

Eaton 4-H Express

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Welcome... your new 4-H Staff

It should no longer be a surprise that the 4-H staff has changed over completely this year and we are welcoming two new staff members to the Eaton County 4-H Program.

Jackie Martin, 4-H Extension Educator began working in this position on February 1. Jackie has been working in the office as Special Projects Coordinator since September. She graduated from MSU in December with a degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications. Jackie grew up in the 4-H program in Washtenaw County, and has worked in a variety of positions with the 4-H program across the state since she graduated high school.

Jackie's primary responsibilities within the program will include: Jr. Livestock Association, Horse Development Committee, 4-H Council, and Shooting Sports.

Chloe Silm, 4-H Program Assistant, started working in this part-time position on February 6th, 2006. Chloe graduated from MSU in December 2005 with a degree in Family Community Services. Chloe grew up in the 4-H program in Clinton County, and is even the daughter of the 4-H Educator there!

Chloe's primary responsibilities within the program include: Small Animal Association, Non-livestock activities, award programs, and Cloverbud Camp.

Stop by the office anytime to meet them both!!

Hello...from the new 4-H Staff

Hello Eaton County 4-H!!!

We are both very excited to begin working with this outstanding program. We have been blow away by the outpouring of support, excitement, and commitment you all share for this 4-H program. It is a privilege to be involved with a program of this magnitude.

We are fortunate to have the wisdom of Anne, Kristen, and Becky (from a distance) as we make our way through our first year with all of you.

We are very excited (and a little apprehensive) for this year's fair and challenge you all to approach the 2006 fair season with an open mind as we learn our roles. Thank you in advance for your patience as we learn the ropes of this great organization. Kudos to all of the great work you have been doing! Keep it up!!

-Jackie and Chloe

Eaton County 4-H Volunteer & County Awards Banquet

Leaders, teens, 4-H clubs and community people were honored at the 2006 recognition banquet on February 4 at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids.

With more than 150 people in attendance it was a wonderful evening of introductions, recognition, presentations and fellowship.



Many special thanks go to:
Brenda Hall- banquet chairperson
The Event Planning Committee
VFW National Home for Children
Eaton County 4-H Council



Congratulations to those receiving recognition! If you were not present to receive your award, please check with your administrative leader.

Outstanding Leader Award Winners

Jeff Granger- Country Kids
David Hildabridle- J & D Outlaws
Julie Hume- Trailblazers
Kim Smith- Walton Wonders



Young Acheiver Award Winners

Ryan Hall, Trailblazers
Swine
Ethan Burk, We-R-A-4-H Club
Rabbits
Heather Latta, Walton Wonders
Poultry

McKenzie Farthing, Mystic Riders
Horse
Jonathon Bacon, Maurer
Woodburning
Jamie Mire, Benton Variety
Foods
Scott Brownell, Walton Wonders
Glass Etching
Lindsey Locke, Benton Variety
Sewing
Cody Cowell, Maple Valley Riders
Beef

County Medal and Honorable Mention Winners

Citizenship-Anna McAtee, Maurer, medal.
Leadership- Dustin Hall, Trailblazers, medal.
Chistopher Barth, We-R-A-4-H Club, honorable
mention.

Achievement- Sara Brocklehurst, Trailblazers, medal. Dustin Hall, Trailblazers, honorable mention.

Archery- Dustin Shurlow, Lively Llamas, medal. Laura McAtee, Maurer, honorable mention.

Cards/Scrapbooking- Megan Shurlow, Lively Llamas, medal.

Ceramics- Jessica Mire, Benton Variety, honorable mention.

Creative Writing- Jamie Bushong, Lively Llamas, medal. Megan Shurlow, Lively Llamas, honorable mention.

Crocheting- Jamie Bushong- Lively Llamas, medal.

Dairy Veal- Elizabeth Harris, Benton Variety, medal. Chelsea Locke, Benton Variety, honorable mention.

Entomology- Matthew Jung, Trailblazers, honorable mention.

Floriculture- Matthew Althouse, We-R-A-4-H Club, medal.

Food Preparation- Chelsea Locke, Benton Variety, medal.

Glass Etching- Brittany Smith, Walton Wonders, medal. Brandon Hall, Trailblazers, honorable mention.

Horse- Breann Gardner, Maple Valley Riders, medal.

Industrial Arts- Sarah Harris, Benton Variety, medal.

Knitting- Rachel Bacon, Maurer, medal.

Livestock Judging- Sarah Harris, Benton Variety, honorable mention.

Mosaics- Megan Brocklehurst, Trailblazers, medal.

Needlework- Jamie Bushong, Lively Llamas, honorable mention.

Performing Arts- Blake Walters, Walton Wonders, medal.

Photography- Ellen Brownell, Walton Wonders, medal.

Quilting- Brett Hubert, We-R-A-4-H Club, medal.

Rabbits- Torri Nighbert, Walton Wonders, medal. Brett Hubert, We-R-A-4-H Club, honorable mention. Michael Maxwell, Walton Wonders, honorable mention.

