Agriculture and Natural Resource Week at MSU

This annual event is one of the largest of its kind in the world and has been on going for 95 years! It will be March 5 to 13, 2010 at MSU. There are programs for everyone interested in agriculture and natural resources. Many professional associations have their annual meetings in conjunction with the event which means this is a great way to meet experts of all kinds. For an in depth and detailed description of all of the sessions call the MSU Extension office and have a booklet sent to your home. You can also learn more by going on line to: www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/

Here is a brief outline of SOME of the offerings.

**Friday, March 5**
Michigan Audubon Homeschool Workshop
Michigan Organic Conference
MI State Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Convention & Show

**Saturday, March 6**
Greenserve Conference: “Building Michigan’s Future through Conservation Volunteerism”
Michigan Organic Conference
MI State Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Convention & Show
Quiet Water Symposium

**Sunday, March 7**
MI State Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Convention & Show
Michigan Wildflower Conference

**Monday, March 8**
Hands-on Basic Artisan Cheesemaking
Keeping Forests in the Family
Let’s Talk Animals: A Conversation about Animal Agriculture
Michigan Wildflower Conference

**Tuesday, March 9**
Hands-on Basic Artisan Cheesemaking
Investing in Future Stewards of MI Natural Resources
Pullorum Certification Workshop
Small Flock Poultry Workshop
The Great Lakes: Learning from the Past, Looking Toward the Future

**Wednesday, March 10**
A Matter of Balance-Peak Phosphorus: Balancing Demand, Supply & the Environment
Hands-on Basic Artisan Cheesemaking
Crop-O-Rama
Investing in Future Stewards of MI Natural Resources
Michigan FFA Convention
Michigan Herb Associates Annual Conference

**Thursday, March 11**
Forage Technology Conference
French Connection
Michigan FFA Convention
Michigan Gladiolus Conference
Michigan Inland Lakes Partnership
Michigan’s Wildlife Action Plan
Pasteurizer Workshop

**Friday, March 12**
Horticultural Therapy: Connecting People & Plants
Michigan FFA Convention
Michigan Barn Preservation Network Conference
Michigan Beekeepers Association Conference
Michigan Gladiolus Conference
Michigan Horse Council Horse Expo

**Saturday, March 13**
Horticultural Therapy in Action
Michigan Barn Preservation Network Conference
Michigan Beekeepers Association Conference
Michigan Horse Council Horse Expo
Spring Garden Program
Spring Goat Day
**4-H FAIR DECLARATION FORM**

DUE AT 4-H OFFICE MARCH 1, 2010 OR MAY BE FAXED TO: 616-994-4579

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| No declaration needed. Previous limits on cages will be in effect. | |
| Pre-entry form due to project coordinator July 1st |

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THE ANNUAL 4-H PARTICIPATION FEE OF $10 MUST BE PAID BEFORE A MEMBER WEIGHS IN ANY MARKET ANIMAL.
Happenings

**MSU Vet-A-Visit**

*2010*  
The MSU College of Veterinary Medicine’s annual open house will be held on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is free-of-charge and there is no need to pre-register. Beverages and light refreshments, as well as College of Veterinary Medicine merchandise, will be available for sale. Please allow several hours to see all the exhibits and don’t forget to wear comfortable walking shoes! Guests may want to plan for more than 2-hours if planning to attend an educational seminar or roundtable discussion (for those interested in learning more about a career in veterinary medicine). Most exhibits and displays are age-appropriate for children 6 years of age and older. Need more information? info@vetavisit.com

**State 4-H Awards**  
Any member 13 and up may apply for the State 4-H Awards. Instructions and award forms are available now from the 4-H office. Call 994-4540 to get a packet mailed to you or sent via e-mail. You can also access the complete award packet on Cloverlink. Award packets are due back to Grand Haven on March 1st. Any one interested in competing can get feedback on their award form and assistance from either Liz Wells at the 4-H office or Erin McCarthy. This is an excellent opportunity to begin to learn the process of creating a portfolio which can be used later for college and job applications. The competition is keen but the learning is priceless.

**Fair Book changes for 2010**  
Changes accepted by the 4-H Council for the fair books include:

1. All members showing poultry MUST participate in poultry showmanship.
2. Horse and pony classes will be divided by age with ponies and horse combined except for classes for inexperienced rides. Be sure to come to the April Leader’s meeting to get the details.

**New Office Hours for MSUE**  
Those of us in the MSUE office don’t want to miss you when you visit, but because of recent staff reductions we have found we must change our office hours. Starting March 1st we will be closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. each day for the lunch hour. This will enable our staff to take their needed breaks and provide better coverage for our walk in customers. Our office hours will be 8 to noon and 1 to 5 Monday through Friday. We look forward to your visit.

