



CLOVER CHRONICLES

November 2025

Isabella County

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*****Fair Dates Next Year - August 2-8, 2026*****

Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 13
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Isabella County Fairgrounds



All beef project members must bring their market beef animals to the fairgrounds to be weighed and tagged. Each member may weigh-in two animals.

Award Winners

The 4-H Meritorious Service Awards and the 4-H Alumni Award were announced at the Recognition Banquet on October 10.

We thank these winners for their dedication and continuous support for 4-H. Your years of hard work and assistance are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to:

Andrew Wittbrodt - Meritorious Service Award, 4-H Leader
Matt Vogel - Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H

2024-25 4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for being chosen as Honor Clubs for the 4-H program year of 2024-25. Each club received a monetary award from the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for their outstanding participation and organization.

Aim High, Country Neighbors, Evergreen, Pony Creek

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign

Save The Dates: Nov. 28 - Dec 14

To schedule a shift, contact Liz at antveli3@msu.edu or (989) 317-4079.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - We welcomed Commission on Aging to share what they do for our community. They love getting the cards the club makes throughout the year to share with people who visit their meal sites, use the meals on wheels program, or are recipients of the February love boxes. We then welcomed two more new families and covered the monthly newsletter information and made plans for upcoming meetings. There was a pumpkin decoration making activity while everyone enjoyed snacks.

Country Neighbors - At our October meeting we decided that in December we are doing a movie night/white elephant gift exchange. We also decided on our decorating committee.

Western Spurs - We met in October and discussed how great a fair week everyone had with still exhibits, livestock and small animals. We talked about upcoming Christmas community service projects, including making wreaths for veterans at different cemeteries, door decorating at Rosebush Manor, and the Mt. Pleasant Christmas parade with the Royal Ambassadors. We also elected new officers, passed out auction pictures, reminded members to send thank you cards to fair trophy sponsors, and we recognized our seniors who are graduating this year; Jaydin Ruhle & Lilly Laney.

Livestock Weigh-In Dates

Beef Weigh-In

December 13, 2025

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

March 21, 2026

Swine Weigh-In

May 3, 2026

***Swine change - maximum weight is now 330 lbs.*

Sheep Weigh-In

May 9, 2026

4-H Council Representatives

The following volunteer leaders were selected to be 4-H Council representatives:

- Kourtney Collin
- Robert Devantier
- Toni Morgenstern
- Tina Wonsey

4-H Council officers are as follows:

President - Kourtney Collin

Vice President - Toni Morgenstern

Treasurer - Darlene Misenholder

Secretary - Becki Crampton

2024-25 4-H Teen Leaders

Name	Club	Years
Kyle Croll	Pony Creek	1 year
Noah Devantier	Aim High	1 year
Kenzie Karcher	Crackerjack	2 years
Ben Kropf	Rural Routers	1 year
Kharman Loya	Aim High	2 years
Claire Vogel	Aim High	2 years
Abigail Wilson	Aim High	1 year
Brooklyn Wilson	Aim High	1 year

2024-25 Jr. Teen Leaders

Name	Club	Years
Addelyn Raby	Cowgirl Up	1 year
Alleyah Raby	Cowgirl Up	1 year
Aubree Raby	Cowgirl Up	2 years

Seeking Teen 4-H Council Representatives

What is the Isabella County 4-H Council?

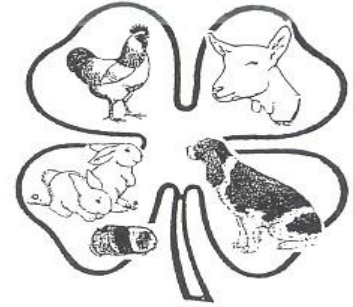
The 4-H Council is the main decision-making body for the county 4-H program. It is responsible for working with the paid staff to support county 4-H program planning, administration and policy making. Monthly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month and are open to all 4-H leaders and interested people.

