

*Kent County*

# 4-H Family News

May 2018

## April “Showers” Bring May Flowers

By show of hands, who would agree we can safely say that Spring is finally here to stay?!? Who would've thought that we would have snow and hail in the month of April! Despite the unpredictable Michigan weather that last month brought, we are certainly thrilled to see that April showers have officially brought May flowers. We are so excited to see the sun out, temperatures rising, and vegetation in full bloom.

As we usher in the month of May, we have plenty of updates and exciting news to share with our 4-H community. This month's edition of the Kent County 4-H Family News contains important information about upcoming workshops, shows, events, and other opportunities happening throughout the state, as well as locally in Kent County. As an extra bonus, be sure to check out the last pages of the newsletter for a fun activity and competition for all ages. (HINT: It has to do with spring AND you could be entered to win a prize; see page 9 for instructions)!!!

Looking forward to all that the month of May has to offer! As always, please feel free to reach out to the 4-H team with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Nana Temple & Mary Newman



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### Michigan 4-H Health & Food Science Camp



Join 4-H members across the state who are passionate about nutrition, food science, physical fitness, and sports science at the 2018 Michigan 4-H Health and Food Science Camp.

This three-day camp takes place at Michigan State University, August 1-3, and allows youth to explore health-related careers, research and more. In addition, youth will work together to develop a plan that addresses health issues within their community.

4-H Health and Food Science Camp is open to youth ages 13 to 19. Register at [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_health\\_food\\_science\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_health_food_science_camp/) by June 1.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### May 5-6: 4-H Fuzzy Fun Horse Show

*Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan*

Open to all, this fundraising horse show will benefit the Allegan County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program and Allegan County 4-H Horse Program.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h\\_fuzzy\\_fun\\_horse\\_show](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h_fuzzy_fun_horse_show)

### May 9: Animal Care and Well-being

*Alcona High School, Lincoln*

Learn how to define animal welfare and how to apply it to farm animals at this workshop. Open to adults and youth ages 9 to 19.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/animal\\_care\\_and\\_well\\_being](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/animal_care_and_well_being)

### May 16: Swine Welfare and Senses

*Helena Township Hall, Alden*

Learn how a pig perceives the world and how their senses are adapted to their environment. RSVP by May 10.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/swine\\_welfare\\_and\\_senses](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/swine_welfare_and_senses)

### May 17: Food Safety for 4-H Youth

*Kalamazoo Expo Center, Kalamazoo*

This program will include basic food safety principles including food temperatures, cross-contamination, handwashing, etc.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/food\\_safety\\_for\\_4\\_h\\_youth](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/food_safety_for_4_h_youth)

### May 21: Spring Horse Workshop

*MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi*

This educational workshop is led by many horse experts who will discuss the topics of vaccinations, hay analysis reports and toxic plant identification. Pre-registration is required.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/spring\\_horse\\_workshop](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/spring_horse_workshop)

### May 23: 4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop

*Bay City Community Center, Bay City*

Open to community partners, teachers, volunteers and others interested in Junior Master Gardening and using the Learn, Grow, Eat & Go curriculum with youth.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_junior\\_master\\_gardener\\_workshop\\_3](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_junior_master_gardener_workshop_3)

### June 9: 4-H Day at Michigan's Adventure

*Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon*

Enjoy a fun day in the sun with your 4-H friends and family! There will be a catered lunch for an additional charge.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_day\\_at\\_michigans\\_adventure\\_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_day_at_michigans_adventure_2)

### June 15-17: State 4-H Trail Ride and Family Camp Weekend

*D Bar D Ranch, Chase*

Join for a fun weekend of camping, with or without your horse!

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2015\\_state\\_4-h\\_trail\\_ride\\_and\\_family\\_camp\\_weekend](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2015_state_4-h_trail_ride_and_family_camp_weekend)

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

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### Raise your hand for Michigan 4-H!



Raise your hand to help Michigan 4-H win \$20K for Michigan 4-H'ers!

From April 1 to May 15, 4-H youth, alumni, friends and supporters have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20,000 as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign. This national competition is designed to raise awareness about the life-changing youth development program, while rewarding states with funds to help grow additional true leaders.

