



Livingston County's Fowlerville Family Fair

# 4-H Family Pre-Fair Newsletter

June

Fair Information Source for 4-H Families

2011



## 4-H Fair Message

The excitement of going to the Fowlerville Fair is growing by the day. 4-H members across the county are busy with 4-H animal projects, deciding what recipe to use for their foods exhibit or selecting the best photograph for their photography exhibit. We are looking forward to a fun week!

### Stall Cards-New!

4-H Council will not be purchasing stall cards for 4-H clubs this year. Instead, stall card templates will be available soon on the Livingston County 4-H web site. The fillable stall cards will be easy to use and can be made specie and club specific. It is recommended that clubs use card stock when printing their stall cards for durability. Card stock will be available at the MSUE office for clubs to use.

### Read Your 4-H Fairbook and Pre-Fair Newsletter

To get through the Fowlerville Fair successfully, refer to the 4-H Fairbook and this Newsletter. The daily programs, general rules of the fair and the general 4-H rules are especially important. Take a few moments, read through the book and newsletter, they will help you find the times, dates and activities that will take place during fair week.

### Fair Entry Deadline - June 15

#### No late entries will be accepted!

Although the entry deadline is on a Wednesday, we **strongly** encourage you to return your 4-H fair entries to the Fair office by Friday, June 11. The office

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staff at the fairgrounds is very busy too and stamped copies of your entries may not be available on June 15. Hours for the Fair Office are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday. **Remember, get entries in early and remember to get your stamped copies.**

### Fair Passes: Member/Leader

The Fowlerville Fair will officially open on Monday, July 25. Members and leaders will need their fair passes to enter. Member and leader passes will be included in the club packets and distributed at the Pre-Fair Meeting on Tuesday, July 12. **Be sure you check with your Administrative Leader before Monday, July 25, to get your passes and entry tags.**

### Family Season Fair Passes

4-H families wishing to purchase a season pass can do so from the Fowlerville Fair office for \$15.00 from June 1 through June 30. Family passes will be \$20.00 from July 1 until fair time. This is the best deal for parents who are not leaders, who need to go fairing each day. Adults who enter exhibits in open class divisions also receive an exhibitors' pass for the week. Parents might want to consider this option also.

### Ride Vouchers-New This Year!

Ride vouchers are also on sale now for \$14.00. Purchase vouchers before the fair and then turn them in during fair the day you want to ride. Ride vouchers must be purchased prior to the first day of fair to get the reduced price of \$14.00. There will be no 4-H ride day this year. It has been replaced with this voucher purchase program. Mega Ride tickets are also available for \$60.00; which will let you ride all week as much as want.

## 2011 4-H Fair Superintendents



Dairy	.....	Sue Grover
Beef	.....	Gary Fox
	.....	Janet Clement
Sheep	.....	Dave Roberts
	.....	Missy Westphal
Swine	.....	Eric Skym
Dogs	.....	Cheryl Wright
Cats	.....	Lynn Perry
Pocket Pets	.....	Sue Matulevich
Poultry: Market	.....	Don Roberts
Show	.....	Jim MacCaughan
Rabbits	.....	Donna Carpenter
Llamas, Alpacas	.....	Hope Browne
Goats	.....	Gordon Munsell
Horse and Pony:		
Show	.....	Rachel Herbert
Barn	.....	Kelli Johnson
Animal Science	.....	Dan Santioni
Photography	.....	Judy Paulsen
Clothing/Textiles	.....	Jeanne Sparks
	.....	Robin Taylor
Creative Arts and Crafts..	.....	Renee Pasko
	.....	Kristine Esch
Foods	.....	Paula Klein
Electrical , Engines & Rockets	.....	Jim Sparks
Shooting Sports,Conservation	.....	
Folk Art, Folkpatterns	.....	Claudia Tuori
Club Exhibits Record Books,		
Leadership, Safety & Sports	.....	Barb Parker
Horticulture, Entomology	.....	Nan-Marie Fox
Wood Science	.....	Stephanie Fletcher
Best Kept Club	.....	Sherry VanWyck
Clover Buds	.....	Sarah Wylie
Demonstrations	.....	
Showmanship Sweepstakes	.....	Brooke & Steve Densmore
Little Red Barn	.....	Dawn LaChance
Grounds Superintendent	.....	Gordon Munsell
Special Events	.....	Molly Moulton

## Livingston County 4-H Policy on Alcohol and Drugs and MSU Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct Policy

4-H has a policy concerning the use of **alcohol**, illegal drugs and controlled substances by 4-H leaders and members at the fairgrounds. The policy states: Illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are prohibited on the fairgrounds. 4-H members and leaders found using illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, while on the fairgrounds will be suspended from the 4-H program for one year and will lose fair awards for the current fair year. This rule also includes no under age smoking on the fairgrounds.



