Pigeons? Oakland County MSU Extension is proud to announce a **4-H workshop on domesticated exotic pigeons.** If you have an interest in birds or if you’d just like to learn more about these amazing birds, this is the workshop for you.

**Where:** Springfield Oaks County Park, Davisburg,
**When:** May 17, 2008, 9 am to 4 pm. A free lunch will be provided to attendees.

**Who Should Attend:** 4-H members and leaders that are interested in learning more about domesticated exotic pigeons.

**What Will Be Discussed:** Differences between pigeons and other domesticated birds
- The main types of pigeons
- Housing pigeons
- How to acquire breeding stock
- Showmanship with pigeons
- How to care for your pigeons
- How to find help with your pigeons

**What Should I Do If I Want To Attend?:**
Contact Onorio Catenacci, 4-H Pigeon Resource Leader, Oakland County e-mail catenacci@lee.Org or phone (248) 841-8542.
Attendance will be limited to first 25 - 4-H members and volunteers to respond. Please contact us no later than April 1.

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**Goat Expo**

The catalog for the 2008 **4-H Goat Expo** is now available at: [http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Goats](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Goats)

**Where:** MSU Campus, Anthony Hall
**When:** May 3rd, 2008
**Who:** youth 9-19 years of age

**Events:**
- Judging
- Problem Solving
- Illustrated Talks
- Crafts
- Skillathon
- Quiz Bowl
- Writing Exhibits

Need more information or interested in being on a team? Call Gerry Burns at 842-1465 or Erin McCarthy at 550-3403.

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**Hairy Horse Show**

Yes it is o.k. to show a hairy horse…at least at this show anyway. Hairy horses of all kinds are headed to MSU for the annual show on **Sunday, March 30** at the Pavilion. This show is open to both youth (age 9 and up) and adults. Show clothes are optional. Helmets required in hunt seat classes. Horses may arrive after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. There is a $35 stall fee and classes are $8 each. For a complete list of classes call Karen Waite at 517-432-0383 or check the web [http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/)
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**Model Rocketry Project**  Through a Michigan partnership with the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) we are able to make NAR resources available to 4-H volunteers free of charge. The materials include the NAR Member Guidebook and two CD’s on model rocket building and flying. Please let interested individuals know these materials are available. To receive them, 4-H Volunteers should send their name, email address AND mailing address to GetSETInfo@fourhcouncil.edu.

More information about NAR can be found at: [http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/nar.aspx](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/nar.aspx)

**Vet-A-Visit**  The 45th annual open house of the MSU Vet School will be Saturday, March 29, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for any 4-H members who think they might want to attend veterinary school or if they simply want to learn more about animal health and the veterinary profession. The open house has lots of interactive displays, tours and Q and A sessions. More information is available at [www.vetvisit.com](http://www.vetvisit.com)

Or by calling 517-355-001

**Communications Congrats!**  Big congratulations to Emily Hemstreet who earned a Silver award in Intermediate Photography and to Andrea Hemstreet who also earned a Silver. Way to go!

**Horse Trail Riding**  The 4-H Horse Committee has selected Trail Riding as their special emphasis this year. The annual spring clinic will be on Trail Class and they have also obtained two excellent DVDs on riding trail courses which are available to 4-H clubs to borrow. These are Nancy Cahill DVDs. To borrow one for your club simply call Joan at the 4-H office and she will mail it to you. You may keep the DVD for up to two weeks.

The spring clinic will feature trainer Tim Christensen and it will be held Monday, May 5th at Lynn Croel’s indoor arena. More information will be coming shortly.

**Horse Leaders Spring Meeting**  The semi annual meeting for all 4-H Horse Leaders will be Monday, April 28, 2008. Each 4-H Horse Club is asked to send at least one representative to the meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in Allendale Middle School. A postcard will go out to all horse leaders in advance but please put it on your calendar now. Remember HORSE ID cards are due May 1st and this meeting is a great placed to hand them in. Each club will get a mailing with horse ID cards to fill out and return. Look for it in late March.

