2017 is here!

Welcome to the New Year. I hope you all had a great year and I enjoyed working as your new 4-H Program Coordinator. I’m looking forward to a great year. In 2017. Be on the look out for some NEW 4-H opportunities this year.

Just a reminder to get yourself enrolled for the new year on 4-H Online, if you need help or instructions on how to do so please ask me for help (herschni@anr.msu.edu). Only 4-H Members (Cloverbuds—Age 19) and registered 4-H Volunteers need to be enrolled online. Thank you!

From January 20–26th I will be out of the office with no e0mail access, if you need assistance with anything 4-H related please call the main office phone. (989) 743-2251.

Sincerely,

Nikki Hersch
4-H Program Coordinator

Project Medal Brunch

The 2017 Project Medal Brunch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium. If you applied for a Project Medal or Scholarship please be on the watch for your invitation in the mail with RSVP information. We look forward to recognizing the 4-H youth for all of their accomplishments.
 Michigan 4-H 
Embryology Program 
Staff and Volunteer 
Training 

4-H Embryology offers youth the opportunity to learn about and observe the beginning stages of life in a unique way. This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN Clubs.

Objectives:
- Introduce the Beginning of Life Curriculum;
- Discuss best practices;
- Examine delivery methods; and
- Incubator set up, maintenance, and trouble shooting.

Cost:
$20.00 per person—includes all training materials, curriculum, resources and lunch

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

February 22, 2017
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Michigan State University Federal Credit Union
4825 Mt Hope Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823

The Michigan 4-H Embryology Program Staff and Volunteer training is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

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Registration Link: https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=B4D2D654CB6AAA94
The first 4-H Camp Counselor Meeting will be held on January 17th at 6 p.m. located at the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds Community Room. Applications are due at this meeting, if you would like to be a counselor and did not receive an application they will be on hand at this meeting or e-mail Nikki for a copy (herschni@anr.msu.edu). Come with Ideas for a Camp Theme, we will be voting on theme this day!

The new Zoonotic Disease Educational Toolkits are now available through the MSU Extension Office. Each kit contains three new Animal Science Anywhere lessons and the supplies for these lessons. The focus of these three lessons includes an introduction to One Health, influenza and careers relating to human and animal health. These lessons are intended to improve youth awareness and understanding associated with the possibilities of zoonotic disease transmission. Motivating youth to take precautions encourages them to develop life skills of personal safety and disease prevention. Stop by the office to pick up a kit for your club!

Congratulations to two of our Shiawassee 4-H Members! Wyatt Mazich was awarded with the 2016 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award and Rob Clements was chosen to be a member of the 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. Congrats to the both of you for your hard work!
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=548EEEDFD1D9C7E0
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
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)