Scholarships Available!
In the January/February issue of the Happenings, it was noted that our Michigan weather made it a great time to sit inside and fill out scholarship applications. Well, if you didn’t do it then due to the weather, now you need to do it because of the deadlines!! All of the six available scholarships available only to Ottawa County 4-Hers have due dates of JUNE 1ST. If you are a graduating senior and an Ottawa County 4-H’er, you owe it to yourself (and your parents!) to pursue these scholarship opportunities. Contact the office for more info.

Archery Tournament
Here is an opportunity for members in this project area to show their stuff! On May 30 Clare County will be holding their 8th Annual Archery Tournament. Registration takes place the day of the event, but for more information and to download the forms, go to msue.msu.edu and navigate to Clare County’s web page. Or, call us at the office and we can help you.

State 4-H Poultry Palooza
This event takes place May 16, 2009 at the Barry County Expo Center. This year they will include an Avian Quiz Bowl with the winning senior division team representing Michigan at the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference in Louisville Kentucky! Registration deadline is April 24!!

Good Luck!! We want to wish all our members participating in Goat Expo on the 25th the best of Luck this year!! Go get ‘em!

Spring Horse Leader’s Meeting
We will meet this year on Monday April 27 at 7pm in Conference Room E at the Fillmore Complex on Fillmore Street. If you need directions, please contact us. Each horse club is expected to send a representative leader to this meeting. We will cover many topics relevant to the 2009 fair season. You can turn in all your Horse ID cards at this time as well. Please be sure to attend.

grat · i · tude
–noun
the quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful:

My time with the Ottawa County 4-H Youth Program will be up on April 30. I have enjoyed it tremendously and am always amazed by the giving spirit of all those who make this program successful. Best of luck to all of you at the fairs and have a fabulous summer. ~Becky
4-H Horse Program Clinic

Form to Function
Do you *really* know what all those conformation terms mean?
And why should you care?

Followed by
The Judge’s Perspective
‘He didn’t like me!!’... *or did he?*

Featuring
Dr. Colleen Brady, Purdue Univ.

May 11, 2009

7:00 - 9:00pm ~ Berlin Fairgrounds

FREE for all 4-H members

*Don’t miss this opportunity to ask all those questions you never asked the judge!*

For more information, contact Becky Huttenga
616.994.4540 or 4hbecky@gmail.com
Horse Committee Spring Clinic
The 2009 clinic is set for Monday, May 11 from 7-9pm at the Berlin Fairgrounds. Our featured clinician this year will be Dr. Colleen Brady. Dr. Brady is a faculty member at Purdue University and Indiana's State 4-H Youth Extension Specialist. She has an extensive equine background and will discuss ‘Form to Function’, but I like to refer to this topic as ‘Pretty is as Pretty Does’! What should you look for in a horse if you want to perform in a certain discipline? What discipline does your horse’s physical attributes lend themselves to the best? Working with your horse’s body rather than against will bring you success in and out of the show ring. Dr. Brady will help you identify these issues and much more at this clinic.

Dairy Days Quiz Bowl
You can still get involved in this annual event that takes place in July and does not interfere with any fairs this year! There is a workout scheduled for Tuesday April 28 in the evening, so contact Bev Brower at 896-6430 if you are interested.

Teen Club Community Service Date Set!
Teen Club members are asked to participate in our next community service event set for May 9 in Grand Haven. We will be assisting Love INC of Grand Haven with sorting the food donations brought in by the postal carriers from the Stamp Out Hunger food drive that day. We will meet in the Allendale Family Farm & Home parking lot at noon on May 9 and car pool to Grand Haven from there. We expect to return in the late afternoon. Please bring a little money for food in case we stop. If you are joining us, please call 2 other Teen Club members and let them know so that we know who all we are waiting for in the carpool.

Questions? Contact Erin McCarthy, Teen Club Advisor Extraordinaire.

Costume theme announced!
The theme for goat costume classes for fair season 2009 is . . . HOLIDAYS!!
What a fun theme! This is for all three fairs. Use your imaginations . . .

