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The 4-H



Corner Post

February-March

Newsletter for 4-H Families

2008

**Leaders please be sure to share this newsletter with your members.
Members may also get the newsletter from the website at www.co.livingston.mi.us/msuextension**

Agriculture and Natural Resource Week at MSU February 29-March 8

Attention all 4-H leaders, members and families: You may be interested in the following workshops that will be held on the MSU campus during Agriculture and Natural Resource Week.

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders School

Friday, February 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

Livestock Pavilion Classroom C/D

This program will consist of several short presentations by noted rabbit judges and breeders from Michigan followed by a question and answer session.

Michigan State Rabbit and Cavy Show

Saturday, March 1, 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Livestock Pavilion Exhibition Arena

More than 3500 rabbits and cavies representing nearly 47 breeds will be exhibited and judged. Rabbit related items will be displayed for exhibition or purchase from more than 30 vendors. The public is welcome to attend this free event. For more information about the show contact Jane Burt at 517-543-8981 or visit www.msrbba.net

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Specialty Rabbit Show

Sunday, March 2, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Livestock Pavilion Exhibition Arena

Various specialty breeds of rabbits will be exhibited and judged at this show. The public is welcome to attend at no charge. For more information about the

show contact Jane Burt at 517-543-8981 or visit www.msrbba.net.

Project FISH

Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 5
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Natural Resource Building Room 183

This workshop offers activities in aquatic ecology, tackle crafting, people and fish management and angling skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program or club with children. Cost for this workshop is \$55.00 Lunch included. Registration deadline is February 29, 2008. For more information contact Mark Stephens at 517-432-2700 or www.projectfish.org.

Pullorum Certification Workshop

Tuesday, March 4 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Livestock Pavilion Classroom C/D

All poultry exhibited at fairs in Michigan must test negative for Pullorum disease at least 90 days prior to exhibition. This school will teach those attending about the disease, how to test for it and appropriate state and national forms used to certify birds as Pullorum free. After attending this workshop participants will be certified to test birds for exhibition. There is no charge for the school but those certified to test will be charged \$15.00 to become certified testers for three years. The \$15.00 fee must be paid by check

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or cash at the workshop. Attendance is open to all but you must be 18 years of age or older to become certified to test. For additional information contact Dr. Mick Fulton at fulton@depah.msu.edu

Small Flock Poultry

Tuesday, March 4, 1-5 p.m.

Livestock Pavilion Classroom C/D

This workshop will cover management practices, health issues, and biosecurity practices for small flock production. Pullorum clinic participants are encouraged to attend this free afternoon session. For more information contact Dr. Darrin Karcher at 517-355-8402 or dkarcher@msu.edu.

International Stallion Exhibition and Trade Show

Horse Expo 2008

Friday, March 7, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 9, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Livestock Pavilion Exhibition Arena

Fees: Daily, 15 and older \$10.00; 6-14 \$5.00; 5 & under is free. Three day passes and group rates are available. The Michigan High School Rodeo will be featured on March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Other features include Richard Shrake, Dr. Dan Moore, Canadian Cowgirls Drill Team, Michigan Combined Mounted Law Unit, Draft Hitches, Chuck Wagon Races and many information and educational seminars. Also included is the largest equine trade show in Michigan. For more information contact Marilyn Graff at 231-821-2487, or visit www.michiganhorsecouncil.com

Spring Goat Day

Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Anthony Hall Lobby

Spring Goat Day is an educational program for producers of all types of goats, including meat goats and pygmy goats. Information is provided for adults and youth on various goat-related topics. The event includes lunch, a youth skills contest and a cooking and products contest. The educational sessions will feature goat diseases, kid management and manure management. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and there is a \$5.00 fee for the program. For more information contact Mike Metzger at 517-628-2749 or www.metzgerm@msu.edu

Complete ANR Week program guides are available at the MSUE office. Stop by and pick one up! The guide includes a listing of all workshops and events, other places of interest on the MSU campus, parking guides and maps.

Webberville Feed Purina Mills Open House

Saturday, March 1, 2008
8 am to 3 pm




Beef and Equine



Dan Vassen, 4-H Beef Judge, will be available from 11 am to 2 pm to answer 4-H livestock questions. Purina Mills will be on hand to introduce 4-H show feeds and equine feeds, from 8 am to 3 pm. Kern Road Vet Clinic will answer questions on equine health and nutrition from 11 am to 2 pm. Cisco Seed will provide information on planting pastures and hay fields from 10 am to 2 pm.

