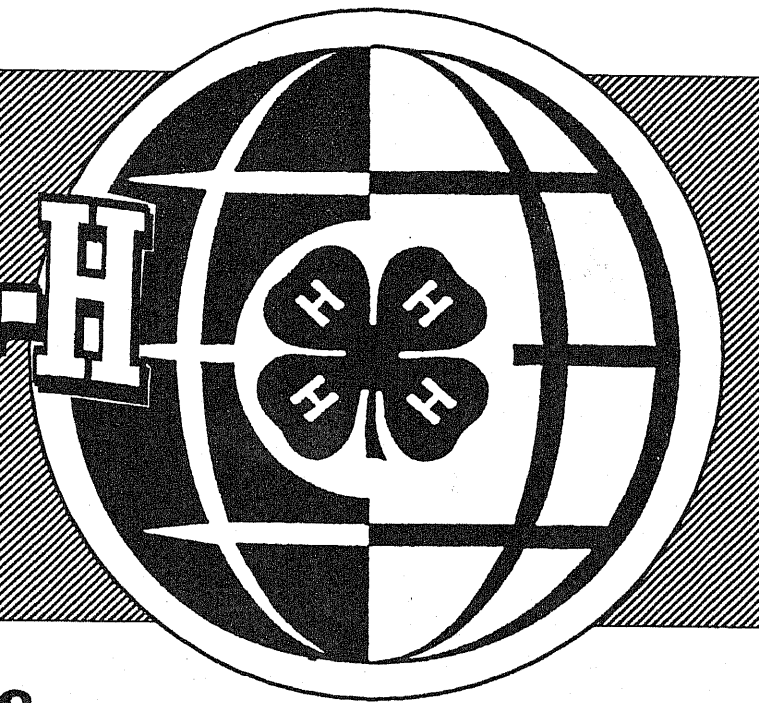


YOU CAN TOUCH THE FUTURE IN 4-H



America Celebrates National 4-H Week...

By Robert A. Johnson County Extension Director Huron County
Huron County 4-H youth members and volunteers will celebrate National 4-H Week, October 3-9, 1993.



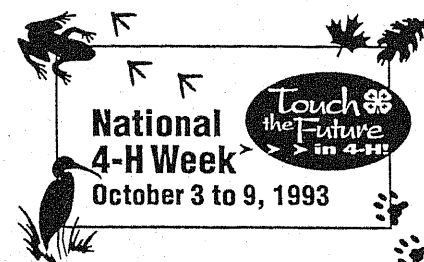
"You Can Touch the Future in 4-H" is the theme of Michigan's celebration of 79 years of 4-H youth programs. The theme reinforces the commitment of Michigan's 4-H Youth Programs to provide youths with opportunities and learning experiences that prepare them to become productive and involved citizens.

Huron County will join other Michigan counties in highlighting Michigan 4-H's contributions to positive youth development. In 1993, there are 200 adults volunteers working with 1222 youth in 58 4-H Clubs.

This is the 50th year that National 4-H Week has recognized the contributions of 4-H volunteers and the success of the youths they work with.

The first National 4-H Week celebration took place April 5-11, 1942, as National 4-H Mobilization Week. In 1962, the celebration moved to the first week in October. Today, the week seeks to highlight and garner support for the many programs and benefits provided by county 4-H youth programs in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Four-H is the MSU Extension System's nonformal educational program for young people. The program brings together volunteer leaders; state land-grant universities; federal, state and local governments; and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop and deliver educational programming for young people. Four-H youth programs are conducted in 3150 counties of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia and the Northern Mariana Islands.



Michigan 4-H Youth Programs, a division of Michigan State University Extension Children, Youth and Family Programs, involves 33,000 adult and teen volunteers in providing educational programs to more than 247,000 young people annually.

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4-H Facts & Information For National 4-H Week October 3 - October 9

4-H Proves Prevention Is Cheaper

BAD AXE - The average cost for housing and maintaining one child for one year in a state juvenile facility is approximately \$52,000. Nationally, the 1990 cost of births to teen mothers was \$25 billion. Taxpayers costs per teen birth are estimated at \$54,399 a child over a 20-year period. Adolescent substance abuse cost include those associated with traffic accidents, homicides, suicides, alternative education, teen pregnancy, incarceration and other juvenile justice system costs. (Source: Prevention: The Children's Agenda, FY1994.)

As these statistics show, juvenile intervention is an expensive proposition for Michigan residents. Prevention can be a much more cost-efficient and effective way of providing positive alternatives for our young people.

Michigan 4-H Youth Programs is one youth development organization that focused on prevention. More than 247,000 young people are involved each year in Michigan 4-H, and the annual state cost per child is approximately \$14. Nationally, more than 5.6 million young people are engaged in 4-H youth development activities that help prevent them from contributing to the increasing cost for juvenile intervention programs.

During National 4-H Week, Oct. 3-9, Michigan 4-H Youth Programs, the youth development component of Michigan State University Extension Children, Youth and Family Programs, is celebrating 79 years of positive youth development. This year's theme, "You Can Touch the Future in 4-H," focuses on helping young people understand and develop communications skills that help them appreciate the strengths found in the similarities and differences among all individuals, develop positive friendships and learn skills that help them better share this world with others.

Helping to develop these and other skills that young people need to become productive members of their communities is the goal of Michigan 4-H Youth Programs.

Four-H youth development involves volunteers in providing positive, hands-on educational activities with and for young people ages 5 to 19. The common thread through all activities is to help young people develop positive decision-making, communication, learning and leadership skills.

