



Huron County

# 4-H Family News

February - March 2018



## REMINDER OF 2017-2018 4-H RE-ENROLLMENTS

We are now six (6) months into the 2017-2018 4-H program year; in which the 4-H calendar year runs from September 1 through August 31 each year. **Deadline for 4-H members and adult leaders to re-enroll was Friday, December 15, 2017.** 4-H members and adult leaders who have not re-enrolled for 2017-2018 will no longer be active in the file.

There are 41 youth who have enrolled in the 4HOnline system, but **HAVE NOT** paid the annual \$20 4-H participation fee. **NOTE - The annual \$20 4-H participation fee applies to all 4-H Cloverbuds and 4-H members ages 5 to 19.** Adult 4-H leaders are exempt. These youth will remain "PENDING" in the 4HOnline system until their participation fees have been paid.

For 4-H families with three or more youth, the annual 4-H participation fee cap is \$60. For your convenience a 2017-2018 Huron County 4-H Participation Fee Family worksheet can be found in this newsletter.

The annual 4-H participation fees **MUST** to be paid by 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2018, otherwise youth will be returned to "INACTIVE" for the 2017-18 4-H year.

**Checks are payable to "MSU."** **There is NO OPTION TO PAY ONLINE.** If you need assistance in covering the 4-H participation fee, please contact Patti Error, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 989-269-9949, ext. 609.

**ONLY NEW** 4-H members have until Friday, June 1, 2018, to enroll in the 2017-2018 4-H program year in order to participate in the 2018 Huron Community Fair. **NO 4-H enrollments will be accepted after the June 1st deadline;** so any new members, wishing to join 4-H before fair, need to do it prior to June 1, 2018, or wait until September 1, 2018, when the new 2018-2019 4-H program year begins.

Again, if you have any questions or need assistance in covering the 4-H participation fee, please feel free to contact Patti Error, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 989-269-9949, ext. 609, or [errrpat@msu.edu](mailto:errrpat@msu.edu).

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**4-H Motto**

**Save the date  
for the 4-H  
Robotics  
Challenge**



On March 10-11, Michigan 4-H members from across the state will gather at the Kettunen Center to participate in the 4-H Robotics Challenge.

Open to youth ages 12-16 as either individuals or a team, the event will include LEGO EV3, Junk Drawer Robotics, and VEX real-time challenges.

Registration for the 4-H Robotics Challenge will be available soon and will be due by Feb. 20.

## 4-H Workshops and Events

### February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration due Feb. 4.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_veterinary\\_science\\_teen\\_and\\_adult\\_leaders\\_workshop2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2)

### February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

*Michigan State University, East Lansing*

Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated. Registration due Feb. 9.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_dog\\_project\\_leader\\_and\\_judges\\_workshop\\_1](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1)

### February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration due Feb. 4.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_beef\\_sheep\\_and\\_swine\\_teen\\_and\\_adult\\_leaders\\_workshop2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2)

### February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Live-stock Project Workshop

*Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth*

Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/youth\\_business\\_guide\\_to\\_success\\_make\\_the\\_most\\_of\\_your\\_market\\_livestock\\_proj](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/youth_business_guide_to_success_make_the_most_of_your_market_livestock_proj)

### February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

*Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse City*

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\\_grand\\_traverse](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training_grand_traverse)

### March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_dairy\\_conference\\_2](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2)

### March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H FunFest

*Kettunen Center, Tustin*

Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge\\_u\\_4\\_h\\_funfest](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest)  
For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

## STATEWIDE AREA NEWS

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### **CAPITOL EXPERIENCE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!**

All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.



Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more. Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more! Registration is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/> and is due by March 16, 2018.

### **WORLD FOOD PRIZE MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!**

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI). This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology, potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyi>.



WFPMIYI empowers youth and gives them the opportunity to share their innovative ideas to better the world.

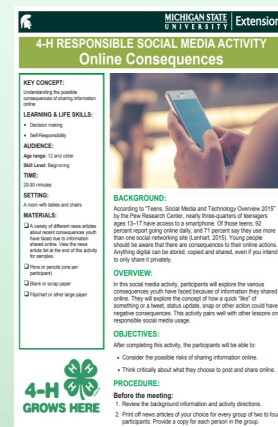
### **YOUTH PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE ROLL-OVER INFORMATION**

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H'ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018. Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth\\_pork\\_quality\\_assurance\\_program\\_rollover\\_information](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth_pork_quality_assurance_program_rollover_information).

