

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

November 2011

## 2010-2011 4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for being chosen as the Honor Clubs for the 4-H year of 2010-2011. Each club received a monetary award from the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for their outstanding participation and organization.

*Aim High, Barn Yard Kids, Beal City Pioneers, Bowen Busy Bees, Country Kids Livestock, Evergreen, Lincoln Center, Mountain Eagles, Pony Creek, Pony Express, Wise Workers*

## Award Winners

The Meritorious Service Awards and the Alumni Award were announced at the Recognition Banquet on October 6. 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:

*Tractor Supply Company* - Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H  
*Nancy McGuirk* - Meritorious Service Award, Leader  
*Toni Morgenstern* - 4-H Alumni Award

## Beef Weigh In

Saturday, December 3  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Isabella County Fairgrounds

All beef project members must bring their market beef animals to the fairgrounds to be weighed and tagged. Each member may weigh 2 animals.

## 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Sunday, January 15, 2012  
4:00 p.m.  
FREE to 4-H members, volunteers, and their families  
MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Everyone is invited to attend the seventh annual celebration of MSU Extension & 4-H Youth Development at the Lady Spartan's Women's basketball game as they take on Ohio State University.

Please contact the Extension office now to reserve your tickets!

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## CLUB CORNER

**Beal City Pioneers** - In October we re-enrolled members and talked about our calendar of events for the upcoming year. We will elect new officers at our November meeting.

**Bowen Busy Bees** - We elected new officers and set some calendar dates for special events including community service, fundraising, and fun times. It was announced that calendars and pictures will be distributed when they become available. Those members nominated for and winning County Medals were recognized and applauded. Also discussed the importance and options for sending thank you letters to buyers and seeing them at the Livestock Producers Banquet in November.

**Crafts N' More** - We moved into fall with the election of new officers, set up our yearly calendar, discussed fundraisers and voted on a community service project. We also have two members becoming teen leaders.

**Evergreen** - At our October meeting we handed out auction pictures, and member awards. We recognized our 2011 Fair Champions. We elected new officers; Congratulations to Spencer Lynch; President, Mackenzie Line; Vice President, Alexia Lynch; Secretary, and Kyle Bailey; Treasurer. We also kicked off our winter poinsettia fundraiser. We discussed our community service project, and we will be preparing and serving a Thanksgiving dinner to residents and their families at the Rosebush Manor. We adjourned our meeting and enjoyed cider and donuts!

**Farm Hands** - At their October meeting Farm Hands 4-H club voted for club officers and handed out calendars. After the meeting the club went on a hand ride followed by a pot luck and scavenger hunt. To finish out the night they watched a Halloween movie with popcorn.

**Rural Routers** - At our first meeting of the year, on October 1, we elected club officials. President is Lizzie Bryant, Vice President is Kourtney Collin, Secretary is Austin Roberts, and Treasurer is Alexis Upshaw. The club also elected Charlie Bryant to the position of club historian, and elected Kyle Sims and Charlie Bryant to serve refreshments. We also voted on our calendar for this year, and discussed what activities we could possibly look into doing.

**Town and Country Maple Leaves** - In August we went to our leader's house and played games like volleyball, ladderball, football toss and basketball. At our meeting in September our group made baskets and little trinkets to sell at a craft show later in the year at Baskets by Hand in Shepherd. We also got candy bars to sell as a fundraiser. On the 25th we went back and decorated them so they were ready for sale. At our October meeting we elected officers for our club. Our President is Ryan Myers, Vice President is Brittany Smith, Secretary is Abbey Sura, Treasurer is Kevin Smith, and Reporter is Scott Sura. On the 23rd we decorated gift bags to sell at a craft show at Shepherd later in the year.

### New Leader Orientation

Tuesday, December 13

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 9 if you plan to attend.

### 4-H Shooting Sports Project

Please call or email our office if you are interested in the Isabella County 4-H Shooting Sports program and did not sign up for it during your club re-enrollment process. We can add the project for you and you will then receive notices of the events planned for the 2011-2012 programming year as they become available.

### Small Animal News

- "Thank You" to each 4-H family who attended the Small Animal Buyers' Banquet and furnished delicious food! There were lots of buyers too that received nice door prizes furnished by those who sold rabbits, poultry and goats in the 30th Auction. It was the largest banquet we've hosted in all these years. Thank you to so many who helped before and after the banquet too.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building. We'll begin preparing for next year's fair week in July 2012 which is 2 weeks earlier than normal. All superintendents are encouraged to attend and 4-H'ers are also welcome.



## Bi-State Poultry Clinic

Saturday, December 10  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
\$10/person or \$30/family  
Anthony Hall, Michigan State  
University



This years clinic will focus on poultry evaluation - how to evaluate live birds, meat and eggs, and what happens during poultry processing from a USDA processor. There is no pre-registration for this clinic and youth ages 5-19 and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Call the Extension office if you would like more information.

