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 2015-2016 4-H program year.

Our national database has had some tweaks and updates since we began using it last year, but the process is essentially the same. 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 on the front page, 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! Once you log into your family profile it will be on your homepage, in the same location as the newsletters. 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, 2016 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 $10.00 and $1.00 for insurance ($2.00 for horse project participants and leaders) payable to your community club
- Re-enrollment is due no later than November 1, 2015
- New members may join anytime during the year, but may not be able to meet fair participation requirements if enrolled after April 1, 2016
Kalamazoo County 4-H Scrapbooking Fundraiser

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Leaders Council will be holding a scrapbooking fundraiser on September 26th, 2015. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help to offset the cost of educational programming, fall achievement program, scholarships and so much more!

Help is needed in both the morning and the evening—contact Susan Compton if you are able to help!

Donations for giveaways and silent auction are welcome!

For more information and to register please see the information below.

Kalamazoo County 4-H Scrapbooking
Sept. 26th 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
9929 S. M-43 Highway
Delton, MI 49046
(269) 623-7310

Prizes!! Give Aways!! Silent Auction!!

$40.00 per person

Deadline for entry Sept. 12th

Call Scrapaloo to Reserve Your Spot and Specific Person You Would Like To Sit By!

Questions? Call Susan Compton at (269) 271-3424 or e-mail at skcomp@chartermi.net

Light breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and beverages will be provided. Plan on joining us for a great day of fun, laughter and excitement.

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LOOK--- the old poultry barn is gone! I wonder what our new barn will be like. The world is constantly changing, including the poultry project, as we experienced this last year with the trials and tribulations from Avian Influenza. A big THANKS to everybody for pitching in to keep our project alive and kicking. With any luck and lots of biosecurity, we won’t have to hold another birdless fair next year. With a new barn, we will need new ideas for fair week, so come to our next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 7pm in Rm B at the expo center to help us plan.
The 2015 State 4-H Horse Show Showcased Kalamazoo County Talent

The 2015 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show drew to a close Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Michigan State University Pavillion for Livestock Education Pavilion in East Lansing, Michigan. The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brought together roughly 590 4-Hers from 48 counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event. Competing at the show and being able to represent their home county is a great honor for youth.

Over the three-day show, members compete in English, dressage, western, trail, jumping and gymkhana with some of the most accomplished young equestrians in Michigan. Many have spent months, even years, preparing themselves and their horses or ponies for the show in hopes of bringing home a gold medal or even being named a state champion.

Kalamazoo County youth did an outstanding job at the show! We had 18 total participants. We are proud to announce the following awards:

- **Hunt Seat Pleasure 16-19:** Charlotte Chubb (Hickory Corners), Grand Champion
- **Hunt Seat Pleasure 13-15:** Madison Jonkman (Cooper), Reserve Champion
- **Hunt Seat Equitation 13-15:** Hannah Flickinger (Cooper), 4th Place
- **Dressage Seat Equitation 16-19:** Ansley Haan (Hickory Corners), Grand Champion
- **Dressage Seat Equitation 16-19:** Olivia Grennan (Hickory Corners), 3rd Place
- **Dressage Seat Equitation 16-19:** Rachel Wothius (Schoolcraft), 4th Place
- **Hunter Hack 16-19:** Ansley Haan (Hickory Corners), Grand Champion
- **Dressage Test 16-19:** Ansley Haan (Hickory Corners), Grand Champion

Ansley Haan was also awarded the Carolyn VanCise Memorial Dressage Award.

Additional state show participants were Madison Chase, Anastasia Chubb, Avery Comar, Autumn Dietrich, Kelsey Ekkens, Payton DeYoung, Anna Freund, Becca LeRoy, Nikki Mallos, Lindsey Nelson, Evan Tomilo, and Natalie Vizard.

Complete results can be found at:

http://www.ans.msu.edu/extension/horse_youth_programs

**Congratulations to all!**
Rabbit Agility draws a huge crowd at the Kids Stage!

Free book giveaway (over 2500 books were given away thanks to the TSC paper clover sales, First Book and Molina)

MOOOvie night in the dairy barn

Milk drinking contest

Setting up for the dog show

Cleaning up before the swine show
Saturday night included an exciting combine derby!

Thank you to all of our 2015 Livestock Auction supporters! We appreciate your support of the MSUE—Kalamazoo County 4-H livestock youth members.

A week after fair the poultry and swine barns look a lot different. Both were torn down and new barns will be up for the 2016 Kalamazoo County Fair.