## **NEW SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCE!**



In this new Michigan 4-H resource, club leaders can educate youth about the impact media can have on others and themselves. Anything digital can be stores, copied and shared, even if it is only intended to be shared privately.

Teach youth the consequences of their activity online with this new lesson plan that pairs well with other previously created responsible social media usage lessons.

Download your copy at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_responsible\\_social\\_media\\_activity\\_online\\_consequences](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_responsible_social_media_activity_online_consequences).



## COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **HURON COUNTY**

#### **4-H COUNCIL**

#### **MEMBERS**

Mary Aymen,  
President

Tami Daskam,  
Vice-President

Jeff Gillig

Kelly Hunsanger,  
Treasurer

Clema Przemytski

Cyndi Puvalowski

McKenzie Stomack  
(teen)

Sue Stuever-Battel,  
Secretary

Clara Tait  
(teen)

Vivian Thuemmel

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Huron Community Fair Dinner Fundraiser .....	02/10/18
4-H Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. ....	02/13/18
Presidents' Day (MSU Extension Closed) .....	02/19/18
Huron County 4-H Horse & Pony Leaders Scrapbooking Fundraiser .....	02/24/18
Small Livestock Association (SLA) Meeting .....	02/26/18
4-H Council Meeting .....	03/13/18
Registration Begins for 4-H Exploration Days .....	03/13/18
SLA Nutrition and Health Clinic .....	03/20/18
SLA Paint Party w/Jenny Turner .....	03/27/18
Scholarships DUE for 4-H Council and Anthony L. Rapes .....	03/29/18
Good Friday (MSU Extension Closed) .....	03/30/18
SLA Animal and Tack Sale .....	04/07/18
4-H Council Meeting .....	04/10/18
4-H Leaders Appreciation Dinner .....	04/10/18
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program) Meeting .....	04/11/18
Thumb Area 4-H Camp Teen Counselor Retreat .....	04/14-15/18
JLA Feeder Steer Tagging .....	04/14/18
SLA Fundraiser at Pasta House .....	04/15/18
4-H Exploration Days Registration Deadline .....	04/27/18
4-H Council Meeting .....	05/08/18
JLA Sheep & Swine Tagging .....	05/12/18
SLA Meeting .....	05/21/18
Memorial Day (MSU Extension Closed) .....	05/28/18
4-H Exploration Days Orientation Meeting .....	05/30/18
Registration Deadline for Thumb Area 4-H Camp .....	06/01/18
FINAL 4-H Enrollment Deadline Prior to Fair .....	06/01/18
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program) .....	06/06/18
Boxcarjack 4-H Warm Up Horse Show .....	06/09/18
SLA Registration/Tagging .....	06/11/18
4-H Council Meeting .....	06/12/18
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program) .....	06/13/18
4-H Ambassador Applications DUE .....	06/15/18
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program) .....	06/20/18
4-H Exploration Days at MSU .....	06/20-22/18
Boxcarjack and Riders & Crafters 4-H Horse Show .....	06/23/18
Broken Arrow 4-H Horse Show .....	06/24/18
4-H PEP (Proud Equestrian Program) .....	06/27/18

## LOCAL RECOGNITION!!!

### HATS OFF To...

...the 4-H members and adult leaders who wrapped more than 279 gift boxes for the Huron County Clothe-A-Child Program in 2017. The Clothe-A-Child Program delivers complete outfits and goodies to needy children in Huron County at Christmas time.



All participating 4-H members will receive a community service certificate in appreciation for all their efforts. GREAT JOB and THANK YOU to the following 4-H Clubs who had members wrap boxes for this worthwhile program:

4B's 4-H Club

Country Fun 4-H Club

Growing Go-ers 4-H Club

Laker 4-H Club

Country Corners 4-H Club

Goatitude 4-H Club

Happy Gals & Guys 4-H Club

Lucky Livestock 4-H Club



### A BIG THANK YOU To...

...Tim Brady at Minute Man Metal Works for designing and donating his time and materials for our 4-leaf clover that was part of the MSU Extension display at the Huron County Fairgrounds during the "Holiday Light Show." It is awesome to have community members who support our 4-H Program! If you see Tim, thank him for a job well done!

### 4-H/FFA BUILDING SHOWCASES

In 2005, several showcases were replaced in the 4-H/FFA Building at the Fairgrounds. The monies to construct the showcases were raised or donated by 4-H Clubs either in honor of or in memory of community members.

