Agriculture and Natural Resource Week at MSU  This annual event is one of the largest of its kind in the world and has been on going for 93 years! There are programs for everyone interested in agriculture and natural resources. Many professional associations have their annual meetings in conjunction with the event which means this is a great way to meet experts of all kinds. For an in depth and detailed description of all of the sessions call the MSU Extension office and have a booklet sent to your home. You can also learn more by going on line to www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/.

Here is a brief outline of SOME of the offerings.

**Friday, February 29**
Balancing Animal Agriculture and Communities
MI Invasive Plant Council Annual Symposium
Michigan Organic Conference
Michigan State Rabbit Breeders School
Private Forests: Plans, Taxes & Future Stewardship

**Saturday, March 1**
Michigan Audubon Society
Michigan Organic Conference
Michigan State Rabbit breeders Rabbit & Cavy Show
Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Youth Assoc. Mtg.
Michigan Walnut Council Meeting
Quiet Water Symposium

**Sunday, March 2**
MI State Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Specialty Rabbit Show
Michigan Wildflower Annual Conference

**Monday, March 3**
Michigan Wildflower Annual Conference

**Tuesday, March 4**
Farmers’ Market Manager “Boot Camp”
Pasteurizer Operator Workshop
Pesticide Education: Comprehensive Core Update
Project FISH
Pullorum Certification Workshop
Small Flock Poultry Program

**Wednesday, March 5**
Right-to-farm Program
Commercial Applicator Sprayer Calibration Course
Crop-O-Rama
Michigan Herb Associates Annual Conference
Michigan Organic Food & Farming Reporting Session
Pasteurizer Operator Workshop
Project FISH

**Thursday, March 6**
Forage Technology Conference
Michigan Gladiolus Conference
Michigan Herb Associates Annual Conference
Private Applicator Sprayer Calibration Course

**Friday, March 7**
Beekeepers Annual Conference
Horticultural Therapy: Connecting People & Plants
MDA Pesticide Applicator Exams
International Stallion Exhibition & Trade Show
MI Barn Preservation Network Annual Conference
Michigan Gladiolus Conference

**Saturday, March 8**
Beekeepers Annual Conference
International Stallion Exhibition & Trade Show
MI Barn Preservation Network Annual Conference
Nurturing the Mind, Body & Soul-Including Chocolate Therapy
Spring Goat Day
Happenings

Vet – A Visit  The MSU College of Veterinary Medicine’s annual open house will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a self guided tour. You should allow several hours to tour and even more time if you plan to attend the various educational seminars. The exhibits and displays are appropriate for all age groups. There is no admission and no registration. For more details go to:  www.vetavisit.com

Small Animals Day at MSU  This event is designed for kids and those young at heart. It is offered by the student organizations of the College of Agriculture. It is held Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Admission is $2 per person. Park at the corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane and board the bus for a tour of the barns where you will see the baby animals. Lots of good information will be offered and students from MSU will assist with answering questions. If you need more information call 517-355-9575. Proceeds go to support Montcalm 4-H Program.

4-H Mark of Excellence Award  This special award is for 4-H members ages 11 and 12 (as of January 1st) Participation is based on writing an essay of 550 words or less (two pages) on the topic “Because of 4-H I can....” You need to send your essay to the 4-H office at 333 Clinton St, Grand Haven, MI 49417 by Friday, February 29. Essays are sent to MSU where they are used for promoting 4-H to new families. Those selected (two per county) will be honored during Exploration Days at the awards assembly. This is a great opportunity to tell the world about how great 4-H is!!!!

State 4-H Poultry Leaders Workshop! We are proud to be able to offer this 4-H poultry workshop to youth and adult leaders throughout Michigan. Please see the link below that provides brief information on the upcoming State 4-H Poultry Leaders Workshop to be held at Kettunen Center on March 8-9 2008. Dr. Nancy Barr (Veterinarian with Michigan Department of Agriculture) and Dr. Darrin Karcher (MSUE Poultry Extension Specialist) headline a number of great presenters. http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/anisci/PoultryWkshpFlyer-08.pdf

Topics to be covered at the workshop include: egg judging, carcass evaluation, showmanship, nutrition and housing, breeding and genetics, how to start a 4-H poultry club, Avian flu update, fitting and much more.

Ottawa 4-H Leaders can attend two Kettunen workshops for free each year. Teens can attend for a $10 co-pay.

4-H Veterinary Science Workshop  February 22–23, at Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health by sharing information and experiences, asking questions and quizzing veterinarians about their skills. You can also participate in hands-on demonstrations that teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick or injured animals. Meet 4-H'ers who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop  February 23–24th at Kettunen Center

If you're interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop also offers ways to enhance your communication and teaching skills and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.
Happenings

Teen Club Valentine’s Day  For Valentine’s Day the Teen Club will meet at Erica Slagter’s house instead of the library. The club will be meeting early and watching a movie. All club members and those interested in joining the club are invited to attend. Please bring a snack to share (pizza provided) and a Valentine card for one person. Each person will be getting a Valentine. For more information or directions call Erica at 616-895-1303 or Jessica at 616-895-5439.

Montcalm 4-H Presents John Berry  He will be live in concert at Greenville High School Performing Arts Center on February 16, 2008 starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert tickets are $25 each. Available at Hansen’s Music House downtown Greenville or by phone at 888-687-4218. Credit cards are charged a $1 processing fee. All

Fair Dates

Berlin Fair – July 14 to 19
Holland Fair – July 21 to 26
Hudsonville Fair – August 18 to 23

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2008 Kettunen Center

4-H Vet Science Workshop  2/22-23
4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Workshop  2/23-24
4-H Plant Science & Entomology  2/29-3/2
Environmental & Outdoor Ed Workshop  2/29-3/2
4-H Poultry  3/8-9
Family Science 2008  3/15-16
2008 4-H Dairy Conference  4/11-13
4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training  4/19-20
4-H Companion Animal  4/25-27

Fitting and Showmanship Clinic at MSU  A free fitting and showmanship clinic and feed seminar will be held at MSU in the Pavilion on Saturday February 23. It will feature Bob May, Mike Witte and Chris Brazel as well as Dr. Kevin Burgoon. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. R.S.V.P. to 800-888-4330

Dog Workshop at Kettunen Center features Adele Yunck  All 4-H leaders and members ages 13 and up are invited to Kettunen Center April 26 and 27 for the Companion Animal Workshop which will feature Adele Yunck the noted trainer and author. Adele has trained multiple AKC Obedience Trial Champions, and has authored two books on dog training which have been critically acclaimed. This is a rare opportunity which has been made possible by grants from several Michigan Kennel Clubs. You are urged to take advantage of this incredible learning event! A complete workshop schedule will go out to all dog clubs in March. Early registration is recommended.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference  This year the Dairy Conference will be held April 11–13, 2008 at Kellogg Biological Station. 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 nutrition. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth ages 13 and up.
Happenings

OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
FEEDER CALF DECLARATION

Berlin Fair – (dairy calves only)  Holland Fair
(Declaration Due February 1)  (Declaration Due March 1)

Name of Member: ____________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Parents Home Phone: ___________________  Work #: ___________________

Best Time to Call: __________________________________________

Club: __________________  Back # __________________

My child is planning to have a feeder calf tagged for an Ottawa County Fair. It will be a January calf and I understand that it must be tagged by a representative of the 4-H Market Livestock Committee. It will be brought to a weigh-in in the spring. Feeder calves may not weigh more that 325 at spring weigh in for Berlin Fair. The member who will show the calf will be present for both the tagging and the weigh-in. Two calves may be tagged and weighed but only one shown at the fair. I have read and agree to abide by the Market Livestock Project Guidelines and the Ottawa County 4-H Code of Conduct and I understand the 4-H participation fee of $10. per member must be paid before weigh-in.

______________________________  ________________________________
Parent Signature  Signature of Leader

BERLIN DUE FEBRUARY 1  HOLLAND DUE MARCH 1

PLEASE SEND ALL DECLARATIONS TO: OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
333 CLINTON STREET
GRAND HAVEN, MI  49417
OR MAY BE FAXED TO: 616-846-0655

Member Participation Fee MUST be paid before weigh-in.
18th ANNUAL TACK SALE

Saturday
March 1, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Clothing
Tack
Horse Trailers

Allendale Middle School
6561 Lake Michigan Drive (M-45)
Allendale, Michigan

RESERVATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2008
Because space is very limited, reservations are usually full before this deadline.

NAME: ___________________________ PHONE: ___________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________

CITY: ___________________________ ZIP: ___________________________

NUMBER OF INDOOR SPACES WITH TABLES _____ ($20)

NUMBER OF INDOOR SPACES WITHOUT TABLES _______ ($20)

NUMBER OF TRAILER SPACES (OUTSIDE) ________($20)

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H
SEND TO: LYNN CROEL
1885 HAYES STREET
MARNE, MI 49435
4-H LOCK-IN  March 7, 2008  ORGANIZED BY OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H TEEN CLUB

NAME ___________________________ DATE OF BIRTH ___________________________
(Must be 12 by January 1, 2008)

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. I agree that he/she will abide by all rules set forth." ☐ Check here if you will attend as an adult chaperone. (free)

Signature ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
(Where you can be reached the night of Lock-In)

$20 per Youth includes admission, unlimited laser tag, mini golf, one bowling game, 8 game tokens & food.
$25 at the door.  Pre-registration due Monday, March 3, 2008
Please make check payable to Ottawa County 4-H, 333 Clinton St., Grand Haven, MI 49417
Dynamite Reasons to Attend State 4-H Training Workshops at Kettunen Center

Just a few of the many reasons people give for the value they've found in attending workshops at Kettunen Center are:

- 4-H volunteer and teen participants receive a professionally conducted training experience, guided by experts from Michigan State University Extension and many other organizations.
- Participants learn practical skills to increase their employability.
- People become energized and inspired to teach and advise children in their home communities.
- Good ideas in one county are transformed into good ideas in other counties.
- Volunteers and teens have the opportunity to help create new statewide programs, thereby spreading educational opportunities to many children.
- These workshops add quality and consistency to 4-H programs across Michigan’s diverse communities.
- Wow! The accommodations include modern buildings, quality food service, and acres of forest, water front and wetlands.

Great Food! Great Accommodations! Paid for by 4-H! Could it get any better? Make this the year you go to Ket!
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: TBA  Trail Judge: TBA

Great Grand Champion Versatility and Reserve Champion 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 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

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

IN HAND TRAIL

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.

See reverse side for show rules.

For more information call Erin McCarthy at 616-550-3403

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4-H FAIR DECLARATION FORM
DUE AT 4-H OFFICE MARCH 1, 2008 OR MAY BE FAXED TO: 616-846-0655

Member Name: _______________________________ Back # __________________
   (one member per form, please)
Club: ______________________________________ Phone # __________________

Parent Signature ___________________________ Leader Signature __________________

NON – MARKET ANIMALS:

Dairy Cows: ______ # of adult cows ______ # of heifer calves ................. at Berlin
            ______ # of adult cows ______ # of heifer calves ................. at Holland
            ______ # of adult cows ______ # of heifer calves ............. at Hudsonville

Goats: ______ # of goats ______ # of pens .................................... at Berlin
        ______ # of goats ______ # of pens .................................... at Holland
        ______ # of goats ______ # of pens .................................... at Hudsonville

Poultry: No declaration needed. Previous limits on cages will be in effect.
         Pre-entry form due to project coordinator July 1st

Rabbits: No declaration needed. Previous limits on cages will be in effect.
          Pre-entry form due to project coordinator July 1st

MARKET PROJECTS: Each member limited to two species per year (one bovine)
CHECK ONLY ONE FAIR

Lambs ______ Berlin 
            ______ Holland
            ______ Hudsonville

Hogs ______ Berlin (1 Hog/Mem)
            ______ Holland (2 Hog/Mem)
            ______ Hudsonville (2 Hog/Mem)

Market Rabbits ______ Berlin only         Market Goat ________ Holland

IN THE EVENT OF OVER CROWDING, LIST YOUR PREFERENCE OF FAIRS
MARK 1ST, 2ND & 3RD CHOICE OF FAIRS

Berlin ________ Holland _____________ Hudsonville ________

THE ANNUAL 4-H PARTICIPATION FEE OF $10 MUST BE PAID
BEFORE A MEMBER WEIGHS IN ANY MARKET ANIMAL