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March 2022

Isabella County

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4-H Food Stand Cook needed for July 23-30

Duties and responsibilities include cleaning and prepping the 4-H Food Stand building and equipment prior to the fair, ordering all the food, beverage and miscellaneous supplies needed, picking up and/or supervising delivery of orders, planning daily menu options, supervising the kitchen and kitchen help during the week and clean up of the kitchen and equipment after the fair. Hours traditionally have been from 7:30 am - 10:00 pm with splitting up working shifts. Hours can be negotiable. This position could be split between two people who would collaborate together. Cooks must be ServSafe Certified (4-H Council would pay for the training to become certified) and 4-H Council will pay a stipend for this position.

Interested persons contact 4-H Program Coordinator Kristi Schreiber at 989-330-5131 or 989-317-4079 schrei61@msu.edu for more information.

Attention Fair Superintendents

If you have any class changes for your project area in the fair book, please send them to Kapre Filhart at kaprefilhart@gmail.com.

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.



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.

A new project record form for the pocket pet area will be available at the Extension office by May 1, 2022. 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.



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CLUB CORNER

Barn Yard Kids - We met in February and learned about dental health, nutrition, and did a pound exercise.

Beal City Pioneers - In February we met and celebrated Valentine's Day by making cards for Isabella County Commission on Aging.

Evergreen - During our February meeting, we had a guest speaker, Andrea Graham, talk about storyboards that are being put up in Isabella County. We also made Valentine's Day cards for residents of the Rosebush Manor. Our club is hosting a chocolate workshop during the March meeting, open to the community.

Retrograde Rhapsody - At our February meeting, we wrapped up and reflected on our community service project. We also voted on our annual documentary to discuss at our March meeting. And then...the entire club was deserted on Skull Island. We worked together to solve puzzles and outwit the local pirates. With teamwork and clever thinking we escaped Skull Island together via a row boat before time ran out. It was truly an escape room adventure to remember, and we were rewarded with pirate themed snacks.

New 4-H Club – Fireflies

There's a new club in town and we'd love to have you join us! Our first meeting will be Saturday, March 12, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon at 1106 W. High St., Mt. Pleasant. Our 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.



Please contact Mary Lee Humphreys at humph186@msu.edu with any questions.

Attention 4-H Seniors

Any 4-H high school senior that would like to wear 4-H Honor Cords at their graduation ceremony, please contact the Extension office by April 15 to reserve your honor cords. There will be a \$15 fee for the cords that WILL be refunded upon return of the cords in good condition to the office. Those seniors who wish to keep their honor cords may purchase them for the same amount.

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. 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, Winter Science, the Art of Math, Jr. Audubon Explorers, Monarch Conservation, Lifecycles in Nature, and CodeBreakers! Upcoming clubs include Winter Gardening, Know it Owls: All About Michigan Owls, At Your Service: Service Learning, and any other topics the members suggest!

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.



Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

Saturday, March 19, 2022

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Isabella County Fairgrounds



Animals cannot weigh over 250 lbs. and must be:

- One of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, or Jersey
- Castrated & Dehorned

Each member can either:

- Weigh in a maximum of two feeders or,
- Within immediate families of more than one exhibitor: each member may weigh in one feeder, and one "family alternate" can be weighed in for the family. Only one feeder per exhibitor can be brought to fair when a family alternate has been weighed in.

It's required that by Fair, every feeder must have a RFID tag (radio frequency identification) in their ear. If you have any questions, contact Superintendent Mike Lattimer at (989) 513-7839.

Fair Board Information

All exhibit information and rules are available at: <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021>

Camping Registration forms will be mailed the week of March 28 and must be returned with payment by May 4. Open sign up will be May 7 at the Fair Office.

Livestock Producers News - Upcoming Important Dates for the 2022 Fair:

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| March 19 | Dairy Feeder weigh-in 8 a.m. – 12 noon |
| May 1 | Swine Tagging 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| May 14 | Sheep weigh-in 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. |

2022 4-H Shooting Sports Events

Dates:

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



FREE Sewing Machine & Gardening Tools

If any 4-H member is in need a sewing machine or gardening tools, please contact the Extension office at (989) 317-4079 for more information.



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](#).

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

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops



Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop!

Held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon on April 9 and 10, workshops will offer hands-on training that compliments virtual video instruction.

Participants will learn about the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports' mission and policies, risk management, safety, equipment use and care, teaching methods, positive youth development and more.

Each day will offer different certifications with choices among archery, rifle, shotgun, and hunting and wildlife disciplines. First Aid/CPR and Project WILD/Learning Tree will be concurrent sessions.