New decorations outside the goat barn (above) and sheep showmanship in the livestock arena (left)
**Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser**

**October 7-18, 2015**

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) is again helping to raise funds for 4-H programs throughout the country.

Our local TSC stores (Gull Rd. and Shaver Rd.) would both like to invite community clubs/projects into their stores to also do fundraisers or fun activities. These can include bake sales, educational stations, car wash, etc.

Paper clovers purchased at either of these stores help to support the MSUE-Kalamazoo County 4-H program.

If your club/project is interested in helping promote 4-H at one of the above locations call Steve at the Gull Rd. store (381-0904) or John at the Shaver Rd. store (323-3199)

Both are open to having 4-H youth participate.

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**2015 Kalamazoo County 4-H News**

**October 4-10th, 2015**

**Show your 4-H pride throughout your community!**

Community clubs are being asked, by Kalamazoo Leader’s Council and the 4-H office, to show their pride in 4-H through a variety of displays during National 4-H week.

Displays can be window painting, store front displays, bulletin boards, etc. Clubs will need to talk with local businesses/schools/libraries, etc. to receive permission prior to decorating. Displays should be up no later than the afternoon of October 3 and will be judged no later than October 5th and should be removed no later than October 11th.

The club with the winning display will receive a FREE pizza/ice cream party

Please contact the 4-H office with the location of your display by noon on October 4th so that we can communicate with our judges where to view them.

Good luck and have FUN!!!
Scott’s Community Club Meetings
The club will be moving their meeting dates to the second Sunday of the month at 4pm. Meetings will still be held at the Scott’s Community Center. Contact Trish Bartholomew at 207-9797 for more information.

Kalamazoo County Small Mammals, Cavies and Critters
Youth involved in these projects have the opportunity to show off their animals and help to teach the public about them at several different events this fall:

- September 19th, 10AM—3PM at Tractor Supply on Gull Road
- September 20th, 11:30AM—5:30 PM, Tillers International Harvest Festival, Scotts
- September 27th, 11AM—4PM, Vicksburg Harvest Festival
- October 24th, WMU Education Day, TBD
- November 21, SW Michigan Reptile and Exotic Animal Show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds (tentative)

If you have questions about this program please contact Andrea McCubbin at 269-598-5231 or jamccubbin@aol.com

Kalamazoo County 4-H Benefit Auction
January 23, 2016
NEW LOCATION!
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds
MARK YOUR CALENDAR and spread the word.
Rabbit Project News

Can you believe fair is over already? Now I know everyone’s mind is on school starting soon and you may not be thinking about signing up for your projects for next year, but now is the time to be thinking about what you want to do and get out of the Rabbit Project for next year’s fair. Our Rabbit Project had a very successful year. We had our first official fair including Rabbit Agility and we have many new members who completed their first year in the project. It was very exciting and I hope you enjoyed it as much as Janelle and I have.

Due to how busy everyone is with the start of school, we will not hold a County wide Rabbit Project meeting in September. Please check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for upcoming dates beginning in October.

Roxanne O’Neil—roxanne.oneil@gmail.com
Janelle Gray—grays3galsandaguy@gmail.com

Goat Project News

Thank you to all the members and their families that helped make barn set-up/tear down, show day, fun class day, and everything else run so smoothly. All of your help was greatly appreciated, I couldn’t do it without you!

Our feed a goat and goat milk sales were great, final totals will be shared at our September meeting. Please check the calendar for upcoming meeting dates and plan to attend!

Members interested in quiz bowl let me know as we would like to know if we have enough kids for more than 1 team.

See you in September.

Pam Beilby-Miller—pbeilbymiller@gmail.com
**Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award.**

We are excited to announce that starting in 2015, 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](msue.anr.msu.edu/.../MI_4H_Sportsperson_of_the_Year_Form.docx) by Oct. 1, 2015. You can find the form at [msue.anr.msu.edu/.../MI_4H_Sportsperson_of_the_Year_Form.docx](msue.anr.msu.edu/.../MI_4H_Sportsperson_of_the_Year_Form.docx)

We look forward to the growth of this award and its potential to expand in other project areas. Please help us ensure its success by sharing with clubs in your area.

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**Are you interested in attending this international exhibition?** Sara VanDyk needs to know by October 14 if you are going to the NAILE (North American International Livestock Exhibition), and needs the $ and how many pies that you sold!! What are we talking about?!?!?!