### Pre-Fair Meeting July 12 at 7:30 p.m.

All 4-H clubs are asked to send at least one representative to the 4-H Pre-Fair Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building. 4-H Superintendents will attend to answer questions about their specific areas. We will discuss changes in the fairbook and general 4-H procedures. 4-H Club Fair Packets will be available for pick up that evening. Preprinted entry tags, member passes, leader passes, project guidelines and extra forms will be part of your club packets. Please make sure your club is represented so your members have the information they need to make fair a fun time.

### Pre-Fair Clean-Up and Set-Up Scheduled for Tuesday, July 19

Fair clean-up day will be Tuesday, July 19 beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is a very important part of getting ready for fair. We need your help to prepare the buildings and grounds for the fair! Jobs will include cleaning, painting, setting up the building and the exhibit areas, setting up pens, stalls and cages and picking up the grounds around the barns and 4-H building. It would help if families could bring paint brushes, buckets, rags, rakes, cleaners, and wear old clothes. After clean-up 4-H Council will provide a hotdog dinner.

## Check-In Schedule and Health Requirements for 4-H Animals at Fair



The 4-H superintendent will check-in **dairy, beef, sheep, swine, horses, goats and llama/alpacas** on Sunday, July 24 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. These large animals will be subjected to a health screening at check-in by a superintendent and will also be checked by a vet before 8 p.m. Dairy and beef animals must be identified with a RFID Tag. Sheep and goats must be identified with a USDA scrapie tag. Registered goats are also allowed to be identified with a readable tattoo number supported with registration papers. Horse exhibitors must show proof of a negative Coggins.

4-H rabbit and poultry superintendents and volunteers will be checking in rabbits and poultry on Sunday, July 24 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Animals will be subjected to a health screening at check-in by superintendents. All birds and rabbits must go through check-in before being caged. Poultry except for waterfowl, pigeons and doves will be pullorum tested at check-in unless proof of a negative test within the last 45 days is presented by the exhibitor.

## Post-Fair Clean-up and Release of Exhibits



Release of all 4-H animals and exhibits is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 31. Decorations may be taken down starting at 9:00 a.m. Animals and exhibits will be released at 9:30 a.m. Pens will be taken down at 9:45 a.m. and post-fair clean-up will go from 9:45 a.m. until noon. Please arrange to have your club's projects removed from the 4-H Building by 10:00 a.m. to allow for clean-up. The 4-H Building will officially close at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. Each 4-H club will be assigned a post fair clean-up area. Assignments will be distributed at the pre-fair meeting in June. Clubs will be released after clean-up is done by superintendent or 4-H staff. It is such a help when clubs help to clean up after fair. We know that the excitement is over and everyone is tired, but when it is all left for a few to do the job is almost impossible.

### 4-H Specials

#### **Tractor Driving Contest**, Wednesday, July 27 at 2:00 p.m. - Draft Horse Arena

The contest consists of parts identification, driving and short answer questions for members 9-18 years of age. The references to study for the contest are the 4-H Member Tractor Manuals I, II and III. Sign up will be at the 4-H fair office during fair.

#### **4-H Livestock Judging Contest**, Friday, July 29 at 9 a.m. - Livestock Show Arena

Learn about judging beef, sheep, and swine. Test your skills and knowledge by placing the class and presenting a set of reasons if you choose. Judging is lots of fun and educational at the same time. No previous experience needed. Guidelines can be obtained at the Extension office. Contest is open to 4-H members 9-18 years of age. Plaques will be awarded to winners in each age group.

#### **King and Queen Contest**, Tuesday, July 26 -Livestock Show Arena

This contest is open to all 4-H members ages 12-18. The official rules are on page 10 of the fair book. The contest will be Tuesday night at 7 p.m. The deadline for sign up is 5 p.m. on Tuesday of fair. The contest is limited to the first 15 couples to sign up. Sign up sheet will be posted outside the 4-H office in the back of the 4-H Building.

#### **4-H Fun Night...4-H Minute To Win It!** Thursday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m. - Livestock Arena

This 4-H fun night at the Fair will feature twenty teams composed of 4-H members, Clover Buds, parents and/or leaders competing to be the quickest, smartest or wittiest in Minute To Win It! A team will be composed of four members in any combination of member, parent or leader. The team entry fee is \$20.00. Clubs are limited to one team until July 1 and then spots will be filled on first come basis. To be registered, a team must have a team name and the \$20.00 entry fee paid. Entry fees will be used to benefit your 4-H program. Register your team today at the MSUE office until 7/19 after that at the 4-H office on the fairgrounds.

## Market Animal Record Books



All 4-H members who plan to exhibit and sell market beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry and rabbits must complete and turn in a basic record book. *Members may estimate the ending weight of their animals. This will allow members to complete their record books prior to fair if they so desire. All record books are due in the 4-H Fair office by 9 p.m. on Monday, July 25. **Members who do not turn in a record book cannot sell their animals or show in market classes.***

Record Books for sheep, beef and swine were handed out on tagging day other animal books are available at the MSU Extension office. Your first copy is free, additional copies are \$.25. Members who pick up record books at the Fair office will be charged a fee of \$.50.