Organized by National 4-H, the second annual Raise Your Hand campaign makes participating easy. Simply visit <http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand> to register and show your support of 4-H. Anyone can raise their hand—4-H'ers, alumni, parents, volunteers and supporters — even if you participated in 2017! Each hand raised

(registered) before May 15 counts as a vote and the states with the most hands raised will receive a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award.

Do your part and help grow Michigan 4-H experiences for additional youth in our state! After registering, make sure to share this opportunity with other fellow 4-H supporters and ask them to raise their hands as well.

### Michigan 4-H Foundation opens

#### 2018-19 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2018-2019 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1, 2018.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative, or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that's making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program, or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool to help club members develop life skills.

### 4-H Financial Management Toolkit



The 4-H Financial Management Toolkit provides volunteers working with 4-H groups with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group.

The resources in this online toolkit supplement the materials in the 4-H Financial Manuals for 4-H volunteers and 4-H treasurers, including fillable PDFs, tip sheets and short videos that summarize a topic in five minutes or less.

View the toolkit online at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_financial\\_management\\_toolkit](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit).



### ATTENTION Horse Club Members



A reminder that the horse leaders meeting will **NOT** be held at the Kent MSU Extension Office this month.

Instead, 4-H clubs and members should plan to meet on Thursday, May 3rd at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds in Lowell for a work night and a meeting to follow. Start time is 5:30pm.

See you there!



## 4-H County Workshops

Rabbit & Cavy Show .....	06/03/18
Showmanship PLUS Workshop.....	06/16/18

## Other County Events

Horse Leaders Meeting @ 5:30pm .....	05/03/18
Dog Committee Meeting @ 7pm .....	05/17/18
4-H Council Meeting @ 5:30pm.....	05/21/18
Exploration Days Orientation @ 6pm .....	05/30/18

\*\*\*If you are registered to attend the 2018 Exploration Days, orientation is **MANDATORY**. Please contact Mary Newman if you have any questions or concerns (newman65@anr.msu.edu OR 616-632-7870).\*\*\*

### 4-H Council Updates

Kent County 4-H Council met on April 16, 2018 at the MSU Extension office in Grand Rapids. At this meeting, the council discussed preparations for 4-H Explorer Recognition Day which will be on August 5th at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds (time TBD). If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Mary Newman (newman65@anr.msu.edu). The possibility of coordinating a 2-3 day camp for 4-H Explorers was also discussed. Please see page 7 of the newsletter for a link to a short survey. This survey will help provide the council and MSU Extension 4-H Staff with feedback about interest in this event. Contact Nana Temple for more information (templedi@anr.msu.edu).

In addition, we are looking for new ways to raise funds. If you have any suggestions, please contact Mary Newman at neman65@anr.msu.edu. The council would like you to know that the next time you order with Amazon, be sure to shop with Amazon Smile using the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Once there, you can select Kent County 4-H Council as a charity to donate to!

**Feel free to join us at the next Kent County 4-H Council Meeting which will be held on May 21, 2018 at 5:30pm. Meetings take place at the Kent County MSU Extension Office (775 Ball Ave. NE, Grand Rapids MI, 49503).**



# showmanship Plus Workshop!



Presented by Kent County MSU Extension

in partnership with the Kent County Youth Fair

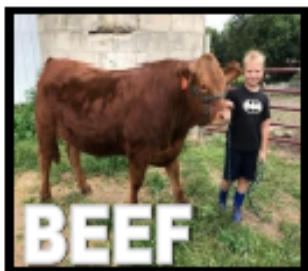
For Beef, Sheep & Swine Exhibitors Ages 5-19

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**Kent County Youth Fairgrounds**

Advanced Class: 9am-12pm

Beginner Class: 1pm-3pm



Showmanship

Grooming



Nutrition

Clipping

Record Books



Zoonotics

Animal Welfare

The Kent County Extension Service is happy to offer this workshop with featured speakers for each division and topic, take home learning tools and door prizes! Cost is \$5 per participant and includes lunch from 12-1pm.

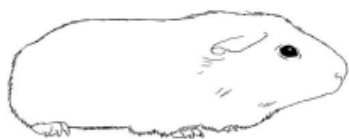
Please register by contacting Mary Newman at [newman65@anr.msu.edu](mailto:newman65@anr.msu.edu) by

Save  
the  
Date!

