

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

December 2009

4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Saturday, January 9, 2010

2 pm

FREE to 4-H members, volunteers, and their families

MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Everyone is invited to attend the fifth annual celebration of MSU Extension CYFC/4-H Youth Development at the Lady Spartan's Women's basketball game as they take on Ohio State. This is a Big Ten game which will be televised by CBS! It's going to be exciting to "see a sea" of 4-H members, volunteers, and families beaming with pride, in the stands AND ON TV!

Please contact the Extension office now to reserve your tickets!

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 an orientation. Please call the Extension office by December 11 if you plan to attend.

Beef Weigh In

Saturday, December 5

9:30 am - 11 am

Isabella County Fairgrounds

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

Save These Dates

4-H Exploration Days - June 23, 24, 25

4-H Summer Camp - July 6, 7, 8

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp - July 12, 13, 14

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CLUB CORNER

Beal City Pioneers - Members worked on a community service project at their November meeting. They made angel ornaments/center pieces that have been donated to the Commission on Aging. The club is planning to go sledding in January and February.

Cowgirl Up - The club held a fundraiser/benefit at Bennigans for Brooke Nestle and raised over \$600. They also donated \$500 to the 4-H Foodstand.

Evergreen - At their November meeting plans were finalized for their first community service project. They served a homemade Thanksgiving dinner to the Rosebush Manor residents and their guests. New club members were introduced and they went over club by-laws and rules.

Mountain Eagles - They had a busy fall. Several members attended workshops at Kettunen Center. In November they packed two boxes for Operation Christmas Child. After a break for the holidays, we have lots of new and exciting things planned for 2010!

State Rabbit & Cavy Show

January 30, 2010

9 am - show begins (Onsite registration at 6:30 am)

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Open to 4-H members ages 9-19. A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available. Cost per class is \$2.75. Rabbit and cavy breed classes ONLY. Judging is conducted by ARBA Standards (breed, fur, meat). No showmanship classes offered.

For more information contact the Extension office or visit the web site at:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html#Rabbits>

Rabbit Showmanship Clinic

Saturday, February 6

10 am - 12 pm

Isabella County Building, room 320

All rabbit members are invited! We will help you review rabbit showmanship just in time for the February Isabella County Rabbit and Cavy Show. We will provide rabbits for you to use; please do NOT bring your rabbit.

Register to the Extension office by January 29.

"So You Wanna Rabbit Workshop"

Saturday, January 16

10 am

Isabella County Building, room 320

This workshop is for **first year** rabbit members only. If you are interested in showing a rabbit, or think you might be, this workshop is for you! We will be discussing rabbit care, breeds, and showmanship. Parents are encouraged to attend with their kids. Workshop will last for about one hour.

To sign up for this workshop please call the Extension office (or email Nonie, grossn@msu.edu) by January 8.

2010 Green & White Swine Youth Education Fair & Open Market Hog Show

January 29-30, 2010

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The 2010 Green & White Swine Youth Education and Open Market Hog Show will include classes for showmanship, skill-a-thon, essay and PowerPoint contest. Open to all youth ages 9 to 21 by January 1st.

The Market Show is open to all residents aged 9 and over. More information at: www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/

Isabella County Rabbit & Cavy Show

Saturday, February 27, 2010

9 am

West Intermediate School, Mt. Pleasant

The annual 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show will be held February 27, 2010, at West Intermediate School in Mt. Pleasant. Rabbit Showmanship will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by rabbit breed judging. We will take a 45 minute lunch break as close to noon as possible. The Cavy show will not begin until the rabbit show is completed. We have an ARBA certified Rabbit and Cavy judge booked as one of our judges for this year and we hope to have an official ARBA Registrar available. We are also in the process of booking our caricaturist once again and we will have the silent auction full of top quality animals. Start thinking now about what you want to do for your 2010 rabbit and/or cavy project. This is a great opportunity to purchase animals or at least place an order with breeders in our area. If you are willing and available to help with set up on February 26 from 7 - 9 pm, please email Angie Coldwell: jandacoldwell@verizon.net

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

Attention Teens!

Are You Interested In Serving as a Teen Superintendent?

Applications are being accepted for teen superintendents. You may pick up applications at the Extension office or visit our web site and look under 4-H forms. Applications need to be completed and returned to the Extension office by Monday, January 11, 2010.

Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in being a Teen Superintendent in. Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years. Applicants must be enrolled in the Teen Leadership Project and be a teen leader in the project that they would like to be a teen superintendent in. Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meeting. If you have questions, please call the Extension office.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

June 27 - July 3, 2010

\$300 - scholarships available

Michigan State University

Girls State is a state government program for teens that offers training in the practical processes of good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. At Girls State, the "citizens" study local, county, and state government processes. Activities include legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, debating and voting. Young women who will complete their junior year of high school in June of 2010 are eligible to apply. Outstanding achievement in her school and community are carefully considered. More information is available on the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary web page at: www.michalaux.org, click on girls state.

Horse Clinics & Informational Sessions

Saturday, January 16, 2010

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

NEW THIS YEAR! The MSU Horsemen's Association will be holding a day of informational sessions and clinics. Sessions for young people interested in attending MSU, as well as clinics on Western Horsemanship (conducted by MSUET Coach Leesa Massman and team members) and Dressage will also be held. This is a great way to introduce 4-H and MIHA members to the possibilities of continuing their interest in horses in college. Seminars will be held by an admissions officer, the MSU Horsemen's Association, Dressage Club, Polo Club and MSU Equestrian Team. For complete details on the event and clinics, please visit: <https://www.msu.edu/~msuha/>

Take Me Fishing Family Fun Day

Saturday, January 30, 2010

10 am - 4 pm

Kettunen Center

Learn all about the lake environment through the ice! We'll be ice fishing with local experts, identifying local fishes, performing water tests, and examining the quality of plant and animal life of Center Lake in winter. Other sessions will include fly tying with a professional river fishing guide, a presentation on salmon fishing, casting instruction, snow science and creating fish prints on a t-shirt you bring or a tote bag you can purchase here for \$3.00.

All instruction, equipment, bait and a hot buffet lunch are included in the \$6.50 per person cost. The day is designed for school-age children and their parents. Call the Kettunen Center at (231) 829-3421 or email kross@kettunencenter.org. Preregistration is required by January 26th.

4-H Night at "The Joe"

In recognition of the Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, the Detroit Red Wings are pleased to extend a special savings on tickets to a December home game. Each package includes 2 tickets to the game, 2 hot dogs, and 2 soft drinks for only \$48.

-Monday, December 14th @ 7:30pm vs. Phoenix Coyotes

Check it out at the State 4-H web link: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/member/cool.html> where a promotional flyer and ticket information is listed. A Red Wings representative will contact you within 48 hours to confirm your order. Tickets can be mailed if ordered at least 10 days prior to the event, or picked up at Will Call with a photo ID and confirmation number. There are no refunds or exchanges. Please note that a one-time \$5 service charge will be added to your order.

If you have questions, experience difficulty placing your order or would like to order your tickets by phone, contact Erich Freiny at (313) 396-7576.

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 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.

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. Open to adults and teens aged 14 and up.

4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop

February 26-27, 2010 – Kettunen Center

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of species by sharing information and experiences, asking questions and quizzing veterinarians about their skills. You can also participate in hands-on demonstrations that teach you how to help members recognize healthy, sick or injured animals. Meet 4-H'ers who have developed outstanding veterinary science projects and gain ideas to help others start their own vet science projects. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Workshop

February 27-28, 2010 – Kettunen Center

If you're interested in 4-H beef cattle, sheep or swine projects, this workshop is for you. You'll learn about animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, you can sharpen your livestock judging and evaluation skills. By sharing ideas and interacting with others, you'll find ways to improve your county 4-H livestock program. The workshop also offers ways to enhance your communication and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in beef, sheep or swine projects. Open to adult and teens aged 13 and up.

4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Volunteer Workshop

March 19-21, 2010 – Kettunen Center

Gain ideas, project resources and activities to help kids enjoy the outdoors and care for the environment. Sample a variety of interest areas within the 4-H environmental and outdoor education (EOE) program to share with your 4-H club or group. Sessions will feature GPS, wildlife, environmental stewardship, water testing, fisheries, outdoor adventure challenge recreation and leadership, energy, and forestry. Open to adult and teen volunteers aged 13 and up.

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

December		
1	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
1	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
5	Beef Weigh In @ Fairgrounds	9:30 - 11 am
15	New Leader Orientation @ MSUE	6:30 pm
25 & 26	OFFICE CLOSED	
31 & Jan 1	OFFICE CLOSED	

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