**Congratulations Award Winners!**

What’s Cooking? 4-H is the answer in case you were not at the annual Leaders’ and Awards’ Banquet on November 5th.

Almost 200 members, leaders and parents filled the new conference room and ate a delicious dinner. Our outstanding 4-H members were recognized with county medals and many other awards.

Here they are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Award Winners</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Agriculture</strong></td>
<td>Robert Ferwerda (Sr.), Nathan Gieske (Jr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>William Smith (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Beef</strong></td>
<td>Courtney Berens (Sr.), Clint Holstege (Sr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Colleen Potter (Jr.), Jacob Willcome (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Dairy</strong></td>
<td>Laura Steenstra (Sr.), Nicole Gustin, (Sr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Demonstration</strong></td>
<td>Camille Brillinger (Sr.), Emma Buist (Jr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Dogs</strong></td>
<td>Emily Hemstreet (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Feeder Calf</strong></td>
<td>Tyler Armock (Jr.), Kelly Raterink (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Goats</strong></td>
<td>Audra Delamar (Sr.), Hannah Dryfhout (Jr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ashley Haveman (Sr.), Mikayla Smith (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Horses</strong></td>
<td>Erica Beukema (Jr.), Heather Zeerip (Jr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Andrea Steenwyk (Sr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Judging</strong></td>
<td>Abbie Dryfhout (Sr.), Kelly Raterink (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Knitting</strong></td>
<td>Nicole Gustin, (Sr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Photography</strong></td>
<td>Jessica Fuller (Sr.), Hannah Troupe (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Poultry</strong></td>
<td>Laura Steenstra (Sr.), Kali Katerberg (Jr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rabbits</strong></td>
<td>Camille Brillinger (Sr.), Emma Buist (Jr.),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Swine</strong></td>
<td>Emily Hemstreet (Jr.), Amber Mulder (Sr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Visual Arts</strong></td>
<td>Molly Kramer (Jr.), Jessica Moerland (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Achievement</strong></td>
<td>Emily Mitchell (Sr.), Megan Troupe (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Citizenship</strong></td>
<td>Emily Hemstreet (Jr.), Jacob Willcome (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Leadership</strong></td>
<td>Audra Delamar (Sr.), Amber Mulder (Sr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>I Dare You</strong></td>
<td>Tiffany Bystra (Sr.), Jacob Willcome (Jr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Agent’s Choice</strong></td>
<td>Mary Willcome</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Teen Leader of the Year</strong></td>
<td>Audra Delamar (Sr.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Meritorious Service</strong></td>
<td>Scott Maxwell &amp; Dennis DeYoung</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Club of the Year</strong></td>
<td>Dairy Beef Country Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Leader of the Year</strong></td>
<td>Linda Mitchell</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4-H BEEF DECLARATION
2009/2010

Circle One: Berlin Fair Holland Fair Hudsonville Fair

Name of Member: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________

Parents Home Phone: ___________________________ Work #: _______________________

Best Time to Call: __________________________________________________________

Club: ___________________________ Back # ___________________________

Type of Steer (circle one) Colored Steer Dairy Steer

My child is planning to show and sell a market steer project at the fair listed above. I have read and agree to abide by the current 4-H Market Livestock Project Guidelines and the Ottawa County 4-H Code of Conduct. I understand that the MSUE participation fee of $10 must be paid before weigh-in.

Animal MUST be castrated before weigh-in or they will go home and will not be allowed.

_______________________________________________
Parent Signature

_______________________________________________
Signature of Leader

DUE DECEMBER 1ST AT THE OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H OFFICE
12220 FILLMORE ST. SUITE 122
WEST OLIVE, MI 49460

OR MAY BE FAXED TO: 616-994-4579
**New Kettunen Fee Policy**  In an effort to balance their budget for the coming 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.