4-H members who plan to enter their record books for judging and premium with their beef, sheep, swine and goat projects must complete 4H1177. Horse members wishing to enter a record book for their project horse may use 4H1072. Rabbit, dog, poultry, pheasant and other project areas where members are entering a record book for judging, also need to use a special record book. All record books are available at the Extension office. If you have questions about your record books, call the office at (517) 546-3950.

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## 4-H Kitchen-Fowlerville Fair

The ideal kitchen crew per three hour shift is 6 adults and 7 children at least 9 years of age.

Large clubs may be asked to fill two shifts.

- Clubs will be notified of their assigned kitchen duty shift(s). **To volunteer for additional kitchen help call Judy Paulsen at 810-348-8480**

**The 4-H kitchen will purchase all pies. Money donations from families or clubs would be greatly appreciated** and may be dropped off at the Extension office prior to the fair, or at the 4-H kitchen during fair.

Profits from the kitchen go to 4-H Council to buy year end pins for members and leaders, educational material for clubs and all the many things that make Livingston County 4-H special. Please help 4-H Council continue their good work.

The 4-H Kitchen is open during Fair to serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks from 7:30 a.m. through 9 p.m. It's essential to have a fully staffed kitchen of volunteers to remain open during these hours. Without proper coverage, the kitchen will close during that time.

## Clover Bud Graduation



Clover Buds who are eight, 4-H age, are invited to attend a graduation ceremony in the Livestock Show Arena on Thursday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the Clover Bud Mentoring Showmanship Presentation. Each Clover Bud who will be a regular 4-H member in the fall will receive a certificate in recognition of their participation as a Clover Bud in Livingston County 4-H.

## Fun for Clover Buds

**Wednesday, July 27, 1-3 p.m.**



All Clover Buds are encouraged to participate in this exciting event and see what fun we have in store for you. Register at the 4-H Fair office at 1 p.m. on Wednesday where the fun begins!

## 4-H Wants You .....



Clerks and runners are needed on Saturday, July 23 for Pre-Fair Judging. Teens are welcome!

Volunteers are needed to work in the 4-H Fair office during the week of fair. Call Roxanne to schedule. 517-546-3950

The Kitchen Committee is looking for day chairmen who would explain kitchen duties to clubs and make shift changes run more smoothly. Call Judy at 810-348-8480.

Volunteers from each Dog Club are required for show days - Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Call Cheryl Wright at (517) 548-2638 to schedule a time.

Extra help will be needed to take down horse stalls on the last Sunday of fair. Many hands make light work, so don't leave this job to just a few. Just show up.

Supervisors are needed on pre-fair clean-up day to coordinate work crews in the barn and building areas. Call Roxanne if interested.

Volunteers needed in the Small Animal Barn during fair week to watch the animals. Sign-up schedule for the week will be posted in the barn.

We still need a few sponsors for trophies, ribbons and special events give Teena a call at (517) 223-9639 for sponsorships.

Looking for volunteers for the Little Red Barn. Please call Dawn at 810-355-5194.

## Project Forms and Record Books

Any form that is required to accompany a fair project may be picked up at the Extension office. If you request a form at the fair there will be a \$.50 charge per sheet. Please pick up your forms now and come prepared to the fair. Projects that require special forms include:

**Foods and Nutrition**  
**Folkpatterns and Rockets**  
**Animal Record Books**

Pick up required forms prior to Fair and avoid charges!

## Help Needed with 4-H Petting Farm

The Little Red Barn on the fairgrounds will be transformed into a 4-H Petting Farm during fair week. Sherry Jones or Dawn LaChance are coordinating the project and are looking for clubs, members and leaders who would be willing to work shifts in the Barn during fair. Workers would be expected to keep the animals, barn and pens clean and also answer questions. Groups volunteering should make sure that younger members are accompanied by an adult. If your club is looking for a way to volunteer at fair give Dawn (810) 355-5194 a call and sign up for a shift with the 4-H Petting Farm in the Little Red Barn.

### **Fun Events for Public Need 4-H Volunteers!**

Ten 4-H teen members are needed Monday through Friday of Fair at the Little Red Barn from 1-3 p.m. to run fun educational programs and crafts for fair goers. If available, call Roxanne to schedule day(s) and time you can volunteer.

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## Fair Happenings for 2011

*Clover Bud Fun Event  
Tractor Driving Contest  
King and Queen Contest  
Achievement Program for Non-Animal  
4-H Dance  
Grand Equestrian Drill Team  
4-H Auctions  
Livestock Judging Contest  
Little Red Barn  
4-H Minute To Win It  
Rooster Crowing Contest*



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