



CLOVER CHRONICLES

May 2024

Isabella County

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Swine Tagging

Sunday, May 5
11 AM – 1 PM

Goat Weigh-in

Sunday, May 5
12 PM - 2 PM

Wethers must be castrated, dehorned and have a scrapie tag in place. Market does do get weighed-in.

Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 11
9 AM - 11 AM

All take place at the Fairgrounds.

4-H Camp Clean-Up

Saturday, May 11
10 AM - 2 PM

All 4-H families/clubs are invited to help with this annual clean-up project. **Any help is appreciated!** Please let us know by May 8 if you can help, even if for only part of the time.

If you're able to bring a chain saw, log splitter or a tractor, there are several dead trees down. It would be VERY helpful to have those. Also, if anyone has waders and can bring them, we would like to put the dock in.

Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

****Reminder - this is an Honor Club requirement**

Attention Livestock Exhibitors

Reminder: your animals must have an RFID tag in at fair weigh-in or you will be at risk for being rejected.

Isabella County 4-H Cookbook Fundraiser

4-H Council is wondering if there would be any interest in making a 4-H cookbook as a fundraiser. If you would be interested in contributing to and/or purchasing a book, please email Becki (beckimikec@gmail.com) and let her know.

Attention All Fair Exhibitors

Fair sign-up opens on May 20th at 7 a.m.

Still Exhibit, Horses, Dairy, and Small Animal sign-up will open May 20th at 7:00 a.m. Registration will close on June 14th at 10:00 p.m.

Please refer to the Isabella County Fair website for sign-up links:
<https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/>

See page 4 for more details and information on registering.



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CLUB CORNER

Country Neighbors - In March we discussed the Royal Ambassador program and talked about the petting zoo that we do for the Shepherd Maple Syrup weekend. In April we cleaned up the BnB park and train depot in Shepherd and did a petting zoo at the Maple Syrup Festival.

Pony Creek - At our April meeting we decided to table our new club shirt design until next month. We scheduled our roadside clean-up date, went over the newsletter and other upcoming events.

Moo Madness

Friday, June 14
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

If you are interested in all things cow please come join us for a fun day! Everyone is welcome. You do not need to own a dairy cow to be involved in a Dairy project!

See page for 6 for more details!

Dog Classes

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
June 13, 20 & 27
July 11 & 18

Classes will be held at 6 p.m. at the Small Animal Barn. Youth are required to attend 8 of the 10 classes in order to show at fair.

Bring dogs, leash and treats. Members must wear tennis shoes.

Fair Superintendents Needed

We are looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- *Creative Writing*
- *Crops*
- *Large Animal Feed Records*

Please contact Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.

County Shoot Registration

June 29

If you are participating in Shoot Sports and want to attend the County Shoot, the registration deadline is June 21.

Reminder - youth must attend at least one Qualifying Shoot in order to participate in the County Shoot.

Community Fun Day Fundraiser - June 22

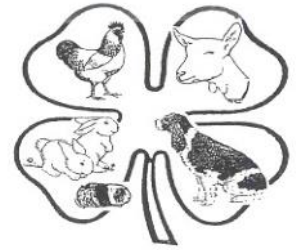
Volunteers are needed to help with kids' games, craft tables, concessions, and other activities for a Community Fun Day at the fairgrounds on June 22, 10 a.m. - 4p.m. If you are interested but only available a portion of the day, we can accommodate shifts of 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (which includes a bit of set up and clean up time). There will also be community partners represented and other demonstrations, as well as a couple of presentations. If you aren't available on June 22, we will also have opportunities for preparing materials the few weeks prior to the event.

Please call the MSU Extension office and leave your name, contact information, preferred time of volunteering if you can't do the whole event, and the area that sounds most interesting to you.

See page 11 for more information.