Sewing- Elizabeth Harris, Benton Variety, medal.

Stained Glass- Brittany Smith, Walton Wonders, medal.

Swine- Jesse Harris, Benton Variety, medal.

Wood Science- Brett Hubert, We-R-A-4-H Club, medal.

Member Completion Awards

Matt Gordeneer- Walton Wonders

Danielle Mott- Walton Wonders

Jessica Murphy- Walton Wonders

Jesse Harris- Benton Variety

Jeff Tirrell- Country Kids

Douglas Barth- We-R-A-4-H Club

Crystal McCarrick- We-R-A-4-H Club

Georgia McCarrick- We-R-A-4-H club

Chris Eldred- Vermontville Jr. Farmers

Beth Mulvany- Vermontville Jr. Farmers

James Hillard- Vermontville Jr. Farmers

Friend of 4-H Awards

Anne Pease

VFW National Home for Children

I Dare You Award Winners

Sara Brocklehurst, Trailblazers

Rebecca Olejownik, We-R-A-4-H Club

Outstanding Teen Leader

Kristina Olejownik, We-R-A-4-H Club

Club Community Service Award

We-R-A-4-H Club

4-H Youth Leadership Awards

Sara Brocklehurst, Trailblazers

Jessica McMillen, Rockin' Riders

Dustin Shurlow, Lively Llamas

Congratulations !!



MAKE YOUR BEST BETTER

COME TO MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY ON JUNE 21-23, 2006,
FOR 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS!

members must be at least age 11 by January 1, 2006. Nearly 200 fun, action-filled classroom and field trip sessions are offered annually. The cost for participants is \$155 per person. The fee covers all meals, lodging, a T-shirt, skill development sessions, Wharton Center entertainment, a dance, swimming and other recreational activities. The 4-H Council will provide scholarships for any 4-H members who attend. They'll need to give a brief report within three months after Exploration Days at a Council meeting and require that scholarship recipients provide three hours of community service for 4H Council. The amount of the scholarship is \$65.00. If you would like more information on Exploration Days please browse the website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html> or contact our office at 517-543-2310. Registrations are submitted on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline to register is May 5 at the Eaton County MSU Extension office.

Want to learn new ideas and skills in a multitude of interest areas, experience first-hand what life on a major college campus is like, make new friends from across the state and participate in a wide array of recreational opportunities not usually available in your local community? These are just a few of the opportunities available for young people at 4-H Exploration Days! The event will be held June 21 to 23 on the campus of Michigan State University. Participants attend one or two sessions throughout their 3-day stay. They are housed in Michigan State University residence halls. To attend the event, 4H

Stay Connected... Through Email!

As postage expenses continue to increase, we rely on email very heavily. The best way to stay connected with county and state-wide events is to communicate with our office through email updates. If you have an email address that you check regularly, make sure our office has it on file and tell us which groups you would like to subscribe to: 4-H General, Shooting Sports, Horse Contact People, Jr. Livestock, Small Animal or another group that we can create! Call our office or send an email to jmartin@eatoncounty.org to "subscribe."

Website Updates

Be sure to check out the Eaton County 4-H website at www.msue.msu.edu/eaton then click on "4-H Youth Development" to view the new UPDATED 4-H website. We're still making many updates, but we've included an updated calendar under "Events and Activities" and have updated information about all of our 4-H Associations. Check often to stay in the loop. Note: Always double check meeting dates with the Extension office incase we miss something.

Donate to the 4-H Program Through United Way

Several volunteers in the county have had much success donating through their work program's Capital Area United Way campaign and designating the money to the Eaton County MSU Extension. Donations of this nature help to enhance established programs. Use the following code to designate your donation to Eaton County MSUE: 1963. Contact your employer or the United Way for more information.

Kettunen Center Workshops

4-H Poultry Volunteer Workshop

April 7-8, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*. Registration due March 31, 2006

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

April 21-23, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*. Registration due April 7, 2006

4-H Companion Animal Volunteer Workshop

April 22-23, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*. Registration due April 7, 2006

4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training Workshop

April 28-30, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*. Registration due April 10, 2006

4-H Shooting Sports “Train the Trainer” Workshop

April 27-30, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*. Registration due April 3, 2006

Telling Our Story Workshop

April 28-29, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*

4-H Volunteer & Teacher Project FISH Workshop

May 19-21, 2006 – *Kettunen Center*. Registrations due May 5, 2006

2006 National 4-H Conference

November 24-28, 2006

Each year, Michigan 4-H sends a delegation to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. Youth ages 15-19 are invited to attend to represent Michigan 4-H. Participants attend workshops about leadership development, agriculture, environmental stewardship, science and technology literacy, and communication skills. Youth also participate in town hall meetings to develop policy about youth and community service projects. If you are interested in attending, contact the Extension office by FRIDAY, MAY 19. The cost for the trip is \$850.00 per person. Some of this cost can be covered by fundraising and support from Council, so do not let the cost prevent you from attending.



GLNR Camp

July 30-August 5 2006

Camp Chickagami

Presque Isle, MI

Go charter fishing! Hike through forests! Wade through wetlands! Explore dunes! Teens ages 13-15 from all over Michigan will gather from July 30 to August 5, 2006, at Camp Chickagami on the Lake Huron shore to learn about Michigan and the Great Lakes' diverse wildlife and natural resources. At camp, participants will learn to appreciate and understand natural resources and management issues and explore career opportunities such as marine biology, wildlife management, forestry, Great Lakes ecology, science research, environmental journalism and education.

Applications are due May 1, 2006 to the Extension office. Please call 543-2310 or visit www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/glnrc.html for more information.

Communication Skills Day Contest Results

Saturday, February 11 was the date of the 2005 4-H Communication Day. This year there were approximately 150 youth that participated in more than 250 different communication events including: Art, Photography, Posters, Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Media Promotions, Educational Exhibits and Job Interview in two different tracks, Animal Science and Youth Issues.

Jamie Bushong and Michelle Roth represented Eaton County 4-H well at the MSU Communications Day competition in February. Jamie competed in the Senior division Animal Science Photography contest and received 2 gold ratings. Jamie won first and third place in the division with two different photography entries. Michelle competed in the Senior division Animal Science Public Speaking Contest. She received a gold rating and brought home third place in the division. Congratulations!!



Volunteer Orientation

The next Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for May 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension office. All new leaders are required to complete an orientation within their first year. All leaders are invited to attend. This will be the last orientation available until fall. Please register for the orientation by calling (517) 543-2310 or send an e-mail to Jackie at jmartin@eatoncounty.org.

Project FISH Workshops

If you are interested in getting involved with Project FISH (www.projectfish.org), mark the following dates on your calendar.

May 19-21, 2006 5 p.m. Friday – 12 noon Sunday

You can view registration forms online or by contacting Mark Stephens at (517) 432-2700 for more information.



Butterflies in the Garden

The butterflies have arrived in the MSU Children's Garden! Zebra Longwing, Julias and Swallowtails have all started their flights of fancy, with more arriving each week. Visitors are welcome to wander in Monday-Sunday, 8 am- 5pm, admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted. The Children's Gardens are a popular destination for many school groups. To bring your school or to arrange for your family to visit around a crowd of youngsters, call our new tour coordinator at 517-256-9915. We have scavenger hunts and butterfly information available in our "information box" by the entrance to the indoor garden. For driving directions or more information, visit the gardens online at <http://4hgarden.msu.edu/butterflies>.

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Back by Popular Demand... it's Cloverbud Camp 2006!!!

Cloverbud Camp has been scheduled for July 6, 2006. This is a great opportunity for youth 5-8 years of age to become familiar with the fairgrounds, develop friendships with other 4-Hers their age, meet the Cloverbud judges, and join in some really fun activities. Youth had an outstanding time at this event last year and asked us to continue with this opportunity. If you are a teen interested in assisting with the day, please email Chloe at csilm@eatoncounty.org or contact her at the MSU Extension office. Registration material will be available soon and will be posted on our website. Make sure to mark the date now and watch for more information.

Style Review

This year's Style Show is on April 15, 2006. The show will be held at Olivet High School Auditorium and will begin at 6:30pm. Registration forms have been mailed. The show is open to the public and is a great way to show support to 4Hers involved in the personal appearance area. Contact the Extension office for more information.

MSU Scholarship



Congratulations to Sara Brocklehurst, 17, of the Trailblazers 4-H Club. Sara was awarded a scholarship to attend MSU in the fall to cover ¼ tuition for four years from the Michigan 4H Foundation! This is a huge honor for Eaton County, as only 6 awards (out of nearly 150 candidates!) are distributed each year. If you see Sara, be sure to give her your congratulations and well wishes for the future!!!



Fair-Related Information



2006 Fair Theme

Renaissance of Learning 2006

2006 Fair Dates

July 10-16 (Non-livestock judging is July 8)

Fairbook Availability

Fairbooks should be available at the MSU Extension office mid-April.

Increase in Manure Fees

Due to rising costs of fuel and other factors, fairboard has raised the following manure fees:

Goats-\$3	Horse-\$5
Sheep-\$3	Beef-\$5
Swine- \$3	Dairy - \$5
Llama- \$3	Dairy Beef & Veal- \$5

Fair Entry Forms On-line!

The 2006 fair entry forms, along with the camping registration forms, are available on the Eaton County Fair's web page. You can print the camping registration and fair entry forms from the web site, complete them and return to the fair office by the deadlines indicated in the fairbook. www.eatoncountyfair.com

Fairground Clean Up

It's time for Clean-up Days again! Clean-up days begin April 30th and run through May 14th. Each club is assigned a task to prepare the fairgrounds for the summer season. To sign your club up for your task, please contact Melissa Johnson at 517-202-0841.

Weigh In Dates

Swine: Saturday, April 8, 12-3 p.m. Supts. Dan Haigh and Don Williams.

Sheep: Sunday April 23, 1-4 p.m. Supt. Duane Tirrell.

All animals that will be sold at the Jr. Livestock sale during fair **must** be weighed in on their respective dates.

4-H Council Announces New Fair Award



The Visioning Committee will hold a special contest at fair for 4-H members exhibiting non-livestock projects. First and second place prizes will be awarded to the best Renaissance-themed projects. Any non-livestock project may be entered in the contest as long as it relates to the Renaissance in style, form, or construction. A special entry form will be available at the 4-H table on non-livestock judging day (Saturday, July 8, 2006). This form must be returned to the 4-H table the same day by 3:00 p.m. Judging of this contest will take place on Sunday, July 9. Members do not have to be present for judging. Special certificates will identify winning projects in club booths and will be displayed in the Back 4H Office. Prizes will be available at the Back 4H office on Monday, July 10, 2006. Contact Linda Shurlow at (517) 645-7448 with questions.

Cloverbud Animal Show Change

There will be a change in requirements in the Cloverbud animal project area. All animals must be checked in by 1:00 p.m. Friday in the Andy Wawiernia Pavilion to ensure they have met the proper health requirements before the show. Each Cloverbud project animal will now have to meet the same health requirements as listed under the appropriate animal section of the fairbook.

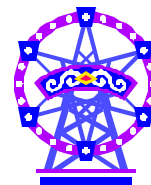
Example: If you are showing a Bantam chicken you must be at check in time in the Andy Wawiernia Pavilion with your animal. The animal must be healthy and disease free. They must originate from a pullorum-typhoid clean flock or be tested by an authorized agent within 90 days of the show. They must bring proof of such health records to the check in.

Change of Ownership Form For Sheep and Goats

As part of the Scrapies program facilitated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, owners are required to provide a completed "Change of Ownership" Form and be sure it accompanies the animal to their new location. The exact form does not have to be included, but all of the necessary information should be recorded including: flock of origin ID, Name and Address of buyer, seller, and flock of origin, USDA official ID, type of ID (ear tag, tattoo, implant), and any other identification. A copy of this form (or corresponding information) must be kept on file for five years.

Implications for fair: sheep and goats that are sold at the Jr. Livestock and Small Animals sales, but are not sold for slaughter, must have this information transferred. This form will be available in the Back 4-H Office during fair and will be available during the appropriate sales.

New Amusement Provider



At the end of the 2005 fair, the fairboard contract with McDonagh Amusements ended. They chose not to renew their contract with Eaton County to pursue other business venues. In their absence, fairboard signed a 1-year contract with AJ Carl Shows.

2006 Fairbook Changes

Please Read Fairbook Carefully!!

With the numerous changes that have taken place, it is very important that each exhibitor and family reads the fairbook carefully. Please read all sections carefully. Be informed, don't make assumptions.

Horse and Pony:

Additional wording added to the general rules of the horse section and general rules to the fair, to state 4-H and independents...

Additional wording to #3 of the horse general rules to state, "all May 1st forms be turned into Steve Newman as a club not as individual members.

Dogs:

A team class was added to the Fun Class Section. There will not be any premiums or trophies, only ribbons.

Sheep:

Sheep Lead Class was removed.

The Champion Novice Showman (class #674) for the Junior & Senior showman was removed.

The Columbia breed and replaced with the Shetland breed.

Goats:

General rule #13 should state that the manure fees must accompany barn space request forms.

General rule #7 should also state that the youth may show more than one entry in a class unless otherwise stated.

General rule #2 should state that all goats must have an official ID for Scrapie.

Hobby Crafts-Open Class:

Class #2613 was changed from Decorated Eggs to Woodcraft, youth under 9 years.

Quilting:

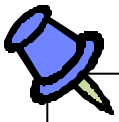
Additional wording was added for clarification to class #1507 to include "no tied fleece blankets".

Art-Open Class

Additional wording was added to the general rules stating that judging is to begin 2:00 Sunday

Cloverbuds:

Rules added that animals from each species will have a check-in time for review of health records, paperwork, etc...



Other Miscellaneous Information

Sound/Light Trainee Needed

The Performing Arts competition for this year's fair is in need of a youth willing to learn how to run sound and lights at Olivet College's Oak Theatre. The Performing Art's Show will be held on Wednesday, July 5 and the trainee should be available for a training session on a date prior to the show. If you are interested in learning, please contact Dorothy Childs at (517) 627-8888.

Animal Science Youth Event Judges Training

Saturday, May 13, 2006

9 a.m. - late afternoon

This training program is recommended for experienced judges as well as individuals who are interested in gaining skills to become a 4H/youth animal judge. The intended audience is adults. Sessions include working with youth and understanding the 4H Guiding Principles as well as live animal demonstration and video training aids to offer practical training in the afternoon sessions. Superintendents, this may be a great opportunity for you and/or your judges to remember the importance of working and communicating in an educational (but often competitive) environment.

Earth Day Event

The Grand River Heritage Water Trail Association is hosting an Earth Day event along the Grand River. This event highlights a historical presentation on Hugh Heward's paddling voyage across Michigan in 1790 and will greet the canoers and kayakers who will be participating in the Hugh Heward challenge on Saturday, April 22. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to hike the trails along the river and pick up trash in honor of Earth Day. If groups are planning to attend, please call 517-626-6625 or 517-647-6790.

The schedule and locations are as follows:

Delta Mills Twp. Park -11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge-12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sebewa Creek, Danby Twp. (Erdmand Rd Access)-1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thompson Field, Portland- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vet-A-Visit

You are invited to join the students, faculty and staff of the Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine on April 8, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The event will showcase the professionals, animals and technology in the exciting field of veterinary medicine! This is your opportunity to tour the CVM's state of the art facilities, and gain valuable and exciting information and experiences during engaging exhibits and demonstrations. The event also has many opportunities for children to participate and learn about their pets and other animals. Best of all, **this event is free**, so bring the whole family.

Vet-a-visit is hosted every year at the College of Veterinary Medicine on the beautiful MSU campus in East Lansing. During the event you will also have the opportunity to speak with students and staff regarding the Veterinary Medicine Program as well as the Veterinary Technology Program. Students will also be on hand from the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association to answer questions about MSU's undergraduate program that prepares students for admissions to the CVM program.

For more information contact the Eaton County MSU Extension office or visit cvmstudent.cvm.msu.edu/vav

9TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN 4-H LIVESTOCK CAMP

June 26-28, 2006

Branch County 4-H Fairgrounds
Coldwater

Registration deadline is May 5, 2006

The Michigan 4H Livestock Camp is for YOU! Livestock Camp is open to 4-H members ages 10-19 (as of January 1, 2006). The cost is \$90.00. Specie areas include beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy feeder steers, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, goats, dogs, horses and sweepstakes showmanship. Participants are required to bring their own animals to work with at camp to enhance their "hands-on" learning (exception: hogs will be provided for sessions). Some species areas require a year of previous show experience (horses, beef cattle). The sweepstakes showmanship session is designed for members 14-19 years of age with at least two years of show experience. Registration information is available at the MSU Extension office. Classes are filling quickly and some are already wait-listed, so act fast!!



Involvement in County-wide Associations

There have been some concerns raised by active members of our county-wide associations (Dairy Committee, Horse Development Committee, Small Animal Association, 4-H Council, and Jr. Livestock Association, Dog Committee, etc.). Remember, that all 4-H members involved in the corresponding project areas are welcome to attend these bi-monthly meetings. Many decisions surrounding fair and year-long project-related programming are discussed during these meetings. Attending these meetings is one of the best ways to keep your club engaged and informed in county activities. Please send a representative (or ten!!) to the next applicable meeting.

In general, meeting dates are as follows:

4-H Council: First Monday of January, March, May (Mandatory), August, October and November.

Jr. Livestock: First Wednesday of January, March, May (Buyer's Workshop), September and November.

Small Animal: Second Wednesday of January, March, May (Buyer's Workshop), September and November.

Horse Development: Third Thursday of January, March, May, September and November.

** Dates may change due to scheduling conflicts**

Speaking of Upcoming Meetings...

Dairy Committee: Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m., Extension office.

4-H Council Meeting: (**Mandatory for club leaders or club representative**)- Monday, May 1, 7 p.m., Extension office.

Small Animal Association (SAA): **Mandatory Meeting**- Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m. Kardel Hall.

Jr. Livestock Association/SAA, Buyer's Workshop: Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., Kardel Hall.

HDC: Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m., Extension office.



Shooting Sports Information

Sat., April 8 & 22	9 – 11 am	Bellevue Conservation Club (BCC)	Firearms
	10 – 12 noon	BCC	BB Gun
	1- 3 pm	BCC	Archery
Sat., May 6 & 20	9 – 11 am	Bellevue Conservation Club (BCC)	Firearms
	10 – 12 noon	BCC	BB Gun
	1- 3 pm	BCC	Archery

Saturday, June 10	9 a.m.- ?	County Tournament <i>(all disciplines except 3D Archery)</i> <i>3D Archery will shoot at 4:30 p.m. on June 13 at BCC</i>
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Wed., June 21	6 pm	BCC	Award Banquet
Fri., May 26	6 pm	Kevin Rich Residence	Archery Fun Shoot

State Tournament Dates: August 12-13, Blue Water Sportsman’s Club in St. Clair County
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Shooting Sports Awards Potluck Program

The awards program will take place on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00 pm at the Bellevue Conservation Club. The meal will be potluck and awards and special presentations will be made. Please provide your own table service and beverages. All shooting sports members, leaders and families are invited.

Each family should bring two large dishes that will feed approximately 20 people. If your last name begins with the letters A-H please bring a main dish. If your last name begins with the letters I-R please bring a side dish (vegetables, fruits or salads). If your last name begins with S-Z, please bring a dessert.