### Dates to Remember

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>December 1</td>
<td>Fair Book changes due</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 4</td>
<td>4-H Council Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 5</td>
<td>Holland Beef Weigh In</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 5</td>
<td>Berlin Beef Weigh In</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 10</td>
<td>Teen Club Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 12</td>
<td>Holland Beef Snow Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December 12</td>
<td>Berlin Beef Snow Date</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 14</td>
<td>Teen Club Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 19</td>
<td>Berlin Livestock Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 21</td>
<td>Super Thursday, “Taking Your Obstacles Out of Trail”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 28</td>
<td>Super Thursday, “Where’s the Beef?”</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**September 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010**

**Kettunen Center, Kellogg Biological Station & Other Michigan Sites**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Workshop or Conference Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 8–10</td>
<td>*4-H Horse Show Judges &amp; Managers Conference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 23–24</td>
<td>*4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership &amp; Service Conference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 26–27</td>
<td>*4-H Veterinary Science Teen &amp; Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 27-28</td>
<td>*4-H Beef, Sheep &amp; Swine Teen &amp; Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 6–7</td>
<td>*4-H Poultry Teen &amp; Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 19–21</td>
<td>*4-H Environmental &amp; Outdoor Education Volunteer Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 19–21</td>
<td>*4-H Plant Science &amp; Entomology Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 16–18</td>
<td>#Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 22–25</td>
<td>*4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 23–25</td>
<td>*4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May 15–16</td>
<td>*4-H Companion Animal Teen &amp; Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*This workshop will take place at Kettunen Center, near Tustin.  
** This workshop will take place at Adams/Butzel Recreation Center, in Detroit.  
+This workshop will take place at Kellogg Biological Station, near Hickory Corners.  
~ This workshop will take place at the Isabella County MSU Extension Office, in Mt. Pleasant.  
# This workshop will take place at Bayshore Camp, near Sebewaing.

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.
Happenings

THURSDAY EVENING SUPER CLUB MEETINGS

Looking for a super idea for a club meeting? Come to our Thursday evening series. These super club meetings will be open to all 4-H members, leaders and parents and will cover a vast variety of projects. The idea is to support club activities with special in depth sessions designed to refresh and inspire the learning process. Mark Thursday evenings starting January 21st and look for more detail as we get underway. Some sessions have already been booked and there will be many more coming soon. Most session do not require a reservation, unless there is a “take away” item, such as for craft and gardening sessions where each member will go home with something. Refreshments will be available, there will be door prizes and we guarantee lots of good information will be shared by our expert presenters. Sessions will be held in the Main Conference Room of the Fillmore Complex starting at 7:00 P.M. on Thursdays.

Check out these topics so far:

1/21/2010 “Taking Your Obstacles Out of Trail, Trail Riding with Nancy Cahill’s video on Trail Classes will be shown. Nancy Cahill was AQHA Professional Horsewoman of the Year and trainer of multiple AQHA World and Congress Champions. She explains in plain and simple terms the fundamentals of trail. Excellent video with beautiful demonstrations. This session is great for beginners as well as experienced riders. Refreshments available.

1/28/2010 - “Where’s the Beef” Beef Quality and Ask the Expert with Kevin Gould and Adam Kantrovich MSUE Beef Specialist and judge Kevin Gould will talk about beef quality assurance, the latest issues in the beef industry and give tips on how to successfully raise a beef animal for today’s market. An Ask the Expert session will follow so you can get all your questions answered.

2/4/2010 - Milk & Cheese Quality Production and Ask the Expert with Bill Robb, MSUE Educator and Dairy Specialist who will talk about milk and cheese production and how your management practices can impact it. This is a great opportunity for both dairy cow and dairy goat members to learn a lot more about the mammary system and milk and cheese production

2/11/2010 “Chickens Everywhere” Small Poultry Flocks - Guest speaker is Paul Wylie, MSUE state poultry specialist. Paul has a BS degree in Agriculture from Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO and his MS degree in Poultry Science from the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. His 20 year career with MSUE has given him a unique insight into the poultry business and into the 4-H poultry project. Clubs attending will receive a new book on poultry and will have the opportunity to view our Ohio State Poultry Learning Lab as well as educational DVDs.

2/18/2010 Pork Quality Assurance with Guest speaker Beth Franz Ferry the MSUE regional swine specialist from Cass County. All members who show hogs as well as their parents and leaders are invited to this important program to learn industry standards in hog quality assurance.

4/8/2010 – Movie Night For those not going out of town during the Spring Break, the Teen Club invites you to Movie Night. We will run a recently released movie (title TBA) for all teens in the county. (12 and up) Join us for popcorn and fun. Spend time with your 4-H friends!
4/22/2010 - So You Want to be a Veterinarian? Karen Potter will speak on what it takes to get into the MSU Vet school, what kind of pre courses are required, how to prepare for the application process and most important, what being in vet school is like. Hear about the classes you will take, your rotations and more. Karen graduated from Coopersville High School and our Ottawa County 4-H program where she was active in dogs, market livestock and many other projects. She was one of the youngest students ever admitted to MSUVC, and will graduate in May 2010.

