

Channel 4-H News

January 2012

MSU Extension -
Isabella County

4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Sunday, January 15, 2012

4:00 p.m.

FREE to 4-H members, volunteers, and their families
MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing



Inside this issue:

Club Corner	2
County Rabbit & Cavy Show	2
State Awards	3
Capitol Experience	4
4-H Workshops	5
Calendar	6

Everyone is invited to attend the seventh annual celebration of MSU Extension & 4-H Youth Development at the Lady Spartan's Women's basketball game as they take on Ohio State University. Please contact the Extension office now to reserve your tickets!

Email Addresses Needed

It is very important that we have your email addresses if you have one. Please contact our office if you think we do not have your email address or if your email address has changed. Last minute notifications for state and county events are sent out to leaders, families and members that we have email addresses for.

We may be managing some of our mailings and notifications to families (like the newsletter) a bit differently in the future due to budget restrictions. We will keep you posted as details are finalized. If you have questions, please contact our office.

Message from Fair Board

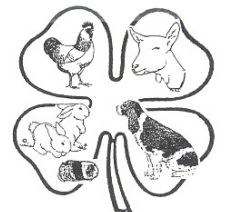
We regret that we are unable to pay premiums for the 2011 fair. Due to unforeseen expenses, funds were not available. We appreciate all your exhibits, as that is what makes our fair special. We are hoping the coming year will be much better.

Small Animal Night

Monday, January 30

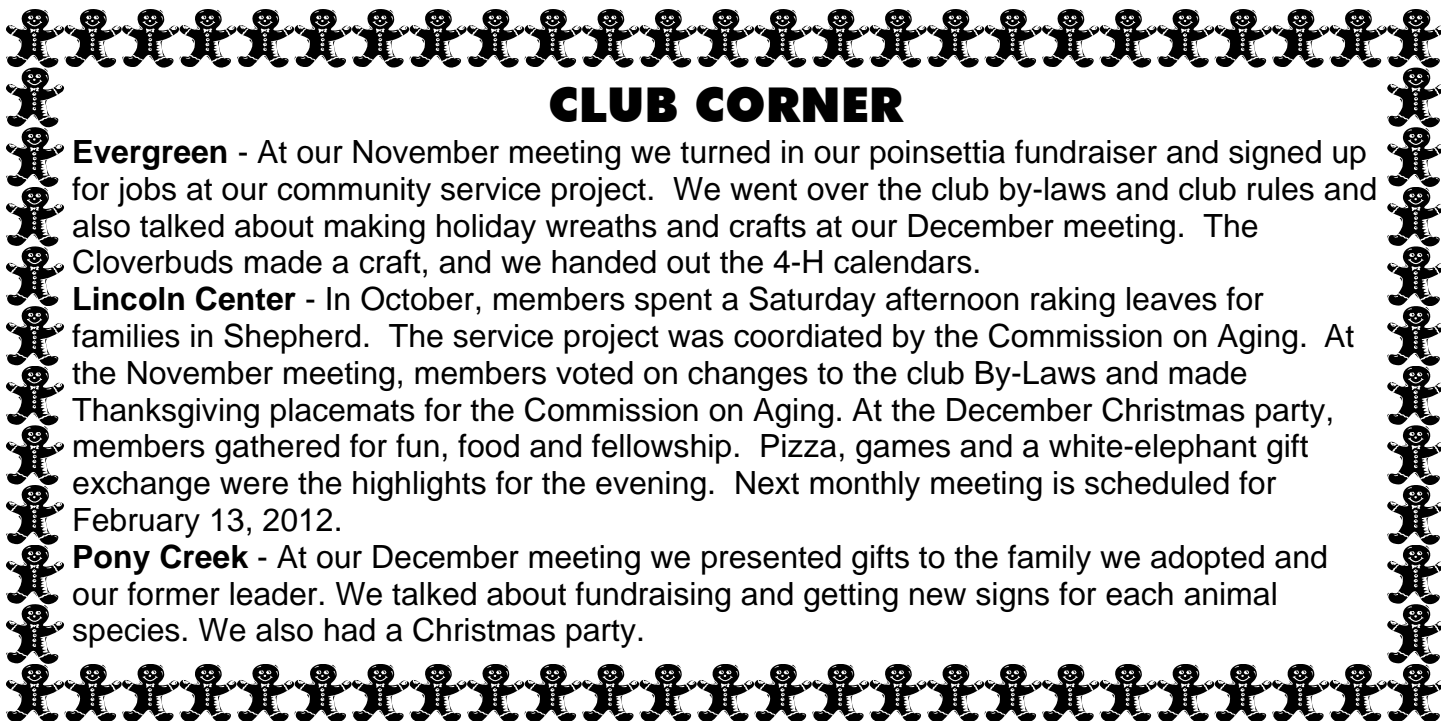
7:00 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320



Protected Under
18 U.S.C. 707

All species will be represented. This will be an informational/educational event; do not bring your animals with you. For rabbit members, those that attend will receive a copy of the new showmanship guide. Please RSVP to the Extension Office if you plan to attend, and identify what species you are involved with so we have enough material.



