



Name of County

4-H Family News

SEPTEMBER 2017

4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



As we look forward to the changing seasons, school starting, sweatshirts and s'mores around the fall campfires, it is also time to start enrolling/re-enrolling for the 2017-2018 4-H program year.

We are into our second cycle of re-enrolling 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
- ◆ ◆ Enrollment fee is \$20 and is payable to your community club
- ◆ ◆ Re-enrollment is due no later than November 1, 2017
- ◆ ◆ New members may join anytime during the year, will not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2018

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MSU Extension office is moving

The MSU Extension office will be moving to its new location the week of September 25th. We will be housed at the Kalamazoo Administration Building, 201 W. Kalamazoo, Suite 306, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Please know that from September 25—October 4th internet and phone service for the MSU Extension offices may be interrupted or unavailable. The official move dates are September 27-29th, staff will have their offices packed up for moving on both September 25 & 26th. Please know that we will get back to you as soon as possible, but responses may be delayed.



Tribute to Our Volunteers

V aluable is the work you do,
O utstanding in how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
U ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.
N otable are the contributions you make,
T rustworthy in every project you take.
E ager to reach your every goal,
E ffective in the way you fulfill your role.
R eady with a smile like a shining star,
S pecial and wonderful - that's what you are!

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We want to take a minute to say thank you to all of our volunteers! We would not have the program we do without our wonderful volunteers. Youth and parents please remember to say thank you to our many volunteers as we are preparing for fair and ending the 2016-2017 programming year. Shake hands, mend fences if needed, hugs are always appreciated. I am so proud of each of you! You change many lives and teach skills that last a lifetime. Thank you for all you do in preparing the next generation of leaders!!!!

*Thank
You*

New Programming!

4-H Youth Drone Racing

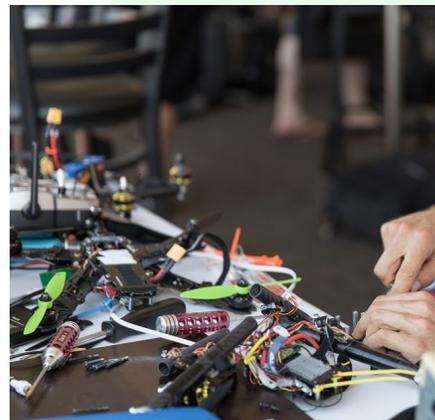
WHAT – 4-H Youth Quadcopter Racing Program (aka drone racing)

WHEN – Wednesday, September 20, 7:30– 9pm (meeting will last an hour with 30 minutes for Q&A)

WHERE – 3299 GULL Rd. KALAMAZOO, MI 49048 – WALNUT CONFERENCE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) Please be on time as the doors will be locked and staff will need to let you in.

WHY – This is an informational meeting to describe what the program will require of youth, as well as what types of activities and educational events will occur. This program is going to be a multi stage process and will be an event that competes at the 2018 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair. **The main focus of the program is to teach youth about the educational aspects of quadcopters including engineering, aerospace, and the marketability of youth to new careers.** Outside of the educational aspects, the youth will learn skills around flying unmanned aircraft which could possibly land them competing on ESPN in the current Drone Racing League. Please feel free to bring anyone you wish to the meeting, as well as any questions you might have and we will be happy to answer them.

WHO – Anthony Frontiera, Kalamazoo County 4-H Program Coordinator, has been working with the Kalamazoo Carbon Flyers, a local drone racing club, in order to bring one of the most unique youth activities to Kalamazoo County and possibly the State. We are looking for youth 9-19 who are interested in learning a variety of new skills through this program!



Building quadcopters

NOTE: due to this being on a school night, if youth or adults cannot make the meeting, please email Anthony Frontiera at fron-tie9@anr.msu.edu to receive information given at the meeting.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Kalamazoo County 4-H Livestock Auction successful! From the families who supported the youth's hard work and worked together helping their children to the 4-H volunteers, auctioneers and buyers—we couldn't do it without each of you!

Families and leaders help to encourage the kids to be responsible in caring for their animals—Just one of the great life skills that kids learn while participating in their projects.

Youth learn that there is a price to pay for caring for their animals—that price may be time—time away from tv, video games, sleep, other activities, etc. There is a sacrifice made through their passionate care of their projects, but they also learn that with hard work there is a pay-out.

Our buyers help to support the 4-H youth's future projects and financial goals. Many youth use the funds to purchase future project animals or stashing away for future purchases such as a car or college expenses. Financial management is another piece of the life skills puzzle that kids can learn after selling their animals at the auction!

