Have Information for our Newsletter?

If you have information you would like included in a 4-H newsletter, please email it to us by the 15th of the month for submission in the following months newsletter (for example, items received by the 15th of February will be included in the March newsletter). We’d love any information on meetings, projects, group events, clubs, community service, photos of recent 4-H fun, you name it!

Please email any newsletter items to kmmadd@anr.msu.edu or bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu

February at a Glance:

February 2—PQA Training, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:30 PM
February 3—Teen Club meeting, Nazareth Complex, 6:30 PM
February 6—Babysitting Class, Nazareth Complex, 10:30-12:30
February 10—Small Mammals/Cavies and Critters meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
February 13—Babysitting Class, Nazareth Complex, 10:30-12:30
February 16—Countywide Poultry meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
February 17—LSA meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
February 18—Horse Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room C, 7:00 PM
  —Dog Project meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
February 19—Rabbit Agility meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:30 PM
February 20—Babysitting Class, Nazareth Complex, 10:30-12:30
February 22—Leaders Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
  —Carass Project meeting, Fairgrounds Room A, 7:00 PM
February 23—Countywide Swine meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
  —Rabbit meeting, Fairgrounds Room A, 7:00 PM
February 24—Fair Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room C, 6:30 PM
February 27—Babysitting Class, Nazareth Complex, 10:30-12:30
Carcass Project News

At our January meeting we worked on learning the retail cuts that come from the round/leg/ham wholesale cuts, looking both at photos and actual cuts. We also learned how to fill out a cut identification scorecard.

Join us on Monday, February 22nd for our February meeting. We plan to learn to identify the retail cuts from the chuck/shoulder wholesale cuts, as well as review what we've learned previously. Plan ahead for this year; attendance at two meetings will be required before our competition the week before fair.

See you on February 22nd at 7 pm at the fairgrounds.

If you have any questions, contact Kevin or Cindy Rose at kevintherose@aol.com or text or phone at (269) 317-3462.

Poultry Project News

Believe it or not---Spring is coming. So are the chicks! Market chick/poult orders are underway and you can sign up for your market birds at the project meetings or by calling Ann Hollister at 685-2301. Here are the dates:

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All Market birds must be ordered through the project superintendent by the order deadline and will be purchased at the Feed Bag in Richland on the pick up date. Don't forget to print off your copy of the Market Journal from the 4H website and start your record keeping that you need for judging at the fair.

If you are looking for some special Breed/Show birds, bantam chicks can be ordered in a group from McMurray Hatchery. Check out the breeds available on the McMurray website and bring your list to the next meeting or call Jackie Stasevich at 629-9664. We need a minimum group order of 25 chicks ASAP.

As spring approaches, so does the possibility of a reoccurrence of HPAI during the spring migration. Review the poultry biosecurity at your farm and keep your birds healthy and safe.

Mark your calendars for the Michigan 4H Poultry Show scheduled for Saturday, May 21st at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte. Start sprucing up your best birds and practice, practice, practice your showmanship routine. Then join your 4H poultry friends from across the state for a day of fun and competition. More info will be available soon.

The next meeting is coming soon---Tuesday, February 16th at 7PM in Rm B of the Kalamazoo Expo Center. See you there.
Webinar

Finding the balance: Strategies for using digital technology in healthy ways

Date and time: February 11, 2016, 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST
Registration link: http://events.anr.msu.edu/DigitalTech2/
Registration deadline: February 9, 2016

Description: Many people are concerned about the amount of time that young people (and adults) spend with their phones and other electronic devices. This is especially true for parents, educators and other adults who are looking for ways to help children and adolescents find a balance between screen time and activities that are essential for their healthy development. In a webinar titled This is your brain online: The impact of digital technology on mental health (which aired December 10, 2015), Scott Becker, Ph.D., shared research findings related to digital technology use, including effects on brain development. In this follow-up webinar, Dr. Becker will provide a deeper look at the implications of that research, and he will share a variety of strategies that can be used to promote the healthy use of digital technology.

Presenter: This webinar will feature Scott Becker, director of the Michigan State University Counseling Center. (Additional information about Dr. Becker’s background and areas of expertise is available at the webinar registration link.)

