Livingston County
4-H Family News
January 8, 2016

Upcoming Events

January

1/11 7:30-9:30pm 4-H Council Meeting – MSU Extension Conference Room

1/25 7:00-8:00pm Rabbit & Cavy Quiz Bowl – MSU Extension Conference Room

1/27 6:00-7:30pm 4-H Leader Q&A – LESA

1/28 6:30 Superintendents Meeting - LESA

2016 Fair Notice:

No pets are allowed at the fairgrounds except registered service animals.

During show times, cats & dogs should not be on the fairgrounds, they should be in show areas in their crates, etc.
Take the survey
msue.msu.edu/focus
By January 31st
Make sure your
voice is heard!

TSC Fall Clover Sale Results are In!
The results are in from the 2015 TSC Fall Clover sales, and once again, Livingston County has done very well. The Howell store was among the top 5 Michigan TSC stores, and Livingston County was among the top 5 counties in clover sales! Congratulations and thank you!! The only reason we do so well is because of the enthusiasm and energy of our 4-H families. Thank you for participating!!

Remember, members who participated AND signed in on the sign-in sheets at the participating TSC stores are eligible for scholarship money to be used toward educational 4-H events. If you wish to receive a scholarship to an event (Exploration Days, Capitol Experience, Kettunen Center, etc.), you must request the scholarship (in writing) from the Livingston County Extension Office. They will confirm your eligibility with the sign-in sheets that were at the Howell, Fenton, and Whitmore Lake stores.

Thank you again – and mark your calendars for the Spring Clover Sales April 13-24, 2016.
Calling ALL 4-H Club Leaders!

Save the date!
January 27th at 6:00pm

Are you a new 4-H Club Leader with questions about how to get your club ready for fair? Been a leader for years, but wondering how to branch into more project areas or get more volunteers?

Join us on January 27th at 6:00pm at LESA for a Livingston County 4-H Question and Answer workshop. 4-H Staff and some of our most experienced volunteers will there to help answer questions and share references and tips to help strengthen your 4-H club.

How do I get more volunteers to help? We have a county awards program? What’s so important about May 1st? What is a Livestock Judging Team?
Livingston County 4-H received a generous donation of various craft supplies from Joann Fabrics and Crafts. The items are listed below. They are available FOR FREE to any 4-H Club or project leader etc. The supplies are perfect for 4-H projects and workshops. The only stipulation is that the projects made using the supplies may not be sold. Items may be picked up at the Extension office on a first-come, first served basis, so HURRY 😊

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Local Land & Animals offered to 4-H children!

Land and animals are being offered to 4-H children from the Einfeldt family. The land and animals are located in Howell near M59 and Marr road.

The home sits on 10 acres. Currently there are 5 goats (2 Billy/Nigerian, 1 Tennessee fainting goat, 2 Nigerian dwarfs) a calf whom is about 5-6 mos. old, one horse and one pony, 30 chickens, 12 baby turkeys, two dogs and some cats. 6+ acres are also available if a place is needed to keep animals. Animals may also be kept with the Einfeldt families.

There is no charge for any of this! The family is offering the land and animals to help 4-H kids. Feed is needed for their own animals if brought to our farm.

If you need other information, please reply to Stacey Einfeldt 313-739-9575 (cell phone) or via email staceylynnlafata2013@gmail.com

Are you available or interested in working with a pony to help keep him healthy? Perfect! Dancer, a 7 year old draft pony, needs just that! "Delightful 13 hand draft pony needs a pal to work with him in the round pen. He’s currently on pasture grass and getting fatter by the minute which means he could founder. He’s Green Broke and needs someone to also ride him. Lots of fun and opportunities working with Dancer! Located near Briarwood in Ann Arbor

Please contact Mrs. Phyll Perry if you are interested in her pony. (734)973-8699 pepstar27@yahoo.com

This pony is not currently for sale, but may be for lease if someone is interested.
Runway Repurposed is Coming Soon!

This is a great opportunity for aspiring designers!

The eighth annual Runway Repurposed contestant registration will be held at the Howell Opera House, 123 W. Grand River Ave., from 4-8 p.m. January 11-13.

The fashion-is-art competition is a major fundraiser for the Livingston Arts Council that combines the art of fashion design with the use of recycled clothing.

All ages are welcome to register for the eco-friendly program in one of the designer categories: young beginner, student beginner, adult beginner, advanced and avant garde.

