

CLOVER CHRONICLES

June 2023 Isabella County

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4-H Calendar

Attention All Fair Exhibitors - Fair Sign-up

Still Exhibits, Horses, Dairy, and Small Animal sign-up is open until Friday, June 9 at 10:00 p.m.

There are a few things to take note of:

- 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 9 by 10:00 p.m.
- You will need to know which project you plan to sell for the Still Exhibit
 Auction upon signing up (craft sign up AND auction form is due on
 June 9!). There is a second section under each 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.

Please refer to the website (<u>www.isabellacountyfair.com</u>) for sign up links.

A Day with Dr. Pol - June 17

Volunteer for A Day With Dr Pol on June 17, any amount of time between 11am - 7pm.

There are a variety of spots available for you to help at this fundraising event which is also a strong 4-H promotional opportunity. Please call the Extension Office to sign up or even to ask for more details.

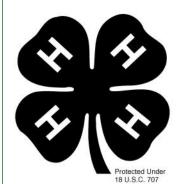
- *baked goods for the Food Prep station's bake sale
- *concession and snack stand
- *face painters (quick and simple items)
- *kids' activity area

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- *visitor greeting/parking
- *4-H project displays and program information station
- *general helpers for a variety of tasks.

Make sure to sign up to be given a special parking pass for the day and plan to wear your club shirt or any other 4-H identified clothing.

We appreciate everyone pulling together to make this a huge success!



CLUB CORNER

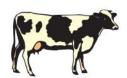
Evergreen - At the May meeting, we had a general business meeting and made plans for the carwash, which will be May 21st from 11-1:00. The club voted to purchase three 4-H cords for its future graduating members to wear during their graduation ceremony.

Pony Creek - At our may meeting we started out with our roadside clean-up. We went over the newsletter and upcoming dates. We also talked about barn decorating and our July picnic.

Moo Madness

June 10 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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If you are interested in all things cow please come join us! This year's clinic will be geared towards younger 4-H'ers ages 5-12 years old but everyone is welcome. You do not need to own a dairy cow to be involved in a Dairy project! You just need an interest in learning more about cows.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy at mymistymornfarm@gmail.com or 989-304-1983.

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Avery Claybaugh (Pony Creek 4-H Club) and Simon Devantier (Aim High 4-H Club) recipients of the Isabella County 4-H Scholarship Awards for the 2023 - 2024 academic school year.

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Congratulations to Sally Graham (Evergreen 4-H Club) recipient of the Kathryn Methner Fike Scholarship for the 2023 - 2024 academic school year.

Best wishes, Avery, Simon & Sally with your future plans! Congratulations to all!

"Simple" Face Painter Needed

You do not have to be an artist for this fun task, just someone interested in bringing a "smile" to a child's face! We need volunteers to draw a flower, smiley face, or even paint some dots and add whiskers for the kids' activities station at A Day With Dr Pol on 6/17. We can give you more details if you are even slightly interested. Please consider this opportunity to help in this fun way. Even if you only have an hour or two -- we can use you! Call the Extension Office (989-773-3079) as soon as you can if you're interested and thanks again!

Multi-Generational 4-H Families Wanted for Dr. Pol Show

The NatGeo film crew is working on footage they hope to use in a future episode of Dr Pol's TV show. They want to bring attention to the many multi-generational families that participate in 4-H which will be great exposure. They would like to have some time to chat with anyone who is willing to engage them. Contact Mike Cauchon directly for more details: mike.cauchon.-nd@natgeo.com

If you would be willing to share any items for display depicting your multi-generational family's 4-H involvement over the years, let the Extension Office know as we will have a station at A Day With Dr. Pol which may also develop into something for fair week. Please encourage those you know who fit this category to consider participation. This is one way to draw attention to Isabella County 4-H!

Thank You from Camp Association

The Isabella County Camp Association would like to thank ALL 4-H members, volunteers and families that helped with their annual clean-up this year! <u>THANK YOU</u> for making this a priority service project for your club. Your help is appreciated!!

