

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension -  
Isabella County

July 2008

## ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH & FARM FAIR August 2 - 9

### Important Barn Set-Up Dates

Monday, July 28

Beef Barn - 6 pm

Wednesday, July 30

Swine Barn - 6 pm

Thursday, July 31

Dairy Barn - 7 pm

Sheep Barn - 6:30 pm

Small Animals - 7 pm

Still Exhibit Building - 5:30 pm

### County Medal Nominations

**Reminder to all 4-H Leaders!!!** Please turn in county medal nominations in August (at the still exhibit building at the fair or turn in to the Extension office). Nomination forms will be mailed out at the end of July. This is your chance to recognize deserving youth!

### State Awards Update

#### Congratulations Jeff Bluemer!!!

Jeff Bluemer of Crackerjack 4-H Club received Honorable Mention at the State Awards Program during Exploration Days in the Beef Project Area.

#### Regional State Award winners included:

Alissa Coldwell, Aim High 4-H Club - Rabbits

Deborah Gregory, Wise Workers 4-H Club - Crafts

Nicole Morgenstern, Pony Creek 4-H Club - Beef

#### 2008 4-H Mark of Excellence winner:

Lauren Ringwalt, Mountain Eagles 4-H Club

Thanks to everybody for participating and proudly representing Isabella County 4-H. We are proud of all of you!!!

### Jr. Master Gardener Program

Do you like to garden? Would you like to learn more about how things grow? The Isabella County Master Gardeners have put together a Jr. Master Gardener Program for youth in grades 3-5, give or take a couple of years. The first class will be Tuesday, July 8 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm at the small animal barn at the fairgrounds. The program will run from July 8 - August 12.

Topics to be covered include soil, compost, plants, vegetables, and flowers and much more. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact the Extension office. Registrations will be accepted up to the first class on July 8.

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## CLUB CORNER

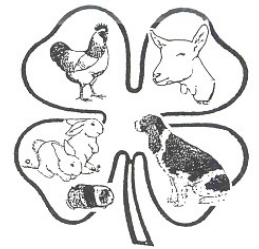
**Aim High** - Their teen leaders have been sharing their knowledge with quite a few cloverbuds and 1<sup>st</sup> year members in the club this year. Several members enjoyed sharing their dogs, rabbits, chickens, and ponies at Special Olympics on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, "Thank You" to the Pine River 4-H Club for bringing a baby calf.

**Lincoln Center** - At the June meeting, members enjoyed Root Beer Floats and signed up for their fair projects. A picnic has been scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Salt River Park in Shepherd.

**Pony Creek** - In June everyone signed up for fair and their July meeting will be at Halls lake.

## SMALL ANIMAL FAIR REMINDERS:

- Dates for the July Small Animal Showmanship clinics are: Monday, July 7, and Thursday, July 17, at Coldwell's (1745 S. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant – 2 houses north of M-20). Plan to bring your own rabbit, poultry, or goats and practice showmanship anytime between 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Tattooing and toe nail trimming also available. If you question the weather, please call 772-5702.
- Fair entry day is Sunday, August 3 from 4 – 7 p.m. Rabbit pellets and poultry feed are provided by the Small Animal Assoc. – but not goat or pocket pet feed. You also need to bring your own food/water containers. Poultry project members have the opportunity to purchase an aluminum pop bottle fountain for use on the cages. Cost is \$3 each for a 2 liter bottle. Call the Extension office if you want to order.
- Poultry will be Pullorum tested at entry time, or members can bring proof of pullorum-free status. Also dust your poultry for lice six weeks and again 2 weeks prior to the fair.
- Each Small Animal pen should have a name tag on it – member's name and club. You can make your own "picture/computer name tags" and laminate them or else purchase name tags.
- If you did not sign up to have your Small Animal Feed Records judged, then remember you are still required to bring a Simple Feed Record when you check in on Sunday afternoon. These are available from your Administrative Leader or the MSU Extension office.



## LARGE ANIMAL FAIR REMINDERS:

Swine project requirements: Every swine member must possess certification of Pork Quality Assurance (PQA). Proof of PQA certification will be required before unloading swine at fair. Contact the Extension office if you did not attend training for certification.

