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The 4H



Corner Post

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Newsletter for 4-H Families

2010



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



T-shirt Design Contest

Livingston County 4-H is in need of a new design for their t-shirts. If you would like to help us pick a design for the t-shirt this is your chance. The following criteria must be met to be considered for the contest:

Designs need to be one color one side

It is appropriate for the design to be a full chest or a left chest (pocket design)

All design work needs to be submitted as jpegs or in a PDF to turnerr@msu.edu

Computer designs are great or Drawings are acceptable but they must be scanned and submitted as a PDF

The 4-H clover must be used somewhere in the design and you cannot write anything on the clover. The clover can be on things but nothing can be on it. For proper 4-H clovers see the state website or ask Roxanne to send you the basic clover.

Please exclude ribbons and fair items, this is a t-shirt for all 4-H events and we don't want it to look like it represents fair.

Have fun and remember sometimes the simplest designs are the best.

Entry deadline is February 28th. Individual 4-H Members can enter as many designs as they want. 4-H clubs can work on a design together and submit it but are limited to one design. Please e-mail all designs to turnerr@msu.edu.

4-H MSU Scholarship Winner!

A huge congratulations to **KRISTINA WRIGHT** member of the Horse N Around 4-H club, 4-H council and 4-H Small Animal Committee. Kristina is the first 4-H'ers from Livingston County to win the Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship in many many years. This is a very difficult scholarship to win as you need to have excellent academics as well as be very active in 4-H not only in your county but across the state and sometimes across the nation.

Great job Kristina and good luck at MSU in the fall we will miss you in this program.

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop

February 26-27, 2010

This workshop is for 4-H volunteers (adults and teens age 13 years by January 1, 2010). The goal of the workshop is to present new ideas, activities and approaches to the 4-H Veterinary Science Programs and to give conference participants opportunities to explore new ideas in-depth and get a "hands-on" experience. Registration deadline is February 12, 2010.

Cost for 4-H volunteers is 45.50, which includes meals, overnight lodging, and the \$18 resource fee for registration materials and resource people.

Stop by the MSU Extension Office for a registration packet

4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop

February 27-28, 2010

The goals of this workshop is to teach skills in areas of practical livestock production and management along with offering an opportunity to share with others, programs that have been successful in other counties. This workshop is open to adults and teens 13 years and older by January 1, 2010.

Registration deadline is February 12, 2010

Cost for 4-H volunteers is \$45.50, which includes meals, lodging, and a \$18 resource fee for educational materials and resource people.

Stop by the MSU Extension office for a registration packet

Dog Training Classes



Dog Training classes are being offered to any 4-H member.

Classes in showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally may be offered, provided there is enough interest. If interested, send an email to Karen at: krnv59@hotmail.com, including what class you would like to take, what 4-H club you belong to, your 4-H age, telephone number, and your breed of dog.

K-9 Klovers Dog Drill Team

Do you want to have extra fun with your dog? Do you enjoy parades, festivals, and fun events? Then join the Dog Drill Team and experience a new level of fun with your dog. All participants must have at least one year of obedience training. Please email Kristina at: 4-her_bowhunter13@sbcglobal.net. If you can't email her call Kristina Wright at: (517) 548- 2638 if you are interested in joining or just want more information.

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Workshop and 4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop

March 19-21, 2010

Do you want to gain fun, hands-on ideas, projects and activities for use in your club or county programming? This workshop offers a variety of exciting topics offered in six different break-out session time blocks and is open to adults and youth ages 13 or older by January 1, 2010.

Registration deadline is March 5, 2010

The cost for the workshop is \$70 per person, which includes meals, overnight lodging, and a \$15 resource fee.

Stop by the MSU Extension office for a registration packet

Livingston County 4-H Officers Training

February 23, 2010

7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

LESA Building

Highlander Way, Howell

Bring all your officers and receive a club prize. Officers consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter (optional). All officers who come to the training will receive 4-H officer bulletins for FREE. Any club or officer needing those books after officers training will have to purchase them.

Free Pizza & Pop for Participants! Compliments of 4-H Council

Helpful Tips for Leaders: Leaders are welcome to attend the session, and Roxanne suggests that you assign a leader to each breakout session to assist that member throughout the year with their job. Free additional handouts for all leaders who attend.

Fun, Hands- on Learning!

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Training

April 6, 2010

7:00 pm

LESA Building

Highlander Way, Howell

Followed by Market Livestock General Mtg.
for everyone

Open to all 4-H members ages 12-18 as of January 1, 2010. This training is very useful to members to help with drug administration, nutrition, general care, and much more.

PQA training will be mandatory for all Livingston County 4-H members in the swine project area starting in 2011.

Register for the 2010 training to get a head start on learning about Pork Quality Assurance today by calling 517-546-3950.

Grand Equestrians Ride- A- Thon

Brighton State Recreation Area

May 22, 2010

10:30 am.- 4:30 p.m.

