Welcome!

In case you haven’t heard, we have added a full time staff member. Emily Hoover has officially joined the 4-H team here in Livingston County! Emily resides in Jackson but has been working in Washtenaw County for almost two years and has been enjoying getting to know volunteers and 4-Hers and the pride you take in the program.

Emily comes to us with a background in camp. She directed the equestrian program at a YMCA camp near Jackson for seven years before becoming a 4-H PC. When she is not working, she enjoys hanging out with her Australian Shepherd, Red and the best cat in the entire world: Millhouse. Stop by and introduce yourself when you can!

Upcoming dates
♦ Feb 7–7p Market Livestock
♦ Feb 7—6:30p Rabbit & Cavy Quizbowl team
♦ Feb 8—7p Small Animal
♦ Feb 13—7p Council
♦ Feb 27—7p Horse Committee

Just a reminder: Goat Quizbowl team will be meeting in the MSUE Classroom every Monday from 4p-5:15p until the Quizbowl in April.
Attention 4-H volunteers!

Are you involved in the 4-H market animal project area? Want to expand the market animal project area in your 4-H group to teach life skills around marketing, budgeting, communication, and entrepreneurship skills? If so, Michigan 4-H has a curriculum and training to support the work you do with youth! Through the Youth Business Guide to Success curriculum, youth will gain knowledge about marketing and advertising their products. Participants will also explore and practice production, management and distribution skills. In addition, it provides a venue to explore what it takes to be successful in business and view the world of animal science and agribusiness as a viable career option. Intended for 12-19 year olds, the Youth Business Guide to Success (YBGS) curriculum is very adaptable to 4-H and non-4-H audiences working with animals.

There are currently four trainings taking place across the state at a discounted rate.

CURRENT TRAINING DATES AVAILABLE:

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017
MSU Tollgate Education Conference Center
28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48377
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Registration fee - $25.00 (lunch not included)

Friday, Feb.24, 2017
Isabella County MSU Extension
200 N Main Street
Room 320 County Building
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Registration fee - $35 (includes lunch)

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Delta County MSU Extension
2840 College Ave
Escanaba, MI 49829
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Registration fee - $25

Saturday, March 25, 2017
Menominee County MSU Extension
South 904 Highway 41
Stephenson, MI 49887
9 a.m. - noon
Registration fee - $25

The price of registration includes a copy of the curriculum (a $40 value)! For more information or to register, go to: https://events.anr.msu.edu/YouthBusinessGuide

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Livingston County 4-H Hartland New and Used Tack Sale
Saturday, January 28, 2017
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hartland Educational Support Service Center
(Former Hartland High School)
9525 Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843

Sponsored by:
Livingston County 4-H Horse Leader’s Association

- Public invited to buy or sell.
- Space available: 6’x8’=$20 or 6’x16’=$30 Tables available $5 per table (additional fee)
  (Tables range from 5’-6’)
- Please obtain space for any kind of racks. These cannot be left in aisles.
- The fees are non-refundable.
- No dogs (except service dogs) allowed in building.
- No sale of pop or food allowed. Concessions will be open.

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RESERVE YOUR SPACE Make checks out to LCHLA and mail to:
LCHLA c/o MSU Extension
2300 E. Grand River Suite 111
Howell, MI 48843

Name or Group ____________________________________________ Contact Person ____________________________
Phone_____________________________ Email ____________________________

# 6x8 Space(s) ______ # 6x16 Space(s) ______ # of Table(s) ______ Tables range from 5’-6’ and are $5 each ______
Set-up begins at 8:00 a.m. Doors open to public at 10:00 a.m., no early sales or entry.
For more information, contact Paula at 517-404-4544 or eastvacs@yahoo.com. For another form see http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/livingston/livingston_county_4_h under 4-H programs.
Livingston County 4H Goat Quizbowl Team Invites You To Come & Learn

All About Worms!

On Tuesday, Jan. 31st, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where:
Kern Road Veterinary Clinic
105 Fowlerville Rd,
Fowlerville

Please e-mail at ges6of6@gmail.com if you are able to come, so we can set up enough chairs!

Come join us at Kern Road Vet Clinic as Dr. Erin Howard teaches
INTERESTED IN PLAYING POLO?

MICHIGAN STATE POLO CLUB CLINIC
*LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

LEARN TO SWING - TACK A PONY - POLO RULES - POLO RIDING - FOOT MALLET GAMES

MIN. AGE OF 10 YEARS OLD

GUARANTEED GIFT AND PRINTED PICTURE

CHECK IN AT 11 AM
CLOSED TOED SHOES REQUIRED

FEB 11, 2017
NOON - 3PM

MSU STUDENTS 30$ NON-STUDENT 45$

MSU VARSITY WILL BE PLAYING A CHUKKER AT 3PM

SIGN UP BY EMAILING MSUPOLO@MSU.EDU
SIGN UP FORM CAN BE FOUND AT MSU.EDU/MSUPOLO
CLINIC WILL BE AT 714 HOGSBACK RD. MASON, MI
Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience
March 19–22, 2017

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:
- Animal Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Community Health
- Education
- Environmental Quality
- Human Services
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement
- Military & Veterans
- Natural Resources
- Plant Agriculture
- Technology

Location, Registration & Cost
The Okemos Conference Center 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.

