

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

September 2010

Fair THANK YOU'S

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!

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.

Sending thank you notes and auction pictures to the buyers of their animals is also an expectation and is critical for continuing sponsorship from the donors. Their generosity needs to be recognized by our 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.

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2010-2011 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Monday, November 1st 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 November 1st. 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.



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Club Officer Training

Saturday, November 13
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Isabella County Building, Room 320

If you are an officer of your 4-H club or want to become an officer, this workshop will sharpen your leadership skills.

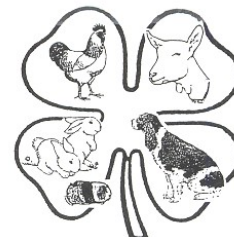
The Isabella County 4-H Council officers and Vera Wiltse will conduct a mock meeting and officer installation ceremony. They will also involve you in some easy to remember recreational activities which you can reteach at your club meetings. This workshop is open to adults and members. Please pre-register by November 5 to the Extension office.

CLUB CORNER

Crackerjack - Met in July and received our fundraising money from the bake sale that was donated to the 4-H Food Stand. Went through last minute details and questions before fair. Everyone told what they were doing for fair and how things were going.

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

There are lots of good memories from fair week – lots of Cloverbuds, 1st yr. members, plus some 18-19 yr. olds that were showing for their last time! Thank you to so many parents & members who helped set up the barn, check-ins, judging days, trophy case, and tear down on Sunday morning.



When some of the Small Animal feed records were picked up, they did not have the ribbons in them yet. If you did not get an A, B, or C ribbon, please call the 4-H office and leave us a message and we'll see that you get your ribbon.

All Small Animal members who sold a rabbit, goat, or poultry in the auction are reminded to put the date of our Buyers' Appreciation Banquet date on your calendar: Monday, October 25, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. You are expected to attend, bring two dishes to pass and a door prize for a buyer who attends. More info will come in the mail next month.

Small animal members/families with any questions or comments are always welcome to attend the monthly Small Animal Assoc. meetings: next one is Thursday, September 16, 7:00 PM in Room 320 next to the Extension office. Also remember to send a thank you note to your auction buyers or trophy donors. If you need addresses, just call Barb Coldwell (772-5702) or the 4-H office.

During fair week, several rabbit members were inquiring about where to buy cages. You can call Angie Coldwell at 828-6229 and she'll help you contact a local breeder with some used cages that have the proper gauge wire, etc.

Thanks,
All Small Animal Superintendents

4-H Recognition Banquet

Thursday, October 7
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
6:30 pm

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

2009-2010 Teen Leaders

Congratulations to the following teens for completing a Teen Leadership project.

| Name | Club | Years as Teen Leader |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Kourtney Collin | Rural Routers | 2 |
| Kaylee Devantier | Mountain Eagles | 2 |
| Jackie Halfmann | Bowen Busy Bees | 1 |
| Brenda McClintic | Rural Routers | 4 |
| Lauren Ringwalt | Aim High | 2 |
| Samantha Sims | Rural Routers | 1 |
| Kate Troxell | Aim High | 3 |
| Katherine Vogel | Bowen Busy Bees | 2 |

Lost & Found Items

The 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 them up.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
October 3-9, 2010

4-H WORKSHOPS

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

4-H Clothing & Textiles Volunteer Workshop

October 16–17, 2010 – Kettunen Center

Explore new project ideas and skills to use in your 4-H clothing and textiles program. Sessions tentatively scheduled include beginning and advanced sewing skills, entrepreneurship, quilting, projects for 5- to 8-year-olds, wool felting, fashion illustration, altering ready-to-wear clothing, special teen designs and more. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

4-H Goat Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop

October 22–24, 2010 – Kettunen Center

Gain new ideas and information about the 4-H goat project area. Choose from a variety of learning options, including herd management, health issues, exhibiting skills, animal evaluation and 4-H club programs. You'll have the chance to exchange ideas, make new friends and develop networks with other individuals who are interested in the 4-H goat program. A workshop highlight is an auction held in support of the goat recognition area in the State 4-H Awards Program. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update, October 23-24 - Kellogg Biological Station
4-H Poultry Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop, October 30-31 - Kettunen Center
4-H Teen Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference, November 19-21 - Kettunen Center

The Isabella County 4-H Horse leaders and members have successfully completed their 2010 Community Service Project, "Kickin' Cancer – One Buck At A Time"

At a special presentation during fair week, a check for \$4,332 was presented to Mr. Lon Morey for the Norval K. Morey Cancer Center.

We are especially grateful to the following sponsors:

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| Cowgirl Up 4-H Club | Sam's Club |
| DK Horseshoeing | Trinity Manual & Sports Physical Therapy |
| Percha Paint & Wallpaper | Total Lee Sports |
| Mission Pharmacy | Barrel Benders 4-H Club |
| Dr. Pol Veterinary Services | Mark Powell Frame & Collision |
| Tom's Western Store | Mt. Pleasant Animal Hospital |
| Gray Farrier Service | Soldan's Feeds & Pet Supplies |

We would like to thank everyone that purchased merchandise, or donated money and auction items. Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

September

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| 6 | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 7 | Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE | 6:15 pm |
| 7 | Horse Leaders @ MSUE | 7 pm |
| 16 | Small Animal Association @ MSUE | 7 pm |
| 28 | 4-H Council @ MSUE | 7 pm |
| 30 | Administrative Leader's Meeting @ MSUE | 7 pm |

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