School has started and even though it hasn’t felt like fall we are into the fall season. We have also started the enrolling/re-enrolling process for the 2017-2018 4-H program year.

We are into our second cycle of reenrolling using the 4-H database. Families will need to log into the 4-H online database at https://mi.4honline.com/. For new members there is a family guide to building the family profile and adding family members prior to logging in. This is a step by step guide to help make sure that all enrolled family members are entered correctly.

For families re-enrolling there is a guide for you also! On the homepage before you log in, it says 4-H online reenrollment process. If you need assistance finding the guide or logging in, please contact your community club leader or 4-H office for help.

Some reminders:

- Any youth 5-19 years old as of January 1, 2018 will be able to enroll in the program
- Adults who would like to be a volunteer will need to go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to working with youth
- Registration is $20 and payable to your community club
- Re-enrollment is due no later than November 1, 2017
- New members may join anytime during the year, but may not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2018
WE MOVED!

The MSU Extension office in Kalamazoo is no longer on Gull Road.

NEW OFFICE LOCATION
201 W. Kalamazoo Ave.
Suite 306

We are still unpacking our office and getting office equipment set up.

Your patience is appreciated during this transition!

Thank you!
Beef Project

Our first meeting will be November 16th, 7pm, Fairgrounds. This year it will be required that participants attend at least one meeting other than the mandatory meeting before fair.

Michigan Junior Livestock Society Winter Classic

2017 Winter Classic will be held December 8-10, 2017
Visit [http://mijrlivestocksociety.com/winterclassic.html](http://mijrlivestocksociety.com/winterclassic.html) for more information!

4-H FUN FACT!
4-H’ers Ride Physical Fitness Float in Inaugural Parade

President George H. W. Bush’s 1989 Inaugural Parade’s float by the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports featured members of a Washington, D.C. 4-H Club and the California Raisins. The California Raisins was a popular fictional musical group in the late 1980’s. 4-H is still popular!
Poultry Project News

We’ve started a new year in the Poultry Project and its going to be better than ever. The next county-wide meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm in Room B of the Expo Center. Sure hope that you can join us for a fun and informational meeting. Something to think about... is there any interest in showing ‘other birds’ such as guinea fowl, quail, and peacocks? Some other counties do it... we could too.

Some super fun poultry shows are just around the corner. The only open show held in Michigan is coming on Saturday, October 7th at Birch Run. There will be lots of great birds to see and buy, in addition to all of the breeders that just LOVE to talk about their birds. It is a great day trip for the whole family. Frankenmuth is nearby with delicious chicken dinner and bargain shopping at the big Birch Run outlet mall.

The biggest poultry show in the US is the Ohio National at the state fair grounds in Columbus. The best part of the show is on Saturday, November 11th. There will be literally thousands of birds showing and a HUGE sale area. Its a must see event--- don’t miss it.

For more info about any of this, call Jackie at 629-9664.
Donate $1 at Checkout and Contribute to Scholarships that send Michigan kids to 4-H Camps and other Leadership Experiences

During these dates, October 4-15th, 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at Tractor Supply Co. stores for $1 to support their local 4-H program. Of the proceeds, 65% is donated to the county 4-H program where the store resides, 5% to the state and 30% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

Paper Clover results are tracked by store nationwide. There are 79 TSC stores in 56 Michigan counties. Find a store near you at www.tractorsupply.com.

There are 2 stores in Kalamazoo, one on Gull Road and the other on Shaver Road. If you haven’t been there yet check one of these locations out. Items for sale at these locations include more than just items for local farms. They have clothing, yard and home decorations, lawn care equipment, pet supplies and so much more.

IN-STORE 4-H CLUB PARTICIPATION

Stores that have youth present in-store during Paper Clover earn up to 40% more revenue than those who do not! Clubs which participate in-store can enter an in-store participation sweepstakes so that they have an opportunity to win a $150 TSC gift card or a $100 4-H mall gift card! Visit http://www.tractorsupply.com/4h for sweepstakes details. Examples of in-store participation include: bake sales, demos, petting zoo, cook outs, public speaking and more!
**FALL ACHIEVEMENT & RECORD KEEPING WORKSHOPS**