Door Prizes! Feed Discounts!
Food and Refreshments!
Cutest Critter Contest - Bring your pet or photo!



Poultry Leader's Workshop

March 8-9, 2008
Kellunen Center, Tustin, Michigan

Who:
4-H youth and adult volunteers, 13 years and older, who have interest in the 4-H poultry production. Participants must be willing to share the information and experiences gained at the workshop with others in the county.

Reservations:
Participants must register with their county MSU Extension office by February 27, 2008.

This is an excellent opportunity for county volunteers to gain new skills and knowledge on the new topics now learned at MSU and bring them back to their local counties.

Registration:
Saturday March 8, 2008
1:00 to 2:20 p.m.
Workshop continues Sunday

Tentative workshop sessions may include:

- Egg-lidging
- Carcass Evaluation
- Showmanship
- Nutrition and housing
- Breeding and Genetics
- How to Start a 4-H Poultry Club
- Avian Flu Update and Education
- Filing
- and many other topics of interest

Make Plans Now to Attend!



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4-H Pheasant Program 2008: A Great Opportunity!

The Pheasant Program is back and it will be bigger and better than ever before! There are several levels of the program in which 4-H families can participate this year. Be a part of this new county-wide club offering educational and fun events through out the year.

The first opportunity is for 4-H'ers to *raise pheasants* and release them July 1. This is a new release date. Pheasants Forever have discovered that the pheasants actually have a better survival rate when released earlier.

The second opportunity is for the members and leaders who would rather provide the proper *habitat* for the pheasants. Pheasants Forever can provide the seed to plant nesting, shelter and food plots. They are also working on getting the equipment to plant the plots and are willing to loan it out to our 4-H families. Habitat plots can be planted on as little as an acre of ground.

The third opportunity is for members who have raised pheasants in the past to try their hand and hatching pheasant eggs. Pheasants Forever can supply the eggs and the incubators and Jim MacCaughan, our 4-H Pheasant Leader, can supply the incubating expertise.

Jim MacCaughan, the new 4-H Pheasant leader is very excited about coordinating the pheasant opportunities offered by the Livingston Chapter of Pheasants Forever to our 4-H members and their families.

4-H members interested in the Pheasant Program for 2008 need to call the MSUE office at 517-546-3950 and place their name, phone and club name on a reservation list. An informational meeting will be held sometime in March and 4-H members on the reservation list will be notified.



International Cooking Experience



3-Part Series for
4-H Teens and Leaders
beginning March 19, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Cost: \$12 per person

Session 1: "Dishes from Kenya"
with MSU Extension's new Director,
Grace Mutua

To register, call 517-546-3950

Watch for sessions two and three
in your 4-H Cornerpost !!



Michigan 4-H: 100 Years & Growing!

4-H forever



Come to...
Michigan State University
on June 18-20, 2008,
for 4-H Exploration Days!

You'll have the chance to attend:

- Action-packed learning sessions
- Great entertainment at the Wharton Center
- A huge dance
- Leisure activities like skating, swimming, a museum and bowling
- And more!

Join the fun!

For more information and to register contact your MSU Extension office now or visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html> 4-H Exploration Days registrations are due in your county MSU Extension office by May 2, 2008.

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Cloverbud 8-year Old Mentor Program

This program allows 4-H 8-year olds to work with a teen leader, mentor a couple of times before fair, and then participate in a special day for them on the Thursday of the fair. The Cloverbuds would assist the mentors in feeding, watering, cleaning pens and bathing animals. They would be allowed to handle their animal in the livestock showing with mentors right by their side, and other spotters in the ring as well. **This is not** a competition and no placings take place. However, the kids do get awards and have a great time showing their skills.

This year, we will offer the following animals: Goats, Sheep, Dairy, Horse, Poultry, Dogs and Rabbits. Mentors would need to have completed two years in these project areas and also be a teen leader.

By doing this program, the 8-year olds will get a feel for the amount of responsibility required next year if

they bring an animal. It will also help them become knowledgeable in how a show day runs. This experience will not only give these young people something special to take on, but give them skills that most 9-year olds have not had a chance to obtain before their first fair with animals.