4-H Exploration Days 2009
Registration is open, and many sessions are already full. But if you are still making your choices be aware that there is a “4-H Business and Entrepreneurship Expo” for youth who are already entrepreneurs and others who want to test it out. The Expo has the following seven tracks for youth to select from:
Are You Ready to Start a Business?
(Beginners, Session #307)
Be Your Own Boss
(Business Team Competition, Session #308)
Growing Your Farm Stand Business
(Session #316)
Raising, Marketing & Profiting from your Market Livestock Project (Session #302)
Growing Your Business
(Advanced, Session #309)
Artists at Work
(Visual Arts and Crafts, Session #326)
Mind Design (Turn Your Business Idea Into Reality, Session #111)
Some of these sessions offer the opportunity for youth to sell their products to event participants during selected meal times in the cafeterias (with the exception of livestock, of course)! Remember to save a few dollars to spend on the great products our youth will offer. For more in-depth session descriptions, please view the 4-H Exploration Days registration book.
http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/edregbk.html For more information, contact Laura Allen (lacourse@msu.edu) or Erica Tobe (tobee@msu.edu). Remember, registration closes May 1!

Beef Show Opportunity
With all these opportunities to get into the show ring, there’s no excuse for not being ready for fair this year! Mason County is holding its 11th Annual West Michigan Lakeshore 4-H All Breed Heifer & Steer Show (whew – now that’s a mouthful!). This event takes place May 17 at the Western Michigan Fairgrounds in Ludington. For more information, contact Michelle DeKuiper at mcquist7@msu.edu.
***NEW LOCATION FOR 2009***

BERLIN FAIRGROUNDS

OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS

31st ANNUAL OPEN HORSE SHOW

SATURDAY, June 6, 2009 - 8:00 A.M.  ENTRY FEE - $4.00

Located on Berlin Fair Dr, Exit 23 off I-96  ■ Ring Judge: Ron Strefling

Great Versatility Prizes ■ Fun Prizes For Every Class Including Door Prizes

HALTER
1. 2 Year Olds & Under
2. A.Q.H.A. Mares
3. A.Q.H.A. Stallions & Geldings**
4. Registered Other Breeds-Pleasure Type
5. Registered Other Breeds-Stock Type
6. Grade Horse Halter
7. Ponies, 56" & Under

SHOWMANSHIP
8. State Show Qualifying Class-Horses*
9. State Show Qualifying Class –Ponies/Minis*
10. 19 & Over – Open
11. 16 to 18 - Horses
12. 12 to 15 - Horses
13. 11 & Under - Horses
14. 18 & Under - Ponies

15 MINUTE BREAK
15. Maverick Walk/Trot, 10 & Under
16. Novice Walk/Trot 11 – 19
17. Lead Line 8 & Under
18. Adult Walk/Trot riders 20 and over***

ENGLISH OR STOCK SEAT EQUITATION
19. State Show Qualifying Class-Horses*
20. State Show Qualifying Class –Ponies*

ENGLISH PLEASURE
21. Junior Horse & Ponies 5 and under
22. Senior Horses & Ponies 6 and up
23. 19 & Over-Open
24. 16 to 18 – Horses
25. 12 to 15 – Horses
26. 11 & Under – Horses
27. 18 & Under - Ponies

ENGLISH EQUITATION
28. 19 & Over – Open
29. 16 to 18 – Horses
30. 12 to 15 – Horses
31. 11 & Under – Horses
32. 18 and Under – Ponies

STATE SHOW QUALIFYING CLASSES are for Ottawa County 4-H members only and require no entry fee. Members must be 13 years of age by January 1, 2009.

** Stallions must handled by persons age 18 & up
*** No Trainers Allowed. Proper attire not required.

30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

WESTERN PLEASURE
33. Junior Horses & Ponies 5 and under
34. Senior Horses & Ponies 6 and over
35. 19 & Over – Open
36. 16 to 18 – Horses
37. 12 to 15 – Horses
38. 11 and Under – Horses
39. 18 and under - Ponies

STOCK SEAT EQUITATION
40. 19 & Over – Open
41. 16 to 18 – Horses
42. 12 to 15 – Horses
43. 11 and Under – Horses
44. 18 and Under - Ponies

BAREBACK-ANY-STYLE
45. 15 & Over – Horses
46. 14 & Under – Horses
47. 18 and Under - Ponies

RIDER VERSATILITY CLASS
48. Open

TRAIL
(to be shown in a separate arena from 12 to 3:00)
49. 19 & Over – Open
50. 16 to 18 – Horses
51. 12 to 15 – Horses
52. 11 & Under – Horses
53. 18 and Under – Ponies
54. In Hand Trail
(Horses & Ponies 2 and under & Miniatures)

Food Available on Grounds
Tack Vendor Available

The rider versatility class will be English Equitation, Stock Seat Equitation and a game. Riders will be given a 5-minute in arena tack change between styles. They will be allowed two grooms per entry to assist in these changes.

