



# 4-H News & Reviews

**NOTES:**

2008 4-H & YOUTH  
FAIR July 21-26th

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**GILDA'S DESK**

The St. Clair County 4-H program is a dynamic program. The program is blessed with outstanding Program Assistant staff. They are energetic and very supportive of our volunteers. I applaud the hard work that they do in helping facilitate the great programs we are able to offer.

However, the second part in what makes this a dynamic program are the volunteers. April 27 - May 3rd was National Volunteer Week. We recognize our leaders collectively during our annual leaders banquet. However, I felt it was important to let our parents and members understand the value of our volunteers.

A recent survey conducted by the Gallup Organization for the Independent Sector found

- 44% of adults volunteer
- 83.9 million American adults volunteer, representing the equivalent of over 9 million full-time employees at a value of \$239 billion

The dollar value of volunteer time for 2007 is estimated at \$19.51 an hour.

I recently sent out an e-mail to our leaders who had e-mail addresses in hopes of getting a better idea of how much time our volunteers volunteer with our programs. Information I received indicated from 15 hours a month to 100 hours a month or more. I averaged the information received and then applied it to the 223 volunteers we had in our program last year. Based on the \$19.51 value, our volunteers were worth well more than a million dollars last year. I know that our volunteers are priceless, but actually computing that into a dollar figure was mind boggling. If you are a member or a parent, please take just a moment the next time that you come in contact with your leaders to thank them. It takes very little effort, but it means a lot.

**DID YOU KNOW?.... 4-H FACTS**

*I didn't know that there was an updated housing policy that included doing background checks for youth that are chronologically age 18, 19 or 20. Why must 18-, 19- and 20-year-old 4-H members go through a background check?*

**"Keeping Kids Safe!"** — To help ensure the safety and well-being of both youth and adults involved with Michigan 4-H, the "Youth-Adult Housing Policy for Overnight Events" was developed. This mandatory policy which went into effect on January 1, 2008, applies to any Michigan 4-H sponsored state, regional, multi-county, county, or club-level event where adults are housed with youth. Any youth aged 18, 19 or 20 (at the time of the event) who attends an event as a participant and who is housed with younger, unrelated youth must not be housed with or share bathrooms with younger, unrelated youth unless he or she has completed a background check including one reference check and a criminal history check. This is for the protection of both older youth and younger youth who may be rooming together.

If your club is participating in an overnight event, please make sure that you contact the MSU Extension staff to arrange for the appropriate form to be completed so that the Extension Educator can complete the background check. Do not leave this to the last minute to be done and chance the cancellation of your overnight event.



<http://msue.stclaircounty.org>  
MSU Extension website  
address

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY SPONSORED EVENTS

2008

May 23	Great Garden Adventures, 4-H'ers 5-19 year olds, leaders and parents	5:30-8:30 pm Goodells
May 31	Dog Showmanship Workshop	12-3 pm Goodells Park
May 31	Cat Workshop, showmanship, grooming and general care	12-3 pm Goodells Park
June 6	Clover Sprout Adventures, 5-8 year olds	5:30-8:30 pm Goodells Park
June 1	Exploration Days Orientation (mandatory for participants and parents)	7 pm Goodells Comm. Bldg
June 14	4-H State Qualifying Horse Show	Goodells Park
June 16	Marketing—Getting the best price for your market animal Pre registration is required	7-9 pm Goodells, Comm Bldg
June 18-20	Exploration Days—3 days on MSU Campus all Michigan Youth	East Lansing
July 11	Photo's due— <i>Celebrating Agriculture in St. Clair County Digital Photo Contest</i> , opened to St. Clair County 4-H members ONLY, emailed to <a href="mailto:farmland@stclaircounty.org">farmland@stclaircounty.org</a> see our website (address below) for flyer	

You can receive more information about these events by contacting Lori Warchuck at (810) 989-6935 or [lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org](mailto:lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org) or visit our website at <http://msue.stclaircounty.org/>

## CHECK OUT THESE LOCAL WORKSHOPS

see our website for flyers <http://msue.stclaircounty.org/>

Friday, May 23, 2008—5:30 pm to 8:30 pm—*GREAT GARDEN ADVENTURES*, 4-H members 5-19 years old, leaders and parents are invited to this fun hands-on workshop at Goodells Park, Community Building. You may pay \$5 at the door, but you **must call to pre-register**, we need at least 15 people to hold this workshop so call in your RSVP as soon as you can. Dixie Sandborn, Horticulture Specialist from Michigan State University will help you gain gardening skills to share with your club.

