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The 4-H



Corner Post

March-April

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](http://www.co.livingston.mi.us/msuextension)

## Fowlerville Fair Updates for 2008

### New Show Days for Goats, Poultry and Dairy

Monday, July 14	4-H Poultry Show	9:00 a.m.	Small Animal Barn
Tuesday, July 15	4-H Goat Show	9:00 a.m.	Livestock Arena
Wednesday, July 16	4-H Dairy Show	8:00 a.m.	Livestock Arena
Friday, July 18	4-H Cat Show	11:00 a.m.	Finlan Gazbeo



Superintendents made several other changes in the following project areas:

**Cake Decorating** - Additional classes were added to accommodate cakes exhibited on forms, actual decorated cakes, cakes using special techniques and props.

**Poultry** -Production Birds may not be shown in any other class except showmanship. In order to show in the egg classes, the production birds must be entered as production birds and be on display. Poultry exhibitors will be limited to a total of 4 entries from sections 886 (Mix Breed Type), 887 (Show Birds), and 888 (Pigeons and Doves). All market and show poultry pens must be cleaned in their entirety by 10:00 a.m. (putting shavings on top is not an option) and animals need to be cared for by 10:00 a.m. each day during the fair.

**New this Year! Cat Show** - A new section for cats will appear under Division 31- Companion Pets in the 2008 4-H Fair Book. A flyer outlining the rules and classes is available at the MSU Extension office on the 4-H Bulletin Rack.

**Clothing and Textiles** added felting and non-wearable knitted and crocheted items to the needlecraft divisions.

**Folk Art** -Woodcarving and wood burning was added to the Folk Art Division.

**Wood Science** - Section 1092 Woodworking has been changed to Wood Science. The classes remain the same but the rules have changed. Articles made from craft sticks and die cut images need to be entered under Other Crafts not woodworking. Basic and advanced woodworking skills are defined in the rules and referred to in classes 6145 through 6150. Hopefully, these changes will help clarify for members and leaders the difference between woodworking projects and other craft projects.

**Llamas and Alpacas** will be paid premium on the Public Relations class.

\*\*\*Watch for more updates in next month's Cornerpost!\*\*\*

## Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic Offering Two Educational Seminars



### 9th Annual Client Seminar "Equine Vaccination Program 2008"

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7 - 9 p.m.

Speaker will be Dr. Kevin Hankin, from Kansas State University, who will also speak on Glass Horse, and Colic. This event is sponsored by Fort Dodge. Bring a friend; food and beverages will be provided.

### "How Salmonella Impacts Your Cattle Herd"

Wednesday, March 26, 2008  
7 - 10 p.m.

Both seminars will be held at Conway Town Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, at the corner of Sherwood and Fowlerville Roads.

## 4-H Pheasant Program 2008

The Pheasant Program is back with several levels of 4-H participation this year. The first opportunity is for 4-H'ers to *raise pheasants* and release them July 1. The second opportunity is to provide the proper *habitat* for pheasants. Pheasants Forever can provide the seed to plant nesting, shelter and food plots. The third opportunity is for members who have raised pheasants to try their hand at *hatching* pheasant eggs. 4-H members interested in the Pheasant Program need to call the MSUE office at 517-546-3950 to sign up.

## Cloverbud Mentor Program

The Cloverbud Mentor program allows 4-H 8 year olds to work with a teen leader, and then participate in a special activity on Thursday of the Fair. The Cloverbuds would assist mentors in feeding, watering, cleaning pens and bathing animals. This **is not** a competition and no placings take place. However, the kids do get awards and have a great time showing their skills. Mentors need to have completed two years in these project areas and also be a teen leader. Call the office to add your mentors or mentees to the mailing list for future information at 517-546-3950.

Southeast Michigan Show Pigs  
Presents

## 2nd Annual Show Pig Auction Over 100 Dec, Jan, Feb Pigs Saturday, April 5, 2008

Viewing from 10:00 a.m. - Auction begins at noon  
1138 E. Five Mile Road, Whitmore Lake MI

Pick up more information at the MSU Extension Office,  
or for more information contact:

**Southeast Michigan Show Pigs**  
Bob Head (248) 231-4838  
Josh Merna (810) 623-2725



*Take Note!*

The 4-H office has **three FREE** horse lease opportunities available. Two for moderately experienced riders and one for a walk/trot youth. For more information, pick up a flyer at the Extension office today!

Don't delay - these offers will not last!

## 4-H Market Livestock General Meeting

Showing market pigs or lambs at the fair this summer? Plan to attend the Market Livestock General Meeting on April 1, 2008 and learn about selecting the ideal market hog or lamb. The committee has planned a hands-on selection experience for all interested 4-H members, leaders and parents at the Bob Head Farm located at 1138 E. 5 Mile Road, Whitmore Lake. The selection workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Head Family request you bring your own chair and dress for the weather. Directions to there farm from Howell is as follows:

*I-96 East to US 23 South; Take exit 49 and follow signs to N. Territorial Road; Turn left on E North Territorial Road which is actually the North Bound Entrance to US 23; keep to the right to E. 5 Mile Road to 1138 E. 5 Mile Road, Whitmore Lake.*

The Market Livestock Committee will be serving light refreshments and everyone is welcome. Livestock Leaders, please encourage your members to attend. Selection is the first step to a successful market project.

## 4-H Small Animal General Meeting

Selecting show and market project animals for the 2008 Fowlerville Fair will be the topic for discussion at the Small Animal General Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> held at the 4-H Building on the Fowlerville Fairgrounds beginning at 6:30 p.m. Information on selection for poultry, rabbits, llamas and alpacas, goats and dogs will be discussed. Selection for market poultry, rabbits and goats will also be available.

