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The 4-H



Corner Post

April-May

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

Tagging of Market Lambs and Pigs for Fair

4-H members who plan to show and sell their market lambs and pigs in the 2008 Large Animal Auction during the Fowlerville Fair must have those animals tagged on May 3 at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.

ALL 4-H members with lambs and pigs to tag and/or weigh **must call** the MSU Extension office (517-546-3950) and have their names placed on the tagging and weighing list by May 1st.

A tagging crew from the Market Livestock will be available on the 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to tag animals.

If 4-H members wish to enter their animals in the Rate of Gain Contests they must also have their lambs and pigs weighed at the Fairgrounds on May 3rd between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

4-H members who do not wish to enter the Rate of Gain Contests will not have to unload their animals. Committee members can tag lambs and pigs in trailers. All lambs must have USDA scrapie tag in ear.

Because of another event on the Fairgrounds that day please come off Grand River and enter the weighing and tagging areas through DeForest Drive and follow the 4-H signs.

We Need Your Help.....

We will be making this article part of the 4-H Corner Post each month. Lots of times there are special projects or opportunities that we need help with. We were thinking this column would be a great place to let our 4-H leaders, members and families know how they could help. Some items could be club oriented while others would be for individuals. Just give us a call if you or your club are interested in any of the following 4-H opportunities:

- 4-H Cat Superintendent
- 4-H leader or parent to help with the 4-H Parade (especially on Friday)
- 4-H leader or parent to be Day Chairman in the 4-H Kitchen
- 4-H leader or parent to be a Day Chairperson for the the Little Red Barn Fun Farm
- 4-H leaders, teens or parents to be clerks for Pre-Fair Judging on Saturday, July 12
- 4-H leader or parent to be Gate Keepers for Pre-Fair Judging on Saturday, July 12
- 4-H leader or parent to be Time Keepers for the 4-H Olympics on Thursday, July 17

Join in the fun and volunteer!

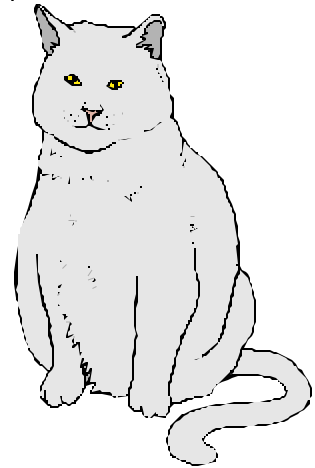
Fowlerville Fair Updates for 2008

4-H Cat Show

When: Friday, July 18

Where: Finlan Gazebo

Division 31 – Companion Animals
Cats and Kittens



1. Exhibitor is limited to one entry per class.
2. Cats must be in exhibitors possession by May 1st.
3. The cat must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
4. Cats can be purebred or a household pet.
5. Nails should be clipped if not de-clawed.
6. All cats must be able to be handled by owner and the judge.
7. Current **Rabies vaccination** is required and feline **SVRCCP vaccination** that has been administered within the last year and at least one month prior to fair is also **required**.
The proof of these inoculations from a veterinarian will be checked during cat check-in the day of the show. Distemper and Feline leukemia shots are recommended.
8. No pregnant females or kittens less than 4 months will be allowed to show.
9. Female cats in season are eligible to show and should be kept in a carrier away from the show ring. Notify your superintendent that your cat is in season upon check-in.
10. All cats/kittens are to be shown with harness and are to be under the control of the exhibitor at all times.
11. All members are to be dressed appropriately and have their animal(s) properly groomed and fitted. This criteria is outlined in the "Cat Fitting and Showing" book available at the 4-H office.
12. All cats must be kept in an appropriate carrier or crate when not being shown and must be removed from the fairgrounds at the completion of the show.

Classes

6020	Neutered Cat or Spayed -Ribbon Class Only
6021	Kitten (4 months to 1 year) -Ribbon Class Only
6022	Female Cat (over 1 year) -Ribbon Class Only
6023	Male Cat (over 1 year) -Ribbon Class Only
6024	Cat and Kitten Costume Class -Ribbon Class Only
6025	Showmanship-Ribbon Class Only

Sponsors Needed for Fair Trophies

The following trophies need sponsors for the 2008 Fowlerville Fair at a cost of \$25.00 per trophy per year:

Best of Show Ram
 Best of Show Hen
 Best of Show Turkey
 Grand Champion Market Duck
 Best of Show Companion Pets

Intermediate Dairy Showmanship
 Intermediate Poultry Showmanship
 Intermediate Goat Showmanship
 Senior Sheep Showmanship

Best Buymanship Exhibit
 Best Craft Exhibit
 Best Food Exhibit
 Best Ceramic Exhibit

Senior Beef Showmanship Ribbons
 Senior Horse and Pony Showmanship Ribbons

2008 fair awards will be billed after the Fair in August. If interested in sponsoring one of these trophies, please give Teena a call at the MSU Extension office at 517-546-3950.



