

*Gladwin County*

4-H Family News

December 2018

Re-enrollment Deadline approaching fast!

The re-enrollment deadline is approaching fast! With great programs and awesome clubs we don't want you to miss out on all the exciting fun 2019 has in store. The deadline to re-enroll will be December 31st. New members enrolling for their first year need to do so by May 1, 2019. You are not fully enrolled and active until the \$20.00 fee is paid to the MSUE office. Scholarships are available for those who wish to apply. We accept cash, check or credit card. Individuals paying with a credit card may do so over the phone. If you have questions in regards to enrollment, re-enrollment or scholarships please contact the office at 426-7741. Log on to mi.4honline.com to re-enroll today!

Have you asked an Expert?

Have you ever found an insect and wondered what it was? Maybe you have a plant or weed in your horse pasture you want to make sure is safe for your horses to be around? All these and many more questions can be answered by an expert. Michigan State University Extension offers a great service called "Ask an Expert". This service is provided free to the public and allows you to get your questions answered by MSU faculty and volunteers who have extensive knowledge in their field. With a few simple clicks you can upload your question and photos and within a few short days, your answer will arrive via email, along with links to additional information. The best part, each answer is based on research so it's accurate and unbiased. So if you have a question and you need an expert to help answer it, Go to <https://ask.extension.org> or stop by the MSU extension office and we would be happy to help.

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Dates to Know

Tales for Tails - December 21, 2018 from 4 to 4:45pm at the Gladwin Animal Shelter. Come and read to the animals!

Final Re-Enrollment date is December 31, 2018. - For all youth returning to the program for the 2019 year.

January 10, 2019 Leaders Meeting - Election of officers and By-Law review.

Applications for Officers due by January 10, 2018 - Form attached in newsletter.

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Keeping Your Animals Safe this Winter.

Winter is coming and with it, the cold, linked below are some great articles about animal care in the winter to help keep your farm animals and pets, safe and healthy this winter season.

This article written by Dr. Judy Marteniuk gives some great tips on keeping livestock safe in sub-zero temperatures.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/livestock_care_in_sub_zero_temperatures

Another great article by Katie Ockert gives a few easy techniques that will help you manage your animals successfully during the cold, winter months.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/winter_animal_care

For those 4-H youth with dogs, winter can be especially tricky the article linked below by Dr. Elizabeth Wells gives some winter care tips on help you and your best friend can safely enjoy the winter season.

<https://articles.extension.org/pages/58780/winter-dog-care>

All articles provided are extension approved articles by educated professionals. For more articles like these check out the Michigan State University Extension website at

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/>

No-Sew Sock Snowman Fun

This fun little snowman craft by Andreja Vucajnk is great for kids and adults of all ages and the best part is you finally have a use for all those single socks missing their buddy.

This craft requires

1 white sock, 1 sock in color for the hat, rice, rubber bands (or thread), colorful buttons, ribbons, glue gun, markers or paint, colored pom poms

Step 1: Start by filling your white sock with rice. You will need a hefty amount (we were quite surprised to see how much rice can go into one sock). Once you are happy with the amount (and size) of your sock snowman tie the top with the rubber band.

Step 2: Take another rubber band and place in the middle – more to the upper side – of the rice filled sock to form the head shape.

Step 3: Now glue the buttons to the bottom side by using a glue gun or glue dots

Step 4: Draw the mouth and eyes with a black marker or paint

Step 5: Cut the colored sock, cut the foot part, without the heel. Roll it a bit and place it on the head of your snowman. You can leave it as it is or you can secure it with some glue.

Step 6: Decorate using pom poms and the ribbon (be creative it's your snowman)

For the full craft visit Andrej Vucajnk blog at <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/no-sew-sock-snowman-craft/>



December Birthdays!

Abigail Palmreuter

Ally Millikin

Angelica Corlew

Drew Hoag

Elise Nettleton

Emily Genaw

Ethan Breault

Faith Hude

Jackson Fritz

Joannie Willford

Jon Curtis

Kahler Reynolds

Madisyn Lockwood

Norma Maxwell

Sydney Conley

Taylor Ortwein



Volunteers, Adults, Parents and youth needed on Committees and Council.

You're never too young to get involved in growing the 4-H program and every voice matters. We are looking for Volunteers and youth who are interested in serving on the leader's council as President, Vice President, & Secretary. Youth this is an amazing opportunity for skill building plus it looks great on scholarship applications and job resumes. Youth must be at least 13 years of age to serve on the board in any capacity but we really encourage parents and volunteers to run for one of these positions as well. Meetings take place the first Monday of every odd month. Without involvement and input from the community our program will never grow and it takes all voices to make this program, not just a few. However, if you don't feel you are ready for a leaders council position just yet, we have tons of committees that need all your unique talents. To sign up for one of the committees below contact the office at 989-426-7741 or email at prest142@msu.edu most committees meet less than 4 times a year. If interested in running for the leader's council complete the application form attached and email it to prest142@msu.edu or drop off at the MSU Extension Gladwin Office. Elections for officers will take place Monday, January 7th, 2019.



