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April 2024

Isabella County

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4-H Camp Clean-Up

Sunday, April 21 & Saturday, May 11
10 AM - 2 PM both days

Please bring work gloves, rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, staple guns, hammers, and extra people! Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided. RSVP to the Extension office by April 17 if you are able to help, even if you can only help for part of the time.

****Reminder - this is an Honor Club requirement**

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 13 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.

New Fair Book Classes

Beekeeping - Dept 12
Fair Banner - Dept 14

***NEW THIS YEAR*- Class #1406, Fair Banner** (replaces fair book cover)
Deadline July 1 - due to MSU Extension office. A color drawing measuring 8 1/2" x 11" with 1/2" of space on each edge, must depict some phase of Isabella County agriculture and/or fair scene. Cover must include fair name, city, 4-H and FFA emblems or names and the year 2024. This award may be won only once. Photos will be judged at the July Fair Board meeting. Banner will be hung in the Food Stand (or Still Exhibit Barn)

Broiler Chick Orders

Time to order your broiler chicks! Cost per bird will be \$3.93 if we order 25-49, \$3.01 if we order 50-74. Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 24.



Attention Livestock Exhibitors

Reminder - your animals must have an RFID tag in at fair weigh-in or you will be at risk for being rejected.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - We were given a cake decorating demonstration in March by a couple of members. Then we all got to experiment and have fun with frosting our own cupcakes! It was a very sticky and silly night that was SO much fun! Members started making their official fair project lists that will be talked about and ideas shared at the April meeting.

Broomfield Valley - We met in March and discussed all of the upcoming weigh-ins, possible community service, Exploration Days, and Shooting Sport dates. We went over how old everyone had to be to do each discipline in Shooting Sports. We also went over T-shirt orders, and listened to everyone's ideas about the shirt design. For our activity, we tried out woodburning old cupboard panels that we could fix up to put above possible pens at fair. Everyone got to try it and the adults helped the little kids.

Evergreen - In March, our club gathered to explore various arts and crafts projects. The older members had the opportunity to participate in a patriotic board painting session that was led by Amber Prout. Meanwhile, the younger members were taught weaving patterns and cross-stitching by Megan Bair.

Fireflies - Our club met in March and worked on identifying animal tracks in snow and sand/mud. We walked Mill Pond Park looking for evidence of animals and we used rubber molds to make clay footprints. We also put foam animal prints on flip/flops so we can make our own tracks. We will meet April 20 for a "Perk Up the Park" community service outing that will include a scavenger hunt, a "pond in a jar" project and a picnic!

Pony Creek - At our March meeting we collected our donations for God's Helping Hands as one of our community service projects. We went over the newsletter and upcoming events. At the end we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

Fair Superintendents Needed

We are looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- *Creative Writing*
- *Crops*
- *Large Animal Feed Records*

Duties include:

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

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

Moo Madness Date

Save the date - Friday, June 14
Entry forms will be available soon.

Swine Tagging

Sunday, May 5
11 AM – 1 PM

Goat Weigh-in

Sunday, May 5
10 AM - 12 PM

Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 11
8 AM – 9 AM

All take place at the Fairgrounds.

Attention 4-H Seniors

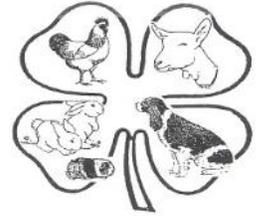
Any 4-H high school senior that would like to wear 4-H Honor Cords at their graduation ceremony, you can purchase them at the Extension office for \$15.

TSC Gift Card Winner

Congratulations to Addelyn Raby (Cowgirl Up 4-H Club) for winning the \$25 gift card during the fall Paper Clover Campaign.

THANK YOU to everyone who worked a shift at the store display!

Small Animal News



- 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 5 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds.
- Rabbit Members - join us on Thursday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Library (Annex Building) in Mt. Pleasant for an educational opportunity for you, a presentation from "*Rabbit Tutor*." Come learn tips and ask questions to help prepare you for your showmanship class competition during fair week. We hope you will save the date to take advantage of this great resource.
- If you do not already have your small animal purchase arranged, you should do so now. For example, there are only a couple of rabbit shows before the May 1 deadline and if you haven't placed an order or made contact with someone, it may be too late to get the breed you would like to have. If you wait until April 15 or later, it will be very difficult to have your animal(s) by May.
- 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. Please contact the Extension office for more details on getting approval. If you have already met with the Small Animal Association to sell in the auction and were approved, you do not have to do it again.