Saturday, May 31, 2008—Noon to 3:00 p.m., *4-H DOG SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP*, for 4-H Youth ages 9-19 interested in the dog project area. Pre-register by May 19th by calling (810) 989-6935, you may pay the \$2.00 workshop cost at the door. Debbie Mapes, a licensed Jr. Showmanship Judge, will share her knowledge of obedience, herding, tracking, conformation and search.

Saturday, May 31, 2008—Noon to 3:00 p.m., *4-H CAT WORKSHOP SHOWMANSHIP, GROOMING AND GENERAL HEALTH CARE*, for 4-H members 9-19 years old interested in learning new skills or expanding existing skills related to the Cat project area are invited to attend this workshop. Brigitte Todd, an experienced 4-H Leader in the Cat Project area will share her expertise in fitting and showing, general health care and much more. Cost is \$3 payable at the door, but you must call to reserve the class at (810) 989-6935.

Friday, June 6, 2008—5:30 to 8:30 p.m. *4-H CLOVER SPROUT ADVENTURES WORKSHOP*, for 4-H members 5-8 years old that would like to learn new skills and get project ideas for \*Obstacle Course \* Make a Stepping Stone \* Learn about Chinese Culture with the Bubble Tea Ribbon Dance \* Gardening Projects \* Food Fear Factor \* Face Painting \* Meet the 4-H Royal Court \* The \$2.00 cost is payable at the door, but you must reserve the class no later than May 19th by calling (810) 989-6935.

### National Association of Rocketry Partnership

Are you a leader interested in rocketry? Through our partnership with the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) we are able to make NAR resources available to volunteers free of charge. The material include the NAR Member Guidebook and two CD's on model rocket building and flying. To receive them, 4-H Volunteers should send their name, e-mail address and mailing address to [GetSET-Info@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:GetSET-Info@fourhcouncil.edu) More information about NAR can be found at <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/nar.aspx>

### 4-Square Sportsman's Association Community Service Request

One of our 4-H Partners needs our help planting trees at the Club 6779 Cline Road, Grant Twp. If any 4-H'ers and/or leaders are available on June 7th, call Karen Carrier at (810) 987-6998 and she will give you the time and chores that need to be done.