New Cat Project Material

If members of your family or club are planning to participate in the 4-H Cat Project this year, you may want to check out the new 4-H Cat resources now available at the MSU Extension Livingston County office. Ask for the following bulletins to purchase:

- Feline Features \$2.00
- Cat Fitting and Showing \$1.00
- Your Cat and You \$2.00

Also available is a Cat Record Book for Cloverbuds and the Cat Project Data Book for regular 4-H members.

Cat resources available for check out include:

- 4-H Skills for Life Animal Science Series for Cats-Notebook
- Cat Care-Video

Cat project guidelines and classes will appear in the 2008 4-H Fair Book for the Fowlerville Fair and also in this issue of the 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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Ed Bock Feeds To Host Open House

April 19th
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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

Attention 4-H Horse Participants

There have been some minor changes to the horse program rules this year including changes to the recognition program and a new year-end awards program will be offered by the Horse Teens. Please talk with your horse project leader to find out about these changes or stop by the Extension office and pick up a complete copy of the Livingston County 4-H Horse rules that will be ready the week of April 7th. There have not been any changes to the MSU 4-H Horse and Pony Rules and Regulations Bulletin 4H1145.

Interested in Attending a Cake Decorating Workshop?

Some leaders have expressed an interest in having a series of cake decorating sessions to learn more about decorating on real cakes and forms, making flowers and specialty techniques like the rolled fondant. We would be more than willing to offer such workshops in May but we really need to know that the interest is truly there before we contact presenters and plan the sessions.



The cost of this program would probably be around \$20 plus supplies. (Cost is an estimate only.) To make the class cost effective we would need at least 10 participants. Leaders and teen leaders would be more than welcome to participate.

Please contact the MSU Extension office at 517-546-3950, to let us know if you would be willing to make a commitment to a series of cake decorating sessions that would probably be held sometime in May.

ETHNIC FOOD FESTIVAL

An International Cooking Experience

April 29
6:30 - 8:30 pm
@ the MSU Extension office
for 4-H Teens and Leaders

Join us for the second
of a 3-part series on
April 29

"Dishes from the Philippines"

by Norma Morris

Cost: \$12 per
person per session

To register
call 517-546-3950



**Companion Animal Workshop
April 26-27, 2008
Kettunen Center
Tustin, Michigan**

- Gain fun, hands-on projects and activities for use in your club or county programming!
- Update your knowledge and skills
- Share ideas with others from around the state.
- Learn many resources you can use back home.
- Pick from a variety of exciting topics offered in different time blocks.
- Featured speaker is Adele Yunck, nationally renowned trainer and author.

Open to adults and youth ages 13 and up
(by January 1, 2008)

Participants must register with MSU Extension office by April 11. Cost is \$40 per person and includes meals, lodging and a resource fee

**Registration
Saturday, April 26, 2008 12:30 - 2 p.m.**

Workshop Sessions Include:

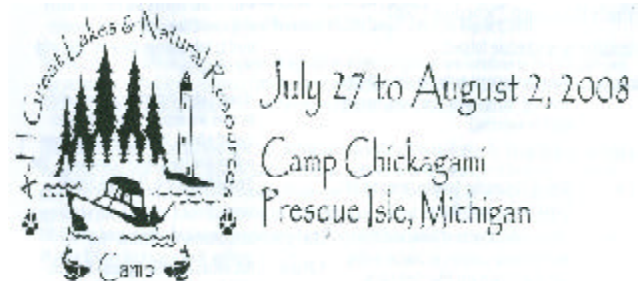
- Rally
- Showmanship .Grooming
- Agility
- Obedience
- Freestyle

Workshop concludes Sunday at 3 p.m.

Don't Forget! May 1st Deadline

- All member enrollment forms due.
- Goat forms for fair due.
- Llama and Alpaca forms for fair due.
- Dog form for fair due.
- Horse and Pony forms due.

Don't miss out return your forms early!



Come into the MSU Extension office to pick up your application packet for Camp Chickagami, the 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, which runs from July 27 to August 2, 2008. For information on scholarship opportunities go to: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/scholar.html> . The 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is open to those age 13 to 15 during camp (if you'll be entering eighth grade in the fall after camp but have a late summer or fall birthday so you'll only be 12 during camp, you may still apply). Call the Extension office at 517-546-3950 for more information, and to pick up a registration packet.

**Michigan State University
Block and Bridle
Livestock Judging Contest**

This event is for livestock youth individuals and teams of both 4-H and FFA, to be held at the MSU Pavilion, April 26, 2008. For entry forms and additional information contact: Ashley Kuschel (586) 337-4985 or kuschela@msu.edu; or Jordan Drumm, (517) 206-4615, drummjor@msu.edu .



