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The Livingston County 4-H held the 2013 4-H Spring Achievement on Friday, April 26 at the Hartland Education Support Service Center in Hartland, MI. The event was well represented by the 4-H members and guests. 4-H members presented their work in the sewing, knitting, crocheting, buymanship, and textile project areas. The evening consisted of judging and a style show. The following members were awarded for their work in the following project areas:

### Bronze Award Sewing
- **Novice (5-8 year olds):** Maretta Finley and Wyatt Rhodes; Country Kids 4-H Club
- **Junior (9-11 years old):** Spencer Good, 5-H 4-H Club; Courtney Steffee, Country Kids 4-H Club; Chelsea Best, Down on the Farm 4-H Club; Megan Zapfe, Ranger’s 4-H Club
- **Intermediate (12-14 years old):** Shelby Hansen and Ashley Hansen; Ranger’s 4-H Club
- **Senior (15-18 years old):** Brianna Edgar, Ranger’s 4-H Club
- **Knitting/Crocheting:** Kala Barringer, Ranger’s 4-H Club
- **Buymanship:** Nicole Germane, Ranger’s 4-H Club; McKenzy Rehfus, Mikayla Rehfus, and Courtney Steffee; all from Country Kids 4-H Club
- **Textiles:** Maggie Motz and Katie Rhodes, Country Kids 4-H Club; Lindsey Strutz, Shelby Hansen, and Ashley Hansen, all from Ranger’s 4-H Club

### Spring Achievement Pin Sewing
- **Novice (5-8 year olds):** Maggie Motz, Country Kids 4-H Club
• Junior (9-11 years old): Jenna Lindsay, Ranger’s 4-H Club; Karla Hacker, Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club
• Intermediate (12-14 years old): Cory Barringer, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Senior (15-18 years old): Rae Anna Thomas, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Knitting/Crocheting: Ashley Hansen, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Buymanship: Jenna Lindsay and Shelby Hansen, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Textiles: Maretta Finley, Country Kids 4-H Club

Incentive Award Sewing
• Novice (5-8 year olds): Katie Rhodes, Country Kids 4-H Club
• Junior (9-11 years old): Kourtney Moulton, Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club
• Intermediate (12-14 years old) and Knitting/Crocheting: Keagan Tremel, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Buymanship: Ashley Hansen, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Textiles: Elise Tasich, Ranger’s 4-H Club

Gift Certificate Sewing
• Novice (5-8 year olds): Kylie Steffee, Country Kids 4-H Club
• Junior (9-11 years old): Josie Jackson, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Intermediate (12-14 years old): Nicole Germane, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Senior (15-18 years old): RaeAnna Thomas, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Knitting/Crocheting and Buymanship: Lindsey Strutz, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Textiles: Courtney Steffee, Country Kids 4-H Club

Clover Award Sewing
• Intermediate (12-14 years old): Grace Bohlen, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Senior (15-18 years old) and Buymanship: Danielle Germane, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Textiles: Alexis Marsh, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club

Modeling Award Sewing
• Novice (5-8 year olds): 1st Place-Katie Rhodes and 2nd Place-Maretta Finley, Country Kids 4-H
• Junior (9-11 years old): 1st Place-Chelsea Best, Down on the Farm 4-H Club and 2nd Place-Kourtney Moulton, Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club
• Intermediate (12-14 years old): 1st Place-Grace Bohlen and 2nd Place-Nicole Germane, Ranger’s 4-H Club
• Senior (15-18 years old): 1st Place-Danielle Germane, Ranger’s 4-H Club and 2nd Place-Katya LaViola, Awesome Paws 4-H Club

Danielle German, Ranger’s 4-H Club, received the 2013 Stitchery Award. The Stitchery Award is given to a 4-H member in the intermediate or senior age division who has shown excellence through their written essay and personal interview. The winner receives a sewing machine, donated by the Stitchery of Howell.

A big Thank You to our Spring Achievement Sponsors & Volunteers! Livingston County 4-H would like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141, Howell Country Lane Floral Shop, Country Kids 4-H Club, Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club, Mariann Pniewski, Munsell Farms, Kevin Marsh, 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee, and The Stitchery of Howell for their donations and support to the 2013 Livingston County 4-H Spring Achievement. Also, thank you to the numerous volunteers, evaluators, and interviewers who assisted in the program.