Potential designers choose clothing and materials at registration from a collection of several hundred donated pieces to recreate a new, original garment to showcase on the runway event Feb. 21 at Crystal Gardens banquet center in Genoa Township. The finished garments are judged and prizes and trophies are awarded in each category. Cash prizes will be awarded only to the first-, second- and third-place advanced designer winners.

For more information, contact the Howell Opera House at 517-540-0065 or visit the Runway Repurposed Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RunwayRepurposed or www.howelloperahouse.com.

Attention Teen Leaders!

We’re looking for ten (10) 4-H teen leaders to lead the Commodity Carnival activity at the Women’s basketball game on January 16th.

They will need to order a ticket through their county. There are t-shirts for the teen volunteers.

Contact Sarah if
4-H State Awards

Application Preparation Workshop

Who: 4-H members ages 13-19
What: Workshop to help members begin putting together their 4-H State Awards application
Where: Saginaw, Sanilac, Washtenaw
When: 12/30/15 10am-2pm, 1/9/16 10am-2pm, 1/17/16 1-5pm
Register: http://events.snr.msu.edu/StateAwardsWorkshop/
$10 (snacks will be provided)

Applications for Michigan 4-H State Awards are due February 1, 2016
Have you started your application yet?

- Review application questions and procedures
- Opportunity to brainstorm, outline, and begin writing application responses
- Peer support to proofread and review progress
- Network with other 4-H members

Please RSVP to attend this training at:
http://events.snr.msu.edu/StateAwardsWorkshop/
Questions about this workshop: contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-848-2913.
Michigan 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Meet new friends and learn about livestock!
Nutrition & Feeding · Merchandizing · Management · Selection Careers · Team Building · Leadership Development

Who:
Youth age 13 and older (as of Jan. 1) and adult leaders interested in learning more about beef, sheep and/or swine.

Cost:
4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers: $58
Non 4-H Members and other interested adults: $105
Includes meals, lodging and resources. Rooming upgrades available during registration.

Persons canceling without a replacement, after Feb. 1, will be charged the $24 cancellation fee. Anyone who does not cancel in writing to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu, 48 hours before the workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Registration:
The deadline to register for this event is February 1, 2016.
To register, visit [http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/)

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Julie Thelen at (517) 432-1626. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

Feb. 20-21, 2016
Kettunen Center
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI 49688

Support for this event is provided by GreenStone Farm Credit Services and Michigan Pork Producers Association.
Michigan 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Dive into veterinary science with Veterinarians & MSU Veterinary Students!

Case Studies • Biosecurity • Birthing Difficulties • Animal Care
International Studies • Equine • Genetics • Careers • And More

Who:
Youth age 13 and older (as of Jan. 1) and adult leaders interested in veterinary science.

Cost:
4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers: $58
Non 4-H Members and other interested adults: $105
Includes meals, lodging and resources. Rooming upgrades available during registration.

Persons canceling without a replacement, after Feb. 9, will be charged a $24 cancellation fee. Anyone who does not cancel in writing to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu 48 hours before the workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Registration:
The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 7, 2016.
To register, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Julie Thelen at (517) 432-1626. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

Feb. 19-20, 2016
Kettunen Center,
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI 49688

Support for this event is provided by GreenStone Farm Credit Services.
Job Description

4-H teen volunteers are being sought to help meet the challenge of feeding the world!! Three teens will be selected to lead the implementation of the “4-H Ag Innovators Experience” program in Michigan, which will reach 1250 youth in 2016. The Ag Innovators Experience program promotes career exploration in the agriculture and STEM career clusters through a hands-on science activity.

Location

The primary location for this volunteer role will be in Michigan; however there will be training meetings in Washington, D.C. and Tustin, Michigan as well as potential program delivery events throughout Michigan.

Schedule

Selected teens must be available to attend all scheduled events

- Training: March 12-13, 2016 Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan
- Planning Conference Calls-monthly (February-August)
- 4-H Exploration Days: June 22-24, 2016
- Program Implementation: various events (schools, 4-H clubs, camps, etc)
  - March-July

**Please note—training and travel expenses for all events will be paid. Transportation related to participation in all trainings, events, and activities is the responsibility of the teen volunteer’s family. Mileage reimbursement for training and related travel expenses will be provided.**