$350 4-H and Michigan Farm Bureau members
$360 Non members
(Scholarships are available)

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

Registration deadline: February 10, 2017
Register at events.anr.msu.edu

For more information visit
4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_capitol_experience
June 21-23, 2017
Michigan State University

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! About 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually.

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration deadlines, usually the end of April, but can vary by county, so check with your county MSU Extension office. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.

Activity Guide

The Activity Guide includes a campus map centerfold and lists where and when all sessions and other activities are being held during the event. Each participant receives a copy at check-in. The activity guide will be available mid-May.

Addresses for the MSU dorms
Akers Hall- 908 Akers Road, East Lansing 48825
Holmes Hall- 919 East Shaw Lane, East Lansing 48825
Hubbard Hall- 964 Hubbard Road, East Lansing 48825
McDonel Hall- 817 East Shaw Lane, East Lansing 48825

This MSU pre-college program is designed to:

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, team work, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- Foster ability to meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Increase college exploration and access to the Michigan State University campus and its resources.
- Develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.
- Give youth opportunities to try things that aren't available in their county.
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 26–30, 2017
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

APPLY!
Youth aged 13 to 16 can go to http://4h.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 3.
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.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

January 11: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=07369C4088BF0252
Bowers School Farm, Bloomfield Hills

January 13-15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference
Contact Karen Waite (kwaite@msu.edu)
Crowne Plaza, Lansing

January 28: *Youth Business Guide to Success . . . . . . Training*
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=7BB57C00B1B518BF
MSU Tollgate Education Conference Center, Novi

January 28-29: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=9AAB5C2C64F3FBF6
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 4-5: 4-H Winterfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_winterfest_2
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 17-18: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 18-19: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 25: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders’ Conference
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

Other 4-H Events

January 22: 4-H Day at the Breslin
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1
Jack Breslin Events Center, East Lansing

January 27-29: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/youth_events
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=548EEEDFD1D9C7F0
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 3-4: 4-H/MQHA Clinic Weekend
http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs
MSU Pavilion, Lansing

February 17-20: National Youth Summit on Healthy Living
http://4hcenter.org/tours_programs/national_youth_summit_series/#!healthy-living
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland
STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

A Valuable, Free Resource for 4-H’ers Thinking About Applying for a Michigan 4-H State Award

Have you – or someone you know – thought about applying for a Michigan 4-H State Award (http://bit.ly/2gPaLoU) but you have questions about the award and how to apply for it? If so, read on.

A 4-H State Award is the highest honor a 4-H member can receive in Michigan 4-H (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/4_h). Each year, hundreds of youth from across the state come together to compete for recognition in a project area that has helped them develop skills, leadership and citizenship. The deadline for the 2017 State Award application is February 1.

Why Have a Training?
To help 4-H leaders and teens learn about the award process, Michigan 4-H has organized free trainings around the state. This training will give an overview of the 4-H State Award Program, as well as go over the application and deadlines. It will also be a way for participants to ask questions and to know what to expect throughout the process.

Who Should Attend?
This training is for Michigan 4-H’ers who are 13 to 19 years old, as of January 1, 2017, and who are interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program. 4-H volunteers and parents are also welcome to attend.

When and Where Will the Workshops be Held?
The dates, times and locations of upcoming workshops are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, these trainings will last about an hour. Writing workshops are for 4-H’ers who would like help writing their applications.

- **January 7**, 10 am (writing workshop)
  Monroe MSU Extension Office, 963 South Raisinville Road, Monroe
- **January 10**, 6 to 7 pm
  Lapeer County MSU Extension Office, 1800 Imlay City Road, Lapeer
- **January 14**, 9 am
  Newaygo County MSU Extension Office, Suite 206, 5479 W 72nd Street, Fremont
- **January 17**, 6 to 8 pm
  Emmet County MSU Extension Office, Suite D, 3434 Harbor -Petoskey Road, Harbor Springs
- **January 22**, 2 pm (writing workshop)
  Monroe MSU Extension Office, 963 South Raisinville Road, Monroe

How Can Someone Register?
Registration for these trainings is available on the web (http://bit.ly/2h07dxG).

More information is available from:
- Betty Jo Krosnicki (nashbett@msu.edu)
- Your local MSU Extension county 4-H staff (http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county)