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The 4-H



Corner Post

January-February

Newsletter for 4-H Families

2009



Leaders please be sure to share this newsletter with your members.  
 Members may also get the newsletter from the website at [www.co.livingston.mi.us/msuextension](http://www.co.livingston.mi.us/msuextension)



Mark your Calendar!

**Livingston County 4-H Hartland  
 NEW & USED  
 Tack and Supply Sale  
 Saturday, January 31, 2009**

This event, sponsored by the Livingston County 4-H Horse Leader's Association will be held at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 Highland Road.

Public is invited to buy or sell. Space available: 6' x 8'=\$15 or 16' x 16'=\$25. Limited tables are available on request. Reserve your space - pick up a form at the MSU Extension office; for more information, call Paula at 517-545-1778.

NO ENTRY FEE - LIVE AUCTION-  
 TRAILER/HORSE SALE BOARD

**4-H Offers Outdoor  
 Youth Training**

The Livingston County 4-H Youth Program is offering volunteer training for its outdoor program called 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge. The training helps adults develop or improve their outdoor skills, and teaches them how to work with youth in that setting to develop a variety of life-skills and an appreciation for the out of doors.

Two options for 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge volunteer training are being offered. Both start April 24-26, and require volunteers to complete three or more additional training sessions to become a certified 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge volunteer. Required sessions include orientation, backpacking, and canoeing. You must then choose at least two more trainings from kayaking, climbing and rappelling, caving, and winter camping. To become a certified 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge leader you must also have current First Aid and CPR certification and complete a trip plan.

The cost for the training is \$232 for adults and \$132 for youth ages 16 to 21. A registration fee of \$100 is due with the application. Application, and contact information can be obtained from the MSU Extension office-Livingston County, or the Michigan 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge web site at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/challenge/html>. County scholarship for partial coverage may be available.



## February 14, 2009 Michigan State University

Young people ages 9 to 19 are invited to share what they're learning at the Michigan 4-H Communications Day on February 14, 2009 at Michigan State University. By participating in a variety of contests young people will have the opportunity to:

- Share ideas and demonstrate skills and knowledge about topics and issues that interest them.
- Practice and strengthen their communication skills through demonstrations, public speaking, photography, art, exhibits, graphic design, web design, cookery and more.
- Gain self-confidence, persuasiveness and the ability to convey ideas, concepts and information.
- Be recognized for excellence in communication skills.

A wide variety of communications areas are available to meet the needs and interests of young people. Young people will be recognized for their skills and abilities in the following:

- Educational exhibits
- Public speaking
- Demonstrations
- Art (including patch design for the State 4-H Horse Show, State 4-H Horse Trail Ride, 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo and 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Show)
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Cookery
- Web Design
- Citizenship Education



Detailed information on the specific communications contest rules and eligibility requirements as well as coordinator contact information will be provided in the Communications Day Registration Book which will be available for download in Adobe Acrobat format from the Department of Animal Science youth events web-site at

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/events.html>.

Registration packets are also available at the MSU Extension office, 2300 E. Grand River Avenue.

## Michigan State University 2009 Regional Horse Bowl Contests



Listed below is contact information for the 2009 Horse Bowl Contests. Please note that only one county check should be submitted for all entries.

**Region:** Southeast

Date: March 21, 2009

Location: Sanilac Career Center

Entry Deadline: 3/6/2009

Contact the MSU Extension office for more information, 546-3950.

Contact Lynn Perry for more information, at 517-546-0908.

## Purina Mills



## Showing Seminar

Saturday, February 14th

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

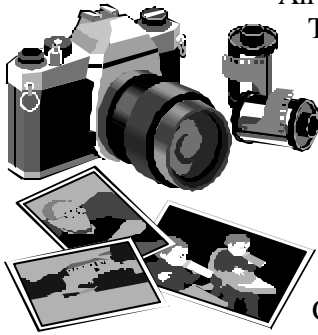
To register and for more information, contact Sam at 800-888-4330

[www.betteranimalshowseries.com](http://www.betteranimalshowseries.com)

## Free Rabbit!

Intact Male Havana Rabbit, not papered, under a year old and lives in a house. Call Katie at 810-923-3896 if interested!

## Youth Invited to Photograph Michigan Historic Sites



All Michigan youth are invited to participate in the 2009 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest. This is a prestigious youth photo contest sponsored by Michigan 4H Youth Development, Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries and Michigan History for Kids magazine. Youth aged 9-19, as of January 1, 2009, are eligible to submit up to two photos of a historic site. These photos can be two different perspectives of one historic site or two different historic sites. **The entry submission deadline is February 15, 2009.** Informational packets and registration information is available at the MSU Extension office - stop by to pick up yours!

Celebrate Michigan Week by photographing Michigan's Historic sites. A historic site can be a building (such as a firehouse, house or barn); a structure (such as a bridge); an area (such as neighborhood or fairgrounds; or an object (such as a monument) that is 50 years old or older. Check out the "Michigan Historic Sites Online" online database of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) at <http://www.michigan.gov/historicsites> to find a historic site in your area.

### Forward Focus Youth Mentoring

#### Minute

Emily Maurer  
AmeriCorp Member

January is shaping up to be a very exciting month for Forward Focus. We are starting to make our first mentoring matches. Our mentees and mentors are very excited to meet one another for the first time! Our second round of mentor training is underway and we have eight great individuals who will be paired at the beginning of February. Finally, I was very honored to be interviewed by Kris Karrol from the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus about Forward Focus, so keep your eyes open for that.

**Looking ahead:** In February we will have a Valentine's Day Party for all of our mentoring pairs. Our next round of training begins at the end of April.

## 4-H Capital Experience

March 22-25, 2009



The 4-H Capital Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. More than 100 teens from around the state converge in Lansing, Michigan, to experience state government in action! Applications are due into the local MSU Extension office by February 6, 2009. Registration cost includes all meals, lodging and material fees. Rate: \$275 for adults and current members; \$285 for non 4-H members. For more information, go to the website at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/capexp.html>.

## Brush Up your Showmanship and Horsemanship Skills!

Attention - If you are a youth in the Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project and would like to brush up on your skills, here is your chance. The 32nd Annual MI 4-H Horse Programs Benefit Clinic will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at the Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, on Farm Lane south of Mt. Hope Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, for observation only.

All horse slots have been filled. The program will feature GiGi Bailey, AQUHA approved judge, trainer and clinician.

For more information, contact Taylor Tenlen, Equine Graduate Assistant, at 517-353-1748 for tickets.

# Livingston County 4-H Committee Calendar



2009



## January 2009 Happy New Year!

- 6 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 12 4-H Council
- 19 4-H Clothing and Textiles Committee \*

## February 2009

- 3 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 9 4-H Council
- 11 4-H Small Animal Committee
- 23 4-H Horse Leaders Association

## March 2009

- 9 4-H Council
- 16 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee \*
- 23 4-H Horse Leaders Association

## April 2009

- 7 4-H Market Livestock Committee,  
(General Meeting @ fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg)
- 7 4-H Small Animal Committee,  
(General Meeting @ fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg)
- 13 4-H Council
- 27 4-H Horse Leaders Association  
(General Meeting-Time-Place-TBA)

## May 2009

- 5 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 11 4-H Council
- 18 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee \*
- 25 4-H Horse Leaders Association

## June 2009

- 2 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 8 4-H Council
- 10 4-H Small Animal Committee
- 22 4-H Horse Leaders Association

## July 2009 Fair Week

- 18-25 Fowlerville Fair

## August 2009

No meetings scheduled

## September 2009

- 1 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 9 4-H Small Animal Committee
- 14 4-H Council
- 21 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee  
(General Meeting)
- 28 4-H Horse Leaders Association

## October 2009

- 6 4-H Market Livestock Committee  
(General Meeting)
- 12 4-H Council
- 14 4-H Small Animal Committee  
(General Meeting)
- 26 4-H Horse Leaders Association  
(General Meeting)

## November 2009

- 3 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 9 4-H Council
- 11 4-H Small Animal Committee
- 16 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee \*
- 23 4-H Horse Leaders Association

\* Call for meeting location: 517-548-1912

Committees and Council do not meet in July,  
August and December. All meetings are held in the  
MSUE Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

## 2009 4-H Calendar of Events

### Livingston County 4-H Schedule

**January**

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 6 Market Livestock Committee
- 12 4-H Council
- 25 4-H Youth Development Day -  
MSU Womens Basketball, Breslin Center
- 31 Horse Leaders Association Tack Sale

**February**

- 3 4-H Market Livestock Committee
- 9 4-H Council
- 11 4-H Small Animal Committee
- 23 4-H Horse Leaders Association

All meetings are held in the East Complex MSUE Conference Room at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

### MSU Pavilion Schedule

**January**

- 2-3 S. MI Paint & Quarter Horse Sale
- 8-10 MHA Annual Clinic & Contest
- 11 Spartan Mid-Winter Dog Match
- 17-18 MSUHA Equestrian Show
- 17 Winter Tournament Show
- 31 Green & White Hog Show
- 31 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

**February**

- 7 4-H Horse Programs Benefit Clinic
- 14 4-H Communications Skills Day
- 21 4-H Bi-State Poultry Clinic

**For a complete calendar go to  
[www.pavilion.msu.edu](http://www.pavilion.msu.edu)**

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### KETTUNEN CENTER EVENT CALENDAR

**For a complete calendar and list of events,  
go to [www.KettunenCenter.org](http://www.KettunenCenter.org)**

**January**

- 9-11 4-H Horse Show Judges and Managers Conference
- 16-18 The Future is You! Workshop
- 17-18 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop
- 24-25 4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference

**February**

- 21-22 MI 4-H Proud Equestrians PEP Instructor Workshop

### Heartland Rabbit Show Saturday, February 24, 2009

Clare County 4-H is sponsoring a trophy and ribbon show, to be held at Farwell High School, 399 E. Michigan Avenue, in Farwell, Michigan. Entrants may register the day of the show. There is no refund of entry fees if you do not show your rabbits. Cloverbuds can participate in showmanship only. For more information, call the Clare County Small Animal Association President, Don Dietsch at 989-465-2058 or email at: [djd4300@hotmail.com](mailto:djd4300@hotmail.com)



4-H forever

Explore the Possibilities!

**Come to Michigan State University  
on June 24-26, 2009,  
for 4-H Exploration Days!**

Choose from many action-packed learning sessions in areas such as:

- Adventure Education
- Food, Nutrition and Fitness
- Animal Science
- Environmental and Outdoor Education
- Arts
- And more!

Enjoy evening recreational activities and experience living on a college campus!

You'll appreciate the fun, the friendship and the learning.

**Don't wait...**

4-H Exploration Days registrations are due in your county MSU Extension office by May 1, 2009.

Invest in yourself and your future. Attend 4-H Exploration Days 2009!



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<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/expodays.html>

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## The 4-H Corner Post

Livingston County MSU Extension

### We Want Your News!

#### Newsletter Information

If you have a meeting, announcement, special activity, news about your event, or need volunteers, etc., for the 4-H Corner Post, please mail, fax, e-mail or drop off to any Corner Post staff no earlier than three months and no later than the third week of the month, for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Please write clearly or type your information, and be sure to include your name and phone number for clarification. Thank you!

#### Help Needed

Livingston County 4-H has a few special projects that need coordinators. Anyone willing to help out is asked to contact Roxanne at 517-546-3950.

Michigan 4-H: 100 Years & Growing!



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