Responsibilities

- Provide leadership to build a team of 30 teen volunteers who will reach 1250 youth in Michigan with the Ag Innovators Experience “Honey Bee Challenge” activity
- Attend national training to learn “Honey Bee Challenge” activity and prepare Michigan 4-H teens to teach the activity at Kettunen Center training for local program delivery
- Identify local audiences where you will teach the activity
- Assist with collection of program evaluations from youth participants
- Educate youth about career opportunities in agriculture and STEM fields; promote a positive college-going culture

Qualifications

- Current Michigan 4-H member ages 14-19
- Desire to pursue higher education and/or career in agriculture or STEM fields
- Skills: Leadership, communication, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, critical thinking, organization
Michigan 4-H Youth Development
Ag Innovators Experience
State Leadership Team
Teen Volunteer Application

Name: __________________________________   4-H Age ____ Years in 4-H ____

Address, City, State, ZIP: ______________________________________________________

Primary Phone: ____________________________ Other number: ______________

Email address: ____________________________________________________________

County of 4-H membership ____________________________

Please answer the following questions using no more than 2 pages total for your application and all responses (do not include job description page in your response). Completed applications must be returned to Betty Jo Krosnicki by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016 at nashbett@msu.edu.

What are your career goals? How do you intend to reach your goals? Provide evidence of your leadership abilities. What does teamwork mean to you? How do you think team members should hold each other accountable? Give an example of a project where you have demonstrated responsibility. Describe a time that things did not go as you had planned. How did you handle the situation? Explain a situation when you had to ask someone for help. Why do you want to apply for the State Leadership Team teen leader position? What do you hope to gain from this experience? What do you feel you have to offer to this position? Please provide name and contact information (phone and email) of 2 references:

Please read and sign your application with a parent/guardian. Permission forms for travel and Media/Medical forms for participation will be required at a later date. I understand that if I am selected for this volunteer leadership role that I am responsible for attending all of the training and program implementation activities identified in the job description. Training and travel expenses will be paid and/or reimbursed for teen volunteers. Teen volunteer family may need to secure own in-state transportation, with mileage reimbursed.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Date: ________________
LIVE from Lansing… It's Capitol Experience

Now in event news… registration information!

Event dates: March 20th at 1:00pm until March 23rd at 3:00pm

Link: http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex/

Cost: $315.00 for 4-H or MFB youth members, $325.00 for non 4-H or MFB youth

Full Registration Payment due: February 12, 2016

note: registered participants who have not paid in full by 02/12/16 will be subject to cancellation to make space for waitlist participants

Scholarships:

MI 4-H application:

Due by Jan. 8, 2016  Michigan Farm Bureau: check with your local MFB office to see if scholarships are available

New this year:

CE has an e-mail! 4hCapitolExperience@anr.msu.edu

• youth will select their issue group during registration (rather than being assigned by CE staff)
• all participants will visit both the state capitol and the supreme court
• we hope to have the schedule available via Yapp
• evening time will offer more specific fun, networking building activity options
• payment deadline is due before the event (see note above) - an additional payment reminder will be sent to county staff listing the youth from their area that are registered, so payments can be added to events management before the deadline

• We're extending the program until 3:00pm on Wednesday 03/23/16

4-Hers currently enrolled in 4-H online do not have to fill out another media/medical/conduct form. They only have to send in their parent permission form: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/Capitol_Experience/CE_Parent_Permission_Form_2016.pdf
Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience
March 20–23, 2016

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing a current issue area (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan’s Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities — now and in the future.

Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will choose an issue area to learn more about and will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue that will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Community Health
- Corrections
- Education
- Environmental Quality
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Military & Veterans
- Natural Resources
- State Police
- Transportation

Location, Registration & Cost

The University Quality Inn of Lansing provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court and surrounding areas.

$315 Current 4-H and MFB members
$325 Non 4-H or MFB members
(Scholarships are available)

The registration fee includes all meals, lodging and material fees.

Registration deadline: February 5, 2016
Register at events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex

For more information visit
4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience

Presented in part by
STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

Contests:
- Quiz Bowl
- Breed Judging
- Skill-a-thon
- Illustrated talk
- Problem Solving
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Cookery & Foods
- Arts & Crafts

Cost:
$5 per participant, $3 per contest

Age Requirements:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2016.
Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

Find out more...
For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270.
Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

To Register visit
http://events.anr.msu.edu/goatexpo/

April 16, 2016
Michigan State University, Anthony Hall
East Lansing, MI

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.
Explore the exciting field of animal and veterinary science with one of MSU Extension’s premier pre-college programs! Practice veterinary medicine, research zoonotic conditions and discover careers!

