pet allergies and one has a peanut allergy.

Below is information on the final delegates and chaperones. For those going to CYI Spring Conference, I will have pictures and the information sheets for these adults and youth if you would like more information on this hosting opportunity! The dates of the exchange are July 26- August 22.

Youth - Females
Age 13 Likes swimming, Koto, playing piano, snorkeling. Would like to visit a beautiful island and vast nature. Is curious, sociable, talkative. Allergic to cats and dogs.
Age 13 Likes reading, painting pictures, poetry, anime, shogi, photography, raising animals. Is sociable, curious, talkative, quiet and shy. Allergic to cats.

Youth - Males
Age 14 Likes playing soccer, skiing, music and cycling. Is diligent, laughs a lot and quiet. Is allergic to peanuts and strongly allergic to cats and dogs.
Age 13 Likes baseball, dodgeball and camping. Is sociable, curious, talkative and laughs a lot. Has Asthma attacks due to seasonal or environmental changes.
Age 12 Likes fishing, soccer, camping, cooking, movies, museums. Is cheerful, laughs a lot and tolerant. Allergic to cats and dogs, Atopic Dematitis, Asthma.

Chaperones
Female
Age 20 College student, host family needed August 9-22
Hobbies are playing the flute, going for walks and reading books. Likes animals, shopping, eating, walking music and cooking. Wants to make Japanese food for host family.

Male
Age 24 College student host family needed July 20-August 9
Likes to draw, visit museums. Is interested in world history, geography and international affairs. Likes swimming, cooking, shopping, eating, walking.
**MMPA/4-H Milk Marketing Tour**

June 25-26  
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Registration is limited to the first 30 youth with chaperones and is due June 3, 2014.

**National 4-H Forestry Invitational**

July 27-31  
Weston, WV  
The National 4-H Forestry Invitational is the Super Bowl of 4-H forestry! This year’s event is July 27-31 for youth aged 14-18. Each year, since 1980, teams of 4-H foresters from all over the United States have gone to Mill State 4-H Conference Center in Weston, WV, to meet, compete, and have fun! The purpose of the Invitational is to develop an appreciation for the importance of conserving forestland as a source of products, benefits, and services necessary for quality living. 4-H foresters learn citizenship and leadership skills as well as practical forest management skills through participation in the 4-H Forestry Invitational. This is a friendly competition that is educational and inspirational.

Teams of 4 4-H foresters participate in forestry skills and knowledge events over 3 days of competition. Additional Invitational activities include local tours, campfires, and woodsmen skills fun competition. While at the event, all meals, lodging and programming is provided. Full scholarships are provided for 4 team members thru sponsorship and travel mileage is reimbursed at $0.25 per mile for an average round trip.

Please visit their website for more information: [http://4hforestryinvitational.org/](http://4hforestryinvitational.org/)
You may also contact Jarrett Rushing at 870-798-2231 or [jrushing@uaex.edu](mailto:jrushing@uaex.edu) for details.

**Parking Volunteers Needed! Michigan Challenge Balloonfest**

June 27-29  
The Howell Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. To make this event successful, we rely on many wonderful volunteers. If you are available Friday, Saturday or Sunday at the end of June, we ask that you consider volunteering your time. This is the 30th Anniversary of Michigan Challenge Balloonfest and many new and exciting events are planned to celebrate this special event!

One of the areas we are in need of volunteers is the parking area. We have about 480 time slots to fill over the entire weekend to help direct vehicles to parking spaces and collect parking admission at several gates. We currently have a little over half of those positions filled. For your donated time, we pay $7 an hour to a non-profit organization of your choice. You can choose just one 4 hour shift or several, the choice is yours!

To download the Balloonfest Parking Volunteer Form, please copy and paste the following link to your web browser: [http://cloud.chambermaster.com/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/1376/File/Balloonfest/volunteerparkingform.pdf](http://cloud.chambermaster.com/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/1376/File/Balloonfest/volunteerparkingform.pdf) Once you have completed the form, please mail or drop it off at the Howell
Chamber of Commerce no later than May 30th. We also have four Parking Gate Captain positions available. These positions are leadership type roles and offer several benefits/perks, but are not paid positions. If you think you may be interested in being a Parking Gate Captain, I can provide you more information. Please send me an email or contact me for additional information. If you should have any questions, please contact Brenda Barone, Balloonfest Parking Coordinator, Howell Area Chamber of Commerce at (517) 546-3920.

**Horse 101**

July 11
5:30 – 7:00pm
Lenawee County Fair Grounds 4-H Center

In Horse 101 we teach you how to keep up to speed with horse paperwork requirements, health, nutrition, handling and proper equipment fitting. For more information contact Janelle Stewart, MSU Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development ~ Lenawee County at 517-264-5307 or email her at: stewa191@msu.edu

**4-H Dairy Days**

July 21-25th
MSU Pavilion

It’s that time of year once again to start planning for 4-H Dairy Days July 21-25th at the MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education. The entry form for Dairy Days is now available on Department of Animal Science Youth events webpage: [http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events](http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events)

Please note that these entry forms are for individuals and counties registering for the state Management Contest, Quiz Bowl, Judging Contest, and Showmanship. A separate entry form for the cattle show will be available later this week at the same webpage.

**4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources (GLNR) Camp**

July 27 - August 2
Presque Isle

Eight girl camper spaces are still available! A couple $50 scholarships are still available for the remaining female spots. 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer camp fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 to August 2 on the northern shores of Lake Huron at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This MSU pre-college program is for teens aged 13 to 15 or those who’ll enter eighth through tenth grade in the fall. The Michigan residence fee is $345 for 4-H members and $355 for nonmembers. The fee includes meals, snacks, lodging, a T-shirt, and program and activity costs. [Michigan Sea Grant Extension](http://www.michigansea.grant.edu) and donors to the [Michigan 4-H Foundation](http://www.michigan4-h.org) generously offset the real $450-a-camper cost. Out-of-state campers will be accepted with a $450 fee if space is still available after May 1. Scholarships are available through the county Extension office.
During this enriching educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. The hands-on learning includes exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn to fillet their catch. Not only does the camp get kids outside enjoying nature and learning to be good environmental stewards, the sessions incorporate four of the five Michigan Department of Education science curriculum standards in earth science and three of the five standards in biology. Campers also have fun and make friends with people from different backgrounds and areas.

Following their involvement, campers are eligible for nomination to apply for a $2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship based on criteria such as attitude, behavior and active participation. The scholarship is applied toward each recipient’s first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student.

More information about this really fun environmental science camp can be found at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/glnrc. Accepted campers will be sent additional forms to complete and return directly to the State CYI/4-H Office along with full payment by May 31.

MSU Pavilion calendar
http://www.ans.msu.edu/facilities/pavilion/events_calendar

Kettunen calendar
http://www.kettunencenter.org

Livingston County 4-H calendar http://www.livgov.com/msue/4h/Pages/default.aspx