

4-H CLOVER NEWS

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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.

TAKE THE LEAD

A four session program for 6-8th graders with a sense of adventure in learning and purpose. This program is being sponsored by Michigan State University Extension, Branch County 4-H Foundation and Central Michigan University. Four pillars of Leadership will include: Character, Challenge, Community and Communication. We've developed a great program. A chance for Michigan youth to learn about leadership, experience being a leader and leave empowered to lead. Our program is designed to inspire outstanding youth to reach their full leadership potential, challenge themselves and become effective leaders of character. **Take the Lead** encourages youth to do what is right, no matter what, and to strengthen themselves and to serve their community. Graduates will receive a certificate of completion. **The time commitment for this program will be February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the MSU Extension Office Branch County. This program will be limited to 40 youth. Scholarships are available. Early register before January 8th is \$40 or \$60.00 before January 29th. Contact Connie Lange at the MSU Extension Office, 517-279-4311.

Farmers Day Festivities

Monday, February 15, 2009 is the date for Farmer's Day. Don't miss the many sessions on livestock for 4-H'ers. If you are showing swine this year don't forget we will be offering youth PQA. An updated PQA certificate is required to sell at the Branch County 4-H Fair. They will also be offering sessions on 4-H project areas which include: Horses, Rabbit and Poultry, Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats. Don't forget about the 4-H room for the younger kids where they can make and take a craft. Teen leaders are needed to help in the craft room. Give Connie a call if you want to help.

Steer Weigh-In



Steer weigh is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th & 13th 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Branch County Fair Grounds. This is mandatory for all members in the steer project showing at the Branch County 4-H Fair.

Mandatory 4-H Landscaping Project

All members interested in learning about landscaping and creating one of the fairgrounds gardens **MUST** attend the sign-up meeting on March 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the MSUE. Don't miss this meeting if you would like to be a part of this project.

Irene Brown Scholarship

The Branch County 4-H Foundation received the Irene Brown Trust to provide scholarships for Bronson area residents seeking to further their education in an agricultural related career. An application form is available at the MSU Extension office for qualified applicants. The application is due back before March 31, 2010 and interviews are scheduled for April 20, 2010. For more information on the scholarships and for the criteria for selection, stop by the MSU Extension office for your application.

Horse Leaders Website www.branchco4horseleaders.com

ATTENTION ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS:

- **Youth PQA at Farmer's Day. Ages 9 to 18.**
- **New Leader Training is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m., MSUE**
- **Foundation Raffle Ticket**, Once again this year—All organizational leaders will receive their steer raffle tickets on **March 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the MSUE**. The Foundation will be distributing the tickets early so clubs can take part in earning part of the money raised from the raffle ticket sales. Send a club representative if organizational leader is unable to attend.

Re-Enrollment Incentive Winners

Gift Certificates from the National 4-H Supply will be given to the 4-H clubs that handed in ALL their required paperwork before the November 2nd deadline.

The first five clubs win \$50.00 Gift Certificates and they are:

All 4 One - Cransonettes & Jets - Bronson Braves - 4-H Superstars - American Heritage

\$10.00 Gift Certificates go to the remaining clubs:

4-H Musketeers, Green Acres, Maple Leaf, Winners Circle, Renegades, Happy Trails, Algansee Farm Boosters, Kinderhook 4-H, Bronson Pioneers, All American Happy Workers, Hoofbeats, Country Friends, Kidz Next Door, Shooting Sports, Bullish About 4-H, Batavia Hustlers, Kids Kritters & Krafts, Whistle N Work, Odds N Ends, and Country Club.

The 4-H staff greatly appreciates the effort taken by each and every club leader who turned in their required paperwork. It was wonderful to have 26 clubs take advantage of the gift certificate incentives by handing them in on or before the November 2nd deadline date!! It was much easier to complete the data entry and auditing of your club reports. Your wonderful organizational skills has truly been a blessing. We know how busy your lives are and we GREATLY appreciate it!!!



