Calendar Correction Summer Shows  
Please note that the wrong date was given for the State 4-H Dog show in the last Happenings. The State 4-H Dog show has been moved to Saturday, August 16th, in 2008. Usually the dog show and the horse show at MSU alternate weekends every other year, but this year due to some schedule changes at the Pavilion the State 4-H Horse Show will be after the dog show as it was in 2007. This also means that the State 4-H Horse Show will take place on the final weekend of the Hudsonville Fair which will be August 22, 23 and 24.

Goat Novelty Class  
The 4-H Goat leaders have decided that the theme for the 2008 Goat Novelty class (costume) at all three fairs will be occupations. Members should start thinking now of occupations they would like to dress their goats (and selves) as. This is a great opportunity to explore career possibilities!

New Volunteer Screening Policy  
MSU Extension has made some changes to their volunteer screening and selection policy which does affect some of our current volunteers who became leaders before volunteer selection began. It will also affect teens ages 18 and up who attend overnight workshops and events. Effective January 1, 2008 all youth ages 18 are required to have their criminal history checked in order to attend 4-H events where they are housed overnight (such as at Kettunen Center and at MSU for Exploration Days) with other youth. In addition all volunteers will be required to have a criminal history screening done once every three years regardless of how long they have been a 4-H volunteer. Previously volunteers with many years of service were grandfathered in when the VSP began. As you call to sign up members and/or leaders for events, please be reminded that there may be some additional paperwork required to make sure we are in compliance with MSU’s policy. As always our first concern is always the safety and well being of kids.

4-H Slide Show  
If you are interested in the slide show that was shown at the 4-H banquet, it is available for $5.00 plus postage from the 4-H Council. The show is approximately 100 photographs of our main events in 4-H from 2007 including Spring Achievements, Supershownmanship, all three fairs and the Luau. It is set to music. This is a CD Rom and can be played on any Windows based computer that has Internet Explorer which will open the PowerPoint viewer. Postage is $1.50 or you can pick it up either at the 4-H office or at a meeting by prior arrangement. Make check payable to Ottawa 4-H Council and send to Ottawa 4-H, 333 Clinton St, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Enclose a note telling us how you want it delivered (mail or pick up) and we will do the rest.
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
FEEDER CALF DECLARATION

Berlin Fair – (dairy calves only)  Holland Fair
(Declaration Due February 1)   (Declaration Due March 1)

Name of Member: ____________________________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________

Parent's Home Phone: ___________________________ Work #: ___________________________

Best Time to Call: ________________________________________

Club: ____________________________ Back # ____________________________

My child is planning to have a feeder calf tagged for an Ottawa County Fair. It will be a January calf and I understand that it must be tagged by a representative of the 4-H Market Livestock Committee. It will be brought to a weigh-in in the spring. Feeder calves may not weigh more than 325 at spring weigh-in for Berlin Fair. The member who will show the calf will be present for both the tagging and the weigh-in. Two calves may be tagged and weighed but only one shown at the fair. I have read and agree to abide by the Market Livestock Project Guidelines and the Ottawa County 4-H Code of Conduct and I understand the 4-H participation fee of $10. per member must be paid before weigh-in.

_________________________________________    ___________________________________________
Parent Signature                             Signature of Leader

BERLIN DUE FEBRUARY 1  HOLLAND DUE MARCH 1

PLEASE SEND ALL DECLARATIONS TO:

OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
333 CLINTON STREET
GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417
OR MAY BE FAXED TO: 616-846-0655

Member Participation Fee MUST be paid before weigh-in.
**National 4-H Conference**  
A week-long program, March 29-April 3, 2008, held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland. This conference is considered the premier leadership conference in 4-H. Michigan is sending a team of 5 teens and an adult chaperone. Teens who would like to attend National 4-H Conference must complete the forms on the web and return them to the MSU Extension county office. Each teen attending is required to complete the application, submit 2 reference forms and participate in a telephone interview. The cost is $650 for teens and includes registration, meals, lodging, fees and airfare from the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. This reduced cost is made possible because of a scholarship provided by the State 4-H Office. For more information go to: [http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/cls/nat4hconf.html](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/cls/nat4hconf.html)

**Michigan 4-H Citizenship, Leadership and Service Conference**  
You’ve heard the expression “think globally, act locally.” Michigan 4-H couldn’t agree more. Discover the many ways to get involved in your community and act locally through our educational activities and events that help develop leadership and citizenship skills. Young people (14 to 19 years old) and adults are invited to this dynamic conference. Last year, more than 150 people from around the state attended. It’s on January 26-27, 2008 at the Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI. There’s work to be done in your community—learn how to do it! To download a flyer for the conference go to [http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/cls/documents/CLS_conference_flyer.pdf](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/cls/documents/CLS_conference_flyer.pdf) You can also call the 4-H office at 846-8250. Registrations are due January 11, 2008.