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# Kent County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

**Date:** Sunday June 3rd 2018

**Time:** Registration 7:00 am-8:30 am

Show begins at 9:00 am

**Where:** Kent County Youth Fairgrounds,

225 South Hudson street, Lowell, 49331

Dairy barn just inside the entrance gate

**New This Year:**  
**Costume Classes!**



## Entry Fees

- ♦ Breed classes \$3.00
- ♦ Pet Class \$1.00
- ♦ Fur/wool \$1.00
- ♦ Showmanship \$2.00



### Showmanship—Rabbit and Cavy

( 4-H age as of Jan 1, 2018)

Explorers ~ 5-8 years participation awards

Novice ~ 9-11 years

Intermediate ~ 12-14 years

Senior ~ 15-19 years

Ribbons to 10th place

### Breed Judging—Rabbit and Cavy

Awards for:

Rabbits:

BOB & BOS

Grand and Reserve ~

Meat pen/fryer/roaster/stewer

Best In Show & Reserve In Show

Cavies: BOB & BOS

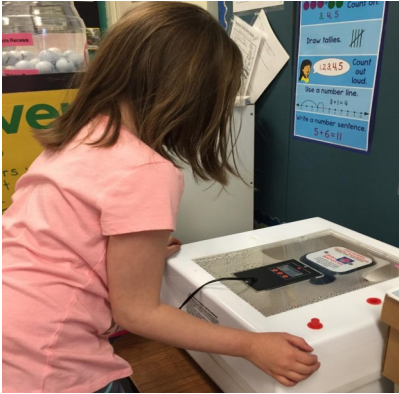
Best In Show & Reserve In Show

Explorers ~ participation awards only

For more information contact: Jamie Lett [jamie.lett@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.lett@yahoo.com)  
or Shelley Gladding [ssglad@charter.net](mailto:ssglad@charter.net)



## “Egg-cellent” Work with Embryology



Several 4-H Clubs, teachers, and other community members throughout Kent County have checked out Embryology Kits from the Kent MSU Extension Office. These kits help youth learn more about life science through experiential activities. Youth get the opportunity to better understand life and embryonic development up close! In the picture to the left, a student at Dutton Elementary school in Caledonia, Michigan checks on eggs in the classroom's incubator. Baby chicks will soon be ready to hatch! For more information about Embryology Kits, contact 4-H Staff at

the Kent County MSU Extension office.

## National Day of Service Project

April 28th marked the annual 4-H National Day of Service. To commemorate the day, a handful of 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and other adults from Kent County attended a greening event in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This greening project will help contribute to environmental efforts throughout the city, specifically urban tree canopy goals.

Please be sure to share what service projects you were a part of during the month of April!



## ATTENTION 4-H Explorer Parents/ Guardians

Are you looking for summer opportunities for your 4-H Explorers?!? If so, we are trying to gather information to see if there would be any interest in a 4-H Explorer Day Camp. Please take this short survey to provide us with some feedback! Thank you!

### SURVEY LINK:

[https://  
msu.co1.qualtrics.co  
m/jfe/form/  
SV\\_9GYSq3oAWO62  
5gx](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYSq3oAWO625gx)



## ATTENTION 4-H Clubs, Members, and Volunteers

### *Looking for Sportsmanship Resources?*

In Michigan 4-H we work to promote positive behavior and sportsmanship both in and out of competition. With fair season and other competitions quickly approaching, take some time to check out this awesome sportsmanship video created by Michigan 4-H:

### **Michigan 4-H Sportsmanship: It is our responsibility**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAo-RsQUSk>)

This is a great resource to share at club meetings with 4-H members and volunteers!



## Spanish 4-H Enrollment Forms

We are thrilled to announce this new update: 4-H volunteer and youth authorization and acknowledgement forms are now available in Spanish! These are the same forms that volunteers and youth are required to complete as part of their enrollment/reenrollment with 4-H Online. Contact Mary Newman or Nana Temple, 4-H Program Coordinators, for more information about these new forms.

## Club Projects—Did you know.....?

Did you know that your club is not limited to just one project? In fact, your club can engage and participate in a wide variety of project areas! Do you have club members interested in horses *and* arts and crafts? Or maybe you have youth who do swine and want to learn more about gardening and nutrition? All you need is a volunteer to help facilitate the project area, and 4-H Program Coordinators can provide resources, education, and curriculum. Feel free to contact Nana Temple or Mary Newman for more information.

