

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

July 2010

## ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH & FARM FAIR August 7 - 14

### Important Barn Set-Up Dates

Monday, August 2

Beef Barn - 6 pm

Wednesday, August 4

Swine Barn - 6 pm

Thursday, August 5

Dairy Barn - 7 pm

Sheep Barn - 6:30 pm

Small Animals - 7 pm

Still Exhibit Building - 5:30 pm

### Garage Sale for 4-H Food Stand

Wednesday, July 7 from 8 am - 1 pm

Saturday, July 10 from 9 am - 12 noon

Isabella County Fairgrounds, Mt. Pleasant

Attention all 4-H Families... and your friends and extended families! We are still accepting donations during the sale. Drop off items or stop by to see what's for sale.

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

### 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.

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## CLUB CORNER

**Barn Yard Kids** - At our June meeting, members filled out paperwork for the fair and we discussed important dates during fair week. We also had a fundraiser this month and talked about doing a family outing next month.

**Evergreen** - At our June meeting we signed up for fair projects. Also, sign up was done for the exhibit barn and 4-H food stand during the fair. In July we plan to have our fun day cookout/meeting at Herrick Park.

**Mountain Eagles** - A couple members were able to help with the TSC fundraiser. The club held a spring craft day where members were able to work on several projects for fair. We're hoping to get a poster-making class and several other activities in before fair week.

## North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

October 7 - 10

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Michigan 4-H Youth Development is hosting the 2010 North Central Region Volunteer Forum (NCRVF). A fast paced, educational and fun event awaits you on the spectacular fall campus of Michigan State University. Conference lodging and events will be at the MSU campus Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center located on the banks of the scenic Red Cedar River. Pre-conference tours will also be available on October 7 to some of Michigan's noted historical attractions. You won't have another 4-H opportunity like this until 2012!

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a great opportunity for Extension staff and 4-H volunteers (adult and youth) to:

- Gain knowledge and insight.
- Learn new teaching skills to take home and share within their 4-H clubs.
- Develop healthy youth and adult educational partnerships.
- Have a great time making new 4-H friends and exchanging ideas!

Scholarships are available from the Isabella County 4-H Council to cover the cost of this event if you register by August 5. After August 5, your cost will be \$50. Visit this web site to learn more:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/ncr4hvf/index.html>

## SMALL ANIMAL REMINDERS

- Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat members from any 4-H club are encouraged to attend the July showmanship clinics **at the FAIRGROUNDS** in the Small Animal Barn. Dates are 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.
- 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).
- If you are selling your small animal at the auction, remember to send out letters to buyers.
- All 4-H members and parents are invited to help set up the Small Animal Barn on Thursday, August 5th, at 7 pm. Then you'll be ready to check-in your Small Animals Sunday afternoon, August 8, from 4 - 7 pm. Questions? Call your superintendent.



# HELP NEEDED To Renovate 4-H Food Stand

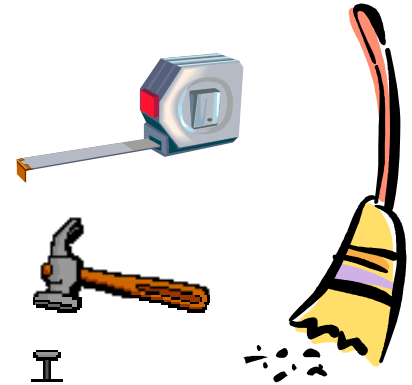
We are in a time crunch to get the food stand ready for fair week and we need your help! **If this work does not get done the food stand will not be open for fair week.** The following is a list of jobs (some skilled) that need to be completed. Volunteer help must be aged 13 and up.

## **JOBS:**

- Screen repair
- Cleaning
- Heavy lifting
- Demolition
- Shelf set-up
- Carpentry
- Insulation & caulking

## **Please bring the following supplies/tools:**

- Hand tools
- Power tools
- Rags
- Buckets
- Brooms
- Shop vacs
- Ladders



## **WORK DATES & TIMES:**

Thursday, July 8, 5 pm - 9 pm  
Saturday, July 10, 1 pm - 6 pm  
Monday, July 12, 5 pm - 9 pm  
Monday, July 26, 3 pm - 9 pm  
Tuesday, July 27, 5 pm - 9 pm

In order to plan the work assignments, we need you to call the Extension office (772-0911 x.302) and let us know when you can work and if you have carpentry skills or other special work skills. If none of these dates work for you or your group, contact Beth Bryant (828-6901) and she can make alternate arrangements.

The Food Stand generates income for Isabella County 4-H and **WE NEED IT OPEN DURING FAIR WEEK! PLEASE HELP US!**

## **2010 State 4-H Dog Show**

Saturday, August 14  
6 am - 9 am - registration  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

All exhibitors must be ages 9 - 19 as of January 1, 2010. Classes include leader dog/service dog puppy, freestyle, junior showmanship, obedience, rally, agility, educational poster contest, and many more. Cost is \$5/class. Registration is due to the Extension office on July 8.