**4-H Capitol Experience**  
March 9-12, 2008 4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. More than 100 teens from around the state converge in Lansing, Michigan, to experience state government in action! Applications and promotional information will be online and due in the county office by February 8, 2008. Registration cost includes all meals, lodging and material fees. Counties will be billed after the event. Rate: $255 Adults and current 4-H members; $265 Non 4-H members. For more information go to: [http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/capexp.html](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/capexp.html)

**Horse Committee Elections**  
The Ottawa County 4-H Horse Leaders elected their new members of the 4-H Horse Committee and appointments have also been made. For the 2008 program year the 4-H Horse Committee will be:
- **Erin McCarthy** – President
- **Christy Knauf Eisen** – Vice President
- **Dawn Clapp** – Treasurer
- **Ruth Price** – Secretary
- **Hannah Groenink**
- **Jean McCarthy**
- **Jennifer MacDonald**
- **Tanya Nevins**
- **Audra Fitzpatrick-Cook**
- **Lynn Croel**
- **Anna Walters** – Teen Rep
- **Nicole Beverly** – Teen Rep
- **Angela Bohn** – Teen Rep

**Dates to Remember**

- **January 10**  
  Teen Club Meeting
- **January 12**  
  Holland Beef Weigh-in
- **January 14**  
  Horse Committee Meeting
- **January 22**  
  Berlin Livestock Meeting
- **February 4**  
  Dairy Committee Meeting
- **February 7**  
  Council Meeting
- **February 14**  
  Teen Club Meeting
- **March 1**  
  Tack Sale
- **March 6**  
  Council Meeting
- **March 7**  
  Teen Club Lock-In
- **March 17**  
  Dog Leaders Meeting
- **April 18 & 19**  
  Spring Achievements

**2007/2008 Kettunen Center**

- **The Future is You!**  
  1/11-13
- **4-H Citizenship, Leadership & Service**  
  1/26-27
- **4-H PEP Instructor Update**  
  2/16-17
- **4-H Vet Science Workshop**  
  2/22-23
- **4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop**  
  2/23-24
- **4-H Plant Science & Entomology**  
  2/29-3/2
- **Environmental & Outdoor Ed Workshop**  
  2/29-3/2
- **4-H Poultry**  
  3/8-9
- **Family Science 2008**  
  3/15-16
- **2008 4-H Dairy Conference**  
  4/11-13
- **4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training**  
  4/19-20
- **4-H Companion Animal**  
  4/25-27
Teen Club

At the annual meeting of the Ottawa County 4-H Teen Club, they elected officers for 2008. Results were President Jessica Fuller, Vice-President Ivana Klingenberg, Secretary Erica Slagter, Treasurer Amber Haveman. Congratulations! Pictured from left are Ivana, Jessica, Erica and Amber.

Teen Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Allendale Library. The library is located behind the strip mall where the Hungry Howie’s Pizza place is located. We usually meet in the back half of the Roon Room. Just ask at the desk if you are new. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Pizza and pop is provided for everyone. Any teen (13 and up by Jan 1, 2008) can join the club. All you have to do is come to a meeting.

4-H Council Results

Elections for the three year terms on the Ottawa County 4-H Council are complete and the following individuals have been elected by the 4-H leaders: Terrie Graftema for Coopersville, Gerry Burns for Tri-Cities, Mark Haveman for Holland/Zeeland and Erin McCarthy for Hudsonville. Adult appointments include; John Willcome in Coopersville, Michelle Kaptein in Zeeland and Doug Zwagerman in Hudsonville. Teen appointments are: Amber Haveman and Andrea Steenwyk. Congratulations to all those elected and appointed and a sincere thank you to all who have served this past year. The 4-H Council meets regularly in Grand Haven to support our county program.

Loans for Market Livestock

What is the MRRC loan?
Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation is offering low interest loans to members of 4-H to assist them in the purchase of their animal projects for county and state fairs. Maximum loan amounts vary from $250 to $1000 depending on the projects. There is no minimum amount. Loans may be secured for any animal project for show and sale including steer, hogs, sheep, etc. Loans may also be obtained to assist in the purchase of a dairy, breeder, horse or crop project if an applicant can provide a reasonable method of repayment for the loan.

