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2013 FAIR BOOKS ARE IN!
You may now pick up your 2013 Fowlerville Fair Book at the MSU Extension office for your 4-H family. Some club leaders will be picking up the books for everyone in their club, so please check with them before you come.

Judges WANTED
Judge information was due to Jenny A MONTH AGO 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.

Way to go Dairy, Poultry, Cats and Alpaca/Llama!! 😊

New additions to the Nice List:
Beef
Dairy
Rabbit
Goat
Poultry
Cats
Alpaca/Llama
Sewing/ Buymanship
Woodworking
Leisure Ed/ Teen Leadership/
Tractors/Engines/Welding
Rockets/ Computers
Crops/Flowers/Veg./Entomology
Demonstrations

Checks to MSU
Our accounting procedure has been revised. Please make your checks payable to ‘MSU’ when you are paying for enrollment, classes, etc in the future. Thank you!

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.
2013 Summer Discovery Cruises registration is now open!

Do you want to learn about the Great Lakes by being on the Great Lakes? If so, you will want to learn more about our 2013 Summer Discovery Cruises (www.discoverycruises.org) season!

For the twelfth summer, Michigan Sea Grant Extension will provide Michiganders (and visitors to Michigan) with the opportunity to learn about the Great Lakes by being on the Great Lakes. Cruises depart from Lake Erie Metropark, with cruises on the lower Detroit River and Lake Erie, and Lake St. Clair Metropark, cruising Lake St. Clair.

The 2013 season offers more than 25 educational cruises around themes such as Fisheries, Wildlife, Wetlands, Shipwrecks, Lighthouses, Weather, Shipping and more. Cruises for educators wanting to enhance the use of Great Lakes content in their teaching are also provided, with stipends.

For more information visit www.discoverycruises.org

Clover Sales
May 8-19
Tractor Supply Stores
We still NEED HELP with 4-H Clover Sales at Tractor Supply Company. This has the potential to be a great fundraiser for our county, as well as a terrific opportunity to promote 4-H, but we still have lots of EMPTY shifts! In order for it to be successful, we need your help.

If your club could provide 3-4 members and an adult for one of the following shifts, it would be great. Members are welcome to set up a table with projects to show what they do, they could do a demonstration, crafts with children who visit the store, run a bake sale, have a petting farm outside or simply talk-up the benefits of 4-H. Your members can probably come up with even more ideas! Please sign up for one or more shifts and also note if your club will be doing some sort of activity.

We will sell clovers at the Howell store both weekends starting May 8th through May 19th.

This is a national 4-H program and a national TSC program. 65% of the proceeds go directly to Livingston County 4-H! TSC employees realize the benefit of 4-H; we need to enthusiastically participate. It is for OUR benefit. We need all clubs involved.
Calling all 8 Year Old Clover Buds!
Mentor Orientation
May 23
MSU Extension
If you are 8 years old and entering your last year of the Clover Bud program, we would like you to enroll in the Clover Bud Mentor Program. The program allows the 8 year olds to work with a teen leader mentor. They meet with their mentors 3 or 4 times before fair and then have a special day to work with them on the Tuesday of fair. The Cloverbuds assist the mentors in feeding, watering, cleaning pens and bathing animals on this special day. They will show the animal in an exhibition show in the livestock show ring with the mentors right by their side. This is not a competition and placing will not take place, however, everyone gets a prize and/or ribbon. This is a wonderful opportunity for the 8 year olds to have a taste of what is to come next year. The members are also required to enter an educational exhibit on their animal as one of their project entries due on the first Saturday of fair.

To participate in this portion, you must enroll your 8 year old by calling the Extension office at 517-546-3950 and be sure to tell us which animal your child would like to work with. The animal choices are Horse, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Dog, Cat, Llama, Rabbit and Sheep. All 8 year olds are welcome to participate even if you have no intention of showing animals in the future. An orientation has been scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office for the parents, members and mentors to meet. YOU MUST REGISTER BY MAY 16.

