The excitement of going to the Fowlerville Family Fair is growing by the day. 4-H members across the county are busy with 4-H animal projects, deciding what recipe to use for their foods exhibit or selecting which project they want to enter in the Still Exhibit Auction. We are looking forward to a fun week!

**Stall Cards**
Stall card templates are available on the Livingston County 4-H website. The fillable stall cards will be easy to use and can be made species and club specific. It is recommended that clubs use cardstock when printing their stall cards for durability. Card stock will be available at the MSUE office for clubs to use.

**Read Your 4-H Fair Book and Pre-Fair Newsletter**
To set yourself up for success and get the most out of the fair experience, refer to the 4-H Fair Book and this Newsletter. The fair book can be found at [http://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/4-h.html](http://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/4-h.html)

The daily programs, general rules of the fair and the general 4-H rules are especially important. These were emailed to each 4-H family. Take a few moments, read through the book and newsletter, they will help you find the times, dates and activities that will take place during fair week.

**Fair Passes: Member/Leader**
The Fowlerville Family Fair will officially open on Monday, July 25. Members and leaders will need their fair passes to enter. Member and leader passes will be included in the club packets and distributed at the Pre-Fair Meeting on Tuesday, July 12. Be sure you check with your Administrative Leader before Monday, July 25, to get your passes and entry tags.

**Shavings will NOT be provided!**
4-H families will need to provide bedding for their animals. Shavings will not be donated this year, however, **STRAW IS OKAY**

**Family Season Fair Passes**
4-H families wishing to purchase a season pass can do so from the Fowlerville Family Fair office for $15.00/per person from June 1 through June 30. Family passes will be $20.00/per person from July 1 until fair time. This is the best deal for parents who are not leaders, who need to go fairing each day. Adults who enter livestock exhibits in open class divisions also receive an exhibitors’ pass for the week. Exhibitors not exhibiting in Livestock classes will receive a 1-day admission pass. Parents might want to consider this option also.

**Ride Vouchers**
Ride vouchers are also on sale now for $17.00 on the fair website and/or the Fair office. Purchase vouchers before the fair and then turn them in during fair the day you want to ride. Ride vouchers must be purchased prior to the first day of fair to get the reduced price of $17.00. Mega Ride tickets are also available for $70.00; which will let you ride all week as much as want.

**Project Marketplace Materials Available**
4-H Project Marketplace promotional materials are now available at the Extension office – posters, table cards and mailing inserts. Distribute these materials to promote ALL 3 of our 4-H Project Marketplace auctions on **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday** of Fair.
2016 4-H Fair Superintendents

Dairy ........................................ Sue Grover
Beef ........................................... Gary Fox
........................................... Martha Munsell
Sheep ........................................ Dave Roberts
........................................... Missy Westphal
Swine ........................................ Eric Skym
........................................... Jim Kennedy
Poultry ...................................... Don Roberts
Market Poultry .................. Mickey Roberts
Show Poultry ........ Sarah Wylie
Rabbits ..................................... Donna Carpenter
Llamas, Alpacas....................... Hope Browne
Goats ....................................... Gordon Munsell
Horse and Pony
Show .................. Michelle Carnevale
Barn ................................ Don Carnevale
Dogs ..................................... Taunya Rehfs
Cats ................................ Suzanne Cloudman
Pocket Pets ..................... Sherry Jones
Showmanship Sweepstakes .... Brooke Densmore
Best Kept Club..................... Sheri VanWyck
Animal Science .................. Christine Miller
Creative Arts and Crafts ........ Kristine Esch
Folk Art, Folkpatterns....... Suzanne Dick
Photography .................. Judy Paulsen
Clothing/Textiles .......... Jeanne Sparks
Wood Science ................ Stephanie Fletcher
Foods ................................ Paula Klein
Horticulture, Entomology .... Nan-Marie Fox
Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Club Exhibits, Leadership, Safety & Sports .... Barb Parker
Shooting Sports ................ Todd Muck
Electrical, Engines & Rockets .... Jim Sparks
Clover Buds ................ Renee Pasko
Little Red Barn ................ Teena Munsell
Grounds Superintendent ........ Gordon Munsell
Special Events .................. Molly Moulton
Still Exhibit Auction .......... Tina Kupniewski
Auction Superintendent .......... David Roberts

Livingston County 4-H Policy on Alcohol & Drugs & MSU Extension Volunteer & Member Code of Conduct Policy

Illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are prohibited. 4-H members and leaders found using illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, while on the fairgrounds will be suspended from the 4-H program for one year and will lose Fair awards for the current Fair year. This rule also includes no smoking outside of designated areas for adult volunteers. 4-H members, even those “of legal age” are prohibited from smoking. Please note the campgrounds are NOT a designated smoking area.