## 4-H Capitol Experience

March 18-21, 2012

Teens, ever wonder what it's like to be a state legislator? A lobbyist? A government official? Or even a political reporter? Do you know that teens working together can make a difference in public policy and laws at the state and local levels. For four days in March, you can visit Lansing and learn how Michigan government works. You can choose an interest area, such as the environment, equality and personal rights, health, education, jobs and the economy and agriculture. Through a Michigan Legislative Simulation, you propose a law and follow the process of how an idea becomes a law in your interest area. You also get some one-on-one time with your state legislator to learn what he or she is doing for your community. If you turn 14 by January, and you are interested in impacting public policy and seeing how government works, you'll want to go to 4-H Capitol Experience.

Cost for 2012 Capitol Experience is \$300. (Scholarships available from 4-H Council) The deadline to register is February 3, 2012.

To learn more about Capitol Experience, visit:  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/4_h_capitol_experience)

## Animal Science Events

The Animal Science Youth Extension Programs web site has been updated with many dates for upcoming events.

Go the ANS site to see what is all coming up:  
[www.expeng.anr.msu.edu/ans/calendar\\_of\\_events](http://www.expeng.anr.msu.edu/ans/calendar_of_events)

## Essay Contest

Are you interested in agriculture, science, video, photography, writing, or bio energy? This is a brand new contest sponsored by the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee that involves a 4-H club or group getting together and developing an essay with photographs or video to help illustrate how Michigan soybeans are used as food, feed, fiber and fuel. Cash prizes are available to the first (\$250), second (\$150), and third (\$50) place clubs/groups. Start planning now! The deadline is **May 31, 2012**.

For more information visit the Michigan Soybean website and click on 4-H Essay Contest:  
[www.michigansoybean.org/index.html](http://www.michigansoybean.org/index.html)

## Family Fun Event & Holiday Make It - Take It

### SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, December 17  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320

Join us for some fun & fitness activities combined with stations for making simple holiday crafts. We need teen and adult leaders to help at this workshop. Please call our office if you are interested in helping.

Please RSVP to the Extension office by December 9.

