



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

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Isabella County

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## 2025 4-H Calendars Now Available

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

## Royal Ambassador Program

Packets will be available on Monday, January 13. They will be online and 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.

## 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!

## Attention Teens! Are You Interested in Serving as a Teen Superintendent?

Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years and be enrolled as a Teen Leader. Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in. Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meetings.

Applications are due to the Extension office by Monday, January 13 and are available here: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella\\_county\\_4\\_h/newsletters-and-forms](https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms)

## 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Saturday, March 1, 2025

ALL 4-H families are invited to attend the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H at the Spartan Women's basketball game as they take on Rutgers.

**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.

**Tickets:** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>



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## CLUB CORNER

**Country Neighbors** - In December, our club participated in the Holly Jolly Christmas parade in Shepherd. We also helped sell paper clovers at TSC during the Paper Clover Campaign.

**Dairy Dreamers** - In the fall we had fun with a cookout, bonfire, and scavenger hunt. We also elected new officers. We enjoyed a presentation by two interns from the Netherlands at our next meeting, who talked about dairy farming in their country and how it was different from here. We all learned so much from them! Members collected items and purchased animal feed and vet supplies to send down to rural victims of hurricane Helene in North Carolina in November. The club also met to pack meals for the drivers of the semi and 4 trucks with trailers that delivered supplies to the area. It has been an eventful fall with all the travels to contests and fun club events!

**Evergreen** - In December, we gathered to evaluate our calendar and discuss goals for the upcoming year. Additionally, we created decorations for a tree at Rosebush Manor.

**Lincoln Center** - In December our club donated items to the animal shelter and had a Christmas party where we did a small craft and enjoyed snacks

**Pony Creek** - At our December meeting we welcomed 2 new families to our club, so happy to have them. We went over the newsletter, talked about community service and decided to table it until after the holidays. After the meeting we enjoyed finger foods and a craft project.

**Western Spurs** - Our club enjoyed a day at Rosebush Manor decorating resident's doors for our annual holiday door decorating competition. Then the following weekend, members honored veterans placing wreaths on gravesites across Isabella County and participating in a ceremony saluting them for their service.

## Reminder - Still Exhibit Auction Checks

Still Exhibit Auction checks are only valid for a couple more days, they are void after Jan 10. Please cash your check soon if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

## 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 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). After some injuries this year the committee has had to make this difficult decision.

Please be prepared when signing up for your projects. If you have any questions, please contact Becki Crampton at [ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com) and she will follow up with the committee.

## Fair Trophy Sponsors for 2025

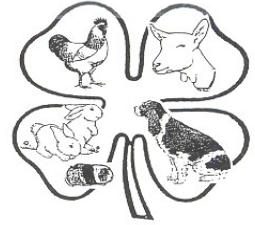
There will be several trophies needing sponsors for the Fair, if you are interested, please email the Extension Office with your name, address and phone number. Trophies range in price starting at \$20.

## THANK YOU!!! TSC Paper Clover Campaign

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered to work a shift (or several shifts) during the fall Paper Clover Campaign at TSC! Your help was greatly appreciated!

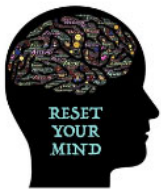
## Small Animal News

- If you have been enrolled in a small animal project for at least two years and are enrolled as a Teen Leader, and are interested in applying to be a Teen Superintendent during fair week, please complete the appropriate form and turn it in at the Extension office no later than January 13. You will be contacted in February if you are selected for one of the positions.
- 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.
- If you are a rabbit member, you will also want to start making some connections for your 2025 fair project. A good resource would be the State 4-H Rabbit show on January 25, at the MSU Pavilion. See details on the flier on page 5.