From Your Home to a New Home (indoor yard sale) – May 18th
Saturday, May 18th 9am – 2pm
Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds
Livingston County 4-H is hosting an indoor yard sale. Items for sale could include gently used clothing, household items, tools, dishes and many more great items that are ready for a new home!
There are still lots of tables available!!
To reserve a table: Send an email to: Events@fowlervillefamilyfair.com or call 517-223-8186. The Fee for each table is $25.00 to be paid in cash the day of the sale before you set-up (you must have reservations)

Lutz Get Together!
June 1
Lutz County Park
Celebrate the community and the environment with Livingston County Park Advisory Committee at the Lutz Get Together held at the Lutz County Park on Saturday, June 1st from 11am-3pm.
Learn about high flying raptors with Alexandria’s Nature Bus or visit a professional bee keeper that will be excited to show you all of the tricks of the trade and may have some sweet treats to boot. The Michigan Barn Preservation Network will be raising a demonstration size barn where you can choose to take part or watch as images of our heritage come to life! Some food concessions will be available, but you are also welcome to bring a lunch to have a picnic.

2013 Oakland County Jackpot Show
Sunday, June 2
Oakland County Fairgrounds—Davisburg, MI
Springfield Oaks Park
12451 Andersonville Rd Davisburg, MI 48350

Guidelines for Education Contests:
Junior Division—8 to 13 years of age
Senior Division - 14 to 21 years of age
Skill-a-thon Contest: There will be a three species skill-a-thon contest for youth. Youth need to be knowledgeable of breeds, feed stuff, meat cuts, body parts, industry tools and current events within the agriculture industry.

Grand Champion Hog $250
Reserve Champion Hog $150
MI Swine Youth Challenge
Judge: Doug Albright—Coldwater, MI
7:00-10:00 a.m. Weigh in 10:00 a.m. Weigh in cards due
10-11:00 a.m. Educational Contest
11:00 a.m. Showmanship Market Hog Class

Guidelines for Hog Show:  *Hogs are to be inspected before unloading *Each exhibitor is responsible for weighing their own hogs. The weight must be recorded on an official card to be turned in to the show office by 10:00 a.m. Official entry cards can be picked up at the designated check in area. A scale will be provided to exhibitors to use to determine official show weight *Purebred classes must have 5 or more to make a class. Purebred class winners will compete for grand & reserve champion. *The top two hogs in each class will be re-weighed and must be within 10 lbs of weight stated on card. Failure to comply will disqualify a hog and other hogs in the class will move up.

Grand Champion Goat $250
Reserve Champion Goat $150
M.B.G.A. Wether Series
Judge: Mick Sigafosse—Perry, MI
8:00-11:00 a.m. Weigh in
11:00-12:00 a.m. Educational Contest Immediately Following Lamb Show
Showmanship
Market Goat Class
Guidelines for Goat Show: *Goats are to be inspected before unloading and must show no visible signs of illness, disease or external parasites *All wethers must have their milking teeth to enter *All rules for M.B.G.A. apply.

Grand Champion Lamb $250
Reserve Champion Lamb $150
M.C.L.A. Youth Challenge
Judge: Leah Amstutz—Richwood, OH
7:00-10:00 a.m. Weigh in
9:30-10:30 p.m. Educational Contest
10:30 a.m. Showmanship

Guidelines for Sheep Show
*Sheep are to be inspected before unloading and must show no visible signs of illness, disease or external parasites *All sheep must have USDA Scrapie ID tags
*All lambs must be shorn within 5 days of show *Market lamb classes must have a minimum of 5 lambs per class except the white face class. *Commercial Ewe Lamb class-A ewe lamb may be shown in either the market class or the commercial ewe lamb class-not in both.

Guidelines for All Shows:
*Open to youth 8-21 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2013
*All exhibitors must show their own animal *Michigan Only Show *Wood shavings only in pens *The show committee will clean all pens *Entry Fees are $15 per head ($20 after May 25th) *Pen fees are $10 (4 goats per pen, 2 hogs per pen, 4 sheep per pen) *Cash awards will be distributed the day of the show *Entry forms must be postmarked by Saturday May 25, 2013. There is a $5.00 late fee per animal after May 25th. *Bedding is available to purchase the day of the show. All pens must be bedded with pine shavings *Concessions will be available on site *Additional information about the show please contact Jenny McKay at 810-694-0561

Livingston County 4-H Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Program

Dairy Fun Day
June 13
MOO-ville Creamery
Nashville, MI
For the first time in six years, the Michigan Junior Holstein Association will be having Dairy Fun Day. Dairy Fun Day will be held at MOO-ville Creamery and Westvale-VU dairy farm in Nashville, MI on June 13. Dairy Fun Day will start at 9am and end around 5pm. Registration will begin at 9am. Please try to be on time for registration. We will have a very full and very fun day, rain or shine.