Awards and Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

This event is open to everyone (Must provide own horse). Registration fee is a minimum of \$25.00 pledge per rider but any additional pledges collected are greatly appreciated. For every \$50.00 collected entrant will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing so the more you bring the better your chance of winning. Baked goods and additional water will be available for purchase throughout the day and there will also be a bottle drive taking place so please bring any cans you have. Park entry fees are NOT included in registration and the event is Rain or Shine so NO REFUNDS!

Minimum pledge of \$25.00 and form are due to MSU Extension Office by May 15, 2010

For more information or the Pledge Form go to the Extension Office website

Spring Achievement

April 17, 2010

Registration

12:30 p.m.

Evaluation

1:00 p.m.

Evening Style Show

6:30 p.m.

A great opportunity for 4-H sewers, knitters, crafters, and shoppers!

The purpose of Spring Achievement is to give 4-H members an opportunity to have their wearable clothing projects evaluated on the basis of "looking good." Spring Achievement also offers an opportunity for members to display a variety of textile projects.

Age Groups for Spring Achievement

(Age as of January 1, 2010)

Novice

5-8 years of age

Junior

9-11 years of age

Intermediate

12-14 years of age

Senior

15-18 years of age

*The Novice age group is not included in the Buymanship Project Area which requires a purchased outfit under \$25.00 and a record book available at the MSU Extension office.

Evening Style Show

April 17, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Public Welcome

Awards for workmanship and presentation are awarded to members during the evening show.

Save the Date:

4-H Exploration Days

"Shaping 4-H for the 21st Century"

June 23- 25, 2010

Michigan State University



Daisy the Suffolk Sheep

Let me introduce myself. I'm Daisy the Suffolk sheep raised by Keelan Horton as a 4-H project (market lamb) 3 years ago. I'm so delightful that when it came time to take me to the market auction block, Keelan's grandfather saved me by buying me back and brought me back to their farm. I'm well known around the neighborhood as the escape artist and Londa gets calls at least once a week reporting that I'm in their front yard, on the front porch, or out of my pen. They cannot contain me and no fence can hold me...I just gotta be free! I've even taught the horses how to escape right behind me. In August they introduced me to a really handsome ram, Shorty. Although debonair, he wasn't very tall and frankly, I soon taught him my old tricks. Five months later, I surprised my family by birthing quadruplets yesterday! This is a very unusual feat in the sheep world, and triplets are even quite a surprise. Given the cold and how fast my babies were being birthed, I just couldn't keep up and my first two babies didn't get cleaned off in time to survive. Thankfully, 13-year-old Keelan arrived home from school in time to assist in the birthing of my next two babies in warming them and syringe-fed my son, who was freezing. Londa slept cuddled next to my son all night to ensure he would survive. I'm proud to announce my new daughter and son to you today. They are sporting new dog sweaters in the attached pictures.

Sheep Quiz Bowl Results

On January 3rd the sheep owners of Northern Neighbors 4-H club went to a sheep quiz bowl that was held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing, Mi. It was part of the annual Shepherd's Weekend. The younger team was called Junior sheep quiz bowl competitors. The seniors were called Master Shepherd competitors. For the juniors it was 3 or 4 kids and for the seniors it was 3 kids per team. On team 1 for the juniors was Katelyn Harden, Brooke Donal, Keelen Horton, and Melissa Hart. On team 2 were Monica Hart, Toby VanWyck, and Anna Hart. The seniors had only 1 team for Northern Neighbors and they were Travis VanWyck, Paige Foreman, & Trevor Donal. In the end the juniors team 1 came in 3RD place and team 2 came in 4TH place and the seniors came in 5TH place. All of the teams had a great time and I want to say that we would love to do it again next year.

By: Katelyn Harden
Northern Neighbors 4-H Club

MSU Rodeo

February 19- 21, 2010

This year, the MSU Rodeo Club is celebrating the 41st anniversary of the Spartan Stampede Rodeo. The rodeo, which is sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association as well as the Mid-States Rodeo Association, has performances on Friday, February 19th at 8 p.m., Saturday, February 20th at both 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 21st at 2 p.m. at the MSU Livestock Pavilion at the corner of Farm Lane and Mt. Hope in East Lansing, MI.

Tickets can be ordered through the Breslin Center Ticket Box Office on campus or by calling 800-968-2737. Tickets can also be ordered on-line at: www.breslincenter.com

More information can be found at:
<http://www.msu.edu/~rodeo/>

Grand Equestrians would like you to save these dates!!

The Therapeutic Riding Program 2010 class dates have been determined.

Summer Classes

May 27, 2010 – 6:30 - 9 p.m. Volunteer Orientation (current and new)

Classes will start June 1st and run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for six weeks. There will be two classes running at the same time again this year requiring a lot of volunteers.

Fall Classes

To be Determined.

