Achievements
Spring Achievements are coming fast! Please check the schedule carefully as there have been changes since the last Happenings. Garments and still exhibits can be brought to the Fillmore Complex (2nd floor) any time between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18th. Construction judging and still exhibit judging will begin promptly at 5 p.m. All items must be left until AFTER the program on Tuesday night. Style judging will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

The show will be on Tuesday.

All entries must be made by the 12th of April at the latest! Narration cards for garments must be turned in by the April 12th meeting of the planning committee.

All leaders with clubs participating are asked to come to the April 12th planning meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Fillmore Complex.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
April 15–17, 2011 – Camp Beechpoint, Allegan, Michigan
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 and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skillathon and quiz bowls that will focus on dairy cattle reproduction. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth aged 12 to 19 as of January 1, 2011. This workshop is presented with support from the American Dairy Association of Michigan, Country Fresh, Inc. and the Michigan Milk Producers Association. To sign up call the 4-H office. Dairy Committee scholarships are available.

PQA We are not able to offer PQA sessions here in Ottawa County this year. However members can attend one in a nearby county. Muskegon County on Thursday, March 24, at Ravenna Baptist Church, 3186 Blackmer Rd., Ravenna. Kent County on April 16th from 10 to noon at Lowell Middle School. Allegan County on April 18th, May 16, May 24 all starting at 6:30 p.m. Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building, Allegan County Service Complex, 3255 122nd Ave., Allegan. Pre-registration required
NOTE: SCHEDULE CHANGES

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.

**Monday, April 18, 2011**

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Drop off for all still exhibit projects & clothing (if a different drop off time is needed, call to make arrangements.

5:00 p.m. Construction judging & all still exhibit judging

7:00 p.m. Style judging (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011:**

6:00 p.m. Doors Open

7:00 pm Fashion show followed by awards

8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pick up of projects

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 Monday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and left in the building overnight. Judging of garment construction takes place in the small conference rooms Monday night after style judging. All garments are left in the building overnight. Models may start getting ready for the style show on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**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
BERLIN FAIRGROUNDS
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS
32nd ANNUAL OPEN HORSE SHOW
SATURDAY, June 4th, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.  ENTRY FEE - $4.00

Located on Berlin Fair Dr, Exit 23 off I-96  ■ Judge TBA
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. Green Horse- Horses and Ponies
16. Green Rider- Horses and Ponies

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

ENGLISH OR STOCK SEAT EQUITATION
21. State Show Qualifying Class-Horses*
22. State Show Qualifying Class –Ponies*

ENGLISH PLEASURE
23. Junior Horse & Ponies 5 and under
24. Senior Horses & Ponies 6 and up
25. 19 & Over-Open
26. 16 to 18 – Horses
27. 12 to 15 – Horses
28. 11 & Under – Horses
29. 18 & Under – Ponies
30. Green Horse- Horses and Ponies
31. Green Rider- Horses and Ponies

ENGLISH EQUITATION
32. 19 & Over – Open
33. 16 to 18 – Horses
34. 12 to 15 – Horses
35. 11 & Under – Horses
36. 18 and Under – Ponies
37. Green Horse- Horses and Ponies
38. Green Rider- Horses and Ponies

30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

WESTERN PLEASURE
39. Junior Horses & Ponies 5 and under
40. Senior Horses & Ponies 6 and over
41. 19 & Over – Open
42. 16 to 18 – Horses
43. 12 to 15 – Horses
44. 11 and Under – Horses
45. 18 and under – Ponies
46. Green Horse- Horses and Ponies
47. Green Rider- Horses and Ponies

STOCK SEAT EQUITATION
48. 19 & Over – Open
49. 16 to 18 – Horses
50. 12 to 15 – Horses
51. 11 and Under – Horses
52. 18 and Under – Ponies
53. Green Horse- Horses and Ponies
54. Green Rider- Horses and Ponies

BAREBACK-ANY-STYLE
55. 15 & Over – Horses
56. 14 & Under – Horses
57. 18 and Under - Ponies

RIDER VERSATILITY CLASS
58. Open

TRAIL
(to be shown in a separate arena from 12 to 3:00)
59. 19 & Over – Open
60. 16 to 18 – Horses
61. 12 to 15 – Horses
62. 11 & Under – Horses
63. 18 and Under – Ponies
64. Green Horse- Horses and Ponies
65. Green Rider- Horses and Ponies
66. In Hand Trail
(Horses & Ponies 2 and under & Miniatures)

Food Available on Grounds

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
High Point Riders

Open Spring Fuzzy Show
April 30, 2011, 9:00am @ the Hudsonville Fairgrounds NEW Arenas
Great Practice for Jr. High M.I.H.A.

Halter
1. 2 & under
2. Stock Type Mares
3. Stock Type Geldings & Stallions
4. All other breeds

Showmanship
5. 10 & under
6. 11 – 14
7. 15 – 18
8. 19 – 39
9. 40 & over
10. Lead Line Horsemanship 8 & Under

English Pleasure
11. Saddle Seat – all ages
12. Hunt Seat 10 & under
13. Hunt Seat 11 – 14
15. Hunt Seat 19 – 39
16. Hunt Seat 40 & over
17. Green Horse
18. Walk Trot*

English Equitation
19. Saddle Seat – all ages
20. Hunt Seat 10 & under
21. Hunt Seat 11 – 14
22. Hunt Seat 15 – 18
24. Hunt Seat 40 & over
25. Walk Trot*

Western Pleasure
26. Jumping – all ages (24") (to be run during lunch break)

Western Horsemanship
30. 10 & under
31. 11 – 14
32. 15 – 18
33. 19 – 39
34. 40 & over
35. Walk Trot*

Bareback (w/t/c)
40. 13 & under
41. 14 – 18
42. 19 & over

Trail (11:00am – 1:30pm) Ring B
43. 10 & under
44. 11 – 14
45. 15 – 18
46. 19 – 39
47. 40 & over
48. Walk Trot*

Western Riding (1:30pm – 4:00pm) Ring B
49. 13 & under
50. 11 – 14
51. 15 – 18
52. 19 & over

Texas Flag
1. 13 & under
2. 14 – 18
3. 19 & over

Cloverleaf
4. 13 & under
5. 14 – 18
6. 19 & over

Pole Bending
7. 13 & under
8. 14 – 18
9. 19 & over

Gymkhana (not to begin before 4:00pm)

*Walk/Trot exhibitors may not enter any walk/trot/canter classes. In gymkhana they must trot only! Going any faster than a trot will result in a DQ. May not enter bareback.

Speed & Action
$3.00 per class ~ $25.00 Blanket Fee for the Pleasure Show ~ $40.00 Blanket Fee for All Day

For further information contact: Lynn Kamps, EqDT (616)299-6011 (cell)
4-H Lock-In at Hope College

The Dow Center
168 East 13th St, Holland Michigan

April 1, 2011
Friday at midnight
to 6:00 a.m.
$20. in advance
Win an iPod Touch!!!
Play Animal Science Jeopardy

Swimming Pool, Basketball
Wallyball, Track, Racquetball
(sport equipment provided)
POP and PIZZA and lots of PRIZES!
Big screen showing of the movie Secretariat!

Thank you Mark Hop of Farm Bureau Insurance for donating the iPod Touch Grand Prize!
Proceeds to benefit Women in Transition of Holland.
4-H LOCK-IN at The Dow Center in Holland on April 1, 2011
ORGANIZED BY OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H TEEN CLUB

NAME __________________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH __________
(must be 12 by January 1, 2011)

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 at The Dow Center in Holland on April 1, 2011. I agree that he/she will abide by all rules set forth. I understand the Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct expectations for adults and youth attending this event.”

Signature ___________________________________________ Phone: ____________________
(Parent or legal guardian) (Where you can be reached the night of Lock-In)

☐ Check here if you will attend as an adult chaperone. (free) Chaperones must have been through the MSUE 4-H Volunteer Selection Process. (all current 4-H leaders are eligible)

Check one of the boxes to indicate your plans for transportation:
☐ I will provide transportation for my child for the Lock-In and will see that my child is picked up on time.
☐ My child will be riding with ______________________________ to and from the Lock-In.
☐ My child has permission to drive to and from Lock-In (must be 18) by themselves.
☐ My child has permission to leave the Lock-In at _________ with ______________________________

Youth may only leave early with an adult and only with written permission from a parent.

Send registration with $20. made out to Ottawa 4-H Teen Club to MSUE 4-H Suite 122 12220 Fillmore St. West Olive, MI 49460 Registration MUST be received by March 30, 2011 in order to participate. Registrations will NOT be accepted at the door. Sorry no refunds—proceeds benefit Women in Transition.

Parent/Guardian: Keep this information for your records:

Name of Event: 4-H Lock-In
Date of Event: April 1, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. (midnight) until 6:00 a.m. If your child is not picked up by 6:00 a.m. we will call you.
Location of Event: The Dow Center at Hope College is located at 168 East 13th Street, Holland
In case of emergency requiring you to contact your child during the event:

Elizabeth Wells at 616-402-3729
Susan Blaszak at 616-218-1986

“Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct for 4-H Activities: Positive behavior is a key expectation for youth and adults participating in 4-H activities—behavior that reflects trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Participant are expected to follow all workshop and event guidelines. Theft vandalism, the use of illegal drugs and alcohol, inappropriate or threatening behavior that violates the rights of others, and other such offenses are strictly prohibited, and anyone involved with these offenses will immediately be sent home at his or her own expense. If it is determined by 4-H staff or persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it, the offender will be turned over to the proper authorities.”
Dates to Remember

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Congratulations to Hannah

Hannah Troupe was the recipient of an MSU pre-college scholarship. Should Hannah decide to attend MSU and be accepted she will have a $2,000 scholarship waiting for her! And to continue in her very happy month Hannah’s 4-H dog Rocky is now a poster boy thanks to Hannah’s photography skills. Hannah’s photo was chosen by the American Kennel Club to use on brochures and signs promoting the AKC Canine Partner’s program. Hannah visited the Detroit Kennel Club show at Cobo Hall with her 4-H Club Bow Wow Bunch in early March where her photo of Rocky was bigger than life.

CONGRATULATIONS!

4-H Horse Rules Books

The State 4-H office has updated their 4-H horse rule books. Complete copies can be downloaded from the blog. All changes have been highlighted so that you can find them easily. Please be sure to read it carefully.

Congratulations to Erica Beukema who had the winning entry for the cover of the Ottawa County 4-H Horse rules book. The new book will be available at our spring leaders meeting. Way to go Erica!

Fair Book Changes

Numerous fair book changes were approved by the Ottawa County 4-H Council and submitted to the fair boards at the annual meeting. Some highlights of those changes are:

1. Lower the age for showing steers to 9 at the Hudsonville Fair.
2. Change in poultry classes to reflect national poultry classifications.
3. Changes to photography classes and descriptions.
4. No dogs to be shown in 4-H competition that have been shown by an adult at any other competition in obedience, rally or agility within the last 12 months.
5. Addition of in hand jumping for miniature horses.
6. Change to qualifying rules for trophy class at county 4-H horse shows to include any member receiving an A rating in their class.
7. Change of supershowmanship rules that states: No dairy animal may be used in the junior member division that is older than a junior yearling heifer
8. No shaving of hogs for Hudsonville Fair.

Additional rule changes will be seen in the fair books. These are only highlights. Please check your fair books carefully when they come out.

Dog Project

At a recent meeting of the 4-H Dog Committee it was voted to give a scholarship of ½ of the registration fee for the State 4-H Dog Workshop which will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 in Clinton County. The workshop participation fee includes lunch and is $20 with a dog and $10 without a dog. Pre-registration is required and classes are limited so be sure to send yours in early if you wish to attend. See the registration from on the blog for complete list of classes. They include: rally, obedience, showmanship, agility, freestyle, CGC testing and dog tricks.
**Dog Dumbbell Presentation**

All 4-H members and leaders are invited to a presentation of the video “Totally Fetching” by Adele Yunck trainer of multiple OTCH dogs at the Fillmore Complex on Monday, April 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will follow up with a discussion of dumbbells and some demonstrations on working with a few dogs.

**College Scholarships**

Several scholarships are available to Ottawa 4-H members. The Ottawa County 4-H Council offers one $500 scholarship and it is open to any youth who is a current member of Ottawa County 4-H and who has been accepted to a college or training program after high school.

The 4-H Dairy Committee offers scholarships to members who have participated in the dairy project. The Jack Ferwerda Memorial scholarship is open to any member who participated in livestock projects and who will be studying an agriculture related field.

The Berlin Livestock Committee offers two scholarships and you must have exhibited market livestock for three years at the Berlin Fair to be eligible.

Deadline is June 1, 2011 for all scholarships except Berlin Livestock. Scholarship applications can be found on Cloverlink or you may e-mail ottawa4h@yahoo.com to have one sent to you.

**The Scott Maxwell Memorial Fund** is available for 4-H members to assist with their livestock projects. All youth showing livestock are eligible but first preference will be given to those at Berlin Fair since Scott was a long time active supporter of the fair. Financial hardship is one of the criteria. To apply members should send a letter requesting the funds. The letter should itemize why they are requesting the funds, what project they need help with and which fair they plan to attend. Send letter to Scott Maxwell Fund c/o Berlin Fair P.O. Box 256 Marne, MI 49435. There is no set date for a deadline. Funds will be awarded at the discretion of the fair board.

**Welcome New Coordinators**

Val Potter is the new coordinator for the Berlin dog show. Lori Besteman is coordinating poultry and rabbits at the Holland Fair. Thank you both or taking on this challenge.

**Fair Dates**

- Berlin Fair – July 15 to July 23
- Holland Fair – July 24 to July 30
- Hudsonville Fair – Aug 19 to Aug 27

**Host a Japanese teen or adult!** Want to spread some happiness? Consider hosting a Japanese exchange 4-H Labo member this summer. From July 23 to August 19, Michigan will host 55 youth from Japan. Learn more about the Labo program at: [http://www.states4hexchange.org/](http://www.states4hexchange.org/)

Or contact Wanda Repke at Repke@msu.edu

Host families are also needed for 20 Polish youth coming in for several weeks to Michigan this summer. Contact Jan Brinn at jbrinn@allegancounty.org or go online to find the host forms at: [http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/interest.html](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/interest.html)

**New Drop Box** In order to better serve you we have installed a secure drop box outside our door at Ste 122 in the Fillmore Complex. Feel free to use it when you must visit outside our business hours which are 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 Monday through Friday. The building is only open after hours if a meeting is scheduled, however most evenings Monday through Thursday some event is going on. And of course it is always open during the lunch hour.

**Participation Fees** Clubs are reminded that the participation fees are due by April 1st for livestock projects, May 1st for all other returning members and June 1st for new members. (providing it is a project that allows enrollment up to then.)

Horse IDs due May 1st

Dog IDs due June 1st
Cloverlink to Be in the Know
Want an easy to read calendar of 4-H events and an e-mail whenever files, pictures or events are updated? Join Cloverlink for easy access to information on Ottawa County 4-H. Set your preferences so it alerts you and you will always be in the know. To join send an e-mail to wellslez@msu.edu and request an invitation. It is easy!

State Awards Delegates
Congratulations to our State 4-H Awards delegates who will represent us at MSU this summer. They are:
Camille Brillinger - Dogs
Tiffany Bystra – Horses
Emily Hemstreet – Achievement
Hannah Troupe – Photography
Megan Troupe – Dogs

Lock-In Q & A
Q Can my friends who are not in 4-H come to the Lock-In?
A Absolutely! Lock-In is open to everyone age 12 and up. The more the merrier.,

Q Can I sleep?
A Sure, bring a pillow, blanket and whatever else you need to be comfortable. You can put things in a locker to use when you want them.

Q Will there be coffee?
A A hot pot of coffee will be on and available all night long.

Q What should I bring with me?
A A pillow and blanket if you need one, comfortable clothing, a swim suit, towel, gym shoes. Your food, beverage and popcorn is included. Entry into the Jeopardy contest is included too...for up to 36 players.

Q Do adults need to pay?
A No chaperones are free. We need plenty of adults to help with Jeopardy, monitoring the pool etc. But you can also have fun, swim, hang out and visit with friends.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop April 29–May 1, – Kettunen Center
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 include rifle, shotgun, archery, hunting and wildlife. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer! Learn how we foster positive youth development through the shooting sports, and try techniques that effectively help young people learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you’ve been inactive for more than 3 years or your certification has lapsed. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up. Cost for Ottawa 4-H Leaders is $10. Call 994-4540 to register