Spa-Delicious—An Entrepreneurial Project

Have fun making homemade spa treatments. Learn how to make Botanical body scrubs, facial treatments, bath fizzies, lip balm and more. These are great treats for yourself or for gifts. In addition to learning how to make these products, students will learn about the science behind the products, gain skills in formulating their own products, and learn how to calculate the costs of making their own products. Ages 9 and up. Preregistration is required. Call Veronica Bolhuis at 383-8867.

March 5th
10:30AM – 12:30 PM
Location: Nazareth Complex, 3299 Gull Rd., Georgian Room
Cost $10.00 for all youth and adults
8th Graders!

Don’t miss the opportunity to become one of Jeter’s Leaders!

What does that mean, you ask? The Jeter’s Leaders is a youth leadership, social change program named by the captain of the New York Yankees, Derek Jeter, and funded by his Turn 2 Foundation. The program is designed to promote healthy lifestyles, academic achievement, and social change activism among high school students.

Throughout the year, members of the Jeter’s Leaders are involved in projects that offer opportunities for them to learn more about themselves and their community. The Leaders are expected to model positive behavior and deliver a message to their peers focusing on staying in school, remaining drug and alcohol free and giving back to the community.

Program Requirements:

- Youth must be in 8th grade to apply, but it never hurts for 7th graders to hear about the program!
- Applicants must be interested in living a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.
- Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (if your young person has a 2.7 -2.9, there is time for them to get the GPA! They should definitely hear about the program!)
- Applicants must be interested in community service and mentoring younger students.

Interested in an application? Contact Veronica Bolhuis (269-383-8867) or Evan Granito (269-383-8878).

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Day at Michigan’s Adventure is June 4th. Tickets are $30 and include lunch. More info coming soon!
The 2016 MSU Exploration Days registration is coming up soon, youth won’t want to miss out on this exciting adventure for 11-19 year olds! The registration books will be available on February 18th and can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information. All of the forms that need to be completed are included in the registration booklet and can be brought to the early sign up on March 4th starting at 6pm. Please remember to sign up early for the best opportunity to get the classes that interest you the most. Many classes fill up early so don’t delay! It’s going to be an exciting time for youth to attend classes at MSU, develop new friends and skills will having a great time with our county delegation! For more information on Exploration Days please check out http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days.

Camp Kidwell News!

Eat, Sleep, Camp Summer 2016

Visit our website for more details
Register Now!

Registration for Summer Camp 2016 is now open. We are looking forward to offering Overnight Camp and Day Camp for children 4-16. Campers can swim, ride horses, shoot archery, climbing the rock wall, go swimming, make friends, sing campfire song, jump on the water trampoline and so much more. We hope you are able to join us for the fun and excitement. Visit out website today to check out all of the great programs! We can’t wait to see you this summer!
Upcoming Events

Spring Clean-Up - Date TBA (depending on the weather)
Bring yourself or a group of kids, teens or adults and help get camp ready for the fun and excitement of summer.
Earn community service hours or incentives to help with camp tuition!

Memorial Day Weekend Celebration
Come enjoy Eagle Lake, the beautiful setting at 4-H Camp and enjoy a great home cooked breakfast and dinner! Specific times to be announced in April.

Golf Outing
Help support camp in our Annual Golf Outing May 21, 2016!
18 holes with cart, dinner and door prizes! More details

Camp Employment

Online Applications will be open by Feb. 15

We are seeking fun and outgoing individuals 14 years and older to join our summer staff! Do you or do you know someone that enjoys spending time with children and the outdoors? Spend the summer at Camp Kidwell learning and growing! Become a part of a camp family and create friendships that last a lifetime! Go here to see a list of jobs and job descriptions.

Online Applications will be open by Feb. 15! If you have any questions call us at 269-521-3559 or email us at campkidwell@btc-bci.com

Ropes Program

Our ropes program provides an opportunity to enhance your group’s team building skills through activities that inspire, motivate and challenge your group. Our activities will help build trust, communication, leadership and a sense of collaboration.

Our program works around your group’s strengths, weaknesses and goals to create a new and improved team! Come for a day, half a day, overnight, weekday or weekend program.
Our facility is open year round and heated meeting space is available!

Click here for more information or call us at 269-521-3559 or email us at campkidwell@btc-bci.com
MICHIGAN 4-H ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

When and where:
March 12-13, 2016
4-H Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Who:
4-H members age 13-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in robotics (sign up for a specific track: LEGO Mindstorms EV3, VEX Robotics, Underwater ROVs (Remotely Operated Vehicles), and Junk Drawer Robotics, see agenda for descriptions). Each track is limited to 10 participants.

