New Educational Materials in Stock

The 4-H Council has purchased several new educational materials from the Ohio State University Extension program which are available to 4-H clubs and classrooms to borrow. They are:

- Chick Quest – Teacher Guide
- Chick Quest – Student Logbook
- Horse Nutrition
- Equine Reproduction and Genetics
- Horse Training: How to Talk to Your Horse
- Trail Riding
- Dressage
- Rabbit Resource Handbook
- Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook
- Honeybee Production

Welcome to our New Leaders!

Jared Blaszak is from the Holland areas and will assist his wife Susan with the All Star 4-H Club. Melissa Bouchard lives in Coopersville on a dairy farm and will assist with the 4C 4-H club. Tracey Hummer is new to 4-H and will be helping to start a new 4-H horse club. Alicia Green is new to 4-H. She lives in West Olive and will start a new club for some very special youth.

Casey Kamps was a 4-H member in Allegan County. He is interested in helping with market livestock projects with the All Stars 4-H club. Caleb Klingenberg graduated recently from 4-H and is missing it enough that he wants to give back through the All Star 4-H club. Emily Mitchell recently graduated from our county 4-H program and is a student at Michigan State. She will be helping her parents with their 4-H club the Drenthe 4-H Livestock club. Lisa Nyeboer was a 4-H member many years ago in Kent Count. She will be working with the Clover Kids 4-H club as a sewing leader. Laurie Nyenhuis is from Allendale. She will be starting a new 4-H club in the area which will concentrate on food and nutrition, photography and expressive arts. Shaun O’Brien has four of his own kids in 4-H and is looking forward to helping other new parents learn the ropes. He will be working with the Byron Center 4-H club. Pam Potter lives in Zeeland and will be joining her husband Troy in working with the Hilltop Gang 4-H Club. Karin Schmidt was previously a leader in Kent County and is currently an active PEP instructor. She will be working with Tracey Hummer to start a new 4-H horse club. Krista Shumake has children in 4-H and she will be a leader with the Spirit Seekers 4-H horse club in the Grand Haven area. April Walt was active in the feeder calf project when she was a 4-H member here in Ottawa County. She will be working with the Grand River 4-H Club.
Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Tiffany Bystra on winning the Ottawa County 4-H Council scholarship and the Jack Ferwerda Memorial 4-H Scholarship! Tiffany is from Hudsonville and will attend the University of Findlay in Ohio this fall. She plans to major in animal science in preparation for a career in veterinary medicine.

Teen Club Donates Time And Money

The Ottawa County 4-H Teen Club is pleased to announce they raised $450 to donate to Women in Transition through sponsors and Lock-In registrations. The club emphasizes community service, citizenship and leadership skills. Throughout the year the club members do presentations on foreign countries and share food from those countries. This month they are visiting Freedom Village to provide companionship to residents. Over the summer they are joining Tiffany Bystra and her 4-H exchange sister from Poland in a Polish potluck. They also support the demonstration contests at all three fairs with rosettes and cash prizes. If you are 13 or older, consider joining us at one of our regular meetings starting the 2nd Thursday of September. We meet in Room C of the Fillmore Complex at 7:00 p.m.

How Do I Enter a Project in the Fairs? Each year parents call and ask how they enter their child’s project in the fair. Here are some helpful tips.

1. Identify all of the projects that an individual member has created in the past year (since last year’s fair).
2. Identify a class in the fair book that the project is eligible for. (Fair books are available from 4-H leaders, the 4-H office or online).
3. Fill out one exhibit tag per project for each fair it will be in.
4. Arrange the exhibit tags in numerical order (by class number).
5. Fill out a premium sheet for the fair, by listing each 4-H project on the sheet. There is a limit of 18 still exhibits per fair. Animal projects are in addition. Add animal projects after the still exhibits.
6. Attach the exhibit tag firmly to the project and tear off the white copy and keep it on file for when you pick projects back up after the fair.
7. Mail the completed premium sheet to the fair office (NOT the 4-H office) so that it arrives at least two weeks before the start of the fair.
8. Check the “Happenings” for the schedule of the fair. Still exhibit projects have specific times they may come to the fair. At Berlin Fair and Hudsonville Fair the member must come with the project to be interviewed. At Holland just the project must come to the fair to be put on display.
9. Take the project to the fair at the specified time where it will be judged. If your club has a booth at the fair, (the administrative leader had to sign up for a booth) take the project to the booth after judging. (or leave the project at the Holland Fair on the table where the project belongs – they are arranged by project type)
10. Return during the scheduled time at the end of the fair to pick up the project. Bring the top copy of the exhibit tag with you so you know what you are picking up.
11. Premium checks are usually available when you pick up the projects or they are mailed to you after the fair.
12. If you have animal projects be sure to check with your 4-H leader as to when they need to come to the fair. The fair books and the “Happenings” also list times for animals to come to the fair. Horses and dogs come the day of the show and leave when the show is over. All other species stay for the entire fair week. You will need to care for your animal every day to make sure it is clean, fed and watered.
EXHIBIT TAGS

Step 1. Arrange your projects in numerical order (by class number) and fill out exhibit tags before you begin the premium sheets.

