A HUGE thank you to all of our 4-H Superintendents, Leaders and Families who helped to make this year’s fair such a success! Whether you checked in on the animals, helped run a show, set up equipment or simply stepped up when you saw a need, we couldn’t do this without you.

Thank you for all of your time and dedication to 4-H and to the youth!

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Utility Trailer Missing!
To all 4-H Families – Don and Mickey Roberts’ black utility trailer has gone missing! The trailer was brought to the fair and was parked by the draft horse barns. The trailer is now missing. If you know any details concerning their trailer, please call the MSU Extension office at 517-546-3950.

4-H Fair photos needed!
We’re looking for photos from the 2014 Fair to use in presentations to stakeholders etc. If you have any photos that you’d like to share, please email them to Sarah at mckin166@msu.edu. Thanks for your help!

Thanks to Hilly Hustlers 4-H Club for sending in this great photo!

Mini Rex Rabbits – FREE to a good home!
Looking for an adorable addition to your family? The Roberts family has 5 Miniature Rex Rabbits, ages 9 months old and younger, available FREE to a good home. One rabbit will qualify for 4-H showing; the other 4 don’t have the correct coloration, but will make great pets! Please contact Jennifer Roberts 517-528-8919 if you are interested in taking one of these cuties off her hands.

HOST A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT!
Michigan State University Extension 4-H is looking for at least one more family to host a high school exchange student for the 2014-15 school year. We assist the U.S. Department of State in placing FLEX (Future Leader’s Exchange) students for a year of high school in Michigan. The program aims to promote peace between the U.S. and the former Soviet Republic countries.

We currently have 3 boys and 4 girls available for the 2014-15 school year. They will arrive in August 2014 and stay until June 2015. Attached is a list of available students.

Why pick our program?
Our FLEX scholars are all finalists in a very competitive scholarship program run by our American Council Offices abroad. The finalist delegates are only 2-4% of the applicant pool; they have demonstrated exemplary success in both academics and community service. Many of them have scores in the 800s out of 900 on the TOEFL exam. These students are school council presidents and...
winners of academic Olympiads; they have excellent report cards and teacher recommendations. These are exceptional kids who have earned their spot as an exchange student by merit.

What do we expect from a host family?
You will provide housing and 3 meals a day for 9-10 months of the school year. The student will be enrolled in your local high school. The students come with their own stipends for personal and school expenses. It is acceptable for a delegate to share a room with a same-sex host sibling. You will pick your student up from your local airport in Aug., participate in orientations before and after arrival, and respond to a monthly check-ins from our office by email or phone. We hope you will treat your exchange student with all the love, care, and expectations you would have for your own children. Families who are on public assistance can qualify for our short-term summer hosting, but not for year-long. Criminal background checks and an in-home interview are completed before assignment.

You also will have full service support from our staff at MSUE in case of any concerns during the school year.

States’ 4-H International 2014-15 School Year Program National Pool as of 7/23/2014:

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For more information, please contact: Heather R. Gray, 4-H International Program Coordinator, MSU Extension Children and Youth Institute, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture [517] 355-2361 or grayhea2@anr.msu.edu
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4-H “Fish Farm Challenge” – August 14
Hillsdale County MSU Extension
Thursday, August 14, 2014
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
The world population is growing and 4-H members are stepping up to meet the challenge by encouraging youth to explore career opportunities in agriculture and STEM that will address this need. The 2014 Activity is: Fish Farm Challenge—a science, problem solving activity for Michigan youth grades 5-9. The cost is FREE!

Population trends project the world population will grow by two billion in the next 40 years, requiring a 70 percent increase in food production to feed the world. National 4-H Council and Monsanto Company have partnered on a new initiative to respond to this challenge. The Challenging Youth to be the Solution project is intended to stimulate youth interest and involvement in science and agriculture related careers. Key concepts and objectives of this project: “Science: problem solving and critical thinking skills employed to invent a solution to a real-world problem” “Career Education: career cluster connections reveal available career opportunities in science and agriculture” “Leadership: teamwork used in small groups to address problem solving” “Civic Engagement: call to action for youth to help address challenges of feeding a growing world population and unequitable distribution of food resources.

After completing the activity, participants can create a video to demonstrate potential applications in their local communities. Four winners will be chosen and each will receive a $2,500 award! 4h.org/VANITYURL Video entry deadline is September 30, 2014. Contact the Hillsdale County MSU Extension Office at 20 Care Drive, Ste B, Hillsdale, MI 49242 at (517) 439-9301 to register.

Great Outdoors Youth Jamboree
Lake Hudson Recreation Area (Lenawee County)
September 7
10:00am – 4:00pm
A total outdoor experience for the whole family! With over 40 outdoor activity stations, this FREE event will be well worth the drive! Learn the skills needed to hunt, fish and a whole lot more with a wide variety of hands-on activities, including: shooting, archery, birding, fishing, boating, habitat, camping and nature crafts. There will be giveaways, door prizes and raffles galore! September 7 is also Grandparents Day, and the first 100 grandparents who attend with their grandchild will get a special gift. Meet Smokey Bear and Rudy the Rooster! You can buy food on-site or bring your own picnic lunch. Please contact us at the number below if you have an accessibility need. For more details, visit www.michiganpheasantsforever.org/goyj or call 517-467-7401.

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