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## 4-H News & Reviews

### On behalf of Dean Jeffrey Armstrong, Director Tom Coon and Director Steve Pueppke

Governor Granholm has signed the higher education bill for FY 2010 leaving the line item funding for MAES and MSUE intact. This means that the funding appropriated for the current fiscal year will be allocated to the university to support our programs.

It is gratifying to have the Governor and legislature recognize the important work that the CANR, MAES and MSUE do on a daily basis to move Michigan forward. It is important to note that by signing this bill, MAES and MSUE continue to be treated like the rest of Michigan's higher education institutions.

This is great news for all of us but more important news for those we serve – students, families, youth, business owners and entrepreneurs – all Michigan residents.

Thank you seems such a small phrase to express our appreciation for everyone who worked so hard to communicate the impact that CANR, MAES and MSUE have on our communities. Whether across the street or around the state, MSU is present helping to build capacity to make Michigan a leader in agriculture and natural resources, community viability, food and nutrition, the green economy, and leadership. Our services are relevant and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.

This result can be owned by each and every one of you who made a call, sent an email, opened a door or wrote a letter. Our strength lies in our collective energy that is focused on our mission. It is an honor to work with such dedicated, creative and passionate colleagues.

We still have many challenging months ahead of us as we implement the redesign of the CANR, MSUE and MAES. But for now, let's take a moment to appreciate and acknowledge everyone and anyone who has helped CANR, MAES and MSUE survive this very real threat to our future.

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## OCTOBER's Featured 4-H'ER



#### TEVIN PRIGMORE

Age 10

Port Huron

Woodrow Wilson  
4-H Urban Garden

"To me, 4-H is having fun in the garden with my family"

## STATE AND LOCAL 4-H EVENTS

- Nov. 7 4-H Leader's Banquet, at Fore Lakes, Kimball Twp. by RSVP only please  
 Nov. 13-14 \*4-H Rabbit & Cavy Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop  
 Nov. 19 St. Clair County Rabbit Developmental Committee Mtg. 7 pm Goodells, Community Bldg  
 Nov. 21-22 \*4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference

### DECEMBER 7 IS CLUB RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

- Dec. 11-13 Michigan Winter Beef Show, contact Matt Miller (517) 543-4525

### 2010

- Jan. 8-10 \*4-H Horse Show Judges & Managers Conference  
 Jan. 15-17 Camp Perry, Ohio Open Shooting Sports Competition info at [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com)  
 Jan. 23-24 \*4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference  
 Jan. 25 4-H Youth at the MSU vs Wisconsin Women's Basketball Game, Breslin Ctr.  
 Feb. 13 \*Winter Family Fun Date, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, sledding, ALL AGES  
 Feb. 27 4-H Council Auction, Goodells County Park Community Building  
 Feb. 26-27 \*4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop  
 Feb. 27-28 \*4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop  
 Mar 1-Nov 19 MSU Organic Farmer Training Program, an intensive 9-month training program. Visit [www.msuorganicfarm.org](http://www.msuorganicfarm.org) for more information or call (517) 230-7987  
 March 6-7 \*4-H Poultry Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop  
 March 19-21 \*4-H Environmental & Outdoor Education Volunteer Workshop  
 March 19-21 \*4-H Plant Science & Entomology Workshop  
 March 27-Apr 1 Wonders of Washington, youth age 12-14 to learn more go to [www.wowwashington.org](http://www.wowwashington.org)  
 April 16-18 Michigan Dairy Conference, Bay Shore Camp  
 April 22-25 \*4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop  
 April 23-25 \*4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop  
 April 24 Spring Achievement, Central Middle School, PH  
 May 8 \*Spring Family Bird Festival, bird watching, spring flowers, photography, for ALL AGES  
 May 15-16 \*4-H Companion Animal Teen & Adult Volunteer Leader Workshop

- \*These workshops will take place at the Kettunen Center, near Tustin Michigan
- Contact Lori Warchuck at the SCC MSU Extension office at (810) 989-6935 for workshop information or visit the MSU Extension main website at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/index.html> for more in depth descriptions

