

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

November 2009

Club Officer Training

Saturday, November 7

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Isabella County Building, Room 225

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 2 to the Extension office.

2008-2009 4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for being chosen as the Honor Clubs for the 4-H year of 2008-2009. Each club received a monetary award from the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for their outstanding participation and organization.

Aim High, Bowen Busy Bees, Country Kids Livestock, Evergreen, Lincoln Center, Mountain Eagles, Pony Creek, Rural Routers, Wise Workers

Award Winners

The Meritorious Service Awards and the Alumni Award were announced at the Recognition Banquet on October 9. We thank these winners for their dedication and continuous support for 4-H. Your years of hard work and assistance are greatly appreciated. **Congratulations to:**

B's Music - Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H

Wendy Albrecht & Jim Bryant - Meritorious Service Award, Leader

Tracy House - 4-H Alumni Award

Beef Weigh In

Saturday, December 5

9:30 am - 11 am

Isabella County Fairgrounds

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.

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CLUB CORNER

- Aim High** - Aim High members had a delicious September potluck meeting and recognized their 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.
- Beal City Pioneers** - In October, members re-enrolled for the upcoming year, voted in new officers, talked about different community services projects and doing a fundraiser to help raise money for the 4-H foodstand.
- Crackerjack** - At the October meeting members discussed their projects for 2010, as well as ideas for a fundraiser project to raise money for improvements to the foodstand at the fair. New officers will be elected on November 8 at the Karcher home.
- Evergreen** - New officers were elected in October; President - Spencer Lynch, Vice President - Alexia Lynch, Secretary - Hailee Ervin, Treasurer - Kirsty Crawford. They started planning their first community service project. Members and parents gave ideas on fundraisers, fun activities and what they would like to learn or cover at the meetings.
- Lincoln Center** - At their October meeting, they handed out medals, certificates and fair calendars. Voted in club officers; President - Kaylie Willoughby, Vice President - Andrew Hutchinson, Secretary - Bailey Powelson and Treasurer - Taylor Neyer. They discussed fair updates and celebrated September and October Birthdays. They also introduced new 4-H members and club leaders.
- More Than Goats** - Met in October to re-enroll members, welcomed new members, and elected officers. The meeting was followed by a great bowl of potato soup.

2008-2009 Teen Leaders

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

Name	Club	Years as Teen Leader
Paige Aultman	Aim High	1
Emily Bryant	Rural Routers	1
Elyse Beutler	Aim High	6
Alissa Coldwell	Aim High	8
Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers	1
Kaylee Devantier	Mountain Eagles	1
Staci Galgoci	Pony Express	1
Caitlin Gilmore	Aim High	6
Deborah Gregory	Country Plus	3
Brenda McClintic	Rural Routers	3
Samantha McDonald	Evergreen	5
Nicole Morgenstern	Pony Creek	2
Lauren Ringwalt	Aim High	1
Austin Roberts	Rural Routers	1
Kate Troxell	Aim High	2

New Leader Orientation

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 pm

Isabella County Building, Room 320

All new volunteer leaders for the upcoming year are required to attend. Please call the Extension office by December 11 if you plan to attend.

Open House - AHA

Saturday, November 7

11 am - 2pm

Come celebrate Animal Health Associates 20th year in business! Pet photos, live animal displays, drawings, children's games, clinic tour, refreshments. We would appreciate it if you could fit it in.

Thank You

THANK YOU to 4-H leaders and teens who helped at the 4-H Open House on October 17. This year's general public turn out was disappointing, but those who did attend were greeted by a group of fantastic volunteers who shared their project knowledge and skills and most important... their enthusiasm for 4-H and dedication to Isabella County youth.

Central Region Winterfest

February 6 & 7, 2010

Youth ages 9-12

Eagle Village, Hersey

Watch future newsletters for details!

MSU Women's Basketball Game

A date has been confirmed for the fifth annual 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!