# STATEWIDE 4-H EVENTS

## 2008

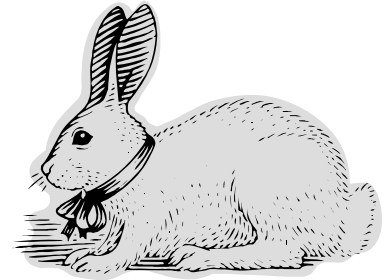
- May 31 BEEF BLAST—MSU Meat laboratory, more info contact Jeannine at [grobbeji@msu.edu](mailto:grobbeji@msu.edu)
- May 31 Clare County Archery Tournament, Clare Rod & Gun Club, contact Cindy (989) 465-2058
- May 31 Everything Equine, Health & Nutrition visit [www.uckele.com/everythingequinead.htm](http://www.uckele.com/everythingequinead.htm)  
Blissfield, MI
- June 13 Heartland Dog Fun Match, Farwell Fairgrounds, contact Cindy Dietsch, (989) 465-2058
- June 13 Adult Riding Clinic, MSU Pavilion
- June 13-15 MI Jr. Sheep Spectacular & B&B Sheep Show, MSU Pavilion
- June 13-15 MI Jr. Beef Show and Beef Showcase, MSU Pavilion
- June 7 Heartland Dog Fun Match, Clare County, Farewell Fairgrounds
- June 18-20 Exploration Days for all 4-H youth, 3 days on MSU Campus, East Lansing
- TBA State 4-H Goat Show, MSU Pavilion
- June 20-22 MI Jr. Hog Show, MSU Pavilion
- June 21 Lapeer County 4-H Horse show, contact Dawn Fleming (810) 614-1068
- June 23-24 MMPA Dairy Tour, MSU Pavilion
- June 23-25 Livestock Camp, Branch County, registration begins March 5
- June 27-29 State 4-H Trail Ride, Goose Creek, registration deadline May 29th
- July 12 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo, registration deadline June 6th, MSU Anthony Hall
- July 12 Lapeer County 4-H Horse show, contact Dawn Fleming (810) 614-1068
- July 15 State 4-H/FFA livestock Judging Contest, MSU Pavilion
- July 15-17 Ag Expo, MSU, **VOLUNTEERS Needed** contact Natalie (517) 432-1555 ext 157 by May 30th
- July 16 Special Discount for Detroit Shock Women's Basketball see <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/member/cool.html> for promotional flyer
- July 21-25 MI Dairy Expo & 4-H Dairy Days, MSU Pavilion
- July 23 The Great Dairy Adventure, MSU Pavilion, information at MSU Extension Office
- TBA State 4-H Dog Show, MSU Pavilion
- Aug. 22-24 State 4-H Horse Show, MSU Pavilion
- TBA MI State Fair, Detroit
- TBA National Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
- Oct 4 4-H Young Bird Show (Pigeon), Bay City Young Bird Show
- \*Oct 4 4-H Family Reunion, celebrating 100 years of Michigan 4-H, volunteers needed call Julie Chapin at (517) 432-7608 or [chapin@msu.edu](mailto:chapin@msu.edu)

Entry information and entry forms for the **Michigan Beef Expo Junior Beef Show**, as well as a **Livestock Judging Contest**, are now available on the Animal Science Youth Programs web site. The address is: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/> Go to "Upcoming Events". Both of these opportunities are sponsored by the Michigan State University Block & Bridle Club. \*These workshops will take place at the Kettunen Center, near Tustin Michigan.

*Reported by: Kenda Pakulski*

The **2008 State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show** was held January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan State University Pavilion. There were 1,214 rabbit entries from 2,997 youth which covered 46 counties across the state. We are proud to announce our local winners:

- Leah MonFette – Best of Breed with American Sable
- Spencer Mollan – Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex with Britannia Petite  
Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex with Cinnamon
- Kathryn Roggenbuck – Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex with Flemish Giant
- Taylor Usakowski – Best Opposite Sex with Jersey Wooly
- Calahan Mollan – Best Opposite Sex with Lionhead
- Nicole Johnson – Best of Breed with American Chinchilla
- Amanda Schelske—Best of Breed with French Angora



Congratulations to all, you did a fine job representing St. Clair County!

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## HORSE BOWL REGIONAL RESULTS

*Reported by: Margaret Brieling, Classic Clovers*

On March 1, 2008 at Marshall High School, Marshall Michigan four 4-H members and two coaches represented St. Clair County in the Regional Horse Bowl Competition. This competition included groups from all over the southeastern portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Lucy Anderson, Victoria Brieling, Kara and Kristi Harms along with Coach Heather Mudge, and Advisor Sue Jones had been studying hippology since November, meeting monthly at the Goodells County Park Community Building. They studied text books, horse magazines, equipment and tack. They practiced competing against each other in practice rounds, familiarizing themselves with the buzzers and the type of questions used in Horse Bowl.

The team placed well, and all four members earned eligibility to go on to the State Horse Bowl Jamboree competition held Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing. The team celebrated their successful day by visiting the MSU Ice Cream Store. "The girls were awesome, we had a beautiful day", Margaret Brieling

### Junior Novice Individuals

- 1st Lucy Anderson, Rustic Ramblers
- 2nd Victoria Breiling, Classic Clovers

### Junior Regular Individuals

- 1st Carlie Ann Harms, Great Expectations

### Senior Novice Individuals

- 1st Kristie Harms, Great Expectations

This competition encourages participants to obtain a more complete knowledge of horses and related subjects; to provide an educational horse program; to develop alertness and self-confidence; to demonstrate knowledge of horses and horse related subjects in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail and to provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators alike.