Cost:
- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$72.00
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$128.00
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Registration information:
- The deadline to register for this event is February 28, 2016.
- To register, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HRobotics16

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.
For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or contact Jan Brinn at 269-673-0370 or brinn@anr.msu.edu or Kristy Oosterhouse at 517-543-2310 or oosterh6@anr.msu.edu.
Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.
Michigan State University Extension

4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop

When and where:
February 13-14, 2016
Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI 49688

Who:
4-H members age 16-19 (as of January 1). Extension staff, teachers and volunteers interested in Junior Master Gardening and the all new Learn Grow Eat & Go curriculum to use in schools, afterschool programs, 4-H and partner programs.

Cost:
- 4-H Members and Volunteers—$40
- Non 4-H Members and Volunteers—$89
- Registration fee includes meals, lodging and resources.
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Registration information:
- The deadline to register for this event is January 27, 2016.
- To register, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HJRMG
- Persons canceling without a replacement by Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, will be charged a $7.60 cancellation fee. Persons who do not show up at the workshop, do not have a replacement, or do not cancel to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu within 48 hours (Feb. 11, 2016) prior to the start of workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.
For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or contact Dixie Sandborn at 517-432-7637 or dixie@msu.edu.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

February 5-6: 4-H/MQHA Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 6-7, 2016: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_H_winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

http://events.anr.msu.edu/DigitalTech2
Your computer

February 13-14: Junior Master Gardener Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HJRMG
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 20-21: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1JS8BOv
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 26-28: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/teen_adult_4_h_horse_leaders_conference
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 11-13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/Michigan_4-H_Dairy_Conference
Beechpoint Christian Camp, Allegan

March 12-13: 4-H Robotics Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HRobotics16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

March 10: 4-Hairy Horse Benefit Show
Contact Taylor Fabus (tenlenta@msu.edu)
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

March 19: 4-H Day at the Palace & Leadership Workshop
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_day_at_the_palace_and_leadership_workshop
The Palace of Auburn Hills, Michigan

March 20-23: 4-H Capitol Experience
http://events.anr.msu.edu/4hcapex
Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

Michigan 4-H Animal and Vet Science Camp is for youth who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science-related projects and activities. This five-day precollege program is offered in partnership with Michigan 4-H Youth Development (http://4h.msue.msu.edu), Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Animal Science (http://www.ans.msu.edu) and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine (http://cvm.msu.edu).

At this fun and interactive camp, participants will:
- Engage in numerous hands-on learning activities, ask questions and problem solve.
- Gain animal-handling experience.
- Have the opportunity to visit and explore MSU farms and facilities.
- Work their way through a veterinary science case study as a team and create a presentation to be critiqued by veterinarians.
- Explore various animal-related career fields while reflecting on their experiences and community programs.

Who: Participants must be ages 13 to 16 as of January 1, 2016.

When: June 27 to July 1, 2016

Where: Michigan State University (http://maps.msu.edu)

Application
Young people interested in applying for this camp need to complete the 2016 Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp application packet (bit.ly/1SQvdBQ) and send it by April 1, 2016 to:
Julie Thelen
4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp
Anthony Hall 1287G
474 South Shaw Lane
East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications. Space is limited.

Cost: The cost – which includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials – is $350.

More Information
Additional information is available from:
- The camp web site (bit.ly/1mYPwQV)
- A promotional flyer (bit.ly/1mYPBnG)
- The camp handbook (bit.ly/1SkI7Zm)
- Julie Thelen (thelenju@anr.msu.edu), 4-H Livestock and Veterinary Science Educator

Poultry Enthusiasts Are Encouraged to Sign up for MSU Extension News

Although the cancellation of poultry shows was recently lifted, another outbreak of avian influenza could lead to the ban’s reinstatement. MSU Extension encourages poultry enthusiasts to subscribe to the MSU Extension Poultry News digest to ensure you have the most up-to-date information on avian influenza and state poultry show activity.

MSU Extension News digests are electronic newsletters of recent articles and events published on the MSU Extension web site. They are available in a number of interest areas, including poultry and other 4-H topics. Generally delivered once a month, the newsletters are a key communication tool when emergent issues arise. Ensure you receive this information as soon as it is available by subscribing to the MSU Extension Poultry News digest. Simply text “MSUE” to 22828 or visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu and click on “Newsletter Sign-Up.”
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