4-H Polish Exchange Trip

Teens, ages 14 to 19 (as of January 1, 2010) from around Michigan are invited to travel to Poland from June 21 to July 21, 2010. This exchange trip is coordinated by MSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development Global and Cultural Programs. Helping young people explore, appreciate, and value what people next door, across town and around the world have in common and what makes them unique is critically important in society today. Youth who travel to Poland this summer will have the chance to make life-long international friends as they live and explore Poland with a Polish host family and explore a topic of interest in Poland.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$2000. Some counties offer scholarships as well as fund-raising opportunities. For a travel application or more information contact Vera Wiltse at the Extension office (772-0911 ext.302).

If you would like more information about all the opportunities 4-H offers for kids and adults to learn more about our global community visit the following website: web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html

Thank You's

By: Angella Coldwell

We want to say a special thank you to Scott Schafer at Bear Packaging for donating all of the table covering for the 4-H Recognition Banquet and Small Animal Banquet. He also provided all of the table covering used in the Still Exhibit Barn during fair week. If you haven't ever been in their store, stop by and check it out. They have various sizes of storage/garbage bags and many of their products come in different thicknesses depending on your need. They have bubble wrap and other plastic products. The bags and table cover come in all the colors of the rainbow and their staff is willing and able to fit your need to the right product. Scott has provided this service to the 4-H program for several years!

Thank you to the numerous kids, parents, and leaders that helped over the past three months with the 4-H float! It was a great community service/outreach tool that was VERY well received. It was a lot of fun and everyone's little bit of influence was put together for a great team effort and it looked GREAT in the parades we participated in. We have been asked to enter a couple more in the spring/summer, so watch the newsletter or email for more details. If you do not receive the "group" email that the 4-H office sends out, make sure they have your email address to add to their list.