Link to Teen Representative application:

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

Small Animal News

- If you sold a rabbit/poultry/goat at the fair and did not attend the banquet, your check can be picked up at the Extension office.
Please cash your checks as soon as possible because they are only good for 90 days.
- If you are not on a waiting list with a breeder for your 2026 Goat wethers or does, you should do that soon. You are able to sell a wether (castrated male) or a doe. You can contact Theresa Frederick to help with finding a breeder at (989) 621-6866.
- If you are a rabbit member, you will also want to start making some connections for your 2026 fair project.
- We are looking for teens to consider being fair superintendents. If you are interested, please review the requirements for these positions here: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms



It's Paper Clover Time!

Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.



**TSC TRACTOR
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Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion

This is a great community service opportunity!

Help is needed (youth and adults) to work the table at the store for the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run Nov. 28 - Dec. 14. 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 to make arrangements).

Isabella County 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 TSC gift card drawing for anyone that works a shift. Everyone that works will receive a ticket for working that will be collected and a winner will be drawn. 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.

2024-2025 4-H County Medal Winners

Award Area	Name
Animal Science	Aubree Raby Claire Vogel
Baskets	Brynlee Rydman
Beef	Jonathan Cole
Cake Decorating	Sarah Goward
Candy Making	Aubree Raby
Canning	Addelyn Raby
Cats	Alleyah Raby
Collections	Jackson Bouman
Container Gardening	Reese Weber
Creative Writing	Addelyn Raby
Cut Flowers/Flower Designs	Falon Winnie
Dairy Feeders	Rhianna Armstrong Maci Pniewski Taylor Recker
Dogs	Dayna Schutt Savannah Stoke
Environmental Education/Energy/Safety/Animal Science	Kyle Croll
Exploring Your Heritage	Addelyn Raby
Fiber Art	Maci Pniewski
Field Crops	Kyle Croll
Food Preparation	Daniel Devantier Charlotte Lott Hailey Pestel
Glass, Plastic, Wood, Paper & Stone Art	Maddison Batenburg Grace Derby Makaila Jenkins Jaylah Kequom
Goats	Rhianna Armstrong Kenzie Karcher
Horse	Brecklyn Cornell Alleyah Raby
Knitting & Crocheting	Maddie Anderson Wyatt Pestel
Large Animal Records	Brody Croll Claire Vogel
Leadership	Ben Kropf Kharman Loya
Leathercraft	Landon Ryckman
Livestock Judging	Finley Foster

Award Area	Name
Metal Working	Bryson Bower
Painting & Drawing	Tessa Goffnett Regan Marshall
Personal/Household/Pet Care	Maddison Batenburg
Photography	Kyle Croll Kamryn Walch
Poultry	Ian Fisher Sarah Goward Kharman Loya
Public Speaking	Kenzie Karcher
Quilting	Claire Vogel
Rabbits	Ella Frederick Kharman Loya Claire Vogel
Sewing (non-wearable)	Cora Finney
Sewing (wearable)	Adrianna Moore
Sheep	Brecklyn Cornell Madelyn Jensen Parker Johnson
Shooting Sports	Jonathan Cole Audree Goffnett
Small Animal Records	Addelyn Raby
Swine	Jonathan Cole Dawson Pestel Jaydin Ruhle Dayna Schutt
Talent	Audree Goffnett
Vegetables	Sarah Goward Abby Wilson
Wearable Art	Hailey Pestel Kamryn Walch
Woodworking	Paul Derby Izabella Mead Madison Moeggenborg Paige Sian

THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



The 4-H Thriving Model and 4-H Beyond Ready work hand-in-hand to prepare youth for success. The Thriving Model focuses on how quality 4-H experiences help young people grow by building sparks, relationships, and a sense of belonging that leads to thriving. Beyond Ready builds on this foundation by helping youth take what they've learned and apply it school, careers and real life.