**Exploration Days**  Thinking about going to college when you graduate high school? Here is a great way to try out college campus life by living in the dorms, taking classes and even eating in the college cafeteria and riding the bus system. A three day conference called Exploration Days gives 4-H members ages 11 and up the opportunity to visit MSU and chose from over 200 fun action packed classes. (Each person attending takes one or two classes depending on if they are full or half sessions.) All this fun takes place this year from June 18 to 20. Cost is $165 which includes meals, dorm room and a free t-shirt. We offer a $30 scholarship from the 4-H Council for all delegates from our county. New this year we have a limited number of extra $40 scholarships. To qualify for the extra $40 you need to have a 4-H leader (not related to the member) write a letter of recommendation saying why you deserve and need the extra assistance. A booklet with all of the sessions listed as well as registration forms has been mailed to every 4-H family with members eligible for the event. Look for it and send in your registration right away. Sessions fill up FAST!!!

**Attention Leaders: If you do not have a child who is a member in 4-H you were not sent an Exploration Days book because we did not receive our full order. Just call Joan if you want one sent to you!**
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 18, 2008

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drop off for all projects

5:00 p.m.   All construction judging for clothing
           All still exhibit judging

Saturday – April 19, 2008

9:30 a.m.  Doors open. Models should pick up garments from the coat racks and dress for style judging

10:00 a.m. Style judging for all members modeling outfits

11:00 a.m. Rehearsal for all members in the fashion show or working on it (narrators, pledges etc)

12:00 p.m. Lunch for all participants

1:00 p.m.  Fashion show followed by awards presentations

All still exhibits and garments being judged 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. Judging of still exhibits and garment construction takes place Friday evening. (members not present) Style judging is Saturday morning. All members modeling need to be present. Dress from 9:30 to 10:00 and be ready to model at 10:00. This is followed by rehearsal. Lunch is pizza and pop. Free for members and those on the committee. Parents may eat for $2 each providing there is enough left.

Allendale Middle School
M-45 (Lake Michigan Drive) Allendale
(on the North side of the road just East of 68th street)
ENTER THROUGH DOOR BY THE FLAG POLE

Need HELP before?  846-8250, 392-3111, 662-3100 x8250
Need HELP that day?  616-402-3729
LABO The LABO program is looking for 4-H families to host students from Japan this summer. There are 54 students coming to Michigan. There are two 15 year old girls and two 15 year old boys. The rest are 12, 13, and 14 years old. Go to www.isabellacounty.org/dept/msue for a list of the students. There will also be adult chaperones that will need a place to stay. Last year two Ottawa County 4-H families hosted LABO students and they had a wonderful time! Both families would highly recommend the experience. The students arrive in late July and stay approximately one month. If you are interested and would like an application to host, please let us know and we will send you details.

4-H Bi-State Poultry Clinic On April 12, from 9 to 4:30 there will be a Poultry Clinic at MSU in Anthony Hall. This free workshop includes lunch for all participants. Experts from both Michigan and Ohio will be there to teach 4-H members and leaders. Topics include feathers, avian anatomy, eggs, incubation, market birds and exhibition. There will be a keynote speaker during the lunch hour. You MUST sign up in advance. Registration closes March 31st, so call the 4-H office today to get signed up.

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp This exceptional educational camp will be held July 27 to August 2 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. Cost is $285. This is a very popular camp and space is limited because of the individualized nature of it and the tremendous MSUE resources put into it. If you are interested in the Great Lakes, fishing, natural resources or just want to have fun in a gorgeous natural setting and learn more about the world around you this is the camp for you! This is open to those aged 13 to 15 (or if you will be in 8th grade next year and have a late summer or fall birthday and are only 12) A $100 deposit is due May 1st. Call for a complete application and a color brochure that explains more details of the camp.

