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The 4-H



Corner Post

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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



4-H Year End Message



As we approach the 100th birthday 4-H year end, we wanted to tell everybody how much we appreciated their efforts this year to make our county 4-H program so fun, welcoming and educational for kids! It is a joy to see how dedicated you have been in making sure your club members enjoy themselves, starting new clubs, and making Livingston County a place where parents see opportunities for their kids, and kids see opportunities in themselves through 4-H.

In the year to come, we would love to see more of the same positive growth in members, but also in numbers. We'd also like to see a continued commitment to excellence on behalf of our 4-H members. The children who join 4-H are lead by the most talented adults in our county—YOU! In order to guide them on a path of future leadership, we must have clear expectations of club members, which include the 4-H ideals of independence, mastery, belonging and generosity—*Belonging* to a club and a community, *Independence* to work on a project, eventual *Mastery* of a project, and the *Generosity* to share their skills with other members and their energy with their community. As a leader, you are a teacher, a guide, a helper—you are the key to building the capacity to reach these ideals. Part of building this capacity is to share with members that we expect them to go beyond participation and set personal goals for growth.

Another part of building the capacity to succeed in a child is expecting their parents to get involved.

Leaders are an integral part of the success of Livingston County's children and we appreciate your role in 4-H. However, you are not the only part! Connecting the youth member and the parent to your club will ensure that 4-H is a family event. We know leaders want to be able to enjoy 4-H leadership without being stressed out. Asking parents and members specific questions about their plan for involvement is essential in creating an inviting learning environment and helping them to go beyond just participation.

Remember:
It's never too much to ask a 4-H member to do their share.

Remember:

Ask them:

- What their goals are for the year
- When they will work on their project
- How they plan to reach their goals
- Who will help them work on their goal when they are not at meetings

Remember:

Ask them:

- What they can do to help their child and the club this year? (bring snacks, become a resource leader, contribute gas money, lead a project, pay for supplies, etc.)

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- When they will be there to participate with their child? (specific events, dates and times are best!)
- How they plan to help their children work on projects outside of 4-H meetings?
- Who in their family will chaperone, bake, send thank you cards, and any other helpful need-to-dos that parents can do?

This year, let's continue to seek out new opportunities through finding new leaders, helping our adult friends connect their talents with a 4-H club, and valuing our 4-H members by being supportive, fair, and creative leaders—role models, if you will. Let's also make a commitment to ourselves to balance our leader responsibilities with our expectations of members and families to contribute to the program. This way, 4-H can grow with families, and families can grow together in 4-H. Help us to get the word of 4-H out to others in our county and continue to enhance our 4-H family.

Thank you for all you do! Share your club's/members' success stories with us. We'd love to put them in the next 4-H Cornerpost.

~Roxanne and Teena

Making the Move East!

Some of you may be aware of the recent announcement that the Livingston County MSU Extension Office will be relocating in mid-September, 2008. All facets of MSUE operation, including the 4-H program, will continue at its new location in the Livingston County East Complex Building, 2300 East Grand River Avenue, just 1/4 mile east of our current location.

The office is located at the corner of Grand River and Chilson Roads. County administration has authorized the existing MSUE building to be either leased or utilized for county storage.



The MSU Extension telephone and fax line numbers will still be operational at our new location. The MSUE staff invites all 4-H leaders, participants, families and friends to visit us just down the street after September 22nd! The offices will be closed from September 17th through the 19th for the move.

2008 State 4-H Goat Show Results



The 2008 State 4-H Goat Show was held at the MSU Pavillion on June 28th. Several Livingston County 4-H youth received the following awards:

SHOWMANSHIP

11 Year Olds:

4th - *Samantha Kennedy*

13 Year Olds:

4th - *Jacob Neal*

17-20 Year Olds:

7th - *Shannon Murphy*

NIGERIAN DWARF

Reserve Senior Champion

Samantha Kennedy

OBSTACLE (28 participants)

8th - *Shannon Murphy*

Congratulations to all those who participated and to our local county winners!

Stephanie Brown has **one pigmy and two Nigerian Dwarf goats** she wants to give away to a good home. Contact Fay at the Extension office, 517-546-3950.

Free, six week old bunnies are looking for a home. Bunnies are half Mini-Rex, half Mini-Lop. For more information, call Sharon Elkins, at 517-304-3232.



6th Annual
Run Drugs Out of Town Run
 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk & Family Fun Day



Presented by
 The Livingston County Community Alliance
Saturday, September 13th

No Rain Date
Howell City Park
 (Thompson and Barnard Streets, Howell—Melon Course)

Participate in a fun, healthy, drug-free family activity!
 Funds benefit Livingston County Substance Abuse Prevention Efforts
 Registration starting at 8:00 a.m.
 Kids Run starting at 9:00 a.m.
 (First 100 Registered Children are Free! - after is \$5 per child)
 10K Run and 5K Run/Walk starting at 9:30 a.m.
 \$20 prior to event \$25 day of event

Kids Entertainment and Refreshments will be provided!