The next Feeder Calf meeting will be included on a trip to NAILE. We will take the 4-H bus and leave right after school on Friday, November 13. We will return late afternoon on Sunday, November 15. A total of 32 people can go and hotel rooms are on reserve - the trip will be first come, first served basis and is open to anyone that is in Kalamazoo County 4-H program. The cost of the trip will depend on how many people go - $175 (is the highest cost) and includes a hotel for 2 nights, rodeo, cereal breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings, and supper on Saturday night. The cost of the hotel is NON-REFUNDABLE after November 6. A pie fundraiser will be organized to help 4-H members defer the cost of their trip. This is a quick and easy fundraiser - we have made 150 pies in 2 1/2 hours! Selling 18 pies will pay for the trip described above.

*Please let Sara know by October 1 if you are participating in the pie fundraiser!* We will be making the pies at the end of October (you sell pies=you help make pies). Participants can start selling the pies now – contact Sara for the form.

In a nutshell, Sheep, Beef, and Draft Horses will be the livestock showing on Saturday with the rodeo that evening. The following is the schedule:

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015**

- Junior Wether Show - South Wing
- Junior Heifer Show (AOB, ShorthornPlus, Simmental, Maine Anjou, Limousin, Chianina & Charolais)
- Broadbent Arena Draft Horse Show, Haflinger Show & Cowboy Mounted Shooting - Coliseum
- Feeder Steer & Pen Heifer Show - Broadbent Arena Junior Breeding Sheep Show - South Wing
- North American Championship Rodeo - Coliseum
4-H Workshops

http://bit.ly/1JeNd6e
MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

September 27-October 1: National 4-H Dairy Conference
http://national4hdairyconference.org
Madison, WI

October 7-8: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Houghton-Hancock

October 17-18: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_textiles
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 21-22: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Sturgis

January 30-31, 2016: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16
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

Other 4-H Events

October 4-10: National 4-H Week
http://www.4-h.org/?gclid=CKegl_yEgMYCFQ8paQodUqUAig
Nationwide

October 7: 4-H National Youth Science Day
http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day
Nationwide

November 27-December 1: National 4-H Congress
http://national4-hcongress.com
Atlanta, Georgia

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
2015 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Do you want to grow your club program?
Are you looking for a way to involve the leaders in your club?
Do you want to invigorate your committee members or just discuss something new?

If so, consider:

- Participating in one or all of this year’s 4-H Volunteer e-Forum sessions or
- Hosting a few of your fellow leaders or parents to watch the session(s). Your group can be 2 to 3 people sitting casually or a group of 200 in a banquet hall. The choice is yours.

When

Each session will be offered live twice so you can pick the time that works best for you. The sessions stand alone so you can attend or host one or all of them. Best of all, these three sessions are free and will provide great training by experts in the field. The sessions are:

1. The Heart of Belonging on October 8 at 7 pm or October 13 at 8 pm
   In this informative session, you will learn to guide youth to develop expectations that will accommodate all members to support youth with special needs and discover resources to help you in your role as a caring adult. Participants will leave with activities that will help them foster positive behavior, belonging and inclusion in their club or committee!

2. The Heart of Community on November 5 at 7 pm or November 10 at 8 pm
   Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth become actively engaged in their communities. This session will include resources and models that incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity and independence as you include citizenship activities in 4-H settings.

3. Encouraging the Heart of Leadership on December 3 at 7 pm or December 8 at 8 pm
   Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from the first 4-H experience. You’ll receive tools to help inspire youth to develop independence and mastery.

How

You can participate in – or host – one or all of these fun sessions in any location as long as you can connect live through Adobe Connect.

To participate, contact your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/lu0f9E3). Hosting an event is fun and easy! All you need is a computer, projector, screen and a reliable Internet connection. We will provide you with:

- A facilitator’s guide.
- A customizable flyer and bookmark to assist with your promotional efforts.

To be a host, register at (http://events.anr.msu.edu/volunteereforum).

More Information

If you have questions or want to talk through some of your ideas for hosting, contact your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/lu0f9E3) or Jennifer Weichel (weichel@anr.msu.edu).

We look forward to seeing Michigan faces in lots of great places statewide!
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- **17** - Set up for Harvest Festival, Expo South, Fairgrounds, 4:30 pm
- **23** - Member record books, due for Fall Achievement
- **24** - WMU Education Day
- **28** - Fall Achievement Committee meeting, Fair council, Room B, Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
- **29** - Fall Achievement Committee, Room C, Fairgrounds, 7pm
- **30** - Countywide rabbit meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm
- **31** - Countywide poultry meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm
- **26** - Volunteer interviews, 6pm, Leader’s Council, 7pm, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7pm