Dog Pull Toys Community Service Project was coordinated by Alexis Marsh, Lucky Clovers 4-H Club. Marsh received fabric donations to make dog pull toys, which were given to the Livingston County Humane Society. A total of 60 dog toys were made during the spring achievement program. Alexis is a dedicated 4-H member and believes in community service, her efforts and volunteerism is appreciated.

Congratulations to all the participants involved in the 2013 4-H Spring Achievement!

Calling All Cooks – We Want Your Recipes!

Livingston County 4-H Council is collecting recipes to publish in a cookbook fundraiser for the Livingston County 4-H Program.

Send in your family favorites, granny’s best, blue ribbon winning, or best in show recipes to be included in the cookbook. Deadline for submissions is September 1. The anticipated arrival date is beginning of December-just in time for holiday gifts.
Your recipe should be typed or legibly printed. Please include your name, awards received with this recipe, or in memory of.

There are several ways to turn in recipes, email them to Livingston.4h.recipes@gmail.com, postal mail to 4-H Council - MSU Extension-2300 E. Grand River, Ste. 111, Howell, MI 48843, or there is a drop off box located at the front desk of the MSUE. If you any questions, please contact Lynn Perry at the email address above.

Please pass this around to anyone who may be interested – committees, 4-H Clubs, 4-H Alumni, 4-H member, parents, and volunteers.

4-H Kitchen Duty Sign Up
We are in need of 4-H clubs to take another kitchen shift. We are short about three (3) spaces and a couple of laundry. Please contact Brenda Regentik at mbregentik@gmail.com

Dangerous Hogweed Plant
The Hogweed Plant is poisonous and may cause blindness or skin disfigurement. Click on the link below for the televised newscast and more information.

4-H Poland Exchange Needs Male Youth Host
Dzien dobry!
Dear Host Families,
In less than a month the Polish delegation will be arriving in Michigan. These young people and their chaperones are very much looking forward to their journey across the ocean and to their stay in Michigan with their host families. I am sure you too are anxious to meet them. I know several of you have been in contact with your exchange student and the family already. To get all your questions answered and to give you all needed information, we have scheduled an on-line host family orientation for Monday, June 3rd, 2013, at 7:00pm. Please put this date on your calendar, and make plans to attend. It is very important. You can participate in this webinar from the comfort of your home. If you don’t have internet access, please make arrangements with somebody who does, or with your county’s 4-H coordinator. To participate, please click on the following link
https://connect.msu.edu/janisbrinn/ on Monday, June 3rd, at 7:00pm, and then sign in as a guest.
We have also reserved a conference call line in case of audio problems. At the same time as the webinar starts, you can also dial the following conference call
line: 1-888-846-3868; you will then be prompted for a participant code. The code is 687526 #. The orientation should last about an hour to an hour and a half. I will send informational folders to all of you next week.

We are still desperately in need of host families for a few male youth of the Polish delegation. Please spread the word. If you know a good family with a teen aged son, who might be interested in hosting, please let them know about this opportunity and refer them to me.

Dziekuje – thank you!

Please contact Insa Raymond, Extension Educator, 4-H (517) 439-9301 or email her at raymon65@anr.msu.edu for more information. To obtain a host family application form, visit the 4-H International Program’s webpage at http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/global_cultural_education/international_exchange_programs

**Naughty/Nice List – project areas that still need judges!**

Way to go Photography, Needlecraft, Animal Science, Knitting/ Crocheting/ Quilting! These project areas have confirmed their judges for fair! 😊 Project areas on the Naughty List still have not turned in their judge information to the fair office. If you know a superintendent on the Naughty List, please contact them to see if you can help finding a judge!