Volunteers are needed to assist in various areas.

Clubs, groups and individuals may assist
 Call Julie at 517-545-5944 for an application and for more information
 To print an application go to www.rundrugsof townrun.org and click on "Race Applications"

The goal of the Run Drugs Out of Town is to increase awareness and to raise money for substance use prevention efforts in the county. There will be a separate kid's course/fun run for young children, with a t-shirt and medal to those registered by August 29th. The Police Department will be doing fingerprinting, and there will be other children and youth activities for the whole family!

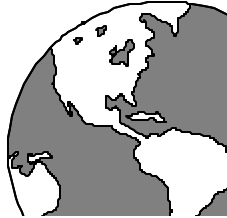
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YOUTH & FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

Connecting Youth to the World:

4-H Global and
Cultural Education
Workshop



September 27-28

This workshop is for 4-H volunteers (adults and teens age 13 and up by January 1, 2009). Also welcome are 4-H programming partners. The training will:

- provide training for teen and adult volunteers in 4-H global and cultural education
- Explore various cultures both within the U.S. and around the world
- Learn about successful 4-H global and cultural education activities in other counties
- Learn about service learning projects in 4-H global and cultural education

Connect youth to the world by learning about successful county 4-H activities including spending the night at a "Global Village"; organizing an international dinner to raise money for global projects; documenting and preserving local barn and farmstead history; and participating in a Global Camp.

This workshop is for adults and teens aged 13 and up by January 1, 2009. Registration deadline is September 12, 2008. An information packet including requirements, session descriptions, and schedule are available at the MSU Extension office. Stop by to pick up your copy!

4-H Visual Arts and Crafts Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin, Michigan
November 1-2, 2008

The 2008 4-H Visual Arts and Crafts Workshop is offering the following sessions: Basket Making; Fabulous Felting; Fused Glass Jewelry; Chinese Brush Painting; Crazy Sock Creatures; Scrapbooking; Wood Peace Bowls; Stained Glass; Mosaic Making; Rag Rugs; Beginning Digital Photography; Composition in Digital Photography; Advanced Digital Photography; and Building Youth Leadership Skills through Arts and Crafts. This workshop is open to adults and teens 13 and up by January 1 2009; registration deadline is October 17, 2008.

Cost for 4-H volunteers is \$40, which covers four meals, overnight lodging and the \$10 resource fee for registration materials and resource people. There is an additional session supply fee for some sessions.

Stop by the MSU Extension office for a registration packet .

4-H County Award Packets

4-H County Award Packet for your club has been mailed! Included in the packet is a cover letter explaining the award process, guidelines and nomination forms for each of the county award areas. Take a moment today to nominate your deserving 4-H members for a Clover Bud Award, Incentive Award, County Medal or the prestigious Key Club Award. Only administrative leaders receive this packet, so if you don't take the time no else will. Nomination Forms are due in the MSU Extension office by **September 8**. A timeline for the entire county award process is included with each packet. We are looking forward to receiving nomination forms from your club!

Are you interested in participating in the 2009 4-H Children’s Art Exchange with China?

As part of the Michigan 4-H Global and Cultural Education Program, an art exchange program with China is being offered for K-6th graders in all youth educational settings. The program is aligned with the Michigan Department of Education Visual Arts and Social Studies standards and benchmarks.

The learning objectives for Michigan children are:

- Be part of a cross-cultural experience
- Learn about China through Chinese childrens’ art
- Learn how to look at and talk about art
- Discover the many similarities between children in both Michigan and China
- Create a “visual letter” (a painting or drawing) to send to the children of China

It is important that participating groups use a Michigan 4-H Art Exchange Teaching Kit. The kits are available from September 15, 2008 to April 1, 2009. For more information about the art exchange and our Chinese partners in Binzhou City, Shandong Province, check out the 2007 art exchange web exhibit at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/michart07/index.htm> .

To participate in the 2009 art exchange, contact Betsy Knox, knox@msu.edu by August 25, 2008.

BB Sporting Clays Archery Trap Muzzleloader Rifle Skeet Pellet

Shooting Sports Meeting

All 4-H leaders interested in becoming Shooting Sports leaders or participating in the Shooting Sports program, are asked to contact Roxanne at 517-546-3950 **BY SEPTEMBER 3rd**. A meeting for interested people will be scheduled and held later in the month.

Specific objectives for the 4-H Shooting Sports program are:

- To encourage participation in environmental and outdoor education programs by exposing youth to shooting, hunting and other related activities.
- To support youth in developing valuable conservation and natural resources related knowledge, skills and stewardship.
- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment.
- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, ethical behavior, and conservation.
- To strengthen families through participation in lifelong recreational activities.
- To provide hands-on learning experiences.