There still remains some additional showcases that are falling apart, missing glass or don't work properly. The showcases are important because they keep the members' projects protected from damage and theft, and they also provide an organized structure for display and viewing. At the 2017 Huron Community Fair, 291 members exhibited 1,261 projects in the 4-H/FFA Building.

A grant has been written and received from the Huron County Youth Advisory Committee of the Huron Community Foundation for one new showcase. However, several more showcases are needed for the 2018 Huron Community Fair. The goal is to replace all the old showcases in the 4-H/FFA Building. Cost is approximately \$788 for one showcase.



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### 4-H Club Pledge:

**"I pledge  
My HEAD  
to clearer  
thinking,  
My HEART  
To greater loyalty,  
My HANDS  
To larger service,  
My HEALTH  
To better living  
For  
My Club,  
My Community  
My Country and  
My World."**



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Anyone wishing to contribute toward new showcases, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949, ext. 609. Donation deadline is Thursday, March 1, 2018. Acceptable forms of payment are cash or check payable to "4-H Leaders Association" with "showcases" written on the memo line.

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



### **ASSOCIATION** **MEETINGS**

The Huron County 4-H Leaders Association (4-H Council) meets the second Tuesday of the month at the MSU Extension Office:

February 13 at 5 p.m.  
March 13, 2018  
April 10, 2018  
May 8, 2018  
June 12, 2018

Times of these meeting may vary, so please contact the MSU Extension Office for specific meeting times.

All meetings are open to anyone interested in the Huron County 4-H program.

### **ANTHONY L. RAPES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Several \$500 scholarships are awarded annually to Huron County's outstanding college-bound high school seniors through the Anthony L. Rapes Memorial Scholarship Fund. Since 1981, this scholarship has been awarded to several students each in memory of Tony Rapes, a long-time Extension Agricultural Agent in Huron County.

Criteria for scholarship awards include high moral character, initiative, and scholastic achievement, as well as outstanding achievements in 4-H and/or FFA. Students are eligible if they will be focusing on a major in agriculture or a related field. Applications are available at high school offices or stop by the MSU Extension Office.

Deadline for completed applications is by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018, to the MSU Extension Office. Late entries will not be accepted!!

### **HURON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Huron County 4-H Council is offering "up to four (4)" \$500 scholarships. To be eligible for the Huron County 4-H Council Scholarship, students must be a high school senior currently enrolled in the Huron County 4-H Program, as well as enrolled in a college/trade school.

Applications are available at high school offices or stop by the MSU Extension Office. Deadline for completed applications is by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018, to the MSU Extension Office. Late entries will not be accepted!!

### **HURON COUNTY DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP BEING OFFERED**

The Huron County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) is offering a scholarship. The scholarship was set up to award graduating seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in the dairy industry. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university and must show interest in returning to the dairy industry in some fashion.

A minimum of one (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded each year; however, the committee reserves the right to award multiple scholarships based on application merit. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of scholastic achievement, current and potential leadership and interest in a career in the dairy industry.

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Applications can be obtained by contacting the MSU Extension office at 1142 S Van Dyke, Suite 200, Bad Axe or calling 989.269.9949 x 602. For questions or electronic application submission email: [mbuza@msu.edu](mailto:mbuza@msu.edu) or [snellereric@gmail.com](mailto:snellereric@gmail.com). Applications are due by March 30, 2018. Scholarship(s) will be awarded May 2018.

### **ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Many more college scholarship opportunities are detailed at <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/scholarships-and-recognition-program/4h-scholarships>.

## **LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

### **HURON COUNTY 4-H SCRAPBOOKING FUNDRAISER**

The Huron County 4-H Horse & Pony Leaders Association is hosting their annual 4-H Scrapbooking Fundraiser on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Huron Expo Center in Bad Axe from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ALL AE WELCOME!

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes mid-morning snack, lunch and dinner. There will be vendors, door prizes and refreshments. RSVPs are required by Monday, February 19, 2018. A registration form can be found in this 4-H newsletter.

### **4-H LEADERS APPRECIATION DINNER**

**SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, April 10, 2018** - The Huron County 4-H Council is currently planning the 4-H Leaders Appreciation Dinner. This is an awesome opportunity for adult 4-H leaders to come together for an evening of conversation, share ideas and enjoy a delicious meal in appreciation for your service. Invitations will be mailed out soon to all currently active 4-H leaders enrolled in the 4HOnline system!