Exploration Days, June 23-25, 2010

Registration books available March 1st. Check out the website
: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html>

Don't forget to sign up EARLY!!

Branch County 4-H Fair Office Phone: 278-5367

- **The Branch County 4-H Fair office will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Office closed on Wednesdays. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**
- **Draw Down is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2010. Call the 4-H Fair Office to get your ticket.**
- **Watch for the 2010 Fair Theme and Fair Book Changes posted in the March/April Newsletter.**



SUPER ANYDAY Workshops

(at MSUE unless specified)

January 21, 4-H Officers' Training Workshop—RSVP by 1-15-10.

All Club Officers are welcome, 6:00 p.m., PIZZA dinner provided. Call to reserve your spot. Learn about your officer position and the responsibilities you hold.

January 23, Glass Etching—9:00 a.m.—12:00pm -Register by 1-14-10

Not bigger than 10x12, designs available and it is FREE to attend The best designs for beginners are simple, no detail designs. Designs will also be available at workshop.

February 11, Valentine Flower Workshop, 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Cabin

—Register by 2-05

Learn good techniques and shapes to arrange your very own flower arrangement. Just in time for Valentines day! FREE of charge.

February 15, 4-H Animal Sessions at Farmer's Day—BACC

Sessions to include Horses, Rabbit, Poultry, Beef, Sheep Swine and Goats. Hippology Skill-a-Thon and Youth PQA will also be provided.

February 20, Quillows 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Register by 2-11-10

For members and leaders new to the quillow project! What is a quillow? It's a quilt that folds into a pillow. Make a quillow from start to finish by attending this day-long workshop. Participants will get a list of materials needed ahead of time.

March 20, 4-H Quilting/ Sewing Workshop 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Register by 3-12-10

March 30 Branch County 4-H Awards Workshop, 7:00 p.m.,

Learn how to fill out the awards form so you can win trophies, county pins, plaques or award trips. It's easier than you think!

Turkey Patch Design

The DNR would like to encourage 4-H'ers to compete in the Annual Turkey Patch Design Contest. To get more details about designing the 2011 DNR turkey patch., check out the website at <http://www.carrs.msu.edu/turkeypatch>



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Calendar of Events

January

- 1 New Years Day—Office Closed
- 6 -H Horse Leaders, 7:00 p.m., MSUE
- 7 Jr. Livestock, 7:30 p.m., MSUE
- 8-10 4-H Horse Judges—Kett Center
- 8 Take LEAD Early Bird Registration
- 9 4-H Day at MSU Breslin, 2:00 p.m.
- 13 4-H Fair Board, 8:00 p.m., Fair Office
- 14 4-H Foundation Annual Mtg, 7:00 p.m., MSUE
Reservations Due for Glass Etching
- 18 MSUE Office Closed, MLK Day
- 21 4-H Officers' Training, 6:00 p.m, MSUE
- 23-24 4-H Teen Citizenship Leadership, Kett Center
- 23 Glass Etching, 9-Noon, MSUE
- 26 New 4-H Leader Orientation, 6:00 p.m.,
4-H Leaders' Council, 7:00 p.m.
4-H Booster's Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Take the LEAD registration deadline
- 30 4-H Horse Leaders Tack Sale, UCMS
4-H Fair Board Drawdown
State 4-H Rabbit Show, MSU Pavilion
Green & White Youth Event/Hog Show

February

- 3 4-H Horse Leaders Mtg, 7:00 p.m., MSUE
- 6 -H Horse Benefit Clinic, MSU
Take the LEAD, Session #1, MSUE 10-3:00 pm
- 9 4-H Capitol Experience Orientation, 3:30 p.m,
Courthouse, Tentative
- 10 4-H Fair Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m., Fair Office
- 11 Valentine Flower Workshop, 7:00 p.m. 4-H Cabin
Deadline to register for Quillow Workshop
- 13 Take the LEAD, Session #2, MSUE 10-3:00 pm
- 15 MSUE CLOSED
Farmer's Day—BACC
- 19-21 Spartan Rodeo, MSU
- 20 Take the LEAD, Session #3, MSUE 10-3:00 pm
4-H Quillow Workshop, 9:00—3:00 p.m, MSUE
- 23 4-H Advisory Group Mtg, 7:00 p.m, Dearth
Boosters Mtg, 6:00 p.m,
Leaders Council Mtg, 6:00 p.m.
- 26-27 4-H Vet Science Workshop—Kett Center
- 27 Take the LEAD, Session #4, MSUE 10-3:00 pm
- 27-28

