Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction will be held on January 23, 2016 at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. The registration will begin at 9:00 AM and the bidding will begin at 10:00 AM and will run until all items are sold.

All proceeds help to support the Kalamazoo County 4-H program through offering scholarships to attend MSU Exploration Days, college scholarships, 4-H programming, awards, trips and more!

Many of the items have been listed (or will be listed) on the Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction Facebook page. Please check it out and pass the link on to others — https://www.facebook.com/4HLeadersCouncilBenefitAuction/?fref=ts.

January at a Glance:

January 1 — Happy New Year! MSUE Offices are closed
January 6—Teen Club meeting, MSUE Nazareth Complex, 6:30 PM
January 15—Rabbit Agility meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 6:30 PM
January 18—Dog Council meeting, Panera Bread on West Main St, 7:00 PM
January 19—Countywide Poultry meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
January 20—LSA meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
January 21—Horse Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room C, 7:00 PM
   —Dog Project meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
January 22—Leaders Council Auction set-up and drop off, Fairgrounds Expo South, 4:00-8:00 PM
January 23—Leaders Council Auction, Fairgrounds Expo South, 10:00 AM
January 25—Carcass Project meeting, Fairgrounds, 7:00 PM
   —Leaders Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
January 27—Fair Council meeting, Fairgrounds Room C, 6:30 PM
January 28—Countywide feeder calf meeting, Fairgrounds Room B, 7:00 PM
Carcass Project News

Happy New Year! Resolve to get Grand Champion in the carcass program this year!!

Join us on January 25th for our first carcass meeting of 2016. We plan to learn to identify the retail cuts from round. Additionally, we will be learning how to use a judging scorecard. More opportunity will be given to practice developing and presenting reasons when judging a class. Plan ahead for this year; attendance at two meetings will be required before our competition the week before fair.

See you on January 25th 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

Happy 2016 Chooks and Roos, We are planning a terrific year for the poultry project. We have a brand new barn and it looks like the Avian Influenza problem from last year is under control---the ban has been lifted by Department of Agriculture and we are able to exhibit in Michigan.

We have our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th at 7pm in Room B of the Expo Center to kick off the new year. Order sign up sheets for the market project birds will be available, so give some thought as to what market projects you would like to do----maybe try something new! There are lots of other directions to go in raising poultry besides meat birds. You could raise a flock of laying hens and start an egg business or try raising some laying hens to sell in the spring as started pullets. Lots of folks are looking to buy chickens in the spring and you could be their source! We can learn about these different opportunities at the meeting.

If you have any questions, give Jackie Stasevich a call at 629-9664 or email at stasevichj@aol.com or Ann Hollister ph: 685 2301.

Beef Cattle Facts

A calf weighs about 80 pounds at birth. The calf drinks mother's milk and eats grass for the first six months, until it is weaned from its mother. It weighs about 400 pounds at this time.

Other products besides beef are made from the beef carcass. Leather, made from the hide, is used to make a variety of items, from clothing to basketballs. Eight pairs of cowboy boots can be made from one cowhide.

Gelatin, made from bones and horns, is used in making candies, marshmallows, ice cream and photographic film.

Bones are used to make glue and fertilizers. Blood meal, a fertilizer, is made from blood.

Beef fat, called tallow, is an ingredient in soaps, cosmetics, candles, shortenings, and chewing gum.

Many medicines, including insulin and estrogen, are made from the glands of cattle.

Source: The Missouri Beef Industry Council’s Beef-a-Gram
Tri-United would like to invite other 4H families to join our club for a roller skating party where we will make valentines for vets. January 10th, 2:00-5:00. Wear a 4-H shirt and get in for $5.00 (includes skate rental). RSVP to: christinamariechase@gmail.com

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**The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular!**

Scheduled for January 30-31, 2016 at Kettunen Center is now open for registration. Registrations can now be made by individuals, families, and county staff. However, there are some very important changes:

- Individuals who expect they will be receiving partial funding from local scholarships or local councils, should contact their local county office prior to registering. This will insure payments are applied correctly.
- Lodging upgrades are now being handled through the registration system.
- Don’t forget to periodically check your county for registrants and send any missing Authorization and Acknowledgement Forms to the State 4-H Office.