## 2025 Adulthood 101

*The goal of Adulthood 101 is to help individuals transition from being dependent on parents or guardians into fully functioning adults who are self-sufficient, well-rounded, and able to manage both the expected and unexpected challenges life throws their way.*



- **DECREASING STRESS WITH MINDFULNESS- JANUARY 14 AT 6 PM**
- **MEDICAL INSURANCE 101 - FEBRUARY 10 AT 5:30 PM**
- **TIME AND ORGANIZATION TIPS TO THRIVE - MARCH 3 AT 7 PM**
- **WEALTH BUILDING - APRIL 8 AT 5 PM**
- **STAY SAFE OUT THERE - MAY 15 AT 6 PM**
- **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ON A BUDGET- JUNE 2 AT 6:30 PM**
- **MASTERING MEAL PLANNING - JULY 9 AT 4:00 PM**
- **NAVIGATING PEER PRESSURE - AUGUST 18 AT 6 PM**
- **WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM - SEPTEMBER 17 AT 6:30 PM**
- **ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS ON A BUDGET - OCTOBER 23 AT 5 PM**
- **NAVIGATING TOUGH TALKS - NOVEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM**

**\*ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME**



<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-2025>



**We are thrilled to welcome our newest members to Isabella County 4-H!  
We're so excited to have you join our wonderful community!**

**We can't wait to learn and grow together with you.**

**Let's strive to make the best even better! Welcome aboard!**

|           |           |                        |           |           |                            |
|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Annabelle | Ashline   | Clover Valley 4-H Club | Mason     | Halfmann  | Aim High                   |
| Everly    | Bahlke    | Rural Routers          | Theodore  | Jackson   | Evergreen                  |
| Bexley    | Bahlke    | Rural Routers          | Theodore  | Kastning  | Clover Valley 4-H Club     |
| Zoe       | Behenna   | Evergreen              | Jaylah    | Kequom    | Western Spurs              |
| Canton    | Bellinger | Cloverkids 4-H Club    | Ellie     | Kinard    | Western Spurs              |
| Evan      | Beltinck  | Maple Clovers 4-H Club | Isaac     | Koop      | Broomfield Valley          |
| Gage      | Betts     | Western Spurs          | Elias     | Koop      | Broomfield Valley          |
| Emily     | Bigelow   | Clover Valley 4-H Club | Charlotte | Lott      | 4-H Farm Hands Club        |
| Hudson    | Block     | Beal City Pioneers     | Eleanor   | McConnell | Bowen Busy Bees            |
| Bennett   | Block     | Beal City Pioneers     | Remintyn  | McDonald  | Beal City Pioneers         |
| Michaela  | Boge      | Maple Clovers 4-H Club | Elaine    | Moore     | Country Kids Livestock     |
| Brantley  | Brown     | 4-H Farm Hands Club    | Chloe     | Rossingol | Aim High                   |
| Natalie   | Charping  | Rural Routers          | Scarlett  | Sansote   | Country Neighbors 4-H Club |
| Noah      | Charping  | Rural Routers          | Hadley    | Schafer   | Pony Creek                 |
| Izabel    | Cole      | Lincoln Center         | Tanner    | Smith     | Beal City Pioneers         |
| Raiden    | DeLong    | Aim High               | Koen      | Smith     | Beal City Pioneers         |
| Tim       | Derby     | Evergreen              | Luke      | Straus    | Bowen Busy Bees            |
| Emilynn   | Dobson    | Rural Routers          | Beau      | Turner    | Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club    |
| Hazel     | Ervin     | Evergreen              | Liam      | Vollmar   | 4-H Farm Hands Club        |
| Lorelei   | Ferrier   | Aim High               | Wyatt     | Vollmar   | 4-H Farm Hands Club        |
| Miles     | Funnell   | Clover Valley 4-H Club | Clara     | Vollmar   | 4-H Farm Hands Club        |
| Dylan     | Gittus    | Evergreen              | Scarlett  | Vollmar   | 4-H Farm Hands Club        |
| Cole      | Gittus    | Evergreen              | Hunter    | Vollmar   | 4-H Farm Hands Club        |
| Darius    | Goicea    | 4-H Farm Hands Club    | Kamryn    | Watch     | Western Spurs              |
| Aspen     | Grice     | Pony Creek             | Mitchell  | Walters   | Maple Clovers 4-H Club     |
| Elise     | Grice     | Pony Creek             |           |           |                            |