**New Leader Applications Being Accepted**  
If you have thought maybe you would like to be a 4-H leader, now is the time to get your application in. Call us to have an application sent to you. Interviews will be held in late February and early March so your application needs to be completed soon. Call Joan at 616-994-4540 to have one sent to you. To become a 4-H leader you need to fill out the application and supply three references, have a criminal history check and then be interviewed by 4-H staff and a member of the Volunteer Selection Committee of the 4-H Council. Once the process is completed you must attend New Leader Training to be official. New Leader Training will be held Monday, March 22, 2010 at 7:00 at the MSUE office in West Olive.

**Dog Workshop at Kettunen Center features Adele Yunck**  
All 4-H leaders and members ages 13 and up are invited to Kettunen Center May 15 and 16, 2010 for the Companion Animal Workshop which will feature Adele Yunck the noted trainer and author. Adele has trained five AKC Obedience Trial Champions, and has authored two books on dog training which have been critically acclaimed. This is a rare opportunity which has been made possible by grants from several Michigan Kennel Clubs. You are urged to take advantage of this incredible learning event! Additional topics of interest will be agility, freestyle, rally, judging, showmanship, weight pulling, hunt testing, crafts made from dog fur, and much more for the canine enthusiast.
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
Spring Achievements
2010

All projects that are pre-registered are eligible. Still exhibits are for any class offered at the fairs except those with animals. There MUST be a corresponding class at the fairs for each project entered.

Friday, April 23, 2010

Noon - 6 pm: Drop off for all projects (both garments and crafts or art projects)

6:00 pm: All Construction judging
           All Still exhibit judging

Saturday, April 24, 2010:

9:00 am  Doors open – models should pick up garments from the coat racks and dress for style judging

9:30 am  Style judging for all members modeling outfits

10:30 am Day in the Life of a Real Model – Eva Marie Gugino

11:00 am Rehearsal for all members in the fashion show or working on it

12:00 pm Lunch for all participants

1:00 pm  Fashion show followed by awards

All exhibits must have an exhibit card firmly attached. Exhibit tags are color coded by year in the project and will be sent to all leaders who have pre-registered projects. Still exhibit items may be dropped off on Friday from noon until 6:00 p.m. and left in the building overnight. Judging of garment construction takes place the small conference rooms Friday night. All garments are left in the building overnight (talk to us if you need a garment for Friday evening). Lunch will be served for members at noon. Adults not helping with Achievements may purchase lunch (as available) for $3.00.

Fillmore Complex Main Conference Room
12220 Fillmore St
West Olive, MI 49460

Enter via the west door and take the elevator to the upper level. Main conference room will be across the hall to your left. Drop off your projects on 2nd floor. Follow the signs.

Contact the 4-H office: 616-994-4580  OR  ottawa4h@yahoo.com
New Kettunen Fee Policy  In an effort to balance their budget for the year, the Ottawa County 4-H Council has found it imperative to institute a new policy for scholarships/fee payment for Kettunen Center workshops. Effective immediately members will pay a $15 co-pay for their first workshop and full price thereafter. Leaders will pay a $10 co-pay for any workshop they wish to attend when serving as a chaperone. Members are encouraged to seek out sponsorship for their co-pays from committees or local businesses. See the latest schedule below for a fine line up of Kett workshops for the coming year.

As always your registration co-pay covers your meals and lodging at Kettunen Center! (dorm rooms only) Parents wishing to attend may do so at their own expense, however they must be housed in the hotel portion of the center. Check with Joan for complete conference information including detailed workshop agendas.

Environmental & Outdoor Education Volunteer Workshop March 19–21, 2010
Gain ideas, project resources and activities to help kids enjoy the outdoors and care for the environment. Sample a variety of interest areas within the 4-H environmental and outdoor education (EOE) program to share with your 4-H club or group. Sessions will feature GPS, wildlife, environmental stewardship, water testing, fisheries, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership, energy, and forestry. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

Plant Science & Entomology Workshop March 19–21, 2010
This workshop offers a variety of plant- and insect-related activities. This is a very hands-on opportunity to explore many horticulture and entomology projects through games, crafts, science applications and career exploration. There’s something for everyone, so come and join the fun! Open to adults and teens aged 13 and up.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference April 16–18, 2010 – Bayshore Camp
If you’d like to know more about the dairy industry, sign up to attend this conference. You’ll learn about dairy management topics including dairy cattle nutrition, health, reproduction, health and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skillathon and quiz bowls that focus on dairy cattle nutrition. You’ll also tour area farms. Open to youth aged 13 to 19.

