

# CHANNEL 4-H NEWS

October 2013

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## 4-H RECOGNITION BANQUET

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10  
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL  
6:30 P.M.

All 4-H families are invited to help us recognize accomplishments of 4-H youth and leaders.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, October 4.

## 2013-2014 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Thursday, October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. All members are required to pay a \$10 registration fee. All members and leaders are required to pay for accident insurance by October 31. Horse members and leaders involved in speed events must pay \$4 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 Extension Office.

## 4-H Camp Fall Clean-Up

Sunday, October 13  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4-H Clubs are invited to help with this annual clean-up project – even if the entire club can't attend. Any help is appreciated!

The chores that need to be done as the camp rental season ends are washing interior walls and raking fall leaves. Please bring rakes and tarps with you. Contact the Extension office if you can help. Thank you!



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## CLUB CORNER

- Aim High** - We had a nice September dinner. Our next meeting is October 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Pine River** - At our September meeting we discussed our community service ideas and decided on doing one or more during each season.
- Town & Country Maple Leaves** - At our September meeting we started by welcoming several new members to our club. We handed out candy bars to sell for our 1st fundraiser of the year. We voted to have a bake sale and sell 4-H clovers @ Tractor Supply on October 19, 2013. Our club ended the meeting with our fall road side clean-up on Blanchard Rd. from Smith's Auto Repair to Isabella Rd. Shepherd.
- Wise Workers** - In September, our club helped one of our members, Sam Robison, raise some money for a trip he is going on in late November. He will be attending the 4-H National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, November 29 through December 3. He will meet with 4-H members from all around the country where they will work on community service projects in the Atlanta area. We will also be having a bake sale at TSC during clover days to help Sam raise money for his trip. We also made holiday cards to be distributed with home delivered meals through the Isabella County Commission on Aging.

## Small Animal News

- Just a reminder of our Small Animal Buyer's Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. All 4-H & FFA members are reminded to bring one hot dish, one cold dish and a door prize. If you can't attend, please drop off a door prize to the Extension office.
- There will not be a Small Animal meeting in October. Next meeting is November 21.



## Isabella County Plat Books

Reminder - plat books are for sale at the Extension Office for \$25.

All proceeds from the sales of the books goes to 4-H Council.

## SAVE THE DATES

TSC Fall Paper Clover Sales - October 9 - 20  
 4-H Recognition Banquet - October 10  
 4-H Camp Fall Clean-Up - October 13  
 Small Animal Banquet - October 15  
 Livestock Banquet - October 28  
 Beef Weigh-In - December 14  
 Winterfest 2014 - February 1-2, 2014  
 4-H Day at the Breslin - February 2, 2014  
 Fair Entry Day - July 19, 2014  
 Fair Week - July 20-26, 2014

## Beef Weigh-In

**\*\*DATE CHANGE** - Saturday, December 14  
 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-in 2 animals.

## Winter Beef Classic

December 5 - 9, 2013  
 MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

This annual junior beef show is hosted by the Michigan Junior Livestock Society (MJLS) - the entry information is available on their website. <http://mijrlivestocksociety.com/>

## Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Rosebush Manor is looking for six 4-H clubs who would be willing to decorate Christmas trees. The contest will begin on Friday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. and trees must be completed (totally decorated) by Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m., unless other arrangements are made prior to the 22. Judging will be on December 2. Trees must be decorated with handmade ornaments, we have some lights here that you may use but if you want a particular color of lights please call by November 15 to reserve what you would like. Lights will be on a first come-first serve basis. We will also have extension cords available.

You may decorate the tree by any theme you choose. We ask that ornaments be handmade and if you participated last year you need a fresh theme.

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50, all others will receive a certificate of participation

The criteria for judging is as follows: Creativity, the use of natural material, attention to detail and overall look.

To register for this contest, call (989) 433-0150 and ask for Dawn Corwin. Participants must be registered by November 15. Registration is also on a first come basis. We look forward to having you here with us during the Holiday season! This was a smashing success last year! You made our holidays fun, interesting and beautiful!

## Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fall Campaign

**Help is needed with the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 9 - 20!!** Members, families, and clubs can help at the event at our local Tractor Supply Store. TSC is open to 4-H booths, bake sales, small animals on display, etc. TSC is a great supporter of 4-H!

***Please contact the Extension Office if you can help with this promotion. We have a schedule set up for clubs to sign up for shifts. There will be a table set up with a general 4-H display. We can also ask for an additional table if you need it for a bake sale or club display.***

Shoppers at the Mt. Pleasant TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Isabella County by purchasing paper clovers for a \$1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in Isabella County.

***Our spring 2013 distribution from the TSC Paper Clover Campaign was \$763.75 which will be used for Still Exhibit Building improvements.***

If you can't help at the event, stop by the TSC store and see what the promotion is all about!! Thank you!

## 2013 Michigan 4-H Volunteer Forum

Saturday, November 9 at MSU

Registration is now open! 4-H Council will pay the registration costs for leaders and teen leaders to attend. Contact the Extension Office if you want to register. Link to registration booklet:

[http://web2.msue.msu.edu/events/admin/eventdata/2013volforum/2013\\_VF\\_Registration\\_Online\\_CYI\\_2.pdf](http://web2.msue.msu.edu/events/admin/eventdata/2013volforum/2013_VF_Registration_Online_CYI_2.pdf)

## Isabella County 4-H Calendar Sponsorship Form

The Isabella County 4-H Council is making preparations for the 2014 calendar. The calendar will be distributed to over 1000 families in Isabella County. Calendar pages will feature 12 pieces of artwork and photography done by local 4-H members. Local and state 4-H events and community events will be put on the calendar making it a useful tool for Isabella County families.

Will you help sponsor this calendar with an advertisement?

Half Banner (2 3/4" by 3 1/8") for \$100

One Quarter Banner (business card size) for \$50

Contact the Extension office by October 15 if you are interested in sponsoring.

## Dairy Days Results

Congratulations to the following youth who participated in MSU Dairy Days this year:

Colleen Harke - 1st in Showmanship

Caitie Theisen - 1st in Showmanship, 100% on the cow parts test

Katie Wilson - 2nd in Showmanship, 9th in Jr. Management Contest, 4th place Novice Quiz Bowl Team

## State Horse Show Results

Congratulations to the following youth for competing in the State Horse Show this year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Bailey Brown	Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 13-14 yrs	4th
	Speed & Action, 13-14 yrs	7th
	Pole Bending Race, 13-14 yrs - 2nd Split	7th
Devin Brown	Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 18-19 yrs - 2nd Split	1st
	Speed & Action Race, 18-19 yrs	1st
	Indiana Flag Race Championship, 16-19 yrs	5th
	Indiana Flag Race, 18-19 yrs	2nd
Bethany Grace	Cloverleaf Barrel Race, 13-19 yrs, Pony	3rd
	Cade Lilly	Keyhole Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd Split
Kaley Lilly	Pole Bending Race Championship, 16-19 yrs	6th
	Pole Bending Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd Split	4th
	Indiana Flag Race, 16-17 yrs - 2nd Split	6th
	Pole Bending Race Championship, 16-19 yrs	8th
	Speed & Action Race, 18-19 yrs - 2nd Split	5th
Dakota Miller	Keyhole Race, 18-19 yrs	2nd
	Pole Bending Race, 18-19 yrs - 2nd Split	1st
	Pole Bending Race, 13-19 yrs, Pony	3rd
	Keyhole Race, 13-19 yrs, Pony	5th
	Speed & Action, 13-19 yrs, Pony	2nd



*In memory of Tori Rogers, 4-H Proud Equestrian Program -  
If Wishes Were Horses 4-H Club. You will be missed!*

## Work ethic: 100 years and growing

### One hundred-year old 4-H projects are still preparing children and youth for the future.

*Posted on September 16, 2013 by Jacob DeDecker, Michigan State University Extension*

