

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

September 2011

## Fair Wrap Up

It was a great 2011 fair! THANK YOU 4-H families, 4-H Council, 4-H Leaders, fair superintendents, teen superintendents, fair board members, fair awards coordinator, and all the donors and sponsors! We appreciate your help and efforts!

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 1 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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# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 2-8, 2011

*"Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 772-0911 ext. 302. at least 5 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible."*

## CLUB CORNER

**Barn Yard Kids** - In July we had a great day of BBQ, pool party, pony ride, calf preview and just relaxing time before the fair.

**Country Kids Livestock** - Had a busy July. We worked at the Loons game for a fundraising event. We also enjoyed a trip to Michigan's Adventure. Finally, we had our annual club tour where we looked at each member's animal for the fair.

**Pony Express** - Has been busy, busy, busy in July. We are holding weekly rabbit practices, chicken practices, and talent show practices. Our horse members are busy getting ready for fair and with local horse shows. Many of our members are working hard on still exhibit entries, also. Our club is working hard and studying hard. We can't wait until fair week!

**Tally Ho** - Had their last meeting before fair. They completed their new shirts, worked on their stall signs and discussed stall decorations and set up times for fair. The club is looking forward to a good fair week.

**Wise Workers** - In July we made club t-shirts and worked on fundraiser ideas. In August, everyone enjoyed the fair and we continued with our fundraiser plans.

### Email Addresses Needed

More and more we are using email as a communication resource (we also have a Facebook page that we update periodically with events). Many times we receive information about events after our newsletter submission deadline or we send out reminders to families. Please submit your email address when you re-enroll this year or contact our office with your current email address, so you don't miss these notifications.

### 4-H Science Blast

Tuesday, October 4

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Jay's Sporting Goods (Outback Room) in Clare

Hands on, fun science activities for all community youth. Come to the event and bring your friends! This event is hosted by Clare & Isabella County 4-H.

### Dairy Days Results

Congratulations to the following youth who participated in Dairy Days 2011:

Amber Theisen was 12th in judging and Megan Filhart was 6th. Their Sr. Dairy Judging team was 1st. Megan Filhart was also 8th in the management contest. Caitie Theisen was part of the Jr. judging team that took 4th and the management team that took 3rd.

### State Shoot Results

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who placed first in their age group and discipline!

- Remington Vandever – Trap
- Dillon MacGregor – 3D Archery
- Bryan Wiles – Air Pellet

### Teen Representatives needed for 4-H Council

If you are interested in being a teen representative on 4-H Council, please submit an application to the Extension Office. The application is online or contact our office. Teens must be enrolled in a teen leadership project.

### Adult Representatives needed for 4-H Council

If you are interested in being an adult volunteer representative on 4-H Council, please contact the Extension Office. Membership on the Council is open to any registered adult volunteer leader of the Isabella County 4-H program who has completed at least one year of volunteer service and is currently enrolled as a volunteer leader.

### Community Service Reports

Club community service reports are due to the Extension office by September 30!

## Small Animal News

THANK YOU to so many small animal families who helped set up and tear down the Small Animal Barn for fair week. The number of small animals was up this year - plus there were 46 Rabbit Cloverbuds who attended! The 30th Small Animal Auction went very well - with the total sales going over \$40,000. Everyone who sold a rabbit, poultry or goat or purchased one is reminded to put Monday, October 24th, on your calendar for our Small Animal Auction Banquet. An invitation letter will be sent out the beginning of October.



Thank you from all the Small Animal Superintendents and Teen Leaders!

## 2010-2011 Teen Leaders

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years as Teen Leader</u>
Paige Aultman	Aim High	2
Ellissa Cherven	Aim High	1
Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers	3
Kaylee Devantier	Wise Workers	3
Jackie Halfmann	Bowen Busy Bees	2
Michaela Holland	Aim High	1
Andrew Hutchinson	Lincoln Center	1
Julie Justice	Pony Express	1
Samantha Keeler	Aim High/W.E.S.T.	1
Makaila Kent	Country Plus	1
Lauren Ringwalt	Aim High	3
Samantha Sims	Rural Routers	2
Kate Troxell	Aim High	4

## 4-H Recognition Banquet

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

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

## Lost & Found Items

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

## Thank You Camp Counselors & Camp Volunteers

We want to thank all of the teens and adults who helped out at 4-H Overnight Summer Camp and Cloverbud Day Camp this summer. 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!