Pre-Fair Meeting July 12th at 7:30 p.m.

All 4-H clubs are required to send at least one representative to the 4-H Pre-Fair Meeting held on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the 4-H Building. 4-H Superintendents will attend to answer questions about their specific areas. We will discuss changes in the fair book and general 4-H procedures. 4-H Club Fair Packets will be available for pick up that evening. Preprinted entry tags, member passes, leader passes, project guidelines and extra forms will be part of your club packets. Please make sure your club is represented so your members have the information they need to make Fair a fun time.

Pre-Fair Clean-Up and Set-Up

Scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th

Fair clean-up day will be Tuesday, July 19th beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is a very important part of getting ready for fair. We need your help to prepare the buildings and grounds for the fair! Jobs will include cleaning, setting up the building and the exhibit areas, setting up pens, stalls and cages and picking up the grounds around the barns and 4-H building. It would help if families could buckets, rags, rakes, cleaners, and wear old clothes. After clean-up 4-H Council will provide a hotdog dinner. There will be NO PAINTING at clean-up this year. We’re going to try complete it on Tues/Thurs work nights beforehand.

Check-In Schedule and Health Requirements for 4-H Animals at Fair

The 4-H superintendent will check-in dairy, beef, sheep, swine, horses, goats and llama/alpacas on Sunday, July 24th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. These large
animals will be subjected to a health screening at check-in by a superintendent and will also be checked by a vet. Dairy and beef animals must be identified with a RFID Tag. Sheep and goats must be identified with a USDA scrapies tag – please refer to the fair book rules for specifics. If you do not have a scrapies tag for your goat you will not be allowed to unload from the trailer. Horse exhibitors must show proof of a negative Coggins. For those members whose Coggins expired between May 1 and Fair be sure to bring an updated copy to leave on file at the fairgrounds.

Swine will be tagged with their USDA tag during check-in (unless they already have a USDA tag). They will not be retagged.

4-H rabbit superintendents and volunteers will be checking in rabbits on Sunday, July 24 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Animals will be subjected to a health screening at check-in by superintendents. All rabbits must go through check-in before being caged.

**REMINDER: No LIVE MARKET POULTRY**

There will be interview style judging on Monday, July 25th beginning at 9:00 a.m. for 4-H members selling market poultry at fair. The judging will be member with judge.

**Members MUST bring a picture** of their birds to show the judge. (This is MANDATORY).

**Members must create a detailed informational poster on each species shown.**

**Weigh-In for Sheep, Swine, Beef, and Goats at Fair on Sunday, July 24** – Sheep and Beef will be weighed in at 7:00 p.m. Swine will be weighed and tagged during check-in time. Market goats will be weighed at 8:00 p.m.

**Post-Fair Clean-up and Release of Exhibits**

Release of all 4-H animals and exhibits is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 31. Decorations may be taken down starting at 8:00 a.m. Animals and exhibits will be released at 9:30 a.m. Pens will be taken down at 9:45 a.m. and post-fair clean-up will go from 9:45 a.m. until noon. Please arrange to have your club’s projects removed from the 4-H Building by 10:00 a.m. to allow for clean-up. The 4-H Building will officially close at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. Each 4-H club will be assigned a post fair clean-up area, but everyone should plan to stay and help until all areas are clean. Assignments will be distributed at the pre-fair meeting in July. Clubs will be released after clean-up is done by a superintendent or 4-H staff person. It is such a help when clubs help to clean up after fair. We know that the excitement is over and everyone is tired, but when it is all left for a few to do the job is almost impossible.

**4-H Specials**

**Mower Madness**

Wed, July 27 at 2:00 p.m. - Draft Horse Arena

The contest consists of parts identification, driving and short-answer questions for members 5-19 years if age. The references to study for the contest include Level 1 – Crank It Up and Level 2 – Warm It Up. (Contact the Extension office for which pages to study). Sign up will be at the 4-H Fair office during fair.

**4-H Livestock Judging Contest**

Fri, July 29 at 9 a.m. - Livestock Show Arena

Learn about judging beef, sheep, and swine. Test your skills and knowledge by placing the class and presenting a set of reasons if you choose. Judging is lots of fun and educational at the same time. No previous experience needed. Guidelines can be obtained at the Extension office. Contest is open to 4-H members 9-19 years of age. Plaques will be awarded to winners in each age group.