### **4-H WREATH SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H CLUBS**

A new fundraising opportunity is available to 4-H clubs during the 2018 Huron Community Fair! 4-H clubs will have an opportunity to create a decorated wreath for any season and any theme. The wreaths will be on display in the 4-H Building during fair week where the public can bid on them in a silent auction. The 4-H Council will allocate 10% of each wreath's sale price toward scholarships for 4-H youth and volunteers to attend educational events and for college scholarships. Participating 4-H clubs will keep 90% of their proceeds. If you have any questions regarding this 4-H fundraising opportunity, please contact Patti Errer at 989-269-9949, ext. 609, or email [errerpatt@msu.edu](mailto:errerpatt@msu.edu).



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### **THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP**

Thumb Area 4-H Camp will be held Friday, July 6 - Sunday, July 8, 2018, at Camp Cavell in Lexington. 4-H Camp is for youth ages 9 to 14 as of January 1, 2018. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to attend this amazing event.

Our goal is to help youth experience nature in an exciting and memorable way, while developing their independence, confidence and friendships.

Registrations for Thumb Area 4-H Camp will be available in April. Deadline to register for Thumb Area 4-H Camp will be Friday, June 1, 2018. Check out Save the Dates flyer in this newsletter. ☺

## **4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

### **4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop**

February 16-17, 2018,  
at Kettunen Center,  
14901 4-H Drive,  
Tustin, MI 49688

### **4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop**

February 17-18, 2018,  
at Kettunen Center

### **Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders' Conference**

February 23-25, 2018,  
at Kettunen Center

### **Challenge U 4-H FunFest**

March 17-18, 2018,  
at Kettunen Center

### **Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructor's Certification Workshop**

April 27-29, 2018,  
at Kettunen Center

## **4-H CAMP TEEN COUNSELORS NEEDED FOR 2018**

**NEEDED** 4-H teens (ages 15 to 19 years as of January 1, 2018) who are interested in becoming Thumb Area 4-H Camp teen counselors, please contact Patti Error or Kari VerEllen ASAP.

Teen Counselor Trainings have been scheduled and **MUST** be attended in order to become a teen camp counselor. Please mark the following dates on your 2018 calendar:

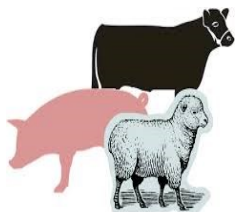


- ♦ **Please note change of date to Saturday-Sunday, April 14-15, 2018** - Thumb Area 4-H Camp Teen Counselor Retreat at Camp Cavell
- ♦ **Thursday, July 5, 2018** - Final 4-H Teen Counselor Training before Thumb Area 4-H Camp at Camp Cavell in Lexington

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti Error or Kari VerEllen at 989-269-9949, ext. 609 or 604.

## **2018 JLA TAGGING DATES SET**

- ♦ April 14, 2018 - Prospect Feeders - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Fairgrounds, Bad Axe *(All bulls are to be castrated. No visible signs of knife cutting or banding (castration) at fair time, any which do will be turned away.)*
- ♦ May 12, 2018 - Sheep & Swine - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Fairgrounds, Bad Axe



The JLA registration and fair entry forms are to be completed for each specie tagging. JLA registration and fair entry forms can be found in this newsletter or in fillable format at [www.huroncommunityfair.com](http://www.huroncommunityfair.com) by clicking on JLA at the top of the main page.

- ♦ **ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE TAGGING OF YOUR ANIMAL AND READY TO HAND IN WHEN YOU GET THERE!**
- ♦ **YOUTH MUST USE THEIR AGE AS OF 12/31/18, AS STATED CLEARLY ON THE JLA AND FAIR ENTRY FORMS.**

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate JLA Species Superintendents:

### **Market Beef Superintendents**

Tom Ziel at 989-553-4046; or Clint Hagen at 989-551-9401

### **Prospect Feeder Superintendents**

Anne Ziel at 989-553-4045; Brant Gnagey at 989-551-2700; or  
Nick Protzman at 989-553-2697

### **Beef Breeding Stock Superintendents**

Dan Bates at 989-225-0200; or Tom Murray at 989-553-1002



### Sheep Superintendents

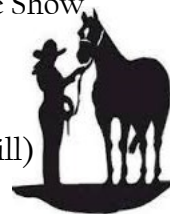
Janet Devroye at 989-550-4303; or Justin Devroye at 989-553-6100

