4-H Treasurer Book Training

January 10, 2018
6:30—8:00 p.m.
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B

Registration by January 5, 2018 is required to prepare for snacks and materials. Use this online link to register—https://events.anr.msu.edu/Kalamazoo4HTreasurerTraining/

For more information please see—http://msue.anr.msu.eduuploads/234/95894/4H_Treasurer_Training_Kalamazoo.pdf
**Teen Club Informational Meeting**

The Kalamazoo County Interstate Exchange club will be having an informational meeting on January 19th at 6pm. The meeting will be held in Room C at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. The club is a two year commitment—one year the youth will travel to another state and one year their family will host youth from the other state. All members of the family (18 and above) will need to go through the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process. The club has been contacted by both Virginia and South Dakota to exchange with. Youth will help decide where they travel. Pizza and pop will be provided at the meeting. Please contact Deb Ellinger at 269-838-8193 or Veronica at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu with questions. RSVP is also requested so that we make sure to have enough refreshments for everyone.

**Kalamazoo County Beekeeping & Pollinator club**

The club has had their first meeting and the group decided to have their upcoming meetings the 4th Tuesday each month, 6:30PM. They will be meeting at the Great Lakes Bee Supply at 47 West Michigan, Galesburg, MI 49053. Some of the topics they will be covering:

- Beekeeping & other pollinators
- Native bees
- Crafts with bees wax
- Community service & entrepreneurial projects
- A pollinator garden will be built at the fairgrounds

Contact Writton Graham for more information — writton@greatlakesgeneralstore.com or at 269-615-7073
Kalamazoo County Project/Club News

Tri-United adopts a family for Christmas

Rabbit Project News:

Upcoming show opportunities:

- **January 6, 2018** Ingham County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show held in Mason, MI at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. This is an all breed show as well as a showmanship contest. Great way to get some practice in for fair!
- **January 27, 2018** MI State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show held in Lansing, MI at the MSU Livestock Pavillion. Open to all 4-Hr's. All breed show with great awards. No showmanship except for the Gold Clover participants from each county.

Market Project:
Watch for upcoming information and dates to be breeding for your roasters, they must be 6 months or younger for fair. You may breed your own or purchase them.

Remember to make sure your rabbits have unfrozen water as much as possible during the winter months. Winter is also an ideal time to work on educational projects for fair and get a head start!

Poultry Project News

Just because its cold and dark outside, it doesn't mean that we can't be planning for Spring. The next Poultry Project Meeting is on the calendar for Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 7pm in Room B of the Expo Center. Ann Hollister will have the sign-up lists for all of the Market Project chicks and poult's with the order deadlines and pick-up dates. Spring is just around the corner and now is the time to start planning what projects you want to tackle for this year's fair. We will review chick needs and brooder set-ups. It would be fun for all of the families to bring pictures of your brooder and coop set up for us all to see and discuss. Winter would be a good time to search the web for chicken costume ideas, too.

The chicks that we ordered from McMurray Hatchery will be arriving on the week of Feb. 19th, so start collecting the things that you will need for their brooder and be ready. I love to use a 10 gallon aquarium---that way we can watch the chicks. Much more entertaining than fish! If you have any ??? give Jackie a call at 629-9664 or Ann at 685-2301.
4-H Mark of Excellence Award

It’s that time of year to start thinking of applying for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. The “Mark of Excellence Award” is a recognition opportunity designed for 11 & 12 year old 4-H members. Each county can select two essays as winners, the winners will receive a certificate and a medal. Participants are encouraged to attend 4-H Exploration Days in June.

To participate, each member writes a 500 word essay titled “Because of 4-H I can...” All essays must be submitted to the county MSU Extension office by February 1. Additional information about the award can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.eduprogram/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program. Please let the 4-H staff know if you have further questions.

Grandparents University – Scholarship Opportunity

Grandparents University will be held June 26-28, 2018. This intergenerational program provides an opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren (ages 8-12) to come together for a three-day educational experience, while spending time together on the Michigan State University campus.

Participants of Grandparents University enjoy the whole college experience of living in the residence halls, attending classes across campus and sampling the many highlights of MSU. Grandparents University gives alumni a chance to relive their college days while exploring campus and creating lifelong memories with their grandchildren.

There are a limited number of scholarships available due to the generosity of previous participants. Scholarship applications are due no later than January 8, 2018. Scholarships cover the registration rates for one adult and one child, including:

- Four special Grandparents University classes and related materials
- Two nights lodging in Holmes or Akers Hall
- Unique evening programs
- Seven meals in MSU's award-winning dining services (Tuesday lunch through Thursday lunch)
- Campus transportation
- A lifetime of memories

Scholarships do not include travel expenses or other costs incurred by participants.

To learn more, visit the Grandparents University website.
JoAnn Fabrics Partners with 4-H

Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to the National 4-H program.

To sign up for the card and to get more information please click on the following link—http://www.joann.com/4-h/. You can also download an app to your phone so that you don’t need to carry a separate card.

JoAnn’s Paper Clover Sales

Similar to the TSC paper clover sales there will be paper clover sale at JoAnn Fabrics from February 1-28, 2018. Individuals will be able to purchase either $1.00 clover or a $4.00 Valentine’s addition. With the $4.00 paper clover, the individual will receive a coupon for $4.00 off from their next purchase. Of the money raised through the paper clover sales, 70% will come back to the state and 30% will stay with National 4-H.

JoAnn’s In Store Service Project

On February 3, from 11am—2pm JoAnn Fabrics across the nation will be hosting an in store service project for youth to make Valentine’s Day Cards for a local organization. The stores will be providing a space to make a card and all of the supplies needed to make the card. There will be more information coming out so keep an eye out in your e-mail and our Facebook page.

JoAnn’s Clothing Construction Contest

This is a project in the works so some of the details aren’t ironed out yet, but wanted to get you thinking. Youth who are involved in the clothing construction project will have the opportunity to submit a picture of either themselves or a someone else modeling the clothing that they make. There will then be some voting and the top 5 entrants will be invited to a larger fashion show in April of 2019. Keep your eyes open for more details as they come out, but start thinking about and working on your clothing construction projects for the 2018 Kalamazoo County Family Fair.
Community Club Leaders:

- **4-H Friends**—David Newhouse, pastordavid.bumc@gmail.com, 847-263-8621
- **Aim to Achieve**—Lynn Buchkowski, lynnbuch1@frontier.com, 269-492-4485
- **Alamo Achievers**—Sheryl Vander Roest, vanderroest.ten@gmail.com, 269-383-3966
- **Climax Willing Workers**—Robin Peck, peck.robin@att.net, 269-823-2886
- **Fulton**—Rod DeVries, Jan Swihart—RDevries@shambaugh.com, 269-207-4288, swihartjm@att.net, 517-648-9353
- **Galesburg**—Jeff and Andrea McCubbin, jamccubbin@aol.com, 269-598-5231, 269-720-9051
- **Hickory Corners**—Emily McKee, emkate22@yahoo.com, 269-838-5499
- **Oshtemo**—Charles Hendrix, ossiginac@yahoo.com, 574-606-6064
- **Portage**—JulLea Stolsky, jstolsky@gmail.com, 269-544-0230
- **Richland**—Jan Thorn, jthorn3@juno.com, 269-671-4257
- **Schoolcraft**—Deb Duran, durande@bronsonhg.org, 269-679-2837
- **Scotts**—Laura Secrist, laura_secrist@yahoo.com, 269-806-3201
- **StrykeForce**—Mark and Tammy Wasserman, thewassermans@yahoo.com, 269-623-3080
- **Teen Club**—Deb Ellinger, ellinger3@gmail.com, 269-795-2570
- **Tri-United**—Chris Chase, christinamariechase@gmail.com, 269-629-4828
- **VB Wild Mustangs**—Julie Sheppard, jsheppard@shps.org, 269-521-3644

Project Superintendents:

- **Cats**—Michelle Preston, mdpreston1@sbcglobal.net, 269-568-5013
- **Dogs**—Amber Lemmer, freedom.rider.2007@gmail.com, 269-599-6566
- **Small Mammals, Cavies & Critters**—Andrea McCubbin, jamccubbin@aol.com, 269-598-5231

Kalamazoo County Poultry Project youth learning about candling, grading, showing and parts of an egg.
Project Superintendents:

Livestock

- **Beef**—Scott Myers, myerssc6@yahoo.com, 269-873-5856, Shelby Gibson, Shelby.l.gibson@wmich.edu, 269-743-9669
- **Carcass**—Kevin & Cindy Rose, kevintherose@aol.com, 269-317-3462, 269-209-0938
- **Dairy & Dairy Feeder Calves**—Sara VanDyk, jsvandyk02@sbcglobal.net, 269-720-7215
- **Dairy Feeder Calves**—Greg Baker, 269-535-0936
- **Goats**—Currently vacant
- **Horses**—Currently vacant
- **Mini Horses**—Ruth DeBoer, ruthdeboer@aol.com, 649-4877
- **Poultry**—Jackie Stasevich, stasevichj@aol.com, 269-366-8397 Ann Hollister, amrhollister@gmail.com, 269-370-4023
- **Rabbits**—Roxanne O’Neil, roxanne.oneil@gmail.com, 269-317-1925 Janelle Gray, grays3galsandaguy@gmail.com, 269-269-254-2411
  - **Rabbit Agility Project Leader**—Dani Holden, 270-1707
- **Sheep**—Alisha Gibson, gibsonam16@gmail.com, 269-873-5857
- **Swine**—Mick Swihart

Educational Projects:

- **Confections**—Karen Bailey, 375-4817
- **Textiles**—Jan Swihart, 312-0949
- **Floriculture & Vegetable Gardening**—Sally Wedel, 626-8937
- **Aerospace (quadcopter)**—Coming soon
- **Sewing, Personal appearance, Buymanship, Youth demonstrations**—Mary Wilkins, 269-501-1011

**Cloverbud Fun Day**

We would like to offer the cloverbuds a fun few hours of educational opportunities in the early spring. The date and time are still to be determined, but we are going to need some help pulling it all together. If you would like to offer a “station” that the youth can visit for 20-30 minutes please contact Veronica at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu and we will set up a planning meeting to iron out the details.
JOANN Fabrics & Crafts partners with 4-H

JOANN Fabrics and 4-H have formed a new partnership to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Through this partnership, they hope to empower more kids through experiences where they can grow valuable life skills and learn by doing, creating and making.

