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April 2023

Isabella County

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4-H Camp Clean-Up

April 23 & May 6
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Please bring work gloves, rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, staple guns, hammers, extra people! Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided. RSVP to the Extension office by April 20.

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Isabella County Sportsmans Club (2872 W. Millbrook Rd., Winn)

If you want to participate in Shooting Sports this year or would like to know more about the project area, please plan to attend this event! See flyer on page 5 for more details.

Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair presents: A Day with Dr. Pol! -- a fundraising event

Save the date: June 17 at Fairgrounds, minimum \$10 per car parking donation for admission

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Pol has agreed to participate in a fundraising event in support of the multipurpose Educational Center building project. He, Diane, and Charles, along with members of the NatGeo filming crew will be doing presentations and signing autographs along with a variety of other activities, some of which include: kids activities and carnival games, concessions, petting zoo, educational demonstrations and presentations, craft vendors, community partner displays, emergency vehicle demonstrations, just to name a few. Dr. Pol also requested that we take advantage of this event by doubling it as a 4h promotional opportunity. So, we have begun to make that a reality with the support of 4h Council. This is a community service credit opportunity -- even for your school requirement if needed. Please volunteer for any of the following areas: 2 - 3 hour shifts for food concessions (no cooking of food will be done); some (limited) help at the various 4h project area stations; and specifically adult volunteers needed for the raffle tables and for parking. With Dr. Pol's involvement we are expecting lots and lots of visitors so parking will be a key component and we need 10 - 12 workers each for these shifts: 8am - 10am; 9:45am - 11:45am; 11:30am - 1:30; 1:15 - 3:15.

More details are coming very soon via various social media outlets, but to offer your services now so we know where we are, please call the MSU Extension Office (989-317-4079) to leave your contact information along with your preferred area of service. Thanks!



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CLUB CORNER

Evergreen - We had a regular business meeting in March, followed by a presentation by Debra Barrett from MSU Extension who did a Real Colors presentation. Real Colors is an interactive workshop using a personality type test that revolves around four colors that we each have within our personality temperament. This tool teaches you about yourself and others to be able to communicate more clearly with peers, friends, family, teachers, and more. Some of the skills we gained were helping to understand others and learning to recognize characteristics of each of the four colors. The younger kids did an artistic workshop with Megan Bair. The club also went roller skating in March.

Western Spurs - We met this month to get into gear for the fair. We welcomed many new members and did introductions. The Spring Flower Fundraiser vouchers were passed out to members. If you'd be interested in purchasing one, contact a Western Spurs member. "Make-It, Take-It" crafts this year will be cornhole boards and stepping stones. Kids then divided into animal groups where the oldest members went over basic anatomy, common facts, and answered any questions new members might have. Next meeting will be held at the 4-H Coldwater Camp where we will be helping to clean up the pathways and beach.

Swine Tagging

Sunday, May 7
11 AM – 1 PM
Isabella County Fairgrounds

Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 13
8 AM – 9 AM
Isabella County Fairgrounds

Goat Weigh-in

Sunday, May 13
10 AM - 12 PM
Isabella County Fairgrounds

Wethers only and they must be castrated, dehorned and have a scrapie tag in place.

Attention 4-H Seniors

Any 4-H high school senior that would like to wear 4-H Honor Cords at their graduation ceremony, you can purchase them at the Extension office for \$15.

Interested in Dogs?

Canine Clovers 4-H Club is accepting new members. You do not need to own a dog to join the club, you can borrow a dog from someone. Contact Mary Anne Tompkins for more information at (989) 948-0535.

Livestock Producers Meeting

The next Livestock Producers meeting will be on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Save the dates for Sheep weigh-in and Swine tagging:
Swine Tagging is May 7, Sheep Weigh-in is May 13

Maple Syrup Parade

Any club interested in participating in the Maple Syrup Festival parade (walking, float, truck, etc.) please use the link: <https://www.shepherdmaplesyrupfest.org/parade-maple-syrup-festival>

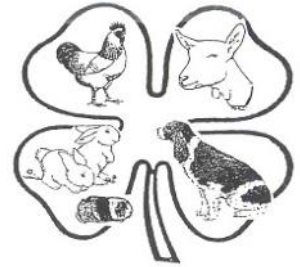
Rainbow Spartan Series

Art and creative expression are healthy and effective methods of self-reflection, self-expression, and community building. From the novels of Oscar Wilde to the music of Lil Nas X, we'll explore the ways both past and present LGBTQ+ figures have used artistic efforts to express themselves and their identities. We'll then consider a few different artistic mediums and provide some tips on how to get started with an unfamiliar skill. Finally, we'll discuss the benefits of community and how you can find and connect with other people who share your identities, interests, and skills! Join us and guest presenters from [MOASH](#) on April 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

