

Kalamazoo County

May - June 4-H Family Newsletter -

4-H Prepares Michigan's Children and Youth for the Future

*Involvement in 4-H
can help kids*

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new ideas,

EXPERIENCE

new opportunities,

build friendships, and

learn skills designed

to help them

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2014 Leader's Council Scholarship Award Winners

Ashley Wagar

Daughter of Mike & Julie Wagar

Climax-Scotts High School

9 year member of Scotts Busy Youth 4-H Club

Attending MSU - majoring Crops & Soil Science

Elizabeth Bolhuis

Daughter of Mark & Veronica Bolhuis

Galesburg-Augusta High School

8 year member of Galesburg United 4-H Club, 4 year

member of Interstate Exchange Teen Club

Attending EMU - majoring in Business & Visual

Arts

Madison Chase

Daughter of Mark & Christina Chase

Gull Lake High School

8 year member of Tri-United 4-H Club

Attending WMU - majoring in Education

Tanner Gray

Son of Corey & Andrea Gray

Climax-Scotts High School

7 year member of Scotts Busy Youth 4-H Club

Attending MSU - majoring in Agriculture Industries

Program

Ben Ruger

Son of Steve & Jen Ruger

Vicksburg High School

4 year member of Pavilion Busy Clovers 4-H Club

Attending Harding University—majoring in History

Lindsey Mercer

Daughter of Arch & Gail Mercer

Vicksburg High School

7 year member of Pavilion Busy Clovers 4-H Club

Attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College -

majoring in Education

Lindsay Nelson

Daughter of Daniel & Laura Nelson

Portage Central High School

3 year member of Tri-United 4-H Club

Attending the University of Findlay - major-

ing in Animal Science and Equestrian Studies

Danielle Hunter

Daughter of Rich & Connie Hunter

Climax-Scotts High School

10 year member of Scotts Busy Youth 4-H

Club, 4 year member of Interstate Exchange

Teen Club

Attending Kalamazoo Community College -

majoring in Veterinary Science

Upperclassman Scholarships

Scott Myers

Son of Richard & Dawn Myers

12 year member of Scotts Busy Youth 4-H

Club

Currently attending MSU - majoring in

Agribusiness Management

Brandie Bartholomew

Daughter of Travis & Trish Bartholomew

13 year member of Scotts Busy Youth

Currently attending MSU - majoring in

Elementary Education



For my Club, my community, my country, and my world.

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Have You Sold Cattle on the Farm?

If so, be sure you paid the \$1.00 checkoff.

Did You Know? Every time you sell a bovine animal, regardless of age, sex, breed, purpose, or number a dollar-a-head is due. The dollar is to be collected by the buyer from the seller, although both parties are responsible for remittance. The checkoff is designed so that everyone pays their fair share.

How are your checkoff dollars being used? Beef and veal television, radio and print advertising. Food safety, health and nutritional research. Product technology and development. Educating consumers and children about beef's role in a healthy diet. Refuting issues that could negatively impact the beef industry, such as BSE, E. Coli and Foot-and-Mouth disease.

How Do You Pay? Complete a remittance form and mail it along with your check to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission. Additional remittance forms are available through the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, MI. 48864, Fax: 517-347-0919.

Who Pays? When cattle are sold or imported, the buyer of the cattle must withhold a \$1 per head, or equivalent, from the seller's purchase price. Failure to do so is a violation of the law and may be subject to a \$5,500 penalty. It's the law - no one is exempt. **Website: <http://www.mibeeff.org>. Go Checkoff Info and then to Checkoff Remittance Form.**

URBAN PROGRAM UPDATE

The 4-H Eastwood Community Club recently installed a small community garden near the corner of Baker Drive and Ann Street in Kalamazoo Township. They will be meeting at the garden once a week to learn about gardening, nutrition, environmental stewardship, and so much more! They will also meet as a traditional community club once a month to conduct 4-H business.

The 4-H Northside Community Club is currently accepting new members and volunteers. They will begin renovating their own garden space in May, and hope to start entrepreneurial programming this summer.

