

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

April 2010

## State Awards Update

Congratulations to:

Deborah Gregory (Country Plus 4-H Club) - Foods

Nicole Morgenstern (Pony Creek 4-H Club) - Beef

Kate Troxell (Aim High 4-H Club) - Rabbits

The Isabella County Sesquicentennial Barn Tour Committee:

Group Award – special activity emphasis

Members of the Barn Tour Committee include: Sam Robison, Steven

Robison, Riley Andrews, Brandi Andrews, Kourtney Collin, Austin Roberts,

Kaylee Devantier, Kyra Levandowski, and Sam Neyer.

Their 4-H project portfolios were reviewed by the Regional State Awards Committee in March and will receive a Regional Award Certificate. These Isabella County 4-H members will compete during Exploration Days for the State Award in their specific project area. The Barn Tour committee will be represented at Exploration Days by Brandi Andrews, Kaylee Devantier, and Steven Robison. Thanks for your hard work and for representing Isabella County. Best of luck to all of you!

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## 2010 4-H Exploration Days

June 23-25 at Michigan State University

4-H Exploration Days is an annual state youth conference held on the campus of MSU that is open to all youth ages 11-19. This event is meant to be a learning experience that will instill self-esteem, decision-making skills, independent thinking and leadership skills. The full time participant fee is \$165 which includes meals, lodging, and a t-shirt. 4-H Council will pay half the fee for full time registration. Registration is now open! Sessions fill up fast, so turn in your registration form as soon as possible to the Extension office. For more information check out the Exploration Days website at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/expodays.html>



## Camp Counselor Meeting

Monday, April 12 at 6:30 pm

Shepherd High School, media center

All summer (overnight) camp counselors should plan to attend this organizational meeting for the summer camp session. Counselors will be able to volunteer for specific camp opportunities at this meeting.



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## CLUB CORNER

**Aim High** - At their March meeting reports were given from those who attended other county/state events the past month. Deadlines for purchasing animals were discussed. Forms they needed for fair (recipe cards, talent show, and project record sheets) were passed out and explained so they would prepare properly.

**Barn Yard Kids** - At their March meeting the club discussed fair projects and helping at the breakfast during maple syrup festival and maybe being in the parade. They also talked about going canoeing this summer for a club outing.

**Beal City Pioneers** - In March members made spring table place mats and donated them to the Commission on Aging as a community service project. They are having a pop can drive fundraiser for the food stand and going bowling in April.

**Evergreen** - At their March meeting they started their spring fundraiser selling flower bulbs and plants. They went to Graham's Organics for a tour of their meat packing plant. Members brought in items to donate to R.E.A.P. They served 471 people at their Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in February to raise money for the food stand! Next meeting is April 11.

**Lincoln Center** - At their February meeting they reflected on their volunteer work at Toys for Tots. They also had a presentation on 4-H leadership opportunities. At their March meeting they planed two community service projects for April; a roadside clean up and volunteering at the Maple Syrup pancake dinner. They also had a shooting sports presentation by Matt Cole and Bob Andrews.

**Pony Creek** - At their March meeting they went over the newsletter, talked about exploration days, and other things going on through 4-H. A MSU student came and talked to them about "Vet a Visit." They also gave out the last of their boxes of candy to sell.

### 4-H Shooting Sports Dates

- **April 17** - Fun Shoot, 9:30 am - 2 pm
- **May 15** - Fun Shoot, 9:30 am - 2 pm
- **June 26** - Fun Shoot, 8:30 am - 1 pm
- **June 22 & 28** - Practice Shooting, evening
- **July 10** - County Shooting Competition (July 17, alternate date)

### Save These Dates!!!

4-H Summer Camp - July 6, 7, 8

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp - July 12, 13, 14

**4-H Summer Camp:** for youth ages 9-13.

Dates: July 6, 7, 8

Location: Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp

Overnight Camp: Registration forms will be in the next newsletter.

Activities: craft projects, sports activities, swimming, campfire activities

**Cloverbud Day Camp:** for youth ages 5-8.

Dates: July 12, 13, 14

Location: Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp

Day Camp: Registration forms will be in the next newsletter.

Activities: craft projects, sports activities, nature hikes, story time, and swimming

### Broiler Chick Orders

Time to order your broiler chicks! Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 30. Approximate cost per bird including shipping is \$1.20 each if we are able to order 100 birds. Call the Extension office for order forms. If you have any questions call Darlene at 828-4618 or Wanda at 828-5833.

### PQA meetings

**May 3** - Gratiot County - 6:30 pm - 8 pm  
Gratiot/Isabella RESD, Ithaca

**May 19** - Isabella County - 6:30 pm - 8 pm  
Isabella County Building, rooms 320 & 225

Please be aware that other upcoming Pork Quality Assurance for Youth certification sessions are listed on the Department of Animal Science Youth Programs web site. The address is:

[www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/) At the home page, please refer to the bottom of the page for PQA information.

