Happy Spring

Hey everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your spring break and looking forward to a great spring.

We are in full swing here in the office. We have a ton of new opportunities and spin clubs coming your way. We are working on getting Graduation Cords into all of the schools for the seniors’ graduation ceremonies.

We will be having Leader Update meetings in the first part of May. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Colleen Wallace
Program Coordinator

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

April 3: Horse Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds
April 6: Livestock Judging 2:00 p.m. at MSU Pavilion
April 9: Small Animals Committee 7:00 p.m. @ Extension Office
April 9: Spring Fair Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Benchwarmers in Sandusky
April 10: Foods Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 14: Cupcake 102 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
April 16: Shooting Sports Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Extension Office
April 17: Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Extension Office
April 19: Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Extension Office
April 20: PQA Workshop
April 20-21 Thumb Jackpot Beef Show at Oakland County
April 21: Clover bud Camp 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
April 23: Fair board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
April 27-29 Shooting Sports Instructor Training at Kettun Center
April 28: Warm and Fuzzy Horse Show
May 1: Spring Fair Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Extension Office
May 1: Horse Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
May 1: All Horse Paperwork Due in the Office or Postmarked
May 2– 3: LEADER UPDATE MEETINGS AT FAIRGROUNDS

To view the county calendar go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/sanilac/sanilac_4_h_newsletters
4-H Events and Workshops

April 14: 4-H Night at the MSU Observatory
*Michigan State University Observatory, East Lansing*
Engage in hands-on, space-related activities at this free event (weather permitting).
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_night_at_the_msu_observatory](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_night_at_the_msu_observatory)

April 14: State 4-H Goat Expo
*Anthony Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing*
The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for young people who are interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat (caprine) industry.
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_goat_expo1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/state_4_h_goat_expo1)

April 14: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show
*Michigan State University Pavilion, East Lansing*
This warm-up, no-placings horse show/clinic is the perfect opportunity to receive valuable feedback at the start of a new show season.
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4_h_hairy_horse_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/norma_agnew_memorial_4_h_hairy_horse_show)

April 17: Pork Quality Assurance Workshop
*Alma Public Library, Alma*
This educational session will teach 4-H members about caring for their swine projects. Registration due April 15.
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/pork_quality_assurance_workshop_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/pork_quality_assurance_workshop_1)

April 20: Starting and Sustaining a School Garden
*Michigan State University Extension Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi*
Learn the steps to design, build and maintain a school garden.
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/starting_and_sustaining_a_school_garden_tollgate_2016](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/starting_and_sustaining_a_school_garden_tollgate_2016)

April 20: Mad City Money—Budget Simulation for Teens
*True Covenant Church, River Rouge*
Participate in this two-hour, hands-on simulation to learn about money in the real world. Registration due April 15.
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/mad_city_money_budget_simulation_for_teens](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/mad_city_money_budget_simulation_for_teens)

April 27-29: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor’s Certification Workshop
*Kettunen Center, Tustin*
Learn about Michigan 4-H shooting sports’ mission, policy, risk management, and more to become certified to offer live-fire, on-range shooting and archery experiences. Register by April 8.
[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_shooting_sports_adult_teen_instructors_certification_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_shooting_sports_adult_teen_instructors_certification_workshop)

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events).
April kicks off 4-H True Leaders in Service activation

Throughout the month of April, Michigan 4-H members, parents and volunteers are encouraged to pledge their hands to larger service by taking part in the annual 4-H True Leaders in Service initiative. This nationwide endeavor will connect 4-H’ers with their community as they lend a helping hand to those in need. The month-long service activation will officially kick-off April 1 and will finish with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28.

Last year, nearly 7,000 youth and adults across the nation volunteered during the month of service, through nearly 400 registered projects. These individuals impacted approximately 65,000 people within their communities.

Make plans now to take part and host a service project of your own! There are lot of great ways to get involved, from donation drives to neighborhood cleanups! Visit www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service to learn more, access a planning guide, and register your project.

Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge

Every day, 4-H’ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. 4-H members are not afraid of a challenge, and in fact, they are known to seek out challenges they can help solve with their knowledge, leadership skills and fierce resolve.

This April, Michigan 4-H members are challenged to take on one of the most significant and widespread problems currently facing our nation: incivility. 4-H members can help revive civility across the state by taking the Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge.

The challenge helps youth engage their families, peers and communities in conversation around civil dialogue while doing something they are already experts at: talking and texting! Taking part is just three simple steps: first, organize a group of three to five individuals and text CIVILITY to 89800. Next, with help from a series of text messages, have a one-hour conversation about civility to learn what it is, the importance of it, and how to incorporate it into everyday life. After learning about civility, take a picture of your group and post it on social media to keep the challenge going!

The Michigan 4-H Text, Talk, Revive Civility Challenge is part MSU Extension’s celebration of the True Leaders in Service initiative. To learn more about True Leaders in service or to register your civility conversation as a service project, visit www.4-H.org/true-leaders-in-service.

