

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

June 2011

2011 4-H Royalty Contest

Queen and Princess contest application packets are now available at the Extension office. Dates you will need to be aware of for this contest:

* Friday, June 17, by 4:00 p.m., packets are due to the 4-H office

* Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m., informational meeting in room 320 at the county building

* Sunday, July 10, 2:00 p.m., interviews for candidates in room 320 at the county building

* Sunday, July 24, 7:00 p.m., announcement of chosen court in room 320 at the county building

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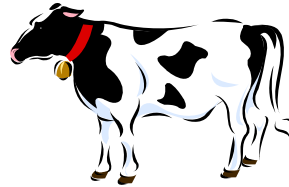
Moo Madness Dairy Clinic

Friday, June 17

9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

\$10 - includes t-shirt and lunch

Misty Morning Dairy Farm, Blanchard



Sessions on dairy judging, showmanship, clipping, fitting and more! Clinic is filling up fast and there is limited space, so don't wait to register! Please call Cathy at (989) 304-1983 or Jessica at (989) 304-1201 to sign up.

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Classes

Wednesday, July 6

Open to all 4-H teens (15 and up) & adult leaders

At Red Cross office, downtown Mt. Pleasant

2 classes will be offered at no charge due to a 2% grant we received. This is a \$65 value! One class is from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and another class is from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Space is limited! RSVP to the Extension office by Monday, June 27.

4-H Family Picnic

Saturday, July 23 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the 4-H Camp

Feel free to stop by for all or part of the time.

Agenda:

10 a.m. - Noon - Science Blast stations

Noon - 1 p.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - games and activities

More information will be in the July newsletter.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - We sold flowers the beginning of May for Mother's Day, then cleaned the ditches 3 miles east of the fair grounds and ended up at Maddocks' home for ice cream. Several members and families will do a Petting Zoo for Special Olympics on June 4.

Barn Yard Kids - In April we volunteered for the Maple Syrup Festival. Planned community service road clean up for next meeting. Talked about mandatory meeting in June. Went over newsletter and dates to remember. Changed date of June meeting to 06/07/11. Encouraged kids to set goals for themselves with their fair projects and not to just participate but try to excel.

Beal City Pioneers - In May we participated in the 4-H Camp clean-up day. We helped rake leaves.

Evergreen - At our May meeting we did clean-up at the Rosebush Methodist church, discussed plans for our fun day in July and also had a showmanship clinic for different species.

Lincoln Center - During the month of April, members and their families volunteered at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival and picked up trash on Blanchard Road as part of MDOT's Adopt-A-Road project. At their May meeting, three new members were introduced, and Lydia Neyer gave a presentation about her poultry project. To end the meeting, all of the members participated in a game to get to know one another.

Pine River - We took a photography trip to Dow Gardens and the butterfly house. They also made bird houses and learned how to tie flies at our last meeting.

Pony Creek - In April we had a walk-a-thon for St. Jude on April 29th. Many showed up and we raised 640.00 to send in. Our next meeting we are cleaning our adopted road. We cleaned up the roads at are past meeting! Great job to every one that helped!

Help Needed at 4-H Camp

Adult help is needed for both camps this year (age 21 & up)!!! Also needed is a camp nurse and cook (these 2 positions receive a stipend). Contact Monica at the Extension office if you would like to help.

Shooting Sports Fun Shoot

Saturday, June 11 - at the Isabella County Sportsmen's Club in Winn
 Registration: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Shoot will be from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Cost: \$5 - ages 9 and up (\$2 extra for trap)
 \$3 - cloverbuds ages 5 - 8

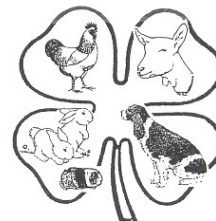
Horse Camp

June 23 - 26, at the Fairgrounds

\$15/person - All youth ages 5 - 19 are invited. Cloverbuds (5-8 year olds) must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register with the Extension office or Kathie Collin at 828-6808.

Small Animal News

- There will be 4 Small Animal Showmanship Clinics in the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds this summer to help the Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat members get ready for fair week.
- Dates are Monday, June 20; Wednesday, July 6; Thursday, July 21; and Tuesday, August 2 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.



Reminder to all Dairy Feeder Members

We are still waiting to receive forms back for the Dairy Feeder Barn Advertising Panels. If you know someone who might be interested, please give them a form and have it turned back in as soon as possible.

Advertising Panels for the Dairy Feeder Barn are available at \$125.00 per sign. Each sign is 2' x 4' and will be hung in the new Dairy Feeder barn. All signs are white background with choice of black, blue, green or red lettering for the sponsor name.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a sign for the new Dairy Feeder Barn, please e-mail Angie Moss at angie.halfmann@yahoo.com or pick up a form from the MSU Extension Office.

Talent Show Participants

For those of you interested in participating in the talent show project for fair, any musical pieces (vocal, instrumental, songs being danced to, etc.) **MUST** be family friendly. Choose your songs carefully. This is a standard expectation but we just wanted to make sure everyone was aware. Also, remember to choose the appropriate class from the fair book when completing your enrollment forms. All of the forms you need to complete to participate in the show (also the modeling forms) are available on-line. They have recently been reviewed and updated so if you have forms from past years, please discard them and get a fresh copy. Each member must bring all paperwork to the entry table in the still exhibit barn on entry day of fair (Saturday, August 6). If you have not entered using this process, you will not be able to perform for the show on Friday, August 12. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Rabbit Showmanship Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, July 23

10 am - check in begins

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.

4-H Night at the Loons

Monday, July 11

Cost: \$9 box seats, \$6 lawn seats

Activities include: make and take crafts, 4-H Information Displays, Greening Station, Cupcake Decorating, Petting Zoo, & more!

Contact the Extension office if you would like tickets.

State 4-H Dog Show

Saturday, August 20

6:30 am - 9 am - Registration

\$5 per class

MSU Pavilion - East Lansing

Registration packets are available online at:
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/state_4_h_dog_show

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 11, 2011. 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, 2011).
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, 2011).
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 2011 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 6 from 9 am - 1 pm
- Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, August 13 from 8 pm - 10 pm
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, August 8 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 UPDATES

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

- ▶ New classes: felting, punch needle, small engine, automotive, wood art
- ▶ There will no longer be a Tractor Safety Driving Course, however you may enter a farm safety educational exhibit

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar		
June		
1	Exploration Days Orientation @ MSUE	7 pm
7	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
7	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
11	Fun Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	9:30 am
20	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	7 pm - 8:15 pm
21	Queen & Princess Meeting @ MSUE	7 pm
22-24	4-H Exploration Days @ MSU	
28	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm

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