



CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

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State Premium Money Eliminated for 2009 Fairs

The Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair Society Board of Directors asked us to share this news with 4-H members, leaders, and volunteers.

Governor Granholm's Executive Order 2009.22 was passed by the Joint Committee on Wednesday afternoon, May 5, 2009 and fair premiums were completely eliminated for this year's fair season. There will be no premium money coming from the State for the 2009 Fair season. The Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions is working to try and get a negative supplemental to reinstate these funds; however the possibility does not look good.

As a result of the Executive Order, the Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair Society Board of Directors would like to share this statement regarding the payment of premiums for Fair 2009 (this statement can also be found in the general rules and regulations of the fairbook).

The fair reserves the right to pro-rate premiums if funding is not received from the State of Michigan or if fair receipts are insufficient to pay expenses.

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Camping at the Fairgrounds?

If you are camping at the fair this year, stock trailers are no longer allowed to park anywhere in the campground area.

4-H Queen & Princess Contests

Applications for the 2009 Isabella County Fair Queen and Princess court are available at the Extension office.

Applications are due back to the Extension office by June 19. Queen applicants must be 15-19 years of age and Princess applicants must be 9-14 years of age. Both must be enrolled in an Isabella County 4-H club to participate. This is a great opportunity for our Isabella County youth.

The Queen will be awarded a \$300.00 scholarship, First Runner-Up a \$150.00 scholarship and court members a \$75.00 scholarship. Princess winners will be awarded a \$50.00 savings bond.

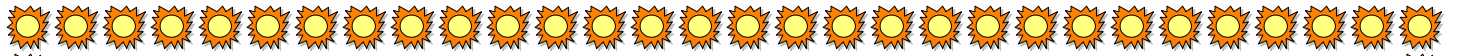
If you have any questions, please call Laura or Pam Travis at 828-6575, evenings.



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CLUB CORNER

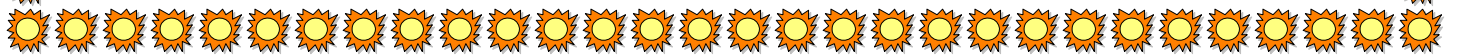
Barn Yard Kids - At their May meeting they did a community service project by cleaning up the ditches in the Winn area across from Morbark. They discussed having a potluck at the next meeting and making a craft. Also talked about selling flowers in June at Coleman's car show for a fundraiser project.

Barrel Benders - In April they had a shot clinic and they also volunteered at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival.

Pony Creek - In May everyone told what their favorite bird was for roll call. They talked about selling candy bars for a fund raiser. It was decided to wait because the weather was getting too warm to sell and store chocolate. They also tabled plans to canoe and clean the Chippewa River because the people checking into it were absent. They went over the newsletter and reminded everyone to be at the next meeting because it's fair sign up time.

After the meeting, they made sun catchers and stepping stones. Next meeting is June 9.

Town & Country Maple Leaves - Kicked off spring by volunteering at the Maple Syrup Festival during pancake supper on Saturday. They then cleaned their Adopt-A-Highway. They also had new club shirts made with a new logo. Animal clinics and craft projects are in the works for everyone to attend.



SMALL ANIMAL REMINDERS:

- Poultry, Rabbit and Goat members are encouraged to attend at least one of our June Showmanship Clinics (June 17 and 30) - which will help you know if your animal/birds are acceptable for fair. Hardship cases are allowed to be replaced until June 30th. Other showmanship nights are July 13 and 30 - all at Coldwells' home. (1745 S. Shepherd Road, just east of Mt. Pleasant and 2 houses north of M-20)
- Poultry members are reminded to dust your birds for lice 6 weeks before fair, again 4 weeks, and then 2 weeks before fair.
- In June when you get your fair book and sign up your small animals, please remember to tell your leader how many rabbit, poultry or goat pens you need. Then you can also come and help set up the Small Animal Barn on August 6th. (Fair entry day for small animals will be Sunday, August 9)
- Please save large medal pumpkin, peach, or fruit cans that DO NOT have pull tops - to be used for Poultry Feed/Water dishes at fair time.