Please come help change a child's life by volunteering with Grand Equestrians. Orientation and all classes will be held at the Wylie Farm at 5450 Emmons Road, Fowlerville. Take Grand River to Emmons Road, turn Southwest and the farm is on the right just over the railroad tracks.

Please be aware that we are the guests of the Wylie family and the property is privately owned. If you have children too young to volunteer in the program there will be a designated area for them to play. This is not intended to be a childcare area, you are responsible for your own children.



Mark of Excellence

Because of 4-H, I can...

What is Mark of Excellence?

Mark of Excellence is an award program for Michigan 4-H members ages 11 and 12 (Age is as of January 1, 2010).

How can I participate?

- Write an essay (500 words/ two pages) on the topic "Because of 4-H, I can..."
- Submit your essay to your county office by deadline March 1, 2010

What happens after I submit my essay?

- Every county may select two Mark of Excellence delegates to be recognized on state at the State Award Celebration at MSU during Exploration Days in June.
- All participants are recognized at the regional level.
- Your essays are used by county and state 4-H offices to inform the public about what 4-H means to youth.

State 4-H Awards Program

The purpose of the awards program is to provide recognition opportunities on a county, regional, and state level for 4-H youth members 13- 19 years of age in specific emphasis area. (Age as of January 1, 2010). To apply for the State Awards Process, members must submit a State 4-H Individual Award Application or they can participate as a group and then they would have to submit a Group Award Application. Once the applications are submitted to the county office they are then submitted on a regional level. At the regional level coordinators evaluate the applications and then choose youth in each project area to go on to the state level. The final step is the 4-H Awards Assembly at the state level. There youth will take part in an educational component and interviews. The winners of each category are then

announced on stage during the Awards Celebration of Explorations Days.

4-H State Award Applications are due to your county extension office by 5pm March 1, 2010

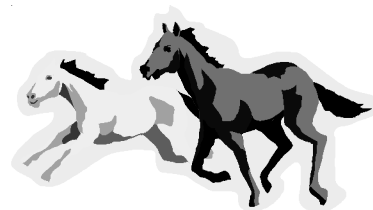
More information for the 2010 4-H State Awards Program can be found on-line at:
<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/staward.html>

Attention All 4-H Horse Teens 13 -18

You're Invited to Join the Horse Teens group.

We would like your participation in planning a fun and productive year. In the past we have held clinics, went as a group to fun horse events, helped form rules around the horse project area, helped younger 4-H'ers in the horse area but most importantly it is a group of teens that like horses just having fun together. You do not need to have a horse to join.

If you are interested in being a part of this fun group please email Tracy at (tjtamer@charter.net) to let her know. If you can't e-mail her then call her at Tracy Tamer (cell 810-599-9925).



Save the Date:

Michigan 4-H Livestock Camp 2010

June 28- 30, 2010

Coldwater Michigan

2010 4-H Calendar of Events

Livingston County 4-H Schedule

February

- 2 Market Livestock
- 8 Council
- 10 Small Animal
- 15 TRP
- 22 Horse Leader's Meeting
- 23 Officers Training -LESA

March

- 8 Council
- 31 Deadline for Level 4 signup

April

- 6 Market Livestock General Meeting- LESA
- 6 PQA Training- LESA
- 12 4-H Council
- 14 Small Animal General Meeting
- 17 Spring Achievement
- 26 Horse Leaders

All meetings are held in the East Complex MSUE Conference Room at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

MSU Pavilion Schedule

February

- 5-7 MQHYA Spectacular
- 6 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic
- 11-12 Great Lakes Draft Horse Sale
- 13 Purina Fitting Clinic
- 19-21 Spartan Stampede
- 20 UPHA Horse Show
- 26-28 Michigan Paint and Quarter Horse Sale

March

- 5-7 ANR Week
- 12-14 Stallion Expo
- 18-21 Home and Garden Show
- 26-27 MI Dairy Show and Sale

April

- 1-4 Easter Extravaganza Quarter Horse Show
- 9-11 MI Beef Expo
- 16-17 State 4-H Horse Jamboree
- 17 State Llama Show- SB
- 17 MSU Small Animals Day
- 18 B&B Livestock Judging Contest

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

KETTUNEN CENTER EVENT CALENDAR



February

- 13 Winter Family Fun Day
- 26-27 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop
- 27-28 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Leaders Workshop

March

- 19-21 4-H Plant Science and Entomology Adult & Teen Leader Training Workshop
- 19-21 4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Adult & Teen Leader Training Workshop

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

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We Want Your News!

Newsletter Information

If you have a meeting, announcement, news about an event, or need volunteers write an article for the 4-H Corner Post, please mail, fax, e-mail or drop off to any Corner Post staff no earlier than three months and no later than the third week of the month, for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Please write clearly or type your information, and be sure to include your name and phone number for clarification. Thank you!

Help Needed

Livingston County 4-H has a few special projects that need coordinators. Anyone willing to help out is asked to contact Roxanne at 517-546-3950.



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