The 4-H Club at Interfaith homes hopes to be up and running by June, so keep an eye out for more information as that develops.

If anyone would like to help out these new 4-H clubs as they begin their journey in to 4-H, please contact Evan Granito at (269)383-8878, or email granitoe@anr.msu.edu.

There are two special events happening in May at the old Riverside Greenhouse site on Riverview drive. On May 16th at 1:30 pm, 4-H members from the Kazoo School will be meeting at the Riverview site to plant all the native perennials that they potted up at last year's Kazoo School 4-H Planting Day. The plants have been waiting patiently all winter long, and now that spring is here (mostly!) they're ready to go in the ground. There will be multiple stations of educational activities for participants, and all 4-H members are welcome to attend! On May 31st at 9:00 am, there is a Native Pollinator workshop at the same site. This workshop involves building a homemade Insect Hotel, and planting a small pollinator garden for native pollinators. This is an excellent opportunity to give back to the community, learn about our natural ecosystem and the importance of native pollinator populations, and have some fun in the sun! This workshop is free for all 4-H members.

To register for either of these events, or for more information on the Urban 4-H programming in our county, please contact Evan Granito at (269) 383-8878, or email granitoe@anr.msu.edu.

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Record-Keeping

Record keeping is an important life skill for youth to learn at an early age. Whether it is working in their member record book, a market journal for a livestock animal at the fair or keeping a calendar of events and projects for school youth need to learn this important skill. In looking at adult responsibilities when it comes to record keeping there are many that we could list, here are a few:

- Recording and paying bills on time
- Medication and immunization records for either themselves, children or animals
- Farming records – required by the USDA
- School records and so much more

Whether you choose to do a member record book or your community club requires it, you will learn valuable lessons:

- It will help you to plan and organize your goals, while being able to look back at past goals to see how you have progressed in your knowledge
- You will work on your time management skills, decision making, self-motivation/responsibility, goal setting and marketable skills. All of these skills will help you with future projects and your future career options.
- When it comes to filling out college applications, scholarships, 4-H state awards or job application you will have all of your community service, leadership roles and project information will be in one place, It will be well organized, making completing forms much easier, less time consuming and accurate.
- It can be worked on throughout the year, starting with the first several pages that can be completed prior to January 1 of the current year. The only pages that need to be completed after that are the project record sheets (needed for each still project brought to display at the county fair)
- You will be able to set goals, write them down and then reflect on what went right and what you can change for the next year to improve your projects, your knowledge and your abilities.
- With a completed member record book you are eligible to apply for Fall Achievement awards that may include county pins, cash awards from sponsors, trips to locations such as Chicago, Lansing and Washington D.C and college scholarship

In talking with youth and parents who are in high school and are looking toward work and college many have said how helpful the books are, and for those who haven't done it they tell me how they wish that they would have taken the time to complete the book. By taking time to create a fantastic member record book you will be able to develop many useful life skills that will benefit you throughout your life. You can find the updated member record book at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42275/Member_record_book_revised_December_2013.pdf. Cloverbud (5-8 year olds) books can be found at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/234/42275/cloverbud/Cloverbud_booklet.pdf.

If you have questions about completing the book please check with your community club leader or the 4-H office.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Kalamazoo County 4-H Youth Development - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth-Program/122047197873078?fref=ts>

Kalamazoo County 4-H Twitter at <https://twitter.com/KzooCounty4H>

Kalamazoo County 4-H Blogspot at <http://kzoocounty4h.blogspot.com/>

Michigan 4-H - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/Michigan4H?fref=ts>

Kalamazoo County Dairy Project link - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/359337366181/>

Kalamazoo County Rabbit Project - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/195384267151802/>

Kalamazoo County Dog Project - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/147649262038773/>

Kalamazoo County Teen Club - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/188725345004/>

Kalamazoo County Feeder Calf Club - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/264639983534/>

Alamo Achievers 4-H club - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/495459130465211/>

Augusta United 4-H Club - <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/AugustaUnited/>

EXPLORATION DAYS

JUNE 18-20, 2014

Exploration Days Orientation is May 29, 2014 from 6pm – 7:30 pm.
This is a mandatory meeting - if you are participating in Expo Days you **must** attend.

