

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

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

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2009-2010 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Friday, October 30 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 30th. 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 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 30.

Club Officer Training

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

Saturday, November 7
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Isabella County Building, Room 225

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 2 to the Extension office.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Aim High members had a delicious September potluck meeting and recognized our teen leaders who reached the end of their 4-H years - but some will be enrolling as leaders next month. Several also enjoyed helping to build the 4-H Float and riding in the parades.

Pony Creek - Their September meeting was held outside at a pavilion because it was so nice. For role call everyone told what their best project was at fair. They had a lot of people that took a lot of things so it was interesting to learn how they did. At this meeting they voted on new club officers: President is Nicole Morgenstern, Vice President is Chelsea Recker, Secretary/News Reporter is Alexa Frost, Treasurer Pauline Stewart, Historian Albihal Recker, and our two flag bearers are Cassidy Recker and Ethan Outman. They are looking forward to the new officers and it should be a great year. After that they went over unfinished business and anything else that needed discussed. Also went over community service that a few of them did with the club when they put up signs on the first road that was ever made in Michigan. You can even see the old boards in the road that were used to build the road.

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS:

All small animal members who sold a rabbit/chicken/or goat in the auction fair week will be receiving their invitation letter to the Buyers' Appreciation Dinner soon. The date is Monday night, October 26, at Sacred Heart Parish Center with the meal beginning at 6:30 PM.



State Horse Show Results

The following youth participated in the State Horse Show: Tegan Brookens, Devin Brown, Alyson Hill, Stephanie Jackson, Kaley Lilly, Alisha Smith and Whitley Vogel. Top finishers for the event were:

Devin Brown - Indiana Flag Race Champions Jr & Pony - 2nd place
Indiana Flage Race, 13-14 year old - 1st place

Alyson Hill - Graphic Design, 16-17 year old - 1st place
Stock Seat Equitation, 17 year old - 6th place
Showmanship, 17 year old - 1st place
Western Pleasure, 17 year old - 1st place
Championship Showmanship, 16-19 year old - 2nd place
English Pleasure Hunt Seat, 17 year old - 3rd place

Stephanie Jackson - Showmanship, 16 year old - 6th place

Kaley Lilly - Pole Bending, 15 year old - 3rd place

Whitley Vogel - Trail, 17 year old - 1st place
English Pleasure Hunt Seat 17 year old - 1st place
English Equitation Hunt Seat, 17 year old - 6th place

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:

web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html

Starter Flock Scholarship Program

The Michigan Sheep Breeders Association is offering a Starter Flock Scholarship Program. This Starter Flock Scholarship is detailed on the Michigan Sheep Breeders web site: misheep.org Check the News tab for details and application. This is a great opportunity for a young person to get started in the sheep business and expand their horizons in animal agriculture.

For more information, please contact Pat Henne at (517) 663-2014 or henne@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com

Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council (M4-HYCC)

Teens are needed to serve as members; 4-H volunteers are being sought to serve as advisors. The application time line is: by October 2, 2009 -- youth submit their application to the 4-H staff at their local MSU Extension office. Interested 4-H volunteers should contact the Extension office ASAP.

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 – including a promo flier, invitation letter, advisor job description and application – can be found at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/m4hycc.html>

The M4-HYCC is not all work, it's fun too! Teen members enjoy meeting others from different Michigan counties and sharing ideas and experiences. Additional M4-HYCC benefits are the hands-on career investigation opportunities as teen members work in partnership with natural resource professionals, Michigan State University staff, state government staff, and other professionals. Contact Monica with your questions.

MSU Women's Basketball Game

A date has been confirmed for the fifth annual MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Day at the Breslin Center:

Saturday, January 9, 2010

2 p.m

MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

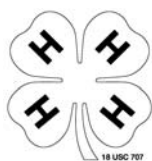
This is a Big Ten game which will be televised by CBS! It's going to be exciting to "see a sea" of MSU Extension 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff beaming with pride, in the stands AND ON TV!

Admission will once again be free for MSU Extension, 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff. What a wonderful opportunity to get some publicity for MSUE 4-H, and if that weren't enough...the Lady Spartans are looking forward to having us there to cheer them on to victory over Ohio State. More information to be sent, but please save the date!

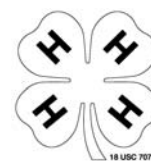
Beef Cattle Sales

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.

4-H OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, October 17
10 am - 1pm



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

Come and learn about 4-H!

Including....

- ▶ How to join 4-H
- ▶ How to start a 4-H Club
- ▶ International Exchange Programs
- ▶ Summer Camp Programs
- ▶ 4-H State Workshops and Events
- ▶ Information on 4-H projects like: teen leadership, crafts, basketry, gardening and horticulture, animal sciences, rocketry and aerospace, photography and visual arts, environmental education, and food and nutrition.

>> *Sign up for 4-H at the Open House* <<

For more information, contact Isabella County
MSU Extension at 989-772-0911 ext. 302

Brought to you by Isabella County 4-H Program Council

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 MSU Extension office at 772-0911 ext. 302.

4-H Proud Equestrians Program (PEP) Instructor Update

October 24–25, 2009 – Kellogg Biological Station

This conference provides continuing education for current 4-H PEP certified instructors. Attendance is required at either the fall 2009 or fall 2010 Instructor Update to maintain 4-H PEP instructor status. Sessions will cover 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 and instructors in training. The program is also open to NARHA-certified instructors and those with an interest in therapeutic riding.

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

November 13-14, 2009 – Kettunen Center

Gain new ideas and information about the 4-H rabbit and cavy project areas. You'll choose from a variety of learning opportunities including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun activities. The workshop will give you the chance to exchange ideas, make new friends and explore new areas with others who are just as excited about rabbits and cavies as you are! You'll be encouraged to develop plans for sharing your workshop experiences in your county. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Workshop

November 21-22, 2009 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is designed for adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H horse programs. Topics covered will include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to help volunteers in youth development, leadership skill development for youth, youth activities and opportunities beyond a county program. Talking and exchanging ideas with others from different counties is encouraged. Open to adult 4-H horse project volunteers.

4-H Horse Show Judges & Managers Conference

January 8-10, 2010 – Kettunen Center

This conference is designed to help participants improve cooperation between 4-H horse show superintendents and judges, increase the quality of horse show management techniques, and learn creative and innovative methods for making horse shows more educational for youth. The conference provides judges with updates in riding styles, class scoring, breed differences in events and techniques for becoming better communicators with managers and youth exhibitors. Open to Michigan 4-H Horse regular and conditional judges, Extension staff, 4-H horse judges advisory committee members, State 4-H Horse Show committee members, and horse superintendents and representatives from Michigan counties. Adults only.

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar		
October		
4-10	National 4-H Week	
6	Teen Horse Leaders	6:15 pm
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
8	Recognition Banquet @ SHA Parrish Hall	6:30 pm
17	4-H Open House @ Commission On Aging	10 am
26	Small Animal Banquet @ SHA Parrish Hall	6 pm
27	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm

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