As part of the partnership, JOANN’s is providing a free rewards card to members of the 4-H community, including youth, parents, alumni, volunteers and supporters. Reward card holders receive 15 percent off the total cost of eligible in-store and online purchases; 2.5 percent of all rewards card purchases will be donated back to 4-H. To sign-up for your free rewards card, visit http://www.joann.com/4-h/ or download the JOANN’s app on your mobile device.

The popular craft store is also supporting 4-H through a 4-H Paper Clover campaign that will take place during the month of February. Visit your local JOANN’s store during this time to purchase either a $1 or $4 Paper Clover. One-hundred percent of the proceeds raised during the Paper Clover campaign will support 4-H with 70 percent of funds generated in Michigan being donated to the state 4-H program.

Michigan 4-H Healthy Living Challenge: 5-2-1-0 for Your Health

Michigan 4-H wants to help you jump start a healthier year in 2018 with the 4-H Healthy Living Challenge: 5-2-1-0 for Your Health! With 200,000 youth annually pledging their health to better living for their clubs, their communities, their country and their world, youth across Michigan are encouraged to join in this fun 4-H challenge that focuses on one of the four main pillars of 4-H: health!

To participate in the challenge, youth should strive for the following each day throughout the months of January and February:

- 5 servings of fruits and vegetables
- 2 hours or less of screen time (TVs, computers and tablets)
- 1 hour of physical activity
- 0 sweetened beverages (soda and juices)

To help you keep track of your progress, Michigan 4-H has created a helpful tracking sheet. Record your efforts each day and at the end of February, submit your form to your county 4-H program coordinator. All individuals who submit a tracking sheet will receive a healthy living prize!

For more information and to download your tracking sheet, visit http://bit.ly/2CKBlqW.

Updated
Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Guide for Members now available!

The Michigan 4-H Poultry Fitting and Showmanship Guide for Members has been updated and is perfect for both beginning and experienced showmen. This edition features colored photos depicting the methods of fitting and showing chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons. Scorecards are also included at the end of each species’ section.

Download your copy at msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_poultry_fitting_showmanship_members_guide_4h1520.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

January 6: 4-H Healthy Living Teen Ambassador Training
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Teen training designed for youth interested in healthy living programming and how they can make a difference in their community.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_healthy_living_teen_ambassador_training

February 7: 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Owosso
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.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training Shiawassee_county

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration will be opening soon.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration will be opening soon.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

Other 4-H Events

January 20: 4-H Day at the Breslin and Alumni Tip-Off Reception
Michigan State University, East Lansing
A full day of fun on MSU’s campus, whether you’re a 4-H alumni or a current member of the Michigan 4-H community.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_alumni_tip_off_reception
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1

January 27: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
This one-day event is open to participants aged 9 to 19 by Jan. 1 of the current year.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

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

Calling 4-H Alums:
Attend the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception!

On January 20, 4-H alumni from across the state will gather at the Varsity S Club on the second floor of Spartan Stadium to celebrate 4-H.
Alumni and their families will have the opportunity to enjoy snacks, take a photo with Sparty and meet other 4-H alumni before heading over to the 4-H Day at the Breslin game.
The 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception will be held from 1:30—3 p.m.
Registration for this free event is currently open at http://bit.ly/2zliKTx. Please register by January 12.
4-H State Awards

Did you know that your county’s 4-H members can be recognized statewide for their achievement and participation in a 4-H Project Area? The State 4-H Awards Program provides a way for your 4-H members to earn recognition and motivate them to achieve even higher goals! Plan on attending these webinars and invite 4-H participants who are 13 and older to participate also!

4-H State Award Teen Training  RECORDING of previous training:
https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/t/1_n5pkdcz2

Another training scheduled for:

4-H State Award Teen Training- Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 pm  Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: https://msu.zoom.us/j/847861226  Or join by phone:
+1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 US Toll  Meeting ID: 847 861 226

This training is geared to 4-H members that may be interested in applying for the 4-H State Awards Program and will give an overview of the State Award Program as well as go over the application and deadlines. It will also be a way for members to ask questions and know what to expect throughout the process. Staff can share this link with interested families, volunteers, and members. Staff can host a state awards meeting at either of these times and watch the zoom together. This can be a good way to develop relationships and help them get started.