Participants may register at [http://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular16/](http://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular16/). Workshop attendees who have not paid online with a credit card are still expected to send their payment to their county MSU Extension office or ANR Events Management at 446 W. Circle Dr. East Lansing, MI 48824, with a copy of their registration receipt. When county staff login to register individuals, they will select the type of participant from the roster and register the person in the system. Registrations must be entered into the ANR Events Management System no later than 11:59 pm on Jan. 13, 2016 at which time registration will be closed.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.
Babysitting!

Learn how to be a safe and successful babysitter by attending a 6 week workshop offered through MSU Extension’s Kalamazoo County 4-H.

FREE for 4-H youth
$10 fee for non 4-H youth

Saturdays— January 30 thru March 5
10:30 AM –12:30 PM
Nazareth Complex—Georgian Room
3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo
(269)383-8867

Space is limited and preregistration is required.

Having your own babysitting business is your first step into a career. Learn valuable life lessons about:

- Keeping records
- Planning and organizing
- Critical thinking
- Personal safety
- Managing feelings
- Character
- Self-responsibility
- Self-motivation
- Marketable skills
- Nurturing relationships
- Concern for others
- Conflict resolution
- Communication
- Social skills
- And so much more!

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MOM TO MOM SALE!

Saturday, March 19

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MSU Extension – Nazareth Complex
3299 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Featuring a bake sale, beverages and tables of children’s items

Interested in selling your items? For information on table rental, please e-mail bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu or call 383-8830.

Proceeds will help fund a summer 2016 4-H trip to Jefferson County, Missouri.
2016 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

2016 Essay Topic: “Bees and Pollination. How Important is it?”

Beekeeping has had its five minutes of fame for the past five years. Now more than ever, people are asking “What will happen if the bees are gone?” Your paper should research and help answer this question.

Survey your community to see what is being done. Include your state in your survey to see if there are any programs they are using for pollination or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

Rules Overview: (failure to meet any one of the requirements will result in a disqualification)

- Students interested in writing an essay, should contact their local 4-H offices for contest details. The state selection must be done through the 4-H system.
- Preparation for National Judging: Typewritten or computer-generated double-spaced, 12pt. Times or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
- Must submit an essay, 750 to 1000 words, on the essay topic
- Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research- 40%; (b) accuracy- 30%; (c) creativity- 10%; (d) conciseness- 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic- 10%
- All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including birthdate, gender, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
- Each state may submit ONE entry only.
- Deadline for National submission is: March 4, 2016.
• Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation’s Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
• National winners will be announced by the week of May 2nd, 2016.
• All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.
• Send the winning state entries with the subject title: “4-H State Winning Entry from XXX State” to: reginarobuck@abfnet.org.

Eligibility:

Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. 4-H’ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the National level are NOT eligibility; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter. Students must write on the designated subject only. There will be NO exceptions.

Awards:

First Prize: $750.00
Second Prize: $500.00
Third Prize: $250.00

The National winners’ essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation’s Newsletter.

*Each State Winner, including the National winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

If you have any questions, please contact Regina K. Robuck, Executive Director, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees at 404.760.2887 or reginarobuck@abfnet.org.

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First Aid & CPR Class

March 26th, 2016
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds - Room B
2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo 49048
Cost: $20.00 for 4-H youth and adults

Pre-Registration and payment are required prior to March 11, 2016
Class size is limited to the first 15 youth, 5 adults
(Please bring a sack lunch)

Registration form can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42273/training_flyers/CPR-First_Aid_classes.pdf
Michigan 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Meet new friends and learn about livestock!

Nutrition & Feeding · Merchandizing · Management · Selection Careers · Team Building · Leadership Development

Who:
Youth age 13 and older (as of Jan.1) and adult leaders interested in learning more about beef, sheep and/or swine.

Cost:
4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers: $58
Non 4-H Members and other interested adults: $105
Includes meals, lodging and resources. Rooming upgrades available during registration.

Persons canceling without a replacement, after Feb. 1, will be charged the $24 cancellation fee. Anyone who does not cancel in writing to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu, 48 hours before the workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Registration:
The deadline to register for this event is February 1, 2016. To register, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Julie Thelen at (517) 432-1626. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

Feb. 20-21, 2016
Kettunen Center
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI 49688

Support for this event is provided by GreenStone Farm Credit Services and Michigan Pork Producers Association.

