2015 YOUTH THEME:
YOUTH, THE FUTURE FORCE!
Here’s to the bright new year and a fond farewell to the old
Here’s to the things that are yet to come
and to the memories that we hold. ~ Author Unknown

### 4-H Club Meetings and Events
- January 8: 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- January 18: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- January 19: Beef Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- January 21: Companion Dog Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- January 25: Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm Home Grange
- January 27: Caprine Kids Goat Club meeting, 7:00 pm Maple Grove Church, Fairgrounds
- January 31: Silver Spurs Tack Auction, doors open 4:00 pm, auction starts 5:00 pm Home Grange

### MSU Pavilion Events
- January 30-31: Green & White Youth Event and Open Hog Show
- January 31: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

### Kettenun Center Events
- January 17-18: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
- January 31: February 1: 4-H Winterfest

### MSU Events
- January 2-4: MI Sheep Breeders Convention Lansing http://www.misheep.org
- January 14-16: Outdoor Adventure Challenge Winter Camping Workshop, Pigeon River State Forest
- January 18: 4-H Day at the Breslin – Women’s Basketball event! MSU Lady Spartans will host Iowa State at 2 p.m. 10th Annual Celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Lady Spartans Basketball Event.

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**2015 Youth Theme:**
Youth, the Future Force!
"Away in a meadow all covered with snow
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late."
- Don Halley

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4-H Club Meetings and Events
- February 5: 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- February 8: Mini Whinnies 4-H Club Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Home Grange #129
- February 11: Swine Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- February 15: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- February 16: Beef Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- February 18: Companion Dog Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- February 22: Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm Home Grange
- February 24: Caprine Kids Goat Club meeting, 7:00 pm Maple Grove Church, Fairgrounds

MSU Pavilion Events
- February 6-7: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest
- February 7: 4-H/MQHA Benefit Clinic and Tack sale
- February 20-22: MSU Spartan Stampede Rodeo

Kettenun Center Events
- February 27-28: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop
- February 28- March 1: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Leaders Workshop

MSU & State Events
- February 6: Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program – Great Lakes Dairy Conference Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth
- February 28 – March 8: Ag and Natural Resources Week MSU

Calhoun County Fairgrounds
- February 6: Celebrity Luncheon Fundraiser, 11:00 am

Frost flowers on the window glass,
Hopping chickadees that pass,
Bare old elms that bend and sway,
Pussy willows soft and gray.
Silver clouds across the sky,
Lacy snowflakes flitting by,
Icicles like fringe in line
That is outdoor’s Valentine.
### 4-H Club Meetings and Events
- March 5: 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- March 11: Swine Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- March 15: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- March 16: Beef Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- March 18: Companion Dog Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- March 22: Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm Home Grange
- March 24: Caprine Kids Goat Club meeting, 7:00 pm Maple Grove Church, Fairgrounds

### MSU Events
- March 7: Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee MSU, Anthony Hall

### MSU Pavilion Events
- March 13-15: MI Horse Expo [www.michiganhorsecouncil.com](http://www.michiganhorsecouncil.com)
- March 29: 4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show

### Kettunen Center Events
- March 27-29: 4-H Dairy Conference

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"If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it."
- Lucy Larcom

"The March wind roars Like a lion in the sky, And makes us shiver As he passes by. When winds are soft, And the days are warm and clear, Just like a gentle lamb, Then spring is here."
- Author Unknown
# 4-H Club Meetings and Events

- April 2: 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- April 8: Swine Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- April 15: Companion Dog Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- April 18: Caprine Kids Goat Club Fairgrounds, Mandatory 1:00 pm meeting covered arena
- April 18: Swine Club meeting, Mandatory 1:00 pm Fairgrounds
- April 19: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- April 20: Beef Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- April 26: Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm Home Grange

# MSU Events

- April 17: State 4-H Horse Communications Contest Anthony Hall, MSU
- April 18: 4-H Equine Educational Contest & FFA Horse Judging MSU
- April 24: State FFA Ag Skills Contests MSU, Various locations
- April 26: State 4-H Goat Expo MSU, Anthony Hall

# Kettunen Center Events

- April 24: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

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*I wandered lonely as a cloud, That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

- William Wordsworth, *Daffodils*
### 4-H Club Meetings and Events

- **May 2:** Swine Club meeting, Mandatory, Time TBA Fairgrounds
- **May 7:** 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- **May 13:** Swine Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- **May 17:** Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- **May 20:** Companion Dog Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- **May 23:** Mini Whinnies Open Miniature Horse & Pony Show, Harper Creek Stables, Ceresco, MI
- **May 24:** Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm location-TBD
- **May 26:** Caprine Kids Goat Club meeting, 7:00 pm, location-TBD

### Other Events

- **May 16:** Poultry Palooza, Eaton County Fairgrounds
- **May 30-31:** Companion Animal Spring Camp, Camp Tuhsmeheta, Greenville, MI

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*Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly. Hold fast to dreams, for when dreams go Life is a barren field frozen with snow.*

~Langston Hughes
### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**4-H Club Meetings and Events**
- June 4: 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- June 6: Silver Spurs Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- June 10: Swine Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- June 17: Companion Dog Club meeting, 7:00 pm BE Henry Bldg
- June 20: Wattles Park Trailblazer’s Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- June 21: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- June 23: Caprine Kids Goat Club meeting, 7:00 pm Goat barn, Fairgrounds
- June 28: Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm Home Grange