Pictured in back row is Kristie Harms and Coach Heather Mudge in the front row is Victoria Breiling, Lucy Anderson and Carlie Ann Harms



## 4-H Llama Show Results

Reported by: *Chris Ruemenapp, Rimrock Acres*

Results of 4-H Llama Show at Michigan State University held on Saturday, April 19, 2008

### Showmanship

Grand Champion Overall Showman - Julie Ruemenapp  
1st Place Jr. Showmanship - Lauren Tomasek  
6th Place Jr. Showmanship - Haley Beard  
1st Place Intermediate Showmanship - Julie Ruemenapp (Class A)  
1st Place Intermediate Showmanship - Rebecca Tomasek (Class B)  
5th Place Intermediate Showmanship - Luke Weber (Class B)  
2nd Place Sr. Showmanship - Megan Tomasek  
5th Place Sr. Showmanship - Emily Sovey

### Performance

Grand Champion Jr. Performance - Lauren Tomasek  
Grand Champion Intermediate Performance - Julie Ruemenapp  
Reserve Champion Sr. Performance - Nicole Weber

### Obstacle

2nd Place Jr. Obstacle - Lauren Tomasek  
2nd Place Intermediate Obstacle - Julie Ruemenapp  
4th Place Intermediate Obstacle - Luke Weber  
2nd Place Sr. Obstacle - Nicole Weber  
3rd Place Sr. Obstacle - Megan Tomasek

### Public Relations

1st Place Jr. Public Relations - Lauren Tomasek  
5th Place Jr. Public Relations - Haley Beard  
1st Place Intermediate Public Relations - Luke Weber  
2nd Place Intermediate Public Relations - Julie Ruemenapp  
5th Place Intermediate Public Relations - Rebecca Tomasek  
1st Place Sr. Public Relations - Nicole Weber  
2nd Place Sr. Public Relations - Emily Sovey  
4th Place Sr. Public Relations - Megan Tomasek

### Pack

1st Place Jr. Pack - Lauren Tomasek  
2nd Place Jr. Pack - Haley Beard  
6th Place Jr. Pack - Alexia Pastoria  
1st Place Intermediate Pack - Julie Ruemenapp  
4th Place Intermediate Pack - Luke Weber  
2nd Place Sr. Pack - Emily Sovey

A special thank you to the Beard Family for organizing lunch for St. Clair County's exhibitors.

## 4-H After School 2008

Reported by: *Therese McKernan,*  
4-H Program Assistant

This year the 4-H After-School Program was able to offer several new activities to our students in Port Huron schools. Our students at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, in the photos below, were particularly excited by the "Bubble Festival".

The Bubble Festival was a station-based event where students were able to measure, experiment, and observe the behavior and properties of bubbles.

Through inquiry, students looked for geometric patterns and figured out how to create cube-shaped bubbles. Using teamwork, students experimented with using straws, cups, strainers, and mesh to create a table of foam. One of the

more difficult tasks challenged students to find a way to measure their bubbles without popping them.

The Bubble Festival was not only fun, active and exciting; it also provided students with the opportunity to work cooperatively, apply the scientific process, and develop their problem-solving skills.



## Earth Fair 2008 Wrap Up

Reported by: *Liane Allen,*  
4-H Program Assistant

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Fair brought to you by the St. Clair County Environmental Education Network was a huge success. Many families took advantage of the FREE hands-on activities such as: planting "beanie baby necklaces", making bird feeders out of recycled water bottles and pencils, as well as "fishing" for stream insects and crustaceans.

The Earth Fair was held April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Goodells County Park in conjunction with the Soil Conservation District's annual tree sale. New to this year's fair were numerous classroom field trips where over 200 school age county residents took part in learning how to become environmental stewards. MSU Extension staff, Master Gardener volunteers and 4-H staff all worked together to provide fun, educational activities centered around responsible agriculture and nutri-

tion. Our activities consisted of: "Everything but the Oink" pork education, "Here's the Beef" cattle education and "Got Milk" dairy education. 413 kids and their parents took part in getting milk mustaches and learning the value of partnership between responsible agriculture and nutrition.