Stitch-In

Come stitch with us: Cross, Crochet, Knit or whatever stitches you like to do. Need help with a stitching project? Come stitch with us!

When: 1st Thursday of Each Month

Where: Sarah Wylie's,
5700 Emmons Road

Call Laura Cuthbertson @
517-552-0210 for more information.

Livingston County 4-H Kitchen Committee
820 E. Grand River
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The 2008 Fowlerville Fair begins July 12! The 4-H Kitchen needs the help of every 4-H club, including clubs that do not participate in the Fair. Parents, members, and leaders are needed to help in the Kitchen. It takes 6-7 adults and 6-7 members for each shift, and there are 39 shifts during the week of Fair.

Small clubs may need to work with another club to provide enough people to keep things running smoothly in the Kitchen. Clubs with 20 or more members need to provide workers for at least two shifts.

Due to safety issues, **members 5-8 years of age are not allowed to work in the Kitchen**, but can help with pre-Fair and post-Fair clean-up. These clubs can also provide adults to cashier, work in the Kitchen, wash towels, or be a day chairman.

We are in need of cashiers, as well as a day chairman for each day of the Fair. The day chairmen will make sure that clubs working in the Kitchen understand their duties, as well as answer questions. Please let us know if you are interested in these positions or know someone who is interested.

If you would like a Kitchen Committee member to attend one of your club meetings to talk about 4-H Kitchen expectations, safety, etc., please contact the Extension Office at (517) 546-3950.

Everyone in 4-H benefits from the money raised by the 4-H Kitchen. Proceeds are used toward a variety of things, including year end pins, leader recognition, Exploration Days, Spring Achievement, and special awards. Proceeds are also used to pay for utilities, and to replace tables, chairs, and other items as needed for the 4-H Building.

Below is the 4-H Kitchen schedule for 2008. The last shift of the day is shorter than other shifts, but they must help clean up and prepare for the next day.

4-H Kitchen Shifts for 2008 Saturday, July 12 through Saturday, July 19 will be:

Fowlerville Fair 4-H Kitchen	
8:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m. *	
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	
8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	
* no 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift on Saturday, July 12	

Clubs will be signed up on a first come, first serve basis beginning May 1. All clubs must be signed up prior to the pre-Fair meeting on July 1, 2008. Clubs that have not signed up prior to the preFair meeting will not receive leader passes or wristbands for the Fair until they do sign up for their Kitchen shift(s).

To sign up for your shift(s) call Judy Paulsen at (810) 632-3369. Please leave a message with your desired shift and a phone number where you can be reached. You will be called to confirm your shift. (Please be patient - it may take a few days to get back to you.) Thanks again to everyone for making the 4-H Kitchen a success!!

2008 4-H Calendar of Events

Livingston County 4-H Schedule

April 2008

- 1 Market Livestock General Mtg, Head Farm
- 5 4-H Horse Leaders Bowl-a-Thon
- 9 Small Animal General Mtg, Fairgrounds
- 14 Council
- 20 Horse Levels Testing
- 21 4-H Superintendents' Mtg
- 23 New Leader Orientation
- 26 Spring Achievement
Horse Levels Testing
- 28 Horse Leaders General Mtg, Fairgrounds
- 29 Ethnic Food Festival:
Dishes from the Philippines

May 2008

- 1 May 1st Forms DUE
- 3 Weighing/Tagging of lambs/hogs
- 6 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 12 4-H Council
- 19 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee
4-H Horse Leaders Assoc (new date THIS
month only)
- 20 Volunteer Orientation for Grand Equestrians
- 27 Grand Equestrian classes begin

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



For a complete calendar and list of events, go to www.KettunenCenter.org

MSU Pavilion Schedule

April 2008

- 4-6 Michigan Beef Expo
- 10-13 MSU Showcase and National Judging Conference
- 12 4-H Bi-State Poultry Clinic
- 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

May 2008

- 1-4 Great Lakes Spring QH Circuit
- 9-11 MQHYA Spartan Spectacular
- 17 Sheep Consignment Sale
- 17-18 Apple Blossom Horse Show
- 23-25 MI Justin Morgan Horse Show
- 30-6/1 HAAM Showtime Horse Show

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

Congratulations to 4-H Horse Bowl Team Contestants!!

The official results are as follows:

Jr. Novice Individual

Emily Wylie, 3rd place

Jr. Regular Team

Kara Hicks, 10th place

Kelsey Henderson, 7th place

Rachel Wylie, 6th place

Shay Ronald, 2nd place

In addition, Shay Ronald and Rachel Wylie will compete at the State competition as Junior Individuals. A big thanks to Ellen Zezula, Sarah Wylie, and Kim Perry for working as volunteers the day of the regional competition.

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