# 2010-2011 County Medal Winners

<u>Award</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>Achievement</i>	Emily Bryant	Rural Routers	<i>Forestry</i>	Dexter Lynch	Evergreen
	Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers	<i>Gardening/Horticulture</i>	Paige Aultman	Aim High
	Jackie Halfmann	Bowen Busy Bees		Adam Thering	Lincoln Center
<i>Aerospace</i>	No applicants		<i>Goats</i>	Cody Helmuth	Wise Workers
<i>Agriculture</i>	Brian Palmer	Lincoln Center		Dyala Peacock	Pine River
<i>Basketry</i>	Kelsey Artecki	Rural Routers	<i>Healthy Living</i>	No nominations	
	Carrie Willoughby	Lincoln Center	<i>Horses</i>	Ashlyn Davis	Tally-Ho
<i>Beef</i>	Kirsty Crawford	Evergreen		Dakota Miller	Pony Express
	Jackie Halfmann	Bowen Busy Bees	<i>Industrial Arts</i>	Nick Moulter	Pine River
<i>Bread</i>	Sydney Davis	Town & Country Maple Leaves		Brian Palmer	Lincoln Center
	Samantha Sims	Rural Routers	<i>Key Club</i>	Kaylee Devantier	Pony Express
<i>Cake Decorating</i>	Maikaila Cook	Lincoln Center		Kate Troxell	Aim High
	Lucie Ullom	Country Kids Livestock	<i>Knitting/Crocheting</i>	No applicants	
<i>Candy</i>	Melinda Skiver	Crackerjack	<i>Leadership</i>	Kaylee Devantier	Pony Express
<i>Cats</i>	Madalyn Badgero	Wise Workers		Julie Justice	Pony Express
	Paige Dickens	Aim High	<i>Leathercraft</i>	Charlie Carter	Aim High
<i>Cavy</i>	No applicants			Heidi Collins	Pony Creek
<i>Ceramics (pottery)</i>	Madelyn Karcher	Crackerjack	<i>Needlecraft</i>	No applicants	
	Dexter Lynch	Evergreen	<i>Outdoor Rec</i>	Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers
<i>Citizenship</i>	No applicants		(Camp Counselor)	Sam Robison	Wise Workers
<i>Clothing &amp; Textiles</i>	Ali Artecki	Rural Routers	<i>Performing Arts</i>	Destiny Craft	Mountain Eagles
	Maggie Bryant	Rural Routers		Lucie Ullom	Country Kids Livestock
	Isabella Kostrzewa	4-H Angels	<i>Photography</i>	Micca Crampton	Country Kids Livestock
<i>Collections</i>	Kara McClintic	Rural Routers		Alyvia Karcher	Crackerjack
	Nicole Morgenstern	Pony Creek	<i>Pocket Pets</i>	Madalyn Badgero	Wise Workers
<i>Community Service</i>	Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers		Danny Cook	Crackerjack
	Emily Wilson	Barn Yard Kids	<i>Poultry</i>	Theresa Clark	Rural Routers
<i>Communication Arts/</i>	Madeline Devantier	Pony Express		Hunter Ullom	Country Kids Livestock
<i>Creative Writing</i>	Kayleigh Gotts	Beal City Pioneers	<i>Public Speaking</i>	No eligible applicants	
<i>Computer Technology</i>	Jackie Halfmann	Bowen Busy Bees	<i>Rabbits</i>	Maryn Carter	Aim High
<i>Consumer Education</i>	Linde Bolle	Town & Country Maple Leaves		Kara McClintic	Rural Routers
<i>Crafts</i>	Danny Cook	Crackerjack		Elizabeth Troxell	Aim High
	Nicole Morgenstern	Pony Creek	<i>Record Keeping</i>	Julie Justice	Pony Express
	Jaclyn Woodbury	Evergreen		Alyvia Karcher	Crackerjack
<i>Crops</i>	Chance Himebaugh	Farm Hands		Madelyn Karcher	Crackerjack
<i>Dairy</i>	Colleen Harke	Pine River		Kate Troxell	Aim High
	Alisha Wonsey	Circle B	<i>Safety (farm)</i>	No applicants	
<i>Dairy Feeders</i>	Madison Halfmann	Bowen Busy Bees	<i>Safety (home)</i>	Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers
	Amanda Misenhelder	Rural Routers	<i>Sheep</i>	Kara McClintic	Rural Routers
<i>Dairy Foods</i>	No applicants			Brittany Smith	Town & Country Maple Leaves
<i>Demonstration</i>	Kourtney Collin	Rural Routers	<i>Shooting Sports</i>	Christina Blain	Bowen Busy Bees
	Austin Roberts	Rural Routers		Dylan MacGregor	Lincoln Center
<i>Dog Care &amp; Training</i>	Nicole Cuthbertson	Lincoln Center	<i>Swine</i>	Hunter Ullom	Country Kids Livestock
	Meghan Schutt	Town & Country Maple Leaves		Lucie Ullom	Country Kids Livestock
<i>Electric Energy</i>	Alex Cook	Lincoln Center	<i>Technology &amp; Engineering</i>	No nominations	
<i>Environmental Education</i>	Darren Palmer	Lincoln Center	<i>Veterinary Science</i>	Kaylee Devantier	Pony Express
<i>Fashion/Style</i>	Linde Bolle	Town & Country Maple Leaves	<i>Visual Arts</i>	Darren Palmer	Lincoln Center
<i>Review</i>	Johna Lawens	Evergreen		Samantha Sims	Rural Routers
<i>Folkpatterns/</i>	Johna Lawens	Evergreen		Elizabeth Troxell	Aim High
<i>Folklore</i>			<i>Wildlife/Fisheries</i>	Grace Reetz	Evergreen
<i>Exploring</i>	Ryanne Reddick	Mountain Eagles	<i>Wood Science</i>	Ryanne Reddick	Mountain Eagles
<i>Your Heritage</i>				Carrie Willoughby	Lincoln Center
<i>Foods &amp; Nutrition</i>	Emily Bindschatel	Evergreen			
	Alexia Lynch	Evergreen			
	Heather Palmer	Lincoln Center			
<i>Food Preservation</i>	Lauryn Bailey	Evergreen			
	Lucie Ullom	Country Kids Livestock			

## 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 (ages 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 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.

## **4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference**

**December 2-4, 2011 – Kettunen Center**

This workshop is designed for adult 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. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged, for exchanging of ideas and programs and meeting other volunteers in the same interest area. Participants are expected to share the information and experiences gained at this conference with fellow 4-H'ers in their counties. Adults only.

## **4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference**

**January 21-22, 2012 – Kettunen Center**

This powerful conference brings teens, ages 14 and up, from across the state to learn youth leadership and community change skills. Following are comments from the 2011 conference participants: "This conference makes me feel as if I can change the world." "I personally loved this workshop; not only did I learn new leadership techniques, but I also learned a lot about myself." From an adult chaperone participant: "This conference was interactive, dynamic and perfectly geared toward youth!" The conference announcement, available on the 4-H website, will have complete descriptions for all sessions offered. *This workshop is presented with support from the Sandra Clarkson Stuckman Endowment and the Turner-Ousterhout Endowment of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.*

## **4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop**

**February 24-25, 2012 – Kettunen Center**

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animal species. Come prepared to learn from others, share information and experiences, ask questions and quiz veterinarians about their skills. You will also participate in hands-on demonstrations that will teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick, or injured animals. Meet other youth that have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and older.

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar		
November		
1	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
1	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
7	Livestock Producers Banquet @ MPHS	7 pm
11	OFFICE CLOSED	
17	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
24 & 25	OFFICE CLOSED	

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