Thank you to the truck drivers who drive the animals to Pease Packing. Thank to Pease Packing for slaughtering the animals and processing many of them. Thank you also to Galesburg Meat and Barrett's Smokehouse for processing the rest! Thank you to V & V Quality meats for distributing the processed poultry and rabbits.

Thank you to Post Credit Union for helping with the check in and out process and Fed Ex Office for printing our sale flyers!



Thank you everyone!

Carcass Project News

Meet the meat champions!

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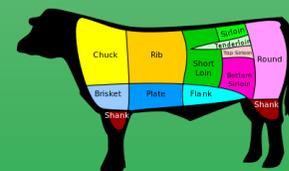
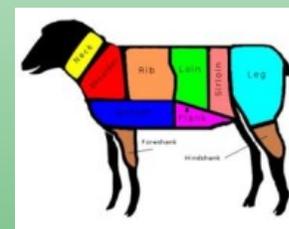
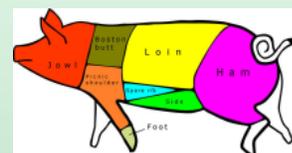
Judging for the Carcass Project happens the week before fair. On July 31st all the participants delivered their live animals to Pease Packing where we practiced live judging and predicted how the animals would place on the rail. On Wednesday, August 2nd, the judge gave us her official results and we got a chance to compare the carcasses in the cooler. Congratulations to our winners! And thanks to Pease Packing for hosting our contest.

It's not too early to be thinking about 2018 Fair since re-enrollment should be completed by November 1. Join the Carcass Program. Look for it under MEAT SCIENCE and add it to your list of projects.

Last year our education focus was on whole carcass evaluation; this year we will be focusing on retail cut identification. There are separate classes for Beef and Dairy Steers as well as classes for Swine, Sheep and Goats.

The Carcass Project meetings give 4-H members the opportunity to practice evaluation and reasoning, two skills they can use in many life situations--in and out of 4-H. Additionally, at the competition, members get to see the results of their animal-raising practices first-hand, just as packers and FDA inspectors would evaluate them.

We will not have a meeting in September, but you need to sign up on-line when re-enrolling. We will post the meeting schedule next month. If you have any questions, e-mail superintendents Cindy and Kevin Rose at kevintherose@aol.com.



Carcass Project News

Meet the meat champions!



Grand Champion Beef Carcass winner: Alyssa Gibson



Grand Champion

Dairy Steer Carcass winner: Bobby Gibson

Reserve Champion

Dairy Steer Carcass winner: Connor Gibson



Grand Champion

Swine Carcass winner: Sara Gray

Reserve Champion

Swine Carcass winner: Denis Harmon



Grand Champion

Lamb Carcass winner: Jeremiah Rose

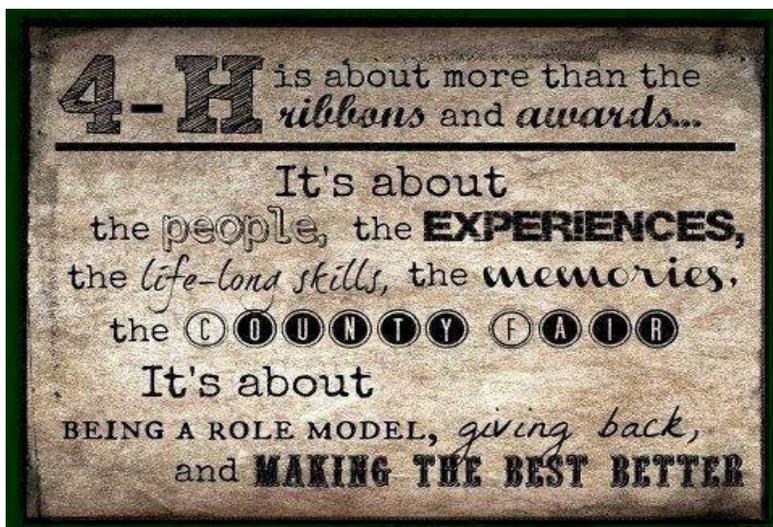
2017 State Shooting Sports Tournament

Individual Results:

Josie Buchkowski	1st Place	3-D Archery– Junior Sighted
Karley Hendrix	3rd Place	3-D Archery– Junior Sighted
Renee Hendrix	2nd Place	3-D Archery Senior Sighted
Chase Walters	3rd Place	3-D Archery Senior Sighted

Team Results:

Hannah Funk, Chase Walters, Michaela Hendrix, and Chloe Wilcox	4th Place	3-D Archery Open
Annelise Hendrix, Karley Hendrix, Josie Buchkowski, and Renee Hendrix	2nd Place	3-D Archery Sighted



Sportsperson of the Year Award

We are excited to remind everyone that in 2017, [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#) will be awarding a [Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award](#). If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the [nomination form](#) by Oct. 1, 2017. Summer is a busy time with lots of opportunities for youth and adults to show sportsmanship. Let's recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H Program going above and beyond.