## OTHER UPDATES/HAPPENINGS

- "The Do Something Award ® (formerly the BR!CK Award) identifies exceptional young social entrepreneurs, activists, and community leaders who have significantly changed the world for the better. We celebrate young world-changers who are the pivotal "do-ers" in their cause, issue, or field and empower their work through community grants, knowledge, and support. For 2010, five winners will be selected. Each will receive a minimum of \$10,000. One of those five will be selected to win the Grand Prize total of \$100,000. Applicants must be age 25 and under and citizens or residents of the U.S. or Canada. For information on the award, last year's winners, or to apply, please go to the [www.dosomething.org/awards](http://www.dosomething.org/awards). The application is **due December 15th, 2009.**"
- The 2010 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest is put on hold for now. We will revisit the possibility next year for a 2011 event. A significant change for 4-H is the loss of our partnership with the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries. This department is being disbanded with the various units being distributed; where the units will go is still being decided. The 2009 Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest represented our seventh successful year with a combined total of over 500 youth photo entries of Michigan historic sites. The good news is that the 2009 exhibit is touring our state, and it is booked solid through June 2010. If you are interested in booking the exhibit for a couple of weeks to one month from July 1 to December 31, 2010; email me, Betsy Knox, Program Leader at [knox@anr.msu.edu](mailto:knox@anr.msu.edu)
- Michigan Sheep Breeders Association Starter Flock Scholarship Program is detailed on their web site: [www.misheep.org](http://www.misheep.org) Check the News tab for details and application. This is a great opportunity for a young person to get started in the sheep business and expand their horizons in animal agriculture. For further information, please contact Pat Henne, at (517) 663-2014 [henne@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com](mailto:henne@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com)
- Loot For Lunkers is Catching Cash for MSU's Project FISH - Time to get up and get out fishing for a cause, you might even win a Perch Fishing Charter! Visit [www.projectfish.org/lootforlunkers](http://www.projectfish.org/lootforlunkers) to download the pledge form. If you would like to donate to Project FISH, visit [www.projectfish.org](http://www.projectfish.org) to donate separately. For further information or questions, contact Mark Stephens at [steph143@msu.edu](mailto:steph143@msu.edu) or 517-432-2700.

## Rabbit Development Committee Meeting

The Rabbit Development Committee will be meeting on Nov. 19th at 7:00 pm. at the Goodells County Park Community building. We will be hearing from those that attended the Rabbit Workshop at Kettunen Center to share information, as well as working on plans for our county to host a Rabbit Fun Show this summer. All rabbit leaders, youth and parents are invited to attend this and any meeting, and their help will be needed to have a successful show. If you have any questions contact Lori Warchuck at (810) 989-6935 or lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org

## 2009 State Dog Show Results

This annual event was held on August 15, 2009 at the Pavilion, Michigan State University, East Lansing, with two hundred and twenty-nine participants from thirty-four counties exhibiting at the show. The 4-H youth competed in agility, obedience, showmanship, team, brace, rally, freestyle and educational posters.

Each of the competitions offered at the State 4-H Dog Show are meant to help expand the knowledge and skills that 4-H members have been taught by their leaders, fellow members and parents. This event also helps recognize youth for their outstanding efforts and achievements. St. Clair County was well represented; here are the results of competition:

Agility, Beginner A, Ages 9-10, 5<sup>th</sup> place Felishia Block, Casco Twp.

Beginner B, Ages 12 & 13, 4<sup>th</sup> place Allie Block, Casco Twp.

Beginner B, Ages 14 & 15, 5<sup>th</sup> place Katlyn Carlton, Casco Twp.

Intermediate A, Ages 9-12, 4<sup>th</sup> place Jessica Darga, Casco Twp.

Intermediate A, Ages 13-15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Brian Wyzgowski, North Street

Intermediate B, Ages 14-16, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Danielle Darga, Casco Twp.

Obedience, Pre-Novice A, Age 9, 4<sup>th</sup> place Felishia Block, Casco Twp.

Pre-Novice A, Ages 12-19, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Loren Schihl, East China Twp.

Pre-Novice B, Ages 9-10, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Morgan Kronner, East China Twp.

Pre-Novice B, Age 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jessica Darga, Casco Twp.

Pre-Novice B, Age 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Allie Block, Casco Twp.

Pre-Novice B, Age 14, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Katlyn Carlton, Casco Twp.

Novice B, Ages 14-16 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Danielle Darga, Casco Twp., 3<sup>rd</sup> place Katlyn Bales, Avoca, 5<sup>th</sup> place Brian Wyzgowski, North Street

Rally, Novice A, Ages 9-10 1<sup>st</sup> place Felishia Block, Casco Twp.

Novice B, Ages 9-11, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jessica Darga, Casco Twp.