Thanks for considering, Friends of Fair Board

Small Animal News - *Please Read!*



Small Animal Showmanship Clinics:

June 10 (Monday)

June 19 (Wednesday) – with Small Animal Assoc meeting to immediately follow

June 27 (Thursday)

June 30 (Sunday)

July 9 (Tuesday) – with Small Animal Assoc meeting to immediately follow

All will be held at the Small Animal barn at the Fairgrounds from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*****Clinics will be cancelled if temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher, it is a good idea to plan to attend the earliest available date.***

Registration Clinic Date

June 7 - we will hold a registration clinic from 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. to help any members/family that need help with registering their Small Animal project(s) for the fair and for the auction. This will be held in the Small Animal barn at the fairgrounds.

- Poultry Members** - all exhibitions or expositions of poultry are prohibited until such time that there are no new cases of HPAI in domestic poultry in the State of Michigan for at least 30 consecutive days. As defined in the Animal Industry Act, "poultry" means, but is not limited to, chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl, pigeons, doves, peafowl, and game birds that are propagated and maintained under the husbandry of humans (MCL 287.703(iii)).

- More information to come but we do have a back up plan in place for the fair. Tentatively, no birds are to be brought to the June 10 showmanship clinic. Keep an eye on your email and our [4-H Facebook page](#) for updates.
- Goat Members** - goats that will be entered in the small animal auction at the fair MUST have a scrapie tag BEFORE weigh-in. It is a State mandate, and if your auction goat does not have a scrapie tag, you will not be allowed to sell. ALL goats must have some identification; either the scrapie tag or a tattoo for those not in the auction. Goat weigh-in is May 5 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds.
- Rabbit Members** - join us on Thursday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Library (Annex Building) in Mt. Pleasant for an educational opportunity for you, a presentation from "Rabbit Tutor." Come learn tips and ask questions to help prepare you for your showmanship class competition during fair week. We hope you will save the date to take advantage of this great resource.

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Still Exhibit, Horses, Dairy, and Small Animal sign-up will open May 20th at 7:00 a.m. Registration will close on June 14th at 10:00 p.m.

There are a few things to take note of:

- There will be a message box that pops up AFTER submitting sign up for small animals. Click on the link in the box to sign up for your small animal auction project.
- There is a separate form for the Cloverbud craft section. Cloverbuds are not allowed to sell in the Still Exhibit Auction.
- You will get an email following your sign up, to the email that you used to sign up. If you do NOT receive an email within 24 hours of your sign up, contact Kapre at kaprefilhart@ymail.com to make sure that your sign up went through. ALL sign ups are due June 14 at 10:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions.
- You will need to know which project you plan to sell for the Still Exhibit Auction upon signing up (crafts sign up AND auction form due on June 14!). There is a second section under each still exhibit department that will allow you to indicate whether or not you wish to sell a project from that section. You are still only allowed to sell ONE item for still exhibit auction. You will need to know which exhibit you are selling at the time of sign up. Cloverbuds are not allowed to sell still exhibits.

Please refer to the Isabella County Fair website for sign-up links:

<https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/>

*****Large Animal/Livestock exhibitors (dairy feeders, beef, swine, and sheep) do not have a sign up because your sign-up is your tag-in/weigh-in. HOWEVER, you DO need to fill out the drug use form that can be found on the website using the drop down menu under the Large Animals tab.***

For questions regarding classes offered, please contact the Superintendent in that department. If you need help with registration, please call the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 or email grossn@msu.edu.

2024 4-H Shooting Sports Dates

May 18 - Qualifying Shoot

(Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

June 8 – Qualifying Shoot

(Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

June 29 - County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Pre-registration is required for ALL shoots!

Youth must pre-register to the Extension Office what disciplines (BB, Air Pellet, .22, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading) they are going to participate in. To register, email grossn@msu.edu or call (989) 317-4079.