4-H Animal & Veterinary Science campers will stay in a campus dorm and experience campus life, enjoying experiences such as:

- **Tours of on-campus clinics and labs** – Explore MSU’s Veterinary Medical Center and Diagnostics Center for Population and Animal Health. Learn and interact with MSU faculty and veterinary students.

- **Hands-on veterinary activities** – Try your hand at dissection, suturing, first aid, physical examinations, x-ray reading, animal handling and more.

- **Tours of campus farms and surrounding facilities** – Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the MSU Horse, Sheep, Dairy and Swine Farms. Learn about research done on the farms from farm managers and faculty members.

- **Case study evaluations** – Work your way through a veterinary science case study to determine the best course of treatment before presenting your case to experts.

The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is a collaborative program of MSU Extension, MSU Department of Animal Science and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

**June 27–July 1, 2016**

Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

**APPLY!**
Youth aged 13 to 16 can go to [http://4h.msue. msu.edu/events/4-h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_animal_and_veterinary_science_camp) to apply. Space is limited! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

Send your application to Julie Thelen at MSU Extension by April 1.

Questions? Call 517-432-1626 or email thelenju@msu.edu.

**LOW COST!**
The cost to attend this five-day camp is just **$350** and includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials.
Learn How to Keep Your Bird Flock Healthy and Safe!

Offered at various locations across the state, the workshops will provide information about avian influenza, disease transmission and prevention, and proven biosecurity measures that bird owners can implement. Poultry producers, owners of backyard flocks, 4-H members and volunteers, as well as anyone interested in poultry and biosecurity, are encouraged to attend.

Find more information about training dates and locations, as well as virtual connection options, on the web (http://bit.ly/1QseuH).

4-H Workshops

January 9-10, 2016: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HHorseConf2016
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 13: Michigan 4-H Embryology Program Coordinator and Volunteer Training
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=Embryology
Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

January 15-18: National Youth Summit on Agri-Science
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

January 30-31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://bit.ly/1Xc49Jo
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 5-6: 4-H/MQHA Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 13-14: Junior Master Gardener Workshop
Contact Dixie Sandborn (dixie@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

January 12, 2016: Student & Counselor Day
http://conta.cc/1XemCYt
The Lansing Center, Lansing

January 16, 2016: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 29-31: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 30: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events

Fairs are an important part of life for many 4-H’ers, but how did fairs begin? Who had the idea for a show of such sweeping proportions? Where, when and why did they start?

According to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions’ (IAFE) web article, History of Fairs (International Association, 2015), these events may have been held as early as 500 BC in the eastern Mediterranean. The IAFE bases this notion on the following quotation from Ezekiel 27:12: ‘Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the kinds of riches . . . they traded in thy fairs.’ These “periodic gatherings” brought together individuals involved in business, trade and production of commodities. As time marched on, such events spread into western Europe. Finally, entertainment was added to these get-togethers.

In the U.S., fairs grew from one man’s entrepreneurial idea. In 1784, a wealthy 26-year-old New York businessman, agriculturalist and banker, Elkanah Watson, purchased two merino sheep. As a farsighted entrepreneur, Watson saw the potential in breeding sheep whose wool was of a higher quality than that which could be obtained locally. This was especially true since the Revolutionary War had ended a year earlier and, at that time, “…many people in the United States were trying to rely less on England and English goods . . . .” (Michigan State 4-H Rabbit Fitting and Showing Curriculum Subcommittee, 2009, p. 17).

First, however, Watson had to excite his neighbors’ interest in his sheep. To do so, in 1807, he invited his neighbors to “meet him and the sheep” at Park Square in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he tied the sheep to a tree and gave a presentation (Oliver, 2011). Watson and his sheep received the enthusiastic reception for which he had hoped. In 1810 and 1811, this led Watson to (1) create an event, the Berkshire Cattle Show, at which animals were exhibited and prizes were paid for the best animals exhibited, and (2) organize the Berkshire Agricultural Society (Us-education.net, 2011). Watson continued helping communities organize their own agricultural societies and shows, thus earning himself the title, “Father of US agricultural fairs” (International Association, 2015).

Further, by the end of the nineteenth century, almost every state had one or more fairs or exhibitions. The “History of Fairs declares that the “core elements of those agricultural society events of the early 1800s – those early fairs – are at the heart” of today’s agricultural fairs, which now number more than 3,200 annually.

More information is available from: