2008 Spring Achievement Winners!

**Non-Competitive Participants**
- Brianna Day
- Kaleb Dykstra
- Noah Dykstra
- Mckenzie Hoegen
- Nicole Langeland
- Ella McCrory
- Whitney Meinders
- Olivia McCrory

**1st Year Still Exhibit Winners:**
- Alex Andrews: Acrylic painting, Watercolor self portrait, Weaving blue/green trivet
- Jennifer Andrews: B & W drawing of baby
- Jonathan Beckman: Watercolor painting
- Justin Beckman: Jewelry
- April Brown: Wood burning, Pillow, Pillow cover, Photography, Notebook & display, Watercolor painting, Poster & notebook, Metal craft, Pillow cover
- Julie Brown
- Brittany Day: Mittens
- Delanie DeCan: Cookies
- Dustin DeCaire: Weaved picture
- Lindsey DeRoos: Wood burning
- Kim Docter: Pop tab belt
- Kelley Donselaar: Furniture refinishing
- Justin Geerlings: Ceramic cold cast tray, Wreath
- Nathan Gieske: Paper pulp pig
- Nicole Gustin: Knitting-scarf
- Alyssa Henderson: Toys & games, Noah’s Ark
- Kristin Henderson: Glass etching, English muffin bread
- Kendra Kolean: Photography
- Emily Kortman: Dried flower arrangement
- Melissa Lieffers: 2 purses
- Grace McCullick: Travel-color photo, Open-color photo
- Rachael Meinders: Ceramics
- Madeline Miles: Decorated T-shirt
- Morgan Piccard: Water color, Photography, scenes, Wall hanging
- Olivia Prince: Blue knitted rabbit
- Beth Steenwyk: Colored pencil drawing, Pastel drawing, Crocheted doll dress, Beaded jewelry set
- Aaron Streiff: Collage, Picture frame, Paper quilling
- Kaitlyn Streiff: Floral arrangement
- Nana Temple: Color photograph
- Corey Tripp: Short story & poems
- Hannah Troupe: B & W photo of ducklings, Fancy belt of tooled leather
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1st Year Style Winners:
Sarah Aukeman
Kylie Day
Jodi DeLange
Alden Dykstra
Kortney Langeland
Aaron Streiff
Jessica Timmer
Alaina Tripp
Hannah Troupe
Hannah Zeinstra

2nd Year Style Winners:
Holly Aukeman
Samantha Dekkinga
Katie Feikema
Robyn Knoper
Olivia Prince
Corey Tripp

3rd Year Style Winners:
Kendra Kolean
Emily Kortman
Kayli Schout

4th Year Style Winners:
Johanna Boeve
Kaitlyn Streiff

1st Year Construction Winners:
Sarah Aukeman
Lily Boers
Jodi DeLange
Alden Dykstra
Cassey Elders
Elise Emmert
Kaitlyn Meppelink
Laura Nagelkerk
Jessica Timmer
Hannah Zeinstra

2nd Year Construction Winners:
Elizabeth Boeve
Julie Brown
Savannah Coone
Elizabeth Herrud
Caitlyn LeFebre
Olivia Prince
Megan Stacey

3rd Year Construction Winners:
Jordan Krygsheld
Marianna Miedema
Kayli Schout

4th Year Construction Winners:
Johanna Boeve
Kaitlyn Streiff

Adv. Year Construction Winners:
Lorna Chapman
Madeline Miles
Cara Overweg

Top County Still Winner!!!!!!
Madeline Miles
B & W drawing

Top County Style Winner!!!!!!
Cara Overweg

Top County Construction Winner!!!!!!
Madeline Miles

Dates to Remember

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Attention Leaders!  If your name is on this list we have not received a 4-H Leader form from you for 2007/2008. This means you have no liability coverage for the summers and the fairs. If you need another form, please call our office and we can mail or fax one to you. Leaders who do not fill out a form annually are dropped from the records. Those wishing to become leaders again later will need to go through the volunteer selection process and new leader training! We hope to hear from you soon!!!

Joy Baareman
Karah Baareman
Troy Baareman
Wesley Bolt
Beth Bonnes
Barbara Buskard
Jessica Childs
Paul Courtade
Carmen Dahlhoff
Nancy Dalman
Michelle Danielson
Russell Danielson
Paula DeRoos
Kevin Emmert
Marcia Emmert
Ellen Gedeon
Rhonda Greene
Daniel Grit
Kimberly Honorè
Beth Horinga
Barbara Hosmer
Sarah Hroncich

Terri Jasperse
Susan Knauf
Diane Lindberg
Erin McCarthy
Jennifer Meerman
Pat Mitchell
Marjie Nelson
Terri Petta
Jean Piccard
Kim Pitsch
Kenneth Smallegan
Albert Sorensen
Charles Steenwyk
Michelle Steenwyk
Michele Swingle
Janice Tein
Nikki Tiggleman
Tonja VanEssen
Ruth Wood
Christine Zahm
Arlene Zandbergen
Thomas Zandbergen
Ottawa County 4-H Fair Dates and Websites:

Berlin Fair: July 14 - 19, 2008
(Horse Show July 11)
http://www.berlinfair.org/

Holland Fair: July 21 - 26, 2008
http://www.ottawacountyfair.com/

Hudsonville Fair: August 18 - 23, 2008
http://www.hudsonvillecommfair.com/

Special Thanks The Ottawa County 4-H Horse Committee would like to thank Dudley’s tents from Grand Rapids for saving us at the tack sale when we were short of tables. They not only had tables available on short (emergency) notice, but they allowed us to use them at no charge! Keep them in mind when you are planning your next party or celebration (i.e. graduation, wedding, birthday etc.) Give them a call to rent your needed tables, chairs or whatever. The phone number is 616-677-1778. They are located at 3415 Leonard Road, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Also huge thanks to Lynn Croel, Carole Rietman, John Clapp and John Willcome for your help with the tack sale 2008!

Adult Horse Riders Clinic Each year the MSU Department of Animal Science holds a riding workshop for adults who would like to learn more. This is designed for 4-H leaders and equestrian coaches. The date is Friday June 13 and it will be held at the pavilion. The cost is $100 for horse and rider or $40 to audit. Registration fee includes box lunch. It begins with registration from 8 to 9 and winds up at 5 p.m. Topics include bits and britting, rein aids, moving away from pressure, bridling up, stopping g and speed control, backing, basic lead changes, showmanship, safety and responsiveness on the ground. There will also be a session on effective coaching taught by Karen Waite. To learn more you can e-mail mclachl2@msu.edu or call our office for the brochure which includes registration information.

Homes Needed Hello my name is Holly and I’m a seven year old tri colored Sheltie. My people are loosing their home and are trying to place me in a loving new home. When I was younger I was a 4-H show dog. Please call 842-3674 and ask for Robin.

Also, rescued cats open for adoption free. Young, fixed, playful and affectionate. One calico and one tiger. Please call Robin at 842-3674.

Cloverlink Our own special web interface called Cloverlink is coming to Ottawa 4-H. Starting very soon, 4-H members and leaders in selected clubs will be able to log on and find everything they need to complete their projects. Paper work, a place to ask questions and get them answered by experts, links to resources needed to complete notebooks, and a whole lot more will be in one central location. Those who add profiles will be eligible for prizes such as i-pods, gift certificates and more. Clubs will be able to set up alerts which means clubs can write up a short newsletter and it will send an automatic message to all members of the club so they can read the latest information from their leaders!!! There is even a buy and sell feature so members can look for used equipment or sell their old equipment.

This should make 4-H more convenient and more fun. Members will be able to chat on line with others in their club and in other clubs to get help before the fair. They can share pictures taken at the fair and look at pictures taken by others….a whole lot more pictures than on the blog!!!

In order to participate this year, members must fill out a short survey and must have a parent sign a permission form. This is because we are helping to share information for a research project being conducted by MSU and the Kellogg Foundation. Later all members will be able to sign on, but only after the first group of selected clubs have used Cloverlink and have given us feedback to make sure it is working the way we want it to.
4-H Supershowmanship

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

Beef
Cats
Dairy
Dogs
Goats
Hogs
Horses
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep

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.
Welcome New Leaders  We had 14 new leaders complete training in the last month. Please take the time to welcome them and answer questions as they begin to learn about 4-H and the fairs. **Monica Boeve** lives in Grand Haven and has children in Spirit Seekers. She will be starting a new 4-H club with the horse project. **Jody Broekhuizen** was formally in our 4-H program and is now helping with sewers in the Borculo Bobbins club. **Sarah Engel** is a student at Grand Valley and is a helper with the Therapeutic Riders of West Michigan. She hopes to become certified in therapeutic riding. **Sharon Frazee** lives in Marne and will be working with the Rock-N-Country 4-H Club. **Justin Holt** is from Zeeland and hopes to help out where needed as a chaperone or short term volunteer at the fairs and with the dairy project. He assists as needed in several dairy clubs. **Gwen Luban** is from West Olive and will be starting a new club with a variety of projects. **Kim Rathsburg** is from Muskegon and will be helping the Saddle Benders 4-H horse club. **Alison Rietman** is a recent 4-H graduate who will work with her own horse club. She coaches an equestrian team. **Beth Smith** and **Harlan Smith** are parents of 4-H members and plan to help out with the Grand River 4-H Club. **Beth Strick** lives in Hudsonville and recently attended Kettunen Center for the Companion Animal workshop and plans to help out with the Tailgaiters 4-H Club in the dog project. **Wayne Van Oss** lives in Zeeland. His own children are now out of 4-H but he would like to give back by helping with Valley View 4-H Club. **Nancy Wellman** of Zeeland also attended the Kettunen Workshop and will be helping in the dog project and the Tailgaiters club. **David Wikstrom** of Coopersville was also was a chaperone at the recent Companion Animal workshop at Ket Center and he will be helping with 4-H clubs in his area.

**Livestock Events at MSU**  We now have in the office information on the beef, sheep and hog show that will be held at MSU in mid June. They are Mi Junior Beef Show and Beef Showcase on June 13 – 14, Mi Junior Sheep Spectacular and Block and Bridle Northern Exposure Jun 13 – 15 and the Spartan Classic Junior Hog Show and Spartan Jackpot Show on June 20 to 22. Entries are due May 27, 2008. For forms and information go to:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/)  
Or call us and we will send a hard copy.

**Goat Kids Go Great!**  At the Michigan 4-H Goat Expo our teams did an outstanding job and surpassed all expectations! The Ottawa Senior Team was 1st in judging. The Ottawa Junior Team was 4th in judging. The senior team was 1st in Skillathon as was our junior team!!! In Quiz Bowl both teams placed 5th.

Senior Ottawa Team consisted of **Emily Mitchell, Erin MCullick, Michelle Nichelson and David Besteman.** Our Junior Ottawa Team was **Collin McCullick, Louis Besteman, Anna Borowski, Samantha Haveman, Abbie Dryfhout and Hannah Dryfhout.**  
Congratulations to all of them and to their coaches who spent many hours preparing them for the competition!

**Cow Camp**  MSU is offering several day camps for kids wanting to learn more about cows. The closest one to Ottawa will be in Kent County at the Lowell fair grounds on **Thursday, June 12th.** It is geared toward members ages 9 to 13 but older and younger members may also participate. Cost is $5 for the day and includes lunch. There will be lots of hands on learning stations and the day will end with a “Moo-Olympics” and an ice-cream social. Registration deadline is June 5th. Kent County fair grounds is located at 225 S. Hudson Street, Lowell. Registration forms are available from the 4-H office and will be mailed to dairy clubs.

**MMPA Tour**  The annual Michigan Milk Producers Tour will be held June 23 and 24. It starts in Novi and the only cost to 4-H members is the transportation to and from Novi. All other expenses are provided and it includes registration, lodging and meals. Registration is due June 5 and is limited to the first 30 youth to sign up. This is a one time only opportunity only open to those that have not previously attended. For more information call the MMPA at 248-474-6672 or Dr. Joe Domecq at 517-353-7855,
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS
30th ANNUAL OPEN HORSE SHOW
SATURDAY, June 7, 2008 - 8:00 A.M.  ENTRY FEE - $4.00
HUDSONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS, Located on 40th Ave. between M-21 and Port Sheldon
■ Ring Judge: Ron Chandler ■ Trail Judge: TBA
Great Grand Champion Versatility and Reserve Champion Versatility Prizes
Donated by Millbrook: Grand $40 gift certificate, Reserve $30, 3rd place $20 and 4th place $10
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 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/Minis

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
# No Trainers Allowed

SHOW SPONSORED BY THE OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS & THE HUDSONVILLE HORSE ACTIVITIES
Any person entering the grounds absolves these two parties of any responsibility for loss, injury or theft.

30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

WESTERN PLEASURE
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)

NEW

Food Available on Grounds
Tack Vendor Available

The rider versatility class will be English Equitation, Stock Seat Equitation and a game. Riders will be given a 5-minute in arena tack changes between styles. They will be allowed two grooms per entry to assist in these changes.

For more information call Erin McCarthy at 616-550-3403
Recommendations for Scholarship Applications

Competition for any scholarship is always competitive and being successful is the goal of every applicant. However, no matter how qualified an applicant might be, there are certain factors which can make or break you when the committee begins deliberations. These guidelines are intended to increase the chances of youth being successful in the scholarship application process.