Small Animal News

• If you plan to sell your rabbit, chicken or goat at the fair, you need to register for the Small Animal Auction at this link: https://tinyurl.com/2023SmallAnimalSellers

- All fair registrations are due by June 9, sign up at: <u>isabellacountyfair.com</u>
- If members/leaders have any questions, please reach out to the species-specific superintendent. Educational information and other details/reminders will be available to clinic attendees. We https://doi.org/10.25/ available to clinic attendees. We highly encourage members to attend at least one of the clinics so there are no surprises at fair check-in. Because clinics will be cancelled if temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher, it is a good idea to plan to attend the earliest available date. That also gives time for solving any issues that may be noted when animals are seen at the clinics.
- We are looking for rabbit members who have placed in the top three of their showmanship classes to help at the showmanship clinics. There are many younger and new 4-H members that could use your help. If you would be willing to be on the mentoring team, please call the Extension Office to volunteer. You may be surprised how helping others learn will also improve your knowledge base.

Showmanship Clinic Dates:

- Friday, June 9
- Wednesday, June 14
- Tuesday, June 20 (SAA June meeting will be held after the clinic this night)
- Monday, June 26
- Sunday, July 9

All sessions are 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in/around/near the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds. Rabbit members need to attend at least the June 26 or July 9 for fair class verification. It is critical because that is how we determine what/how many cages need to be set up. We also encourage all small animal species be in attendance at one of the earlier dates to ensure there aren't any issues with any of the animals. By doing so, the superintendents can work with the member to ensure the best plan to fix whatever problem may be found.

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Still Exhibit Building - Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, July 20 from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. We will have lots of heavy lifting to do. Any help is appreciated!

We also need clubs to schedule their shift in the building, which will be open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Please email Nonie at grossn@msu.edu to schedule your shift.

TSC Gift Card Winners

Congratulations to Amanda Morgenstern (Evergreen 4-H Club) and Rhianna Armstrong (Bowen Busy Bees 4-H Club) for winning \$25 gift cards for working the 4-H booth at the store during the Spring Paper Clover Promotion.

Thank you to everyone who worked a shift!

Fair Board News

The Fair Office will be open on June 17th during the "A DAY WITH DR. POL" event. You may pick up your camping permits on that day or at the Fair Office after the event. We would like to NOT mail the permits this year. Be sure to call ahead to make sure someone is at the office at 989-773-9070.



2023 4-H Shooting Sports Dates

June 3 - Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

June 17 - Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

July 15 - 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. Email grossn@msu.edu or schrei61@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.



4-H Award Information

Outstanding 4-H Member & Chet Brown Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Outstanding 4-H Member and the Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award. Applications are available on the MSU Extension website at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella/county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms or at the Extension office. Completed applications are due at the Extension office by July 15, 2023. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

Outstanding 4-H Member

(winner will be selected to receive \$500 towards CWF Trip, National Club Congress Trip, or scholarship towards higher education)

- 1. Applicants must be 15 years of age (by January 1, 2023).
- 2. Completed three calendar years of 4-H club work.
- 3. Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
- 4. Been recommended by local leader.
- 5. Applicants will be interviewed on Friday of fair week.

Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award

- 1. Applicants must be 13 years of age (by January 1, 2023).
- 2. Applicants should demonstrate leadership abilities in an activity. This activity should not be eligible for fair exhibition. Examples of eligible activities: community service project, school related activity, church activity.
- 3. Selection will be based upon organizational skills, number of people participating, and how they were involved.
- 4. Applicants will be interviewed on Friday of fair week.

Other 4-H Award Opportunities - you must sign up for these on your fair entry form:

4-H Jr. Teen Leadership Award - Ages 10-12

- 1. Enroll in the 4-H junior leadership project with club leader and 4-H office.
- 2. Complete the self-reflection form with your 4-H leader.
- Complete two or more junior leader activities (see application for suggestions)
- 4. Display a poster (28" x 22") at the fair depicting some aspect of your project.
- 5. Be interviewed by a fair judge.

4-H Teen Leadership Award - Ages 13-19

For all 4-H members who have enrolled in a teen leadership project and completed it prior to the beginning of fair week. Must complete a poster (28"x22") and evaluation form available from the Extension office. Two \$50 cash awards are given.

Junior Achievement Booth Award - Ages 12-14

Showcase your participation in 4-H with an Achievement Booth at the fair. Guidelines and suggestions are available from the Extension office. One winner will be selected and will receive a choice of: \$125 towards a trip to Washington, DC (WOW - Wonders of Washington).

Senior Achievement Booth Award - Ages 15-19

Here is your opportunity to highlight your 4-H participation. Guidelines are available from the Extension office. One winner will receive a choice of: \$300 toward a trip to CWF (Citizen Washington Focus) in Washington, D.C. next summer; National Club Congress held next November in Atlanta, Georgia; or scholarship towards higher education.