Horse Leaders tack sale / Silent auction

January 30, 2010

Union City Middle School

Country Friends Quilt Tying

Country Friends 4-H Club is inviting all Branch County 4-H clubs to come and help with tying their quilts on March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Union City Fire Hall. Each year County Friends 4-H club asks county 4-H clubs to decorate a quilt square for their individual club. The clubs then send them to the Country Friends 4-H Club who lays out and sews these squares on a couple of quilts. Country Friends then sell raffle tickets with the proceeds going to the Country Friends college scholarships for 4-H high school seniors. Come and see what next years' quilts will look like and help tie them. When you get to fair this year, stop by the booth next to the Booster Eat Stand and buy your raffle ticket for your chance to win one of these beautifully constructed works of art.

Michigan 4-H Livestock Camp 2010

Livestock Camp has become a bi-yearly project. It's that time of the year where we start to get the committee around and get plans underway for the Summer of 2010. More details will be coming in the March April Newsletter. Dates are June 27-30, 2010.

4-H Exchange Club

Attention 4-H Exchange Club members. It's time for part two of your two year commitment. This year we travel to Pennsylvania!! A meeting has been set to meet on Monday, March 1, 2010 and March 29th at 7:00 pm at the MSUE. Gary & Marilyn Malcolm are leading this club to plan for this years activities. First we start out with the food drive for the Easter baskets and then we work on details for the Car Show Swap Meet held in May. If new members are interested in joining, feel free to come. You can see what the Exchange Club is all about. You may not be able to travel this year, but you can learn about our club and help decide where we could exchange for the 2011-12 years.

Award Forms Available

The Branch County 4-H Awards Form are available at the MSU Extension Office. If you need help filling them out, attend the Awards Form Workshop scheduled for March 30th at 7:00 p.m. Don't be intimidated by the many colorful forms and size of this packet. Have someone familiar with the awards form to help you pull apart the forms to see exactly what is required for you have to fill out. Sometimes its only a couple

of pages. That is nothing!!! It's Easy. Win trophies, plaques, savings bonds, trips and tons of leadership opportunities available to you. Look into filling out the awards form today. They are due in to your leader by April 25th. It'll be here before you know it!

Helping Hands

Shelby Gilbert from the Helping Hands 4-H group wrote us about how their club had sent Noah Biorkman, a 5 year old in his last stage of Neuroblastoma Cancer, Christmas cards in November. Noah's family had wanted to celebrate Christmas early this year and Noah loves to receive cards. The Helping Hands 4-H Club sent 34 cards and \$34 dollars for the Make A Wish Foundation. As of November 12th, Noah had received 80,000 pieces of mail, which made him very happy. They had so many people send cards that his mom ran out of room. November 23, 2009, Noah lost his battle to cancer.



Kettunen Center Workshops

January 8-10 – 4-H Horse Show Judges and Managers Conference** January 23-24 – 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference** February 26-27 – 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leader Workshop ** February 27-28 – 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leader Workshop** March 6-7 – 4-H Poultry Teen & Adult Workshop** March 19-20 – 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Adult & Teen Leader Training Workshop** March 19-20 - 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop** April 22-25 - 4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop**

ANR Week: March 6–14, 2010

HEADS ON! HANDS ON! North Central Region Volunteer Leader Forum

October 7–10, 2010 Kellogg Center, Lansing, Michigan

Shooting Sports State Results:

.22 Cal Rifle, Jr. Small bore –Ages 12-14

Karissa Hyde, 2nd Place Score 260
Erin Hard, Score 227

.22 Cal Rifle Sr. Small bore–Ages 15-19

Alexandra Mettert, Score 256
Shannon Hard, Score 255
Amanda Rekeweg, Score 249

.22 Cal. Rifle–Sr. Small bore Target Rifle–15-19 year old

Rebecca Hard, Score 261

3-D Target Archery–Beginners,

Levi Maynard, Score 242
Brandon Gary, Score 230

3-D Target Archery –Junior :

Hunter Stafford, 1st Place, Score 288
Austin Victor, Score 283
Jake Mittelstack, Score 267
Kory Carpenter, Score 253
Kameron Sielken, Score 224
Alex Otis, Score 217
Shane Dunn, Score 215
Katlyn Goshorn, Score 167

3-D Target Archery–Sr. Open

Andrew Pickford, 1st Place Score 281
Zachery Marvin, 3rd Place Score 266
Kyle Girdham, Score 262
Nicholas Pickford, Score 258
Kelsee Sielken, Score 228

Archery, Sr. Unsighted Bow ages 15-19

Nolan Tappenden, 2nd place Score 438

Archery, Beginning Open Ages 9-11

Jonah Klingler, 3rd place, Score 432
Shawn Johnson, Score 318

Archery, Junior Open Ages 12-14

Mallorie Bassage, Score 448
Jack Underwood, Score 446

Archery, Sr. Open Ages 15-19

Ryan Thompson, Score 541
Stephanie Danbury, Score 324
Samantha Klingler, Score 205
Jalen King, Score 203

Beginners BB Gun Ages 9-11

Kayla Hayes, 2nd Place Score 173
Duane Mundy, 3rd Place Score 171
Jonathan Purvis, Score 170
Reanna Sloan, Score 163
Brianna Hyde, Score 160
Tristan Furney, Score 159

Junior BB Gun Ages 12-14

Stephen Avra, 1st Place Score 185
Cami Price, 3rd Place Score 172
Mikayla Baughman, Score 166
Kyle Clary, Score 161
Emily Scheetz, Score 147

Senior BB Gun Ages 15-19

Caitlin Hook, 1st Place Score 177
Justin Hayes, 2nd Place Score 175
Kristin Clary, Score 90

Muzzleloading Traditional–Ages 12-19

Nicholas Baughman, 3rd Place Score 58

Jr. Trap–Age 12-14

Austin Pierson, 3rd Place Score 42
Justin Sloan, Score 41
Thomas Hook, Score 38
Dason Eyre, Score 34
Zachariah Slomers, Score 14

Sr. Trapshooting–Ages 15-19

Bradley Gillett, Score 41
Dustin Pope, Score 28
Richard Pope, Score 11

Team Events–.22 Cal. Field Rifle Team

Erin Hard, Shannon Hard, Karissa Hyde
Alexandra Mettert, 2nd Place Score 1000

3-D Archery Team Ages 10-19

Andrew Pickford, Kelsee Sielken, Austin Victor,
Ryan Thompson, 1st Place Score 196

Kameron Sielken, Hunter Stafford, Nicholas
Pickford, Zachery Marvin, Score 184

Archery Team Open Ages 10-19

Jake Mittelstack, Kyle Girdham, Jack Underwood,
Jonah Klingler, 2nd Place Score 391

Austin Girdham, Mallorie Bassage, Kory Carpenter,
Shawn Johnson, Score 266

BB Team Beginners Ages 9-11

Reanna Sloan, Kayla Hayes, Tristan Furney,
Duane Mundy, 1st Place Score 646

BB Team Junior Ages 12-14

Brianna Hyde, Cami Price, Stephen Avra,
Emily Scheetz, 1st Place, Score 678

BB Team Senior–Ages 15-19

Justin Hayes, Kristin Clary, Amanda Rekeweg,
Caitlin Hook, 1st place Score 708

Trapshooting Team ages 12-19

Austin Pierson, Bradley Gillett, Thomas Hook
Justin Sloan, Dason Eyre, Score 101