For more information, check out the Rainbow Spartan Series website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-hwrh/rainbow-spartans>

Small Animal News

- Broiler Chick Orders - time to order your broiler chicks! Cost per bird will be \$3.74 if we order 25-49, \$2.87 if we order 50-74, or \$2.74 each for 75-99. Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 26.
- 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 (for wethers only) is May 13 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds.
- If you do not already have your small animal purchase arranged, you should do so now. If you wait until April 15 or later, it will be very difficult to have your animal(s) by the May 1 deadline.



2023 4-H Shooting Sports Events

(all events are held at the Isabella County Sportsmans Club)



Dates:

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| April 15 | Spring Kick Off (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) |
| May 6 | Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM) |
| June 3 | Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM) |
| June 17 | Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM) |
| July 15 | County Shoot (Time to be determined) |

Pre-registration is required for all Shooting Sports events. To register, email Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) or call the Extension office at (989) 317-4079.

Fair Superintendents Needed

We are looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- Collections (this year only)
- Exploring Your Heritage

Duties include:

- Help with the Still Exhibit Building set-up Thursday evening before entry day
- Work your area in on fair entry day – helping judges, setting up projects for display
- Help in the Still Exhibit Building when the projects are released – last Saturday evening of fair

Please contact Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) and Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.

Fair Board Information

The Fair webpage is: <https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/>

All exhibitor rules and schedules are posted.

Upcoming Important Dates for the 2023 Fair:

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| May 7 | Swine Tagging | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| May 13 | Sheep Weigh-in | 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. |
| May 13 | Goat Weigh-in | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. |

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Isabella County 4-H Scholarship

Isabella County offers two \$500 scholarships to 4-H members or former members each year. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled at an institution of higher learning and have been involved with 4-H in Isabella County. The scholarship is not limited to college freshmen.

To get an application, click here: [Isabella County 4-H Scholarship](#) or you may pick one up at the Extension office. Applications are due back to the office by April 20. The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15.

Kathryn Methner Fike Scholarship

For high school seniors and current college students. Thank you to the family of Kathryn Virginia Methner Fike for establishing a \$1000 scholarship in her name to benefit 4-H members in Isabella County.

Kathryn Virginia Methner Fike was born on the farm of her parents in northeast Wise Township, Isabella County on Nov 21, 1918. Except for a few winters in Florida, she spent all most 96 years within 5 miles of her birthplace. She married Lester Fike on March 29, 1936 and spent over 60 years on what became the Fike Centennial Homestead. In her childhood years, she was a member of a 4-H sewing club lead by her mother, Daisy Methner. After having children of her own, she became a leader, too. She served in this capacity for many years. Kathryn took great pride in the accomplishments of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren in their 4-H activities.

4-H has been a top priority in Kathryn's family for 5 generations and so it is with pride that her family is honoring Kathryn's many years of dedication to 4-H education in Isabella County with this scholarship.

Application: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

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 4th Tuesday of the month) are held at the Isabella County Building in room 320, 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

4-H Shooting Sports Spring Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 15 – 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.



The Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program teaches members safety and shooting techniques for shotgun, rifle, air gun, muzzle loading and archery. They learn how to handle firearms responsibly for target practice and hunting and learn respect for the natural environment.

Where: Isabella County Sportsmans Club

(2872 W. Millbrook Rd, Winn)

Register: MSU Extension at (989) 317-4079



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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge>

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

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

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

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

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All

Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/.



2023 ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Would you like to run for Isabella Co. Royal Ambassador Program?

We are starting up the new year with a Royal Ambassador Program where 4-H participants can have the opportunity to grow as leaders and be a representative for Isabella County Fair. This opportunity opens up life skills such as interviews, public speaking, essays, job shadowing, planning, and more. This program is open to all 4-H participants ages 8-19. Winning royal ambassadors will receive a scholarship. Service on the team, also looks good on a Resume!

