CLOVER CHRONICLES

April 2022 Isabella County

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4-H Camp Clean-Up

April 30 & May 7 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 27.



Reminder - this is an Honor Club requirement.

Fair Superintendents Needed

We are looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- Sewing, Quilting, Knitting & Crocheting
- Talent Show

Duties include:

- Help with the Still Exhibit Building set-up Thursday evening before entry day
- Work your area in the Still Exhibit Building 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 (989-317-4079) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.

Tractor Supply Company Spring Paper Clover Promotion, April 27 - May 8

Help is needed (youth and adults) to work the table at the store for the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover Campaign that will run April 27 - May 8. TSC is a HUGE supporter of 4-H! Clubs are encouraged to do a fundraiser at the store (need to notify Victoria at TSC first).

Isabella County 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 TSC gift card drawing for anyone that works a shift. Everyone that works 1 hour or more will receive a ticket from the clerk for working that will be collected and a winner will be drawn at the May 24 4-H Council meeting. You will receive a ticket for the drawing **each time** you work a shift.

Plan your shift in advance and sign up at the Extension office if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store. Even if you can only stay an hour or two, your help is appreciated!

CLUB CORNER

Aim High - members sent letters to Ukraine refugees, made Valentine cards for Commission on Aging, and encouraged cat adoptions by putting together and distributing posters. Discussion, explanations, and plans were shared about what project areas members hope/plan to do for the 2022 fair week. We have instituted a "club challenge" where various options are offered for participation during an (approximate) two-week timeframe. Several members have participated so far and others are planning to be involved as their interests/schedules allow. In April, a rocket building day will be discussed and planned for those interested.

Canine Clovers - this month our club enjoyed an evening of learning how to make homemade dog leashes, dog collars and snuffle mats.

Retrograde Rhapsody - at our March meeting, we watched a short informational video about Native American trail marker trees. After the video, each member shared their thoughts. We enjoyed learning and talking about this interesting topic.

Goat Weigh-in

Sunday, May 1 11 AM - 1 PM Isabella County Fairgrounds



Swine Tagging

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



Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 14 8 AM – 9 AM Isabella County Fairgrounds



Broiler Chick Orders

Time to order your broiler chicks! Cost per bird will be \$2.49 if we order 50-74, or \$2.37 each for 75-99.



Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 25.

New 4-H Club – Fireflies!

There's a new club in town and we'd love to have you join us! Our second meeting will be Saturday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. - noon. We will start our meeting at 1106 W. High St., Mt. Pleasant, (Mountain Town Rehab), and walk to Mill Pond Park for an Earth Day Service Scavenger Hunt. We will provide gloves and buckets for collecting things that don't belong in the park - and the scavenger hunt is related to the things we might have to collect, along with other signs of spring. Pack your lunch or snacks and we will picnic in the park. Please RSVP to humph186@msu.edu if you plan to join us.

The Fireflies Club will have three focuses: Service Learning, Still Exhibits, and Anything Amazing! As with all 4-H clubs, Fireflies will promote youth development as you have fun, learn, and grow. Club projects and a future meeting schedule will be determined by club members. If interested, please register at https://v2.4honline.com and choose "Fireflies" as your club choice. Contact Mary Lee Humphreys at humph186@msu.edu with any questions.

Pocket Pet Changes

The pocket pet show will be a ONE DAY show; the animals will come to the fair on show day and go home immediately following the show on Thursday morning, July 28.

A new project record form for the pocket pet area will be available at the Extension office by May 1. Project record forms need to be turned in at small animal entry on the first Sunday of fair week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the superintendents at alecia.devantier@gmail.com.

2022 4-H Shooting Sports Events



Dates:

April 9 Spring Kick Off (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Youth ages 8-19 interested in Shooting Sports need to attend this informational meeting at the Isabella County Sportsman's Club. See flyer on page 8 for more info.

April 30 Qualifying Shoot (Registration 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting 9:30 AM, Shooting begins 10:00 AM)

May 14 Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)

June 4 Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)

June 25 County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Attention Swine Exhibitors

Reminder: Please make sure your pigs have an RFID tag in their ears. Per MSUE announcement last year, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will no longer provide bulk orders of official identification tags for fairs. The owner of the animal will be responsible for acquiring the official identification of the animal. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to request the tags are placed in the pig's ear before purchasing them. For questions, call Kapre at 989-513-0428.

Fair Board Information

Our new webpage is: https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/

This site has all exhibitor rules and schedules.

You may also check https://www.isabellacounty.org/your-county/isabellacounty-fairgrounds/ for fair and summer ground events and schedules.

