

CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

MSU Extension - Isabella County

December 2011

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.

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 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!

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.

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.

Applications need to be completed and returned to the Extension office by Monday, January 9, 2012.

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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - We passed out certificates, ribbons, and calendars at our November meeting. They elected another treasurer, enrolled some new members, (also sang Happy Birthday to one of our leaders and a cloverbud), and will have some craft projects at our December meeting.

Beal City Pioneers - We made a holiday craft in November as a community service project and we donated them to Commission on Aging.

Bowen Busy Bees - At our November meeting members participated in a fundraiser by bringing in pop-cans and bottles, the turnout was tremendous. Everyone also brought in donations for the local R.E.A.P. food pantry for a great community service project.

Crafts N' More - Our November meeting was held at our leader's home. We set a date for our homemade candy sale, discussed working at the soup kitchen, handed out 4-H calendars, set up a workshop and talked about projects. We also welcomed a visitor interested in joining. After the meeting ended we enjoyed refreshments.

Evergreen - At our November meeting we turned in our poinsettia fundraiser and signed up for jobs at our community service project. We went over the club by-laws and club rules and also talked about making holiday wreaths and crafts at our December meeting. The Cloverbuds made a craft, and we adjourned our meeting by handing out the 4-H calendars.

Lincoln Center - At our October Meeting, we voted in new officers: President - Heather Palmer, Vice President - Emily Willoughby, Secretary - Andrew Hutchinson, Treasurer - Kerrigan Gluch. We discussed possible community service project ideas. It was decided to rake leaves in the village of Shepherd. The by-laws were distributed, talked about, and changes were suggested. Yearly medals and awards were given out, and members recapped fair week.

Pony Creek - At our November meeting we discussed adopting a family. We also talked about getting new signs for each animal species. Next month we will be helping at the Red Cross Tea.

Rural Routers - At their November meeting, club members discussed the Recognition, Small Animal, and Large Animal Banquets, and noted what they liked best about each one. There was a lot of positive feedback. Our Secretary read parts of our club handbook to explain some of the new rules that were implemented, as well as stressing the importance of some of the already existing rules. The club voted to approve the changes to the handbook. The club also discussed dates and times for different winter

community service projects that we could do, and also voted on this year's winter activity for the club.

Wise Workers - We had a very busy November. We made 147 holiday cards to be delivered with meals that the Commission on Aging delivers. We also put on a very successful harvest dinner for our community that served as a fundraiser for our club. Some of the money we raised was used to install a very large version of the 4-H pledge on the wall in the Orr Community Building, home of the Wise Workers.

Small Animal News

- Small Animal Association will not meet in December, but their next meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2012. Superintendents need to update any changes for the fair book.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building. This will be a small animal class available for all small animal members/leaders. Even young, new members are welcome. For all project members in small animals. More details will be in the January newsletter.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Isabella County Rabbit & Cavy Show will be on Saturday, February 25



Horse Leaders Update

At the November Horse Leaders meeting rules were voted on and approved. Just a reminder on this rule: Each 4-H club must be represented by a leader or parent at 75% of the Isabella County 4-H Horse Leaders Association monthly meetings in order for its members to participate in 4-H fair activities. Any club unable to fulfill this requirement must have a leader present their case to the hardship committee prior to July 1st of the current year.

**Please note this change was actually approved in January of 2008 but never added to our horse leaders handbook. This rule will now be added and will go into effect at the December meeting.

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 year's 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

4-H Royalty Update

The 2011 4-H Royalty group has been very busy since fair week. They have appeared in numerous homecoming parades and attended several end-of-year banquets. They will be serving at the Red Cross' Annual Holiday Tea fundraiser and sorting items for the Christmas Outreach program. They will be representing 4-H in the upcoming Dickens' Holiday parade on December 3 in downtown Mt. Pleasant. If you have any suggestions or requests for this group to make an appearance, please contact Angie Coldwell (828-6229) to check their schedule.



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

January 27-28, 2012
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The 2012 Green & White Swine Youth Education and Open Market Hog Show will include classes for showmanship, skill-a-thon, essay, quiz bowl and PowerPoint contest.

Registration deadline is January 6. More information at:
www.ans.msu.edu/ans/upcoming_events

State Rabbit & Cavy Show

Saturday, January 28, 2012
On-site registration begins at 6:30 am
\$2.75 per class
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Open to all 4-H members 9-19 years of age (as of January 1, 2012). A non-competitive Cloverbud division for 5-8 years of age is also available. For more information visit:
www.4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4h__rabbitcavy_show

Family Fun Event & Holiday Make It—Take It

Come join us on Saturday, December 17 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Isabella County Building (Room 320) to have some fun with friends and family!

We will have some fun stations set up that you can participate in, including holiday ornament creations and cookie decorating!



With all the cookies and candy during the holiday season, it is important to stay active! Join us in some fun fitness activities and receive a free pedometer so you can track your steps at home!

We need teen and adult leaders to help at this workshop. Please call our office at 772-0911 ext. 302 if you are interested! Also, please RSVP to the Extension Office by December 9 if you plan to attend!



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 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.

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

February 25-26, 2012 – Kettunen Center

If you are interested in 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 will also offer ways to enhance your communications and teaching skills, and learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 and up. *This workshop is presented with support from the Michigan Pork Producers Association.*

4-H Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

March 10-11, 2012 – Kettunen Center

This workshop is for teen and adult volunteers ages 13 and up. All staff and education providers are welcome. Whether you are interested in animal science, plant science, environmental science, robotics, alternative energy, engineering, film making or technology, this workshop has something exciting for you! Learn about new, hands-on educational opportunities in both new and existing 4-H project areas. Conduct experiments and learn how to develop the next generation of problem solvers. Hands-on sessions for beginners and advanced will be provided.

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

December		
3	Beef Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds	9:30 - 11 am
6	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:15 pm
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
13	New Leader Orientation @ MSUE	6:30 pm
17	Family Fun Event & Holiday Make It-Take It @ MSUE	10 am - 12 noon
23, 26 & 30	OFFICE CLOSED	

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