Advanced A & B, 1<sup>st</sup> place Danielle Darga, Casco Twp.

HIGH POINT ADVANCED RALLY, Danielle Darga, Casco Twp.

Showmanship, Novice, Age 10, 1<sup>st</sup> place Morgan Kronner, East China Twp.

Novice, Age 11, 4<sup>th</sup> place Jessica Darga, Casco Twp.

Open, Age 12, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Allie Block, Casco Twp.

Novice, Age 13, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Scott Bales, Avoca

Open, Age 14, 4<sup>th</sup> place Brian Wyzgowski, North Street, 5<sup>th</sup> place Danielle Darga, Casco Twp.

Novice, Age 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Katlyn Bales, Avoca

Champion, Ages 9-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Katlyn Carlton, Casco Twp.



HIGH POINT ADVANCED RALLY, Danielle Darga

## 2009 4-H State Shooting Sport Tournament Results

Due to significant data entry, onsite computation, and technology issues, ALL scores were reentered and re-tabulated from original contestant targets or score cards. This action changed the outcomes of some contests. If you received an award in error, or did not receive the medal you earned, please contact Lori Warchuck at (810) 989-6935 or lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org by November 20, 2009. We will send all medals in one shipment to the county for distribution. Please accept our sincere apologies.

NOTE: It was and is the responsibility of the instructors and youth contestants to ensure that their tournament registrations were correct before they arrived at the competition. In some cases participants competed in divisions or events for which they had not registered. While these contestants were allowed to shoot in these divisions or events at the tournament, the Board has decided that competitors shooting in a division or event for which they were not originally registered are ineligible for awards.

Here are the results:

Small Bore Target Rifle, juniors, ages 12-14—Ethan Cook, 1st place and Kayleigh Fountain, 2nd Place

3-D Archery, beginner, sighted—Adam Jerlecki, 2nd place

3D Archery, senior, sighted—Cody Henderson, 2nd place

3-D Archery, senior, unsighted—Taylor McAllister 2nd place

3D Archery, junior, open—Beau Boswell, 3rd place

3-D Archery, senior, open—Katie Fladzinski, 2nd place

Archery, beginner, unsighted, ages 9-11—Erika Schwanitz, 2nd place and Andrea Jerlecki, 3rd place

Archery, junior, sighted bow, ages 12-14—Ryan Schwanitz, 1st place and Erin Armstrong, 2nd place

Archery, senior, sighted bow, ages 15-19—Kyle Schwanitz, 1st place

Archery, senior, open, ages 15-19—Steven Creutz, 2nd place

BB gun, beginner, ages 9-11—Kori Kirksey, 1st place

Muzzleloading, Open, ages 12-19—Jordan DuBaere, 2nd place

Skeet, junior, ages 12-14—Danny Simpson, 1st place

Skeet, senior, ages 15-19—Jakob Simpson, 2nd place

Trapshooting, senior, ages 15-19—Jacob Taylor, 2nd place and Jeremy Lotte, 3rd place

### TEAM EVENTS =

.22 Team 1 from St. Clair County—Kole Kirksey, Jorgan DuBaere, Zach Montney and Gerald St. James, 3rd place

3D Archery, open, ages 10-19, Team 1 from St. Clair County, Jackson Miller, Steven Creutz, Katie Fladzinski  
Beau Boswell, 1st place

Archery, team, sighted, ages 10-19, St. Clair County Team 1—Joshua Gentner, Hannah Armstrong, Erin Armstrong,  
John McIntyre, 2nd place

Archery team, unsighted, ages 10-19, St. Clair County Team 2—Gabrielle Armstrong, Kevin Kortas, Shirlene  
Armstrong, Taylor McAllister, 2nd place

BB gun, junior, ages 12-14, St. Clair County Team 1—Lindsey and Kayleigh Fountain, Ashley Cefali, Thomas  
Cribbins, 2nd place ALSO Team 2—Kori Kirksey, David Fountain, Anthony Cefali, Wesley Bryson, 3rd place

Trap Team, ages 12-19, St. Clair County Team 1—Jacob Taylor, Travis McIntyre, Jakob and Danny Simpson,  
Ashley Amthor, 2nd place

Complete results from the 2009 State Shoot are now online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/SSports/ss-Mltournament.html> my deepest apologies for the delay, we've been working under some . . .um . . . interesting circumstances over the past few months. Dale Elshof [elshoff@anr.msu.edu](mailto:elshoff@anr.msu.edu)