During this orientation you will learn about the expectations while on campus, make roommate requests and sign up to ride the bus. You will also need to have all of the required paperwork and the balance of your registration fee turned in during this meeting. This will also give you the opportunity to meet your chaperones and to ask questions of the 4-H staff.

For everything **Exploration Days** related see
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4-h_exploration_days

Entertainment for Expo Days this year is “Science in the Movies, How that Works with Steve Wolf”. See the secret science behind movie stunts and special effects! Stunt and Special Effects Coordinator will reveal how science and math concepts are used to create spectacular feats and special effects seen in the movies.

This event will be fast paced and will include stunt performances along with audience interaction.
You won't want to miss this!!!

CALL 383-8867 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Attention Expo Days CCA's and Chaperones:

CCA's will have online training modules and quizzes to complete. These will be available the week of May 19, 2014. Information will be sent to the CCA's directly, county 4-H coordinators will receive a copy.

There will also be training webinars - one for CCA's and one for chaperones - that will be held on Wednesday, May 28 as follows. More information will be forthcoming but you may want to note the times and dates now.

5:15 pm - 5:45 pm Chaperone Webinar
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm CCA webinar

2013 - 2014 BIRTHDAY CAKE SCHEDULE

September 2013	Scotts	January 2014	Tri-United
October 2013	Augusta	February 2014	Pavilion
November 2013	Galesburg	March 2014	Climax
December 2013	Hickory Corners	April 2014	Cooper
		May 2014	Alamo



There are no cake deliveries in the months of June, July and August. Cakes should be delivered to Woodside at Friendship Village (1300 North Drake). Please furnish two 9” X 13” or three 8” cakes. Cakes should be delivered between 8:00 am and noon on the first Wednesday of the month or the day before from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Cakes should be decorated but NO writing. Leave your name, address and club name when dropping off cakes. Contact Lynda Doorlag (381-8837, ext. 466).

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2014 COUNTY FAIR DATES:
AUGUST 4 - 9

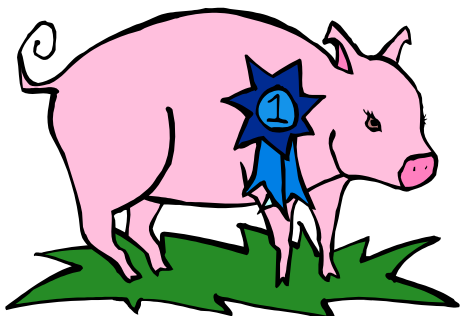
Fair week is determined by counting back four weeks from Labor Day.

E-Mail Contact

E-mails sent out through the national data base, that we use when entering your registration forms, will come from bolhuisv@e-mail.4-h.org or granitoe@e-mail.4-h.org. **Please make sure NOT to save this e-mail as my contact information.** It is set up this way so that our e-mails shouldn't end up in your spam/junk folders. Please make sure to save our emails as bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu or grantioe@anr.msu.edu. E-mails sent to the other address end up in cyberspace and will not be seen by 4-H staff.

Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development defines the Health Requirements for Livestock exhibited in Michigan. Please go to: www.michiganfairs.org for the most recent information.



TEEN CLUB FUNDRAISER

The Teen Club is selling Wenke Bucks for their fundraiser this year. If you would like to purchase Wenke Bucks, the price is \$10.00. This goes toward a gift certificate to Wenke's greenhouse. For more information call Veronica Bolhuis at 383-8867. The Teen Club will be using the money they earn to host youth from Hampshire County, Massachusetts for their Interstate Exchange trip this summer.

FAIR PREMIUM BOOKS!

You will be able to find the premium book on both the Kalamazoo County Fair and the 4-H websites. The fair website is <http://www.kalcounty.com/parks/fair/index.htm>

Premium books will not be handed out at your club meetings. If you do not have access to a computer, either at home, public library or 4-H family friend, please contact the fair office at 373-5181 for a paper copy of your project areas.