What is the Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation?
Michigan Rural Rehabilitation Corporation is a nonprofit corporation that is dedicated to serving rural Michigan communities. MRRC is principally engaged in making education loans for college and trade schools to members of Michigan farm and rural families. A limited number of agriculturally related loans are also available. Small grants and/or loans are also available to 4-H groups.

The 4-H Special Project Loans are made available in an effort to assist Michigan youth who wish to gain first-hand knowledge about agriculture and its importance to mankind.

Who is eligible to borrow?
Any member of a Michigan 4-H club with a valid project will be considered. There is no age restriction.

How do I apply?
Applications may be obtained by contacting MRRC. Complete the application and return it to MRRC. Your 4-H leader, or Extension Agent will be required to verify your project. When your application is approved, you'll be asked to sign a promissory note. Your parents will be required to guarantee repayment of the loan as cosigners. Phone toll free: 1-800-835-0650 Local: 269-781-4646 Fax: 269-781-9850

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 188 Marshall, MI 49068-0188
Congratulations Award Winners! Many 4-H members and leaders were recognized for their outstanding 4-H achievement and service at the recent Leader’s and Award’s Banquet in Allendale. Following are the award winners:

**Agriculture**
- Joel Creager (Jr.)
- Nathan VanOss (Sr.)
- Courtney Berens (Jr.)
- Stephen May (Sr.)

**Beef**
- Courtney Berens (Jr.)
- Stephen May (Sr.)

**Cats**
- Angela Bohn (Jr.)
- Erinn McCullick (Sr.)

**Clothing/Textiles**
- Madeline Miles (Jr.)
- Cara Overweg (Jr.)
- Lisa Vander Veen (Sr.)

**Dairy**
- Robert Ferwerda (Sr.)
- Lisa Vander Veen (Sr.)
- Jacob Schoenborn (Jr.)

**Demonstrations**
- Bailey MacDonald (Jr.)

**Dogs**
- Camille Brillinger (Jr.)
- Mikayla Smith (Jr.)
- Tara Smith (Sr.)
- Anne Vargo (Sr.)

**Goats**
- Amber Haveman (Sr.)
- Erin McCullick (Sr.)

**Horses**
- Alyssa Draft (Sr.)
- Jessica Fuller (Sr.)
- Andrea Steenwyk (Jr.)
- Ashley Streur (Jr.)

**Judging**
- Amber Haveman (Sr.)
- Ashely Haveman (Sr.)

**Photography**
- Caitlin McCullick (Sr.)

**Poultry**
- David Besteman (Sr.)
- Emily Hemstreet (Jr.)

**Rabbits**
- Emily Hemstreet (Jr.)
- Timothy May (Jr.)

**Sheep**
- Emily Mitchell (Sr.)

**Swine**
- Jill Blaszak (Sr.)
- Tyler Garcia (Jr.)
- Daniel Zwagerman (Sr.)

**Visual Arts**
- Madeline Miles (Jr.)
- Ashley Haveman (Jr.)

**Achievement**
- Erica Slagter (Jr.)

**Citizenship**
- Amber Haveman (Sr.)
- Ivana Klingenberg (Jr.)
- Amber Mulder (Sr.)
- Bradley Steenwyk (Sr.)

**Key Club**
- Amber Haveman (Sr.)

**Leadership**
- Amber Haveman (Sr.)
- Ivana Klingenberg (Jr.)
- Amber Mulder (Sr.)
- Bradley Steenwyk (Sr.)

**Agent's Choice**
- John Willcome

**Alumnus of the Year**
- Michelle Kaptein

**Teen Leader of the Year**
- Amber Haveman (Sr.)

**Club of the Year**
- Hilltop Gang

**Leader of the Year**
- Phil Ferwerda

Senior Winners!