## Michigan 4-H Key Club Award

The 4-H Key Club Award is intended to be the top county 4-H honor. Selection of award winners is made on the county level. To be eligible for the Key Club Award, a 4-H member must:

- Be 15 years old by the beginning of the project year (September 1)
- Have completed three calendar years of club work as of January 1 of the current year
- Have completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas
- Have completed a teen leadership project.
- Have participated in three regional or state 4-H events
- Be recommended by his or her 4-H leader

Applications are available at the St. Clair County MSU Extension office or to download a copy of the "Application for Michigan 4-H Key Club Award" (available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format), double click on the following link:

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/awards/MI4HKeyClubApp.pdf>

WINNERS are announced at Spring Achievement

**CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO...**Emily Sovey she received the 2009 American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) Youth Scholarship and the 2009 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund scholarship this year.

## State 4-H Awards Program

The Michigan State 4-H Awards program is an opportunity for 4-H'ers aged 13 and up, with three or more years of experience in 4-H, to meet new friends, gain leadership skills, increase their interviewing skills, improve their writing skills, build their self-esteem and compete for recognition in more than 30 different project areas.

- Informational Workshop Wednesday, November 18, 2009
- 7:00 p.m.
- MSU Extension Office, 200 Grand River Avenue Suite 102, Port Huron
- Age 13 years and older invited to come see what State Awards are all about

The program includes county, regional, an state-level competition. Awards program participants submit completed individual or group awards application forms to their county MSU Extension staff by March 1. The applications are evaluated on the county level and submitted for regional competition. Regional winners are selected by early April. Regional winners can compete for state-level honors in one project area.

## 4-H Council Auction \* Saturday, February 27, 2010

It is time again to start thinking about the 4-H Council Auction held ***the last Saturday in February***, February 27, 2010. Remember that the money received from the Auction goes directly back to 4-H in St. Clair County, and at the same time, your club will earn 10% of the money received from the items your club collects. It can really add up fast.

To help you in your search, we would like to give you some ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents, home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to donate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

Remember, **to insure success, everyone needs to help**. As you are able to procure items for the auction, you may contact the MSU Extension office with the information so that we can include it in the sale bill that we produce. This information will be needed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of January. By starting early, we can give businesses a longer time span in which to work a donation into their budget so that we can reduce the number of denied requests. Auction forms were included with re-enrollment paperwork. Auction items can be dropped off at the MSU Extension Office or you can **deliver them Friday, February 26, 2010 between noon—8:00 p.m. at the Goodells County Park, Community Building.**

## COUNTY MEDAL REQUIREMENTS

1. It is recommended that the applicant be between the age of 12 and 14 years of age by January 1, 2009 if you began the program at age 9. Otherwise it is recommended that you be in your 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year in the program.
2. Members **must be currently and previously enrolled** in the project area or related area. You may contact the MSU Extension 4-H staff to verify if you did enroll in the project area in which you are applying. Don't assume, verify.
3. The application form **must be completed by the member themselves**, either handwritten or typed. Any evidence of parent involvement will be grounds for disqualification.
4. The due date will be **December 31, 2009**.
5. Member must fill out one application for each project or related area in which they are applying for a medal.
6. Member may only be awarded two medals per year and only once in a specific project area for the duration of their 4-H career, but are not limited to the number of project areas they apply for.

### Medal Areas

#### **Achievement**

Aerospace

#### **Agriculture**

#### **Beef**

Cats

Child Care & Development

#### **Citizenship**

#### **Clothing & Textiles**

(including Style Review)

#### **Communication**

Community Service

**Companion Animals** (cat, pocket pets, fish, reptiles, etc.)

Consumer & Family  
Science

#### **Dairy Cattle**

#### **Dogs**

**Entomology** (Insect and Bees)

#### **Environmental & Outdoor Ed**

#### **Fine Arts/Visual Arts**

(drawing, painting, printing & Sculpting)

#### **Folkpatterns**

#### **Foods and Nutrition**

Forestry

#### **Global & Cultural Heritage**

#### **Goats**

Healthy Lifestyles

#### **Horse**

Hobbies/Collections

#### **Horticulture/Crops (Gardening)**

#### **Leadership**

#### **Leisure Education**

#### **Llamas**

#### **Performing Arts**

#### **Photography**

Plant Science

#### **Poultry**

Public Speaking

#### **Rabbits**

Safety

#### **Science & Technology**

(including computers, electrical, small engines, automotive, tractors, etc.)