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

Saturday, Feb. 20
4 - 6 p.m.  Registration
5:30 p.m.  Meeting for Chaperons & Adults
6 p.m.  Dinner
7 p.m.  Introduction and Michigan 4-H Livestock Programming Updates
7:30 p.m.  Preparing for your Future in Agriculture
9 p.m.  Career Panel from Michigan experts
10 p.m.  Refreshments, recreation and free time

Sunday, Feb. 21
7:30 a.m.  Breakfast
8:15 a.m.  Youth: Leadership Development and Team Building Activities
          (Optional Session) Youth PQA Plus Certification Training
          Adults: County Exchange: Getting Started & Keeping Momentum in 4-H
10 a.m.  Session Block A (choose one):
          • Animal Dollars and Sense
          • Livestock Judging and Animal Selection
          • Livestock Diseases
          • Cattle Feeding and Nutrition
11 a.m.  Session Block B (choose one):
          • Swine Feeding and Nutrition (with anatomy dissections)
          • Sheep and Goat Feeding and Nutrition
          • Value Added Livestock
          • Activities for Teen Leaders – Try This!
12 p.m.  Lunch
1 p.m.  Session Block A (choose one)
2 p.m.  Session Block B (choose one)
3 p.m.  Complete evaluations and thank you notes before departing
Michigan 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop

Dive into veterinary science with Veterinarians & MSU Veterinary Students!

Case Studies · Biosecurity · Birthing Difficulties · Animal Care
International Studies · Equine · Genetics · Careers · And More

Who:
Youth age 13 and older (as of Jan.1) and adult leaders interested in veterinary science.

Cost:
4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers: $58
Non 4-H Members and other interested adults: $105
Includes meals, lodging and resources. Rooming upgrades available during registration.

Persons canceling without a replacement, after Feb. 9, will be charged a $24 cancellation fee. Anyone who does not cancel in writing to ANR Event Services at events@anr.msu.edu 48 hours before the workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Registration:
The deadline to register for this event is Feb. 7, 2016.
To register, visit http://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience/

Find out more...
Visit the registration site for additional details. For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or call Julie Thelen at (517) 432-1626. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

Feb. 19-20, 2016
Kettunen Center,
14901 4-H Drive
Tustin, MI 49688

Support for this event is provided by GreenStone Farm Credit Services.
WORKSHOP AGENDA

Friday, Feb. 19
4-6 p.m.   Registration and drop off HEART donations
5:30 p.m.  Meeting for Chaperons & Adults
6 p.m.     Dinner
7 p.m.     Introduction & Get Acquainted
7:30 p.m.  Real Situations In Veterinary Science: Learn about actual case studies, Five MSU College of Veterinary Medicine Students (CVM)
9:30 p.m.  Refreshments, recreation and free time, Necropsy (optional) with Dr. Grooms & Lora Anderson (CVM)

Saturday, Feb. 20
7:30 a.m.  Breakfast (and optional science project judging)
8:15 a.m.  Hot Topic: Antibiotics - What You Need to Know!
10 a.m.    Session Block A (choose one):
            • Parasite Palooza – Helpful or Harmful creepy crawlies
            • Bovine Reproductive Technologies and Artificial Insemination
            • Outbreak!
            • Equine First Aid and Emergency
            • Biosecurity and impact on animal health
11 a.m.    Session Block B (choose one):
            • Wanderlust and Travel Bugs: Go study abroad!
            • Birthing Difficulties for Large Animals
            • Equine Surgeries
            • Clinical Canine and Feline Genetics
            • Becoming the veterinarian: How to crack the case
12 p.m.    Lunch
1 p.m.     Session Block A (choose one)
2 p.m.     Session Block B (choose one)
3 p.m.     Ask the Vets and Vet Students! Panel Discussion
3 p.m.     Evaluations, Thank You Notes, Adjourn
Explore the exciting field of animal and veterinary science with one of MSU Extension’s premier pre-college programs! Practice veterinary medicine, research zoonotic conditions and discover careers!

4-H Animal & Veterinary Science campers will stay in a campus dorm and experience campus life, enjoying experiences such as:

- **Tours of on-campus clinics and labs** – Explore MSU’s Veterinary Medical Center and Diagnostics Center for Population and Animal Health. Learn and interact with MSU faculty and veterinary students.

- **Hands-on veterinary activities** – Try your hand at dissection, suturing, first aid, physical examinations, x-ray reading, animal handling and more.