Spring Achievements Mark your calendars now for 4-H Spring Achievements. We will hold them April 18 and 19 at Allendale Middle School in the small gym. (same location as last year) A planning meeting will be held in early March, but tentative schedule will include still and construction judging on Friday evening as well as set up, with Saturday being style judging, rehearsal, lunch, style show and awards program. Look for more details in your future Happenings.
Welcome New Leaders

Please extend a warm Ottawa County welcome to our new leaders who recently completed the selection and training process. Rob Creager is from Conklin and recently graduated from our 4-H program. He will join his father Rich Creager (who received his 30 year pin at the recent banquet) in the Silver Star 4-H Club. Mary Finkler is from Coopersville and is an avid horsewoman. She plans to start a new 4-H horse club but does not have a name yet. Carrie Lamoreaux lives in Grandville where she has a horse boarding operation. She previously was a leader in Kent County but found that the Ottawa program fits her better. Her new horse club is called Dream Riders. Jim Mershon is from Ravenna and is active in 4-H shooting sports in Muskegon County and is on the fair board there. However he plans to start a horse club which will be here in Ottawa County. Cheryl Visser lives in Coopersville. She was a leader many years ago. Now that her grandchildren want to learn to sew she will be leading sewing through the Animals and Us 4-H Club. Lydia Wheeler grew up in an urban area and didn’t know what 4-H was until she moved to Grandville and met Carrie Lamoreaux. Now her family has three horses and she will be a co-leader for Dream Riders.

Michigan Family Farms Conference

A Michigan Family Farms Conference will be held Saturday, January 19th at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Michigan. The conference them this year is “New Times, New Opportunities” and key note speaker will be David Kline an Amish farmer from Eastern Ohio who is the editor of Farming Magazine. There will be classes in Alternative Energy, Marketing and Production. Wind energy, hydroponics, soil health, grant writing, bio-products, local markets, integrated pest management, energy grants, pricing, pasture poultry, conservation planning, farming off the grid, niche farming, managing water, and developing a business plan are some of the classes. Registration is $30 but there are scholarships available. To apply for a scholarship call Barbara Norman at 269-28-4588. For a registration form and booklet describing each class, call the 4-H office. This conference is sponsored by the Farm Research Cooperative and the USDA Risk Management Agency.

4-H Veterinary Science Workshop

February 22–23, 2008 – Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health by sharing information and experiences, asking questions and quizzing veterinarians about their skills. You can also participate in hands-on demonstrations that teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick or injured animals. Meet 4-H'ers who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop

February 23–24, 2008 – Kettunen Center

If you're interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop also offers ways to enhance your communication and teaching skills and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

Grant Applications Due Feb 1st

Clubs and committees of Ottawa County 4-H are eligible to apply for grant dollars to pay for educational materials and programs. Each club was sent an application form. They are due to the 4-H office on February 1st and selections will be made by the Participation Fee Committee of the 4-H Council. Ideas for grant proposals include videos/DVDs that might have widespread appeal, educational kits, or books and pamphlets. All ideas will be considered. Those with the broadest appeal and which will serve the most members will be given highest ratings. If your club needs a replacement form, just call our office.
18th ANNUAL TACK SALE

Saturday
March 1, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clothing
Tack
Horse Trailers

Allendale Middle School
6561 Lake Michigan Drive (M-45)
Allendale, Michigan

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2008
Because space is very limited, reservations are usually full before this deadline.

NAME: __________________________ PHONE: __________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ ZIP: ________________________________

NUMBER OF INDOOR SPACES WITH TABLES _____ ($20)

NUMBER OF INDOOR SPACES WITHOUT TABLES ______ ($20)

NUMBER OF TRAILER SPACES (OUTSIDE) ________($20)

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
SEND TO: LYNN CROEL
1885 HAYES STREET
MARNE, MI 49435
4-H Lock-In at Lost City
Holland Michigan

March 7, 2008
11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

$20 in advance
$25 at door

Unlimited Laser Tag and Mini Golf
8 video game tokens
POP & Pizza for all
Big Screen Movie Room
New One Game of Bowling
Happenings

4-H Lock-In  March 7, 2008  ORGANIZED BY OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H TEEN CLUB

NAME ____________________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH ____________
(Must be 12 by January 1, 2008)

ADDRESS _______________________________ CITY ______________________ ZIP __________

PARENT/S NAME ___________________________ 4-H MEMBER? _____ YES _____ NO

4-H CLUB & COUNTY ______________________ OR FRIEND OF ______________________

"I give my permission as the parent/legal guardian of the above named youth for him/her to participate in the 4-H Lock-In for Ottawa County. I agree that he/she will abide by all rules set forth." ☐ Check here if you will attend as an adult chaperone. (free)

Signature ___________________________________ Phone: ______________________
(Where you can be reached the night of Lock-In)

$20 per Youth includes admission, unlimited laser tag, mini golf, one bowling game, 8 game tokens & food.
$25 at the door. Pre-registration due Monday, March 3, 2008

Please make check payable to Ottawa County 4-H, 333 Clinton St., Grand Haven, MI 49417