Skeet
Rifle
Muzzleloader

BB
Sporting Clays
Archery
Trap

BB Sporting Clays Archery Trap Muzzleloader Rifle Skeet

2008 Fowlerville Fair Review & News

The 2008 Fowlerville Fair is over and a great year was had by our 4-H members, leaders, families and staff.

The new Cat Show was a success this year thanks to Lynn Perry, superintendent, and we hope to see many more participants next year.

The swine barn received a lot of compliments on the cleanliness of stalls, animals, and aisle ways even on the really hot days. Great job 4-H swine members, and keep up the great work - people do notice.

All of the shows, auctions and events went very well this year. I would like to thank the superintendents for all their hard work, as well as the extra hands from leaders, family members and members that made this happen.

The 4-H 100th Birthday Celebration was a blast and a great time was had by all. Thank you to Steve Densmore and committee for planning this event.

A special thank-you to Steve Assenmacher for calling our square dance. I have never seen someone who could teach so many people at one time (who clearly were new to this style of dance) with such a great attitude and zest for teaching.

There are so many people to thank, and a lot of people who just played their part by abiding by the rules and having a good time. I really appreciate all of you and please know that you are what makes 4-H the greatest youth serving organization in the world. I am glad you are a part of my 4-H family and together let's continue to make it so.

~Roxanne

Your Help Needed!

4-H member Sarah Wylie lost a camera during the Fair with all of her photos.

If anyone has pictures of the Wylie girls at Fair, please contact the Wylies' at: 517-548-3696.

Clothing and Textile News

General Meeting-The Clothing and Textile General Meeting will be held on September 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office at 820 East Grand River. All Clothing and Textile Leaders and Teens are welcome to attend. The agenda will include election of officers, programming for 2009, discussion of the upcoming felting workshop in November and Spring Achievement. The Clothing and Textile Committee meets the third Monday of September, November, January, March and May. New committee members are always welcome.

Recycled Accessories-The Clothing and Textile Committee is planning a felting workshop. The tentative date is Saturday, November 15. Instructor for the workshop will be Rhonda Coffelt and participants will be making a felted purse from recycled sweaters. The cost of workshop will be \$12.00 with a maximum participation of 30 leaders, parents and teens. The class is four hours long. Confirmed date, time, place and registration information will appear in the September issue of your Cornerpost newsletter.

4-H Re-Enrollment for 2008-09

November 3, 2008
9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

MSU Extension Office
Livingston County East Complex
(New Location)

Mark Your Calendar Today!

Plan to stop by anytime on November 3 and re-enroll your 4-H club for 2008-09.

Re-enrollment Packets ready for pick-up September 29.

Administrative Leaders will be notified by post card

Packet Includes:
Leader Re-enrollment Forms
Member Re-enrollment Forms
New Member Forms
New Leader Forms
Club Financial Statement

All Re-enrollment and
Financial Statements Due November 3



2008 4-H Calendar of Events

Livingston County 4-H Schedule

September 2008

- 3 Market Livestock Meeting
- 8 Awards nominations due from leaders
- 8 4-H Council Meeting
- 10 Small Animal Meeting
- 15 Clothing & Textiles General Meeting
- 17 Extension office move to East Complex
- 17-19 Extension office closed
(after 9/17 - all meeting will be at new location)
- 22 Horse Leaders Meeting
- 24 Experienced Leaders Orientation
- 29 Enrollment Packets available for pick-up

October 2008

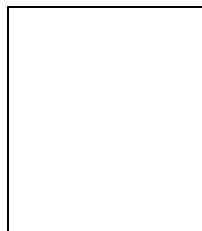
- 6 Award forms due from members
- 7 Market Livestock General Meeting
- 8 Small Animal General Meeting
- 13 4-H Council Meeting
- 27 Horse General Meeting

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



Chestnut mare with white facemarkings is looking for a new home. This 16 year-old is a Morgan/Quarter type horse, 14'3 hands. This is a good horse for a strong beginner or intermediate rider. She is a gentle and sweet horse. Call Marilyn at 810-599-5240 for an interview.



MSU Pavilion Schedule

August

- 22-24 State 4-H Horse Show
- 30-31 Llamafest

September

- 11 MSU Polo Match
- 27-28 Apple Blossom Classic

October

- 12 MSU Practice Judging Contest

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

Donate your old eye glasses for a great cause

Gusty Acres 4-H Club is collecting unwanted eye glasses to be given to the Lion's Club. The glasses are then cleaned, inspected and given to people who cannot afford glasses. If you have eye glasses you would like to donate you may drop them off at the Extension office or get in touch with Paula Klein at 517-545-1778.

Great job Gusty Acres for another wonderful community service project. Livingston County 4-H clubs set the bar for other groups when it comes to community service and that makes us all proud. Thank-you to all our clubs who go above and beyond to help others.