All livestock members, leaders and parents should read the 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Rules & Regulations (page 12-13) in the Fairbook before the Fair as there were some changes and additions in several livestock areas. Be sure to read the rules specific for each livestock species.

## RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP PARTICIPANTS

There will be a showmanship run through at the fairgrounds in the small animal barn on Saturday, July 26 -- check in begins at 9:00 a.m. This will be most beneficial for first or second time showmanship participants; however, all members are welcomed to come. We will have real judges and will run the classes almost exactly like we do on fair show day. You will need to wear your showmanship clothes (long sleeve white shirts and dark pants) to participate and all other "rules" for showmanship attire will be observed. We do need you to RSVP for this event so we can be prepared. Please call Alissa Coldwell at 828-6229.

## 2008 Foodstand Schedule

## 2008 Exhibit Building Schedule

### Saturday, August 2, 2008

7:30 am -11:30 am - NO CLUBS

11:00 am -3:30 pm - NO CLUBS

### Sunday, August 3, 2008 CLOSED

### Monday, August 4, 2008

7:00 am -11:30 am - Country Plus

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Evergreen

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Barrel Benders

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - White Pine

### Tuesday, August 5, 2008

7:00 am -11:30 am - Pine River

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Pony Express

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Lincoln Center

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Western Spurs

### Wednesday, August 6, 2008

7:00 am -11:30 am - Beal City Pioneers / County  
Wide Travelers

11:00 am -3:30 pm - More Than Goats

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Pony Creek

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Country Kids Livestock

### Thursday, August 7, 2008

7:00 am -11:30 am - Bowen Busy Bees

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Aim High

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7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Silver Spurs / Kohl's

### Friday, August 8, 2008

7:00 am -11:30 am - Rural Routers

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3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Mountain Eagles

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Crackerjack

### Saturday, August 9, 2008

7:00 am -11:30 am - Rowdy Ranchers & Cowgirl Up

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Wise Workers

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Town & Country

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Barn Yard Kids

### Monday, August 4, 2008

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Country Plus

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Rowdy Ranchers

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Country Kids Livestock

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Tally-Ho

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Cowgirl Up

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Barrel Benders

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10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Western Spurs

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Silver Spurs

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4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - County Wide Travelers

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Town & Country Maple Leaves

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### \*\*\*Foodstand and Still Exhibit Building Notes\*\*\*

There are a few things each family should remember...

- Still Exhibit Building shifts must include 4 people, with a minimum of 2 adults. (2 people at each door)
- Still Exhibit Building will be closed if a club does not show up to work their shift and there is nobody to guard the doors.
- Foodstand shifts must include 8 or more adults and 8-10 members.
- Plan to stay for your entire 4 1/2 hour shift. Don't break it into two shifts.
- In the foodstand, shorts may be worn except for those who are working the grill or fryer. No gum chewing! No sandals!
- Each family is to bring two fruit, baked pies to the foodstand at the start of their shift.
- Please report for your shift in a timely fashion. Each family has many things going on simultaneously during fair, and should be relieved from duty on time so that they may attend their events.
- Please call your Administrative Leader for the Foodstand Guidelines!



## **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, 2008).
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 year of age (by January 1, 2008).
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.

Food exhibits only require 1 copy of a recipe card.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, August 2 from 9 am - 1 pm
- Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, August 9 from 8 pm - 10 pm
- Be on time for your shift to cover the Still Exhibit Building and the Foodstand
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, August 4 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.

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*\*\*The Foodstand is an income generating venture for Isabella County 4-H. All 4-H members will benefit from helping to make this a successful business.*

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### Isabella County 4-H Calendar

July		
1	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
1	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
7	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Coldwell's	7 pm
8-10	Cloverbud Day Camp @ 4-H Camp	
9	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7:30 pm
12	County Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	9 - 3 pm
17	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Coldwell's	7 pm
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
23	Superintendent Meeting @ Fairgrounds	7:30 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH &amp; FARM FAIR</b>	
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