Did you complete a 4-H member record book for the Kalamazoo County Youth fair in 2017? Make sure to turn it in by October 13th either at the new MSUE offices before 5pm or at the fairgrounds between 6 pm – 7pm on October 13th. Haven’t started a Member Record book? Want to learn why record keeping is a life skill worth working on? There will be a Member Record Book and Record Keeping Workshops available in the future—either countywide if there is enough interest or staff will come to club meetings if you would like to schedule one. Youth would need to bring your Project Record sheets that you completed for each fair project and any other Award Book pages you have already completed. Other member books and experienced members will be available for you gain knowledge from during this time. Learn how you can benefit from good record keeping!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP GIVE 4-H’ERS A PAT ON THE BACK?**

The Awards Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in Room C at the Fairgrounds. The Awards Committee helps the 4-H office to secure sponsors of awards, reviews award policies and procedures and honors members by reviewing Member Award Record Books and rewarding them with awards that they have applied for. Please contact the 4-H staff if you would like to volunteer for this committee (383-8867).
2017 State Shooting Sports Tournament—updated results

**Individual results:**

3D Beginner Sighted – Michaela Hendrix – 2nd place
3D Senior Open – Jordan Funk – 22nd
3D Junior Sighted – Annelise Hendrix – 1st place, State Champion
3D Senior Sighted – Josie Buchkowski, 2nd place; Chase Walters, 3rd place; Karley Hendrix 4th place; Renee Hendrix – 5th place.

**Team results:**

3D Open team – 15th
3D Sighted team – 1st place, State Champions
Annelise Hendrix, Karley Hendrix,
Josie Buchkowski, and Rennee Hendrix 2nd Place
3-D Archery Sighted

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**2017 National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum**

**November 2, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 PM (ET) - “STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders**

Build on the roots of 4-H as we STEM our way into agriculture and animal science for experienced and new 4-H’ers. Gain resources to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) leaders through traditional animal sciences project areas in communities. Volunteers will gain ideas for planning and organizing fun, educational sessions for youth.

**December 7, 2017 – 7:00-8:30 PM (ET) - Helping 4-H’ers Grow in Life & Work**

In 4-H, all youth can explore their future. Club meetings, events, camps, and after-school programs are places to develop life skills and expand their interests through 4-H. During this session volunteers will share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration. Caring adults can help all young people make decisions and create their own positive future.

RSVP to Veronica at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu by October 23 for the November training and November 23rd for the December training. The location is yet to be determined and will be based on the number of attendees.
FALL ACHIEVEMENT—November 30th at 6:30pm

Fall Achievement is a time to recognize our 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 6:00 p.m.

Turn in your Member Award Record Book by October 13 to be eligible for awards and trips. Books can be turned in at the MSU Extension office’s new location at 201 W. Kalamazo by 5pm. Can’t make it to the office, drop them off at the fairgrounds on October 13th between 6pm and 7pm. All 4-H members who have completed one year in 4-H are eligible for Fall Achievement awards and trips. To apply, members need to complete a nomination form and hand in their Member Award Record Book to the 4-H office. Please remember that these forms do need to be signed by your Community Club Leader before being turned in.

Apply for Award Trips

During our Fall Achievement Awards evening, many youth will be awarded with fun and educational trips that they get to help plan – please don’t be left behind – apply today.

9-11 year old Day trip: This is a trip that youth will get to help plan. They may choose to go to John Ball Park Zoo, Binder Park Zoo, Fredrick Meijer Gardens, Impressions 5 Science Center in Lansing, or one of any other local educational sites. This trip will be planned for Spring 2017.

10-11 year old Day trip: This is a trip that youth will get to help plan. They may choose to go to John Ball Park Zoo, Binder Park Zoo, Fredrick Meijer Gardens, Impressions 5 Science Center in Lansing, or one of any other local educational sites. This trip will be planned for Spring 2017.
**Capitol Experience:** This trip is for (6) 14 to 16 year olds. You'll go on a four day leadership experience in Lansing, that helps prepare youth for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 130 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Attendees will:

Understand the responsibilities of a citizen

Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities

Explore various careers in public policy

Attend bill writing session

Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government

You'll join 4-H teens from all over the state in the spring of 2018. Youth may participate in this annual event, but it is only awarded in odd years, with youth attending in even years. For more information on this trip please check out this website - [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_capitol_experience).

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF):** This trip is for (4) 15 to 19 year olds. 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) has been a part of the Michigan 4-H leadership and civic engagement programming for almost 50 years. CWF is a learning lab about our national government in Washington D.C., for young people between the ages of 14 and 19. This week long program is held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Md., (one mile outside of Washington, D.C.). Youth from Michigan typically attend the last week of June (following Exploration Days).

