

*Kalamazoo County*

4-H Family News

MAY 2018

2018 LEADERS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The following youth were chosen as the recipients of the Leaders Council scholarships for 2018. Each youth will receive \$500.00 to put toward their college expenses.

Congratulations to each youth and their parents!

High School Seniors

Hannah Flickinger

Daughter of Eric and Jamie Flickinger
Vicksburg High School
8 year member of Kalamazoo County 4-H
Attending WMU

Kyle Schmitt

Son of Kurt and Jennifer Schmitt
Gull Lake High School
6 year member of Kalamazoo County 4-H
Attending Ball State University

Congratulations also to the Upperclassman who received Scholarships:

Logan Hunter

Son of Rich and Connie Hunter
Attending WMU

Kaylynn Ruger

Daughter of Steve and Jennifer Ruger
Attending Indiana Wesleyan University

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Exploration

Days

Orientation

May 30, 2018

6:30 PM

Room B

Kalamazoo

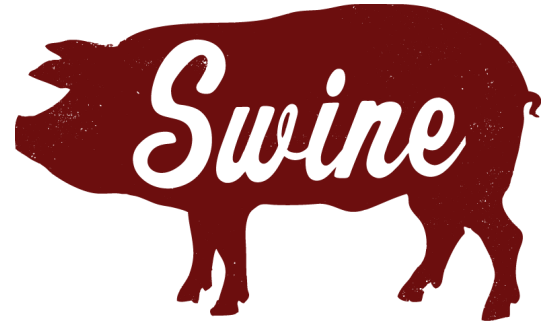
County

Fairgrounds

Swine News

Upcoming Swine Project Dates:

- May 9th, PQA 7pm
- May 15th, PQA 7pm
- May 19th, PQA 10:30 and 1:30
- May 22, PQA only, 7pm, there will not be a separate meeting
- May 31—photo of pig and 4-H member due
- July showing demonstration—date and time TBD



Reminder: All pigs must be in your possession by May 1st. Registration forms must be turned in by May 31st along with a photo of each pig with ear tags showing and the 4-H member in the photo with the pig.

Sheep Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

7 PM

Room A at the Fairgrounds

Guest Speaker: Dr. Heather Ludlam

Topic of Discussion: Wool

Other Discussion Items: Barn Theme, Educational Exhibits, Mandatory Tagging



Animal Health and Sciences Workshops

Goat Welfare

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

6:30 PM

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Room B



At this session, we'll first start by defining what animal welfare is and is not. With that, we'll talk about two important references scientists use to think about and discuss animal welfare. Once we have a basic understanding of animal welfare in general, we'll turn our attention to goats and learn about species specific information for these animals.

Poultry Project

Some days it doesn't look or feel like it, but — IT IS SPRING! Before we know it, preparations for the fair will be upon us. Some chicks have arrived and are growing while others can still be ordered. See the schedule to order your market chicks before the deadline and mark your calendars to pick them up at the Feedbag in Richland.

The next county project meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at 7pm in Room B of the Expo Center.

Weather permitting, we could start practicing showmanship and agility training. If you bring a bird, leave it outside during the meeting.

To prepare for this, you need to start working with your chosen birds. Handle your showmanship bird a lot and train your agility bird to take treats from your hand and follow you for more.



2018 Poultry Deadlines

Market Geese:

Order—March 30
Pick-up—May 8

Heavy Duck:

Order—April 13
Pick-up—May 22

Roaster (chicks):

Order—May 4
Pick-up—May 29

Market (Peking) Duck:

Order—May 11
Pick-up—June 12

Broiler (chicks):

Order—May 25
Pick-up—June 19

Cornish (chicks):

Order—June 1
Pick-up—June 26



Food Safety and Handling

May 17th, 6:30 PM

Room B, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

Cost: FREE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth and adults who have responsibilities for serving and selling food at fundraiser's, vendor booths, etc. which includes preparing and serving food to the public.

DESCRIPTION:

Participants will learn basic food safety: how to keep food safe; temperature controls, cleaning and sanitizing, cross contamination and personal hygiene.

HOW TO REGISTER

Preregister with Leatta Byrd at byrdle@msu.edu

First Aid and CPR certification

May 19th, 10:00—2:00

Room B, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds

Cost \$35.00 per person

Individuals should bring a sack lunch

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth and adults who would like to be certified in basic first aid and CPR. Everyone who attends and passes will receive a certification card through the American Heart Association.

DESCRIPTION:

Participants will learn basic first aid and CPR and use of an AED machine.