It was a great day! Come visit us at next year's St. Clair County Earth Fair.

## Animal Mania, held March 15, 2008

Reported by: *Lori Warchuck,*  
4-H Program Assistant

Over 600 St. Clair County Residents attended the first annual Animal Mania event held March 15, 2008 at the Port Huron Armory. Adults and kids of all ages had the opportunity to milk a cow, watch baby chicks hatch and visit the teddy bear clinic to name just a few of the fantastic educational opportunities offered at the event.

Animal Mania is co-sponsored by 4-H and Dr. Robyn Linberg Childs' Explorers Club. A big thank you to all of the people that helped make Animal Mania a big success.

Kathryn Roggenbuck shares her rabbit care knowledge



4-H Leaders MaryAnn Moskal & Kathy Kimberly after visiting the Got Milk station at Animal Mania.



# 4-H & Youth Fair Notices:

You can find many forms and information about the Fair on their website: <http://www.stclaircounty4hfair.org/>  
Another resource would be to check the MSUE website at <http://msue.stclaircounty.org/> the fair book is in the process of being loaded on to both of these sites.

## Consider applying for FAIR KING AND QUEEN:

Open to 4-H and youth ages 16 to 19 years of age. Applications available at fair office and must be submitted by July 1st to the fair office. Court judging to take place July 11. Crowning July 21 during opening ceremonies.

## Duties:

Fair King, Queen and Court will serve as hosts and hostesses throughout fair week. Available court members will attend opening night, commissioners' luncheon, auction, Awards on Saturday, judging of some projects (livestock shows, sweepstakes), public attractions, Capac parade on

July 19, make radio appearances, attend and help with activities in the Entertainment Tent, be positive role models and "Display appropriate behavior" that represents the SCC Fair at all times.

Contact the Fair Office for more information at (810) 364-9100

**For rabbits** they have to own their rabbits for the fair by May 1st or own the doe by that date regardless if it is for breed or market classes Those entering a market pen

or market fryers: the rabbit cannot be over 69 days old (born May 12 or later) at check-in and must weigh between 3-5 pounds. Pens must have 3 rabbits of the same

breed and variety. Roasters must be under 6 months of age and weigh between 5-8 pounds. Stewers are over 6 months of age and weigh a minimum of 8 pounds. Contact Mary Taylor (810) 987-9270

## Revised ages for market poultry for the 2008 4-H & Youth Fair

Class 32 CHICKENS - THREE BIRDS TO A PEN, SEVEN WEEKS OF AGE AT SHOW-TIME

Class 33 DUCKS - TWO BIRDS TO A PEN, EIGHT WEEKS OF AGE AT SHOW

## TIME, HEAVY BREEDS ONLY

Class 34 - GEESE - TWO BIRDS TO A PEN, FOURTEEN WEEKS OF AGE AT SHOW TIME, HEAVY BREEDS ONLY

Class 35 - TURKEYS - TWO BIRDS PER PEN, NINETEEN WEEKS OF AGE AT SHOW

## TIME

Keep your receipts as proof of age; you may be asked for them at check in.

Contact Tim Warchuck at (810) 367-6956 or Terri or Kelly Crump at (586) 727-3337

## 2008 Fair MARKET LAMB REQUIREMENTS:

All market lambs must have an average daily gain of .4 lbs per day or greater in order to be eligible for the market lamb class and the livestock sale. Market lambs not meeting this

requirement will be exhibited in a feeder lamb class and not be eligible for auction at the fair. Lambs must also meet this minimum weight of 90 lbs. on July 20, 2008. Calculating this out, 78 days from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> weigh in to the July 20<sup>th</sup> fair date; your lamb must gain at

least 31 pounds in order to be eligible for the market lamb class and sale.

Contacts Chris Ruemenapp (586) 725-3787 or Alan Thueme (586) 727-1008 or Theresa Whitenight (586) 725-3086

**SCC AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

(Fair Board)  
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4-H & Youth Fair  
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www.stclaircounty4hfair.org  
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**COMPOUND BOW**

Tanya Mehlberg is looking to borrow a left handed youth compound bow for her son, do you have one to loan to her?

(810) 385-5129

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**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**

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