

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

September 2008

## Fair Wrap-Up

The fair is a wonderful opportunity for our youths to show and receive affirmation on their work as a 4-H member. Without the many volunteers involved in 4-H and the organizing of the fair, this opportunity would not exist. Thank you everyone!

4-H members: please remember to thank those people who made your participation possible. The volunteer leaders who organize club activities throughout the year and the project leaders really appreciate a special note or even a few words of gratitude from the youth.



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## Fair THANK YOU'S

Sending thank you notes is critical to retaining our sponsors!

If you received a trophy or award, it is your obligation to send the sponsor a thank you note. In some cases, this is the only way they know the recipient of their donation. And in many cases sponsors will not renew if they do not receive a thank you note.

We are hearing that some 4-H members are not sending thank you notes or auction pictures to the buyers of their animals. Again, this is critical for continuing sponsorship from the donors. Their generosity needs to be recognized by our 4-H members.

All leaders and parents should encourage and affirm that thank you notes have been sent by the 4-H members.

If you received a trophy or special award and do not have the address of the sponsor, please call the MSU Extension office and we will find it for you.

## 2008-2009 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H Club enrollments are due Friday, October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. All members and leaders are required to pay for accident insurance by October 31st. Horse members and leaders involved in speed events must pay \$3 and all other members and leaders must pay \$1. This payment should be made to your Administrative Leader and they will submit the payment for the entire club to the MSU Extension office.

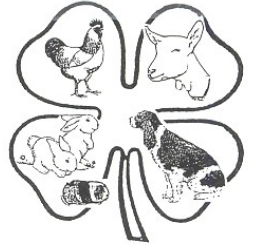
## CLUB CORNER

**Rural Routers** - At their June meeting they talked about electing officers for the new year. They had a regular meeting in which they filled out fair entry forms and then had an ice cream social.

**Wise Workers** - In June members signed up for fair projects and had a bike-a-thon to raise funds for various club projects. They also participated in the county fun shoot and held their own club fun shoot. At their July meeting they made club t-shirts to have at the fair and they had members participate in the county shoot that was held on July 20.

## SMALL ANIMAL REMINDERS:

- Fair Week went very well for our Small Animal members. Thank you to the many families who helped to set up the barn, helped members sign in on Sunday night, assisted on judging days, worked the auction on Wednesday night, and helped check out on Sunday morning.
- If you earned a trophy or sold a rabbit, goat, or poultry in the auction – have you sent out a Thank You yet? If not, please call Wanda Travis (828-5833) or Barb Coldwell (772-5702) and they will give you the address for your donor/buyer.
- The Small Animal Buyers' Banquet is scheduled for Monday, October 27, and all involved will receive an invitation the first part of October.



## Lost & Found Items

The MSU Extension office has a few items in the office that were left at 4-H Camp this summer and several items that were left at fair! If you are missing something, please stop by the office to pick up your belongings.

## Rocket Shoot-Off Well Attended

Sunday, August 17 was a perfect day for the rocket shoot off sponsored by Jon Beutler (owner of Jon's Hobby) at the Mt. Pleasant Model Aircraft Club's field on River Road, just behind the airport. Several of the rocket project 4-H'ers attended for the opportunity of shooting off their fair projects. It is always a lot of fun to see how high and far they can go. Jon even sponsored a contest this year to see who could come closest to a set target. Nathan Ringwalt (Mountain Eagles 4-H Club) was the lucky winner. Everyone had a great time and some of the airplane club members were impressed by the rockets the kids made. Thanks to Jon for supplying all of the engines and launch equipment that was used. If you are interested in learning more about this very fun project area, please contact Jim Coldwell at 828-6229. He would also be interested in talking to you about radio control airplanes - also part of the aerospace project.

## 4-H Recognition Banquet

Thursday, October 9  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall  
6:30 pm

All 4-H families are invited to help us recognize accomplishments of 4-H youth and leaders.

## 4-H Youth Conservation Council

Take the challenge and join the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC)! M4-HYCC is a terrific personal development, service learning and leadership opportunity for teens ages 13 to 19. As a team, the Council selects a conservation issue, researches the topic, develops an oral and written presentation, and then has the opportunity to make recommendations to one of the standing committees of the State Senate or House of Representatives that handle issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

Call the MSU Extension office for more details. Applications are due October 10.



## 4-H OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 27  
10 am - 1 pm

Isabella County Commission on Aging  
Activity Center  
(2200 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant)

*We hope that each 4-H member brings a friend! Fill out the coupon below and attend the open house. You and your friend will be entered in a special prize drawing!!!*

There will be games, prizes, and information on 4-H!!!  
For more information details call the Extension office.

### 4-H Member/Friend Prize Drawing

4-H Member Name: _____	4-H Friend Name: _____
Age: _____	Age: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____

## State Rabbit & Cavy Expo Results

This year's State Rabbit & Cavy Expo was held on July 12 at Michigan State University. Congratulations to the following youth for placing: Jr. Showmanship: Lauren Ringwalt - 1st place, Kate Troxell - 5th place  
Jr. Virtual Breed Identification: Kate Troxell - 3rd place & Jr. Virtual Breed Judging: Lauren Ringwalt - 5th place

## Attention County Medal Nominees

You will be receiving a letter and application form if you were nominated by a 4-H leader for outstanding work in a particular project area. 4-H members need to fill out the application form, then turn in the application form along with your project records for the project area in which you were nominated ( turn in project record sheets for all the years you have been involved in that project area). The application forms and project record sheets are due September 12 to the Extension Office. County Medals will be awarded at the Recognition Banquet on October 9.