1) **Type** your application – In this day there is no excuse for a scholarship application to be hand written. Scholarship selection committees are not impressed when they have hand written applications because it always requires more effort to read them. In many cases if your application is not typed it will be moved to the bottom of the pile.

2) **Follow directions exactly!** – Often there are specific requirements for a particular scholarship application. Examples are: type of recommendation required, deadlines for turning in the application, adding pages etc. In many cases applicants ignore requirements and may even think that they can offer the committee something “better” than what is requested. Don’t be tempted to make such changes. Most committees will reject any application that is not complete and that has not followed the rules exactly!

3) **Be very detailed and specific in your answers**
   Keep in mind that the people reading your application do not know you and often are unfamiliar with the program that you are involved in. You need to write the answers to questions such that anyone can understand exactly what you did. Be detailed in your descriptions and answer all questions completely. If there is ½ page to write an essay be sure to use all of the space. This is a competition and if you write a few lines it is hard to compete against someone who has written several paragraphs.

4) **Proof read carefully** - Never submit an application until you have proof read it and have had another person look it over carefully. If this is a scholarship for college it should look like you are ready and able to write at the college level. Typos, poor grammar and incorrect words do not help your cause.

5) **References** – Follow up with your references to be sure they are aware of any deadlines and that they are willing and able to supply you with the reference you need. Make your references job easier by giving them an outline of what you feel are your qualifications for the scholarship and provide them with a stamped addressed envelope. Be sure to check back with them to make sure the reference was sent in and thank them for assisting you.

**Models Needed for Ladies Day at the Fair**
Once again Jinnifer Gibbs our Extension Educator has invited our 4-H member to model in the fashion show at the Holland Fair. Ladies Day is **Wednesday, July 23rd**. If you made an item to wear for Spring Achievements, you are welcomed to model it in this fashion show!! Please RSVP by June 16 to let us know.

Talented 4-H members are also needed for the Ladies Day event. So if you have members who can sing, dance, do magic, play an instrument or who are members of a small ensemble group we would love to hear from you. **Call us at 846-8250.**

**Scholarships for 4-H Members**
There are several opportunities for college scholarships for 4-H members from Ottawa County. They are: Ottawa County 4-H Council Scholarship, Berlin Livestock 4-H Scholarship, Ottawa County 4-H Dairy Scholarship, & Jack Ferwerda Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for all of these scholarships is **June 1, 2008**! This deadline is for both the application and any references needed. If you need a scholarship form go on the blog at [www.ottawa4h.blogspot.com](http://www.ottawa4h.blogspot.com) or e-mail us at ottawa4h@yahoo.com. Eligibility requirements vary so be sure to read the instructions carefully.

**4-H Day at Berlin Raceway**
The 4-H Council is working with the Berlin Raceway to bring a special day to you so families can attend a Berlin Car Race and help celebrate the 100th birthday of 4-H in Michigan. The raceway will donate $4 for every ticket sold to our 4-H program. Proceeds will benefit 4-H clubs all over the county. See the flyer in this Happenings for details and order your tickets either by mail or on line!
4-H Night at the Races!

Saturday, August 2, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Special 4-H Ticket Pricing*
Help celebrate our 100th Anniversary by supporting 4-H at the races!
GA Ticket: $13 Adult ($4 goes directly to Ottawa County 4-H),
$6.50 Child 6-12 ($2 goes directly to Ottawa County 4-H)
Tickets must be purchased in advance, not valid on race day.
*Valid for all 4-H member and their family members. Children 5 & under are free and don’t need a ticket. Orders must be received one week prior to the race, offer not valid on race day. Race dates, times and promotions subject to change.

Vintage Racing Organization scheduled to race.
Post Race Fireworks!!
Late Model, Super Stock, Pro Stock and Sportsman divisions are scheduled to race.
Gates open at 12:15 pm. Practice and qualifying begin at 1:00 pm. Racing begins at 7:00 pm.

Order tickets on-line at: www.berlinraceway.com/groups.shtml
Login: 4-H Password: Clover (Login and password is case sensitive) Or fill out the below form

Mail to: Alanna Klomp, c/o West Michigan Whitecaps, P.O. Box 428, Comstock Park, MI 49321
Phone: 616-726-7016 Fax: 616-784-4911 E-mail: aklomp@berlinraceway.com

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________ City:  ____________________________   State: _____  Zip:  ________
Phone:  _______________________________________   E-mail  _________________________________________

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Total number of Child tickets (6-12) ………………………………………………. _____  @ $  6.50 each  =  ______
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