**King and Queen Contest**

Tue, July 26 - Livestock Show Arena

This contest is open to all members 4-H ages 12-19. The official rules are on page 10 of the fair book. The contest will be Tuesday night at 7 p.m. The deadline for sign up is 5 p.m. on Tuesday of fair. The contest is limited to the first 15 couples to sign up. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the 4-H office in the back of the 4-H Building.

**4-H Fun Night….Family Game Night!**

Thurs, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Livestock Arena

This 4-H fun night at the fair will feature 20 teams composed of 4-H members, Clover Buds, parents and/or leaders. A team will be composed of 4 players in any combination of member, parent or leader. The team entry fee is $20.00 ($5/person). Clubs are limited to one team until July 1 and then spots will be filled on first come basis. To be registered, a team must have a team name and the $20.00 entry fee paid. Entry fees will be used to benefit your 4-H program. Register your team today at the MSUE office until 7/21 after that at the 4-H office on the fairgrounds.

Make checks out to MSU.
Over the Hill Showmanship
Mon, July 25 at 7:30p.m. - Livestock Show Arena
Nominate someone 4-H age 20 and over for $20 for this FUN contest. Individuals may be nominated several times, but only the TOP 10 nominees will show in each species (limit 2 species/nominee). All proceeds are shared between 4-H Council (to support 4-H programming) and FAS for the Bathroom Fund). See the flier for details!

Market Animal Record Books
All 4-H members who plan to exhibit and sell market beef, sheep, swine, feeder calves, goats, poultry and rabbits must complete and turn in a basic record book. Members may estimate the ending weight of their animals. This will allow members to complete their record books prior to fair if they so desire. All record books are due in the 4-H Fair office by 9 p.m. on Monday, July 25. Members who do not turn in a record book cannot sell their animals at auction.

Record Books for sheep, beef and feeder calves were handed out on tagging day. Swine record books were mailed. Other animal record books are available at the MSU Extension office. Your first copy is free, additional copies are $.25. Members who pick up record books at the 4-H Fair office will be charged a fee of $.50.

4-H members who plan to enter their record books for judging with their beef, feeder calf, sheep, swine and goat projects must complete 4H1177. Horse members wishing to enter a record book for their project horse may use 4H1072. Rabbit, dog, poultry, pheasant and other project areas where members are entering a record book for judging, also need to use a special record book. All record books are available at the Extension office. If you have questions about your record books, call the office at (517) 546-3950.

Project Forms and Record Books
Any form that is required to accompany a fair project may be picked up at the Extension office. If you request a form at the fair there will be a $.50 charge per sheet. Please pick up your forms now and come prepared to the fair. Projects that require special forms include:

- Foods and Nutrition
- Folkpatterns and Rockets
- Animal Record Books

Clover Buds are encouraged, but not required to complete these as well. Pick up required forms prior to fair and avoid charges!

4-H STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION!
4-H Members will be auctioning their photographs, paintings, baked goods and much more at the Still Exhibit Auction on Wednesday of fair in the Livestock Arena at 5:30pm. Projects entered in the auction will be on display in a special area in the 4-H Building and marked with a 4-H Project Marketplace tag.

Clover Bud Graduation
Clover Buds, who are 4-H age 8, are invited to attend a graduation ceremony in the Livestock Show Arena on Tuesday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the Clover Bud Mentoring Showmanship Presentation. Each Clover Bud who will be a regular 4-H member in the fall will receive a certificate in recognition of their participation as a Clover Bud in Livingston County 4-H.

Clover Bud Scavenger Hunt/ Events
Wednesday, July 27, 12:00 p.m.
All Clover Buds are encouraged to participate in this exciting event and see what fun we have in store for you. Register at the 4-H Fair office at noon on Wednesday where the fun begins!

Clover Bud Mower Madness Contest
Draft Horse Arena – 2pm (Pedal tractors will be used for Clover Bud driving portion)
*Special ribbons for ALL Clover Bud participants*

Check Out The Little Red Barn!
We want to make the Little Red Barn a place where fair visitors can gather information about local organizations and how these organizations contribute to our community and also benefit local families.

4-H is at the top of the list. Each committee will do a display on the benefits of participating in its 4-H project area – Look What We Can Do For You! Other organizations asked to participate include Fair Board, Farm Bureau, Livingston Soil Conservation, Webberville FFA and the Fowlerville Business Association.
Brought to you by 4-H Teen Council...

Recycling Program
Don’t throw out your pop cans or plastic bottles! Teen Council has a recycling barrel available in each barn, the livestock arena and in the 4-H Kitchen. They will empty the bins each day and also collect cardboard from vendors on the midway as part of a community service project/partnership with the Fair Board.