CLUB CORNER

Evergreen - At our November meeting we turned in our poinsettia fundraiser and signed up for jobs at our community service project. We went over the club by-laws and club rules and also talked about making holiday wreaths and crafts at our December meeting. The Cloverbuds made a craft, and we handed out the 4-H calendars.

Lincoln Center - In October, members spent a Saturday afternoon raking leaves for families in Shepherd. The service project was coordinated by the Commission on Aging. At the November meeting, members voted on changes to the club By-Laws and made Thanksgiving placemats for the Commission on Aging. At the December Christmas party, members gathered for fun, food and fellowship. Pizza, games and a white-elephant gift exchange were the highlights for the evening. Next monthly meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2012.

Pony Creek - At our December meeting we presented gifts to the family we adopted and our former leader. We talked about fundraising and getting new signs for each animal species. We also had a Christmas party.

Livestock Producers Meeting

Monday, January 9
8 p.m.
Isabella County Building, Room 225

New Leader Orientation

Monday, January 9
6:00 p.m.
Isabella County Building, Room 320

All new volunteer leaders are required to attend. Please call our office by January 6 if you are coming to this orientation.

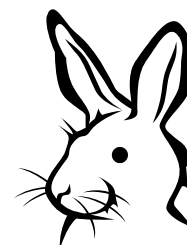
State Rabbit & Cavy Show

Saturday, January 28
On-site registration begins at 6:30 am
\$2.75 per class
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Open to all 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2012). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available. For more information visit:
www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h__rabbitcavy_show

Isabella County Rabbit & Cavy Show

Saturday, February 25, 2012
West Intermediate School, Mt. Pleasant



Rabbit registration -- 7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Cavy registration -- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Rabbit showmanship begins at 9:15 a.m.
Cavy showmanship will depend on the number of entries

Silent auction, breed identification, educational exhibits, judging contest

If you are interested in helping with any part of the show (set up, during the show, clean up) please contact Angie Coldwell (828-6229) before January 30. Show flyers will be available at the Extension Office within the next couple of weeks.

Small Animal News

Small Animal Association will meet on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. Superintendents will need to update any changes for the fair book.



State 4-H Awards Recognition Opportunities for 2012

• 4-H Mark of Excellence Award

This is an opportunity for Isabella County 11 & 12 year old 4-H members to receive recognition at the county, regional and state levels by participating in a 4-H essay contest. The contest is designed to recognize these members for their involvement in Michigan 4-H Youth programs, as well as their ability to express their experiences through an essay. Essays are due March 1, 2012. If you are interested in participating, please contact Monica at the Extension office.

• State Awards

If you are a 4-H'er aged 13 and up with at least three years of 4-H experience, the State 4-H Awards Program might be your chance to gain leadership skills, practice interviewing, improve your writing skills, build your self-esteem and compete for recognition in more than 30 project areas. Members must be able to participate in Exploration Days at MSU on June 20-22. The State 4-H Individual Award Portfolio and the State 4-H Club Award Report form are due to the Extension Office by March 1, 2012. For more information, contact Monica at the Extension office.

Clare County's Extension Educator is hosting two excellent workshops that Isabella County youth are invited to attend. One is a general workshop on record keeping and the other one is specific to the State Award process and developing a portfolio. Due to reorganization, this will be the only workshop offered to Isabella County youth on their portfolio development. Please call the Extension Office by Friday, January 27, if you plan to attend.

Why Keep Records?

Tuesday, January 31

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pere Marquette District Library, Clare (located in the basement-follow signs)

Participants will gain experience in the basics of record keeping...

- Including tips on completing project record books
- Understanding what records need to be kept for awards/general information
- Improving your current record keeping efforts

AND... eat pizza and visit with 4-Hers (from your own county and surrounding counties) who share an interest in the keeping accurate records.

State 4-H Awards Workshop

Tuesday, January 31

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Pere Marquette District Library, Clare (located in the basement-follow signs)

Participants will gain experience...

