



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

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Isabella County

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**4-H Recognition Banquet**  
 Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Mt. Pleasant

All 4-H families are invited to help us recognize accomplishments of 4-H youth and leaders. Dinner is provided by 4-H Council. We will be handing out Still Exhibit Auction checks to members after the program.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by October 4.

## Seeking Teen 4-H Council Representatives

### What is the Isabella County 4-H Council?

The 4-H Council is the main decision-making body for the county 4-H program. It is responsible for working with the paid staff to support county 4-H program planning, administration and policy making. The Council is charged with keeping track of “the big picture” for our county 4-H program. It assists with volunteer recruitment, 4-H awareness building, and it oversees things such as member and volunteer recognition and the county award program. Monthly meetings (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) are held at Lincoln Township Hall and are open to all 4-H leaders and interested people.

Link to Teen Representative application:

[http://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella\\_county\\_4\\_h/newsletters-and-forms](http://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms)

## 2024-2025 4-H Club Enrollments

Now is the time to re-enroll in 4-H for the new year! All 4-H club re-enrollments (<http://v2.4honline.com/>) are due October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H.

## Fair Trophy Sponsors for 2025

There will be several trophies needing sponsors for the 2025 Fair, if you are interested please email the Extension Office with your name, address and phone number. Trophies range in price starting at \$20.



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## CLUB CORNER

**Aim High** - We had an after fair celebration dinner in September where members shared their achievements and experiences from the 2024 fair. It was a fun time to reconnect and to exchange lots of fun memories and plans for what's ahead for the club. October will be the kick-off meeting for the new 4-H year and we will be welcoming several new members and our teens will reconvene their planning group.

**Evergreen** - Our club is getting ready for their first meeting and kicking it off with a pizza party! We are excited for another year of 4-H!

**Farm Hands** - We held a short outside meeting in September, followed by roadside clean-up. Plans are in the works for our October meeting and a painting project.

**Pony Creek** - At our September meeting we elected our new club officers and discussed fair, achievements, and challenges. We also sent out thank you cards to people and businesses that give a lot to our fair.

## 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). 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 Exhibit Auction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstill Exhibit Auction@gmail.com) and she will follow up with the committee.

## Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion

**New Paper Clover Dates: November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup>**

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover campaign will move from October to November and December this year, officially launching on Black Friday. Help is needed (youth & adults) for the Paper Clover Campaign that will run November 29 - December 15. TSC is a great supporter of 4-H!

We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote this event at our TSC store. Clubs are encouraged to do a fundraiser at the store (need to notify Victoria at TSC first). 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 TSC gift card drawing for anyone that works a shift. Everyone that works will receive a ticket that will be collected and a winner will be drawn. Contact Nonie at [grossn@msu.edu](mailto:grossn@msu.edu) if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.

## 4-H Calendar 2025 - Sponsorship Form

The Isabella County 4-H Council is making preparations for the 2025 4-H calendar. The calendar will be distributed to over 500 families in Isabella County. Calendar pages will feature artwork and photography done by 4-H youth. 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?

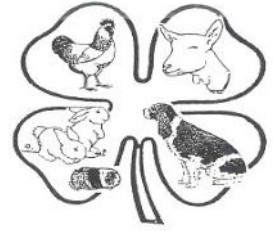
Half Banner (2 3/4" by 3 1/8") for \$125

One Quarter Banner (business card size) for \$75

Contact the Extension office by October 11 if you are interested.

## Small Animal News

- Buyer Appreciation Banquet: Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. (please arrive between 6-6:15 p.m. to help with final preparations before our guests arrive for dinner), at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 319 E. Illinois Street, Mt. Pleasant.
- All small animal members who participated in the auction during fair week should plan to attend -- please make it a priority as it is considered part of your project. Each member that sold an animal is asked to bring a nice door prize item, one hot food dish, and one cold food dish to pass. Informational invitation letters will be sent out soon. The Small Animal Association provides meat, potatoes, spaghetti, rolls, beverages, and table service. **Everyone planning to attend should RSVP as soon as possible.** Please do not presume we know you are coming; help us plan appropriately.
- If you have not yet done so, send a thank you note to your specific buyer. Make sure to also mention coming to the banquet. Just a simple, personal comment will mean a lot for those that so faithfully support the auction year after year.
- Members will be able to pick up their checks following dinner. Only the member will be given their own check. For those who do not come to the banquet, checks will be made available sometime in November. That information will be shared at a later date.



## Adulting 101

### The Ins and Outs of Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Worried about the costs of college or any post-high school training? You're not alone – but guess what? There are smart ways to fund your education without drowning in debt!

Join MSU Extension's **FREE Adulting 101** session on *The Ins and Outs of Paying for Post-Secondary Education* on **Wednesday, October 9 at 5 p.m. ET** and get the scoop on:

- 💡 Navigating student loans
- 💡 Tackling FAFSA like a pro
- 💡 Tuition-free options you may not know about!

Ready to set yourself up for success? Don't miss out – register today:

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

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- Learn about student loans, facing the FAFSA and tuition free options.

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

**All applications are due by November 1.**

Learn more and access applications materials at: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

### October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

*Tollgate Farm, Novi*

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024>

### October 6-12: National 4-H Week

*Nationwide*

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>

### October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

*Heritage Hall, Lansing*

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol>

### October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

*Online*

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

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

### October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

*Online*

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

**12 - 1 PM:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage)

**7 - 8 PM:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



For more information and registration, visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental\\_outdoor\\_education/wild-spartans-series](https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series)



## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year-old youth in Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Club meetings for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

*"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."*

- 2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/).

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# **SAVE THE DATES**

## **National 4-H Week**

October 6 - 12

## **4-H Recognition Banquet**

October 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

## **Small Animal Banquet**

October 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

## **TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign**

November 29 - Dec 15

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

July 19 - 26, 2025

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

Oct 1	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
6-12	National 4-H Week	
10	4-H Recognition Banquet @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall	6:30 PM
21	Small Animal Banquet @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall	6:30 PM
22	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
31	4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline!	

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