There will be five sessions and one game time. This year the sessions are Calf Care, Flushing, Nutrition, Genetics and Preparing for a Show. Three sessions will be in the morning, then we will have lunch which will be provided and the other two sessions will be after lunch. Game time will be after the last session. After game time, we will have the opportunity to tour MOO-ville Creamery and
Westvale-VU dairy farm. When the tours are finished, we will have an “All You Can Eat” sundae bar!

Everyone will receive a Dairy Fun Day T-shirt. Registration form and $10 fee is due by June 1st. Lunch and ice cream will be provided. Registration forms are available at the MSU Extension Office. Please call Hayleigh Geurink at 616-260-1777 if you need more information.

Host a youth from Poland / Host Families Desperately Needed
This summer 16 Polish youth between the ages of 14 and 18 will travel to Michigan along with two adult chaperones. These young people are excited to learn about the customs, culture, values, foods, clothes, and lifestyles of Michigan families. But mostly they want to make friends, meet other young people, and try communicating in English! Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world.

The group will arrive on June 18th and then participate in 4-H Exploration Days, a three day pre-college program at Michigan State University. Host families will pick up their student from Michigan State University on June 21, 2013. The Polish delegation will stay for four weeks until July 17th. The youth will be visiting Michigan as part of the Michigan 4-H Global and Cultural Exchange Programs. You don’t need to be involved with 4-H to host. You just need a willingness to share your lives and your friendship with a young person from another country.

The program is open to families who have a child close in age to the Polish youth. They will be matched to a family based on the host sibling’s gender, age, and interests. The homestays are only for a month during the summer, but the experience will last a lifetime! Host family youth will have the opportunity to travel to Poland for a month in the summer of 2014.

For more information, or if you are interested in hosting, please contact Insa Raymond, 2013/14 4-H Poland Exchange Coordinator, at (517) 439-9301, or by e-mail at raymon65@anr.msu.edu

Our Therapeutic Riding Program NEEDS VOLUNTEERS…and ice cream!!
The horses at the Wylie Farm are getting ready for this summer’s therapeutic riding program. Classes start June 4th and run through July 18th every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday we need approximately thirty volunteers and Thursdays we need approximately fifteen volunteers. There will be no classes the week of July 4th.

All volunteers need to attend our Orientation on May 30, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Wylie Farm at 5450 Emmons Road, Fowlerville. No experience with horses is necessary, but you must be 14 or older to assist with this program and have the experience of a lifetime. When you become a
volunteer your heart will be filled with warm smiles from watching and helping these riders grow and learn by riding horses. Come help teach balance, confidence, strength, and flexibility to our riders. At the same time you’ll get satisfaction of knowing how much you are helping these young riders learn self-confidence. Without volunteers, these young riders will not be able to ride. Hope to see you at Orientation May 30, 2013.

Ice cream?
If you can’t volunteer with the program, but still want to do something to help, the Therapeutic Riding Program is looking for ice cream donations for their ice cream social held at the end of the program. If you’re able to donate ice cream, sundae toppings etc, please contact Kathy.

For more information contact:
Kathy Black at 517-518-0927 or e-mail at kcblack@fnwusers.com
MSU Extension Livingston County 4-H 517-546-3950

State 4-H Dog Show
August 17
MSU Pavilion
The Michigan 4-H Dog Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, MSU Extension. All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2013. Classes are available and cost $5 each.
Schedule:
6:30-9:00am Registration
7:30am Team & Agility
9:30am Obedience & Rally
1:30pm Showmanship
3:00pm Freestyle
Entries, class fees and health papers are due to MSU Extension Livingston County office by July 5th. For more information call Katie VanderKolk at 517-432-5270.

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