## Thank You Camp Counselors and Camp Volunteers

It's been awhile since camp, but since there was no August newsletter, we want to thank all of the teens and adults who helped out at 4-H Overnight Camp and Cloverbud Camp this summer. We had two terrific camps this past summer with the theme "Iron Chef, Iron Bodies". 4-H'ers explored food, fitness, and nutrition programming, along with traditional camp activities. So much of the camp success is due to your dedication and attention to the 4-H youth who attend. We really appreciate your efforts! We look forward to working with you again in the 2009 camp season!

## Scholarship Opportunities

4-H members who are high school seniors this year have the opportunity to apply for scholarships through MSU. To be considered, applicants apply for MSU admission by November 1, and submit their MSU 4-H scholarship application to county 4-H staff by October 16. The Michigan 4-H Scholarship web page is available with application materials for you to download at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>

## 2008 FAIR MEMORIES



### **TALENT SHOW/MODEL REVIEW A HUGE SUCCESS!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the MANY volunteers and parents that assisted at what was the largest talent show/model review to date. We had 36 acts compete this year from a variety of 4-H'ers in a wide range of talent. What an awesome experience! We had some guest performers that really livened up the show and two spectacular cloverbuds that will really give the older kids a run for their money in the near future: Patrick O'Dell and Zoe Reddick. Our judges were so impressed and we had many extremely close scores. We enjoyed the queen and her court as they made an appearance to hand out the awards. A big thank you to ***B's Music*** for donating the use of the sound equipment. We were so excited to be set up in the Still Exhibit Barn. We were still cramped a bit on space, but it was so much better than the past couple years. Thank you to all of the participants for your excellent work and we hope you will join us again next year. We hope that in the future we will be able to hold the show on Saturday afternoon so we don't interrupt the Public Speaking/Demonstrations area and the Teen Leadership Interviews. Stay tuned for more information.

Genny Farrell and Angie Coldwell, Superintendents

# 4-H Workshops

*Registration fee for these workshops is paid by the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for all enrolled teen (age 13 and up) and adult 4-H volunteers. To register contact the Isabella County MSU Extension office at 772-0911 ext. 302.*

## **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

September 20-21, 2008 - Ottawa Lake Sportsmen's Club

This workshop offers training sessions in shotgun and archery. Completing the course does NOT guarantee that participants will be certified; they must demonstrate proficiency on written and range assessments at the workshop, then complete paperwork (including approval by county staff) before obtaining certification. Join us and see all that the 4-H shooting sports program has to offer! Shooting sports instructors seeking recertification in a discipline should fill out a recertification application. You do NOT need to retake the training unless you've been inactive for more than 3 years. Open to new and veteran adult volunteers and youth aged 16 and up.

## **CONNECTING YOUTH TO THE WORLD: 4-H GLOBAL & CULTURAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP**

September 27-28, 2008 - Kettunen Center

Discover ways to connect youth to the world through successful county activities including Kent County youth spending the night at a "global village" in Howell, Ionia and Jackson County youth organizing an international dinner to raise money for global projects, Cheboygan County youth participating in the Michigan Barn Survey Project and Iosco County youth participating in a global camp. Other sessions will include Your Global Footprint - How You Can Make a Difference in the Environment, Michigan 4-H International Exchange Opportunities, Your Family History - Genealogy 101, German Food Traditions, HIV/AIDS Orphans in Uganda Service Learning Project and Pakistani Culture. Learn how counties have used Que Rico! (How Rich!), the Latino culture curriculum, to explore the history and culture of Latin America through the arts. Open to adults and teens aged 13 and up.

## **4-H FALL GALAXY FOR STATE HORSE PLANNING COMMITTEES**

October 4, 2008 - Kettunen Center

This workshop is available to current state 4-H horse event planning committee members. It gives volunteers a chance to learn about the availability of new resources, collaborate with representatives from different counties, plan upcoming state 4-H horse events, discuss guidelines for the state 4-H horse program, and gain leadership and youth development skills. Open only to adult and teen state 4-H horse event planning committee members (invitation only).

## **4-H CLOTHING & TEXTILES VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP**

October 11-12, 2008 - Kettunen Center

Explore new project ideas and skills for your 4-H clothing and textiles program. Tentatively scheduled sessions include beginning sewing skills, several quilt classes, wool felting, buymanship, knitting, fleece projects, fabric baskets, creative purses, projects for 5 to 8 year-olds, recycling and classes especially for teens. Open to adults and teens aged 13 and up.

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**4-H PEP Update** - October 18-19, 2008 - Kellogg Biological Station

**4-H Goat Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop** - October 24-26 2008 - Kettunen Center

**4-H Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop** - November 1-2, 2008 - Kettunen Center

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## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

September		
1	OFFICE CLOSED	
2	CHARACTER COUNTS! Meeting @ MSUE	4 pm
2	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
2	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
9	Camp Association @ MSUE	6:30 pm
10	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7:30 pm
18	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
23	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
27	4-H Open House @ Isabella County Commission on Aging	10 am - 1 pm
30	Administrative Leader's Meeting @ MSUE	7 pm

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