Fair Information & Notes

Project Record Sheets

Listed below are the individual project record sheets that are required for 4-H fair projects, unless noted otherwise. Project areas not listed require a general **Project Record Sheet**. All of these record sheets are available at the Extension Office, from your Administrative Leader, or online.

Crops Modeling Shooting Sports Livestock (optional) Poultry Flower/Vegetable Gardening Personal Appearance Dairy Pocket Pets/ID Card

Pocket Pets/ID Ca Goats Talent Show Dogs

Rabbits

Horse Project Record (optional)

Recipe Cards - for all food projects Simple Project Record for Small Animals

Animal Care - All animals should be fed and watered each day by 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Your responsibility for your animal does not end after the animal is sold. Clean pens/stalls give a favorable impression to the public.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. 1 p.m.
- Still Exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 30 from 8 a.m. 10 a.m.
 ***REMINDER ALL Still Exhibits must be picked up on Sunday, July 30. If you cannot pick up your project, PLEASE make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you. Any Still Exhibits left in the barn will be discarded.
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, July 24 between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The superintendent will be present to accept project records and check off member's names from the species list, so we know you have turned in your records. Records that are to be judged will be separated from the others and judged on Tuesday morning.

Small Animal Members

Just a few reminders:

- If you plan to sell one of your animals in the Small Animal Auction, you must complete the online registration by June 9. (You may sell only one species in the Small Animal Auction - one goat, rabbit, or pen of poultry). Registration link: https://tinyurl.com/2023SmallAnimalSellers
- Feed Records <u>are required</u> You have a choice of either the short Simple Form or the longer Record Sheet for each individual species which can be entered to be judged. To be considered for best feed record, you must sign up for Small Animal Project Records, under Dept. 17, Educational Science.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for the 2023 State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament



The 2023 State 4- H Shooting Sports Tournament is once again returning to Centerline of Calhoun County on August 19! This annual event provides Michigan 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills and earn recognition with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Registration will be opening soon and closes July 16.

For registration information, tournament rules or additional information, visit 4-H State Shoot website at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament.

June 8: Adulting 101 - How To Buy a Car

Online

Buying a car is an important and costly decision to make. Attend this session to learn about choosing a vehicle, purchasing it, and all of the considerations when making your decision.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-6-8

June 16: Head, Heart and Hands for the Health of Tanzania – 100 Dresses Challenge Online

Join us in a Zoom sew along as we make pillowcase dresses to send to little girls in Tanzania! Our goal is 100 handmade dresses. All sewing levels are welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/100-dresses-challenge-1

June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Begin your show season at the Michigan 4-H State Goat Show! Registration closes June 1 but spectators are welcome to attend.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-state-goat-show

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12: Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

In the livestock judging contest, participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming soon!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2023

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event. Registration opens soon.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23







STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2023 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2023, the following 11 4-H members from nine counties were selected as the 2023 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Allegan: Ezri Westrate
- · Berrien: Brady Pullins
- Cass: Levi Johnson and Conner Shirk
- Monroe: John Jinks and Cecelia Aulph
- St. Claire: Jinger Vantroostenberghe
- Alpena: Jazzmyne Kowalski
- · Branch: Gwendolyn Berry
- Menominee: Dodge Sundberg
- Oakland: Natalie Keen

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

Twenty-three Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/twenty-three-michigan-4-h-volunteers-honored-for-50-years-of-service-by-michigan-state-university-extension

As generations came together for Join Hands Day on May 6, MSU Extension celebrated 23 volunteers who united with youth for half a century. These individuals have provided 50 or more years of service to Michigan 4-H and youth in their communities.

"Volunteers are critical to many of our MSU Extension programs," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "While we owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers, these 23 individuals in particular have made a remarkable impact. They have given their time and talent to 4-H for five decades. We truly cannot thank them enough."

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2023 are:

- · Carol Callovi, Iron County
- Nancy Ciravolo, Monroe County
- Gaylord Kutzley, Lenawee County
- Jane Lloyd, Kalamazoo County
- Charles McCarthy, Cass County
- · Beverly Rajzer, Cass and Van Buren counties
- · Margaret Schaefer, Clinton County
- Barbara Vagt, Monroe County
- Cathy VanOrden, Isabella County
- Wanda Warner, Calhoun County
- Gladys Welker, Ingham County
- Donald Wyant, Cass County

- · David Callovi, Iron County
- Suzanne Gillhespy, Allegan County
- Linda Lefcheck, Monroe County
- Catherine Martens-Nitschke, Kent County
- · Judith Missler, Monroe County
- · Karl Schaefer, Clinton County
- Marilyn Tkaczyk, Shiawassee County
- Kenneth Vagt, Monroe County
- Joyce Vincent, Newaygo County
- Margaret Wegner, Midland County
- · Linda Willman, Wayne County

Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at: https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/. To learn more about volunteering with Michigan 4-H, visit 4h.msue.msu.edu.