### Swine Superintendents

Sheila Leitch at 989-375-4190; or Joe Ankley at 810-247-3680

## **2018 HURON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY SHOW DATES**

- ♦ Saturday, June 9 - Boxcarjack 4-H Warm Up Horse Show
- ♦ Saturday, June 23 - Boxcarjack and Riders & Crafters 4-H Horse Show
- ♦ Sunday, June 24 - Broken Arrow 4-H Horse Show
- ♦ Saturday, July 14 - Horse & Pony Leaders 4-H Horse Show
- ♦ Saturday, July 21 - Rebel Riders 4-H Fun Show (separate show bill)
- ♦ Sunday, July 29 - Huron Community Fair



## **2018 PROUD EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM (PEP) DATES**

The Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) is a 12-week therapeutic horseback riding program that offers riding lessons to youth with special needs. PEP is held during the summer at the Huron Expo Center (fairgrounds) in Bad Axe on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with the exception of Sunday, July 29 (fair).



June 6, 13, 20, 27  
July 11, 18, 25, 29 (fair)  
August 8, 15, 22 & 29

PEP is a wonderful opportunity for volunteer experience and for individuals who may need to acquire volunteer hours for college credit, National Honor Society, student council, etc. For more information on volunteering to help PEP participants or assist with the program itself, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949, ext. 609. The next 4-H PEP committee meeting will be held at the Huron Expo Center on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

## **SEEKING ADULT VOLUNTEERS/CHAPERONES FOR 2018 THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP**

Thumb Area 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Cavell in Lexington Friday, July 6 - Sunday, July 8, 2018. With our ever-growing and increasing numbers in campers each year, the 4-H Camp committee is looking for adults (both males and females) to help during the daytime with various aspects of 4-H Camp including set up and clean up before and after meals, help with the various activities including arts/crafts, science activities, games, swimming, mud hike, kayaking, tree climbing, outdoor cooking, etc.

This is an awesome experience with many fun and educational activities for everyone including adults!! ☺



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## **UPCOMING 2018 DATES FOR SMALL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**

- ♦ Monday, February 26, 2018 - SLA Meeting & Candy Bar Fundraiser Pick Up (Expo Center)
- ♦ Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - SLA Nutrition & Health Clinic (Expo Center)
- ♦ Tuesday, March 27, 2018 - SLA Paint Party w/ Jenny Turner (Turners Shop, Pigeon)
- ♦ Saturday, April 7, 2018 - SLA Animal Sale & Tack Swap (Dennis Hagen Memorial Show)

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- ♦ Sunday, April 15, 2018 - SLA Fundraiser at the Pasta House in Kinde
- ♦ Monday, May 21, 2018 - SLA Meeting (Expo Center)
- ♦ Monday, June 11, 2018 - SLA Registration/ Tagging (SLA Barn)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above events or dates, please contact Darcy Lipskey (call or text) at 989-550-3177 or email [huroncountysla@gmail.com](mailto:huroncountysla@gmail.com).



The 4-H Camp committee is also seeking adult female and adult male chaperones to stay the duration of Thumb Area 4-H Camp from Thursday, July 5th through Sunday, July 8th. **There is no charge for adult chaperones to attend!** ☺

If you are interested and can make arrangement in your schedule to help out, please contact Patti Error at 989-269-9949, ext. 609, or [errerpatt@msu.edu](mailto:errerpatt@msu.edu); and mark your 2018 calendar and save the dates.

### **HURON COMMUNITY FAIR BILLBOARD CONTEST**

Each participating 4-H Club and FFA Chapter that successfully completes a billboard promoting the 2018 Huron Community Fair will receive \$30 from the Fair Board to cover the expense of the billboard.

Judging will take place the first full week in July and awards will be given out for 1st = \$75, 2nd = \$60, 3rd = \$50, 4th = \$40, and 5th = \$30.

#### **Requirements are:**

1. Billboard must be a minimum of 4 ft. x 8 ft.
2. Billboard must be made of a permanent material such as plywood.
3. Billboard must include name of the fair, dates and location of the fair.
4. Billboard must be posted in a prominent location in the county, and very visible by passing cars, by July 1, 2018. They must be positioned at least 33 ft. from the edge of the road on private property. Billboard must be taken down within two weeks of close of fair or award will not be paid.
5. Billboard will be judged on creativity, design and its effectiveness in promoting the fair (i.e. if its in a location where many people will see it).
6. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters need to submit a billboard registration form for the contest at fair registration. Include the location of the billboard for judging.
7. Billboard registration forms will be available in the fair office at the fairgrounds.
8. Winners will be posted in the fair office during fair week and announced at opening ceremonies on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this contest, please contact Clark Brock, Fair Board President at 989-550-3097.