Horticulture & Entomology Contests

Friday, July 10
8:30 am - 1 pm
Plant & Soil Sciences Building, MSU

Open to 5-19 year olds. There is a \$7 per person participation fee. Deadline to enter is June 30. Call the Extension office for more information.

Help Needed at 4-H Camps

Camp programs are being planned and we need adults to help with crafts, cooking, waterfront safety, and dormitory monitoring. If there are parents or grandparents who would be willing to spend a couple of hours at camp, we would like to hear from you!

Summer Camp - July 7, 8, & 9
Cloverbud Camp - July 13, 14, & 15





Isabella County 4-H Youth Present to Michigan Legislature

On April 22, a group of dedicated teens from the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC) testified before the Michigan Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs. The council proposed a statewide wastewater code and improved water quality monitoring for Michigan's inland lakes and rivers as part of the Michigan Great Lakes Restoration Plan. Isabella County 4-H members who testified were Nicole Morgenstern (Pony Creek 4-H Club), Lauren Ringwalt (Aim High 4-H Club), Kate Troxell (Aim High 4-H Club), and Emily Wilson (Barn Yard Kids 4-H Club). The research paper and presentation were the final product of 5 months of study, interviews, discussion, and several state and regional meetings.

The M4-HYCC is a statewide 4-H group established in 1998 to engage teens, aged 13-19, in active stewardship and citizenship work related to emerging and ongoing community based environmental issues. The council presents its annual findings and proposes solutions to environmental issues to the Michigan Legislature.

Good Luck to our State Awards Delegates!

These delegates produced a detailed portfolio highlighting their 4-H experiences, received regional recognition and will be interviewed during Exploration Days for the state competition. Winners will be announced at the State Awards Celebration on Thursday, June 25 at the Wharton Center at MSU. They will compete against youth 13 – 19 from across the state in their project area for the state title and a monetary award. If you are attending Exploration Days, be sure to attend the Awards Ceremony to show your support!

Good luck and thank you for representing Isabella County 4-H!

- Paige Aultman (Aim High 4-H Club) – Foods**
- Deborah Gregory (Country Plus 4-H Club) – Visual Arts**
- Kate Troxell (Aim High 4-H Club) – Rabbits**

Clay Troxell (Aim High 4-H Club) and Charlie Carter (Mountain Eagles 4-H Club) have been chosen to receive the 2009 Mark of Excellence Award. They will represent Isabella County and also be recognized at the State Awards Celebration during Exploration Days this year.

2009 Isabella County 4-H Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Janet Koch (Lincoln Center 4-H Club), recipient of the Isabella County 4-H Scholarship Award for the 2009 – 2010 academic school year. Nine applications were reviewed by the Isabella County 4-H Awards committee. Janet will use her scholarship to continue her Turf Management studies at Michigan State University. Best wishes, Janet, with your future plans!

Rabbit Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, July 25

10 am

Isabella County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn

This is only for **first** and **second** year rabbit members. You will need to dress in your regular showmanship clothes (white, long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and closed toe shoes) and the member's parent/guardian is requested to be present. If you do not have showmanship clothes, please check with Alissa. The purpose for this educational event is to better prepare our newest showmen for show day at the fair. The show ring will be set up just as you will see it at the fair and we will have actual judges doing evaluations and giving comments. We will also have teen leaders available to help you with specific questions and problems you may have with your rabbit project.

Pre-registration is required by July 20. Please call Alissa Coldwell at 828-6229 to register or if you have any questions.





4-H AWARD INFORMATION

Outstanding 4-H Member & Chet Brown Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Outstanding 4-H Member and the Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award. Applications are available at the Extension office. Completed applications are due at the Extension office by July 11, 2008. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

Outstanding 4-H Member - (winner will be selected to receive \$500 towards CWF Trip, National Club Congress Trip, or scholarship towards higher education or \$250 towards a \$500 savings bond)

1. Applicants must be 15 years of age (by January 1, 2009).
2. Completed three calendar years of 4-H club work.
3. Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
4. Been recommended by local leader.

Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award

1. Applicants must be 13 years of age (by January 1, 2009).
2. Applicants should demonstrate leadership abilities in an activity. This activity should not be eligible for fair exhibition. Examples of eligible activities: community service project, school related activity, church activity.
3. Selection will be based upon organizational skills, number of people participating, and how they were involved.
4. Applicants will be interviewed during fair week.

4-H Teen Leadership Award - Ages 13-18

For all 4-H members who have enrolled in a teen leadership project and completed it prior to the beginning of fair week. Must complete a poster (28"x22") and evaluation form available from the Extension office. Two \$50 cash awards are given.

Junior Achievement Booth Award - Ages 12-14

Showcase your participation in 4-H with an Achievement Booth at the fair. Guidelines and suggestions are available from the Extension office. One winner will be selected and will receive a choice of: \$125 towards a trip to Washington, DC (WOW - Wonders of Washington); or a \$250 savings bond.

Senior Achievement Booth Award - Ages 15-18

Here is your opportunity to highlight your 4-H participation. Guidelines are available from the Extension office. One winner will receive a choice of: \$300 toward a trip to CWF (Citizen Washington Focus) in Washington, D.C. next summer; National Club Congress held next November in Atlanta, Georgia; or scholarship towards higher education; or \$150 toward a \$300 savings bond.

Advanced 4-H Teen Leadership Development Award – Age 19 only

For 4-H members, age 19, who have enrolled in a teen leadership project and completed it prior to the beginning of fair week. Must have completed a teen leadership project for 2 previous years. Must complete a poster (28" X 22") and an evaluation form available from the Extension office for this \$100 cash award. You must be present for interviewing during fair week.





FAIR INFORMATION & NOTES

PROJECT RECORD SHEETS

Listed below are the individual project record sheets that are required for 4-H fair projects. Project areas not listed require a general **Project Record Sheet**. All of these record sheets are available at the Extension office or from your Administrative Leader.

Crops	Flower/Vegetable Gardening	Talent Show	Horseless Horse
Modeling	Personal Appearance	Dogs	Horse Project Record (5-11)
Shooting Sports	Dairy	Rabbits	Horse Project Record (12-19)
Livestock	Pocket Pets/ID Card	Recipe Cards - for all food projects	
Poultry	Goats	Simple Project Record for Small Animals	

ANIMAL CARE - All animals should be fed and watered each day by 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Your responsibility for your animal does not end after the animal is sold. Clean pens/stalls give a favorable impression to the public.

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY TAGS will be computer generated from information on your entry form. You will receive your entry tag at the time of entry.

Fair entry forms and small animal auction forms are due June 30. No exceptions! Forms must be given to your Administrative Leader to be turned in as a club.

SMALL ANIMAL MEMBERS

Just a few reminders as you fill out your 2009 Fair Entry Forms:

- If you plan to sell one of your animals in the Small Animal Auction, then you need to fill out a green pre-registration Auction Form and turn it in with your fair entries by June 30. (You may sell only one species in the Small Animal Auction - one goat, rabbit, or pen of poultry).
- **Feed Records** are required - You have a choice of either the short Simple Form or the longer Record Sheet for each individual species which can be entered to be judged. But you must enter the correct class number for your species on your fair entry form (by June 30) in order to be considered for best feed record.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, August 8 from 9 am - 1 pm
- Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, August 15 from 8 pm - 10 pm
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, August 10 between 2-3 pm. The superintendents will be present to accept project records and check off member's names from the species list, so we know you have turned in your records. Records that are to be judged will be separated from the others and judged on Tuesday morning.
- **New this year!** Decorated cakes may only be two tiers.
- Reminder about posters: posters must be no larger than a standard poster board (28"X22") and must be able to be hung on the wall with staples.



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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

June		
2	CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition @ MSUE	4 pm
2	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
2	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
10	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7 pm
13	Fun Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	9 am - 3 pm
15	Camp Association @ 4-H Camp	6:30 pm
16	4-H Exploration Days Orientation @ MSUE	7 pm
17	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Coldwell's	7 pm
18	Shooting Sports Practice @ Sportsmen's Club	6:30 pm
22	Shooting Sports Practice @ Sportsmen's Club	6:30 pm
23	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
24-26	4-H Exploration Days @ MSU	
30	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Coldwell's	7 pm

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