Educational DVDs and More The 4-H Council is pleased to announce their additions to their educational library. These are available for clubs to borrow for up to two weeks. Please call Joan at 846-8250 to request them.

- Darci Decorates: How to Cake Decorate DVD
- Cake Decorating Basics by Wilton DVD
- Cake Decorating for Dummies by Joe LoCicero BOOK
- A Guide to American Pedigree Cats by Cat Fanciers Association DVD
- Taking Your Obstacles Out of Trail by Nancy Cahill DVD
- Competitive Trail: Warm Ups, Walk-Throughs and Actual Courses by Nancy Cahill DVD
- Competitive Trail: Troubleshooting and Taking Your Obstacles Home by Nancy Cahill DVD
- Goat Learning Laboratory Kit by Ohio State University

Look for more DVDs and books to be added in the near future as the 4-H Council makes good use of the 4-H participation fees.

Demonstrations Plan now to come to the 4-H Teen Club Demonstration Clinic to be held Thursday, May 15th at Allendale High School. This free workshop is open to all 4-H members and leaders. Learn how to pick a demonstration topic and then plan and execute your demonstration at the fair for outstanding results. Organizing your speech, preparing visual aids, and engaging the audience will all be covered. Full rules and explanation of judging will also be covered. Go home with your demonstration already started for summer 2008! More details in future Happenings.
Livestock Clubs of Hudsonville
Spring Preview Show 2008

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Hudsonville Fairgrounds
Weigh In 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Show Begins at 11:00 a.m.

Entry fee: $20.00 Before show
$25.00 Day of show
Overnight Camping: $12.00

Send entries to: Jill Oosterman, Treasurer
849 - 40th St.
Zeeland, MI 49464

For more information call: Dave Emelander (616)669-5757
Judge: Brandon Hill

Name:_________________________________________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________

Phone:________________________ Birthdate:___________________________

_______ # of Steers ________ # of Heifers

Showmanship Classes:
Junior 9 - 13 Intermediate 14 & 15 Senior 16 & up
(Age as of January 1, 2008)

FOOD BOOTH ON GROUNDS
Participation Fees  Club leaders are reminded that all participation fees must be paid by May 1st in order for enrollment to be completed. If you plan to put a project in Spring Achievements the fee must be paid by April 1st. Market livestock project members must pay by weigh in. If you are not sure if a member’s participation fee is paid please call to be sure. Clubs are requested to pay with one payment. The fee this year includes those members ages 5 and up. Each member only pays once per year regardless of how many clubs they are in or projects they enroll in. The maximum amount any family will pay is $30.

State 4-H Rabbit Show

Julie May reports on the State 4-H Rabbit show:
In Breed Class:
1st place - Californian – Int. Doe - Rachael Meinders
1st place - Satin Red – Int. Doe - Nathan Gieske
1st place - Champagne – Sr. Buck - Nathan Gieske
1st place - Silver Fox – Sr. Doe - Morgan Piccard

Weather was a bit of a challenge, but once we all arrived everybody enjoyed the show. All of the kids did a fantastic job showing their rabbits and helping each other when someone needed an extra pair of hands to get their rabbits to the judges table. And of course you can't attend a rabbit show without bringing home 3 or 4 new rabbits! Fun times!

State Awards  We had five members who submitted award portfolios to the State process which begins with regional awards. They include:
Camille Brillinger – Dogs
Robert Ferwerda – Dairy
Amber Haveman – Goats
Ashley Haveman – Goats
Emily Hemstreet - Poultry
Good luck to all of them. In a week they will find out results of the regional competition and if they move on to state competition in their first project choice.
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Dog Workshop at Ket  We already have 27 members and leaders in the dog project from Ottawa County signed up for the Kettunen Center Dog workshop which will be April 26 and 27! This workshop will feature Adele Yunck, a noted author and trainer who has multiple Obedience Trial Champions. Funding for this exceptional workshop has been provided by the Greater Muskegon Kennel Club, Grand Rapids Kennel Club, Holland, Michigan Kennel Club and the Grand Traverse Kennel Club. Cost is only $40 and our 4-H Council will pay for leader’s fees and all but $10 for members if it is their first workshop of the year. Normally workshops by Adele Yunck cost $150 and don’t include food and lodging so this is an exceptional value. If you would like to attend call today to sign up. Attendance is limited and this workshop is almost full. Members must be 13 and up to attend.

