

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

October 2008

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - October 5 - 11



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### 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.  
(Dinner provided by Isabella County 4-H Council)

### 2008-2009 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Friday, October 31st for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. All members are required to pay a \$10 participation fee and \$1 for accident insurance by October 31st. All leaders are also required to pay \$1 for accident insurance. Horse members and leaders involved in speed events must pay \$3 for accident insurance. 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 Financial Reports Due

All 4-H clubs and programming committees must submit a financial statement for last year. This form must be signed by two adults and completed even if you have no money. Reports are due October 31.

### 4-H Open House "Thank You"

Thank You to the following people who helped with the 4-H Open House on September 27th. We had 72 people who are not currently involved in 4-H attend! Lots of information about 4-H project areas was shared and attendees had fun trying some simple projects.

Kaylee Devantier	Caitlin Gilmore	Kathryn Vogel
Michaela Holland	Nichelle Holland	Sylvia Vogel
Mary Lou Morey	Hannah Crook	Don Kistler
Elyse Beutler	Sheila Beutler	Kate Troxell
Nicole Morgenstern	Lauren Ringwalt	Kathie Collin
Deborah Gregory	Alissa Coldwell	Jim Coldwell
Angella Coldwell	Amy Ramsdell	Bob Coldwell
Kourtney Collin	Publicity Committee	4-H Council

## CLUB CORNER

**Mountain Eagles** - The Mountain Eagles had a successful second year at fair. Members took a wide variety of projects, and did very well. Special congratulations to Madeline Devantier for winning Junior Champion Small Animal Overall Showman! They are looking forward to another great year and exploring new and different project areas.

**Pony Creek** - At their September meeting they went over the newsletter, and they talked about fair, no one had any problems with fair week. They also elected officers. Everyone was reminded that next month is sign up so it is important to be there.

## SMALL ANIMAL REMINDERS:

- The Small Animal Buyers' Banquet will be on Monday, October 27, and all involved will receive an invitation the first part of October.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.



## State Horse Show Results

The following youth participated in the State Horse Show: Alyson Hill, Jenny Imlay, Stephanie Jackson, Kaley Lilly, Kendra Pierce and Whitley Vogel. Top finishers for the event were:

**Alyson Hill** - English Pleasure, Hunt Seat 16 year old - 2nd place  
 Showmanship, 16 year old - 5th place  
 English Equitation, Hunt Seat 16 year old - 5th place  
 Stock Seat Equitation, 16 year old - 5th place

**Jenny Imlay** - English Equitation, Hunt Seat 17 year old - 4th place  
 Championship Stock Seat Equitation, 16-19 year olds - 2nd place  
 English/Western Riding, 16-19 year olds - 3rd place  
 Stock Seat Equitation, 17 year old - 2nd place  
 Showmanship, 17 year old - 9th place  
 Championship English/Western Riding - 4th place

**Whitley Vogel** - Showmanship, 16 year old - 4th place  
 English Pleasure, Hunt Seat 16 year old - 4th place



## 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.

## Beef Cattle Sales

A list of several beef cattle sales from around the state is available from the Extension office. Give us a call or stop in and we will provide you with more information.

## Attention 4-H High School Seniors

Looking for ways to fund your college education? You may be eligible to compete for one of several scholarships available through Michigan State University, MSU 4-H Youth Development or the Michigan 4-H Foundation. General eligibility includes:

- Being active in 4-H at the county, regional, state, national and international levels;
- Having outstanding 4-H achievement;
- Participating in a broad range of 4-H experiences and projects; and Maintaining scholastic excellence and making leadership and citizenship contributions within and outside of 4-H.

Don't miss out! The MSU 4-H Scholarship is valued at \$10,000 (\$2,500 a year for students enrolled in a four-year degree granting program). Six awards are made annually. Deadline information: Submit the application form to your MSU Extension County Office by mid-October. This allows time for county staff to include their recommendation comments and forward to MSU Admissions by the November 1, 2008 MSU deadline. For all deadlines, application forms and more information, go to the Michigan 4-H Scholarship Opportunities web page at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>.

## Attention M.S.U. Bound 4-H 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Are you on the pathway to a college education at Michigan State University? Did you attend an MSU pre-college program such as 4-H Exploration Days or 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp the summer prior to entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade? If so, please check out the MSU 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-College Scholarship competitive opportunity at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html> for complete details and an application. This scholarship awards \$2,000 toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Deadlines: Completed application to county MSU Extension office by November 15. County office forwards to MSU 4-H Youth Development by December 1, 2008.

## Glass Fusing Workshop

Saturday, November 22

1:30 - 3:30 pm

\$25 minimum cost

Stained Glass Workshop (1227 N. Mission, Mt. Pleasant)

Learn how to fuse glass and create a decorative piece of artwork. You will be able to complete a fused glass project such as an icicle or snowflake, jewelry, or a small dish. You will need to return to the Stained Glass Workshop after your item has been fused in the kiln to pick it up.

Please call the Extension office to register. Class size is limited! Open to 4-H members ages 9-19.