- **Tours of campus farms and surrounding facilities** – Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the MSU Horse, Sheep, Dairy and Swine Farms. Learn about research done on the farms from farm managers and faculty members.

- **Case study evaluations** – Work your way through a veterinary science case study to determine the best course of treatment before presenting your case to experts.

The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is a collaborative program of MSU Extension, MSU Department of Animal Science and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine.
Learn How to Keep Your Bird Flock Healthy and Safe!

Offered at various locations across the state, the workshops will provide information about avian influenza, disease transmission and prevention, and proven biosecurity measures that bird owners can implement. Poultry producers, owners of backyard flocks, 4-H members and volunteers, as well as anyone interested in poultry and biosecurity, are encouraged to attend.

Find more information about training dates and locations, as well as virtual connection options, on the web (http://bit.ly/1jQseuH).

**4-H Workshops**

January 9-10, 2016: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HHorseConf2016
Kettunen Center, Tustin

January 13: Michigan 4-H Embryology Program Coordinator and Volunteer Training
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=Embryology
Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, East Lansing

January 15-18: National Youth Summit on Agri-Science
National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland

January 30-31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://bit.ly/1Xc49Jo
Kettunen Center, Tustin

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

February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 13-14: Junior Master Gardener Workshop
Contact Dixie Sandborn (dixie@msu.edu)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=4HBeefSheepSwineandVetScience
Kettunen Center, Tustin

**Other 4-H Events**

January 12, 2016: Student & Counselor Day
http://conta.cc/1XemCYt
The Lansing Center, Lansing

January 16, 2016: 4-H Day at the Breslin
Breslin Center, MSU, East Lansing

January 29-31: Green & White Youth Event & Open Hog Show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

January 30: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_rabbit_and_cavy_show
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

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

Fairs are an important part of life for many 4-H’ers, but how did fairs begin? Who had the idea for a show of such sweeping proportions? Where, when and why did they start?

According to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions’ (IAFE) web article, History of Fairs (International Association, 2015), these events may have been held as early as 500 BC in the eastern Mediterranean. The IAFE bases this notion on the following quotation from Ezekiel 27:12: ‘Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the kinds of riches . . . they traded in thy fairs.’ These “periodic gatherings” brought together individuals involved in business, trade and production of commodities. As time marched on, such events spread into western Europe. Finally, entertainment was added to these get-togethers.

In the U.S., fairs grew from one man’s entrepreneurial idea. In 1784, a wealthy 26-year-old New York businessman, agriculturalist and banker, Elkanah Watson, purchased two merino sheep. As a farsighted entrepreneur, Watson saw the potential in breeding sheep whose wool was of a higher quality than that which could be obtained locally. This was especially true since the Revolutionary War had ended a year earlier and, at that time, “...many people in the United States were trying to rely less on England and English goods . . .” (Michigan State 4-H Rabbit Fitting and Showing Curriculum Subcommittee, 2009, p. 17).

First, however, Watson had to excite his neighbors’ interest in his sheep. To do so, in 1807, he invited his neighbors to “meet him and the sheep” at Park Square in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he tied the sheep to a tree and gave a presentation (Oliver, 2011). Watson and his sheep received the enthusiastic reception for which he had hoped. In 1810 and 1811, this led Watson to (1) create an event, the Berkshire Cattle Show, at which animals were exhibited and prizes were paid for the best animals exhibited, and (2) organize the Berkshire Agricultural Society (Us-education.net, 2011). Watson continued helping communities organize their own agricultural societies and shows, thus earning himself the title, “Father of US agricultural fairs” (International Association, 2015).

Further, by the end of the nineteenth century, almost every state had one or more fairs or exhibitions. The “History of Fairs declares that the “core elements of those agricultural society events of the early 1800s – those early fairs – are at the heart” of today’s agricultural fairs, which now number more than 3,200 annually.

More information is available from:

You’re Invited to the 11th Annual 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Join thousands of Michigan 4-H Youth Development families, volunteers and staff members, on January 16, to cheer on the Spartan Women’s Basketball team as it battles the Iowa Hawkeyes. This fun family event celebrates the 4-H and MSU Extension Community.

More event information (for example, transportation, parking, attire and other activities) is available on the 4-H website (http://bit.ly/1NlhomE).
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