See reverse side for show rules.

For more information call Erin McCarthy at 616-550-3403
Michigan law requires proof of negative coggins to enter. Age as of January 1, 2009. Entries must be made one class prior to entering the ring. SEI approved helmets will be worn in all hunt seat and bareback classes. Classes for exhibitors under 9 are not sanctioned by Ottawa County 4-H. The show committee reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes. Points will be prorated. Points calculated on one-horse/one-rider basis. Trail will be run in a separate ring from noon until 3:00 p.m. Horses and ponies are eligible for only one trail class. Lead line and maverick exhibitors may not show in any other riding division. 4-H rules will apply to youth and adult exhibitors.

_Failure to comply with these rules will not be tolerated._

For more information, contact: Erin McCarthy (616) 550-3403

Berlin Fairgrounds are located at 2008 Berlin Fair Drive, Marne MI
Supershowmanship Clinic
May 30th
9:00am-3:00pm
Berlin Fairgrounds
Ottawa County

Tips from the pros for fitting & showing all the animals that you see at the fair!

Presenters will be Industry Professionals

Showmanship Only
Poultry
Dogs
Rabbits
Cats

Fitting & Showmanship
Dairy
Hogs
Goats
Beef
Lambs
Horses

Sponsored by Ottawa County 4-H Council & 4-H Teen Club

Food on Site
As a Teen Club Fundraiser

This is a free event but canned good donations for love inc. are appreciated

For more information: 616.994.4540 or 4hbecky@gmail.com
Dates to Remember

April 27    Horse Leaders Spring Meeting
April 28    Berlin Livestock Committee Meeting
April 30    Supershowmanship Meeting
May 2       Hudsonville Spring Pre View
May 4       Hudsonville Livestock Committee
May 4       Horse Committee Meeting
May 7       4-H Council Meeting
May 9       Teen Club Community Service
May 11      Spring Horse Clinic
May 14      Teen Club Meeting
May 30      Supershowmanship Clinic
June 4      4-H Council Meeting
June 6      Spring Dog Clinic
June 11     Teen Club Meeting

4-H Learning Science through the Arts Camp

4-H Learning Science through the Arts Camp is held every summer. The camp is designed for youth aged 9 to 14 years old with volunteer teen counselors, aged 15 to 19 years old. The camp program blends nature study and outdoor recreation with visual and performing arts. **This year’s camp will be held July 12-15, 2009. The theme is “Wonders of Water: Get into Water & Make a Splash!”**

**Art**
- “A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words!” Learn how to take great outdoor pictures using digital cameras. Learn from a professional photographer Charles St. Charles. Explore and take photos of the wetlands, waterfront, water bugs and learn how to use computer technology and your digital “pop out” photos to create an amazing digital watershed mosaic to share with our friends and family at the end of camp presentation.
- Enjoy a WOW presentation of wildlife photographs taken by Charles St. Charles.
- Sketch, paint and more paint! Learn the basics of watercolor painting with artist Nancy Kitchen & enter your creations in an end of camp Art Show.
- Experience the fable of the Rainstick with storyteller Bonnie Neuman and create your own rainstick to take home.
- Design a T-Shirt using the ancient art of fish printing.

**Science**
- Water on the Go! Cranbrook Institute Science educators will present three programs: How We Use Water, I Live In A Watershed, and Groundwater Pollution, for you to learn about water resources. We’ll also perform water quality tests on Center Lake and dip for macro invertebrates.
- You will use computer technology to make a watershed mosaic of photographs. Professional photographer Charles St. Charles will involve you in this hands-on experience encouraging a connection with the natural resources through technology.
- Design your own boat and then test it for speed and floatation with other campers on Center Lake.
- Build your own terrarium to take home.