It is rare to find a practice over 100 years old that is not considered old-fashioned and outdated. While it is easy to appreciate these other practices for their historic perspective, we seldom consider something so old to be relevant and useful today. Yet, the thousands of 4-H youth that raise, care for and show their animals at county fairs across Michigan prove skills can transcend of 100 years. Just as the generations before them, 4-H youth put months of time, care and learning into their animal projects coming to fairs to show their animals and test their knowledge and skills. Through this 100 year old practice of raising and showing animals in 4-H, today's youth are learning vital life skills that help them succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

One of the life skills youth developed through 4-H animal science projects is work ethic. [Work ethic](#) can be defined as a set of values based on the moral virtues of hard work and diligence. Anyone who has owned a pet can appreciate this at some level; every animal requires a great deal of responsibility and work. If you are not willing to feed, water, groom or walk a dog, even if it means getting up early in the morning, then you are not ready to own a dog. Owning and caring for an animal that depends on you, is a great deal of responsibility. But work ethic goes beyond putting in time and some elbow grease. Work ethic speaks to the positive values and attributes associated with believing in hard work. It is about building strong moral fibers and character. Youth working under the guidance of parents and 4-H volunteers cannot only understand what hard work is all about, but also appreciate the fruits of their labor; fruits from their animal project and fruits within themselves. Yes, hard work takes getting sweaty, dirty and is tiring, but instilling this value in youth will not only make them better 4-Hers, but it will also make them better citizens in this new century.

Today's youth face a future that requires a different set of knowledge and skills than the youth 100 years before them. However, work ethic remains just as important in youth development today as it did to our grandfather's and grandmother's generation. 4-H animal science projects provide great experiences and life skills that help young people thrive and shape a complex and changing world.

To learn more about [4-H](#) animal projects or life skills, like work ethic, contact the 4-H staff person in your [county](#).

# 4-H WORKSHOPS

Registration fee for the below 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 Visual Arts & Crafts Workshop

**October 12 - 13, 2013 - Kettunen Center**

Youth aged 12 by January 1, 2014, and adults will be energized at this workshop with new ideas for working with youth in arts and crafts projects. Seventeen workshops will introduce participants to ways they can "Discover life skills through the arts". Arts and crafts taught will include: Nuno Felting, Beginning Fused Glass, Iris Paper Folding, Basketry, Photography, Locker Hooking with Trash Bags, Glass Etching, Gourd Art, Bling Jewelry, Leather Tooling for the Beginner, Dryer Duct Pumpkins, Transforming Fabric Techniques, Creating Crafts from Recycled Fabrics, Knitting, Color It Fun – Sharpie Tie Dye, Beads for Life and Social Media & the Arts.

[Click here for the program announcement.](#)

## 4-H Clothing & Textiles Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

**October 19 - 20, 2013 - Kettunen Center**

Explore new project ideas and skills to use in your 4-H clothing and textiles program. Sessions tentatively scheduled include beginning and advanced sewing skills, recycle t-shirts into yoga pants, fashion illustration and design, buymanship, community service projects, several quilting classes, reversible tote bag, totally teens class, knitted lacey scarf, easy zippers, recycled mittens, 5-8 year old projects, and more.

[Click here for the program announcement.](#)

## 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update

**November 2 - 3, 2013 - Kellogg Biological Station (KBS)**

This is a workshop strictly for therapeutic riding instructor and therapists working with therapeutic riding programs. All 4-H instructors certified before January 1, 2013 are REQUIRED to attend either the October 2012 or November 2013 workshop in order to be approved to teach a 4-H PEP program in Michigan: January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

[Click here to download the Program Announcement.](#)

Visit the [4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update registration page](#) for more information

## 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen and Adult Volunteer Training Workshop

**November 8 - 9, 2013 - Kettunen Center**

### Conference Objectives:

- To present new ideas, activities, and approaches to the rabbit and cavy 4-H project
- To exchange information, ideas, and best practices in the rabbit and cavy industry
- To improve the Michigan Rabbit and Cavy 4-H program
- To identify exciting programs in rabbits for your club members
- To identify local resources in the rabbit and cavy industry