- How to develop a State 4-H Awards portfolio including tips on completing the application form and your 4-H story.
- If you already have a portfolio, get ideas on how to improve it!
- Learn more about the interview process.

AND... eat pizza and visit with 4-Hers (from your own county and surrounding counties) who share an interest in the State Award process.

4-H EXPLORATION DAYS @ MSU

Come to 4-H Exploration Days and...

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Michigan State University
June 20-22, 2012

Come join the fun!

Choose from many action-packed learning sessions in areas like:

- Adventure Education
- Food, Nutrition & Fitness
- Animal Science
- Environmental & Outdoor Education
- Visual & Performing Arts
- And more!

Enjoy evening recreational activities and experience living on a college campus!

You'll appreciate the fun, the friendship and the learning.

Don't wait...

Registrations are due to your county MSU Extension office by April 30, 2012.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_exploration_days

MSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

4-H Capitol Experience

March 18-21, 2012

Teens, ever wonder what it's like to be a state legislator? A lobbyist? A government official? Or even a political reporter? Do you know that teens working together can make a difference in public policy and laws at the state and local levels. For four days in March, you can visit Lansing and learn how Michigan government works. You can choose an interest area, such as the environment, equality and personal rights, health, education, jobs and the economy and agriculture. Through a Michigan Legislative Simulation, you propose a law and follow the process of how an idea becomes a law in your interest area. You also get some one-on-one time with your state legislator to learn what he or she is doing for your community. If you turn 14 by January, and you are interested in impacting public policy and seeing how government works, you'll want to go to 4-H Capitol Experience.

Cost for 2012 Capitol Experience is \$300. (Scholarships available from 4-H Council)
The deadline to register is February 3.

To learn more about Capitol Experience, visit:
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_capitol_experience

Attention Teens! Are You Interested in Serving as a Teen Superintendent

Applications are being accepted for teen superintendents. You may pick up applications at the Extension office or visit our web site and look under 4-H forms.

Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in being a Teen Superintendent in. Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years. Applicants must be enrolled in the Teen Leadership Project and be a teen leader in the project that they would like to be a teen superintendent in. Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meeting.

Applications need to be completed and returned to the Extension office by Monday, January 9.

4-H WORKSHOPS

Registration fee for these workshops is paid by the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for all enrolled teen (ages 13 and up) and adult 4-H volunteers.

To register contact the MSU Extension office at 772-0911 ext. 302.

4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference

January 21-22, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This powerful conference brings teens, ages 14 and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. Following are comments from the 2011 conference participants: "This conference makes me feel as if I can change the world." "I personally loved this workshop; not only did I learn new leadership techniques, but I also learned a lot about myself." From an adult chaperone participant: "This conference was interactive, dynamic and perfectly geared toward youth!" The conference announcement, available on the 4-H website, will have complete descriptions for all sessions offered. *This workshop is presented with support from the Sandra Clarkson Stuckman Endowment and the Turner-Ousterhout Endowment of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.*

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

February 24-25, 2012 – Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animal species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their skills. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick, or injured animals. Meet other youth that have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and older.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop

February 25-26, 2012 – Kettunen Center

If you are interested in beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance your communications and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up. *This workshop is presented with support from the Michigan Pork Producers Association.*

4-H Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

March 10-11, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is for teen and adult volunteers ages 13 and up. All staff and education providers are welcome. Whether you are interested in animal science, plant science, environmental science, robotics, alternative energy, engineering, film making or technology, this workshop has something exciting for you! Learn about new, hands-on educational opportunities in both new and existing 4-H project areas. Conduct experiments and learn how to develop the next generation of problem solvers. Hands-on sessions for beginners and advanced will be provided.

Phone: (989) 772-0911 ext. 302
County website: www.isabellacounty.org/dept/msue/index.html
State 4-H website: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/>
Become a fan of MSU Extension Isabella County on Facebook

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

January

2	OFFICE CLOSED	
9	New Leader Orientation @ MSUE	6 pm
11	4-H Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7 pm
19	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
24	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
30	Small Animal Night @ MSUE	7 pm

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. Issued in furtherance of MSU Extension work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Thomas G. Coon, Director, MSU Extension, East Lansing, MI 48824. This information is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by MSU Extension or bias against those not mentioned.

Monica Borgman, 4-H Program Coordinator
borgman5@anr.msu.edu
Nonie Gross, Secretary I
grossn@anr.msu.edu

Paul Gross, Extension Educator
Roger Lintemuth, Forest Pest Education
Sabrina McGee, PA I
Belinda Laughlin, Master Gardener Coordinator