Cost per event: **may be subject to change based on market prices for supplies*

\$5.00 registration fee

\$5.00 additional registration fee **for each** if you shoot Trap, Skeet or .22

Bring your own safety equipment (eye & ear protection)

4-H member is responsible for buying own shells for trap; they are available for sale at the shoots

4-H Shooting Sports Age Policies:

- 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to young people aged 8 through 19. The “4-H age” will be determined by a young person’s age as of January 1 of the 4-H program year.
- 4-H members age 8 may participate in BB gun and basic archery training. Participation is at the discretion of the Certified Instructor and the participant must be under direct adult supervision (one on one).
- Cloverbuds (4-H ages 5 - 7) must wait until they reach the 4-H age of 8 to participate in shooting sports.
- Members ages 9 – 11 are limited to shooting Air Pellet, BB & archery at competitive events
- Youth must attend one qualifying shoot in order to compete at the county shoot

Location:

Isabella County Sportsman’s Club (corner of Winn & Millbrook Roads)
2872 W. Millbrook Road, Mt. Pleasant

4-H Shooting sports events are weather dependent. If weather is poor, please check your email and/or the 4-H Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IsabellaCounty4H>). We will post cancellations on Facebook and send an email out to families enrolled in the shooting sports project.



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MOO MADNESS



Friday, June 14, 2024 * 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8180 Townline Lake Rd. Lakeview, Mi. 48850

Call Cathy with questions (989)304-1983

Come join us for a fun day learning all about dairy cows!

Sessions will teach about nutrition, health, showing, and more!

Lunch and t-shirt provided! Cost is \$10

Open to all youth 5-19, children under 12 must be accompanied by a chaperone.

Must return lower portion by Saturday, June 1, to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Late entries will still receive lunch, but cannot be guaranteed a shirt.

Moo Madness

8180 Townline Lake Rd. Lakeview, Mi. 48850

Friday, June 14, 2024 * 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Chaperone name & phone# _____

Chaperones are free unless you would like a t-shirt, then cost is \$10. Shirt Size: _____

HORSESHOE HAY DAY

May 18, 2024 1~4pm



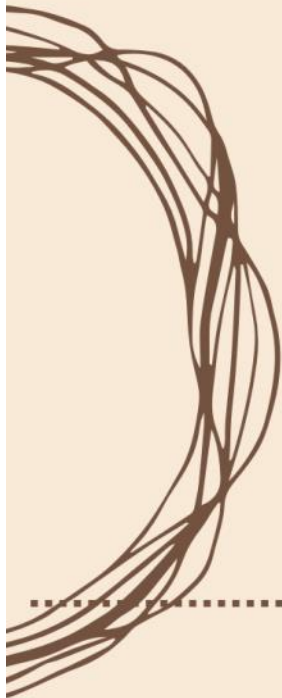
For Youth
Ages 5-19

VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MT. PLEASANT-ANNEX ROOM

HOSTED BY ISABELLA COUNTY TEEN HORSE LEADERS

DR. POL-HORSE HEALTH & NUTRITION
KRISTEN DEWALD- EQUINE DENTISTRY

- HORSESHOE CRAFT
- HORSE EDUCATION STATIONS
- SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS



\$10

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
YOUTH EDUCATION

Please send your check payable to ICTHL:
Meghan Schutt
3710 S Isabella Rd, APT 205
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

YOUTH NAME: _____ AGE: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

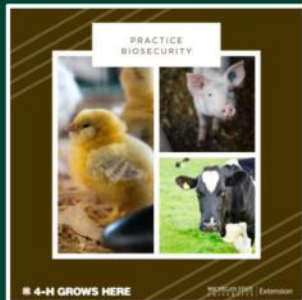
For more information contact Stacy at 989-854-2760
Other payment methods are available





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Livestock and poultry owners encouraged to heighten biosecurity



Recently, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and commercial poultry flocks across the country and Michigan. MSU Extension and its state partners are continuing to monitor the situation and providing outreach to help mitigate the spread of HPAI. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity
- www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms
- www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza
- www.canr.msu.edu/avian_influenza/

April 24 – May 5: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your Local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

May 5 – June 1

Across the state

All Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to compete in a virtual walking challenge! Get active, stay healthy, and win prizes for you and your county 4-H program!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge>

May 13: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Preparing 4-H'ers for Fairs and Showcases

Online

Attend this online session to hear about opportunities as well as techniques to prepare 4-H'ers for fairs and showcase events. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-her-s-for-fairs-and-showcases>
- **7 p.m. session:** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-preparing-4-her-s-for-fairs-and-showcases7pm>