CWF provides opportunities for young people to:

Strengthen their communication, leadership and citizenship skills on a national level

Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders

Exchange ideas, practice respect and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.

Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington D.C.

While at CWF, youth take part in several educational workshops, meet with legislators, visit historic sites in and around D.C., and take home an action plan to conduct activities to improve their communities. Workshops help youth learn about the issues on the national level and discuss the different viewpoints of the issues with other CWF participants from all over the country. Other workshops help youth learn about bill writing and creating a strategy to passing the bill through consensus building, debate, lobbying and gathering support. Sites visited while in D.C. include all of the monuments and memorials, the U.S. Capitol, visits with their representatives and senators, and the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court. Tours of Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon and the National Cathedral are also taken as well as other tours on “Delegation Day” where groups can choose to visit places like the Smithsonian Institution.

You'll join 4-H teens from all over the state in the summer of 2018. Youth may participate in this annual event, but it is only awarded in odd years, with youth attending in even years. For more information on this trip please check out this website - [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/4-h_citizenship_washington_focus_hands-on_learning_at_the_nations_capitol](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/4-h_citizenship_washington_focus_hands-on_learning_at_the_nations_capitol).

Next year teens will be able to apply for the Overnight Awards Trip or the Chicago Awards Trip which are both awarded in even number years (November 2018). Youth help to plan both of these trips after they are awarded.
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

October 12: 4-H Club 201—Building Bridges
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building Bridges
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

November 8: Teen Leader and Officer Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_leader_officer_training
Missaukee County MSU Extension Office, Lake City

November 4: 4-H Club Leadership Workshop—Officer Roles and Bylaw Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_leadership_workshop_officer_roles_bylaw_training
Executive Office Building, Waterford Township

November 11: 4-H Club Officer Training
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training
Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

Other 4-H Events

October 4: MSU National Youth Science Day at the Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/msu_national_youth_science_day_at_the_childrens_gardens
Michigan 4-H Children’s Gardens, East Lansing

October 6: Wexford County 4-H Kids Cook Challenge
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/wexford_county_4_h_kids_cook_challenge
Wexford County Extension Office, Cadillac

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinkfest
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest
MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

October 12: 4-H National Youth Science Day Afterschool Program
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_national_youth_science_day_afterschool_program
Alcona Middle School, Lincoln

November 14: 4-H Robotic Series
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_robotics_series_1
Delta Township District Library, Lansing

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

4-H Equine Welfare Assessment Guide

Equine welfare science is an emerging discipline. The guide will help youth learn equine welfare principles as well as how to better care for their horses. It is designed to assist horse leaders in providing a way to teach and improve important skills for life such as clear oral communication, information gathering, analytical thinking and observation. There are also sample scenarios as a supplement to the welfare assessment.

Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_equine_welfare_assessment_4h1748 to find the guide and more information including the link to the sample scenarios.
Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to Michigan 4-H and the youth who participate in our programs, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. These awards are patterned after the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards and are designed to provide an opportunity to recognize Michigan 4-H volunteers on the state, regional and national level.

The two categories of awards include Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, for a current or former 4-H volunteer who has served 4-H’ers for ten or more years, and the Volunteer of the Year, for currently serving volunteers that have served for less than ten years at the county or state level.

Nominees are selected on the following criteria:

- Evidence of positive impact on the lives of 4-H youth.
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people in a way that promotes youth empowerment, decision making, problem solving, meeting challenges and mastery.
- Dedication to youth/adult partnerships and developing mentor-learner relationships.
- Evidence of a positive impact on the 4-H program.
- Innovative approaches to engaging new youth and increasing diversity among participants.
- Dedication to providing a safe and inclusive environment for youth.
- Innovative approaches to performing volunteer service, recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers, partnering with other youth-serving agencies, fundraising, providing other resources for 4-H, advocacy for 4-H, etc.
- Demonstrating a professional attitude, character and morals.
- Personal growth from being a 4-H volunteer.

Winners and honorable mentions from the pool of nominations will be announced in November of 2017 and will receive a personalized plaque. The most qualified candidates will be forwarded to the National 4-H Council for consideration for regional and national recognition. Those awards are announced in February 2018 and April 2018, respectively. The nomination process requires nominees (or their nominators) to work with their local 4-H program coordinator to complete a nomination form, a resume and assemble three letters of recommendation. If you are interested in nominating an outstanding volunteer in your community for the Michigan 4-H Salute to Excellence 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards, contact your local 4-H program coordinator. All nomination ma-