Camping registration forms were mailed on March 25. If you paid for a camp site for the 2021 fair you will be receiving yours. Registration form and payment must be received on or before May 5. Open registration will be May 7 at the Fair Office from 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Upcoming Important Dates for the 2022 Fair:

May 1 Swine Tagging 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. May 14 Sheep Weigh-in 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Isabella County 4-H STEAM Corps News

All Isabella County youth are welcome to join 4-H STEAM Clubs. 4-H STEAM Clubs are SPIN Clubs (SPecial INterest Clubs) that focus on topics related to science, technology, engineering, art, and math. These are short-term clubs that meet 1-2 times per week and last 3-6 weeks.



If you are interested in participating in 4-H STEAM Clubs, please:

- 1) Register with 4-HOnline at https://v2.4honline.com
- 2) Complete this 4-H STEAM Club Survey https://forms.gle/dX6kZvKHC38JkoSJ6

Club topics are chosen by members and have included Crime Scene Investigation, Jr. Audubon Explorers, Monarch Conservation, Lifecycles in Nature, and CodeBreakers! Upcoming clubs include **Pollinator Power**, **Know it Owls: All About Michigan Owls**, **Making An Impression: All Things Art!** From your own creations to a Monet Art Lesson! If you are 5-19 and interested in science, adventure, exploring, learning and fun, please contact Mary Lee Humphreys at humph186@msu.edu for more information.



Join us for an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing at the Ash Foundation Building on the Montcalm County Fairgrounds (8784 Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838).

Practice Details: Thursday, April 28 and Monday, May 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This event is free and open to all.

To register: https://forms.gle/arzffQGyyjum2s7T9 or call Rachel (989)831-7514 to sign up!



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: <u>Isabella County 4-H Scholarship</u>.

Applications are due back to the Extension 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 \$1,000 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 is available at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MSU Masking Guidelines Lifted



In early March, Michigan State University (MSU) updated their COVID-19 mask guidance. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H programs occurring on and off MSU property.

As of March 8, masks are no longer required at MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H programs, events, offices or meeting rooms.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H in-person events are still encouraged to follow best practices that include meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them.

As always, the most up-to-date guidelines for Michigan 4-H can be found at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 2: Reality Fair

Heilmann Recreation Center, Detroit

Gain experience making real-life financial decisions in this money management simulation. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/realityfair

April 4: Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Goosechase Online

Join Michigan 4-H to celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child! New missions will be released every week through May 4.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase

April 7: Adulting 101—Paying for Post-Secondary Education Online

This series helps youth and young adults prepare for life on their own. Different topics will be offered each Thursday in April. The first session will explore different ways to help pay for the cost of college, trade school, and other post high school educational opportunities. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-spring-paying

April 9 or 10: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day workshop! Each day offers an independent workshop leading to its own certification. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss instructor certification spring22

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-2

April 12: Wild Spartans—Great Lakes Fish Investigations

Head out onto the Great Lakes to learn about fish of all sizes - from tiny venomous catfish to massive lake sturgeon. Meet Michigan DNR Fisheries Technician Brad Utrup and 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-2022

April 16: Montcalm County 4-H Goat Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville

Do you have a goat who you think is the GOAT (Greatest of All Time)? Bring them to the Montcalm County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Goat Educational and Fun Show. Open to all. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-4-h-goat-show

April 23: Mock Interview Day

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, Novi

Gain confidence, communication and career readiness skills as you also gain tips on networking and interviewing. Includes opportunities to practice and receive feedback. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mock22

April 28: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia

Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia2

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA



Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.

Cash Composition Contest (9-12 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, <u>age 9-12</u> have a chance to win \$100 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on "paying yourself first." Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 11. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Michigan youth <u>age 13-19</u> will compete in an online quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$100. High scoring youth will be entered into the drawing for four \$100 prizes. Contest registration must be complete by April 28. Learn more at <u>www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest</u>.

Youth who want to prepare for the contests may take part in a webinar on April 13 at 4:30 p.m. (www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13) or a self-guided learning experience (www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money).

4-H Exploration Days registration coming in April!

4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! This exciting event is open to any Michigan youth age 12 –19 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult.



Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 100 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. As youth gain important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication, they'll also have plenty of time for fun with free time activities such as skating, bowling, basketball and a dance.

Registration for 4-H Exploration Days will open in mid-April. The cost for the 2022 event is \$220. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for additional information regarding county sign-ups and scholarships or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4 h exploration days for more details.

Michigan 4-H
Alumni and
Supporters
Walking
Challenge



Starting May 1, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win an alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program! Random weekly winners will also be chosen amongst registered participants who have actively engaged in the contest during the previous week.