May 15: Adulting 101 Series - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

By attending this workshop, you can learn why your credit matters, how to start obtaining credit and how to manage it.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit>

May 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Managing Risk for Volunteers

Online

One step in keeping 4-H'ers safe is reviewing the media and medical authorization forms for members engaged in your club. Attend this session to learn how to access, review and keep this information safe while serving as a 4-H volunteer. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-managing-risk-for-volunteers7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2024-2025 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. **All applications are due June 1.**

Opportunities include:

- ° **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- ° **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- ° **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- ° **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- ° **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock>

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help manage their health and safety by making sure you know what to ask before purchasing and how to prepare to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Isolate or separate new animals for a minimum of 14 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the isolation period. If after 14 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingling them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.



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Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

DATE & TIME:
 Saturday, May 18, 2024
 Show starts at 10:00 a.m.




LOCATION:
 Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show
 171 E Prosper Rd
 Falmouth, MI 49632

COST:
 \$2.00 entry fee
 \$3.00 per class
 Pay at the door in cash or
 check payable to Missaukee 4-H
 Advisory Board.

CONTACT:
 Susan Beerens
 Missaukee MSU Extension office
 beerenss@msu.edu
 231-510-8701

REGISTER:
 Scan QR code to register.
 Registration ends May 5, 2024





DESCRIPTION:

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
- Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available
- Grand & Reserve Rosette and awards.
Prizes for all Cloverbuds.
- Open to all youth

Classes include:		Age Groups Are:
Showmanship for:	Skill A Thon for:	17-19
* Chicken	* Poultry	14-16
* Duck	* Rabbit	11-13
* Turkey		8-10
* Rabbit		5-7 Cloverbuds
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These ages represent the age you were on January 1, 2024.

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Community Fun Day Fundraiser



For Fairground's Improvement Projects

JUNE 22, 10 AM - 4 PM

ISABELLA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

500 N MISSION, MT PLEASANT, MI



\$10/PERSON;
\$8/CHILD 3-8 YRS OLD;
\$30/FAMILY OF 4; \$5 EACH ADDITIONAL

FUN DAY

ACTIVITIES:

GAMES - PETTING ZOO - FACE PAINTING
ARTS & CRAFTS - GOAT CART RIDES
BALLOON ANIMALS - CAKE DECORATING
DOG TEAM DEMOS - AND MUCH MORE



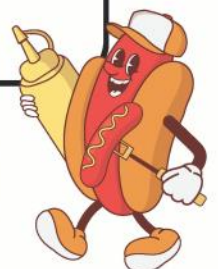
HOPEWELL RANCH - SCAVENGER HUNT
EMERGENCY VEHICLES INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES



MI BARN PRESERVATION
1/4 SCALE BEAM AND TIMBER BARN



Food and Snacks!!!



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Fax: (989) 773-1622

Website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/>



<https://www.facebook.com/IsabellaCounty4H/>

New Fair Book Classes

Beekeeping - Dept 12
Fair Banner - Dept 14

***NEW THIS YEAR*- Class #1406, Fair Banner** (replaces fair book cover)
Deadline July 1 - due to MSU Extension office. Banner will be hung in the Food Stand (or Still Exhibit Barn).

SAVE THE DATES

Royal Ambassador Applications Due
May 3 at 4 PM

Goat Weigh-In
May 5

Swine Tagging
May 5

Sheep Weigh-In
May 11

4-H Camp Clean-Up
May 11

Qualifying Shoot
May 18

4-H Exploration Days at MSU
June 19-21

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 20 - 27

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

May 5	Swine Tagging @ Fairgrounds	11 AM - 1 PM
5	Goat Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds	12 PM - 2 PM
7	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
11	Sheep Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds	9 AM - 11 AM
11	4-H Camp Clean-up @ 4-H Camp	10 AM - 2 PM
15	Small Animal Association @ First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant	7 PM
18	Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM
27	County Building Closed	
28	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM

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