Step 2. On the exhibit tag circle the fair you are going to.

Step 3. Fill in name, club number, individual member number and age.

Step 4. Put years in the project (not years in 4-H).

Step 5. **Describe your project (color, size, type etc.)** Coordinators need good descriptions in case they need to find projects.

Step 6. Write the department, division and class number (from the fairbook).

Step 7. Arrange your exhibit tags in numerical order and then write them on the premium sheet in that order.

Step 8. Attach the exhibit tag to the project (firmly). **Remove and keep the top (white) copy of the exhibit tag.**

Step 9. If no premium amount is listed in fair book, you don't have to list on premium sheet. (No exhibit tag needed)

Step 10. If you do not exhibit or show please turn in your pink copy to coordinator to be scratched off your premium sheet.

Step 11 Mail your premium sheet in to the **FAIR BOARD** office at least two weeks before the fair.

Step 12 Bring your projects to the fair with the exhibit tags attached.

Exhibit tags for competitive 4-H members are white with a pink middle. **Tags for non-competitive 4-H members (ages 5-8) are blue.**
PREMIUM SHEETS – NEED FOR ALL THREE FAIRS

All competitive 4-H members (ages 9-19) use the regular Michigan Department of Agriculture premium sheet. To fill it out, first fill out all of your exhibit tags and arrange them in numerical order. Then transfer the information to the premium sheet in numerical order. This speeds up check processing considerably.

1. The club name and number goes here. Each club has a three digit number assigned to it. To find the number look at your club enrollment list. Each member is listed with a hyphenated number. The first part is the county code. (070) The second is the club number. The third part is the member’s number. (The 0 can be dropped)

2. The member’s computer number goes here. The member has the same computer number for each club enrolled in. However a separate premium sheet is used for each club they are showing under. (see above) Although the member number shows up as five digits (with a 0 to start), you only need the last four digits. Member numbers always start with a number between 1 and 4. The members’ computer number is the same as their back number.

3. Name of the fair goes here. Please specify: Berlin, Holland or Hudsonville.

4. Fill in the name, address and phone number of the 4-H member. You do not need to fill in the social security number section.

5. Age of the member is their 4-H age. This is the age they were on January 1st of this year.

6. Before you list entries be sure to arrange them in numerical order. The department is a letter or number.

7. The division is no longer used in most fair books.

8. Section corresponds to the section listed in fair book.

9. The class number is four digits long and will start with an 8 or 9.

10. You do not need to use a carbon copy premium sheet. A clear photo copy will do.

Note: Any CLASS that says "No Premium" – do not list on premium sheet.
## ENTRY FORM – PREMIUM STATEMENT

(In accordance with Act 327, Public Acts 1980 as amended)

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2011 Berlin Fair Schedule

Friday July 15
8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show
3:00 - 7:00 pm 4-H still exhibit judging

Sunday July 17
6:00 - 8:00 pm Weigh-in 4-H and FFA livestock
9:00 pm Lamb and Hog weigh-in

Monday July 18
1:00 pm 4-H Dairy Feeder Calf Judging
5:00 pm 4-H Beef Judging

Tuesday July 19
8:00 am Rabbit Judging (4-H then open)
10:00 am 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging
6:00 pm 4-H Lamb Judging

Wednesday July 20
8:00 am Poultry Judging
10:00 am Hog Judging 4-H & FFA
11:00 am Exhibit buildings open
4:00 pm 4-H Demonstrations
6:00 pm Dog Agility and Rally

Thursday July 21
8:00 am 4-H Dog Showmanship and Obedience
4:00 pm Livestock Sale

Friday July 22
9:00 am Goat Judging open, 4-H following open
11:00 am Exhibit buildings open
3:00 pm 4-H Cat Show

Saturday July 23
1:00 pm - 4:00pm Dairy and Feeder Calves released
2:00 pm 4-H Super Showmanship
7:00 pm Animal entries released

2011 BERLIN FAIR PROJECT COORDINATORS

Livestock.............................................John Willcome.........................677-2551
Small Animals & Cats .........................Julie May.................................634-0605
Dairy ..............................................Mary Willcome.........................677-2551
Horses .............................................Erin McCarthy.........................550-3403
Still Exhibits ......................................Carol Visser.........................677-1947
Goats ...............................................Jean McCarthy.........................669-7656
Dogs ..................................................Val Potter.........................837-6391

Berlin Fair Coordinator Geri Elzinga 837-6096
HAPPENINGS

2011 HOLLAND FAIR SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JULY 11 ENTRY DEADLINE – SEND ENTRIES TO: OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR
P.O. BOX 8102
HOLLAND, MI  49422

SUNDAY, JULY 24
2:00-4:00 p.m. Still exhibit entries ACCEPTED. Avoid Monday traffic by coming Sunday!
3:00-7:00 p.m. Livestock may be brought in.