**MSU & State Events**
- June 6: 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo MSU, Anthony Hall
- June TBD: State 4-H Trail Ride Whiskey Creek Campground
- June 15-19: 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp MSU
- June 24-26: 4-H Exploration Days MSU
- June TBD: MMPA Dairy Tour Novi, MI

**MSU Pavilion Events**
- June 12-14: MI Jr Beef Show and Beef Showcase
- June 13-14: MI Jr Sheep Spectacular & B&B Club Lamb Show
- June 19-21: MI Spartan Classic Jr Swine Show
- June 27: State 4-H Goat Show

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To see a World in a Grain of Sand  
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower,  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour.  ~ William Blake
4-H Club Meetings and Events
- July 8: Swine Club meeting, Time TBA Fairgrounds
- July 9: 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 pm, MSUE office
- July 11: Boot & Buckles Open Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- July 19: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall
- July 26: Rabbit Club meeting, 3:00 pm Home Grange
- July 28: Caprine Kids Goat Club meeting, 7:00 pm Goat barn, Fairgrounds

MSU Pavilion Events
- July 16: State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
- July 16-19: Michigan Livestock Expo
- July 20-24: MI Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy

MSU Events
- July 24: State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest MSU, Anthony Hall

Kettunen Center Events
- July 17: 4-H Mentoring Weekend

When you become detached mentally from yourself and concentrate on helping other people with their difficulties, you will be able to cope with your own more effectively. Somehow, the act of self-giving is a personal power-releasing factor.
- Norman Vincent Peale
## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 4-H Club Meetings and Events
- August 2: Caprine Kids Goat Club pen set up 6:00 pm Goat barn, Fairgrounds
- August 9: 4-H Council meeting, 6:00 pm, Fairgrounds

### MSU Pavilion Events
- August 7-9: State 4-H Horse Show
- August 15: State 4-H Dog Show
- August 22: State 4-H Miniature Horse Show

### Kettunen Center Events
- August 15: 4-H Family Fun Weekend

### MSU & State Event
- August 2-8: 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle, MI

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**COME CELEBRATE THE 167TH ANNUAL CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR**
**4-H Club Meetings and Events**

- September 3: 4-H Council meeting, 6:00 pm, Fairgrounds
- September 12: Wattles Park Trailblazers Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- September 20: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township Hall

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*“Hope” is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul And sings the tune without the words And never stops at all.* ~Emily Dickinson

Accept challenges, so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory. ~George S. Patton
# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 4-H Club Meetings and Events
- October 1: 4-H Council meeting, 6:00 pm, MSUE office
- October 6: Annual Convention & Youth Awards Program
- October 18: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm, Clarence Township Hall

### October’s the month, When the smallest breeze
Gives us a shower, Of autumn leaves.
Bonfires and pumpkins, Leaves sailing down —
October is red, And golden and brown.
~Author Unknown
NOVEMBER 2015

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4-H Club Meetings and Events
- November 5: 4-H Council meeting, 6:00 pm, MSUE office
- November 15: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm, Clarence Township Hall

Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation.
~ Brian Tracy
Years go by quickly, live each day to the fullest. "What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it."  Author Unknown

4-H Club Meetings and Events

- December 3: 4-H Leader’s Banquet
- December 20: Bell Clarence Club meeting, 1:00 pm Clarence Township

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."  ~ Dr. Seuss
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4-H Club Young Members

Julianna Adams
Tristan Siscoe
Annabel Westfall

4-H Club Teen Members

Cheyenne Blunt
Emily Brenner
Cole Burchfield
Stephen Childs
Alexis Coates
Lily Fings
Kelsie Letts
Janelle Logan
Lydia-Katherine Myles
Maria Ruedisueli
Sarah Siscoe
Anna Siscoe

4-H Adult Volunteers

Mary Adams
Michelle Barnes
Jeremy Blunt
Scott Brenner
Stacie Coates
Sandy Howard
Justin Nickels
Robert Nickels
Sally Rogers
Theresa Ruedisueli
Mary Seaman
Heidi Strunk

4-H Honorary Members

Bonnie Bole
Lee Fischhaber
Bruce Landis
Arnold Rocco
Carroll Sawyer
Donna Woods

As the Year Comes to a Close...

A Message to Calhoun County 4-H Volunteers from 4-H Coordinator Kathy Fischer

2015 has been a year of changes for the Calhoun County 4-H program, but one thing remains the same...the volunteers are the backbone of the youth development program. Without the dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to touch the lives of so many youth. The skills that you are teaching youth, from decision-making to problem solving and working as a team, are all skills that they will take with them into the future. Regardless of where they end up in life, they will always remember the fun times and lessons learned through 4-H.

As we embark on this New Year, I hope everyone keeps this in mind as they work with our youth. Think about the life lessons you are teaching through whatever project you are doing, think about the impact you are having on the youth of Calhoun County, and think about what would be lacking for our youth without your influence. Remember what a difference you are making in our world.

Thank you for everything each of you has done this past year and before. The Calhoun County 4-H Program wouldn’t be what it is today without the work of all the volunteers. Let’s work together to make 2016 a great year for the youth of Calhoun County 4-H.

Many thanks,

Kathy

Calendar designed by: Janice Wright and Patricia Dadow, Calhoun County MSU Extension Support Staff
4-H PLEDGE

I pledge: my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.