4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop April 22–25, 2010
This workshop will give experienced 4-H shooting sports instructors the chance to develop and improve their skills in facilitating Michigan 4-H shooting sports workshops for adult and teen volunteer leaders. Workshop topics will include best practices in youth and adult education, implementing 4-H goals and policies, and effective workshop facilitation skills. Participants may become certified as 4-H shooting sports trainers in rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzle loading, or hunting and wildlife. Participants will be selected through an application process for volunteers aged 21 and up.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop April 23–25, 2010
Choose one of several disciplines offered at this workshop as a first step in becoming certified as a Michigan 4-H shooting sports instructor. Disciplines offered will include rifle, shotgun, archery, hunting and wildlife. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer! Shooting sports instructors seeking recertification in a discipline should fill out a recertification application. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you’ve been inactive for more than 3 years. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up.

4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop May 15–16, 2010
Learn, share and explore the 4-H companion animals project at this workshop. You’ll learn about 4-H companion animal activities, club and group development, leadership opportunities, and canine behavior and training. In addition, you’ll learn how to improve both beginning and advanced skills in performance areas such as agility, obedience, showmanship, rally, and freestyle. Additional topics of interest include cat sessions and many other opportunities that will enhance your 4-H companion animal project experience. Open to 4-H adult and teen volunteer leaders aged 13 and up.
Raising a Small Poultry Flock and Ask the Expert
Paul Wylie—MSUE Poultry Specialist
February 11th

Pork Quality Assurance and Ask the Expert
Beth Franz Ferry—MSUE Swine Specialist
February 18th

Horse Judges’ Round Table and Ask the Expert
Jan Brinn * Jodi Lokker * Jarra Hilliker * Nora Balgoyen
February 25th

Leadership Style for You
Eva Marie Gugino—New York Extension
March 11th

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Shane VanOosterhout – MSUE Master Gardener Coordinator
March 18th

Super Thursdays, start at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all 4-H members, leaders and families. These free sessions are meant to replace or supplement 4-H club meetings. Refreshments Available—Door Prizes—Lots of Fun and Good Information
Exploration Days Coming in June

4-H Exploration Days is designed to:

- Help you learn new ideas, techniques and skills you can use personally and in your 4-H groups and communities.
- Offer in-depth action learning through sessions in your interest areas.
- Provide opportunities and experiences above and beyond what is available in your county or region.
- Enhance your personal growth by giving you opportunities to develop responsibility, independence, accountability, decision-making, time management and teamwork skills.
- Meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state.
- Give you access to the Michigan State University campus and its wealth of resources.

The fun begins June 23 and goes through June 25, 2010. Begin thinking now about going to MSU and living in the dorms while taking fun classes. Session books are due out in March and will be sent to members who are eligible to attend. Registration opens March 23, 2010. Some sessions fill up within TEN MINUTES! So if you want your first choice of sessions, you need to have your deposit and registration form in to our office well before that date. Cost is $165 and includes dorm room, meals and one or two classes. Some special classes may have an additional small fee. See your session booklet for details. We have partial scholarships available.

Starter Flock Winner

Congratulations to Kelly Raterink who won a Suffolk starter flock from the Michigan Sheep Breeders Association after completing an extensive application. Kelly will need to give back a ewe lamb to the program for continuity.

2010 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

October 7 to 10, 2010
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Head to the Michigan "mitten" for a "Heads On! Hands On!" experience when Michigan 4-H Youth Development hosts the North Central Region Volunteer Forum (NCRVF) from October 7 to 10, 2010! A fast paced, educational and fun event awaits you on the spectacular fall campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Conference lodging and events will be at the MSU campus Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center located on the banks of the scenic Red Cedar River. Pre-conference tours will also be available on October 7 to some of Michigan's noted historical attractions. You won't have another 4-H opportunity like this until 2012! The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a great opportunity for Extension staff and 4-H volunteers (adult and youth) to:

- Gain knowledge and insight.
- Learn new teaching skills to take home and share within their 4-H clubs.
- Develop healthy youth and adult educational partnerships.
- Have a great time making new 4-H friends and exchanging ideas!

Cost is $200. More details will be coming soon.

Ottawa County Fairs

July 19 to 24, 2010
(Horse show July 16)
Berlin Fair, Marne
www.berlinfair.org

July 26 to 31, 2010
Holland Fair
(Ottawa County Fair)
www.ottawacountyfair.com

August 23 to 28, 2010
Hudsonville Fair
www.hudsonvillecommfair.com
### Dates to Remember

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### Coming in April on Thursday!