#### **Sheep**

#### **Shooting Sports**

#### **Swine**

#### **Veterinary Science**

Wildlife & Fishery

Wood Science

- **Bolded selections are areas that are offered with the State Awards Program**
- **WINNERS are announced at Spring Achievement**

**Application for County Medals**  
**Deadline: December 31, 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT AREA	YEARS IN PROJECT	YEARS IN 4-H
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Have you been an apprentice or teen leader in this project?     Yes     No

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you participated in State or Regional Events related to your project area?

Yes     No

If so, which one (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EXPERIENCES:** Workshops attended, trainings, demonstrations, activities, etc., related directly to your project area for which you are applying

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**What things have you learned from being involved in this project area? (Add additional pages if needed):**

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**What would you consider to be your greatest accomplishments in this project area? Include certificates, awards, trophies, medals, etc.?**

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**Signed – 4-H Member**

**Project Leader's Recommendations:**

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**Signed – Project Leader**

**Applicants may apply for as many project areas as they wish subject to the following guidelines:**

**Must be currently and previously enrolled in the project area applying for.**

**May only win 2 awards per year.**

**Only eligible to win in a specific project area once during their 4-H career.**

**Must be received by the deadline date (Not postmarked by).**

## 2009 Horse Show Results

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**Amber Burch** = Championship Saddle Seat Pleasure 16-19 yrs., 3rd place \* Trail 18 yrs, 8th Place \* English Equitation, Saddle Seat 18-19 yrs, 3rd place \* English Pleasure Saddle Seat 18-19 yrs, 2nd place

**Katelyn Deater** = 2nd Split-Western Pleasure 15 yrs, 6th place

**Victoria Delcourt** = Indiana Flag Race 18-19 yrs 6th place

**Harli Dunsmore** = Trail 13 yrs, 4th Place \* Showmanship 13 yrs, 10th place \* Western Pleasure 13 yrs, 2nd place \* 2nd Split-Stock Seat Equitation 13 yrs, 4th place

**Alexis Goetz** = 3rd Split-English Equitation Hunt Seat 16 yrs, 3rd place \* 2nd Split-Stock Seat Equitation 16 yrs, 3rd place \* 2nd Split-Showmanship 16 yrs, 2nd place \* English Pleasure-Hunt Seat 16 yrs, 5th place \* Championship Showmanship 16-19 yrs, 5th place

**Kristie Harms** = 2nd Split-Showmanship 15 yrs, 7th place

**Mackenzie Joachim** = Dressage Training Level Test 4 13-15 yrs, 6th place \* 2nd Split Dressage Seat Equitation 13-15 yrs, 1st place \* Suitable to Become a Dressage 13-15 yrs, 5th place \* Dressage Training Level Test 3 13-15 yrs, 2nd place

**Sara Taylor** = Pole Bending 15 yrs, 5th place

**Hannah Thomson** = Gymkhana Showmanship 16-19 yrs, 7th place

**Megan Torello** = 3rd Split-English Pleasure Hunt Seat 16 yrs, 7th place \* 3rd Split-Stock Seat Equitation 16 yrs, 3rd place \* Showmanship 16 yrs, 1st place \* Championship Showmanship 16-19 yrs, 1st place \* 2nd Split-Western Pleasure 16 yrs, 3rd place

**Megan Totten**—Speed & Action 16-17 yrs 4th place

**Sarah Tynan**—Speed & Action 15 yrs, 7th place \* Cloverleaf Barrels 15 yrs, 8th place \* Indiana Flag Race Champions Jr & Pony, 1st place \* Indiana Flag Race 15 yrs, horse, 1st place

**Kayla Wilcox**—Keyhole race 13-14 yrs, 3rd place

## Michigan 4-H Dog Patch Program

This dog patch program is designed to recognize the personal achievements of individuals participating in the 4-H Dog Program. The program has been in existence since 1987 and provides youth with goals to work towards in this project area. The program has been expanded to include a total of 27 patches for members to work towards. Go online to see all the new patches available.

**EARNING DOG PATCHES**—Youth should carry a Qualifying Score Sheet and Judge Signature Sheet with them to all shows. When the individual wins a class, or earns a placing listed in the requirements for the patch they are working towards, they should be sure to get the signature of the judge for that class and fill in the appropriate information about that placing. Once the participant has received all the signatures that are required for that patch and have completed all the requirements they need, the County 4-H Youth Educator should request the appropriate patches from the State 4-H Office.