To learn more about the challenge, visit msue.anr.msu.edu/news/will_you_accept_the_2018_michigan_4-h_text_talk_revive_civility_challenge.

Emerald Clover Society open for nominations!

Do you know an outstanding Michigan 4-H alumnus? Nominate them for the Michigan 4-H alumni hall of fame - the 4-H Emerald Clover Society!

The Society honors individuals who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities as adults.

Nominations are being accepted now for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society Class of 2018. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2018. For details and a nomination packet, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org.
Exploration Days

DATE & TIME:
June 20-22

LOCATION:
Campus of MSU

SOCIAL MEDIA:
https://
www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

DESCRIPTION:
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.

Here is the link to the course catalogs and registration.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

If you need help or would like a hard copy of the registration book, please stop by the Extension office today or call 810-648-2515

Deadline:
All registrations must be in by April 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Council and Large Animal Livestock Committee have provided scholarships and Council is providing buses.

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DATE & TIME: 
April 14, 2018 
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Sanilac County 
Extension Office 
171 Dawson St. 
Suite 3233 
Sandusky MI 48471

COST:
$5.00 for 4-Hers 
$25.00 for non 4-Hers

SOCIAL MEDIA:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/sanilac/sanilac_4_h_workshops_and_trainings

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
This event is for any 4-H youth 7-19 looking to work on their cake decorating skills. Please bring 6 cupcakes to decorate and practice different techniques on. Try to come up with some creative flavors for your cupcakes.

DESCRIPTION:
We are going to be working on doing different decorating techniques on cupcakes. We will be having a “Cupcake Wars” at Spring Fair and this is a great way to get started and to practice and learn different things.

HOW TO REGISTER
If you would like to register, please call 810-648-2515 and tell them you would like to register for the cupcake class. You must be registered by April 12th so we can have all of your supplies. Only 20 spots available

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DATE & TIME:
April 18, 2018
6-8 p.m.

LOCATION:
Thumb Veterinary Clinic
60 E. Miller Rd.
Sandusky MI 48471

COST:
Free for 4-Hers
$20.00 for non 4-Hers

SOCIAL MEDIA:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/sanilac/sanilac_4_h_workshops_and_trainings

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Any youth 9-19 that is interested in Veterinary Medicine.

DESCRIPTION:
We are going to start a new Vet Science Club. We will be meeting once a month and learning about all different topics relating to Vet Science.

For our first meeting, we are going to tour the clinic and get a behind the scenes look at what happens at the Vet’s office. We will also be discussing what the youth would like to learn about at future meetings.

HOW TO REGISTER
If you would like to register, please call 810-648-2515 and let Karen know that you would like to attend.

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Sanilac County 4-H is excited to announce, a livestock mentorship program! We will be pairing advanced showman with beginners by geographic area to help have the you have the best 4-H experience possible. The mentor will offer help through the entire project, from planning to purchase all the way through the fair.

If interested please call the office for more information, or to sign up at (810)648-2515.
Sanilac County 4-H is excited to announce a new mentorship program. We are going to match an experienced large animal livestock showman with an inexperienced member geographically to help the 4-Hers have the best fair week possible.

As a mentor, you will be available to assist with everything from picking out animals, training animals, and teaching showmanship skills, with the hope building a friendship that will last a lifetime.

If interested please call the office for more information, or to sign up at (810)648-2515.
Do you have experience showing livestock, and are interested in making an impact? Why not be a coach for Sanilac County 4-H Challenged Me Program?

Sanilac County 4-H is excited to announce the Challenged Me Club, a group geared towards involving 4-H youth with special needs and livestock. This year we are focusing on sheep and swine livestock projects. As a coach, you would be paired with another 4-H member with special needs. They would come to your house and you would coach them on how to take care of and show your animal. We will be holding a special show on Saturday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m. for all of the participants.

If interested in being a coach and helping with the 4-H Challenged Me Program please call the office for more information at (810)648-2515.
DATE & TIME:
April 21, 2018
10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

LOCATION:
Sanilac County Extension Office
171 Dawson St.
Suite 3233
Sandusky MI 48471

COST:
$5.00
$25.00 for non 4-Hers

SOCIAL MEDIA:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/
county/sanilac/
sanilac_4_h_workshops_and_trainings

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
We are looking for any and all 5-8 yr. olds who would like to have a fun day out with 4-H.

DESCRIPTION:
We are going to have a great day learning about a wide variety of things.
1. Beanie Babies and container gardening
2. Poultry and their care.
3. Making a healthy lunch
4. Soccer

HOW TO REGISTER
If you would like to register, please call 810-648-2515 and let Karen know that you would like to attend. You must be registered by April 15th. Only 20 spots available.

CONTACT:
If you have any additional questions please call Melissa at 810-404-5806

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