Our Super Thursday sessions continue in April with:

- April 9 - Movie Night, 4-H Teen Club
- April 15 - Dog Rally Obedience, Elizabeth Wells Ph.D.
- April 22 - Going to Vet School, Karen Potter DVM
- April 29 - Careers in Agriculture, Jill Raterink Cords

### 4-H Council Elections

Congratulations to John Willcome, Pat Mitchell and Michelle Steenwyk who won three year terms on the 4-H Council. Appointments were given to Anne Hawley, Melissa Delamar and Susan Blaszak. The new 4-H Council is:

- John Willcome, President
- Erin McCarthy, Vice President
- Terrie Graetema, Secretary
- Gerry Burns, Treasurer

- Susan Blaszak
- Rick Clapp
- Melissa Delamar
- Jessica Fuller (Teen)
- Mark Haveman
- Anne Hawley
- Emily Hemstreet (Teen)
- Pat Mitchell
- Andrea Steenwyk (Teen)
- Michelle Steenwyk
- Carol Visser
- Daniel Zwagerman (Teen)
- Doug Zwagerman

### New Horse Judging and Hippology Teams

Congratulations to the 15 4-H members who have been selected to be on the Ottawa County 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Teams. Coaches Lynn Kamps and Audra Fitzpatrick-Cook are meeting every Tuesday night for two hours with the team members. They have traveled to MSU for a judging seminar and in March two lucky team members will go with the coaches to Kentucky for the America Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, thanks to a grant we recently received. All four teams will participate in 4-H Jamboree on April 17th at MSU. It takes a lot of commitment on the part of coaches and team members, but these girls are up to it!

**Hippology Team:**
- Tiffany Bystra
- Jordan Groenendyk
- Sydney Johnson
- Katelyn Krause
- Bailey MacDonald
- Emily Siriano
- Jennie Stephenson
- Jennifer Zoerman

**Judging Team:**
- Erica Beukema
- Erica Cumberworth
- Katie DeBoer
- Michelle Haveman
- Kylie Huitema
- Jill Miller
- Andrea Steenwyk

### Wondering When a 4-H Event is?

Sign up for Cloverlink for access to a calendar full of 4-H events both locally and state wide. Easy to read with links to details about each program. Other features include files with forms you need, picture albums to share the fun and a place to ask questions. Reminders of 4-H events come directly to your e-mail account so you will never miss another exciting 4-H opportunity.
June 28-30, 2010
( Early check-in June 27)
Branch County 4-H
Fairgrounds
Coldwater, Michigan

Michigan 4-H
Livestock Camp
2010

Who Can Attend Livestock Camp??

4-H Members who are at least 10 years of age by January 1, 2010 for each session except for:
Sweepstakes session - you must be at least 14 and have shown two years at your county fair.
Horse and Beef Sessions require at least one year of showing experience at the county fair.

Registrations begin in March and run until the end of April.
Specie areas are limited so don’t hesitate to sign up at your MSUE office.

Questions? Registration books will be available late February. Call your county MSU Extension Office or Branch County MSUE at 517-279-4311

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21st ANNUAL TACK SALE

Saturday
March 6, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Clothing
Tack
Horse Trailers

Over 100 Tables
Private Individuals & Commercial Vendors
Largest Tack Sale in West Michigan

*NEW LOCATION FOR MORE ROOM!* 

Yummy Food
Great Food!

Allendale’s NEW Middle School
10690 Learning Lane
Allendale, Michigan

Take M-45 (Lake Michigan Drive) to 68th Street light and turn south. Go to Pierce Street and turn west to Learning Lane. Go north and the middle school is on the right.

Sponsored by:
Ottawa County 4-H Horse Committee
For more information call
Lynn Croel (616)677-5933
Please do not call Allendale Public Schools!

ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS ALLOWED!!!!
Please join us to help with research on cancer in dogs and humans. The Van Andel Institute Center for Canine Health and Performance is looking for DNA samples from purebred dogs!

You can help by bringing your dog to

**Must Love Dogs**

211 Washington Street
Grand Haven, Michigan
on Saturday, March 13, 2010
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

for our DNA sample drive. We will take a DNA sample from your dog to assist with the research. Any purebred registered dog is eligible. We need date of birth, registration number, breed and owner information.

*Toy breed dogs will use a cheek swab
*Larger breeds will use a blood sample

Samples will be collected by Dr. Roe Froman of the Van Andel Institute

Need more information? Call Tonya Christiansen at 616-935-9588
or Dr. Elizabeth Wells, MSU Extension at 616-994-4540

Www.vai.org/helpingdogs