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Information on the following events & issues may be found in the February 1st 2013 newsletter:

- 4-H Glo Bowl – February 15
- Companion & Registered Cat Show – February 16
- Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show – March 2-3
- Free Seminar on Managing Your Equine Business – March 13
- 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education/Plant Science & Entomology Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop #114 – March 15-17
- Build Your Future: 4-H Entrepreneurship & Career Connections #115 – April 13-14
- Spring Achievement – April 26
- 4-H Polish Hosting Opportunity – Mid June-July
- Service Learning in Puerto Rico – July 26
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**Are your members receiving the newsletter?** If you know of any members who would like to receive the newsletter via email, please ask them to contact the MSU Extension office.

**MSU Pre-College Program Scholarship Awarded**

Congratulations to Livingston County’s *Tammy Barringer* on winning the MSU Pre-College Program Scholarship for Exploration Days!

A total of 61 scholarships were awarded by MSU Admissions and 80% went to 4-H pre-college program participants from 34 counties in 11 of the 13 MSUE districts!

**Committee Reports Coming to County Website**

Can’t make it to a committee meeting, but want to know what’s going on? Committee reports are coming back to the county website! Keep an eye on the website about a week or so after the meeting for the reports sent in from the Committee Presidents. Please contact Sarah McKinney, 4-H Program Coordinator at 517-546-3950, if you have any questions.

**New Organic Hop Farm Needs Your Help**

The Extension office was contacted by Karl Witte, looking for rabbit manure. Their family is starting a small organic hop farm in southwest Livingston County and rabbit manure makes excellent fertilizer for hops. They were wondering if any 4-Her’s that raise rabbits could help with supplying manure. Please contact Karl Witte at stfdfire@gmail.com if you’re interested.

**NEW! UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/EVENTS/MEETINGS:**

**Horse Levels Orientation Meeting Date Changed**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the LEVELS ORIENTATION MEETING at Lynn Perry’s house is rescheduled to **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH - 6:30PM** PLEASE RSVP to Lynn to let her know if you will attend or not. It is important that ALL VOLUNTEERS go through orientation.  **Learning Session Dates:** Monday, March 18 at Livingston County MSU Extension from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.  **Friday, March 22** at Hardy Farms 7215 N. Latson Rd., Howell from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.  **Evaluation Session Dates:** Sunday, April
28 from 1 to 4 pm at Hardy Farms. **Monday, May 6** from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Livingston County MSU Extension. Please reply to Lynn Perry at 517.376.1164.

**4-H Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop #113**  
March 9-10, 2013  
Kettunen Center

This workshop is for teen and adult volunteers ages 13 (as of January 1, 2013) and up. All staff and education providers are welcome. Whether you are interested in animal science, plant science, environmental science, robotics, alternative energy, engineering, film making or technology, this workshop has something exciting for you! Learn about new, hands-on educational opportunities in both new and existing 4-H project areas. Learn best practices for how to teach science to youth and adults. Conduct experiments and learn how to develop the next generation of problem solvers. Hands-on sessions for beginners and advanced will be provided. To register for this event go to [https://enrollment.4-h.org/events/616/splash](https://enrollment.4-h.org/events/616/splash). For more information please view the Program Announcement for this event.

**4-H Exploration Days**  
June 19-21, 2013  
MSU Campus

*Share the magic of 4-H!* - Attend 4-H Exploration Days, June 19 – 21

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,500 participants from all 83 Michigan counties. It’s like no other teen conference you’ll ever attend!

- Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions in your favorite interest areas.
- Develop your leadership abilities and enhance your individual growth.
- Learn new ideas, skills and techniques you can use at home or in your 4-H group and community.
- Make friends and enjoy leisure activities on the beautiful MSU campus.

Ask anyone who has attended – Exploration Days is an exciting experience that can change your outlook. It’s an experience that can change your life! Hope to see you there!

**Registration:**  
The registration book and forms will be available on the web at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/registration_book](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/registration_book) beginning February 22. Paper copies will be available at the Extension office starting March 8th. (Even if you prefer to use the printed copies of the book, you can obtain additional registration forms from the web site, so that multiple members may share one book. A Spanish version of the forms will be also available online. **RETURN REGISTRATION** forms to the Extension office by **Monday March 18th** by 5:00pm, so we can start getting you registered
when registration officially opens on March 19th. Sessions fill quickly and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so don’t wait!

Costs

The full-time participant fee is $165. (Youth who aren’t yet enrolled in 4-H pay an additional $10 4-H participation fee.) This includes all meals, shared lodging, sessions and an event T-shirt. Scholarships are available!!! Check with the Extension office for details.

Practice Steer Show – June 23rd

County Line Rebels is hosting a FREE Practice Steer Show at the fairgrounds on Sunday, June 23rd. It’s a great opportunity to help your project animal get accustomed to the fairgrounds and to get some practice showing. A judge will be there to help explain how the animals will be ranked etc. If you’re interested in participating, please contact Annette Chamberlain at raacres@yahoo.com or call her at 517-294-1855. Bring your steer in at around 8am to let them get settled. The show will start at 9:00am. Lunch will be provided afterwards. Be sure to come in the main gate as there will be a harness horse practice going on at the same time.

Meeting & Event Calendar Web Links

MSU Pavilion calendar www.ans.msu.edu/ans/pavilion
Kettunen calendar kettunencenter.org
Livingston County 4-H calendar http://co.livingston.mi.us/calendar/calendar.php?calendar=3