Michigan Week Photo Results  Congratulations go to Collin McCullick and Erinn McCullick who both placed in their age divisions in the Michigan Week Photo contest in the Central Michigan region. Collin was 2nd in the junior division with a photo of Grand Traverse Lighthouse and Erinn was 2nd in the senior division with a photo of Fishtown.

Survey Packets  Many 4-H families have received or will receive shortly, packets from your 4-H leader with surveys in them. These surveys are part of our research project in conjunction with the Department of Telecommunications at MSU. Data gathered from 4-H members will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of on line web based applications for 4-H. We would greatly appreciate members filling them out and returning them in the envelope provided. Surveys must be accompanied by a parent permission form. If you have questions about the research do not hesitate to call. Clubs which have been randomly selected to participate in the initial launch of the website will be receiving information in the next month about the process and instructions on how 4-H members can access the website which is being custom built for our program.

Livestock Camp in Branch County  The Michigan 4-H Livestock Camp will be held June 23 to 25, 2008 in Coldwater at the Branch County Fairgrounds. This is open to all members ages 10 and up. Exception is sweepstakes and horse and beef project. Sweepstake requires you be age 14 and two years experience and the horse and beef sessions require that you have a full year of experience showing. Cost is $100 plus camping fees if applicable. You may stay in the dorms for no camping fee or may rent a camping space with water and electric for $15 per night. Free camping spaces without electric or water are also available. The $100 fee (also applies to chaperones) covers session fees, all meals and a t-shirt. Species include:

- **Beef** – bring a clean unclipped beef animal to show with at least two months hair growth.
- **Dairy** – bring unclipped heifer or dry cow and show halter and brush and any other fitting equipment you have.
- **Dog** – bring a crate for the dog as well as proof of rabies and DHLPP. Also appropriate show leads, obedience collar and lead and show clothing.
- **Feeder Calf** – bring an easy to lead show calf, show stick, halter and brush.
- **Goat** – bring clean animal to camp, not necessarily clipped. Also bring all feed, water etc. as well as buckets, leash (for daily walks)
- **Horse** – Bring your horse, and all feeding and watering supplies as well as bedding. Also all tack and equipment you need.
- **Rabbits/Cavies** – Bring no more than two rabbits or a cavy with your own feed and crocks. Cages, water and shavings will be provided.
- **Sheep** – Bring a lamb that is not clean or clipped. You may substitute a ewe if need be. Bring a halter, two towels, hand sheers and a sheep stand.
- **Swine** – Hogs will be provided, but you will be required to care for them. Bring show equipment, brush, feed pan and small bucket.
- **Sweepstakes** – animals provided and there will be a field trip to MSU. Bring show clothes.
- **Poultry** – You must bring two chickens (no other type of fowl allowed) with negative pullorum certificate.

For complete details and registration information call Joan at 846-8250 and it will be sent to you.
4-H Supershowmanship

Tuesday - June 3, 2008
Berlin Fairgrounds
7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Teen Club

Free workshop to learn how to show each species!
Great way to prepare for the fairs.
Food available on site.
Free showmanship book for all participants.
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS
30th ANNUAL OPEN HORSE SHOW
SATURDAY, June 7, 2008 - 8:00 A.M.  ENTRY FEE - $4.00
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1. 2 Year Olds & Under
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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, 2008.
** Stallions must handled by persons age 18 & up
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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)

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