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge.

4-H Shooting Sports Spring Kickoff Event



Saturday, April 9 - 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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DNR Games



Safari Club Sensory Trailer
Teen Demonstrations in all Disciplines

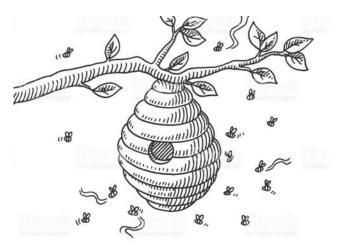






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BEElievers 4-H Club

(bee keeping)

If you are already in a 4-H Club, this can be your secondary club.

Want to find out what the buzz about bees is all about? This club is designed to teach about the ancient art of beekeeping. Begin learning about the importance of bees and travel through the world of bee development and behavior!

DATE

Tuesday, April 12 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION

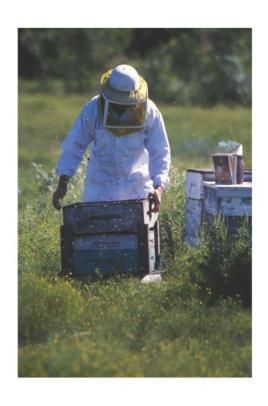
Isabella County Building

(200 N. Main Street, Mt.Pleasant MI, 48858)

3rd floor ○ Room 320

WHO

For youth ages 8 - 19

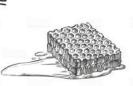


For more information about the club, please contact Karl Geiger at karlcgeiger@yahoo.com or (989) 506-2745.

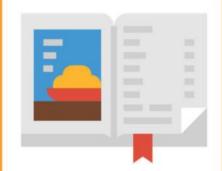


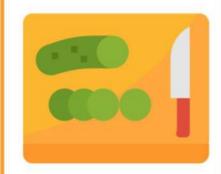
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COOKING WITH KRISTI IN-PERSON

WHEN: April 5 - May 9 (every Tuesday)

TIME: 4:15 PM - 6 PM

WHO: Youth ages 8 - 19

LOCATION: The Crossings

Community Center

(5402 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant)

COST: FREE

Registration: email Kristi at schrei61@msu.edu



LEARN:

New recipesKitchen safetyCooking terms & techniques



Adulting 101

Free Online Class

DATE & TIME:
April 7 at 5 p.m.
Paying for PostSecondary
Education

April 14 at 5 p.m.

Communication and

Conflict

April 21 at 5 p.m. Credit & Why it Matters

April 28 at 5 p.m. Rocking Resume

LOCATION:

Virtual: join a live Zoom webinar from home

COST:

Free

Prepare yourself for the future!





WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth and Young Adults interested in skills to use on their own.

DESCRIPTION:

Learn some quick tips that will help you navigate life.

Paying for Post-Secondary Education: Explore different ways to help pay for the cost of college, trade school, and other post high school educational opportunities.

Communication and Conflict: Gain some tips on communicating more effectively and how to avoid conflict.

Credit & Why it Matters: Learn about credit and how it impacts future goals.

Market Yourself with a Rockin Resume: Learn how to market yourself as we discuss the basic do's and don'ts of resume writing.

REGISTER:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/adulting101spring22

CONTACT:

Michelle Neff by hydemich@msu.edu or 989-429-2359

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MSU EXTENSION 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

June 22-24, 2022



- Experience campus living
- Develop and expand their career and personal interests
- ✓ Increase their responsibility, independence, accountability, problemsolving, decision making and time management skills





LEARN MORE TODAY!

For a list of sessions, visit:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4 h exploration days/ Participant-Information/

Registration coming in mid-April.





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



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

Get Text Reminders

To receive reminder text messages (via Remind App) with important dates and times of Isabella County 4-H events:

Text "@6c82ek6" to "81010"

SAVE THE DATES

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event April 9

> Goat Weigh-in May 1

Swine Tagging May 1

Sheep Weigh-in May 1

4-H Exploration Days June 22 - 24

4-H Camp on the Move July 12

4-H Cloverbud Camp July 19 & 20

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair July 23-30

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.

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

April 5	Teen Horse Leaders @ County Building, 3rd floor Kitchen	6 PM
5	Horse Leaders @ County Building, Room 320	7 PM
6	PEP Meeting @ County Building, 3rd floor Kitchen	6 PM
9	Shooting Sports Kick-off Event @ Isabella County Sportsman's Club	10 AM
20	Shooting Sports Committee @ County Building, 3rd floor Kitchen	7 PM
20	Small Animal Association @ Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant	7 PM
26	4-H Council @ Isabella County Building, Room 320	7 PM

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