

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

July 2011

## ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH & FARM FAIR August 6 - 13

### Important Barn Set-Up Dates

Monday, August 1

Beef Barn - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 2

Dairy Barn - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3 - Swine Barn - 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 4

Sheep Barn - 6:30 p.m.

Small Animals - 7 p.m.

Still Exhibit Building - 5:30 p.m.

### Breakfast On The Farm

Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Breakfast served from 9 a.m. to noon.)

Free tickets are required to attend! Available at the Extension office.

Pasch Dairy Farm, (3837 N. Nottawa, Mt. Pleasant)

The Breakfast On The Farm committee is looking for 4-H members to help. They would like to have members talk about and display projects. Last year we had a few small animals on display, with members available to share their stories. We also had a 4-H display. Contact Monica at the Extension office ([borgman5@anr.msu.edu](mailto:borgman5@anr.msu.edu)) if you are interested in helping.

### 4-H Queen & Princess Update

The announcement of the 2011 4-H Fair Royalty will be Sunday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. with a reception in the Isabella County Building, room 320. All are welcome!

### County Shoot

Saturday, July 16

Registration: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Cost: \$5 for all shooters (\$7 if shooting trap)

Isabella County Sportsmen's Club, Winn

Rain date for the County Shoot is Saturday, July 23.

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### 4-H Family Picnic

Has been postponed until after fair. Stay tuned for more details.

## CLUB CORNER

**Barn Yard Kids** - We had our June meeting after doing road clean up as our community service. At the meeting we filled out fair entry forms, talked about a July "just for fun" meeting, decided to do a candy bar fundraiser, and enjoyed grilling hotdogs and munchies. Looking forward to fair!

**Mountain Eagles** - In June, we planted flowers at Hopewell Ranch as a community service project. Our June meeting included a demonstration on project record notebooks to take to fair.

**Pony Express** - Our club spent two days at the 4-H Camp in June to work on a talent show routine. It was a great place to work on our routine with a lot of kids. We also went swimming, ran barrels on foot, worked on stall decorations and had s'mores. It was a great time! All of the parents and members got a chance to get to know each other better. Thank you Isabella County!

**Rural Routers** - In January we held a regular business meeting then made valentines for soldiers. Some of the valentines were sent to Major Daniel Maloney, the father of four of the clubs members, who was serving down south. The majority of the valentines were sent to Holly Fletcher, a former 4-Her from our club, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, for her and her fellow soldiers to enjoy. In February the club enjoyed a day tubing at Snow Snake. The clubs March meeting was a make-it-take-it held at the Shepherd United Methodist Church, with over 60 members in attendance. For April the club cleaned the church yard in preparation for the Maple Syrup Festival. They also worked at the festival cooking and serving pancakes, and made a float for the parade. The May meeting was a cook out at the Bryant's house. In June the club held a business meeting and completed their fair entry forms.

**Town & Country Maple Leaves** - On June 12th we had a potluck at Kent Nerbonne Pavilion by the Historical Society museum and Beacon and Bridge in Shepherd. After we finished eating we all filled out and turned our forms in for our projects and animals that we are showing for fair.

**Wise Workers** - We signed up for the fair and made plans to make club t-shirts in July.

## Rabbit Showmanship Dress Rehearsal

Remember there is an opportunity for first and second year rabbit members to attend a showmanship dress rehearsal on Saturday, July 23, in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds. Check in begins at 9:45 a.m. and our goal is to be done by noon. Basic information will be provided and then the kids will be judged in the same setting as show day during fair week. They should wear showmanship attire. Parents/guardians are requested to be present at the dress rehearsal and we will go through the process of show day so everyone is comfortable with how things work. Please register by calling the Extension office. If you have any questions, call Alissa Coldwell at 828-6229. We also encourage all small animal members and Cloverbuds to attend the regular showmanship clinics still available on July 6, July 21, and August 2. These are also held in the small animal barn at the fair grounds from 7 - 8:15 p.m.

## Small Animal News

- Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat members are encouraged to attend the July showmanship clinics in the Small Animal Barn. Dates are July 6 and 21, and 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 free of charge, 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 inviting people to the auction. Rabbit members, remember to turn in a pedigree for auction animals at check-in.
- All 4-H members and parents are invited to help set up the Small Animal Barn on Thursday, August 4, at 7 pm. Then you'll be ready to check-in your Small Animals Sunday afternoon, August 7, from 4 - 7 pm. Questions? Call your superintendent.



## 2011 Food Stand Schedule

## 2011 Exhibit Building Schedule

### Saturday, August 6

8:30 am -11:30 am - NO CLUBS

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

### Sunday, August 7 CLOSED

### Monday, August 8

8:30 am -11:30 am - Evergreen

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Country Kids Livestock

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

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Mt. Eagles & Circle B

### Tuesday, August 9

8:30 am -11:30 am - 4-H Angels, Country Plus & 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 - Pasture Pals & Dreamers

### Wednesday, August 10

8:30 am -11:30 am - Pine River

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Black Creek, White Pine & W.E.S.T.

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

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

### Thursday, August 11

8:30 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 - Cowgirl Up

### Friday, August 12

8:30 am -11:30 am - Rural Routers

11:00 am -3:30 pm - Barn Yard Kids

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

7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Crackerjack

### Saturday, August 13

8:30 am -11:30 am - Broomfield Valley

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

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - More Than Goats

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

### Monday, August 8

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

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - More Than Goats

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Crackerjack

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Bowen Busy Bees

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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.

# 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.

## 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.

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## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

July		
4	OFFICE CLOSED	
5	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
5	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
6	Fun Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	5 pm
11	Camp Counselor Training @ 4-H Camp	5 pm
12-13	4-H Summer Camp @ 4-H Camp	
16	County Shoot @ Sportsmen's Club	
19-20	4-H Cloverbud Day Camp @ 4-H Camp	9 am
21	Small Animal Association @ Fairgrounds	8:15 pm
24	Queen & Princess Announcement @ MSUE	7 pm
25	Shooting Sports Banquet @ MSUE	6:30 pm
26	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
<b>August</b>		
<b>6-13</b>	<b>Isabella County Youth &amp; Farm Fair</b>	

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