

4-H CLOVER NEWS

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Congratulations Branch County 4-H

Congratulations to Brandon Ratkowski and Emmett Sobeske for winning the Irene Brown Scholarship through the Branch County 4-H Foundation. The MSU Pre-College Scholarship for 8th graders was awarded to Erin Hard, Dalton Hard and Kelsey Bean. Holli Gay and Garrett Marsh were chosen to attend the 4-H Discovery Camp, scheduled for July 5-9, 2010 at MSU.

Congrats to ALL graduating 4-H'ers!!! Each year the MSU Extension 4-H program honors all 4-H seniors. A booth is set up to honor our seniors and all we are asking for each of them to write a short biography and bring in a **framed** 5 x 7 or an 8 x 10 senior picture. The biography should tell us their name, school plans for after graduation and maybe something about their 4-H career. Drop off at the MSUE office before summer gets any busier. These pictures and bio's will be displayed in the Home Ec. Building and can be picked up Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. Just come to the Home Ec. Building to get your picture. Congratulations Seniors!!!

Fall Enrollment Meetings

Pick **one** of the three dates offered for your mandatory Fall Enrollment meeting. Your choices are:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m.,**
- **Thursday, Sept. 9, at noon or**
- **Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10:00 a.m.**

Bring your club notebook with financial information. **Club enrollments are due November 1, 2010**

Quilt Raffle

The Country Friends 4-H Club will be selling raffle tickets again this year for the Country Friends Quilts. During Fair week you can find their booth right outside the eating area of the 4-H Eat Stand.

YOU could be the lucky winner of one of these beautiful handmade quilts while supporting the scholarships for our college bound 4-H'ers.



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.

4-H Motto:

To Make the Best Better

4-H Mission:

4-H creates environments
through collaboration that
builds strong, healthy youth
who are proactive in a complex
and changing world.

North Central Region Volunteer Forum

All club adult and teen leaders have a great opportunity waiting for them! Plan to attend the North Central Region Volunteer Forum scheduled for Oct. 7-10, 2010 at the Kellogg Center at MSU. You can gain knowledge and insight, learn new teaching skills to take home and share within your 4-H clubs, develop healthy youth and adult educational partnerships and have a great time making new 4-H friends and exchanging ideas. Registrations are open at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/ncr4hvf/index.html>

Partial scholarships are available, call Connie at 279-4311.

Branch County 4-H Leaders Council Chicken BBQ



Tickets are \$7.00

**Thursday, August 12, 2010 4:00 -7:30 p.m. at the
Dearth Community Center**

Entertainment will be provided.

Meal includes 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked beans, fruit cup, cookie, chips and beverage.....

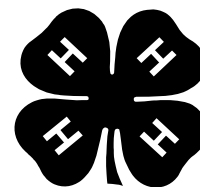
**To busy at fair to make the hike to the Dearth Center?
You can pick up your "to go" orders also at the 4-H Cabin.**

Get your tickets from any council member, Dan Dobson Insurance Office
in Coldwater, Country Friends Scholarship booth at Fair or contact Connie Lange at 279-4311.

4-H Fair Office Update

4-H Fair - August 8-14, 2010

Fair Theme: "Youth, Our strongest Link"



Fair Premiums Donated by Dearth Trust

Once again this year, the Branch County 4-H Fair will be the recipients of a donation from the Lucille Dearth Trust to cover the premiums that are given to youth exhibitors. Ross & Marilyn Byers who are a part of the Lucille Dearth Trust Committee, feel strong about supporting the youth at the county fair. The Fair Board greatly appreciates this continued support from the Lucille Dearth Trust.

- 4-H Fair Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 9:00-4:30 p.m.
- Check out our website for the Fair book at: www.cbpu.com/fairgrounds
- Sale of advance tickets for Amphitheater events will start on July 1st.
- 4-H Fair Camper Sign-In on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the Dearth Center. 7:00 p.m. sign in with the drawing starting at 7:30 p.m.
- Parent / Exhibitor passes available July 26th.
- Check Family Fair Newsletter for club times on entering your exhibits.
- Fair Office closed Saturday, August 7, from 3-6 p.m. for the 4-H Parade.
- 4-H Fair King/Queen Crowning, August 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Dearth Center
- Fair Clean Up -Sunday, August 15, 2010, 8:30 a.m.- ALL 4-H'ers needed. Lunch provided.
- Fair Review Meeting—Monday, August 23, 2010 at the 4-H Cabin at 8:00 p.m.
- Swine Carcass Class being held at Nagel's.
- Small Animal Resale—see page 3 for details.

