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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.

**Exploration Days Registration Books are here!**
The registration books for Exploration Days have arrived and are available at the Extension office. Get your registration forms turned in as soon as possible! The county deadline isn’t until April 30th, but registration officially opens on **March 19th** and sessions fill FAST. (Last year we had 500 registrations in the first 15 minutes and nearly 1,000 by the end of the first day!).

**List of Japanese Labo Students**
Michigan 4-H now has the list of month-long Japanese Labo students who will be coming this summer. You can go the Michigan Global and Cultural Education page: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs) to see their biographies and their cute pictures. You will also find the forms that the host families should use which may be filled out and submitted online!

They will be placed on a first come first serve basis once the families paperwork and interview reports are turned in to Brian Wibby, the Japanese summer month-long coordinator.

We will soon have the Poland delegates listed as well. Keep checking the webpage.

**Antibiotic Free Meats & Dairy?**
Colleen Rocha, has a friend, Hal, who is looking to purchase meat and dairy items that have not been treated with antibiotics. (He is severely allergic to them). He asked us to check with our 4-H families to see if there is anyone who raises their animals without antibiotics? If you, or someone you know of, can help supply antibiotic-free meats and/or dairy products, please contact Colleen Rocha at 517-294-0295 or colleen.rocha34@gmail.com or her friend, Hal Rockwell, may be contacted directly at 248-514-4347 or rockwellhal@gmail.com
NEW! UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/EVENTS/MEETINGS:

**Youth Beef Judging Contest**
April 6
MSU Pavilion
The MI Cattlemen’s Association will be offering a youth beef judging contest on Saturday, April 6, 2013 as part of the MI Beef Expo. The event will be held at the MSU Pavilion and details about this contest as well as other youth contests are available on the Animal Science Youth Events page. [http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events](http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events)

**MSU Block & Bridle Club Livestock Judging Contest**
April 21
MSU Pavilion
The MSU Block and Bridle Club will be hosting its annual livestock judging contest on Sunday, April 21, 2013. Beef, Sheep and Hogs will be included in the contest and a class of Boer goats will also be offered this year. This is a great opportunity to get your teams together in preparation of the State Livestock Judging Contest – July 12. [http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events](http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events)

**Small Animal Committee Gen Mtg – Small Animal Proud! – April 10**
April 10 – Save the Date!
4-H Building at the Fairgrounds
Small Animal Proud! The Small Animal Committee is having their open general meeting and small animal expo on **April 10, 2013, at 6:30PM** at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. Everyone is invited and we hope you come. The expo this year features a variety of small animal program subjects that target making the small animal program in Livingston County the best it can be. There will be many resources available to help 4-H members improve their small animal projects and explain opportunities to be recognized. Topics include: local and state awards; 4-H Explorations Days; the new showmanship sweepstakes program; tips on marketing animals at auction; how to transport small animals to fair; tips on the best kept club award; mentoring in small animal projects; ideas for teen leaders to increase their small animal leadership; and an opportunity to meet the small animal superintendents and ask them questions. A barnyard toss game will be available for those who need some activity and a chance to hone their tossing skills. This is a great opportunity for everyone, especially leaders and teen leaders, to become more knowledgeable about what they can do to improve small animal projects and what the 4-H program offers to support and recognize that leadership and expertise. Join us and show you are Small Animal Proud!
CAT WORKSHOPS
May 15, June 26, July 17
Bathe Your Buddy-Brighton
Our Cat Superintendant, Lynn Perry, is leading a study group for members interested in learning more about cats! Topics covered include Fitting and Showing, care, health, grooming, and cat handling techniques. Bring your cat in a carrier, and a harness and leash for your cat. Cats should be current on their rabies and distemper vaccines. Cloverbuds aged 5 to 8 are welcome to come without a cat.
TIME: 6:15 to 7:30 PM
PLACE: BATHE YOUR BUDDY
1852 OLD US 23 SOUTH, BRIGHTON, MI 48114
(NEXT TO MEMORIES LOUNGE)
To show your cat at fair, a MAY 1st FORM is required and may be picked up at the MSU Extension office. The 4-H Cat show at fair is Wednesday, July 24, 2013, starting 9AM in the Small Animal Barn. Any cat 4 months and older may be shown in 4-H, and does NOT need to be a registered breed cat. Male cats over 1 year must be neutered. Contact Lynn Perry to sign-up at 517-376-1164 or Lynn_Perry@yahoo.com

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