Fair Entry deadline is July 1, 2014.

SET THE ALARM ON YOUR BLACKBERRY, iPhone, PDA, computer calendar, etc. !



!! UPCOMING DEADLINES & EVENTS !!

May 19, 2014 - Fair Royalty applications due to the Fair Office.

May 29, 2014 - 4-H Exploration Days Orientation 6:00 p.m. Everyone should attend.

June 16, 2014 PQA Training, 6:00 PM

June 18 - 20, 2014 - MSU Exploration Days

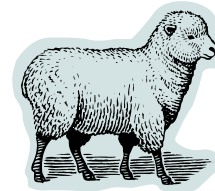
July 1, 2014 - Fair Entry Deadline

August 4 - 9, 2014 - Kalamazoo County Fair

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SHEEP PROJECT

Sheep shearing, de-worming and weigh in will be held at the sheep barn on Saturday, June 7 at 9 A.M. We will be there until all the lambs are done, typically it doesn't take any longer than 1 1/2 hrs. See you there!



CAT PROJECT

Our May cat meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 pm in Room C at the Expo Center. We will be covering cat showmanship, so please bring your cats with you. Also bring your cats vaccination records. No cat can be shown without being current on vaccines. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Hedges at 269-624-1184.



SPRING POULTRY NEWS

It's Spring and I hope that all of the turkeys are off to a good start and growing well for you. I hope that the rest of you have your brooders ready when the market chicks start arriving. We have a county-wide poultry project meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th at 7pm in Room B at the fairgrounds. After the news and business part of the meeting (providing the weather is co-operative), we can have a fitting and conditioning session outside---so plan on bringing your potential show bird to spiff up. I also mentioned at the last meeting that we could do a fun craft project---making feather pins---at the end of the meeting. Providing you start collecting feathers from your chickens, turkeys etc, as they do their spring moult. Be sure to wash your feathers before using them on any craft project.

Also on the Poultry calendar is the state 4-H Poultry Palooza show on Saturday, May 3rd at the Eaton Co. fairgrounds in Charlotte. The show starts at 9am but you must have pre-registered to be in the show. Anybody can come and watch the fun and learn how a show is run--- plus there is going to be a guest speaker and birds for sale.

The Van Buren County 4-H projects have invited us to come to the spring small animal show that they will be holding on Saturday, June 21st. There will be breed contests and showmanship competitions----lots of fun and a great experience.

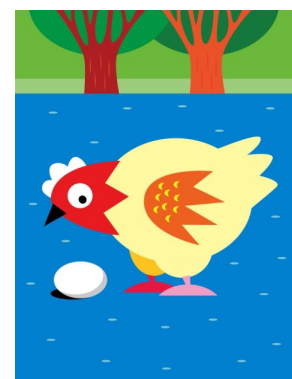
The poultry project is going to have a pullorum and showmanship workshop on May 15th at 7pm in the Lawrence community center to get some practice for this show. If you would like more info, call Jackie at 629-9664 or email at stasevichj@aol.com.

Don't forget to get your market chick orders in to Ann Hollister before the order deadlines and make sure that you mark the pick up date on your calendar.

ORDER DATE

PICKUP DATE

Turkey	Feb 21	March 25
Market Geese	March 28	May 6
Heavy Duck	April 11	May 20
Roaster	May 2	May 28
Market Ducks	May 9	June 10
Broiler	May 30	June 24
Cornish	June 6	July 1



Ann Hollister - Poultry Co-Superintendent
Jackie Stasevich - Poultry Co-Superintendent



May 2014



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

5	5	6	7 Cakes—Alamo SPRING CONFER- ENCE—4-H OFFICE CLOSED	1 / 8 SPRING CONFER- ENCE—4-H OFFICE CLOSED	2 / 9 SPRING CONFER- ENCE—4-H OFFICE CLOSED	3 / 10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 4-H Companion Ani- mal Teen & Adult workshop—Kettunen Center
18 4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult work- shop—Kettunen Center	19 Small mammal countywide meeting Room B, 6 pm, Leaders council, Room C, Fairgrounds, 7 pm	20 Countywide poultry meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7 pm	21 Livestock Superinten- dents Association, Room C, Fairgrounds, 7 pm	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day— MSUE office Closed	27 Countywide swine meeting, Room C, Countywide Rabbit meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7 pm	28 Fair Council, Room C & County- wide goat meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7 pm	29 Exploration Days Orientation, Georgian Room, Nazareth Com- plex, 6 pm	30	31
			28 EXPO DAYS WEBINARS 5:15 PM Chaperone s 6:00 pm CCA's			



