

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

June 2010

4-H Queen & Princess Contests

Applications for the 2010 Isabella County Fair Queen and Princess court are available at the Extension office.

Applications are due back to the Extension office by June 18. Queen applicants must be 15-19 years of age on January 1 and Princess applicants must be 9-14 years of age on January 1. Both must be enrolled in an Isabella County 4-H club to participate. This is a great opportunity for Isabella County youth.

The Queen will be awarded a \$300.00 scholarship or savings bond, First Runner-Up a \$150.00 scholarship or savings bond and court members a \$75.00 scholarship or savings bond. Princess 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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Garage Sale for 4-H Food Stand

Attention all 4-H Families... and your friends and extended families!

Start cleaning out those closets, basements, garages, and barns for unwanted items to donate to the HUGE garage sale that will donate all proceeds to the 4-H foodstand renovation project. Dates the sale will run are June 30 & July 7 from 8 am - 1 pm, and July 10 from 9 am - 12 noon. We have received permission to run the event in conjunction with the flea market at the fairgrounds on Wednesdays. Drop off will be June 27 from 4 - 6 pm and June 29 from 6 - 8 pm.

Many volunteers are needed to help with this project! Contact Monica or Vera at the Extension office if you are able to help set-up or work the sale.

Moo Madness Dairy Clinic

Friday, June 11

9:30 am - 2 pm

\$8 - includes t-shirt and lunch

Misty Morning Dairy Farm, Blanchard

Sessions on dairy judging, showmanship, clipping, fitting and more! To register please call Cathy at (989) 304-1983 or Jessica at (989) 304-1201.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - We had good attendance at our May meeting and cleaned 3 miles of ditches east of the fairgrounds, then enjoyed some good snacks at Janet Maddocks' home. Several also signed up to help with the Petting Zoo at Special Olympics on June 5th.

Barrel Benders - In March we put on a shot clinic for our horse members. In April we volunteered at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival. We helped make pancakes, served people, and cleaned the dining room.

Beal City Pioneers - In April we went bowling and in May we raked leaves at the 4-H camp as one of our community service projects. Our June meeting we will be signing up for fair projects.

Cowgirl Up - We've had a busy couple of months. We visited Greg Gray's Farrier School and learned about horse showing and watched him make the horse "cancer ribbon" that all the horse groups will be selling. We had 2 fundraisers at Bennigans that brought in about \$500. Also had a pump-a-thon at Next Door Gas Station and received \$154 in donations. That same day we donated \$64 to a lady that broke down at the gas station and had no way to pay for a tow truck. Giving back to our community, how rewarding!

Evergreen - At our May meeting we had a showmanship speaker come in and talk to us on how to show swine, cattle, and sheep. We earned \$307 from our Flower Power Fundraiser. Our club will be helping with a garage sale at the Presbyterian church in Rosebush on June 11 & 12 - proceeds will be given to the 4H Foodstand. Our next meeting will be on June 13th at the park in Rosebush.

Lincoln Center - During the month of April, 4-H members completed two community service projects. They picked up trash along a 3 mile stretch of Blanchard Road through the MDOT Adopt-A-Road project and also served pancakes at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival. They had a cook out and made stepping stones at their May meeting.

Pine River - In March we discussed fundraising ideas, in April we set a date for road side clean up, and in May we did our road side clean up project. Next meeting is fair sign up.

Small Animal Swap

Saturday, June 5

9 am - 2 pm

Randall's Old Mill (611 East Main, Edmore)

Registration is \$8.00 if you RSVP prior to swap or \$10.00 day of. Rabbit, Goats, Chickens, etc. A bake sale will also be held this day.

Call Tina Wheeler 560-5798 or Lynette Cole 989-304-3010 for more details.

Teen Service Club Meeting

Monday, June 7

7pm (after the camp counselor meeting)

Isabella County Building, room 320

We will be discussing service at the 4-H garage sale, 4-H camp, and a fair project.