Premium Checks to Organizational Leaders

The Fair board will once again have Organizational leader pick up and distribute their club members' premium checks. Org. Leaders need to check the Fair office after Wednesday of fair week for a posting giving a tentative date when checks will be available for pick up.

Phone: 278-5367 or email at: fairgrounds@cbpu.com

FROM THE FAIR OFFICE: SMALL ANIMAL RESALE

Replace Current Resale Program with a Resale Support Price Program for Rabbit, Chickens, Turkey, Ducks and Geese that would sell as resale for the highest bidder with proceeds going to Jr. Livestock.

1. After the show, bid forms will be available. Bidders can fill out the form stating what species, quantity, and bid per head.
2. All bids must be turned in by 9:00 am on Thursday, day of sale to the Fair Office.
3. Bids will be ranked by highest bid to lowest by specie.
4. During sale if buyer says resell – the pens goes to the 1st available highest bidder until bids are filled or no further resale's are available. In case of more resale's than bidders, bidders will be asked ask for 2nd round purchases, in order of highest bidder to lowest bidder again.

Steer Raffle Tickets

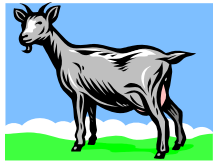
Tickets are due back to your club leaders who will then turn them into the 4-H Foundation at Camper Sign Up on July 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, call Paul Dygert, 4-H Foundation Board Member, at 278-4414. Keep in mind, once you sell your club's required amount of tickets, you can continue to sell them with the profit going directly to your club!! What a neat fundraiser.

Small and Large Animal Workshops

July 6, 2010—Branch Bud Small Animal Workshop,

4-H Cabin,

7:00 p.m.



July 10, 2010 - Mandatory Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Pullorum Testing,
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Fairgrounds

July 11, 2010—Dairy Starter Calf & Goat Workshop, 2:00 p.m.
Bring your own animals.

Both workshops will be at the Show shelter on the Fairgrounds

Style Review Workshop

Thursday, July 15, 2010
7:00 p.m.

MSUE Conference Room

Bring: Pattern & outfit description,
pick out accessories. Learn how to write
your modeling description.



Style Review

Saturday,
August 7, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Dearth Community
Center



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Calendar of Events

<u>July 2010</u>		28	4-H Horse Project Books Due
1	Jr. Livestock, 7:30 p.m., MSUE		4-H Horse Leaders', 7:00 p.m., Fair Office
5	Office Closed, July 4th Holiday	30	Creative Writing Projects due to Fair Office
6	Branch Bud Small Animal Wksp, 7:00 pm, Cabin	<u>August 2010</u>	
7	ALL 4-H Fair Entries Due	4	4-H Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., Fair Office
	King Queen Applications due to Fair Office.	5	Club Set Up for Fair
	4-H Horse Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Cabin	6	4-H Style Review Set Up
6-9	Branch Co. 4-H Proud Equestrian Program, Fairgrounds	7	Entry Day, Landscaping by times
10	Rabbit Tattooing & Pullorum Testing, 8-Noon FG		Computer 1:00 p.m., Cabin
11	Dairy Starter & Goat Workshop, 2:00 pm, Show Shelter		4-H Style Review, 7:00 p.m., Dearth
12	Branch County 4-H Scholarship Interviews, MSUE	8	Cavies, Rabbits & Poultry Showing
12-16	Friends Day Camp, Cabin	9	Sheep, Equine, Teen/ Club Booth, Cats, Clowns , Dairy
13	State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging, MSU Pavilion	10	Equine, Demo/Public Speaking, Beef, Swine Show and Dog Agility
14	Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., Fair Office	11	Swine, Dogs and Goats
15	4-H Style Review Workshop, 7:00 p.m., MSUE		Jr. Livestock Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fair Office
17	County 4-H Shoot, Sportsmen's Club	12	Equine, Dairy, Radio Controlled Cars, Small Animal Auction, Leaders Council BBQ
19-23	MI Dairy Expo & 4-H Dairy Days	13	Large Animal Auction, Bud Fun Day, Sweepstakes, Scholarship Program
20-22	Ag Expo, MSU		State 4-H Dog Show, release projects.
21	4-H Foundation Mtg, 6:00 p.m.	14	Fair Clean Up, 8:30 a.m.
	Steer Raffle Tickets Due & Camper Sign Up, 7:00 pm	20-22	State 4-H Horse Show
22	Fair King/Queen Interviews, 6:30 pm, MSUE	23	Fair Review Meeting, 8:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
23	Final date for changes to Premium Statements.	31	4-H Boosters, 6:30 p.m., Eat Stand
24	Pre-Fair/Royalty Horse Show, Fairgrounds		4-H Leaders' Council, 7:00 p.m., MSUE
27	4-H Boosters, 6:30 p.m. Eat Stand		
	Leaders Council, 7:00 p.m., MSUE		