VOLUNTEER WITH 4-H

Michigan 4-H depends on the caring adult volunteers who are willing to offer their time and talents to make a difference. If you have already completed the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) and are serving as a screened adult volunteer—THANK YOU! If you have thought about sharing your gifts and talents with youth in our community there is a place for you and youth who would benefit from your knowledge. We're always looking for volunteers to share their talents—parents, grandparents, neighbors, community members, etc.

ADULT VOLUNTEER TYPES:

Administrative Leader—Individuals who have complete VSP and provide overall leadership to a club or group. They are responsible for the organization of the project groups within the club or group. They may also be known as General or Club Leader.

Project Leader—Individuals who have completed VSP and provide on-going leadership to a project within a club or group. It is possible for a club to have more than one project leader per project. These volunteer leaders provide support to members enrolled in specific projects. For example a project leader may have 4-8 youth from their community club that they meet with to work on a cooking project once a month depending on the volunteer's schedule.

Activity leader—Individuals who have completed VSP and provide leadership or assist with an activity or variety of activities in the 4-H program. They may work independently or with a club, council, group or committee to carry out an activity.

Resource Volunteer—Individuals who have completed VSP and serviced as a resource for the 4-H program. They may provide leadership for a single learning experience, short-term learning experience or be utilized as needed for their expertise.

Mentor—Individuals who have completed VSP and serve as a designated mentor. 4-H mentors are matched with one to four youth for the purpose of developing a long-term mentoring relationship. This includes those who volunteer with 4-H Tech Wizards, one-on-one mentoring programs and other small group mentoring efforts.

Episodic Volunteers—Individuals who have NOT completed the VSP process but assist the 4-H program through their efforts. These may include instructors, judges, committee members, industry representatives, etc. These individuals may not serve as chaperones or be left unattended with members.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER TYPES

Club Officer—Youth 4-H members who serve as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or reporter of their 4-H club.

Teen Leader—Youth between the ages of 13-19 years old who, in cooperation with 4-H staff and their administrative or project leader, are learning and developing leadership skills through various 4-H activities and projects.

For more information on becoming a 4-H volunteer, please contact the 4-H office or see our website at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/kalamazoo/4_h_forms_and_click_on_the_Volunteer_Selection_Process_tab.



“...the skill of self-sufficiency that has been developed with the help of being a 4-H member has now been carried over into my everyday life.”

Autumn Dietrich

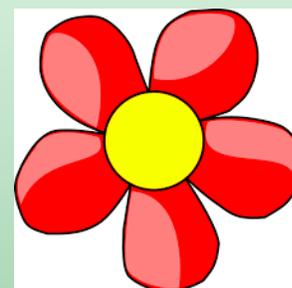
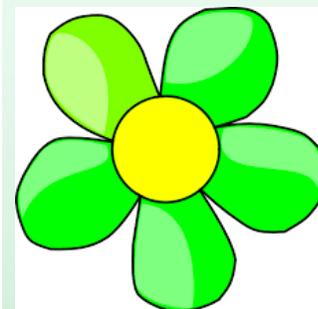
TSC Paper Clover Promotion – Wed., October 4 through Sun., October 15

From 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. Both of our local TSC stores would like to have 4-H events during that week. Statistics show that if there are 4-H events going on in the stores that people are more willing to purchase the clovers—therefore supporting the 4-H program in our county.

HOW ARE THE FUNDS USED?

- **Funds must be used as scholarships to send 4-H members to 4-H camps or leadership experiences.**
- 70% is donated to the county program
- 10% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops
- 5% to the State 4-H Office
- 5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation
- 10% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

Please let your 4-H volunteers, members and local supporters know of this opportunity to support your county 4-H program! Remember—there are two TSC stores in Kalamazoo, one on Gull Rd. and the other on Shaver Rd. If you purchase your clovers at either of these stores



4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development. In all these things

I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

2017 KALAMAZOO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR



A little horse love!



Performing arts, demonstrations & fashion review were held on Monday night.



Building friendships!



The beef project members and superintendents pose in front of their barn.

**EAT,
SLEEP,
4-H,
REPEAT.**



2017 KALAMAZOO COUNTY YOUTH FAIR



Educational/Still projects



Dunk tank fun before fair!

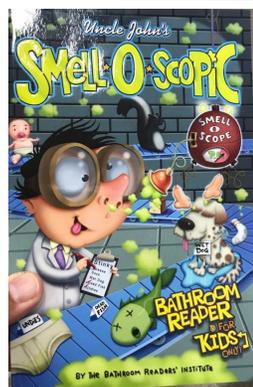


Top showmanship contest

Milk drinking contest is more than just drinking milk—you have to remember your manners.