### Who Should Attend:

4-H adult leaders and teen leaders (12 years as of January 1, 2014 and older) interested in the rabbit project and who are willing to share the information and experiences gained at the conference with others in their counties.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

4-H Teen & Adult Horse Leaders Conference - November 22 - 24, 2013

4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference - January 18 - 19, 2014

4-H Teen Leadership & Community Change Conference - January 25 - 26, 2014

4-H Winterfest - February 1 - 2, 2014

# Teen Horse Leader FUN SHOW!!!



Join your teen horse leaders and Isabella County 4-H horse members for a day of horse fun! You can bring multiple horses, as well as, wear a costume or go pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month! There will be hotdogs, chips, and drinks available!



**Date:** October 6, 2013  
**Time:** Starting at 10am with expo at 9am  
and registration at 8am  
**Cost:** \$4.00 per class



## Class List:

- |                             |                              |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Polebending 17 & Over    | 11. Cloverleaf 9-12          | 22. Barrel Bending 13-16     |
| 2. Polebending 13-16        | 12. Cloverleaf 8 & Under     | 23. Barrel Bending 9-12      |
| 3. Polebending 9-12         | 13. Flag Race 17 & Over      | 24. Barrel Bending 8 & Under |
| 4. Polebending 8 & Under    | 14. Flag Race 13-16          | 25. 2 Man Relay 17 & Over    |
| 5. Speed & Action 17 & Over | 15. Flag Race 9-12           | 26. 2 Man Relay 13-16        |
| 6. Speed & Action 13-16     | 16. Flag Race 8 & Under      | 27. 2 Man Relay 9-12         |
| 7. Speed & Action 9-12      | 17. Keyhole 17 & Over        | 28. 2 Man Relay 8 & Under    |
| 8. Speed & Action 8 & Under | 18. Keyhole 13-16            |                              |
| 9. Cloverleaf 17 & Over     | 19. Keyhole 9-12             |                              |
| 10. Cloverleaf 13-16        | 20. Keyhole 8 & Under        |                              |
|                             | 21. Barrel Bending 17 & Over |                              |

\*All 8 & Under classes are Walk/Trot only. All 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied inside the arena by an adult, and may be on a lead line. All participants age 6 & under MUST be on a lead line and be lead by an adult.

\*Boots with a heel are required, and no tank tops please. All riders age 19 and Under are **REQUIRED** to wear a helmet. (age as of January 1, 2013)

\*Current Negative Coggins Test Required at registration!

\*All Current 4-H rules apply!

\*Questions? Contact Julie Justice 989-817-6512 or [alljustice5@power-net.net](mailto:alljustice5@power-net.net)



**All proceeds will go to the Isabella County Teen Horse Leaders for programming that benefits all Isabella County 4-H horse members. Come join in the FUN!**

# Michigan 4-H Volunteer Forum

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 Michigan State University

## JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY



### *Amanda Eicher —Keynote Speaker*

Amanda Eicher lives in Sturgis, MI with her husband Luke and their 4 daughters ages 9, 7, 5 and 4. Amanda graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. degree in Family Community Services and has an emphasis in Youth and Leadership.

Her involvement in 4-H and FFA as a teenager and young adult gave Amanda an understanding and heart for volunteering. Amanda is passionate about motivating people to impact lives and making a difference.

*Amanda's Opening Keynote will follow the General Welcome at 9 a.m.*

The 2013 4-H Volunteer Forum will showcase Michigan 4-H! 4-H teen and adult leaders will attend hands-on workshops, learn from each other and staff, network, take home resources, leaving renewed and refreshed about MSUE 4-H!