Branch County Jr. Livestock Auction

Don't forget 4-H'ers to send out your buyer letters to invite them to support you and your 4-H project at the Small and Large Animal Auctions.

Small Animal Auction, Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Sale order: Starter Calves, Roaster Rabbits, Fryer Rabbits, Ducks, Geese, Broiler Chickens, Roaster Chickens, Cornish Hens and Turkeys.

Large Animal Auction, Friday, August 13, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Sale Order: Beef, Sheep, Goats, Dairy Products and Swine.

Want to shoot with the Shooting Sports Club next spring (2011)? If so you must be at the September 27, 2010 Enrollment meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Dearth Center. Questions call Tammie Marvin, 279-0782.

Fall Festivities Planned

*October 2-9, 2010 National 4-H Week

*October 5, 2010 Branch County 4-H Recognition Night

Plan on having a club display during 4-H Week!! **Promote 4-H!**

Membership drive details at the fall enrollment meetings.

*October 6, 2010 National Youth Science Day. "Why is Science Cool?" National 4-H is partnering with USA Science & Engineering



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Watch for "MONEY, MONEY, MONEY PROGRAM"

Look forward to hearing more in September about Financial Literacy Workshop series for middle school youth....program to be held in January. This will be so educational but so fun at the same time! Through lots of fun activities, participants will learn about saving and spending, needs and wants, their "financial style", even investing. Class space is limited!



Watch for registration info in September!

Attention Organizational Leaders:

Fair paperwork DUE on July 7, 2010

Due to the Fair Office:

- Fair Premium Statements
- King / Queen Applications
- Owner Certificate for Market Animals

Due to the MSUE:

- Branch Bud Entries
- Style Review Forms
- New enrollments

IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 29, 4-H Foundation Donor Night, Dearth.
- July 6, Small Animal Workshop, 7:00 p.m., Cabin
- July 10, Pullorum Testing, Rabbit Tattooing, 8—Noon, Fairgrounds
- July 11, Dairy Starter & Goat Workshops, 2:00 p.m., Show Shelter, Bring Animal
 - July 12, Scholarship Interviews at MSUE.
 - July 13, 4-H /FFA Livestock Judging, MSU Pavilion.
 - July 15, Style Review Workshop, 7:00 p.m., MSUE.
 - July 17, County 4-H Shoot, Sportsman's club.
- July 21, Steer Raffle Tickets Due/ Camper Sign Up, Dearth
 - July 22, King Queen Interviews at MSUE.
 - July 28, All Horse Project Books are due!
- July 30, 2010, Creative Writing projects due, Fair Office.
 - August 5 & August 6, Pen Set Up.
 - August 7, Style Review, 7:00 pm, Dearth
- August 23, Fair Review Meeting, 8:00 pm, Cabin

Branch Bud Fun Day

Branch Bud Fun Day is scheduled for the last Friday of Fair on August 13, 2010 between 4:00 & 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Pavilion behind the 4-H Cabin. It costs nothing for the Branch Bud members and family to come and play the games. Kids will receive a special goodie bag. **4-H clubs can call the MSUE office at 279-4311 to sign up for a booth. Your club will man a game station while offering a prize to the players. Come have fun at the Branch Bud Fun Day!!!**