## Mark of Excellence Award Winners!

Julie Justice and Elizabeth Troxell were chosen to receive the 2010 Mark of Excellence Award. They will represent Isabella County and be recognized at the State Awards Celebration during Exploration Days this year.

The following youths submitted excellent essays this year revolving around the theme "Because of 4-H, I can..." There were six quality essays entered in the essay contest this year.

Julie Justice – Pony Express 4-H Club  
 Alyvia Karcher – Crackerjack 4-H Club  
 Madelyn Karcher – Crackerjack 4-H Club  
 Rynne Reddick – Mt. Eagles 4-H Club  
 Elizabeth Troxell – Aim High 4-H Club  
 Jaclyn Woodbury – Evergreen 4-H Club

Thank you for entering the contest and sharing your wonderful, creative thoughts on 4-H and how it has affected you and your life. Selection of the two essays was difficult.

## 4-H Food Stand Update

Much progress is being made toward the renovation of the 4-H food stand. Beth Bryant has been working on Standard Operating Procedures as required by the Health Dept. Donations of equipment and money have been made and some clubs have been raising money to put toward the project.

**Important:** if your club has money they have raised to put towards the improvements, please send it to the MSU Extension office as soon as possible. We need to know how much we have to spend!! There will be new procedures for working in the food stand. Club leaders will need to review these with their members prior to their shift. Plan to have a club meeting in July to review the procedures. Encourage people to visit TSC and buy a clover before April 18th! Money raised will go to the 4-H food stand project.

## 4-H Night at the Great Lakes Loons

Wednesday, June 2  
 Game starts at 7:05 pm

Join 4-H'ers from around mid-Michigan and celebrate 4-H at a Loons game in Midland. Pre-game activities will take place from 6-7 p.m.



4-H groups will be able to set up displays and booths to promote 4-H. Anyone who volunteers to staff a booth (first come basis) will receive a free pass. Group tickets for Isabella County 4-H'ers will be \$9 each. Call the Extension office as soon as possible to order your tickets!

## 4-H Club Fundraiser

Sunday, April 11  
 3 pm  
 Community of Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

The 4-H Angels club will be having a talent show as a fundraiser for their 4-H club. Suggested donation is \$1 at the door. Come out and support their club! Community of Christ Church is on the corner of Gaylord & Taylor Streets, by Mt. Pleasant High School.

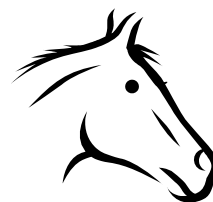


## Farm Fair at HopeWell Ranch

Saturday, June 19, 2010

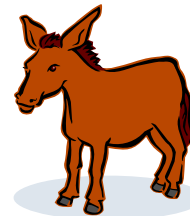
9 am - 4 pm

HopeWell Ranch, Weidman



Events will include:

- a Kids Zone featuring games and crafts
- a chance to finger paint a live horse
- live demonstrations on equine dentistry, roping, wool spinning and more
- craft vendors
- a pedal pull at 10 am
- a petting zoo



4-H'ers are welcome to volunteer their time to help with activities on this day. This will count as a community service project. Hopewell Ranch uses horses to reach kids with emotional, physical, and social needs.

HopeWell Ranch is located at 650 N School Road in Weidman. Check out their website at:

[www.hopewellranch.net](http://www.hopewellranch.net).

If you have any questions please call 989-644-5965.

## Tack Sale

Saturday, April 17

10 am - 1 pm

Midland County Fairgrounds

Event will run concurrent with the Jr. Equestrian Meet. Tables for rent: \$15 for 4-H members or \$20 for non 4-H members. To reserve tables please call Ruthann Marsh at 989-839-2699 or Debra Arney at 989-631-9535.

## Equine Clinic

Saturday, May 1

10 am

Bay County Fairgrounds, Bay City

Get the Kinks Out Open Equine Clinic is for all youth and adults that would like to learn how to perfect their riding abilities. Clinician Dave Bullock (A.Q.H.A. trainer, 35 years experience) will be presenting demonstration sessions on: Fitting and Showing, Showmanship, Novice showmanship, English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Novice Western Horse/Rider, Western Horsemanship, & Novice English Horse/Ride

Registration is \$20 in advance by April 16 or \$25 at the door. Call the Extension office for more information or to register.

## Poultry Palooza

Saturday, May 22

Barry Expo Center (Barry County Fairgrounds)

The State 4-H Poultry Palooza is designed for young people aged 9 to 19 who are interested in exhibiting poultry and testing their knowledge of the poultry industry in a fun and educational way. Spectators are welcome. More information at: [web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Poultry](http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Poultry)

## Beef Showmanship Clinic

Saturday, May 22

Cass County Fairgrounds, Cassopolis

The instructor will be Bob May from Mineral Point, Wisconsin. Check in for the clinic begins at 7:30 a.m. and the clinic will start at 8:45 a.m. Youth may bring their own cattle to the clinic. Pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 12. For youth that bring their own cattle, the fee will be \$50.00. For all others, the fee will be \$15.00. For more information and to register please contact Judy Ruggles, [four\\_r\\_ranch@juno.com](mailto:four_r_ranch@juno.com) or (269) 718-9863.