## 4-H Leadermete 2009

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 7, 2009  
Comfort Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant  
\$35

### Session topics will include:

Livestock, Technology in 4-H, State Awards, Teen Leadership, Club Development, Crafts, Scrapbooking, Poultry, Animal Science Shooting Sports, and much more.

More information will be available from the Extension office later in October.



## Celebrate National 4-H Week with Isabella County 4-H!

Isabella County 4-H invites you to join 4-H members, and the parents, volunteers and community members who support them in celebrating National 4-H Week, October 5-11, 2008.

For the 2007 - 2008 Isabella County 4-H program year, 1572 youth members participated in 4-H programs with the assistance and guidance from 230 adult volunteer leaders. There were 30 organized community clubs with 668 youth participating as club members. Additional community youth were involved in 4-H camps, workshops, school enrichment programs, and peer helping programs at local high schools.

A closer view of 4-H in Isabella County includes:

- 313 youth involved in citizenship and civic education projects
- 1155 youth involved in communication and expressive arts projects
- 82 youth involved in consumer and family science projects
- 101 youth involved in environmental education and earth science projects
- 168 youth involved in healthy lifestyle education projects
- 204 youth involved in personal development and leadership projects
- 815 youth involved in plant and animal projects
- 71 youth involved in science and technology projects
- 59 youth involved as peer helpers (Natural Helpers) at Beal City High School and Mt. Pleasant High School (*Natural Helpers is a collaborative effort between Isabella County MSU Extension 4-H and the local high schools entering its 12<sup>th</sup> year of programming*)

4-H helps the youth in our community reach their full potential. Recent studies show youth who participate in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.

**\*\*THANK YOU ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEERS FOR  
YOUR TIME, SKILLS, SERVICE AND DEDICATION!!! \*\***



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## Michigan Week Photo Contest

Get out your camera and photograph a favorite Michigan historic site while you still have lots of sun and foliage. A historic site can be a building (such as a firehouse, house, or barn); a structure (such as a bridge); an area (such as a neighborhood or fairgrounds); or an object (such as a monument) that is 50 years old or older. All Michigan youth are invited to participate in the 2009 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest.

Youth aged 9-19 are eligible to submit up to two photos of a historic site. These photos can be two different perspectives of one historic site or two different historic sites.

Submission deadline is February 15, 2009. For more information, contact the MSU Extension office.

# 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 GOAT TEEN & VOLUNTEER LEADER WORKSHOP**

October 24-26, 2008 - Kettunen Center

Gain new ideas and information about the 4-H goat project. You'll choose from a variety of learning opportunities including herd management, health, nutrition, exhibiting skills, animal evaluation and 4-H club programs. You'll have the chance to exchange ideas, make new friends, and develop new networks with other individuals who have a high interest in the 4-H goat program. A highlight of the workshop will be the auction that is held in support of the State 4-H Goat Award and other goat-related 4-H educational events. You are encouraged to develop plans for sharing what you learn at the workshop in your county. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

## **4-H VISUAL ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP**

November 1-2, 2008 - Kettunen Center

Sign up to learn a new skill to teach others in your 4-H club or group. Choose from sessions on basket making, fabulous felting (jewelry and wall art from wool fibers), fused glass jewelry (pendent and earrings), Chinese brush painting (classical Chinese art using rice paper and bamboo memorabilia), wooden peace bowls (wood-burned and hand-painted 10-inch wooden bowls), stained glass (unique hand-cut and soldered glass decorative art), mosaic making (12-inch plates decorated with old china chips, colored glass, stones, and more), rag rugs, three different digital photography choices, and building youth leadership skills through arts and crafts. Open to adult and teens aged 13 and up.

## **4-H TEEN HORSE VOLUNTEER LEADERS WORKSHOP**

November 22-23, 2008 - Kettunen Center

This workshop is designed for teen leaders who are involved with county 4-H horse programs. Topics include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities and opportunities beyond a county program. You're encouraged to interact with teen leaders from other counties to exchange ideas, and talk about your local 4-H programs. You're expected to share what you learn and your experiences at this conference with other 4-H'ers in your county. Open to 4-H horse project teen volunteer leaders aged 14 to 19 this calendar year (no exceptions) and accompanying adult chaperones.

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**4-H Horse Show Judges & Managers Conference** - January 9-11, 2009 - Kettunen Center

**The Future Is You! Workshop** - January 16-18, 2009 - Kettunen Center

**4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference** - January 24-25, 2009 - Kettunen Center

**4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop** - February 27-28, 2009 - Kettunen Center

**4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop** - February 28 - March 1, 2009 - Kettunen Center

**4-H Family Science Weekend: SET Exploratorium** - March 15-16, 2009 - Kettunen Center

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## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

October			
5-11	NATIONAL 4-H WEEK		
7	CHARACTER COUNTS! Meeting @ MSUE		4 pm
7	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE		6:15 pm
7	Horse Leaders @ MSUE		7 pm
8	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE		7:30 pm
9	4-H Recognition Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall		6:30 pm
20	Livestock Banquet @ MPHS Cafeteria		
27	Small Animal Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall		6:30 pm
28	4-H Council @ MSUE		7 pm

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