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December 2018

Isabella County

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4-H Winterfest 2019

February 2 & 3, 2019

For youth ages 8 - 12 (by January 1, 2019)

Kettunen Center, Tustin



Youth and adults who attend will spend 2 days learning about exciting project areas while meeting youth from around the state. 4-H Winterfest offers youth and chaperones an opportunity to experience Kettunen Center in an overnight camp setting. Youth participate in hands-on sessions that range from crafts to shooting sports. Plans also include outdoor activities such as snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, and sledding.

Cost to attend is \$70 for 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers. 4-H Council pays the fee to attend if you are a 4-H member or volunteer in Isabella County.

Registration opens Monday, December 3 and sessions fill up very fast, so register today by contacting the Extension office.

Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 1

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Isabella County Fairgrounds



All beef project members must bring their market beef animals to the fairgrounds to be weighed and tagged. Each member may weigh-in two animals.

4-H Day at the Breslin Center with the Lady Spartans

Sunday, February 24, 2019

2:00 p.m.

FREE to families



You ALL are invited to attend the annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

Contact the Extension office now to reserve your FREE tickets!



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - In October we talked about several service project opportunities and reminders were given about the small animal buyers banquet. November's meeting was spent decorating Christmas cards for Commission on Aging, and cookies for the rotating homeless shelter. Many members shared achievements and community service events and projects they had taken on recently.

Broomfield Valley - For our meeting in November we started with the pledges and then we welcomed four new members to our club. We figured out our balance with the treasurers report. We talked about community service options. We got calendars for next year and went over the newsletter for the month. Lastly, we talked about beef weigh-in.

Evergreen - During the November meeting, we handed out large animal pictures and introduced new members to the club. Since our by-laws had changed after the last meeting, new members were informed and the changes were voted upon. A discussion was held on our upcoming community service project of serving a Thanksgiving dinner to the residents at the Rosebush Manor. One of the parents brought forth ideas to the club about a winter fun day activity and lastly, we made decorations for the Christmas tree contest at the Rosebush Manor.

Pony Creek - During our November meeting we gave out new 2019 calendars to everyone. Buyer photos were distributed to all who did not already get them. All remaining awards were given to the recipients. Members brought gifts for the Isabella County Foster Closet. We discussed opening "The Haunted Barn" to the public next year. The timing of our December meeting was also discussed and voted on.

Shooting Sports Instructors Needed

We are looking for volunteer leaders to become certified as 4-H Shooting Sports instructors in archery, rifle, and shotgun. Contact the Extension office if you are interested or would like more information.



4-H Mark of Excellence Award

4-H'ers who are 11 or 12 years old are eligible to apply for the 4-H Mark of Excellence Award. To apply, a 4-H member needs to write an essay on the theme, "Because of 4-H, I can...."

For more information:

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_awards_and_recognition_program

Deadline for submission is February 1.

4-H Day at the Detroit Lions

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018

1:00 p.m. kick-off (vs. Minnesota Vikings)

The Detroit Lions have partnered with the Michigan 4-H Foundation to offer a new 4-H fundraising opportunity for your county 4-H program. 4-H members, families and friends are invited to cheer on the Lions while supporting Michigan 4-H! For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

Learn more and [purchase tickets online](#).

(The county field will need to be completed on the form. This is where the donations will be directed to support your county 4-H program.)

2019 4-H Calendars

We still have 4-H calendars available at the Extension office, in case you have not yet received one yet. Stop by and get one!

Small Animal News

- If you sold at the fair and did not attend our banquet, you can pick up your check at the Extension Office. **Please cash your checks as soon as possible because they are only good for 90 days.**
- Goat members - if you are not on a waiting list with a breeder for your 2019 Goat wethers or does, you should be getting on one soon. You are able to sell a wether (castrated male) or a doe. Contact Theresa Frederick to help with finding a breeder at (989) 621-6866.
- The Small Animal Association will not meet in December. Our next scheduled meeting is January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



State Horse Show Results

The State Horse show was held August 17-19 at MSU. Congratulations to the following youth for competing in the State Horse Show this year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Annika Bendele	Speed & Action Race, 18-19 yrs—2nd split	1st
	Pole Bending Race, 18-19 yrs	7th
	Keyhole Race, 18-19 yrs	4th
Rachel Bigelow	Western Showmanship, 15 yrs	4th
	Hunt Seat Pleasure, 15 yrs - 2nd split	4th
	Hunt Seat Equitation, 15 yrs - 2nd split	5th
	Showmanship, 15 yrs	4th
Alida Brune	Western Pleasure, 19 yrs - 2nd split	4th
	Showmanship, 19 yrs	4th
	Western Horsemanship, 19 yrs	5th
Evelyn Goffnett	Speed & Action Race, 16-17 yrs - 3rd split	8th
	Indiana Flag Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd split	3rd
	Pole Bending Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd split	10th
	Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 16-17 yrs	5th
Gabrielle Noreen	Speed & Action Race, 13-14 yrs - 2nd split	9th
	Keyhole Race, 13-14 yrs - 2nd split	4th
	Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 13-14 yrs - 3rd split	10th
	Pole Bending Race, 13-14 yrs - 3rd split	7th
Matt Simon	Indiana Flag Race, 16-17 yrs	2nd
	Speed & Action Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd split	9th
	Pole Bending Race, 16-17 yrs - 3rd split	9th
Brianna Swan	Indiana Flag Race Championship, 16-19 yrs	4th
	Speed & Action Race, 16-17 yrs	1st
	Speed & Action Race Championship, 16-19 yrs	4th
	Pole Bending Race, 16-17 yrs	4th
	Indiana Flag Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd split	2nd



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!

