Fall Achievement and Leader Recognition Awards Dinner

November 30, 6:30 PM

Fall Achievement is a time to recognize out 4-H members for their accomplishments during the past year. This year’s award celebration will be held in Room A at the Kalamazoo County Expo and Fairgrounds on Thursday November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

We have already passed the deadline to turn in your Member Award Record Books. The awards committee has met to review the materials they have received. Letters to award recipients will be mailed early in November. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet—celebrating with all of you.

The Tri-United 4-H Club is hosting a Poinsettia Fundraiser again this year. They will be selling red, pink or white ones starting November 12th. The cost will be $12.00 for 6 1/2" or $20.00 for 8". If you would like to order one please contact a member of the Tri-united club or email Pam VanDongen at pajmomof4@charter.net
Kalamazoo County Beekeeping Project Open House
December 4, 2017
7:00 PM
Great Lakes Bee Supply
47 West Michigan Ave.,
Galesburg, MI 49053

Come out and learn about our new and exciting 4-H program related to beekeeping. We’ll talk about why we need bees, what it will take to be a bee keeper, ideas about cooking with honey, related craft ideas, entrepreneur ideas, etc. Don’t want to house a hive at your home/farm—that’s ok. Many local farms are looking for hives for their farms and we can help make those contacts!

Contact Veronica at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu or Wrifton Graham at wrifton@greatlakesgeneralstore.com for more information. Please RSVP to Wrifton at the e-mail address above by December 1, 2017.

Join us as the Lady Spartans take on Indiana!

Save the Date!

You’re ALL invited to attend the 13th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women’s basketball game Saturday, January 20th, 2018.

Ticket Price: FREE for MSUE 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families!

MSU Sports Bag policy: There is a no–bag policy, similar to the one already in effect for football games. The means that all bags such as purses, large bags, camera and binocular cases, and other similar bags, are prohibited at all events at indoor athletic facilities, including the Breslin Center. For a list of prohibited items, please visit https://gameday.msu.edu/Policies.html.

Order your tickets starting
November 1, 2017—December 5, 2017
Michigan 4-H Day
at the
Breslin Center
January 20, 2018

What: Celebrate MSU Extension’s 4-H youth with the MSU Women’s Basketball team as they take on the Indiana Hoosiers.

When: January 20, 2018. Southwest Harrison Gate will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at 2:30 p.m. Game time is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

Cost: Tickets are FREE for the guests listed above. Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: FREE for school buses, all other buses are $20. Cars are $5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:
• Hear fellow 4-H’ers lead the 4-H pledge.
• Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
• Take photos with Sparty.

Get in the game!
Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:
msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_1
Contact your county MSU Extension office OR email Jane Love at lovejan@anr.msu.edu

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Poultry Project Update

Hi Peeps—

We have a meeting scheduled for **November 21st at 7pm in Room B of the Expo Center.** We are planning an EGG-STRAVAGANZA. That means we may get messy, but will learn lots about eggs and how to show them.

It is already time to think about what you want to bring to Fair 2018!!! We are going to be adding a new class to our barn---OTHER EXOTIC FOWL---this includes peafowl, quail and guinea fowl. If this interests you, start investigating these "different" birds. We will also be having a fun costume class for the birds. There are lots of ideas on the internet, so show us your creative streak.

If you are wanting to add to your flock -show or layers-by ordering chicks from a hatchery, you may want to be part of the poultry project group order. We will be placing an order with McMurray Hatchery the first week of December to get the varieties of chicks that we want. We must have a minimum group order of 25 chicks for them to ship but you may order as little as 3 birds of any variety. I need to know 1) bantam or large fowl 2)breed and color variety 3) male, female or straight run 4) how many of each. Check out the hatchery web site and get your selection to **Jackie at 629-9664 by the last week of November.**
Beef Project News

- First meeting is Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. in Room A at the Fairgrounds.
- The 2017 Winter Classic at MSU December 8-10, visit [http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/winterclassic.html](http://www.mijrlivestocksociety.com/winterclassic.html) for more information! Entry deadline is Monday, November 6, 2017

Cat Project News

The Cat Project is launching a new agility program centered around things that cats do naturally. Does your cat purr? Does it like toys and treats? Does it jump into bags or boxes? If so, then it is ready for *Catitude*, a game in which cats are asked to perform ten normal cat functions such as meowing, eating a treat, or walking over an object.

Join the Countywide Cat Project on December 8 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds (Room B), and find out about this new way to have fun with your cat.

Home tips:
- Use an empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords in. It keeps them neat and you can write what appliance it belongs to.
- To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes.
- To determine whether an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks it is fresh, if it floats throw it away.
Drone Club Meeting Update!

Do to issues around finding a location to house our new quadcopter racing program, the meeting for Nov. 4th has been canceled and all proceeding dates until further notice. If you HAVE sent a check, they are still in the office and have not been processed. The 4-H office will send out word once a location has been chosen and the program is ready to resume. Thank you for your patience and if you have any question/concerns please contact Anthony Frontiera at 269-383-8878 or via email at frontie9@anr.msu.edu

On Saturday, October 28th, the high school students from the Stryke Force 4-H First Robotics Club participated in a post season event at Zeeland High School. This tournament allowed the returning team members to show the new team members what a FIRST Robotics event is all about before the 2018 season kick off in January. The drive team, pit crew and scouting teams learned a lot all while having fun at the competition. They finished up the day in 1st place.

The middle school students' season kicked off in September and they have been working very hard building their robots over the past few weeks. They will be competing on November 18, 2017 at Marshall Middle School and again on December 2, 2017 at Coloma Community School. If they qualify, they will compete in the state competition on December 15th and 16th at Kellogg Arena.
November at a Glance:

November 1 — Re-enrollments due in 4-H Online registration system
November 2 — Oshtemo Club Mtg
November 3 — Derby car project, Fairgrounds Room B, 7pm
November 7 — Small mammal mtg, Fairgrounds Room B, 7pm
November 9 — Richland Club Mtg
November 12 — Scotts, Tri-United Club Mtgs
November 13 — Climax, Fulton, Galesburg, Schoolcraft Club Mtgs
November 14 — Alamo, Richland Club Mtgs
November 15 — LSA, Fairgrounds Room B, 7pm
November 16 — Beef, Room A; Dog Project mtgs, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7p.m.
November 17 — Rabbit agility, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:30pm
November 19 — Hickory Corners Club Mtg
November 20 — Dog Council, Panera Bread, West Main, 7p.m.
November 21 — Countywide Poultry mtg, Fairgrounds Room B, 7pm

**November 23-24 — Thanksgiving Holiday, MSUE Offices closed**

November 27 — Leaders’ Council, Room B; Cooper Cavaliers, Room A, Fairgrounds, 7p.m.
November 28 — Countywide Rabbit mtg, Fairgrounds Room B, 7pm
November 29 — Fair Council, Room C, Fairgrounds, 6:30p.m.
November 30 — Fall Achievement Awards Banquet, Room A, Fairgrounds, 6:30p.m.

For the most up-to-date county events listings, go to [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/95894/2017-2018_Calendar.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/95894/2017-2018_Calendar.pdf)
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, ellingerd3@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
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
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