June 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Sheep shearing—9 am Rabbit tattooing 10 am Showmanship clinic Livestock arena—fair-grounds</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>PQA 6 pm Nazareth Complex—Georgian Room</i>	17	18 <i>LSA, Room C, Fairgrounds 7 pm</i> Exploration Days	19 <i>Horse Council, Room C, Fairgrounds, 7 pm</i> Exploration Days	20 Exploration Days	21
22	23 <i>Small Mammals, countywide mtg, 6 pm, Room B Leader's Council, Room C, Fairgrounds, 7 pm</i>	24 <i>Countywide Rabbit meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7 pm</i>	25 <i>Fair Council, Room C, Fairgrounds, 7 pm</i>	26 <i>Countywide goat meeting, Room B, Fairgrounds, 7 pm</i>	27	28 <i>Open Horse Show - Horse Arenas, Fairgrounds</i>
29 <i>Open Horse Show - Horse Arenas, Fairgrounds</i>	30		Countywide Swine Fit & Show, date, location and time TBD			

Calendar of Events and Special Points of Interest

MSU 4-H Events <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>

4-H Poultry Palooza

May 3, 2014

Eaton County Fairgrounds - the State 4-H Poultry Palooza is designed for young people aged 9 to 19.

Classroom in the Woods - Exploring Sustainable Forest Systems

May 13, 2014

MSUE Tollgate Education Center

Join us for this teacher workshop to discover how to bring the classroom into the woods with beginning forest sustainability, tree physiology, and much more.

4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo

June 7, 2014 Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo is designed for young people who are interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the rabbit and cavy fancy.

4-H Exploration Days

June 18, 2014

Michigan State University Campus

This MSU pre-college program gives young people a chance to experience college life, learn new ideas and skills, and meet people from across Michigan.

State 4-H Trail Ride

June 20 - June 22, 2014

Whiskey Creek Campground, Custer, MI.

4-H Renewable Energy Camp

June 23, 2014

MSU Campus

This MSU pre-college program gives young people a chance to explore ideas, research and opportunities in the field of energy as it relates to resources and agriculture.

MI 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

June 23, 2014

Michigan State University Campus

Join other Michigan teens as they participate at 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp this summer.

MSU Pavilion <http://www.ans.msu.edu/events>

4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI. 48910

517-355-8383

MI Quarter Horse Youth Association Spartan Spectacular

May 9 - May 11, 2014

MSU Pavilion

Michigan Apple Blossom Classic Show

May 17 - May 18, 2014

MSU Pavilion

ASHAM Spring Sizzler Benefit Horse Show

May 17, 2014

MSU Pavilion

MI Beef Showcase

June 6 - June 8, 2014

MSU Pavilion

MJLS Sheep Spectacular

June 6 - June 7, 2014

MSU Pavilion

MI Beef Showcase

June - June 8, 2014

MSU Pavilion

MSU Block and Bridle Lamb Show

June 8, 2014

MSU Pavilion

Spartan Classic Jr. Hog Show and Jackpot Show

June 13 - June 15, 2014

MSU Pavilion

State 4-H Goat Show

June 28, 2014

MSU Pavilion - MI 4-H members have the opportunity to compete in showmanship and breed classes as well as pack, obstacle and driving

Kettunen Center

<http://www.kettunencenter.org/calendar.html>

231-829-3421 14901 4-H Drive, Tustin, MI. 49688

4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Training Workshop

May 17, 2014

Kettunen Center - Participants are welcome and encouraged to bring their dogs to experience hands-on workshop training.

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