ISABELLA CO. YOUTH & FARM **FAIR SOCIETY PRESENTS:**

A Day With Dr. Pol!

A Fundraising Event For a Multi-Purpose Educational Center

June 17, 2023, 9am-7pm

Isabella County Fairgrounds, 500 N Mission, Mt. Pleasant (Baseline entrance)

Minimum Donation \$10/Car Parking (\$30/Bus)



Featuring:

- Kids Activities/Games
- Educational Demonstrations
- Autographs & Chat Sessions with Dr. Pol
- Dr. Pol T-Shirt Sales
- Community Partner Displays
 Go Fund Me Page
- Bake Sale

- Petting Zoo
- A.T. Concessions (The Red Food Truck)
- Raffle & Silent Auctions
- Craft Vendors
- Concessions

Dr. Pol Won't Be Seeing Any Patients While in Attendance!

Details @ Facebook Event: A Day With Dr. Pol Limited Camping Sites Available (989-773-9070) \$50/Night or \$90/2 Nights

> **ISABELLA CO. YOUTH & FARM FAIR** SOCIETY PRESENTS

A DAY WITH DR. POL CORNHOLE **TOURNAMENT!**



SATURDAY • JUNE 17, 2023 **10AM START TIME ISABELLA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 500 N MISSION. MT. PLEASANT** (BASELINE ROAD ENTRANCE)

24 Team Double Elimination

\$50 Team Registration Fee

Pre-Registration Required

All skill levels are welcome

Registration fee must be paid upon arrival, CASH ONLY! Prizes for top three teams will be awarded (Winnings will include a combination of cash and gift cards)

Details @ Facebook Event: A Day with Dr. Pol Additional Questions? Contact Kelli Ignat @ ignat1kc@cmich.edu



HOW TO PRE-REGISTER

https://app.scoreholio.com/link/jwrd

Tournament link (case sensitive)



CREATE A PROFILE

Create a profile (first name, last name & e-mail address)

REGISTER

Click on the tournament and click "Register" No payment will be needed at this time



Tournament OR code

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You will receive a confirmation email with event details!

GRAB YOUR SMARTPHONE

Use your camera & scan the QR code or type the link above into your browser

Welcome Back **Exhibitors Dance**

Sunday, July 23, 2023 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

At the Club House Area (Grand Stands)

Free For All Exhibitors

*Pizza * Pop * Ice Cream * Raffle Drawing DJ/ Music by Sound Productions





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Agility Workshop

Saturday, June 17, 2023

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (beginners) 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. (advanced)

LOCATION:

Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club 7540 S. Mission Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

COST:

\$35/person (does not include lunch)

Open to youth ages 8-19 as of Jan. 1, 2023.

This clinic is off lead only, dog must be able to come when called.

Proof of vaccination must be sent in. Vaccinations must be obtained no later than June 1st. Email to schrei61@msu.edu or fax to (989) 773-1622.

Space is limited, register early!



REGISTER:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/AgilityJune2023/

Contact:

Kristi Schreiber at (989) 317-4079 or schrei61@msu.edu



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Isabella County 200 N. Main Street Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: (989) 317-4079 Fax: (989) 773-1622

Website:

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



Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair July 22 - 29

SAVE THE DATES

Fair Sign-up Deadline
June 9

Animal Health & Poultry Science Workshop

June 15

A Day with Dr. Pol June 17

> County Shoot July 15

4-H Cloverbud CampJuly 18 & 19

4-H Still Exhibit Building Set-up July 20

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair July 22 - 29

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

June 3	Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	10 AM - 1 PM
6	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:00 PM
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:30 PM
9	Fair Registration Deadline	10 PM
17	Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	10 AM - 1 PM
17	Dr. Pol Day @ Fairgrounds	9 AM - 7 PM
20	Small Animal Association @ Fairgrounds	7 PM
27	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM

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"Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 7 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible."

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> Nonie Gross, Secretary Monica Jean, Field Crops Educator Eric Karbowski, District 6 Director Kara Lynch, Food Safety Educator Misty Oebel, Farm Stress Educator Sabrina McGee, SNAP-ED PI