Committees needing volunteers

4-H Fall Awards Selection/ Banquet Committee

4-H Finance/ Budget Committee

4-H By-Laws and Rules Committee

4-H Scholarship Review Committee

Small animal Association

Large Animal Committee

Horse Association

Youth are encouraged to participate in all committees with the exception of the scholarship committee. Adult volunteers and parents all committees are available.

Please contact the office to volunteer for a committee today!

4-H Day at the Breslin 2019



Free tickets will be available starting Dec. 3 from your county MSU Extension office for the 2019 4-H Day at the Breslin. Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the University of Michigan Wolverines on Sunday, Feb. 24 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with the game beginning at 2 p.m. Make sure to come early to engage in the activities set up around the concourse showcasing various Michigan 4-H programs and events and to mingle with other Michigan 4-H'ers. Wear your MSU Extension or 4-H green and white apparel to show your 4-H support!

Learn more at: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

4-H Events and Workshops

December 10: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--kent_county

December 11: Michigan 4-H Upper Peninsula Treasurer's Training
Online Webinar

Learn more about the importance of a treasurer's role in 4-H clubs while exploring how to effectively manage money.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_up_treasurers_training_12_11

December 12: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Sanilac County MSU Extension Office, Sandusky

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--sanilac_county

December 23: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

The Detroit Lions would like to invite all 4-H members, families and friends out to a Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions>

December 28 - Jan. 1: 4-H Camp Kidwell Winter Camp

4-H Camp Kidwell, Bloomingdale

Spend time during winter break enjoying yourself at winter camp. Options for both day camp sessions and overnight camping!

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

January 16: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--washtenaw_county

January 19: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4-h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training--ingham_county

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This one day event is open to Michigan 4-H members ages 8 to 19. Exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. Spectators are welcome!

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2019_state_4-h_rabbit_and_cavy_show

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

2019 State Award applications now available

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2018 State Award winners in the senior division with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June, where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO> and is due Feb. 1, 2019. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@anr.msu.edu. **INSERT INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WORKSHOPS IF APPLICABLE.**

2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for Michigan 4-H Members

Michigan 4-H youth can improve their science, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. This year's essay topic is *Honey Varietals, State to State*. Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Contestants should identify one unique varietal to their state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. Please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal, and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, and winning essays will be published in *ABF Quarterly*, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. The three national winners and the top winner of each state will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. Download the complete rules at <https://bit.ly/2PuegUu> before beginning the contest. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the practice and the profession of beekeeping through education and research, established by the American Beekeeping Federation.

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Tales for Tails

"I read to the pets at the Gladwin Animal Shelter"

First and Third Friday of the Month

Beginning in November

Gladwin County Animal Shelter

From 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Open to all Youth 5-12 years old

Must enroll in 4-H

Scholarships available

Busing is available for youth who need it. Parents who need their child bused to the Gladwin County Animal Shelter, need to contact the Gladwin MSU Extension office at 989-426-7741, so arrangements can be made. Busing will be provided at no cost. Youth may also be dropped off by a parent for this program.

Parents must pick their child up at the Gladwin County Animal Shelter by 5:00 pm. Youth will not be in kennels with animals but will be outside the kennels while reading. Volunteers will be on site to monitor youth and animals for safety

2nd Annual Ingham County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

Sponsored by Town N Country 4-H Club



January 5, 2019

Ingham County Fairgrounds

700 E Ash St.

Mason, MI 48854



Doors open at 6:00AM. Entries must be in by 8am. Show begins at 9am.

Judges: Rabbit- Kelly Hansen, McKenna Lynch, and other judges will be added later

ARBA comment cards will be used

(Town N Country has the right to substitute judge as the need arises)

Entry fees:

\$2.50 per class

\$1.00 Fur/Wool class

\$2.50 Showmanship

Educational Display Contest \$1 to enter



- **Showmanship:** Junior (8-11 years old), Intermediate (12-14 years old), Senior (15-19 years old). Ages as of January 1st, 2019. Cloverbud showmanship will be judged by our teen leaders
- **Breed Classes:** All breeds that are recognized are eligible for show. All breeds will be judged by the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- **Cloverbud Breed Judging** \$2.50 entry fee (limit 1 animal- they will have their own class)
- **Photography Class**—Open to all participates
- **Educational Exhibit**—Open to all participates
- **Cavy class**—Open to all participates

Food Vendors, Bake Sales, Silent Raffle, and Silent Auction will be available

Show Superintendent: Penny Jackson 517-202-1618 jezuitrabbity@yahoo.com

Interested in being a vendor? Contact me!

Follow us on Facebook- Town N Country 4-H Rabbit Show

4-H Leader's Council Nomination

Complete this form and return it to the extension office at 555 W Cedar Ave, Gladwin MI, 48624. Fax: 989-426-6781 Email:msue.gladwin@county.msu.edu

4-H Position you are applying/nominating for: (circle all that nominating/applying for)

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasure- (Position is filled until 2020 program year)

Nominee/Applicants Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Years In 4-H: _____

If Nominating Self:

Why do you want to serve on the 4-H Leader's Council?

_____ If Nominating Someone Else:

Why nominate this person for the Leader's Council?

Nominator/Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____ Does the
Nominee Accept the Nomination: Yes Or No _____ Nominee Signature:
_____ Date: _____