Register by March 15. To learn more, contact Laura Quist at quistla1@msu.edu.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 2: Virtual School Garden Education Sessions

Online

This six-week series that will occur every other Wednesday through May 11. Attendees will leave each session with 2-3 lesson ideas for teaching in the garden.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-school-garden-education-sessions-spring-2022>

March 3: Paying for Post-Secondary Education

Online

Learn the many ways to fund your education after high school so you can minimize your debt while investing in yourself.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-3-3>

March 5: 4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

Demmer Shooting Sports and Education, Lansing

Become a trainer for the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program! Trainers facilitate instructor certification workshops for teen and adult volunteers in the 4-H shooting sports project area.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss-trainer-workshop>

March 8: Wild Spartans Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conversation

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march-2022>

March 9: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Resumes and Cover Letter Review

Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your resume and/or cover letter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-resumes-and-or-cover-letter-review>

March 16: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training—Application Review

Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your application.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-application-review>

March 18—20: Animal Science Career Quest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Learn about all the opportunities an animal science education can bring them, not just as an undergraduate student, but long-term post-graduate, career options, and beyond.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>

March 26: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-contest-2022>

March 27: 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine conformation and performance while giving an oral explanation of your class evaluation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest-2022>

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



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Michigan 4-H Dog Program Learning Workshop

For youth ages 8 - 19

DATE & TIME:

March 26, 2022

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION:

Isabella County Commission
on Aging
2200 S. Lincoln Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

COST: \$20/person

TO REGISTER:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/
Dog2022/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Dog2022/)



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Agenda:

- 8:30 - 8:50 Check In - Lobby
- 9 - 9:45 Welcome/Opening Session
- 10 - 10:45 Session Block #1 *(all sessions will be repeated so that attendees can participate in them all)*
 - Nutrition - - Kenny Rangi, DVM
 - Fundamentals in off leash work - - Diane Gaw
 - Developing a proper warm up exercise program - - Anna Schloff
 - A look into Nosework - - Nancy vonKoehnen
- 11 - 11:45 Session Block #2 (repeat of session block #1)
- 12 - 1 Lunch
- 1:10 - 1:55 Session Block #3 (repeat of session block #1)
- 2:05 - 2:50 Session Block #4 (repeat of session block #1)
- 3 - 3:30 Panel Discussion with Instructors & Closing



***The Michigan 4-H Dog Project Learning
Workshop is sponsored by Michigan
4-H Youth Development Programs,
Michigan State University Extension***



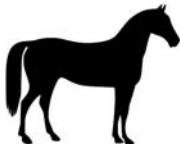
Isabella County 4-H

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 physical, developmental, emotional or multiple disabilities. With the help of trained and caring volunteers, riders can improve balance, coordination, posture and muscle tone. Horseback riding also increases self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and social growth. Most of all, horseback riding is fun!!

Our 2022 riding dates are 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, and 7/30 starting at 5:30 pm in Mt. 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 PEP Instructor Mallory Wilson at Mallory.wilson20@gmail.com.



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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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Flustered over 4-H Finances?

March 30th
7 - 8pm
via Zoom



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- Where do I start?
- What is a Treasurer's Report?
- Who is responsible for.....?
- Where can I find information about.....?

Do these questions sound familiar? If they do, the upcoming 4-H "Leading the Way to Financial Accountability" virtual training is meant for you! Learn how to use the financial manuals for volunteers and treasurers, tips and tricks for staying organized, and financial best practices!



MSU EXTENSION 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

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June 22-24, 2022

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lodging, all event
activities
and a T-shirt.



LEARN MORE TODAY!

Contact your local MSU Extension Office

OR

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index

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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

Chocolate Workshop

March 6

Dairy Feeder Weigh-in

March 19

Pollinator Workshop

March 29

Plant Science at the Dinner Table

March 29

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event

April 9

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

Isabella County Plat Books

Cost for each book is \$30 and can be purchased at the MSU Extension office, Isabella County Register of Deeds, Colonville Country Store, Jay's Sporting Goods, Farm Service Agency in Mt. Pleasant, or Farwell Trading Post.

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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| March 1 | Teen Horse Leaders @ County Building, 3rd floor Kitchen | 6 PM |
| 1 | Horse Leaders @ County Building, Room 320 | 7 PM |
| 10 | PEP Open House @ COA | 5 - 8 PM |
| 16 | Shooting Sports Committee @ County Building, 3rd floor Kitchen | 7 PM |
| 16 | Small Animal Association @ Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant | 7 PM |
| 21 | PEP Meeting @ County Building, 3rd floor Kitchen | 5:30 PM |
| 22 | 4-H Council @ Isabella County Building, Room 320 | 7 PM |
| 29 | Pollinator Workshop @ County Building, Room 320 | 2 - 4 PM |
| 29 | Plant Science at the Dinner Table @ County Building, Room 320 | 6 - 8 PM |

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