**Join The Revolution of Responsibility!**

**See you on Nov. 9th!**

### Registration Information

On-line registration will be available mid August

<http://www.events.anr.msu.edu/>

**Registration fee is \$35**, which covers program costs, morning snacks, and lunch.

**Day of Forum Registration Check-in:**

**Plant & Science Bldg. 8—9 a.m.**

*The Michigan 4-H Volunteer Forum is sponsored by the Monsanto Corporation. Support is also provided by the Michigan 4-H Foundation with gifts made in memory of Dr. Norman A. Brown, former Michigan 4-H state director, and the Westrate Family Endowment Fund, created by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Westrate, former Michigan 4-H Foundation executive director.*





# The Seven Steps to a Great Thank-You Note

## Why should you write a thank-you note?

- » To show appreciation for someone supporting you
- » To acknowledge a gift, donation or service
- » To provide recognition to someone who has done a good deed

## When should you write a thank-you note?

- » After receiving any type of gift
- » After attending a job interview
- » After someone donates to a cause in your name
- » After someone goes above and beyond the expected
- » After someone writes a letter of recommendation for you
- » After someone helps you with a project or endeavor
- » If you want to make a good impression
- » If you are unsure of whether or not to write a thank-you note (Write one!)



## How should you write a thank-you note?

A good thank-you note has seven main components:

Dear Aunt Sara,

Thank you for the wonderful sweater you sent me for Christmas. I appreciate your thinking of me at the holidays. I look forward to wearing the sweater this winter as it always gets cold here in Michigan. I am having a great sth grade year and am playing on the basketball team this spring. I am looking forward to that! Thanks again for thinking of me!

Love,  
Katie

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- 1 A greeting to the thank-you note recipient (Dear . . .)
- 2 The specific reason you are thanking them (Mention what they bought, gave or did. This is always important to do first.)
- 3 The reason why you appreciate them (They supported you, were thoughtful and gave a gift, went out of their way to help you out or other reasons.)
- 4 How you plan to use the gift or why the gift or act of service was important to you (You will use it to save for college; you really enjoy playing the game; you can't wait to go shopping with the gift card; you know you have a great chance at the scholarship because of the letter of recommendation — or other ways.)
- 5 A comment or detail about yourself, an update on your life or a positive comment (This is a great time to share news on your life or to add a positive remark about the recipient.)
- 6 A repeat of your thank-you (You may leave this out if you sign "with thanks" at your closing.)
- 7 A closing and signature of your name (With thanks, Name or Sincerely, Name)

# The Seven Steps to a Great Thank-You Note



## More Thank-You Note Examples...

Dear Mrs. Jones, **1**

Thank you for attending my spring band concert. **2** It was great to see you in the audience! **3** I am so glad to have such nice neighbors who support my school events. **4** I really enjoy being in band and love playing my clarinet. **5** I hope to go to band camp this summer. **5**

Thank you, **6** **7**

Nick **7**

Dear Reader, **1**

Thank you for reading this informational handout. **2** I appreciate your taking the time to read about the importance of thank-you notes and how to write a good one. **3** I hope you learned something new. **3**

Thank-you notes are an important part of good communication and relationship building. **4** I am sure having this skill will benefit you throughout your life. **5** Thanks again for your time and all the best to you in your future endeavors. **6**

Sincerely, **7**

Laurie **7**



## Your note should be:

- » Hand written in blue or black ink
- » Neat and legible
- » On a note card or good quality paper (Lined paper or index cards are not a good choice.)
- » Personalized to the situation

**TIP:** In the case of a job interview, you may send a thank-you note in email form if the employer will be reaching a decision quickly. The key is to make it personal.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Aspects of the steps taken from "6 Steps to Writing a Thank You Note – Holiday Edition," Dec. 16, 2010, Dale Carnegie Training. New York. Retrieved from <http://blog.dalecarnegie.com/teammemberengagement/6-steps-to-writing-a-thank-you-note-holiday-edition/>

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar		
October 1	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6 pm
1	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
6 - 12	NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	
9 - 20	TSC Paper Clover Sales @ TSC	
10	4-H Recognition Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall	6:30 pm
13	4-H Camp Fall Clean-Up @ 4-H Camp	1 - 5 pm
15	Small Animal Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall	6:30 pm
22	Camp Association @ MSUE	6 pm
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm
28	Livestock Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall	7 pm

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