## 4-H Scholarships

There are several scholarships available to those who have participated in 4-H. Please contact your Kent County 4-H Program Coordinators for a complete list of scholarships and their deadlines or visit [www.4h.msue.msu.edu](http://www.4h.msue.msu.edu) for more information. There is also a page of scholarships available in the 4-H Leader Volunteer Books. A few scholarship deadlines that are coming up:

- **Bob Knisley Memorial:**

Applicants must be high school juniors, seniors, or graduates. Applicants must be interested in pursuing a career in agriculture at post-high school accredited school with preference given to those interested in dairy or other livestock. Provides \$300 per year, per award. DEADLINE: JUNE 1

- **Robert Bunn, Sr. Memorial:**

Established in 2005 by Jeff Bunn, DVM, in honor of his father. Applicants must be participating in a 4-H Horse Program and have studied some aspect of veterinary science. Provides \$1,000 annually. DEADLINE: JUNE 1

## 2018 High School Graduates

Are you a Kent County 4-H member who is about to graduate from high school? If so, we want to take the time to celebrate and recognize your achievements during fair!

Please provide us with the following information: Name, number of years in 4-H, Projects, favorite things about 4-H/Fair, what's next for you (college, military, trade school, work), a framed 8x10 photo of you. You may drop the picture and information off at the Kent County Youth Fair Office or the Kent County MSU Extension Office.

If there are questions, please contact Mary Newman at 616-632-7870.



*Do you have  
a birthday in  
May?*

***To all our  
4-H Youth  
and  
Volunteers  
born in  
May....***

***HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!  
We hope  
you have a  
wonderful  
day!***



## State Award Delegates

Congratulations again to our State Award Delegates who will be representing Kent County on June 21-23 at the 2018 Exploration Days. On April 30, 2018, State Award Delegates met at the Kent County MSU Extension Office in Grand Rapids to start preparing for the state awards. In this session, the delegates practiced their interview and presentation skills with former state delegates, pictured below. Please be sure to send our delegates well wishes and notes of encouragement as they continue to prepare throughout the next couple of months. Keep up the good work, ladies, and GOOD LUCK!



## Spring Coloring Page Competition

With spring in the air, we are looking to brighten up our office space with some 4-H Artwork! On the last pages of the newsletter are spring coloring pages. All 4-H Members can participate by printing one of the pages, decorating or color it, and submitting it to your 4-H Program Coordinators at the Kent County MSU Extension Office. All those who submit their artwork will be entered to win a prize. Please also include your name and contact information along with your artwork so we know who to contact if you win! **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 16, 2018.** Please submit in person, or to the following address:

MSU EXTENSION  
ATTN: 4-H Program Coordinators  
775 Ball Ave. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

## 4-H Online Status Guide

Do you ever get confused about what each status on 4-H Online means? If you answered yes, we have created a tool that will help you out! Below is a guide to help you better understand what each status means, and what action should be taken. This is a great opportunity to review the status of your club members and volunteers on 4-H Online!

<b>STATUS/COLOR CODES:</b>		<b>ACTION:</b>
<b>Active</b>	4-H member has paid their Participation Fee & has enrolled on 4-H Online (Nothing more needs to be done).	No action needed.
<b>Pending</b>	4-H member has NOT paid their Participation Fee, but has enrolled with 4-H Online.	Please remind your 4-H member to submit their participation fee to the MSU Extension office.
<b>Inactive</b>	4-H member has NOT paid their Participation Fee & has NOT enrolled with 4-H Online.	Remind your member to re-enroll with 4-H online and submit their participation fee to the MSU Extension office.  <b>-OR-</b> Confirm with us that this member is no longer participating in 4-H.
<b>Incomplete</b>	4-H member needs to complete their enrollment with 4-H Online.	Remind your member to complete their re-enrollment process with 4-H Online or have them contact the MSU Extension 4-H Staff for help.

### ATTENTION 4-H Clubs:

Would you like to get to know your Kent County 4-H Program Coordinators better???

In an effort to get to know Kent County and our 4-H Members better, we would love to join you at your next club meeting or event! We are very interested in the opportunity to meet and see what you are working on!

Just let Nana Temple or Mary Newman know the date, time, and location.  
(Contact information is on the front page)