Everyone interested in learning more about selecting small animals for market or show is welcome to attend. The 4-H Small Animal Committee will provide refreshments.

Encourage your 4-H small animal members to attend this workshop. Selection is the first step to having a positive experience in the small animal project areas.



### An International Cooking Experience

Join us for a 3-Part Series for 4-H Teens and Leaders  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
@ the MSU Extension office  
Cost: \$12 per person per session



**March 19**  
Session 1: "Dishes from Kenya"  
with MSU Extension's new Director,  
Grace Mutua

**April 29**  
Session 2: "Dishes from the Philippines"  
by Norma Morris



To register, call 517-546-3950

Watch for session three  
in your 4-H Cornerpost !!

## Livingston County 4-H Winners....

Congratulations to Elizabeth Archer, who participated in the 2008 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and was awarded Best Opposite Sex for her Havana. The State Rabbit and Cavy Show was held on January 26 and attracted 297 youth from 46 Michigan Counties. Great Job, Elizabeth!


Two Livingston County members participated in the 4-H Communications Contest at MSU on February 9. Rachel Wylie exhibited in the Photography and Art Divisions. She also provided a demonstration on Poultry Showmanship, and an educational exhibit on chicken eggs. Rachel received a gold medal for each one of her entries. Emily Wylie received gold medals for each of her entries in the Photography and Art Divisions. Congratulations to Rachel and Emily for their great displays.

Thank you Elizabeth, Rachel and Emily for representing Livingston County at these state wide events.

### Ed Bock Feeds To Host Open House

**April 19th**  
**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

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**Join in a day of  
Animal Fun and Education!**


Purina Feed Specialists will be available to answer questions on Horses, Rabbits, Goats, Lambs, Cattle and Poultry. An Equine Vet and Farrier will also be available for questions.

1360 E. M-36, Pinckney, MI 48169  
734-878-3092

*This open house is dedicated to the 4-H Community!*  
**Open and free to the public**

## 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 Program Presents

### “It’s OK to Bring that Hairy Horse”

A warm-up horse show with judges’ feedback



Sunday, March 30, 2008

MSU Pavilion

7 am Registration

8 am Show begins

**\$35/stall**

**\$8/class**

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- Open to any exhibitor over age 9 as of 3/1/08
- Open to any breed of horse
- Show clothes optional
- ASTMSEI 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 barn.

To reserve a stall, please send a check payable to “MSU” to:  
Hairy Horse Show  
1287 Anthony Hall  
East Lansing, MI 48824

No refunds will be issued after 3:15:08  
No stallions are allowed at this event

An approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar

Questions? Contact: Karen Wade at 517-432-3383 or email [kwade@msu.edu](mailto:kwade@msu.edu)  
Check out <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/> for a complete listing of classes!

## 2008 4-H Calendar of Events

### Livingston County 4-H Schedule

**March 2008**

- 10 Council
- 17 Clothing and Textile Committee
- 19 Ethnic Food Festival: Dishes from Kenya
- 24 Horse Leaders Association

**April 2008**

- 1 Market Livestock General Meeting
- 9 Small Animal General Meeting
- 14 Council
- 20 Horse Levels Training
- 26 Spring Achievement  
Horse Levels Training
- 28 Horse Leaders Association
- 29 Ethnic Food Festival: Dishes from the  
Philippines

**May**

- 1 May 1st Papers DUE

### MSU Pavilion Schedule

**March 2008**

- 7-9 Horse Expo  
MQHYA Easter Extravaganza Quarter  
Horse Show
- 28-29 Michigan Spring Dairy Show & Sale
- 29 2008 Winter Tournament Show  
MSU Veterinary Open House
- 30 4-H Hairy Horse Show Clinic

**April 2008**

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

**For a complete calendar go to the  
4-H page of the Extension website at  
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[www.pavilion.msu.edu](http://www.pavilion.msu.edu)**

**March**

- 8-9 4-H Poultry Workshop
- 15-16 4-H Family Science Weekend: Jump into Food, Fitness & Family Fun!



**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



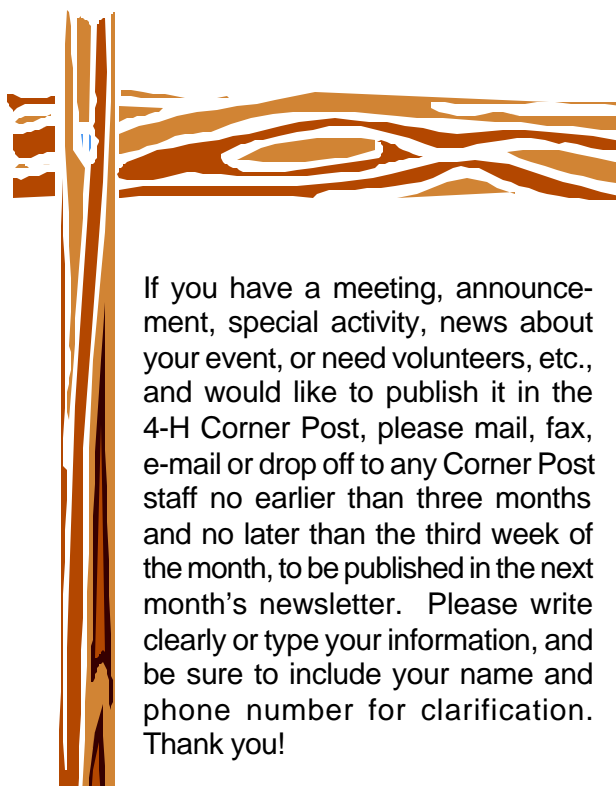
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