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## Teen Service Club News

We had our first meeting last month and came up with some great ideas for projects, including plans to support the 4-H Foodstand Project. This is an opportunity to develop your leadership and service skills and meet teens from other 4-H clubs. You are not required to participate in every project, just the ones that fit into your schedule. This club is a "bonus" club, so you can be a part of it in addition to your current club.

If you are interested in joining, contact the Extension office or email Caitlin Gilmore at: [caitlingilmore@hotmail.com](mailto:caitlingilmore@hotmail.com)

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## 4-H Offers Training To Work With Youth In Outdoors

Looking for adults and/or youth 16 and up who enjoy the outdoors, have an interest in working with youth as volunteers, and are interested in receiving some training in the 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge program. The training helps adults develop or improve their outdoor skills. It also teaches them how to work with youth in that setting to develop a variety of life-skills and an appreciation for the out of doors.

Two options for 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge volunteer training are being offered this summer. Both start April 16-18 near Cadillac and require volunteers to complete four or more additional training sessions to become a certified 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge volunteer. Required sessions include orientation, backpacking, and canoeing. You must then choose at least two more trainings from kayaking, climbing and rappelling, caving, and winter camping. To become a certified 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge leader you must also have current First Aid and CPR certification and complete a trip plan.

The cost for the training is \$275 for adults and \$175 for youth ages 16 to 21. A registration fee of \$100 is due with the application. An application and brochure, including dates, locations, State 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Coordinator contact information and more can be obtained from the Extension office or the Michigan 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge web site at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/challenge/html>

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## 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp 2010

August 1 - 7

For teens ages 13 - 15 years old

\$335 - partial scholarships are available

Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

This camp provides teens from across the state the opportunity to:

- Improve their knowledge about Great Lakes and natural resources ecology and management issues. Increase awareness of environmental problems, foster environmental stewardship and enhance involvement in local natural resources projects.
- Increase interest in the outdoors, develop leadership skills and self-confidence and influence career decisions.
- Enjoy quality camp activities, gain hands-on science experiences, meet new people and develop friendships.
- Learn from natural resources and youth development experts and develop possible career interests.

For more information about camp please visit: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/glnrc.html>

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# 4-H WORKSHOPS

*Registration fee for these workshops is paid by the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for all enrolled teen (age 13 and up) and adult 4-H volunteers. To register contact the MSU Extension office at 772-0911 ext. 302.*

## **Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference**

**April 16-18, 2010 – Bayshore Camp**

If you'd like to know more about the dairy industry, sign up to attend this conference. You'll learn about dairy management topics including dairy cattle nutrition, health, reproduction, health and cattle evaluation. Practice for state dairy management contests such as the skillathon and quiz bowls that focus on dairy cattle nutrition. You'll also tour area farms. Open to youth aged 13 to 19.

## **4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop**

**April 23–25, 2010 – Kettunen Center**

Choose one of several disciplines offered at this workshop as a first step in becoming certified as a Michigan 4-H shooting sports instructor. Disciplines offered will include riflery, shotgun, archery, hunting and wildlife. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer! Shooting sports instructors seeking recertification in a discipline should fill out a recertification application. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you've been inactive for more than 3 years. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up.

## **4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop**

**May 15–16, 2010 – Kettunen Center**

Learn, share and explore the 4-H companion animals project at this workshop. You'll learn about 4-H companion animal activities, club and group development, leadership opportunities, and canine behavior and training. In addition, you'll learn how to improve both beginning and advanced skills in performance areas such as agility, obedience, showmanship, rally, and freestyle. Additional topics of interest include cat sessions and many other opportunities that will enhance your 4-H companion animal project experience. Open to 4-H adult and teen volunteer leaders aged 13 and up.

## **Cloverbud Arts & Crafts Workshop**

Saturday, April 17

1 pm - 3 pm

Isabella County Building, room 320

Join us for an afternoon of arts & crafts activities for 5 - 8 year olds. We will be making a t-shirt tote bag (bring your own t-shirt.... the t-shirt does not have to be new...just clean!) and chia heads. Learn how to decorate cookies and cupcakes. You will have the opportunity to make and take home other simple craft projects. Projects can be exhibited at fair in August.

Please call the Extension office to register. Also, if there are any teens interested in helping at this workshop, contact Monica.

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## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

April		
2	OFFICE CLOSED - AFTERNOON	
6	CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition @ MSUE	4 pm
6	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
12	Camp Counselor Meeting @ Shepherd HS	6:30 pm
13	4-H Camp Association @ MSUE	6:30 pm
14	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7 pm
15	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
17	Fun Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	9:30 am - 2 pm
17	Cloverbud Craft Workshop @ MSUE	1 - 3 pm
27	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm

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