Potential Carnival at Fairgrounds

****Volunteers needed for successful event****

A group known as "friends of fair board" is contemplating organizing a carnival to take place mid to late June at the fairgrounds. It will feature games, crafts, food, and fun and will be a fundraising opportunity towards the Isabella County Educational Center Building Project. We are looking for a variety of volunteers.

If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact the Extension Office (989-317-4079 or msue37@msu.edu) to leave your contact information and someone will follow up with you soon. The endeavor will take several people to coordinate the event so we hope you are willing to work with us.

Isabella County 4-H Cookbook Fundraiser

4-H Council is wondering if there would be any interest in making a 4-H cookbook as a fundraiser. If you would be interested in contributing to and/or purchasing a book, please email Becki (beckimikec@gmail.com) and let her know.

Rabbit Members

Educational opportunity on May 23 for you with a presentation from "*Rabbit Tutor*."

Come learn tips and ask questions to help prepare you for your showmanship class competition during fair week.

Join us on Thursday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Library (Annex Building) in Mt. Pleasant. We hope you will save the date to take advantage of this great resource.

Fair Board News

Fair Camping - sign-up for new campers was held on March 23. All campsites are reserved for the 2024 fair. If you were unable to get a site, you may call Deb (989-400-1082) and put your name on the cancellation list.

We have a new amusement company, "Family Fun Tyme Amusements." You may check them out at [FamilyFunTymeAmusements.com](https://www.familyfuntyme.com). They will be offering a presale, more details will be available in the June newsletter. They will be available the first week of June.

The restroom by the Fair Office will be remodeled before the fair. We are excited to be able to get this much needed project done.

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 is available at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

4-H Shooting Sports Spring Kickoff Event



Saturday, April 13 – 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



COME JOIN US FOR

Games



Teen Demonstrations in all Disciplines

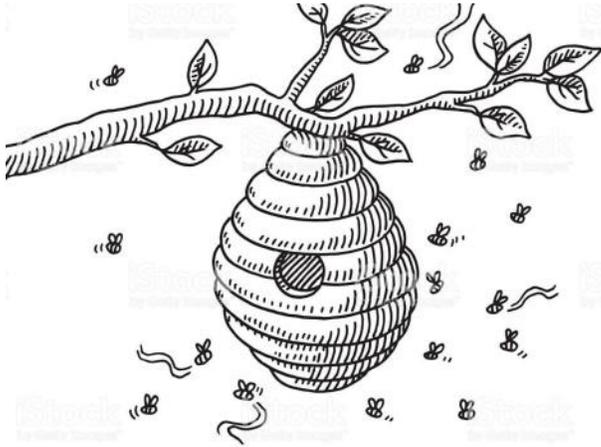


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BEElievers 4-H Club

(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

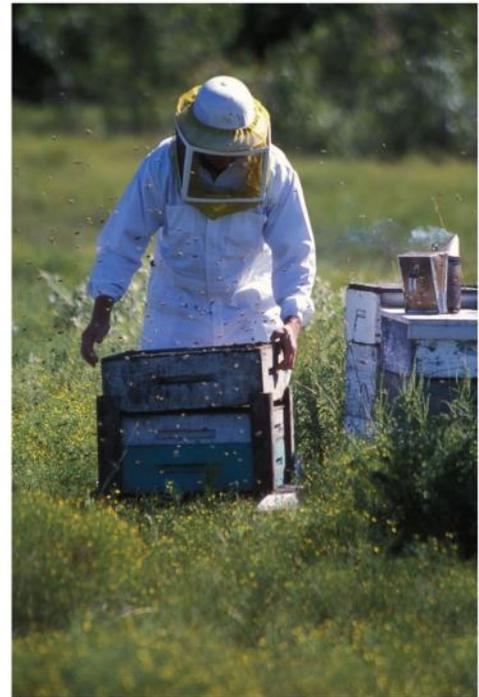
Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION

Shepherd Library
(257 W. Wright Ave., Shepherd, MI 48883)

