

*Gladwin County*

# 4-H Family News

**March 2019**

## Message from the Program Coordinator

Spring is officially a week away and while the snow is still here and we look forward to the warmer days, it's a great time to start thinking about spring gardens. Gardening can teach youth valuable skills in math and science. Youth learn to calculate growing seasons, the nutritional needs of plants and the value of their hard work during harvest. Young and old alike can find the value of gardening together. So, as we try and make it through these last few days of winter, work with the youth in your life and maybe start planning your spring garden together. For more on the values of youth gardening check out this great article from MSU Extension

[www.canr.msu.edu/news/gardening\\_helps\\_youth\\_apply\\_science\\_and\\_math\\_concepts\\_in\\_fun\\_ways](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/gardening_helps_youth_apply_science_and_math_concepts_in_fun_ways)

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## **Dates to know.....**

March 19, 2019 Expo Days Registration due

March 23, 2019– Spring achievement at the Civic arena in Gladwin

May 11, 2019 - 8am-12pm mandatory swine, sheep & prospect weigh-in

## **Leader's Council Schedule**

- May 6, 2019, 6:30pm in the MSUE office
- July No Meeting see you at fair!
- August 5, 2019 MSUE Office @6:30pm Closing out year
- September 9, 2019, 6:30pm in the MSUE Office Mandatory Annual Leaders update
- October 7, 2019, 6:30pm in the MSUE Office
- November 4, 2019, 6:30pm in the MSUE Office

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## **Camp Clover Looking For Volunteers**

Do you want to make lifelong friends while having the chance to work with youth in a camp setting? The Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs are now accepting staff applications for Camp Clover! Camp Clover is an overnight summer camp hosted by the Clare and Gladwin County 4-H Programs for youth age 9 to 14 June 25 through 27. Adults (age 20+) and teens (age 15 to 19 by 1/1/19) that are interested in being a part of the camp staff should apply to be an Adult Volunteer or Teen Counselor.

This is a great opportunity to increase leadership skills and make lifelong friends while leading youth through their camp experience. All adult volunteers need to have gone through our 4-H VSP process or are willing to get VSP certified and teens staff need to be actively enrolled in 4-H. Participation fee scholarships are available to cover enrollment costs. For more information on this amazing opportunity or to apply head to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/campclover19app/>



## **Gladwin County 4-H Leader's Council Receives Donation**

Gladwin County Leader's Council received a \$1,000.00 donation from a wonderful donor Kevin Just in partnership with Comcast. This donation comes to the Leader's Council after Mr. Just began looking for local non profits to give to in Gladwin County that work with youth. He found us thanks to all the wonderful work all of the volunteers do throughout the year to make our program a wonderful success for all. We thank him for his kindness his donation will help bring more programming to the county and send youth on more adventures!

## **Exploration Days Registration Drawing Near**

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Join about 2,500 youth (ages 11-19) and chaperones from across Michigan June 19 to 21 on the campus of MSU. 4-H Exploration Days registration goes from March 19 through April 26 with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth do not have to be current 4-H members to attend, an extra \$20.00 fee will be added to non-members. Scholarships are available from the 4-H leader's Council to all that attend with Gladwin County. Additional scholarships may be available by contacting the MSU Extension Office. Registration books are online now. More information can be found at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)



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**Win a full ride scholarship to camp!**

Stop by the 4-H/MSU Extension table at the Mid Michigan Farm and Garden Show at the Gladwin Arena on March 24 or the Paula Pirnstill Memorial Health and Safety Fair at Farwell High School April 20 to have your name entered to win your choice of a scholarship to Camp Clover or Cloverbud Day Camp. Open to youth and adults. Do not have to be in 4-H to enter.



**Registration  
available for the  
4-H Animal &  
Veterinary  
Science Camp**



The 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp is now accepting applications through April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the age of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_animal\\_veterinary\\_science\\_camp/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**March 1-April 30: JOANN's Clover for Kids Campaign**

*Local JOANN stores, throughout Michigan*

Support Michigan 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store from March 1 – April 30 and purchasing a clover at the register for either \$1 or \$4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

**March 17: 4-H STEAM Sunday—China Art**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Learn about Chinese culture through an art exchange program. You will look at and learn about art created by students in China before creating your own art to send back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-steam-sunday-china-art>

**March 26: 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Training**

*Muskegon County MSU Extension Office, Muskegon*

This training is designed for both 4-H members and volunteers who want to learn more about parliamentary procedure and how it can be used in their 4-H clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/muskegon-county-4-h-parliamentary-procedure-training>

**March 27-April 7: Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign**

*Local Tractor Supply Co. stores, throughout Michigan*

Visit your local Tractor Supply Company store March 27 – April 7 to purchase a paper 4-H clover for \$1 at checkout and support 4-H in your community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign-1>

**April 7: Mission to Mars**

*Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason*

Ever wanted to know what it was like to be an astronaut and travel to Mars? Now is your chance to think, eat and explore Mars just like a astronaut would!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mission-to-mars>

**April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo**

*Anthony Hall, East Lansing*

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun, educational manner.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo>

**April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop**

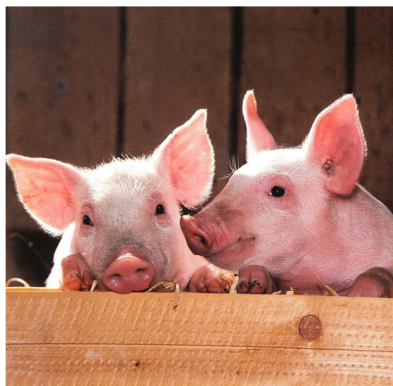
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All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Attend to earn instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol or muzzle loader.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop>

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

## Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!



*Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator*

Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot.

Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation.** If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) **Unloading.** Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) **Settling in.** Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) **Comingling.** When you are beginning to comeingle animals, remember that each specie has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal\\_science/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal_science/).

## 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

Learn more and register today at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.