



CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

July 2009

ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH & FARM FAIR August 8 - 15

Important Barn Set-Up Dates

Monday, August 3
Beef Barn - 6 pm

Wednesday, August 5
Swine Barn - 6 pm

Thursday, August 6
Dairy Barn - 7 pm
Sheep Barn - 6:30 pm
Small Animals - 7 pm
Still Exhibit Building - 5:30 pm

Decorated Window Contest

The 4-H Camp Association has a quantity of old, six pane, wood windows that could become a treasure for the artistically inclined. Cost per window is \$10, and available on a first come basis.

There will be a special decorated window contest during the fair - this year only. The top award winner in each age category will receive a cash award of \$20. Age categories are: Cloverbud (5-8 yr olds), 9-12 yr olds, 13-15 yr olds, 16-19 yr olds, and adult. Everyone who enters will have the opportunity to sell their creation at the 4-H Awards Banquet in October. Call the Extension office if you want a window or for more information.

Rabbit Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, July 25
10 am
Isabella County Fairgrounds, Small Animal Barn

There is still time to sign up for the rabbit showmanship dress rehearsal!! This learning opportunity is for first and second year rabbit members so they are better prepared for show day at the fair. We will have teen and adult leaders available to answer questions from the members as well as moms and dads. Members will be evaluated by actual judges, and the small animal barn will look very similar to our normal fair set up.

Call 828-6229 to reserve your spot. Remember to wear your showmanship clothes: dark pants, long sleeved white shirt, and covered toe shoes. Parents are requested to be present as well. Hope to see you there!!

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CLUB CORNER



Aim High 4-H Club - All members signed up for their fair projects at the June meeting. Also those who have attended county and state events reported. Some were going to Exploration Day to receive awards, and others were applying for the fair Princess or Queen contest.

Barn Yard Kids - At their June meeting the club had a potluck, they filled out fair entry forms, and discussed fun ideas to do this summer.

Crackerjack - Had a bonfire in June at their leader's home and they welcomed new members and also discussed fair projects.

Evergreen - They had a meeting on June 14 to fill out fair forms. Decided to have a club picnic at Herrick Park on July 26th. They ordered club sweatshirts for members that were interested. They set a date for the club's Beef/Dairy Feeder show clinic. Members and parents signed up to work the foodstand and exhibit barn. They also decided on Armed Forces - Red, White, and Blue for our club barn themes for this year. Lorinda Moss met with photography members and gave them a hand out on photography techniques. She answered questions they had and gave them some tips to help them with their photography projects. Jan Mogg & Jean Newman have been holding cooking classes with our food & nutrition members.

Lincoln Center - At their May meeting, they celebrated birthdays and members tie dyed t-shirts. At their June meeting, members enjoyed ice cream sundaes while signing up for fair projects. They also planned a summer picnic for July 17th.

Pony Creek - Everyone signed up for fair projects at their June meeting. The club president went over the newsletter. Their next meeting will be at Hall's Lake, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and your own table service.



SMALL ANIMAL REMINDERS:

- Poultry, Rabbit and Goat members from any 4-H club are encouraged to attend the July Showmanship Clinics on July 13 & 30, 7 - 8:30 pm, to help you be prepared for fair week. These are held at Coldwells' home, 1745 S. Shepherd Rd. (just east of Mt. Pleasant and 2 houses north of M-20). Even Cloverbuds are invited.
- 1st and 2nd year rabbit members are also invited to a Dress Rehearsal at the fairgrounds (Small Animal Barn) on Saturday, July 25, at 10:00 am. Pre-register by July 20 by calling Alissa Coldwell, one of our Teen Superintendents, at 828-6229.
- 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).
- Poultry members have the opportunity to purchase an aluminum pop bottle fountain for use on the cages at the fair. Cost is \$3 each. Call the Extension office if you want to order.
- All 4-H members and parents are invited to help set up the Small Animal Barn on Thursday, August 6th, at 7 pm. Then you'll be ready to check-in your Small Animals Sunday afternoon, August 9, from 4 - 7 pm. Questions? Call your superintendent.



Aprons Wanted

If you or anyone you know from years past made an Apron in 4-H as a sewing project, the Historical Department would like to display it at the fair this year as part of the Isabella County Sesquicentennial (150th birthday) Celebration. Please attach your name, phone number and the approximate year made to the apron and drop it off at the Extension Office. Once the fair is over, you may obtain your item back during check out times the last Saturday of the fair or the following week at the Extension office. For more information, please contact the Historical Department's Superintendent - Tammy Prout @ (989) 433-5507 or t1cp77@hotmail.com



2009 Foodstand Schedule

2009 Exhibit Building Schedule

Saturday, August 8

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

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

Sunday, August 9 CLOSED

Monday, August 10

7:00 am -11:30 am - 4-H Angels/Country Plus

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Evergreen

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Tally-Ho

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Barrel Benders

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 am -11:30 am - Pony Express

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Beal City Pioneers

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

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

Wednesday, August 12

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

11:00 am -3:30 pm - More Than Goats/Mt. Eagles

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

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - *HELP IS NEEDED*

Thursday, August 13

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

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

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Friday, August 14

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

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3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Western Spurs/Black Creek

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Crackerjack

Saturday, August 15

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

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

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Barn Yard Kids

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Town & Country Maple Leaves

Monday, August 10

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

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - 4-H Angels

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Bowen Busy Bees

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Pony Express

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Silver Spurs

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Evergreen

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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.
- 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. (except for the 1st Saturday)
- 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 if you have not already volunteered to work.



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 10, 2009. 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.

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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***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		
3	OFFICE CLOSED	
7	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
7	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
7-9	4-H Summer Camp @ 4-H Camp	
11	County Shoot @ Sportmen's Club	9 am - 3 pm
13-15	4-H Cloverbud Day Camp @ 4-H Camp	
13	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Coldwell's	7 pm
28	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
29	Superintendent Meeting @ Fairgrounds	7:30 pm
30	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Coldwell's	7 pm

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