2008-2009 County Medal Winners

<u>Award</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>Achievement</i>	Katherine Vogel LeeAnn Weller	Bowen Busy Bees Evergreen	<i>Gardening/Horticulture</i>	Darren Palmer Elizabeth Troxell	Lincoln Center Aim High
<i>Aerospace</i>	no eligible applicants		<i>Goats</i>	Madelyn Karcher Samantha Sims	Crackerjack Rural Routers
<i>Agriculture</i>	no applications received		<i>Healthy Living</i>	no nominations	
<i>Basketry</i>	Sarah Bellinger Sydney Davis	Town & Country Maple Leaves Town & Country Maple Leaves	<i>Horses</i>	Lizzie Albaugh Julie Justice	Western Spurs Pony Express
<i>Beef</i>	Katherine Vogel Sylvia Vogel	Bowen Busy Bees Bowen Busy Bees	<i>Industrial Arts</i>	Nick Moulter Emily Bryant	Pine River Rural Routers
<i>Bread</i>	Ashlynd Breidenstein Heather Palmer	Aim High Lincoln Center	<i>Key Club</i>	Nicole Morgenstern Katherine Vogel	Pony Creek Bowen Busy Bees
<i>Cake Decorating</i>	Ryanne Reddick Danielle Stewart	Mountain Eagles Pony Creek	<i>Knitting/Crocheting</i>	Michaela Holland Deborah Gregory	Aim High Country Plus
<i>Candy</i>	Alissa Coldwell Kaylie Willoughby	Aim High Lincoln Center	<i>Leadership</i>	Kate Troxell Micca Crampton	Aim High Country Kids Livestock
<i>Cats</i>	Danny Cook Madeline Devantier	Crackerjack Mountain Eagles	<i>Leathercraft</i>	Julia Robison Jackie Halfmann	Evergreen Bowen Busy Bees
<i>Cavy</i>	Luke Parker Clay Troxell	Mountain Eagles Aim High	<i>Needlecraft</i>	Brenda McClintic Paige Aultman	Rural Routers Aim High
<i>Ceramics</i>	Alexia Lynch Kourtney Collin	Evergreen Rural Routers	<i>Outdoor Rec</i>	Albertino Schultz Lizzie Albaugh	Aim High Aim High
<i>Citizenship</i>	Brandon Guthrie Emily Wilson	Evergreen Barn Yard Kids	<i>Performing Arts</i>	Charlie Carter Kate Troxell	Western Spurs Mountain Eagles
<i>Clothing & Textiles</i>	Nichelle Holland Brenda McClintic	Aim High Rural Routers	<i>Photography</i>	Madeline Devantier Lizzie Albaugh	Aim High Mountain Eagles
<i>Community Service</i>	Alissa Coldwell Caitlin Gilmore Krista McClintic	Aim High Aim High Rural Routers	<i>Pocket Pets</i>	Brandon Guthrie Kourtney Collin	Mountain Eagles Western Spurs
<i>Communication Arts/ Creative Writing</i>	no eligible applicants		<i>Poultry</i>	Kylie Hutchinson Kaylee Devantier	Evergreen Rural Routers
<i>Computer Tech</i>	no nominations		<i>Public Speaking</i>	Alyvia Karcher Lauren Ringwalt	Lincoln Center Mountain Eagles
<i>Comsumer Ed</i>	no nominations		<i>Rabbits</i>	Alissa Coldwell Krista McClintic	Crackerjack Aim High
<i>Crafts</i>	Kourtney Collin Pauline Stewart	Rural Routers Pony Creek	<i>Record Keeping</i>	Nicole Morgenstern LeeAnn Weller	Aim High Rural Routers
<i>Crops</i>	Brian Palmer Darren Palmer	Lincoln Center Lincoln Center	<i>Safety (farm)</i>	no nominations	
<i>Dairy</i>	no applications received		<i>Safety (home)</i>	no nominations	
<i>Dairy Feeders</i>	Heidi Collins Samantha McDonald	Pony Creek Evergreen	<i>Sheep</i>	Colt Johnson Erika Moss	Evergreen Evergreen
<i>Dairy Foods</i>	Heidi Collins Madeline Devantier	Pony Creek Mountain Eagles	<i>Shooting Sports</i>	Charlie Carter Gabrielle Vogel	Mountain Eagles Bowen Busy Bees
<i>Demonstration</i>	Alyvia Karcher	Crackerjack	<i>Swine</i>	Kapre Filhart Mattea Goffnett	Country Kids Livestock Rural Routers
<i>Dog Care & Training</i>	Linde Bolle	Town & Country Maple Leaves	<i>Technology & Engineering</i>	Matthew Voss (petroleum energy)	Wise Workers
<i>Electric Energy</i>	no eligible applicants		<i>Veterinary Science</i>	Sarah Black Heather Palmer	Pony Creek Lincoln Center
<i>Environmental Education</i>	Lauren Ringwalt Emily Wilson	Aim High Barn Yard Kids	<i>Visual Arts</i>	Pauline Stewart	Pony Creek
<i>Fashion Review</i>	Lauren Ringwalt Kate Troxell	Aim High Aim High	<i>Wildlife/Fisheries</i>	no eligible applicants	
<i>Folkpatterns/ Folklore</i>	Olivia Ringwalt	Aim High	<i>Wood Science</i>	Alex Moulter Brian Palmer	Pine River Lincoln Center
<i>Exploring Your Heritage</i>	Carrie Willoughby	Lincoln Center			
<i>Foods & Nutrition</i>	Emily Bryant Elizabeth Troxell Carrie Willoughby	Rural Routers Aim High Lincoln Center			
<i>Food Preservation</i>	Nicole Morgenstern Austin Roberts	Pony Creek Rural Routers			
<i>Forestry</i>	no nominations				

- 41 4-H Leaders turned in nomination forms (letters requesting nominations of youth were mailed to 198 leaders)
- 119 4-H Youth turned in county medal applications and project records (195 applications were mailed to youth)

THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!

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 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.

4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference

January 23-24, 2010 – Kettunen Center

This exciting conference has teens from across the state converging on Kettunen Center to learn the leadership and civic engagement skills they need to make a difference in their communities. There will be sessions for both 4-H and non-4-H young people. Check the workshop announcement, available in fall 2009, for specific information on the tracks you can choose. Open to adults and teens aged 14 and up.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference, January 23-24 - Kettunen Center

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leader Workshop, February 26-27 - Kettunen Center

4-H Beef, Sheep, & Swine Teen & Adult Leader Workshop, February 27-28 - Kettunen Center

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

November		
2	Barn Tour Committee @ MSUE	6:30 pm
3	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
3	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
7	Club Officer Training @ County Building	10 am - 1 pm
11	OFFICE CLOSED	
19	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
24	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
25 & 26	OFFICE CLOSED	

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