Date TBA How Does Your Garden Grow? Our own Master Gardener Coordinator Shane VanOosterhout and one of his Master Gardeners will share their wealth of knowledge and very green thumbs. Members will learn how to plant a garden and time it to produce vegetables and flowering plants for harvesting for the fairs. All participants will go home with seeds/plants and materials as well as plan to grow their own 4-H projects this spring and summer. Learn about plans for a new junior master gardener program coming to our county soon.

Date TBA Rally Obedience for Everyone Ottawa Extension Educator Elizabeth Wells and Boston will demonstrate every rally sign and how to execute them to perfection. All participants will go home with a CD Rom which includes copies of all signs, rules for rally, sample courses and much more. Learn techniques to teach your dog those frustrating signs like, back three steps, moving drop and walk around and the left pivot.

Club Leadership and Public Speaking/Demonstrations with Eva Marie Gugino

Careers in Agriculture with Jill Raterink Cords

Much more to come. Watch your Happenings and sign up for Cloverlink so you get updates and reminders automatically sent to you!

Beef Weigh-Ins for 2010 Both the Berlin Fair and the Holland Fair will have their beef weigh-ins on Saturday, December 5th this year. Berlin is 9 to 11 at the Fair Grounds. Holland is 9 to noon at Kamp Farm on the corner of Polk and 112th. All members must have paid their 2010 participation fee of $10 in order to weigh in a steer.

Names of Those Serving in the Military Needed Our 4-H Teen Club would like to send letters to members of 4-H families who are serving in the military during the holiday season. If your family has a loved one serving or if you know of someone who might appreciate a letter from our Teen Club members please send contact information to either Erin McCarthy or the 4-H office. All information will be kept confidential. Send an e-mail to ottawa4h@yahoo.com or to wellselz@msu.edu and we will see that the Teen Club sends them a letter. All addresses needed by December 8, 2010.

Tack Sale The annual Tack Sale of the Ottawa County 4-H Horse Committee has a brand new home! Please join us at the NEW Allendale Middle School where we will have much more space and beautiful surroundings. To get there, take 68th Street south from M-45 and go West (right) on Pierce. Drive a mile to Learning Lane and turn right. The Allendale School campus has three large schools. The middle school is the one on the right. It all takes place the first Saturday in March. Get your reservations for a table in as soon as possible because this tack sale always fills up before the end of the year! Don’t wait and call after the holidays because you won’t get in. Tables are $25. See the flier in this Happenings.
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!*  
Allendale’s NEW Middle School
10690 Learning Lane
Allendale, Michigan

Yummy Food

Great Food!

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!!!!
Celebrating MSU Extension’s 4-H Youth
At the MSU versus Ohio Women’s Basketball Game

When and where:
Game starts at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 9, at the MSU Breslin Center. Gate “D” doors open to MSUE 4-H members, family and staff at 12:00 PM. For the general public, doors open at 12:30 PM.

Why:
To celebrate Michigan 4-H Youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H’ emphasis on nutrition, health and well-being.

Who’s invited:
4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff members and their families.

Admission price:
FREE tickets available for all of the above.

Transportation & parking:
Transportation may be coordinated through your county Extension office. Contact them for details. Parking is free for school buses, all other buses are $20. Cars $5.

Attire:
Show your MSUE/4-H pride by wearing your green or white 4-H or MSUE apparel.

Extras:
• Hear fellow 4-H’ers sing the national anthem and lead the 4-H pledge.
• To be televised live by CBS.
• Get your picture taken with Sparty, MSU cheerleaders and maybe even with the Lady Spartans.

Get in the game!
Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:
Visit 4-H website web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/index.html or contact your county office or Pat Talbot talbotp@msu.edu on campus.

About 4-H Nutrition, Health and Well-Being Program
The 4-H nutrition, health and well-being program helps Michigan residents make smart food choices, learn about nutrition and apply what they learn, manage their food budget, manage chronic disease, prevent disease and improve their overall physical, mental and social well-being.
**Enrollment**  Our 4-H enrollment process was delayed this year due to both funding issues and a pilot online enrollment program that we are participating in. Once funding for 2010 was signed by Governor Granholm, we were able to offer 4-H enrollment for this year. Hard copies of enrollment forms were mailed to club administrative leaders last week with instructions on how to enroll members for 2010. Later this year we will be moving to Access 4-H, a new online enrollment program. Once it is running, 4-H administrative club leaders will be able to access their membership files from any computer to verify them and make changes. All changes must be then be activated by our office. The new system has its challenges but we are hoping that in the long run it will make it easier for 4-H leaders to keep track of their members. Watch the Happenings for further updates.

**Michigan Sheep Breeders** The Michigan Sheep Breeders Association is offering a starter flock scholarship program. See their website for details at [www.misheep.org](http://www.misheep.org) Check the news tab for details and an application. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to get started in the sheep business and expand their horizons in animal agriculture. For more information contact Pat Henne at 517-663-2014 or e-mail her at [henny@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com](mailto:henny@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com)

**Cloverlink** You can join Cloverlink to get the latest information on 4-H. Alerts will send you automatic reminders when events are scheduled. A calendar section has dates and more information on events both in the county and statewide. Photos from the fairs are arranged in files by date. A file section contains copies of the Happenings as well as fliers and other information for leaders. It is free for you to use and you can add your own files, pictures and discussion. To join Cloverlink, send an e-mail to [wellselz@msu.edu](mailto:wellselz@msu.edu)

**Teen Club** Interested in Teen Leadership? The Ottawa County Teen Club invites you to their monthly meetings which are now held at the Fillmore Complex in West Olive on the 2nd Thursday of the month. They start at 7:00 p.m. Events now being planned are a Holiday Party in December and an educational trip to Chicago later in the winter. They are having a movie night for April vacation in the spring too. At the December 10th meeting the club will be finishing up plans for some of their activities and will be writing letters to military service men and women who are connected to our 4-H family. Interested in learning more? Call Jessica Fuller at 217-7083 or Emily Hemstreet at 828-3733. You can also just come to a meeting to some of the learn more. Teen Club will also be hosting Thursday evening sessions at Fillmore.

**Hippo….what?** Hippology is the study of horses. MSUE 4-H has an annual hippology contest for 4-H members who want to try their skill at quiz game styled competition to test their horse knowledge. Sound interesting? How about testing your skills at judging horses? If you think you might be interested in participating on a team for one or both of these contests, please let your leader know! Plans are underway to have teams in both for state competition next spring. Coaches will be meeting soon to make plans and will be sure to let all 4-H horse clubs know the schedule.

**Winter Beef Show** The Michigan Winter Beef Show will be held Dec 11 - 13, 2009 at the MSU pavilion. For more information go to the website of the Michigan Junior Livestock Society. The packet with schedule can be found at: [http://mijrlivestocksociety.com/packet.pdf](http://mijrlivestocksociety.com/packet.pdf)
Central Region 4-H Youth Programs present

4-H WINTERFEST

Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7, 2010

9-12 year olds

Eagle Village, Reed City, MI

Registration Cost: $15

Activities Include:
- Rock Climbing
- Science Glop & Glob
- Recycled Crafts
- Shooting Sports & Fishing
- Gifts from the Kitchen
- Jewelry Making

Contact Your MSU Extension Office by December 1!

Portions of this activity are sponsored by a 4-H Participation Fee State Grant.
Ottawa County
12220 Fillmore St. Room 122
West Olive, MI 49460

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

HAPPENINGS IS PUBLISHED PERIODICALLY
BY
THE OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H OFFICE
12220 FILLMORE ST. ROOM 122
WEST OLIVE, MI 49460
616-994-4540

ELIZABETH C. WELLS Ph.D.
EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH AGENT
wellselz@msu.edu

JOAN BIESECKER
4-H SECRETARY
ottawa4h@yahoo.com

GRAND RAPIDS: 662-3100 X 4540
HOLLAND/ZEELAND: 392-3111 X 4540
MUSKEGON: 728-4297 X 4540
NE OTTAWA COUNTY: 1-800-764-4111 X 4540
FAX 616-994-4579

www.msue.msu.edu/ottawa
www.ottawa4h.blogspot.com

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.