**New additions to the Nice List:**

- Beef
- Dairy
- Rabbit
- Goat
- Poultry
- Cats
- Alpaca/Llama
- Photography
- Needlecraft
- Animal Science
- Knitting/Crocheting/Quilting
- Sewing/ Buymanship
- Woodworking
- Leisure Ed/ Teen Leadership/
- Tractors/Engines/Welding
- Rockets/ Computers
- Crops/Flowers/Veg./Entomology
- Demonstrations

**Naughty List**

- Sheep (no contract)
- Swine
- Pocket Pets
- Dogs
- Horse (Western and Trail)
- Folk patterns/Folk Art/Fiber
- Arts & Crafts
- Ceramics
- Fine Arts
- Clover Buds
- Cake Decorating
- Showmanship Sweepstakes

**Campsite Update**

A/C Campsites for fair are sold out. Only 4 non-A/C sites are left, so contact the fair office soon if you still need one. There are many rustic sites still available.
Lutz Get Together!
June 1
Celebrate community and the environment with Livingston County Parks & Open Space. Advisory Committee at: Lutz County Park on Saturday, June 1st from 11-3pm. 3415 E. Cohoctah Road (address of farmstead, see directional signs from farm house to entrance of park) 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.
Hope to see you there!

MSU Block & Bride Club Lamb Classic
June 9
MSU Pavilion
All classes are open to youth age 8 and not yet 21 as of January 1, 2013. Entry fee is $20 per lamb and will be accepted until the day of show. Stall fee is $11.00 per stall-unless paid with the Saturday show entry. Check-in is from 7:00am-9:00am. Educational Contest from 8:00am-10:00am and the show begins at 11:00am with commercial ewes followed by market classes and showmanship. For more information, please contact Beth Oliver at 810-845-8657 or at olivere7@msu.edu.

2013 SPRINGPORT SHEEP SHOWCASE
June 29
Eaton County Fairgrounds Charlotte
8:00-10:00am  Weigh in
10:00am  Educational Contest/Quiz
12:00pm  Open Breeding Show
Showmanship Ages are 18-21, 14-17, 11-13, 7-10, 6 & under. Market Lamb Classes Entry Fee is $10 per class postmarked by June 1 & $15 per class after June 1. Pen Fee is $10 (pen holds 2 lambs)  Showmanship is $10 & peewee showmanship is free. Educational Contest/Quiz is FREE

Entry forms are available at MSU Extension Livingston County. For more information, contact Pat Henne at 517-667-2067 pat.henne@springportschools.net
Mail check (payable to Springport FFA Chapter) & entry form to: Springport FFA Chapter
c/o Megan Merrill
4436 Stone Road, Onondaga, MI 49264
Michigan Youth Dairy Days
July 15-19
MSU Pavilion
Michigan Youth Dairy Days will again be held in conjunction with the Annual Michigan Dairy Expo. The mission of the Michigan Dairy Expo is to encourage and promote youth involvement in dairy activities, to showcase the Michigan dairy industry and to provide continuing education to the dairy industry in Michigan and nearby states.

Dairy Days events are open to all Michigan youth who are between 9 and 19 years old by January 1, 2013. Many of the events are divided into divisions that are based on age.

Registration forms are due to the MSU Extension office by June 14th. All information and entry instructions can be found in the Michigan Dairy Expo Cattle Premium Book at http://www.midairyyouth.ans.msu.edu

The Great Dairy Adventure
July 17
MSU Pavilion (SW corner of Mt. Hope & Farm Lane)
Looking for a great way to spend a fun day with the kids that doesn’t break the bank? From toddlers to teenagers, there is something for everyone at the Great Dairy Adventure! Cow milking, craft projects and milk mustache photos are just some of the things to entertain kids as they explore the wild world of dairy.

Admission and all activities are free for kids and adults of all ages. Picnic areas can be set up on the lawn around the Pavilion and concessions are available.

For more information, contact Carla McLachlan at 517-432-5402 or visit the UDIM website at www.udim.org

2013 National 4-H Congress
Get your Passport to Excellence and participate in the 2013 National 4-H Congress! This event is held on November 29 to December 3, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. Michigan youth, ages 14 to 19, are invited to apply for this leadership, citizenship and community-service event. Youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities. Cultural highlights include an International Dinner and Dance and a trip to the Atlanta History Center. Participants have the option to tour Centennial Olympic Park, the Georgia Aquarium, CNN, the Carter Presidential Library and the Martin Luther King Center. Plus, some of the nation’s most outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators will present the most current and timely information. National 4-H Congress is considered the capstone event of 4-H. The cost is $1175 per participant plus about $100 extra for luggage fees, meals to and from Atlanta, and souvenirs. For more
information, contact Sarah McKinney, 4-H Program Instructor, MSU Extension Livingston County 517-546-3950 or mckin166@msu.edu.

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