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# 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo

**\$4**  
Entry Fee



Breed, Market, Fur Class Entry Fee: \$4.00

Other Contests Entry Fee: \$2.00  
Photography, Educational Display, Breed Identification, Skillathon

Showmanship pre-enter by  
January 17, 2025

Jan 25, 2025  
Enter animals day  
of Show  
7:00 am-10:00am

MSU Pavilion  
for Agriculture and  
Livestock Education

**Perpetual trophy for all  
Best In Shows!**



State Rabbit  
and Cavy Show  
Web Page:

[shorturl.at/Ey5yF](https://shorturl.at/Ey5yF)



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**Registration is open at:**

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025 showmanship rabbit and cavy/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy/)



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Attend the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & Expo



Join us for the 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo at the MSU Pavilion! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as to compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, educational display, showmanship, and new this year -skillathon.

Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 17. All other contest registrations are done onsite at the show.

Educational sessions will also be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025\\_showmanship\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy_show).

### January 6: Online Parent Talk System Series (Mondays in January and February)

*Online*

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This class is for caregivers of toddlers to teens and will take place on Monday evenings for six weeks, beginning on Jan. 6.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-january-february-25>

### January 14: Wild Spartans – Working my dream job with Michigan Sea Grant

*Online*

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, delve into the freshwaters and skies that surround as you meet Elliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant. You'll learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is youth ages 12-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025>

### January 14: Adulting 101 – Decreasing Stress with Mindfulness

*Online*

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks related to finances, home, health or finding a career? Adulting 101 can help you learn real life skills to successfully transition to living independently. In this session, learn how stressors can affect physical and mental health and practice mindfulness techniques to use in everyday life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025>

### January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automotive research and development

*Online*

Are you passionate about vehicles and ready to jump-start your career? Enjoy technology, robotics and hands-on problem solving? Join this webinar designed to provide valuable insight into the skills and certifications you need to excel in today's fast evolving automotive industry.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success>

### January 30: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building a Culture of Appreciation by Recognizing 4-H Volunteers and Youth

*Online*

Discover simple, impactful ways to celebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon)

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-7pm)







# 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 16-18, 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; crime, law enforcement and corrections; education; energy, environment and natural resources; health and human services; and jobs and the economy.

The cost to register in 2025 is \$365, which includes most meals, materials, and lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/).

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve\\_to\\_have\\_a\\_great\\_4\\_h\\_year](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year)

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



## SAVE THE DATE – Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin returns on March 1, 2025! For nearly two decades, this has been exciting event attended by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers and families. We look forward to continuing this event in 2025 as 4-H'ers from across the state come together for a day of fun, comradery and basketball at MSU.

Make plans to join us on March 1 as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Gophers. Tickets will be available soon; visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin) for more information.

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# **SAVE THE DATES**

## **4-H Winterfest**

February 8-9, 2025

## **Dairy Feeder Weigh-In**

March 15, 2025

## **4-H Day with the Tigers**

April 27, 2025

## **4-H Exploration Days**

June 18-20, 2025

## **4-H Cloverbud Day Camp**

July 8, 2025

## **4-H Summer Camp**

July 9, 2025

## **Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair**

July 19 - 26, 2025

## **Isabella County 4-H Calendar**

|          |   |         |
|----------|---|---------|
| Jan<br>7 | Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant    | 6:30 PM |
| 13       | 4-H Shooting Sports @ Isabella County Commission on Aging | 6:30 PM |
| 20       | OFFICE CLOSED   |         |
| 28       | 4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall                            | 6:30 PM |

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