Shooting Sports Fun Shoot

Saturday, June 26

9:00 am - 1 pm

Isabella County Sportsmen's Club

Registration: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Cost: \$5 - \$7 per person, cloverbuds \$2

Rummage Sale - To Benefit Foodstand

Friday, June 11 & Saturday, June 12

9 am - 5 pm June 11, 9 am - 3pm June 12

Rosebush Presbyterian Church, Rosebush

This is going to be a rummage sale, baked good sale, and plant sale. If you would like to donate baked goods or any other items to put in the sale, please contact Sheila Line at (989) 572-8213 or Missy Loper at (989) 621-5274.

Congratulations Johna Lawens!

Her artwork was chosen for the China Art Exchange!

Thousands of Michigan kindergarten through sixth grade children participated in the 2010 4-H Art Exchange with China. Of those thousands, 71 were selected to send to China. Artwork by Johna Lawens (from the Evergreen 4-H Club) was part of that select group.

As part of the art exchange, Michigan children are asked to paint or draw "visual letters" for Chinese children their own ages. "A visual letter is like a written letter in that both tell stories, share important ideas and feelings, and connect children regardless if where they live.

SMALL ANIMAL REMINDERS



Reminder to ALL Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat Members:

- All 4 of the Small Animal Showmanship nights are at the **FAIRGROUNDS** this year in the Small Animal Barn. (Please make note of the new location this year)
- Dates are June 16 and 29, and July 15 and 26 from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm. Bring your own animal/bird; leaders and teen leaders will help you practice and prepare for fair week. Rabbits can also be tattooed, if needed. All 4-H members, including Cloverbuds, are encouraged to attend as often as possible.
- Each club is reminded to have their Small Animal members fill out a Small Animal Auction Entry form at your June meeting and have your Administrative Leader turn it into the Extension office by June 30th with the Fair Entry Forms. The Auction form needs to be **COMPLETELY** filled out. Each member can only sell one small animal (Cloverbuds not allowed to sell).
- Poultry members have the opportunity to purchase an aluminum pop bottle fountain for use on the cages at the fair. Cost is \$4 each. Call the Extension office if you want to order.
- Poultry members are reminded to dust your birds for lice 6 weeks before fair, again 4 weeks, and then 2 weeks before fair - (start the beginning of July).

Rabbit Showmanship Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, July 24

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.

Please call the Extension office if you plan on attending. If you have any questions, contact Alissa Coldwell at 828-6229.

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 years old 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!

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

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

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.

Julie Justice (Pony Express 4-H Club) and Elizabeth Troxell (Aim High 4-H Club) have been chosen to receive the 2010 Mark of Excellence Award. They will represent Isabella County and also be recognized at the State Awards Celebration during Exploration Days this year.

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 on the MSU Extension website at: <http://www.isabellacounty.org/dept/msue/forms.html#Award> or at the Extension office. Completed applications are due at the Extension office by July 12, 2010. 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, 2010).
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, 2010).
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.

Other 4-H Award Opportunities - you must sign up for these on your fair entry form:

4-H Teen Leadership Award - Ages 13-19

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 15-19

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.

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 2010 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 7 from 9 am - 1 pm
- Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, August 14 from 8 pm - 10 pm
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, August 9 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.

FAIR CLASSES REINSTATED

Look for these class changes in the still exhibit pages of this year's fair book.

- ▶ Collections and Scrapbooking will be their own class
- ▶ There will not be any separate classes for 19 year olds
- ▶ New classes: duct tape creations, mosaics, digital photo art added to visual arts section
- ▶ Time change...Farm machine safety to begin at 1pm

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

June		
1	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
1	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
15	Exploration Days Orientation @ MSUE	7 pm
16	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7 pm
16	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	7 pm - 8:15 pm
21	Queen & Princess Meeting @ MSUE	7 pm
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
23-25	Exploration Days @ Michigan State University	
24-27	Horse Camp @ Fairgrounds	
26	Fun Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	9:30 am - 2 pm
29	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	7 pm - 8:15 pm
30	4-H Garage Sale @ Foodstand on Fairgrounds	8 am -

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