Rabbit show



Sharing the baby ducks at the duck slide

One of the brand new books given out by the MSU Extension—
Kalamazoo 4-H office

MICHIGAN 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

**Meet new friends and learn about rabbits,
cavies, and poultry!**

Nutrition · Production · Management · Animal Care
Marketing · Health · Evaluation · Genetics

Who:

4-H members age 11-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in rabbits, cavies and poultry. Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Cost:

\$73 for members and volunteers; \$135.65 for non-members. Includes meals, lodging and resources. Scholarships may be available for County 4-H members—ask your county staff!

Registration:

The deadline to register for this event is September 13, 2017. To register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/smallanimalsworkshop/>

Find out more...

Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

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**September 23-24,
2017**

Kettunen Center

Support for this event is
provided by the Michigan
4-H Foundation.

Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop



This workshop will be held at **Kettunen Center** (<http://bit.ly/2lHuDdk>) on **September 23-24, 2017**. 4-H adult leaders and members (11 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2017 and older) interested in rabbits, cavy and/or poultry projects are encouraged to attend to:

- Gain fun, hands-on experience.
- Learn new ideas for projects and other fun activities.
- Explore science-based information in rabbit, cavy and poultry management.
- Enhance knowledge and skill in the rabbits, cavy and/or poultry project areas.
- Share ideas with others from around the state.

Visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop to register by September 13.

4-H Workshops

September 12: Social Media for 4-H Club Leaders

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4_h_club_leaders

Webinar

September 23-24: Michigan 4-H Small Animals Workshop

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_small_animals_workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 12 : 4-H Club 201: Building Bridges

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_201_building_bridges_1

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

October 12: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/>

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Delta County MSU Extension Office, Escanaba

October 20: NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/>

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Mid-Michigan Community College, Mt. Pleasant

November 8 : NEFE High School Financial Planning Program Instructor Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/>

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St Clair County Administration Building, Port Huron

Other 4-H Events

September 23: Dickinson Outdoor Extravaganza

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/dickinson_outdoor_extravaganza

Cowboy Lake Park, Kingsford

September 26: Sustainable Ag Field Day for 4-H and Informal Educators

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/sustainable_ag_field_day_for_4h_informal_educators

W.K. Kellogg Biological Field Station, Hickory Corners

October 6: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_foundation_annual_meeting

MSU Kellogg Center, Lansing

October 7-8: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2016_msu_pumpkinfest

MSU Tollgate Farm, Novi

November 11: 2017 MSU Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_club_officer_training

Macomb County MSU Extension Office, Clinton Township

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

Accepting Nominations for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year

Again in 2017, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a [Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award](#). If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2017. Help us to recognize deserving youth and adults in the 4-H program going above and beyond!



Wyatt Mazich of
Shiawassee Co.
2016 winner.

Please be sure to include the following with your submission:

- Nomination Form found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.
- Nomination Letter
- Letter of Support from County Staff

Congratulations to the 2017 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth ages 11 and 12 the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. As part of the contest, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension staff members select up to two youth essays from each county to be recognized as award winners.

The essay theme for 2017 was "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to their 4-H experiences as ones that have allowed them to make new friends, try new projects, explore new places and help their dreams come true. Some credited 4-H with helping them increase their public speaking skills, confidence and time management skills. Other 4-H'ers wrote with excitement about their club meetings, events, exhibits and community service projects.

Overall, 31 youth from 18 counties were honored as 2017 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- **Branch County:** Kathleen Bailey and Jacob Reif
- **Cass County:** Benjamin Shelby and Madison Weedon
- **Cheboygan County:** Thomas Tafoya
- **Eaton County:** Javelynne Bowels and Ryleigh Mauk
- **Ionia County:** Cassidy Cashen and Peyton Hoppes
- **Kent County:** Grace Richmond
- **Macomb County:** Taylor Frazier and Teagan Lake
- **Marquette County:** Halle Graves and Hayden Graves
- **Mason County:** Ryann Rohrer
- **Menominee County:** Malorie Baumler and Kara Solander
- **Monroe County:** Griffin Linn and Jaren Schmidt
- **Oakland County:** Samantha Conlon and Khamani Potts
- **Oceana County:** Beckett Newell and Alexis Settler
- **Sanilac County:** Emily Martinez and Riley Wallace
- **Shiawassee County:** Emma Challender and Veronica Gross
- **St. Clair County:** Gwyneth Glombowski and Douglas Modrich
- **Washtenaw County:** Quinn Hilla
- **Wayne County:** Carlene Armstrong

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. The essays are also on display at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan.