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**JUDGES NEEDED – many project areas do not have judges lined up!**

Judge information was due to Jenny last Monday and many project areas still do not have their judges confirmed. Our superintendents who have really been on the ball and have their judges lined up have project areas on the nice list. Anyone not on the nice list is officially on the naughty list. Please get your judge information to Jenny ASAP. Fair is only 88 days away!

Nice List:
- Beef
- Rabbit
- Goat
- Sewing/ Buymanship
- Woodworking
- Leisure Ed/ Teen Leadership/
- Tractors/Engines/Welding
- Rockets/ Computers
- Crops/Flowers/Veg./Entomology
- Demonstrations

**Spring Achievement Fabric Donations Needed**

A reminder that donations are still needed of cotton, old towels, sheets, fleece, flannel, etc. for the Toy Dog Community service project at Spring Achievement. There will be a box located at the MSU Extension office, or you can bring them to Spring Achievement. It would be really helpful if the fabric was pre-cut into strips of 3 inch x width of fabric. The 4-H members will use the donated material to make the dog toys. The 4-H members participating will be able to take one toy home for their pet and donate the others to the Livingston County Humane Society.

**4-H Fair Campsites Update**

The 2013 Fowlerville Fair preparations are off and running. We are very excited for summer to arrive and to see our families at fair. At this time we need to address an issue concerning campsites and the availability of electricity that can be safely supplied to the sites. Over the years it has become more difficult to supply the appropriate amount of electricity to the sites that we have offered to our families. Although the panels have been upgraded, it is not enough to supply the number of sites we have offered in the past. With safety as our top priority, we will have to eliminate four of the sites that had previously been designated as air condition sites. It should also be noted that the air conditioned sites are only being supplied with 25 AMPS, NOT 30 AMPS as it was previously stated in the past.
Camping registration begins May 1, 2013 for our Superintendents ONLY. General 4-H registration begins on May 13, 2013. Any registration from general 4-H families received prior to the May 13th date will not be accepted. Sites are booked on a first come, first serve basis. The assignment of sites does not occur until a much later time. Assignments are made based on size of unit and availability of sites. Requests are considered, but NOT guaranteed.

**Are your members receiving the newsletter?**
If you know of any members who would like to receive the newsletter via email, please ask them to contact the MSU Extension office.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**Work nights have started at the fairgrounds!**
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:30pm - on
Please help us get ready for fair by coming to work on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 6:30pm – dusk/whenever you’re tired 😊 Many hands make light work and we have a long list of things we’d like to tackle before fair time. Call Gordon Munsell if you have any questions, but you are more than welcome to just show up with paint brushes and tools at the ready!

**Scrap Metal TRP Fundraiser**
Saturday, April 27, 10am – 3pm
Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds
Bring your old scrap metal, anything large or small, to the Fowlerville Fairgrounds to donate for recycling. NO refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners please!

The 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program provides equine facilitated therapy free of charge to physically and mentally challenged children in Livingston County. It is founded on the accepted principle that horseback riding is a valuable form of therapy for individuals with disabilities. All materials donated will be recycled and the proceeds benefit the Livingston County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program. Your donations are tax deductable.

**Horse Owner’s Seminar Series**
Saturday, April 27
Veterinary Medical Center
Please join Robert Bowker, VMD, PhD for How to Keep Your Horse’s Feet Healthy and Lori Bidwell, DVM, DACVAA, CVA for Using Acupuncture to Maintain the Equine Athlete at the Horse Owner’s Seminar Series from 10:00am-1:00pm in Room G150 at the Veterinary Medical Center. There will be refreshments and door prizes. For more information, please contact Judy Marteniuk, DVM, MS at 517-353-9710 or marteniu@cvm.msu.edu.

**CAT WORKSHOPS**
May 15, June 26, July 17
**Bathe Your Buddy-Brighton**
Our Cat Superintendent, Lynn Perry, is leading a study group for members interested in learning more about cats! Topics covered include Fitting and Showing, care, health, grooming, and cat handling techniques. Bring your cat in a carrier, and a harness and leash for your cat. Cats should be current on their rabies and distemper vaccines. Cloverbuds aged 5 to 8 are welcome to come without a cat.
TIME: 6:15 to 7:30 PM
PLACE: BATHE YOUR BUDDY
1852 OLD US 23 SOUTH, BRIGHTON, MI 48114
(NEXT TO MEMORIES LOUNGE)

To show your cat at fair, a MAY 1st FORM is required and may be picked up at the MSU Extension office or printed off the county website. The 4-H Cat show at fair is Wednesday, July 24, 2013, starting 9AM in the Small Animal Barn. Any cat 4 months and older may be shown in 4-H, and does NOT need to be a registered breed cat. Male cats over 1 year must be neutered. Contact Lynn Perry to sign-up at 517-376-1164 or Lynn_Perry@yahoo.com

**Clover Classic – May 18**
The Clover Classic is a Sheep and Boer Goat JACKPOT Show open to all 4-H or FFA members from 7-21 years of age as of January 1, 2013. The show will be held at the Branch County 4-H Fairgrounds in Coldwater, MI. Judge TBA. The Clover Classic is MBGA Sanctioned. Concessions and Show Supplies will be available.

For more information, please contact Cody Herman at 419-969-9236 or codyherm@yahoo.com or Janice AcMoody at 517-404-9519 or acmoodyfarms@yahoo.com.

**Pre-Fair Steer Show**
June 23
Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds
Bring your beef projects for showmanship practice or just come to learn. Everyone is welcome! Bring in your animals at 8:30am. The show starts at 9:00am.

There will be a mock show and lots of hands-on information. Lunch is provided. Please contact Annette Chamberlain at 517-468-3614 if you have any questions.

Use the west gate and drive to the north lot gate on the fairgrounds to enter.

**Sheep Showmanship Clinic**  
**June 23, 2013**  
**Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds**  
Arrive with animals at 1:00pm the Clinic starts at 1:30pm (following the Pre-Fair Steer Show). Come with your animal to learn something new or to perfect your current showmanship skills.

If you are not in the sheep project area, come anyway to get ready for the revised Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest at the fair. If you do not have an animal, come anyway and in the spirit of 4-H, someone will share their animal. Use the west gate and drive to the north lot gate on the fairgrounds to enter. Sponsored by ML Committee. For questions, contact Sheri VanWyck (517) 223-3918.

**4-H Poland Exchange**  
The 4-H Poland Exchange application deadline, for host families, has been extended. There is still a need for host families for 17 youth (9 female and 8 male) and 3 female chaperones that will be coming.

Teens, ages 14 to 19 as of January 1, 2013, from around Michigan are invited to host students traveling here from Poland from mid-June to mid-July 2013. The incoming group will spend June 19-21, 2013 at 4-H Exploration Days. Arrangements for travel from 4-H Exploration Days will be made with the counties that have hosting families. The Michigan 4-H/Poland exchange is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H youth to learn about another culture and to teach the youth from Poland all about 4-H, Michigan, and the United States. This is a terrific opportunity for 4-H members to build an international friendship, their global knowledge, and 4-H resumes. In addition, the hosting youth can choose to visit Poland on a return exchange in 2014.

For more information, contact: Insa Raymond, 4-H Poland Coordinator Extension Educator by phone 517-439-9301 or email raymon65@anr.msu.edu.

**4-H Fair Campgrounds Contest**
Now we have some exciting news! We know that everyone is very busy during fair, but keeping the grounds beautiful is very important. We want everyone to take pride in their fair! We are offering a contest to our campers. The theme for fair this year is “Enjoy the Ride”. Contestants can either go with the theme, or create their own. Board of Directors is excluded from the contest, but superintendents are eligible. The judges will be a panel of volunteers that are not camping. Judging will take place throughout the week, but winners will be awarded on Saturday morning. Each winner will receive a Rosette that can be displayed year after year. If any of the winners happen to know that this is their last year of 4-H, then we will refund their 2013 campsite cost according to their prize that is won.

“BEST DECORATED/cleanest CAMPSITE CONTEST”

1ST Place-Free 2014 Campsite
2nd Place-1/2 Off 2014 Campsite
3rd Place-$25 off 2014 Campsite

Please contact Jennifer Rhodes with any questions you may have at the fair office jrhodes@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or 517-223-8186

Meeting & Event Calendar Web Links
MSU Pavilion calendar
www.ans.msu.edu/ans/pavilion

Kettunen calendar
kettunencenter.org

Livingston County 4-H calendar
http://co.livingston.mi.us/calendar/calendar.php?calendar=3