4-H Youth Game Night (instead of a dance) (Thurs. at 9pm, Livestock Arena)
Instead of a dance this year Teen Council is hosting a youth Game Night on Thursday of fair at 9pm in the livestock arena. All 4-H members, leaders and families WELCOME! There will be music, board games and popcorn provided. Feel free to bring your favorite board games to share!

4-H Kitchen-Fowlerville Fair
The 4-H Kitchen serves as one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Profits from the kitchen go to 4-H Council to buy year-end pins for members and leaders, educational materials for clubs, and all the many things that make Livingston County 4-H special. Please help 4-H Council continue their good work by signing up to help.

If you haven’t yet signed up for a shift in the kitchen email Brenda Regentik at mbregentik@gmail.com

The 4-H Kitchen is open during fair to serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. It’s essential to have a fully staffed kitchen of volunteers to remain open during these hours. Without proper coverage, the kitchen will close during that time.

THANK YOU to all of our clubs and volunteers that have signed up to help in the 4-H Kitchen! At this point, ALL shifts are covered except Day Chairs! Please contact Brenda to sign up.

The 4-H kitchen will purchase all pies. Money donations from families or clubs would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off at the Extension office prior to the fair or at the 4-H kitchen during fair. Make checks out to Livingston County 4-H Council.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Repainting the Swine Barn
Help is needed to repaint the Swine Barn inside and out, BEFORE pre-fair clean-up night. Contact Loria Sabin 517-546-3950 to sign up.

Auction Set-Up and Clean-Up Crews
We need helpers to set up and take down chairs and gates for the auctions on Wednesday (Still Exhibit), Friday (Large Animal) and Saturday (Small Animal). These auctions are BIG events for our members and we need lots of help to get ready. We also need volunteers to help with destination sheets after each animal auction and a couple volunteers to help open gates on loading night. Contact Loria Sabin 517-546-3950 to help with the Large Animal and Small Animal Auctions. Contact Tina K. to help with the Still Exhibit Auction woodworksofwolfcreek@wowway.com

Club Booth & Trophy Sponsors
We still need sponsors for trophies, ribbons, special events and 4-H Club Booths. Give Teena a call at (517) 223-9639 for sponsorships.

Area Supervisors are needed on pre-fair clean-up day to coordinate work crews in the barn and building areas. Call Sarah 517-546-3950 if interested.

4-H Fair office – Volunteers are needed to work in the 4-H Fair office during the week of Fair. Call Sarah to schedule 517-546-3950.

Clerks and Runners are needed on Saturday, July 23 for Pre-Fair Judging. Teens are welcome! Please contact Judy at rangers.judy@gmail.com to sign up.

Dog Club Volunteers:
Volunteers from each Dog Club are required for show days - Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Call Taunya at 517-294-2754

Watch Small Animal Barn
Volunteers needed in the Small Animal Barn during fair week to watch the animals. Sign-up schedule for the week will be posted in the barn.
2016 Fair Rule Changes

Exhibitor Program

Monday, July 25
9am 4-H Poultry Show (Show Birds)
   – Small Animal Barn
5pm 4-H Demonstrations – Public Speaking
   – “Green Church” & Livestock Arena

Thursday, July 28
9pm 4-H Dance Youth Game Night
   – Livestock Arena

GENERAL 4-H RULES
8. If an animal or exhibit is removed from the fair early without permission, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards and will not be allowed to show at the following fair. Permission for early removal can only be given through 4-H staff to the Fair Board for final decision. Once unloaded, an animal is considered on exhibition and this rule applies.

21.5 A 4-H exhibitor may not show in the same project area in more than one county’s 4-H program. Ex: If you show swine in Livingston County 4-H, you may not show swine in another county’s 4-H program.

27. All May 1st animals will be the 4-H member’s fair animals for cats, dogs, goats, llamas/alpacas and horses. Only that animal-member combination is eligible to show at the Fowlerville Family Fair.”

4-H Mower Madness
2. Contest will consist of four sections: part and tool identification, skill-a-thon (hands-on demonstration), written questions and driving course. Clover Buds are excluded from the driving portion. They may use a pedal tractor instead.

DEPT 16 – HORSE & PONY
19. Championship classes: only the top two placings from previous classes are eligible to participate (bareback, pleasure and equitation for English and Western horses and ponies) and should return to compete for the trophy. If you qualify only from bareback, you must ride bareback in the championship.