MONDAY, JULY 25
8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Market Livestock weigh in
8:00 – 12:00 Still exhibit entries accepted
12:00 NOON Still exhibit judging begins NO MORE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
1:00 p.m. Market Goats followed by Market Lambs
4:00 p.m. Hog Show

TUESDAY, JULY 26
8:30 a.m. Dairy Show
9:00 a.m. Rabbit Show
2:00 p.m. Poultry Showmanship
4:00 p.m. Feeder Calf Show
5:00 p.m. Beef Show (or immediately following feeder show)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
8:00 a.m. Horse Show
10:00 a.m. Cat Show
1:00 p.m. Demonstrations

THURSDAY, JULY 28
8:30 a.m. Dog Show
5:00 p.m. Auction buyers’ dinner
6:00 p.m. Livestock Auction

FRIDAY, JULY 29
8:00 a.m. Goat Show
7:00 p.m. Supershowmanship

SATURDAY, JULY 30
10:00 a.m. Donkey Show
7:00 p.m. Livestock released

SUNDAY, JULY 31
2:00-4:00 Still exhibits released

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00-12:00 Still exhibits released

2011 HOLLAND FAIR PROJECT COORDINATORS
Still Exhibits........................... Kim Pitsch................................................. 862-4294
Livestock............................. Pat Mitchell ............................................... 875-7494
Goats.................................. Kirsten Burns......................................... 634-6515
Cats..................................... Cindy Lindberg...................................... 822-1213
Small Animals ....................... Lori Besteman.................................. 896-8424
Dairy................................... Michelle Kaptein.............................. 881-9938
Horses................................ Erin McCarthy.................................... 550-3403
Dogs................................... Val Potter ........................................... 837-6391
Holland Fair Coordinator.... Gerry Burns .................................................. 842-1465
Demonstration Contest
Any member age 9 and up may enter the demonstration contest at the fair. To do so pre-register for the class #9901 on your premium sheet and mail it to the fair office. Then sign up for a time slot when you take your notebooks or still exhibits to the fair. It is then your responsibility to arrive on time for the demonstration contest and to have your equipment, posters etc. ready. The Teen Club provides cash prizes and rosettes for placements 1 through 3.

Demonstrations may be on any topic but you may not use live animals. (use a stuffed one or a cut out). If you call the 4-H office we can send you a copy of the score sheet as well as a list of do’s and don’ts for demonstrations. A projector is available on request should you decide to use PowerPoint or some other software to illustrate your demonstration instead of posters, but you must call the MSUE 4-H office at least 48 hours in advance.

Schedule for demonstrations is:
Berlin Fair – Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Holland Fair – Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
Hudsonville Fair – Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Dog Project Notebooks All members ages 9 to 19 who are planning on showing dogs at any of the fairs this summer must complete a notebook and turn it in to the 4-H Dog Leaders Committee by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2011. The committee will be meeting that evening and will examine each book for completeness which includes dog health records. Members whose notebooks are not complete will be given a list of requirements and a deadline for correcting the book.

Honor Exhibits Any project shown at the Ottawa County 4-H Spring Achievement event in April is eligible for the honor exhibit at the fairs of Berlin and Holland. This is for construction or still exhibits only (not style). Mark your project as an honor exhibit and give it to the still exhibit coordinator. (Carol Visser at Berlin and Kim Pitch at Holland) Do not put it on the regular tables with your other project or it will not be given a green honor rosette.

State 4-H Horse Show
The State 4-H Horse show will be held at the MSU pavilion on the weekend of August 12, 13 and 14th. Schedule for the state horse show is:

Friday, Aug 12: Gymkhana (age 13 to 19)
Saturday, Aug 13: Seniors (16 to 19) and Miniature Horses
Sunday, Aug 14: Juniors (13 to 15) and PEP riders

Entry fee is $60. If you need to stay an extra night the additional stall fee is $20. However you must have pre-approval to do this. You may also order a State 4-H Horse show T-shirt to go with your entry. Cost is $12.

Entries MUST be accompanied by a negative Coggins test. You must bring the original with you to the show.

Entries are due to the 4-H Youth Educator by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15th. After that time no entries will be accepted. If you are trying out for the State 4-H Horse Show please bring your check book, copy of your Coggins and all the information you need to enter the horse show at the Berlin Fair. This means you will need your health insurance information with you and you will need a parent or legal guardian to sign the medical treatment authorization form.

Fair Dates
The dates for the 2011 fairs are as follows:

Berlin Fair July 18 to 23rd
http://wwwberlinfair.org/
Horse Show, Friday, July 15

Holland Fair July 25 to 30th
http://ottawacountyfair.com
Horse Show, Wednesday, July 27

Hudsonville Fair August 22 to 27th
http://www.hudsonvillecommfair.com/
Horse Show, Wednesday, August 24