Please consider enrolling your 8-year olds or, if you are a teen, becoming a teen mentor. Call the office to add mentors or mentees to the mailing list for future information. There is no need at this time to pick a specific animal and cloverbuds are welcome to pick any animal, even if they are not sure if they will ever show that specie. All pairing of mentors will be done later through the office. Call 517-546-3950 to enroll.

**Vetavisit
2008**

**MSU College
of Veterinary Medicine**

**Annual Open House
Saturday, March 29, 2008
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Allow several hours to tour;
there is a lot to see and do.
Educational seminar for
students interested in a career
in veterinary medicine

Free Admission

For more information and
directions, go to:
<http://www.vetavisit.com/>

MSU 4-H Horse Programs Presents:

"It's OK To Bring That Hairy Horse"™
A warm-up horse show with judge's feedback

SSS stall
SS7 class

7:00 am—Registration
8:30 am— Show begins

**Sunday, March 30, 2008
MSU Pavilion**

*No ribbons or prizes will be awarded for class placings, the Goodness is your reward!
All proceeds to benefit Michigan 4-H Youth Programs

- Open to any exhibitor over age 9 as of 11/308
- Open to any breed of horse
- Show clothes optional
- AS/MSHE approved helmets are required in all Youth Hunt Seat classes
- Horses may arrive AFTER 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 29
- Only prepaid stall reservations will be accepted. Reserve your stalls early! A limited number of stalls are available in the main arena.

To reserve a stall, please send a check payable to "MSU" to:
Hairy Horse Show
1287 Anthony Dr.
East Lansing, MI 48824

No refunds will be issued after 3/13/08
No stall fees are allowed at this event.

An approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Society

Questions? Contact Karo Waite at 517-546-3982 or email kwaite@msu.edu
Check our <http://web.lansie.msu.edu/horsekids/> for a complete listing of classes!

2008 4-H Calendar of Events

Livingston County 4-H Schedule

February 2008

- 11 Council
- 13 Small Animal Committee
- 19 International Cooking Experience
- 25 Horse Leaders Association

March 2008

- TBA Asian Cooking Class
- 10 Council
- 17 Clothing and Textile Committee
- 24 Horse Leaders Association

April 2008

- 1 Market Livestock General Meeting
- 9 Small Animal General Meeting
- TBA Italian Cooking Class
- 14 Council
- 20 Horse Levels Training
- 26 Spring Achievement
Horse Levels Training
- 28 Horse Leaders Association

For a complete calendar go to the 4-H page of
the Extension website at
www.co.livingston.mi.us/msuextension

MSU Pavilion Schedule

February 2008

- 5-6 Great Lakes Draft Horse Sale
- 9 2008 Winter Tournament Horse Show
- 15-17 MSU Spartan Stampede Rodeo
- 22-24 So. MI Spring Quarter & Paint Horse Sale

March 2008

- 1 International Stallion Exposition/Trade
Show Heritage Livestock
2008 winter Tournament Horse Show
- 7-9 Horse Expo
MQHYA Easter Extravaganza Quarter
Horse Show
- 28-29 Michigan Spring Dairy Show & Sale
- 29 2008 Winter Tournament Show
- 30 4-H Hairy Horse Clinic

April 2008

- 4-6 Michigan Beef Expo
- 10-13 MSU Showcase and National Judging
Conference
- 18 MI FFA Ag Skills Contest
- 19 Small Animal Day
MI 4-H Llama Show
State 4-H Horse Jamboree
- 25-26 Great Lakes Cutting Championships
- 26-27 Buckskin Horse Show

For a complete calendar go to www.pavilion.msu.edu

February

- 16 4-H Winter Fun Day
- 22-23 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leader Workshop
- 23-24 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leader Workshop
- 29 - Mar 2 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop
- 29 - Mar 2 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Teen & Adult Volunteer Training

March

- 8-9 4-H Poultry Workshop
- 15-16 4-H Family Science Weekend

April

- 11-13 Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
- 18-20 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- 26 4-H Spring Fun Day
- 26-27 4-H Companion Animal Workshop



For a complete calendar go to
www.KettunenCenter.org

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