HOW TO REGISTER

Preregister with Veronica Bolhuis at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu

Payment will be made the day of the class to Sue Conklin (instructor)



4-H Project Leaders Needed

MSU Extension 4-H youth development programs, throughout the state, are in need of 4-H project leaders to help youth grow and develop in a variety of life skills. These life skills can be anything from science, baking, car repair, animal care, financial literacy and so much more.

Take a look at these questions:

Do you have a couple of hours a month you could give to a small group of youth?

Are there children in your club or neighborhood who show an interest in learning about a subject that you know something about or are willing to learn about with the youth?

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of the next generation?

Can you help a child to become successful, giving them the tools to become confident leaders in their homes, schools and communities?

Do you believe that volunteering helps to build a better community?

Did you participate in a youth organization where adults volunteers helped you to develop into a confident adult?

If the answer was yes to any of these questions we're looking for YOU!

If you are interested in helping the next generation to "Make the best better" please contact the 4-H office at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu.

Some specific project leaders we are looking for currently are: culinary arts (food), needlecrafts (including sewing), arts and crafts (including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, pottery, wood crafts, etc), vet science, entomology (study of bugs/beekeeping), sports and recreation, and so many more. If you have an idea for a project that you would like to teach and don't see it listed above please contact the 4-H office, we would love to talk to you!

Remember part of our pledge is to use our "hands for larger service" - many times this is taught through the example of our volunteers to our youth through leading clubs and projects. What can you do to make a difference this year?



We are looking for Project Leaders in:

- Culinary Arts
(food)
- Needlecrafts
(including sewing)
- Arts & Crafts
- Drawing
- Painting
- Photography
- Ceramics
- Pottery
- Wood crafts
- Vet science
- Entomology (study of bugs/beekeeping)
- Sports & Rec

STRYKE FORCE

The Stryke Force 4-H FIRST Robotics Club wrapped up its 2017/2018 FRC season at the World's Competition in Detroit April 25th through the 28th. Stryke Force had another successful season this year earning first place at both of its regional events in March as well as making it to the semi-finals at the States completion in Saginaw April 12th through April 14th. Stryke Force will be hosting open houses at Midlink Business Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on May 8th, May 10th, May 14th and May 16th.

ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHERY

On March 28th, the Aim to Achieve Archery Club held its first ever county shoot for indoor target archery at the Kalamazoo Rod and Gun Club. In past years the archery focus in Kalamazoo County has been centered around 3-D target archery, with many members going on to do well competing at the state level. Club leaders and instructors are excited to see if adding a county shoot will over time, increase participation rates in target archery at the state level of competition.

If your child is interested in joining the archery club/project next 4-H year, starting in September 2018, please contact Lynn Buchkowski at lynnbuch1@frontier.com for more information. The final placings per division for this year's Kalamazoo Target Archery Shoot were as follows:

- CLOVERBUD SIGHTED: Josie Hendrix/Blue Ribbon
- BEGINNER SIGHTED: 1st/ Mickey Hendrix, 2nd/Gabe Buchkowski
- JUNIOR/SIGHTED: 1st/Josie Buchkowski, 2nd/Anna Hendrix
- SENIOR SIGHTED: 1st/Chase Walters, 2nd/Renee Hendrix, 3rd/Karley Hendrix
- BEGINNER OPEN: 1st/Sophia Pierce, 2nd/Joey Ackerson, 3rd/Sango (Smith?)
- JUNIOR OPEN: 1st/Joe Balkema, 2nd/Owen Smitt, 3rd/Hailey Funk, 4th/Sam Balkema, 5th/Preston Pero
- SENIOR OPEN: 1st/Jordan Funk

CONGRATULATIONS & GREAT JOB ARCHERS!

Did You Know

Ducks' feathers are waterproof. A special gland near the tail produces oil that spreads and covers the outer coats of feathers.





Application deadline for the 2018 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship is May 15, 2018

To be eligible for either the MYLSF general scholarship or the statewide scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of Michigan and a graduating high school senior or a high school graduate continuing their education at an accredited institution in the year in which they are applying.

For the general MYLSF scholarship, the applicant must be a youth exhibitor at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Dairy Expo or the former Michigan State Fair, for a minimum of three calendar years prior to the year of application. For the statewide scholarship, an applicant must be a youth exhibitor at a local, county, or statewide exhibition for a minimum of three years prior to the year of application.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at www.michigan.gov/mda-mylsf. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Producer Security Section Manager, at 517-284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau's Livestock & Dairy Specialist, at 517-679-5335.





