



CLOVER CHRONICLES

February 2025

Isabella County

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Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

Saturday, March 15
7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Isabella County Fairgrounds

Animals must be:

- One of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, or Jersey
- Castrated & Dehorned

Each member can either:

- Weigh in a maximum of two feeders or,
- Within immediate families of more than one exhibitor; each member may weigh in one feeder, and one "family alternate" can be weighed in for the family. Only one feeder per exhibitor can be brought to fair when a family alternate has been weighed in.

It's required that by Fair, every feeder must have a RFID tag (radio frequency identification) in their ear. If you have any questions, contact Superintendent Mike Lattimer at (989) 513-7839.

Still Exhibit Auction Changes

NEW THIS YEAR....Projects being sold in the Still Exhibit Auction will need to be transported by the 4-H member and/or family/friends. Projects will need to be carried to the Livestock Arena, you may use a dolly or hand cart (no motorized vehicle/golf cart/side x side, etc).

If you have any questions, please contact Becki Crampton at ic4hstilllexhibitauction@gmail.com.

Shooting Sports Instructors Needed

We are looking for volunteer leaders (adults & teens) to become certified as 4-H Shooting Sports instructors in archery, rifle, and shotgun. You should have a basic working knowledge of and experience in the discipline in which you wish to participate. Teens must be 14 years old.

If you are interested, you must attend a certified shooting sports workshop. The next workshop is May 3 & 4 in Owosso. At the workshop, you will learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment that you can teach the youth.

Contact Liz (antveli3@msu.edu) if you are interested or for more details.



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CLUB CORNER

Pony Creek - At our January meeting, we discussed animal weigh-in dates and fair dates. We decided and voted on our charitable donation to HATS. Members will bring items to our February meeting. Cloverbud and camp dates were announced. We had light snacks following.

4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Saturday, March 1, 2025

ALL 4-H families are invited to attend the nineteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H at the Spartan Women's basketball game as they take on Minnesota. Come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Cost: FREE

Time: Game time is 2:00 PM. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game beginning at 12:30 p.m.

To reserve tickets: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

2025 4-H Shooting Sports Events



Dates:

April 12	Spring Kick Off (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
April 26	Qualifying Shoot (Registration 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting 9:30 AM, Shooting begins 10:00 AM)
May 17	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
May 31	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
June 14	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
July 28	County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Location: Isabella County Sportsman's Club (2872 W. Millbrook Rd., Mt. Pleasant)

Royal Ambassador Program

Packets are now available online or at the Extension office. All packets will be due on Friday, May 2 at 4 PM. Any questions, please contact Lillian Albaugh at 989-513-8202.

Cloverbud Camp & Summer Camp - Save The Dates!

Tuesday, July 8 - 4-H Cloverbud Camp (5-7 Year olds)

Wednesday, July 9 - 4-H Camp (8-12 year olds)

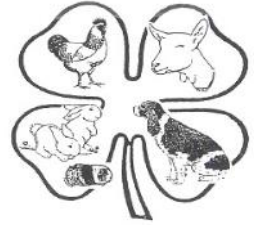
Both camps will be held at the 4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake. We will be looking for teen counselors (14-19 year olds) and adult volunteers (must be gold volunteer). More details to come!

Fair Trophy Sponsors for 2025

There will be several trophies needing sponsors for the Fair, if you are interested, please email the Extension Office with your name, address and phone number. Trophies range in price starting at \$20.

Small Animal News

- Reminder, if you live outside of Isabella County and plan to sell in the small animal auction, you will need approval from the Small Animal Association. Plan to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, February 19. If you have already met with the Small Animal Association to sell in the auction and were approved, you do not have to do it again.
- It's not too early to make arrangements to secure whatever small animal you wish to exhibit at the 2025 fair. Reach out to someone you have worked with in the past or contact the appropriate small animal superintendent for assistance. It has become more difficult over the past few years for kids to purchase their fair animals as they are not quite as available as they used to be.
- If you're a rabbit member and still looking for your fair project, the State Rabbit Convention is a good resource. It's held on March 1 & 2 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion (formerly know as MSU Pavilion) in East Lansing. It would be great place to find rabbits for fair. The earlier you go, the better chance of finding good options. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-state-rabbit-breeders-annual-convention>



If you have any questions, please contact Liz (antveli3@msu.edu).

Fair Board News

The Fair Board is busy getting events and grounds ready for this year's fair.

Grandstand events schedule:

- Monday, July 21 - Super Kicker Rodeo
- Tuesday, July 22 - second night of Super Kicker Rodeo
- Wednesday, July 23 - Home Town Showdown Talent Show
- Friday, July 25 - Demo Derby
- Saturday, July 26 - Super Stock Tractor, Truck and Semi Pull

Family Fun Tyme Amusements will open on Monday, July 21. More information on presale passes coming soon!

The 4-H Food Stand will be getting a new roof and improvements to the kitchen area.