Versatility
*Rules for Versatility Class will be for a Rider and a two-person team with a 4-minute time limit. Judge will signal when team can enter the ring. Chaps are allowed. Teams going over the 4 minute time limit will be disqualified. Versatility will include English, Western and either Showmanship or Bareback. Showmanship will be included in even years and Bareback will be included in odd years.

Medal Classes (Basic Riding Pattern)
* If the same rider/horse combination medals in Class 5840 they must move up the following year.

Class
5842  English or Western Riding – Not to ride in 5840 – Members must choose one discipline (9-19)
5843  Versatility – Riders Show – English, Western, Showmanship or Bareback – Ribbon Only

DEPT. 28 – LARGE ANIMAL MARKET LIVESTOCK
20. “Market Livestock members enrolled in their second year and over in Livingston County 4-H Market Livestock projects may show and sell any two (2) of the following: two market beef, two dairy beef, two lambs, two hogs, two feeder calves. No more than two (2) species and no more than two (2) animals per species. In this instance feeder calves will be considered a separate species.”

28.5 Release of market animals will be after 12:01am on the last Sunday of fair. Self-destination market animals will be released at 12:01am on the last Sunday of fair unless other arrangements are made with the superintendents.”

DEPT. 30 – SMALL ANIMAL MARKET LIVESTOCK
34. Release of market animals will be after 12:01am on the last Sunday of fair. Self-destination market animals will be released at 12:01am on the last Sunday of fair unless other arrangements are made with the superintendents.”

DEPT. 22 - DOGS
1. “May 1st forms are required for all 4-H dogs entered in the Fowlerville Family Fair. Only that animal-member combination is eligible to show at the Fowlerville Family Fair.”

DEPT 90 – STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION
9. All auction items, except duplicate food/horticulure and floriculture entries, must be returned to the 4-H Building and remain on display until the designated release time. Floriculture items must be replaced with a photograph.

DEPT. 86 – FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST
2. Entries must be 8.5” x 11” and in black and white.

3. Entries should have a 4-H and fair theme and include the name Livingston County’s 131st Fowlerville Family Fair, fair website (www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com) and e-mail address (fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com) and 2017 fair dates of July 24-29, 2017.

DEPT. 71– ORGANIZATIONS
Section 1009 – Best Kept Club
Class
5906  Dairy cattle/dairy feeders club
5907  Beef cattle/beef feeders club

Section 1450 – Club Booth
1. Club booths must be entered in the CLUB’S NAME
2. Clubs MUST display fair entry tag in addition to their Club Booth exhibit card
For the complete list of rules refer to the fair book. Every exhibitor, parent and leader should read the general rules and rules for every project area they’re working with.
Pre-Fair Clean-Up
Tuesday, July 19th
5:00pm – 8:00pm

**No painting at Pre-Fair Clean-up this year**

- Painting will take place on the regularly scheduled work nights (Tuesdays & Thursdays) **BEFORE** Pre-Fair Clean-Up. The 4-H Committees and 4-H Council will be recruiting small groups of members and volunteers to help with any painting that needs to be done. Please keep an eye out for requests in emails and the county newsletter. This is separate from pre-fair clean-up. **We still NEED EVERYONE at pre-fair clean-up.**

**What should I bring?**

- Please **BRING buckets, rags, rakes and cleaners etc.** We have some of these things available, but could never provide enough for everyone. We count on our 4-H families to bring their own supplies *(Remember to put your name on them).*

**Where do we start?**

- When you arrive **FIND an AREA SUPERVISOR** to see what needs to be done. Area Supervisors will be wearing orange name tags that say “Area Supervisor,” and will have a list of everything that needs to be done in a particular area.

**What if I need Light Bulbs?**

- **Fair Board provides light bulbs later.** If you need a light bulb replaced in your area, just tell the Area Supervisor, so he/she can make a note of which ones need to be replaced. We turn the notes in at the Fair office and the bulbs are replaced later.

**What should I do when we’ve finished cleaning an area?**

- First, **check in with your Area Supervisor,** so he/she knows it’s done and can check it off on the list

- Then, **head to the 4-H Building** to see what still needs to be done. Area Supervisors turn in their completed lists as areas are cleaned, so keep checking at the 4-H Building to see which area needs help next.

**What should I do when all the areas are clean?**

- First, **make sure that everything is cleaned up from your clean-up** → wash out mop buckets and return cleaning supplies to the 4-H building etc.

- Then, **go eat!** A hotdog dinner is provided compliments, of 4-H Council. Dinner starts around 8pm/as soon as ALL the AREAS have been checked off as cleaned by the Area Supervisors. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO GET READY FOR FAIR!!!**