For more information and the registration form, see the Learning Science through the Arts Camp brochure or call Kettunen Center at (231) 829-3421.
Good Sportsmanship + Ethical Decisions = 4-H Success

Sportmanship begins with the Golden Rule “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Play by the rules. Don’t look for ways to get around the rules. Rules are for everyone including YOU.

Open your mind to others – listen and learn from 4-H advisors and other members.

Respect your competitors in and outside of the show ring. Be a gracious winner and a dignified loser!

Think before you act! Consider the consequences of your actions. You, your family and 4-H’s reputation are at stake.

Show perseverance. Stick to your 4-H project goals, responsibilities and commitments.

Model the 4-H motto, “To Make the Best Better”, teach others how to care for and show their project animal.

Always show your gratitude. Thank sponsors, buyers, advisors, show officials, judges, parents and others who helped you.

Never express anger towards your project animal, the judge or other exhibitors. Do not yell, hit or blame.

Set a good example. Actions speak louder than words.

Help portray a positive image for 4-H and the animal industry. Keep your animal and stall area clean and presentable at all times.

Integrity means using approved fitting and grooming practices and demonstrating positive behavior.

Performance in the show ring is about being a CHAMPION member, not necessarily having the champion animal.

Always stay INFORMED! Rules, policies and guidelines change – read them carefully and take appropriate ACTION!

Never blame others for your mistakes. Take responsibility to meet project requirements and entry deadlines.

Do the RIGHT THING! Make ethical decisions that do not put you or your animal at risk!

Exhibit the six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

Trust by consumers’ begins with your ability to produce a high quality, safe and wholesome project. Adhere to Ohio’s Livestock Tampering Rules: Don’t tamper.

Honesty is always the best policy. Tell the truth. Do not falsely represent your animal or their records.

Initiate good citizenship …help others and “Make A Difference” in your community.

Character is measured by everything you do and don’t do. “Make the Best Better” in all your 4-H actions.

Success with your 4-H project begins & ends with being a GOOD SPORT & making ETHICAL DECISIONS.

Author: Patty House, OSU Extension, Clark County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. 12/06.
Livestock Clubs of Hudsonville
Spring Beef Preview Show 2009

Saturday May 2, 2009
Hudsonville Fairgrounds
Weigh In 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Show Begins at 11 a.m.

Entry fee: $20.00 (please have post marked by 4/25)
$30.00 day of show
Overnight Camping: $15.00

Send entries to: Karen Smallegan
3940 Gordon St
Hudsonville MI 49426

For More information call: Monte Bartley 616-896-8761 or 616-437-4323

Name:____________________________________________________________
Address:__________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________Birthdate:_________________________

Please check classes participating in:

___ Showmanship (MI 4-H ages will be followed) ___ Market Steer
___ Market Heifer ___ Breeding Heifer

Food Booth will be present on fairgrounds
SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

A. INTRODUCTION TO RALLY
Learn to read a rally map and get your dog through the course first. Demonstrate how to navigate the course. An optional rally dog will

B. TRAINING TIPS FOR RALLY, ADVANCED AND EXCELLENCE

C. RALLY OBEDIENCE

D. Basics of Freestyle obedience

E. DOG AND CATE GAMES

F. CLASS PLANNING AND STRUCTURE FOR LEADERS

G. ADVANCED SHOWMASTSHIP

SHOWMASTSHIP

H. SEARCHING

I. BEGINNER SHOWMASTSHIP

J. CATING

K. CCC TESTING

CCC Testing runs from 10:00-1:00

Options: C. F, O, J

2:00-2:30 Second Afternoon Session

Options: B, D (repeat), O, P

1:00-1:30 First Afternoon Session

Dogg Show!

Obstacle class for the 2009 State 4-H

Introducing a new beginner novice

1:20-1:40 Lunch Special Presentation

Options: A, (continued), E, O, H

11:00-1:15 Second Morning Session

Options: A, (run until 1:50), D, O, G

10:00-1:00 First Morning Session

9:30-1:00 Registration

Schedule

Summer 4-H Dog Clinic—June 6, 2009