CAMPING REGISTRATION

Registration forms will be mailed by March 1. Forms and payment will be due by April 9, 2025, with new camper sign up on April 12. Mark your calendars! More information will be in the March newsletter.

RUNNING FOR THE 2024-2025 ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H

ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



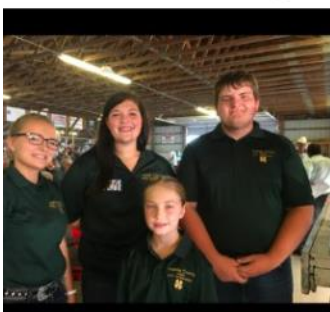
WHAT IS THE ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?

The Royal Ambassador program allows Isabella County 4Hers to represent and build relationships throughout the Isabella County area. Our ambassador leaders can learn in various areas, from projects to community opportunities throughout the year. Ambassadors will use public speaking and brainstorming, participating in multiple events throughout the fair week and the community. Royal Ambassadors will receive financial scholarships and attire.

Want to Learn more about the program and how to run?

We will be having a information meeting to talk about the program, how to run, what you do as a representative, and answer any questions that you may have. This meeting will be held at Maranatha Baptist church on March 11th, 2025 at 6 PM.

Address: 5282 E Airport Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858





HOW TO RUN ?



Junior (Age 8-11)

- Packet and Questions
- Write a one page letter and properly address it to our 4-H Coordinator
- 10 Minute Interview

Intermediate (Age 12-15)

- Packet and Questions
- Write a 2 Page Essay
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

Senior (Age 16-19)

- Packet and Questions
- Cover letter, Resume, and 3 References
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

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Packets will be out on January 13th, 2025

Head to our Isabella County 4-H Extension page at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/

Under Forms you will then go to the rewards section, and all of the different age group packets will be listed.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ON COURT

There will be 6 Representatives!

SENIORS

- King/Queen Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up King or Queen Royal Ambassador

INTERMEDIATE

- Prince/Princess Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up Prince/Princess Royal Ambassador

Junior

- Duke/Duchess Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up Duke/Duchess Royal Ambassador





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 24! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. In addition, Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

For more information and to get tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

February 7: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal Science Education

Online

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize curriculum and resources to engage 4-H youth in animal science education. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. 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-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-4-h-youth-in-animal-science-education7pm

February 12: Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships

Online

The 4-H Adulthood 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/relationships-1>

February 13: 4-H Wild Spartans – Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore forests. Meet Jeremiah Heise, ecosystem program manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024feb>

March 2: Michigan 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens and volunteers in beef, sheep, goats and swine project areas. Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2024>

March 6 and 9: Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon

Online

This competition tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Competitors can choose to compete during the week or on the weekend. Registration closes Feb. 29.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 17-19, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts, and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights and youth advocacy, crime and law enforcement, education and teacher retention, environment and natural resources, health, or jobs and the economy/infrastructure.

The cost to register in 2024 is \$365, which includes meals and lodging at the Quality Inn University in Lansing. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office. To register or learn more, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

Make a difference for food security with World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare and submit a 2-to-5-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October.

There is no cost to participate in the WFP MIYI. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>



Apply for a Michigan 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years), junior state award (13-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the age of the 4-H member. Additional details about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

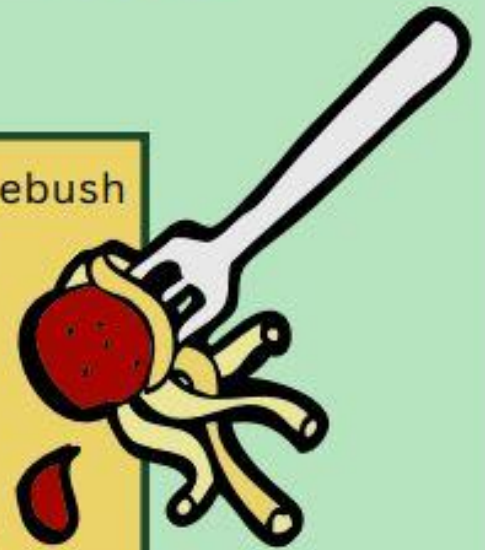
Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



Evergreen 4-H Club Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, February 15th, 2025
4:30-7:00pm

St Henry's Parish Center, Rosebush
Recommended Donation:
Adults: \$10
Children (ages 6-12): \$7
Children 5 and Under: Free
Family: \$30
Dine In or Take Out Available



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

**2025 4-H Calendars
Now Available**

4-H Calendars are available for pick-up at the Extension office. Stop by and get one!

SAVE THE DATES

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In
March 15

Shooting Sports Spring Kick-Off
April 12

Swine Weigh-In
May 4

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In
May 10

4-H Exploration Days
June 18-20

Cloverbud Day Camp
July 8

Summer Camp
July 9

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 19 - 26

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

Feb 4	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
10	4-H Shooting Sports @ Isabella County Commission on Aging	6:30 PM
17	OFFICE CLOSED	
25	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM

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