Robert A. Johnson, Huron County Extension Director

Yes! I'm interested in finding out more about 4-H.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parents, could you help a club, either by being a leader or assisting with various jobs? yes no

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The Newsweekly's Thumb-Area CALENDAR

Tuesday, Oct. 5 - "Shanty Days" Organizational Meet

Interested persons are invited to share ideas for the second annual "Shanty Days" event at Caseville, set for Feb. 17-18 with dozens of ice/snow activities planned for mid-winter fun. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Community Room of the Village/Township Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 7 - Sebewaing Moonlight Madness fun

"Golden Oldies Sing'Along" at 6:30 p.m. at the Heidelberg Gallery in Downtown Sebewaing is part of the fun of Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce's Moonlight Sale, 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7 - Sebewaing good times

Golden Oldies Sing Along 6:30 p.m. at the Heidelberg Gallery. Come here local stars make enjoyable music.

Thursday, Oct. 7 - Tuscola Career Night

Tuscola Intermediate School District hosts a Career Day/College Night 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Tuscola Area Skill Center, 1401 Cleaver Road, Caro.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays - Marsh Madness '93

Exposition runs 1 to 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays in the Heidelberg Gallery in Downtown Sebewaing, until Oct. 17.

Saturday, Oct. 9 - Immanuel Bazaar

Mary Martha Guild & Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing, will host a bazaar beginning at 11 a.m. at the school gym. Food, crafts, gifts and much more!

Saturday, Oct. 9 - Unionville's Holiday Bazaar

Third Annual Holiday Bazaar, Lunch & Bake Sale is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Unionville Elementary School. Proceeds go to the elementary school computer lab.

Saturday, Oct. 9 - Heritage Music Makers Talent Show

Seventy-nine contestants, including several from the local area, will perform a Talent Show from 1 to 10 p.m. at the Deckerville Elementary gymnasium. Door prizes, a pitband, plus musical acts from people age five to 83 will be included. All monies raised will be donated to help fund a new background curtain for the gym stage. Details: 376-4054.

Sunday, Oct. 10 - USA Spaghetti Dinner

USA School Music Boosters will host a spaghetti dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Proceeds go to support the USA Band. Public's invited.

Wednesday, Oct. 13 - USA Board meets

Regular meeting of the USA Board of Education is 7 p.m. Wednesday for the next three weeks because of scheduling conflicts.

Saturday, Oct. 16 - St. Paul's Bazaar/Bake Sale

Arts and crafts, handmade quilts, baby quilts, rag rugs, garden produce and lunch items will be offered at this event, set from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville.

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Bazaar/Bake Sale

Arts and crafts, handmade quilts, baby quilts, rag rugs, garden produce and lunch items will be offered at this event, sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Linkville, set from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Owen-Gage High School in Owendale.

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Gagetown Harvest Ball

Sherwood on the Hill hosts a Harvest Ball party for Sweetest Day. Dinner is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and dancing is from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with music by Touch of Brass. Proceeds go to the Gagetown Community Park Committee for upgrading the park.

Sunday, Oct. 17 - "Community Living Tour"

Four homes, a newly-remodeled Centennial church, two local businesses and a Bed and Breakfast will be open for tours at the "Welcome to Community Living" event from 1 to 5 p.m. in Pigeon. Refreshments will be served at Scheurer Hospital from 5 to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary, all proceeds will benefit the Equipment Fund. Details: 453-3223.

Monday, Oct. 18 - No school at USA

USA Schools will not be in session to allow teachers to attend the Tuscola Intermediate Professional Development In-service Day. Jane Kuckel is keynote speaker.

Monday, Oct. 18 - Columbia Board

Columbia Township Board meeting 7 p.m. at the township library. The meeting is every third Monday of the month.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 - Cass City Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Hills and Dales General Hospital 1 to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 - Parkinson meeting

Parkinson's Caregiver & Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Hills & Dales General Hospital. Special guest speaker is neurologist Dr. John Buday. Details, Nancy at 872-4053 or Jean at 872-2121.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 - LWML Fall Rally

Thumb Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League will host a Fall Rally at Grace Lutheran Church, Fairgrove. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Pat Albrecht, Port Sanilac, is the guest speaker and will share her experiences in Panama.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 - USA Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive at USA High School cafeteria 3 to 7:45 p.m. which is sponsored by Sebewaing Rotary Club. Please come and give, to help others!

Thursday, Oct. 21 - USA Elementary Open House

USA Elementary School will host an Open House at 6 p.m. starting with a meeting on the school's mission statement.

Friday evenings, starting Oct. 22 - SCUBA classes

Caro Public School's Community Education Department will sponsor a beginning six-week SCUBA class 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday evenings in the school's indoor pool.

Friday, Oct. 29 - Goblins, ghosts to parade

USA Elementary School Halloween parade 2 p.m. in Unionville.

Friday, Oct. 29 - Popcorn sales start

Lake Huron Area Council Thumb Boy Scouts of America District will conduct a popcorn sale in the Thumb from Friday, Oct. 29 to Sunday, Nov. 21. Proceeds from the drive

will go to each pack or troop to raise funds to finance their Scouting program.

Sunday, Oct. 31 - Set clocks back (Fall back...)

Halloween and Daylight Savings Time ends.

Monday, Nov 1 - T-shirt design deadline

Deadline for the 1994 Michigan Sugar Festival T-shirt design and festival theme contest.

Wednesday, Nov. 10 - USA Board meets

The USA Board of Education meeting is at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Thumb Ag Day at Cass City

Thumb Ag Day is 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Colony House, near Cass City. It includes a large trade show, plus features speakers who address economic, social and political issues. Details: 269-9949 or 673-5999.

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