FUN at the Fair

Over the past several years we've had a lot of fun for the 4-H youth at the fair. A few years ago water games and pizza were added on Sunday night along with a dance on Friday night. We would like to add more fun games and activities for youth and adults throughout the week, but we are looking for your input. Josh (the fair manager) and Veronica would like to have youth and adult input. Please send ideas to us both at bolhuisv@anr.msu.edu and jdgowe@kalcounty.com.

Saturday Performances at the Fair

We are looking to showcase more 4-H events on Saturday. We would like to dedicate an hour or two (7-9pm) for any 4-Her to repeat their performances (or do a performance) on the stage inside the expo center. This is an opportunity to bridge the gap between 4-H and the public, and for the exhibitors to show off their passions. Anyone that is interested may contact Josh Gower, fair manager. He can adjust the times if needed. His e-mail address is jdgowe@kalcounty.com.

Camping During the Kalamazoo County Youth Fair

The Expo Center also wants to remind 4-H families that they will begin taking camping reservations for the Fair on May 1. For 2018 the weekly camping rate is \$145.00 plus a \$5.00 reservation fee. There is still a limit of 2 vehicles on each campsite, however both of these vehicle permits are included in the \$145.00 weekly fee. You can call the office at 383-8778 to make reservations. Parking passes, fair admission and ride wristbands can also be purchased at the same time as you make camping reservations. Maple Leaf Amusement will offer \$10.00 pre-sale ride wristbands.

2018 Barn Cleanup Day

The Barn Cleanup day for 2018 will be Saturday July 28th at 8:00am. The Fair will once again offer a free ride wristband to any exhibitor that comes out to help for the entire cleanup day. Come out and help make your barns and mall look amazing for Fair!

Did You Know??

Pigs are considered the 4th most intelligent animal (after chimpanzees, dolphins, and elephants).



Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration

This event Supports Military Families at Home and Overseas



Wyandotte, MI.—The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Libra Marina 811 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte MI on the Detroit River. The fishing will be limited to the American waters of the Detroit River between the southern tip of Grosse Isle and the Ambassador Bridge. The event, which is hosted by the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization, provides a fishing outing for families of service members. This event is available to military children 4 and older. One parent must attend.

Kids will receive a free rod and reel and 20+ boats with Fishing Guides will take each of the families out on the Detroit River. Prizes will be awarded in three categories and the event will wrap up with lunch and closing ceremonies at noon. Families can register by using the link provided below.

www.jointservicessupport.org/Req/33V296

About the Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization

The Armed Forces Family Fishing Organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Military youth/family and communities through outdoor programming.

The Annual Major Daniel Jacobs Memorial Armed Forces Family Fishing Celebration Event
Saturday, May 19 2018
9 am to 2:30 pm
Libra Marina on the Detroit River

For more Information Contact:

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Angie.s.harkins2.ctr@mail.mil

Nate Hanselman:
 (517) 481-9890
hanselman11@gmail.com



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The Michigan 4-H Club Mission and Outcomes



4-H is a fun, learn-by-doing, educational program for young people. Just as the mission of Michigan 4-H Youth Development is to create nonformal, educational opportunities to help youth thrive in a complex and changing world, so 4-H clubs are designed to foster relationships and offer learning experiences over an extended period of time. The unique opportunity for social and personal development provided through a 4-H club structure is the most effective and efficient way to achieve the mission of 4-H. Through their involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain valuable knowledge and skills that contribute to their personal growth and development. The quality of the learning experiences depends, to a large extent, on the relationships built between and among the young people and adults.

Outcomes

Active participation in a 4-H club helps young people develop their assets and life skills. We hope that young people will develop:

- Greater knowledge and appreciation of themselves and others.
- Decision-making skills.
- Public and interpersonal communication skills.
- Positive interactions with other young people and with adults.
- Responsibility for themselves.
- An ethic of service to group and community.
- An attitude of lifelong inquiry and application of information.
- An ability to relate to a constantly changing world.
- Strengthened family interactions.
- Career exploration and workforce preparation skills.
- Leadership skills.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team.

- Greater understanding of and appreciation for diversity.
- Practical knowledge and skills in project areas.
- Positive conflict resolution skills.

Adults involved in 4-H roles as volunteers often grow and develop in the same areas as the youth participants.