Contact the Extension office to reserve your tickets!

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>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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.

2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for 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.

Support Michigan 4-H during your holiday shopping!



Get ready for the holidays by supporting 4-H while making your purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5 percent of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-Hers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5 percent of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15 percent while also giving 2.5 percent back to the National 4-H Council.



What?

- Thousands of young people from across America come to the **National 4-H Youth Conference Center** every summer to participate in CWF, a citizenship and leadership program held in **Washington, DC**. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of citizenship and social responsibility and are given the opportunity to **explore, develop, and refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level.**

Why?

- Impact and action planning** – Our focus is life-long civic engagement, and delegates leave with a plan of action to tackle issues facing their own communities when they return home.
- Living classroom of Washington, DC** – Collegiate Program Assistants, serving as facilitators, tour guides and role models immerse delegates in the culture and history of our country through onsite discussions at DC's most spectacular locations. *Destinations include: The Capitol Building, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, presidential and war monuments and memorials, Smithsonian museums and more.*
- More than just monuments** – CWF isn't just another sightseeing trip to Washington DC. Through hands-on educational workshops, youth learn about the history of our nation, and the leaders who shaped it.
- Diversity, friendship and fun** – CWF is a once in a lifetime opportunity to exchange ideas, practice respect, form friendships and share experiences with those from all across the country.
- Exclusively 4-H focused** – CWF is a 4-H tradition that dates back more than 50 years, and is the only such national citizenship and leadership program offered exclusively to 4-H members.

Who?

- 45 Michigan 4-H Youth ages 14-19

When?

- June 22-29, 2019. The Michigan delegation leaves on Saturday, June 22 and will drive the first day to Gettysburg, PA. On Sunday the group tours the battlegrounds before finishing our travel to DC.

Where?

- National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD; one mile from Washington D.C.

How Much?

- Total cost is \$1,500 (includes transportation, lodging in both Gettysburg and Chevy Chase, conference costs, and most meals).
- Registration does not include the cost of 6 meals or spending money.

For Questions or More Information:

Visit the National 4-H CWF website: <http://www.4hcwf.org/> or contact the Michigan coordinator: Connie Lange, langec@msu.edu, 517-279-4311. Contact your County MSU Extension Office for more details. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/>.

What Are Others Saying?

"CWF has been the highlight of my 4-H Career."

-- Oklahoma Delegate

"I didn't have the faintest idea what a good citizen was before I came here, and now I know it's what I strive to be."

-- Colorado Delegate

"What I enjoyed the most about CWF was the fact that I got to interact with people from different communities with different backgrounds than my own."

-- Ohio Delegate

"There is one word for this trip... AWESOME."

-- Colorado Delegate

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4-H National Youth Agri-Science Summit Michigan 4-H Delegation

DATE & TIME:

January 10-13, 2019

LOCATION:

National 4-H Conference Center; Chevy Chase, MD (near Washington, D.C.)

COST:

\$900

Includes lodging, airfare, transportation, most meals, conference registration, chaperones.

A limited number of reduced cost registrations are available for new participants at \$375

The Michigan delegation will be flying from Detroit

Conference Features include:

- ♦ Town Hall & Issues Identification
- ♦ Career Exploration
- ♦ Educational Sessions
- ♦ D.C. Tour



**NATIONAL YOUTH
SUMMIT SERIES**
HEALTHY LIVING • MAKER • AGRI-SCIENCE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Michigan youth grades 9-12

DESCRIPTION:

At the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. National 4-H Council and National 4-H Conference Center have partnered with agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians, and advocates to host the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science. This Summit emphasizes hands-on educational experiences led by experts in the agricultural community. Participants will prepare a community action plan to address a local agriculture science or food security issue.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register online by **December 14, 2018**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/agrisciencesummit19/>

Participants must also be currently enrolled in 4-H Online.

CONTACT:

Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or 810-648-2515

SPONSORS:

Scholarships for conference registration fees and transportation for some participants provided by Bayer and National 4-H Council.

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**WISHING EVERYONE
A VERY HAPPY
& SAFE HOLIDAY
SEASON!!!**

SAVE THE DATES

Beef Weigh-In

December 1, 2018

I Love Chocolate Workshop

February 12, 2019

4-H Exploration Days

June 19 - 21, 2019

Flower Arranging Workshop

June 26, 2019

4-H Summer (overnight) Camp

July 9 - 11, 2019

4-H Cloverbud Camp

July 16 & 17, 2019

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 20 - 27, 2019

Spa Gift Workshop

November 5, 2019

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

December 1	Beef Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds	9:30 - 11 AM
24 & 25	OFFICE CLOSED	
31	OFFICE CLOSED	
January 1	OFFICE CLOSED	
3	OFFICE CLOSED - All staff training	
17	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 PM
21	OFFICE CLOSED	
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM

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