WHO

For youth ages 8 - 19



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



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HORSESHOE HAY DAY

May 18, 2024 1~4pm



For Youth
Ages 5-19

VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MT. PLEASANT-ANNEX ROOM

HOSTED BY ISABELLA COUNTY TEEN HORSE LEADERS

DR. POL-HORSE HEALTH & NUTRITION
KRISTEN DEWALD- EQUINE DENTISTRY

- HORSESHOE CRAFT
- HORSE EDUCATION STATIONS
- SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS



\$10

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
YOUTH EDUCATION

Please send your check payable to ICTHL:
Meghan Schutt
3710 S Isabella Rd, APT 205
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

YOUTH NAME: _____ AGE: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

For more information contact Stacy at 989-854-2760
Other payment methods are available





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



From April 24 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

March 3-May 4: JOANN 4-H Campaign

Stores across Michigan

While visiting your local JOANN store, you can support 4-H by adding a donation or rounding up at checkout.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/joann-s-clover-for-kids-campaign>

April 3: Keeping Your Money Safe

Online

Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/keeping-your-money-safe-4-3>

April 10: Adulting 101 Series - Cover Letter and Resume Writing

Online

By attending this workshop, you can start or improve a resume or cover letter. Gain tips and tricks and be ready to apply for that opportunity!

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

April 22: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Working with Cloverbuds

Online

Come attend this session to learn and share techniques for working with Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and project ideas that work well with this age group. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

12 p.m. session: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds>

7 p.m. session: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-working-with-cloverbuds7pm>

April 27-28: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, Charlevoix

Learn about Mich. 4-H Shooting Sports mission, policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up and more. Registration deadline: April 4.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2024-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens>

May 8: 4-H and FFA State Meats Judging Contest

East Lansing

By participating, contestants show their ability to evaluate carcasses and identify meats. This contest will include individual and team competition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-meats-judging-contest-2024>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Sign up for the Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge!

Starting May 5, 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 a 4-H 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.

Miles walked/ran will be collected weekly through a Google form; this form will be sent upon completion of the registration. Each week, the top contestants will be based on the number of miles logged from Sunday to Saturday. Individuals will report their miles by Sunday at 11:59 p.m. ET. Submissions received later than Sunday by 11:59 p.m. ET will not be eligible for weekly prizes.

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



Michigan 4-H presents Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Join Michigan 4-H for a fun contest 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.

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

Learn how to keep your money safe in this year's sixth annual online contest. Compete with other youth across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win a \$50 gift card. Start developing good financial habits at a young age and learn how to choose a financial institution that works for you! Learn more at

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>

Get your tickets 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 Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. A portion of every ticket sold on this link will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

New this year, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers hat. Hats are redeemable on gameday in section 332.
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity. Timing and logistics of this opportunity will be released within a month of the game date.

Only tickets purchased through the Michigan 4-H link are eligible for these exclusive opportunities. This year, tickets will be available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. Learn more at

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers>





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Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

DATE & TIME:
 Saturday, May 18, 2024
 Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:
 Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show
 171 E Prosper Rd
 Falmouth, MI 49632

COST:
 \$2.00 entry fee
 \$3.00 per class
 Pay at the door in cash or
 check payable to Missaukee 4-H
 Advisory Board.

CONTACT:
 Susan Beerens
 Missaukee MSU Extension office
 beerenss@msu.edu
 231-510-8701

REGISTER:
 Scan QR code to register.
 Registration ends May 5, 2024








DESCRIPTION:

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
- Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available
- Grand & Reserve Rosette and awards.
Prizes for all Cloverbuds.
- Open to all youth

Classes include:		Age Groups Are:
Showmanship for:	Skill A Thon for:	17-19
* Chicken	* Poultry	14-16
* Duck	* Rabbit	11-13
* Turkey		8-10
* Rabbit		5-7 Cloverbuds
* Cavy		

These ages represent the age you were on January 1, 2024.




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



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

Get Text Reminders

To receive 4-H 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 Kick-off Event
April 13

4-H Camp Clean-Up
April 21

Goat Weigh-In
May 5

Swine Tagging
May 5

Sheep Weigh-In
May 11

4-H Camp Clean-Up
May 11

4-H Exploration Days at MSU
June 19-21

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 20 - 27

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

April 2	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
13	Shooting Sports Kickoff @ Sportsman's Club	10 AM - 1 PM
17	Small Animal Association @ First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant	7 PM
21	4-H Camp Clean-up @ 4-H Camp	10 AM - 1 PM
23	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM

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