For additional information on the Qualifying Score Sheet and Judge Signature Form, the 4-H Dog Patch Program overview or patch qualification requirements, please visit the 4-H Dog Patch Program web page at: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/anisci/as-dog-patch.html>

Contact Lori Warchuck for more information at (810) 989-6935 or [lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org](mailto:lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org)

## 4-H Challenge Canoeing and Caving Trips 2009

Here are some excerpts from the two wrap ups, you can read the rest on our website at <http://msue.stclaircounty.org/4H/ClubEvents>

**CANOING TRIP WRAP UP 2009**—Oh, let's say summer weather has been a challenge this year. That was the case when Rimrock and TNT went to Kingsley for a canoe trip with leaders Joe Whitenight, Ashley & Bryant Sebastian, Kelley Sampeer and leaders in training Scott Wiesler, Rachel Carrol and Karl Brockdorff.

The planning of the trip was perfect. Sam Sattler, a former Rimrock member home on leave from West Point, was able to attend along with Lee and Karl Brockdorff also former members. These guys were some of our first Challenge members, what a hoot to have three former members helping, working, and pitching in. We are blessed that they still love the outdoors and don't mind putting up with us.

**CAVING TRIP WRAP UP**—Even though it takes eight hours to get to the caving site, everyone enjoyed the travel time because it gave each of us a chance to get to know the other people on the trip. We had two cars, one pick up and one van and all of the kids had a chance to ride in each one as we rotated at each stop and continually mixed up the group. For many of the kids this was one of the highlights of the trip.



## Fair Board Report – September 2009

Livestock checks have been mailed out with \$167,147.00 paid out in livestock monies this year. Premium checks to be mailed out sometime soon. Premiums will be paid at 100% of what's listed in the fair book

Swine Department Changes: 2010 each exhibitor can show two hogs, however they will show in barrow or gilt classes instead of pen of two. So exhibitors with two hogs will show one in showmanship, and each of their hogs in a market class for gilt or barrow. Classes will be divided according to weight. If an exhibitor has two gilts weighing a similar amount and they end up in the same class they will need to have another exhibitor assist them in the class. The swine project will have the same average daily gain as in 2009. With the change in classes, they don't expect the swine show to last any longer.

The King & Queen Superintendents commented that they had a great fair court this year and everyone seemed to do everything that was required and more.

The website will be updated as project changes are turned in and will be marked as being updated for 2010.

Shelving will be purchased for the adult exhibit barn for 2010. We're working on a plan to replace the photo boards for hanging photography in the still exhibit barn.

2009 attendance was 98,000 and seemed to be a big success. Fair Board's making several requests of parks and recreation for 2010, more parking space in the field on the north side of the road, improved water pressure on the north side of the road, upgrade and electrical service on the north side of the road near the Visitors' Center, repairs to the water pressure on the west side of the beef barn, and lighting for ring two.

Daily tokens will be sold again next year, since that seemed to work well and preferred by the gate workers.

2010 fair dates are July 26-31

2011 fair dates are July 25-30

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### 2010 Fair Book Cover Contest

Designs should be made on 5 ½ inch (wide) by 8 1/2 inch (high) sheet of white paper (vertical). Use your creativity. Copyright figures (i.e. Snoopy) may not be used. Submit your entry no later than February 1, 2010 by sending design to St. Clair County Agricultural Society PO Box 325, Marysville MI 48040 be sure your name and phone number are on your entry.

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### State Farm® Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants available

Youth Service America is currently accepting applications for State Farm(r) Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants to support service-learning projects that culminate on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25, 2010. School and community educators across the United States and Canada (select provinces) can apply for up to \$1,000 in funding for youth-led projects. Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy integrating meaningful community service with academic study and reflective practice to enrich learning, build civic engagement, and strengthen communities. State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning grant applicants are encouraged to develop projects that launch on Martin Luther King Day of Service, January 18, 2010, and culminate on the weekend of GYSD, April 23-25, 2010. For the State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant application, please visit, [www.YSA.org/awards](http://www.YSA.org/awards) Contact: Michael Minks, Director of Outreach, Youth Service America, at [mminks@ysa.org](mailto:mminks@ysa.org) or 202.296.2992 x125

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**DEADLINE**

If you would like something put in the 4-H newsletter, please submit it by the third Monday of the month to Lori Warchuck via mail or email [lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org](mailto:lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org). We love to feature club events so send them in with photos too.

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