For more information visit: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Companion>

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## **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!

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## Guidelines For Working In The 4-H Food Stand

THE STANDARDS BELOW ARE A MUST OR THE CLUB MEMBER MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK. Many people are watching and these things affect our image and ultimately our business.

1. Workers may wear shorts if not working the grill. No short shorts!
2. NO SANDALS - closed toe shoes is a must
3. CLEAN SHIRT - (White preferably or club shirt)
4. HAIR SECURED BACK BEHIND EARS - also hair sprayed if possible.
5. HAIR NETS - These must be worn in the food prep areas.
6. Hands and fingernails should be clean.
7. Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn for safety and sanitation.
8. Wash your hands frequently while working, especially after using the restroom, blowing your nose, working with garbage, etc.
9. KEEP YOUR HANDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH and away from your face while serving customers. ..You may not taste or eat or drink anything while behind the work area.
10. Dropped utensils get washed. Don't pick up silverware by the part the customer will put in their mouth.
11. Sandwich, fries, beverage (or equivalent) are provided for all members and leaders who work a full shift to provide for a rest and a break. If members do not work a full shift, then breaks and meals are probably not necessary. It is up to the leaders to handle this situation.
12. Please do not chew gum.
13. Only adults are allowed to work the cash register.

CLEAN UP: This is an on-going process while you are working. You are responsible for cleaning up before a new shift comes in and also for giving them instructions as to what they should do.

## Food Stand Operation Orientation

Wednesday, July 28

6:00 pm

At the 4-H Food Stand on the fair grounds

A representative from each club must attend. The Health Department will review safe food handling procedures which you will need to review with your club members before working their shift. You will also be introduced to some new equipment!

## State Awards Update

### Congratulations to the Isabella County Sesquicentennial Barn Tour Committee!

The committee received Honorable Mention at the State Awards Program during Exploration Days in the 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.

Thanks to everybody who participated in State Awards this year and proudly representing Isabella County 4-H. We are proud of all of you!!!

## 2010 Food Stand Schedule

## 2010 Exhibit Building Schedule

### Saturday, August 7

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

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

### Sunday, August 8 CLOSED

### Monday, August 9

7:00 am -11:30 am - Pony Express, Country Plus

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Barrel Benders

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Country Kids Livestock

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Pasture Pals, Dreamers

### Tuesday, August 10

7:00 am -11:30 am - Broomfield Valley

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Beal City Pioneers, 4-H Angels

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

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Circle B

### Wednesday, August 11

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

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Barn Yard Kids, Mt. Eagles

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

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

### Thursday, August 12

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

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

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Aim High

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Silver Spurs, Black Creek

### Friday, August 13

7:00 am -11:30 am - Evergreen

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Cowgirl Up

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Western Spurs

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Crackerjack

### Saturday, August 14

7:00 am -11:30 am - Tally-Ho

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Town & Country Maple Leaves

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Wise Workers

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

### Monday, August 9

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Broomfield Valley

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Country Plus

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

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Barrel Benders

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Pony Express

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

### Tuesday, August 10

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Mt. Eagles

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Pasture Pals/Dreamers

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - 4-H Angels

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - White Pine

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Evergreen

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10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Wise Workers

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Town & Country Maple Leaves

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4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

*Volunteers are still needed for shifts in the Food Stand and Still Exhibit Building. If you or anyone from your club can help, please let the Extension office (772-0911 x.302) know as soon as possible.*

# 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 (short)
Shooting Sports	Dairy	Rabbits	Horse Project Record (long)
Livestock	Pocket Pets/ID Card	Recipe Cards - 1 for each exhibit	
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 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.

### \*\*\*Food Stand 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 10-15 members.
- Plan to stay for your entire 4 1/2 hour shift. Don't break it into two shifts.
- Each family is to bring two fruit, baked pies to the food stand 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.

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## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

July		
5	OFFICE CLOSED	
6	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
6-8	4-H Summer Camp @ Coldwater Lake	
7	Garage Sale @ Fairgrounds	8 am - 1
10	County Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	8:30 am
10	Garage Sale @ Food Stand on Fairgrounds	8 am - 1
11	Queen & Princess Interviews @ MSUE	1 pm
12-14	4-H Cloverbud Day Camp @ Coldwater Lake	
15	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	7 pm - 8:15 pm
21	Shooting Sports Banquet @ MSUE	6:30 pm
24	Rabbit Showmanship Dress Rehearsal @ Fair	10 am
25	Queen & Princess Announcement @ MSUE	7 pm
26	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	7 pm - 8:15 pm
27	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
28	Fair Superintendents Meeting @ Fairgrounds	7:30 pm

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