4-H Creed for Leaders

I believe:

- The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- 4-H members should be their own best exhibit.
- No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.
- Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised. (Volunteers, too!)
- Our job as a 4-H volunteer leader is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

—Source Unknown

4-H International Exchange Opportunity

We are now accepting application for families to host international exchange students for one month this summer, 2018. We have 8 Korean delegates and 30 Japanese delegates looking forward to meeting your family.

HOSTING PERIOD 4 weeks: July 22 – Aug. 17, 2018

- Japanese & Korean delegates are ages 12-16 (most are 12-14) or adult chaperones
- Youth have limited English language skills, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS

- Japanese & Korean youth will be the same gender and within 3 years of age of your child.
- A chaperone can be hosted for two weeks by an individual or any family. Chaperones can be college interns or age 60+.
- No special activities needed. The youth want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.
- Volunteer to participate. Previous 4-H involvement not required.
- Delegates can attend summer camp (we cover cost up to \$250) with your child.

Applications are found at www.states4hexchange.org or if you have questions contact State Coordinator: D'Ann Rohrer, 231-845-3361, drohrer@msu.edu



Michigan State University Extension provides food safety programs

Michigan State University Extension offers food safety training in 7 Southwest Michigan counties: Calhoun, Branch, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren and Kalamazoo. Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and your local health departments work hard to make sure safe food is prepared and served in restaurants and other food establishments. [Michigan State University Extension](#) also helps by offering a national food safety certification program called ServSafe Manager training statewide. This training is for those serving food to the public or who want to make themselves more employable by getting this managers certification.

Topics covered in the ServSafe Managers training:

- The importance of food safety
 - Good personal hygiene
 - Time and temperature control
 - Preventing cross-contamination
 - Cleaning and sanitizing
 - Safe food preparation
 - Receiving and storing food
 - Methods of thawing, cooking, cooling and reheating food
- Educator also does testing of pressure canners.

For more information regarding MSU Extension food safety programs contact:

Leatta Byrd MA, RDN – Food Safety Educator, Health & Nutrition Institute

MSU Extension – Kalamazoo County

Office: 269-384-8063, Fax: 269-384-8035

byrdle@msu.edu

Other Food Safety classes include:

Cooking for Crowds
the Cooking for Crowds curriculum was designed for non-profit groups that cook for their organization or for the public.

Food Preservation (canning) classes.

Cottage Food Law
a program to train Michigan residents in food safety and to learn more about promoting their product at farm markets or other venues.

Food Safety in Food Pantries
informational training covers many food safety concepts of handling food in the pantry.

Basic Food Safety
a basic food safety course is available for the general public. This is currently a free program.

4-H Renewable Energy Camp

Explore Michigan State University's campus while learning about ideas, research and opportunities in the field of natural resources and agriculture energy during the 2018 Michigan 4-H Renewable Energy Camp.



Taking place July 23 to 27, participants will be lodged in Shaw Hall as they learn from company executives, interactive farm tours, discussions with MSU professors and more.

The camp is open to youth ages 13 to 19 and registration closes June 1. Register at msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_renewable_energy_camp_2.

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

May 9: Animal Care and Well-being

Alcona High School, Lincoln

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

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

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

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

May 23: 4-H Junior Master Gardner 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

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

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

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



Raise your hand for Michigan 4-H!

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.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		4-H Friends club meeting	Oshtemo, Portage club meeting	Derby car project, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Alamo club meeting, small mammals/cavy/critter meeting, room D, fairgrounds, 7pm	PQA—Room B, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM (RSVP required)	Richland club meeting	Countywide cat project meeting, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Scotts, Tri-united club meetings	Climax, Fulton, Galesburg, Schoolcraft club meetings	Countywide poultry meeting, room B, sheep meeting, Room A, fairgrounds, 7pm	LSA, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm	17 Horse council, room C, 7pm Food Safety/handling class, 6:30pm, Room B, fairgrounds	Rabbit agility, room B, fairgrounds, 6:30 pm	19 CPR/First Aid, Room B, Fairgrounds 10am -2:30 pm Registration required
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Hickory Corners club meeting	21 Leaders council, room B, carcass room C, Cooper Cavaliers, room A, fairgrounds, Dog council, Panera Bread, West Main, 7pm	22 Countywide rabbit meeting room B, swine meeting room A, fairgrounds, 7pm	23 Fair council, room C, fairgrounds, 6:30 pm			
27	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day—MSUE office closed	29 Goat welfare meeting, Room B, fairgrounds, 6:30	30 Exploration Days orientation, room B, fairgrounds, 6:30pm	31 Countywide beef meeting, room B, fairgrounds, 7pm		

Dog Show—no rooms @ fairgrounds available