If you are interested in running in the Royal Ambassador program, we will have packets at the 4-H Extension Office or you can print a packet from the Isabella County 4-H website. Packets will be available starting February 1st, 2023. The packets will be due May 1st, 2023 by 4 PM to the 4-H Extension office. The packet has lots of information that you will need, but if you have any further questions we have our contact information on the bottom or in the packet.

If you would like to learn more about our program, we will be holding a meeting on February 9th, 2023 at the Isabella county building in room 320. Meeting will start at 7pm. We will discuss the purpose of the program, packet information, benefits of the program, our rules, and expectations, and what to expect for the program year. We will also help answer any questions or concerns that you may have about the program. Definitely recommend coming so that way we can give you tips and help you in any way possible.

Want to make a special note to young gentlemen that this program would be a great opportunity to get involved. Instead of a crown they will be receiving a cowboy hat.

Questions or Concerns- Please Contact

Lillian Albaugh at (989) 513-8202 & Email/ lillianalbaugh@gmail.com

Kourtney Collin at (989)444-2097 & Email/ kcollin10@gmail.com





REQUIRMENTS FOR



ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

[JUNIOR & SENIOR]

Participants must be 4-H age 8-19 and must have completed a minimum of 1 year in Isabella County 4-H (Including cloverbud years)

SENIOR

Running for Senior Royal Ambassador

- 4-H Age 15-19
- Complete the Senior Royal Ambassador packet with a 4-H leaders reflection (That is in the packet)
- Cover letter and Resume
- Interview and your Visual Aid

JUNIOR

Running For Junior Royal Ambassador

- 4-H Age 8-14
- Complete the Junior Royal Ambassador Packet with a 4-H leaders reflection (That is in the packet)
- 1-2 Page Essay
- Interview and your Visual Aid





Isabella County 4-H

Proud Equestrian Program

The 4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) is a therapeutic horseback riding program that is offered through MSU Extension for individuals with any form of a disability (ex. emotional, cognitive, physical, etc.). With the help of trained and caring volunteers, riders can improve balance, coordination, posture and muscle tone. Horseback riding has been shown to increase self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and social growth.

Most of all, horseback riding is fun!!

Our 2023 riding dates are 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, and 7/29 starting at 6pm in Mount Pleasant.

Isabella County 4-H PEP program is seeking horses for the upcoming year. We are also seeking horse handler/leader and side walker volunteers! If you have a horse you feel will make a great addition to the program or you personally are interested in being a volunteer, please email the PEP Instructor Mallory Wilson at

Mallory.wilson20@gmail.com





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Overnight Canine Camp

June 2 - 4, 2023

4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake

(1415 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman, MI 48893)

**For youth ages
8 - 19**

TIME:

Check-in:
June 2 from 6 - 8 PM

Check-out:
June 4 from 4 - 4:30 PM

COST:

\$100 day campers

(campers that dry camp with their families, or at a campground or hotel) includes all meals, snacks, materials and a t-shirt

\$120 overnight campers

(campers that stay in the dorms at the 4-H Camp) includes all meals, snacks, materials and a t-shirt

Fun sessions for you and your dog:

- Showmanship
- Scent work
- Agility
- Obedience
- Rally
- Grooming
- How to Train to become a Therapy Dog



Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up you dog parade, demonstrations, a craft, campfire, s'mores, etc.

****8-11 years old campers MUST** have an adult or guardian that stays and supervises their child and dog the entire day during sessions and all activities. Meals and snacks for that parent will be free.

****12-19 year old campers** may stay overnight without parental supervision.

****1 dog per camper**, crated at night and at rest. Dog must be leashed at all times. Proof of vaccination must be sent in. Vaccinations must be **obtained no later than May 18th**.

Register at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CanineCamp2023/>

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SAVE THE DATES

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event

April 15

4-H Camp Clean-Up

April 23 & May 6

Swine Tagging

May 7

Sheep Weigh-in & Goat Weigh-in

May 13

Overnight Canine Camp

June 2-4

Animal Health & Poultry Science Workshop

June 15

4-H Cloverbud Camp

July 18 & 19

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 22 - 29

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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| April 4 | Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE | 6:00 PM |
| 4 | Horse Leaders @ MSUE | 6:30 PM |
| 15 | Shooting Sports Kickoff @ Sportsman's Club | 10 AM - 1 PM |
| 19 | Small Animal Association @ First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant | 7 PM |
| 23 | 4-H Camp Clean-up @ 4-H Camp | 10 AM - 1 PM |
| 25 | 4-H Council @ MSUE | 7 PM |

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