New- Shooting Sports Dress Code

As the weather warms up, questions are often raised about appropriate dress for 4-H events. For the safety of all you involved, the Shooting Sports Committee has decided to begin implementing a dress code. This year, leaders will warn members whose dress is not acceptable for Shooting Sports meets. Please use the following as a guide:

- Shorts should be as long as a member’s fingertips when their arms hang comfortably to their sides
- No tank tops or open-toed shoes. These do not provide adequate protection when shooting a gun or bow.
- Do not wear clothing that exposes the midriff area.

These guidelines will help keep everyone safe and focused on the range. Thank you for your cooperation.

County Tournament Schedule

The county shooting sports tournament is scheduled for Saturday June 10 at the Bellevue Conservation Club. The schedule will be as follows:

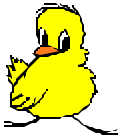
9:00 a.m.	.22, Trap, Skeet (can only participate in 2 out of 3)
10:00 a.m.	BB Gun
1:00 p.m.	Archery

Again, the 3D tournament will be held Tuesday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. at BCC. Entry forms will be available at upcoming meets.

**** Please remember that members must have shot complete rounds in 3 county meets for each discipline they plan to shoot in at the County Tournament. Youth planning to participate in the State Shooting Sports Tournament MUST participate in the County Tournament.**

...and other animals...

Pullorum Testing



If you are in need of pullorum testing, please contact the Extension office. We have numerous numbers that are available. Jan Bignall of Maple Valley Beefers 4H club recently got certified and graciously offered to test for 4H families as well. You can contact her at (517) 543-9116. Thanks Jan!



PQA Training Dates

PQA training dates have been set for Monday, May 8, 2006 at Maple Valley High School Auditorium and Monday, May 31, 2006 at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. Both start at 7:00 pm. If you are showing swine projects at fair this year, Pork Quality Assurance certification is mandatory. You will not be allowed to participate in fair or the livestock sale without PQA certification. If you cannot attend any of these trainings, you may attend trainings offered in other parts of the state. Please contact the MSU extension office if you do not know when your certification expires.

In addition, to help clear up some of the confusion regarding expiring certificates, the re-certification policies are listed below:

All ages are determined by the youth's age on January 1, 2006.

Youth 8-11 (Beginner): Must re-certify **each year** by attending an approved Youth PQA education program.

Youth 12-14 (Intermediate) and 15-18 (Advanced): Must re-certify **each year** by attending an approved Youth PQA education program **OR** can certify by *testing at the appropriate skill level for their age bracket (must answer 70% of questions correctly).

***Youth who certify by test do not have to re-certify until they reach the next age bracket.** Individuals 19 and older: Must become certified through the adult PQA Level III training.

Pig & Lamb Sales

There is an extensive list available at the extension office. Please call or stop by for the information!!

2006 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show Results

Torri Nighbert, Sam Jacoby, Saun Jacoby, Stephanie Hanchar, Michael Maxwell, Katelynn Cowles, and Kate Kita all exhibited winning entries at this year's rabbit and cavy show held at the MSU Pavilion on February 4, 2006. Congratulations on your accomplishments!!!



Going to the dogs...

4-H Rabbit/Cavy Expo

Saturday, July 15, 2006

Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

Events include: Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Rabbit Showmanship, Cavy Showmanship, Breed ID, Quiz Contest, Cavy Breed Judging, Craft, Rabbit Breed Judging, Educational Poster.

Divisions: Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19). Individual and team.

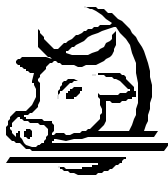
Cost: \$6 per individual and \$3 per event.

All exhibitors must be ages 9-19 by January 1, 2006. Registrations are due at the MSU Extension office by June 9, 2006. For more information contact the MSU Extension office.



2006 State 4-H Goat Show
Saturday, June 24-MSU Pavilion

The State 4H Goat Show is designed for 4-H youth interested in their evaluation skills and animals. There are showmanship classes followed by breed classes in: dairy, angora, pygmy, market wether, county herd, obstacle and pack, and driving. Registration forms are available at the Extension office and are due by May 19, 2006.



Lenawee County Spring Steer and Heifer Show

Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m.,
Lenawee County Fairgrounds

Give yourself and your animals a little more practice in the show ring before fair and visit the steer and heifer show at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds. There is an entry fee of \$25.00 per head up until April 3, 2006 and \$30.00 per head after April 3. Monetary prizes will be awarded for grand and reserve steers and for heifers based on premiums. Camping is available. Stop by the Eaton County MSUE Office to pick up a registration form or call the Lenawee County MSUE Office for more information at (517) 264-5307.

2005 Eaton County Pre-Fair Match

Saturday, May 20

Gray Exhibit Building, Fairgrounds

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Show begins at 8:00 a.m. with intermediate agility.

****Individual clubs will be contacted regarding Pre-Fair Dog match set-up.**

Rules and registration forms are available at the MSU Extension office. Pre-registrations with entry fees are due by Friday, May 5, 2006 at the MSU Extension office.

2006 Young Explorers 4-H Dog Fun Match

June 17, 2006

VanBuren County Fairgrounds, Hartford

Registration opens at 8 a.m.

Show begins at 9 a.m.

Classes will be split by age depending on the number of entries. \$5.00 per class if registered before May 20, 2006. \$7.00 per class the day of the show.

Please contact the MSU Extension office with questions or if you are interested.

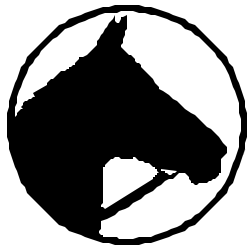
COUNTY DOG REGISTRATION FORMS

Deadline: May 1 to superintendent

If you are planning to participate in the dog show at the Eaton County Fair, a dog registration form must be filled out for each dog you plan to use. Form(s) are available at the MSU Extension office and must be submitted to the dog superintendent by May 1st.

Addresses for the superintendents are:

Bonnie Seitler	Cathy Singer
3484 N. Chester	2266 S. Stewart
Charlotte, MI	Charlotte, MI
48813	48813



Horse Information

4-H Horse Jamboree

April 22, 2006- MSU Pavilion

4-H members will have the opportunity to participate as teams or individuals in Horse Judging or Hippology contests. In addition, Regional Horse Bowl qualifiers will compete in the State Horse Bowl Contest. Contact the MSU Extension office for registration information.

Horse Leaders Meeting

Steve Newman, horse superintendent, will be hosting a meeting for **all** horse project leaders on Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m. in Kardel Hall on the fairgrounds. Leaders are highly encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend, please send a representative from your club. Fair updates and form will be discussed among other topics.

May 1 Horse Forms

Horse Project Designation forms (May 1 forms) are now available at the Eaton County MSUE office. **NOTE:** All forms must be turned into Steve Newman, the horse superintendent, by May 1 as a **CLUB**, not as an individual. There is a lavender colored club compilation form that should act as a cover sheet for each club's May 1 forms that is also available. Club leaders or another designated person must gather the forms and turn them in as a group to Steve.

*****Eaton County Horse and Pony Record Book*****

All youth horse exhibitors at the fair must complete the Eaton County Horse and Pony Record Book to be eligible to exhibit at the Eaton County Fair. Record books are due to the club administrative leader by June 30, 2006. Administrative leaders (or a designated club representative) will submit their club's record books to the Extension office by 5:00 July 3, 2006 the same day that the State 4-H Horse Show selection forms are due to the MSU Extension office. Record books are available at the Extension office.

Eaton County State 4-H Horse Show Selection Forms

Completed Eaton County State 4-H Horse Show selection forms are due to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m., **Monday, July 3, 2006**. Selection forms are available at the Extension office. Members submitting incomplete forms (e.g. no signature, missing dates, missing phone number, etc) will be disqualified. If you will be out of town, turn it in ahead of time or send it with someone else. If you are sick, send it with someone else. Better yet, don't wait until the last minute. **This deadline is absolute and NO exceptions will be made.**

Colic Seminar- MSU College of Vet. Medicine

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. G-150
Veterinary Medical Center. FREE!!

A group of equine experts will speak on topics relevant to colic including: top ten ways to prevent colic in your horse, and what to expect during colic surgery. Guests should park in the Wharton Center parking ramp on Wilson Road. Walk south out of the ramp and cross Wilson Road. Walk south down the lane that borders the east side of the Veterinary Medical Center. Enter the building at the Dean's Entrance--on the southeast side of the Veterinary Medical Center. RSVP to Linda Jacques at (517) 353-3182 or at jacquesl@cvm.msu.edu.

4-H Standardbred Project Accepting Applicants for 2006-07

Have you ever thought about raising and training a young horse? Do you want to learn about marketing horses? If you are ready for more challenges in your 4-H horse program, the Michigan 4-H Standardbred Project might be just what you are looking for!

In the 4-H Standardbred Project, you will be responsible for the care, feeding and training of a Standardbred foal for one year. You will receive the foal in October and then sell it about one year later at a Michigan Standardbred sale. During the year, you will attend seven meetings and activities designed to teach you more about horse care, careers and the harness racing industry. You will have opportunities to mentor with some of Michigan's best trainers and breeders!!

Applications are available online at www.msue.msu.edu/horsekids. Look under Programs and Events for the Standardbred Project. are due to the Equine Extension Specialist at MSU by July 1, 2006.



Horse Rules & Regulations

The Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations have been updated!! **Any version prior to 2006 should be destroyed.** The updated version is available on the web at:

www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/horse/horserules/html If you don't have web access or don't wish to print such a lengthy document at home, it is available at the Extension office for \$4.00.

Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association Ride -A-Thon

September 17, 2006
Ionia State Recreation Area
8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Please join us for a day of fun, food and horses! The ride includes a t-shirt, pot luck lunch, games and door prizes. Call (517) 627-8888 for more information or a pledge sheet.

Eaton Special Riding Open Horse Show

Sunday, May 14, 2006
Begins with dressage at 8:00 a.m. (must pre-register)
Eaton County Fairgrounds

All proceeds from this show benefit the Eaton County Proud Equestrian Program. Classes include halter, showmanship, walk-trot, English, Western and fun classes. The show follows 4-H rules. Chuck Schroeder will judge. For more information please contact Dorothy Childs at 517-627-8888.

Third Annual Carriage Driving Clinic

June 10-11, 2006
Clinic benefits Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association

Saturday, June 10 will be a Beginner Driving Clinic and/or lessons with Melissa Boyd. June 11 will feature an Arena Driving Trial Fun Day complete with Driven Dressage, Cones and Hazards. Must pre-register. Call (517) 627-8888 for more information.

Michigan Horse Judging List

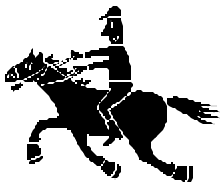
The 2006 Michigan 4-H Horse Judges List is now available at www.msue.msu.edu/horsekids/ under judges.

Branch County Open Horse Shows

Branch County Saddle Club is hosting eight open horse shows in 2006 at the Branch County Saddle Club. Show dates are: May 6 (proper show attire optional), May 20, June 10, July 8, July 22, August 26, September 9 (pleasure only), September 16 (speed only), all shows begin at 8:30 a.m. rain or shine. Call Barb at 517-542-4064 or Melissa at 517-767-3317 for more information. Show Bill available at the Eaton MSUE office.

Kalamazoo County Open Horse Show

July 7-9, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds
Kalamazoo County will be holding a horse show for all ages on July 7-9 at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. The show includes showmanship, western, english, games, and many other classes. Pre-registration deadline is July 1. Stall and camping space available. Please visit www.kalamazoo4h.org or call 269-383-8830 for more information.



HAY!! IT'S HORSIN' AROUND TIME AGAIN!!

Kounty Cavalry is hosting 3 Open Horse Shows at the Eaton County Fairgrounds (Back Arena) on Saturdays May 20, July 29 and August 12, 2006. These are Pleasure Shows with age divisions, walk-trot division, multiple Dressage and Trail offerings, High Point Awards and Championships. Food will be available at the shows. For details, show bills, pre-registration forms, ride tests, rules or other questions, please contact Kim Lerch (517-663-1689/klerchhomes.com) or Diana Miller (517-819-0377/dmiller@mea.org). HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Mystic Riders Open Horse Show

Saturday, August 19, 2006 φ 8:30 a.m. Rain or Shine

2006 Negative Coggins Test Required

All Classes \$4.00 each

Judge: Jeff West

Eaton County Fairgrounds Cochran Rd. Charlotte, MI 48813

Complete show bill available at the MSU Extension office

Calendar of Events

April

- 8 Shooting Sports County Meet, Bellevue Conservation Club (See Shooting Sports schedule for details)
- 8 Hog Weigh-In, 12 noon – 3 p.m., Fairgrounds, Charlotte (**mandatory for 4-H/FFA members planning to show/sell hogs at the fair**)
- 9 Horse Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m., Kardel Hall, Fairgrounds
- 15 Style Revue, Olivet High School, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Eaton County Fair Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Kardel Hall
- 22 Shooting Sports County Meet, Bellevue Conservation Club (same schedule as April 8)
- 23 Lamb Weigh-In, 1 – 4 p.m., Fairgrounds, Charlotte (**mandatory for 4-H/FFA members planning to show/sell lambs at the fair**)
- 26 Dairy Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., 551 Building



May

- 1 Horse Designation Forms & Coggins Test Forms due to horse superintendent
- 1 Dog Forms due to dog superintendent
- 1 4-H Council, 7 p.m., 551 Building
- 5 Pre-Fair Dog Match pre-registration forms due to extension office
- 5 Registration deadline for Exploration Days, MSU Extension office
- 6 Shooting Sports County Meet, Bellevue Conservation Club (same schedule as April 8)
- 7 PQA Workshop, 7 p.m., Maple Valley High School
- 10 SAA Meeting, 6 p.m., Kardel Hall, **Mandatory for anyone selling small animals at the fair**
- 10 JLA/SAA Buyer's Workshop, 7 p.m., Kardell Hall
- 15 Eaton County Fair board Meeting, 7 p.m., Kardel Hall, Fairgrounds
- 18 HDC Meeting, 7 p.m., 551 Building
- 20 Shooting Sports County Meet, Bellevue Conservation Club (same schedule as April 8)
- 20 Pre-Fair Dog Match, 8 a.m., Gray Exhibit Building
- 26 Archery Fun Shoot, 6 p.m., Kevin Rich's Residence
- 31 PQA Workshop, 7 p.m., VFW National Home for Children, Eaton Rapids
- 31 MSU Extension office closed- Holiday



June

- 10 Shooting Sports County Tournament, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., BCC. All disciplines except 3D.
- 13 3D Archery County Tournament, 4:30 p.m., BCC
- 19 Shooting Sports Potluck & Awards Program, 6 p.m., BCC
- 21-23 4-H Exploration Days
- 24-26 Livestock Camp
- 30 Eaton County Horse Record Books and State 4-H Horse Show Selection Forms due to your Administrative leader