## County Shoot



## **Taking Ads for the 4-H Calendar and Plat Book**

If you know of anyone who would like to place an ad in the 4-H Calendar and/or Isabella County Plat Book, please contact the Extension office for details.

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## **Great Lakes Regional Fishing Instructor Training**

September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

Cost: \$55.00

Kalamazoo MSUE Office - 3299 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo MI

**Don't Miss This Training.** Michigan State University's Project F.I.S.H. Program has partnered with Future Fisherman Foundation to bring 2 exciting days (**9:00am-4:30pm each day**) of:

***“Sportfishing and Aquatic Resources Education and an Introduction to HOFNOD, Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs”***

Coordinated through Michigan State University's Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, this workshop is a partnership with MSU Extension-Kalamazoo County, MSU 4-H Youth Development, Department of Natural Resources, The Bass Federation and the Future Fisherman Foundation, and many others to educate young people about our natural resources through FISHING.

This workshop will be based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod & reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or in an after school setting. The workshop is partially funded through a grant from The Recreational Fishing and Boating Foundation to the Future Fisherman Foundation, The Bass Federation (TBF) **and donors to Project F.I.S.H.**

**\* The Future Fisherman Foundation will offer a \$75.00 post workshop stipend for participants within 60 miles of the workshop (\$450.00 max per organization), and will offer a \$150.00 post workshop stipend to cover the workshop and travel expenses to those participants travelling more than 60 miles. (\$450.00 max per organization) Lunch will be provided each day.**

For registration information: <http://www.projectfish.org/fishinginstructortraining.pdf>

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## **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 – and the adult advisors. The council researches and helps resolve environmental issues by working with state and local government. M4-HYCC advisors and teens attend a fall, winter and spring planning workshop/meeting with the teens, meet occasionally by conference call and help prepare the youth for their presentation to Michigan legislative committees in April.

More information can be found at: [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/michigan\\_4-h\\_youth\\_conservation\\_council](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/michigan_4-h_youth_conservation_council)  
Applications are due Friday, September 30.

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# 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 Healthy Living = Healthy U Teen & Adult Workshop**

**October 14-16, 2011 – Kettunen Center**

This workshop is for youth, adults, and volunteers that work with youth. You will learn how to incorporate "healthy living," one of 4-H mission mandates, into your club, community and life. This workshop will teach you some exciting ways to get started and introduce you to opportunities and curriculum that is available to sustain healthy living. You will also get a head start on the new Moving Michigan challenge. Youth can learn how to become a healthy living ambassador. Learn how adult volunteers and youth can work together through a \$5000.00 grant to address how to lessen nutritional deficiencies and healthy food choices in under-served populations. Health is one of the 4 "H's" in 4-H, so come learn what it is all about and how to stay active in your club and community and in the world. Scholarships are available to adult volunteers and youth to attend this workshop. Open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 14 and up.

## **4-H Clothing & Textiles Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop**

**October 15-16, 2011 – 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, several quilting classes, projects for 5-8 year old youth, fashion illustration, altering ready-to-wear, special teen design class and more. Open to new and experienced adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up.

## **4-H Proud Equestrian Program New Instructor Training Update**

**October 22-23, 2011 – Kellogg Biological Station**

This conference provides continuing education for current 4-H PEP certified instructors. Attendance is required at either the fall 2011 or fall 2012 Instructor Update to maintain 4-H PEP Instructor status. The program is also open to PATH (formerly NARHA) certified instructors and those interested in therapeutic riding. Sessions include topics related to instructing therapeutic riding, working with youth with special needs, and horse management and care. Open to 4-H Proud Equestrian Program instructors, instructors in training. The program is also open to NARHA certified instructors and those with an interest in therapeutic riding. *This workshop is presented with support from the **Accident Fund Holdings**.*

## **4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop**

**November 18-20, 2011 – Kettunen Center**

Participants in this exciting training opportunity will gain new ideas and information about the rabbit and cavy project areas. Participants will choose from a variety of topics including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun 4-H club activities. The workshop will provide adult and teen leaders, 13 and up, the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new friends and explore new areas with other individuals who are interested in rabbits and cavies.

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 State 4-H website: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/>  
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Isabella County 4-H Calendar		
September		
5	OFFICE CLOSED	
6	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
15	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
27	Administrative Leader Meeting @ MSUE	6 pm
27	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
October		
2-8	NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	

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