## **MORE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES!!**

### **2018 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS**



4-H Exploration Days will be held June 20-22, 2018, at Michigan State University. This is an annual MSU Pre-College Program where more than 2500 participants (youth and adult chaperones) from all 83 Michigan counties attend each year! 4-H Exploration Days is offered for youth ages 11 to 19 years of age by January 1,

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2018! Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate in this awesome event. Registration booklets will be available online late February with hard copies available for pick up in early March.

Registrations for 4-H Exploration Days will open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis with many sessions filling quickly on the first day of registration. Final deadline to register with the MSU Extension Office is Friday, April 27, 2018. The registration fee will once again be \$165 (\$185 for non-4-H members). This is a bargain for a 3-day, 2-night MSU pre-college program full of experiential learning and personal growth opportunities!

An initial \$80 deposit is due for 4-H members and \$100 deposit is due for non-4-H members when registering. Checks are payable to MSU. Registrations will not be accepted without the initial deposit. ONLY 4-H members are eligible for scholarships, so please ONLY pay the initial deposit when registering. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patti Error at 988-269-9949, ext. 609.

## **THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE**

### **RESEARCH GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND PROPOSE YOUR SOLUTIONS!**

The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience coordinated by Michigan 4-H and Michigan State University where high school students engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Michigan and around the world. Students research issues they care about, and propose their ideas to solve these grand challenges.

The Michigan Youth Institute is hosted by Michigan State University with the generous support of the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan 4-H, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan FFA and the World Food Prize. Youth in grades 8-12 have the option of participating in the Michigan Youth Institute on May 10, 2018 on MSU's campus in East Lansing or at the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham, MI.

The most outstanding youth who participate in the Michigan Youth Institute will be selected to represent Michigan as delegates to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa (October 17-20, 2018). Michigan delegates will join more than 300 other outstanding students and mentors from across the country and around the world. At the event, they will interact with Nobel and World Food Prize laureates and more than 1,000 global leaders from 75 countries attending the World Food Prize's annual international symposium. Delegates to the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute attend the program without any out-of-pocket expenses. Transportation to and from Iowa, overnight accommodations, meals, and local transportation are all provided through the

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### **BAD WEATHER POLICY**

With winter weather upon us and the probability of bad weather, the MSU Extension Office has established a policy for cancellation of committee meetings and other events. If the Bad Axe Schools are cancelled or released early that day due to bad weather, the meeting or event will be cancelled as well.

If you are ever in question, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949. Please also listen to WLEW for cancellations and/or closings.





financial contributions of the World Food Prize Foundation and Michigan State University. Youth participants may also qualify to apply for scholarships and prestigious paid internships that will have them working side-by-side with leading food security researchers in the United States and around the world!

To participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute, students write a 3 page paper by selecting a foreign country and researching one of 20 key factors affecting people and food security in that country (examples of key factors include plant and animal science, water scarcity, climate volatility, sustainable agriculture and human rights). Newly revised and updated paper writing instructions, resources for conducting their research and writing their paper, and paper samples are available to youth on the World Food Prize website.

Between February 1 and April 1, youth submit their completed papers and register for the 2018 Michigan Youth Institute at <http://events.anr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/>. Teachers and adult mentors are encouraged to attend the Michigan Youth Institute with their student/youth (they too must pre-register). The program is free for youth participants who are currently registered members of Michigan 4-H and for adult mentors/teachers. Youth not registered as Michigan 4-H members must pay a \$20 participation fee. Scholarships are available for youth upon request.

On May 10, in either East Lansing or Chatham, participating youth will:

- ◆ Present their research and recommendations on ways to solve key global challenges in a short speech and



small group discussions with statewide experts;

- ◆ Connect with other student leaders from across Michigan to share ideas, identify solutions to these problems and build lasting friendships;
- ◆ Explore the issues, current research and opportunities to make a difference at Michigan State University; and
- ◆ Interact with global leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs in Michigan working to end hunger and poverty and improve food security around the world.

For more information contact the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute coordinators, **Brian Wibby** ([wibby@anr.msu.edu](mailto:wibby@anr.msu.edu)) 906-315-2662, or **Betty Jo Krosnicki** ([nashbett@anr.msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@anr.msu.edu)) 810-648-2515 ext. 309.