Together, they ensure that 4-H youth don't just gain skills, but also the confidence, adaptability, and resilience to use those skills in the future. Through this connection, young people are not only supported in their personal growth today but are equipped to be "beyond ready" for whatever comes next.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 10 – December 15: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Caregivers of toddlers to teens will explore eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence and developing character. Participants will meet for six week on Mondays.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-november-december->

November 11: Wild Spartans – Wildfire & Warriors: Science Where You Least Expect It

Online

Meet Michele Richards, natural resources and wildland fire program manager with the Michigan Army National Guard. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026>

November 12: 4-H Chef Turkey Cheese Ball

Lenawee County MSU Extension Office, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will create a cheese ball that is perfect as a Thanksgiving appetizer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-turkey-cheese-ball>

November 13: Adulthood 101 – Conflict Resolution and Civil Discourse

Online

Participants will learn how to manage disagreements with respect and open-mindedness, paving the way for stronger, healthier relationships. Leave with strategies to approach conflict confidently, express oneself respectfully, and find common ground with others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-toughtalks>

November 15: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Diwali

Flat Rock Public Library, Flat Rock

Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop invites participants to learn about the traditions and cultural significance of Diwali, one of India's most celebrated holidays.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-diwali>

November 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: So You Want to Be a Club Leader?

Online

Thinking about leading a club or want to refresh your leadership skills? Join to learn what it takes to be an effective and inspired club leader—from logistics and communication to culture and connection.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 28 – Dec. 14, 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 at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.

Join the 4-H For Good Challenge!

A simple act of kindness can spark a ripple of good — and you can be the spark! National 4-H Council is teaming up with Universal Pictures leading up to the release of *Wicked: For Good* on November 21 by celebrating the power of young people and communities and creating a wave of kindness.

Just like Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked: For Good*, your choices can change the world. This challenge is open to everyone — youth, families, schools, workplaces, and community groups — and it's your chance to show how one good deed can inspire another.

Join the #4HForGoodChallenge in four easy steps:

1. **Do something good.** Big or small, every act counts. Help out, give back or simply show someone you care.
2. **Share your heart hands.** Snap a pic of your heart hand and write a short post about your good deed.
3. **Post it online.** Use the hashtag #4HForGood and tag 4-H.
4. **Challenge your crew.** Tag for friends and invite them to keep the good growing!



MSU Extension hosts successful third Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol



On October 8, MSU Extension hosted the third Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

"We're immensely proud of the Michigan 4-H program, which has been shaping futures and transforming communities for more than 115 years," said Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension director. "We're grateful for the opportunity to showcase this remarkable program to our state leaders for the third consecutive year and to bring additional awareness to the life-changing impact of 4-H."

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program was held, featuring Tyler, as well as: Representative Jerry Neyer; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Jackie Venton, Michigan Department of State Chief Operating Officer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Logan Dole, Michigan 4-H youth from Clare County; and Danykah Muck, Michigan 4-H youth from Livingston County.

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H.

Coordinator's Corner – November 2025

October was a busy and rewarding month for Isabella County 4-H! We kicked things off with our annual Recognition Banquet, celebrating the outstanding youth, volunteers, and families who make 4-H so special. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, decorate, and attend—it was a wonderful evening of recognition and community pride.

We also had an incredible showing at the CMU Homecoming Parade! It was great to see so many smiling faces representing 4-H with spirit. A big thank-you goes out to Country Neighbors and everyone who helped make our float a success—you showed the community what 4-H is all about!

October also wrapped up our re-enrollment season, and I appreciate everyone who completed their registration before the deadline. Don't forget—new members/families can still enroll until May 1, so please continue spreading the word and helping new members find the right club fit.

Looking ahead, the **Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Clover Campaign** will run **November 28 through December 14**. This is an awesome opportunity to talk with shoppers about 4-H, share your club's story, and show your passion for youth development. Every clover sold supports 4-H programs right here in our community, so your participation truly makes a difference!

Club leaders, please continue to send in your updates, photos, and stories for the **Clover Chronicles** so we can highlight the great things your clubs are doing this fall. Also, if you know someone interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, encourage them to get started in [Volunteer Central](#)—we're always excited to welcome new faces who want to make an impact.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and leadership. You help make Isabella County 4-H a strong, supportive, and inspiring place for youth to grow, learn, and lead. Together, we're helping our members be **Beyond Ready** for whatever comes next!

Sincerely,



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Still Exhibit & Small Animal Auction Checks

*Checks are now available to pick up
from the Extension office.*

*(510 W. Pickard Street, Mt. Pleasant)
The building is a two-story tan/brown color with large
black windows, on the north side of the road.*

SAVE THE DATES

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Sheep Weigh-In
May 9, 2026

4-H Exploration Days
June 17-19, 2026

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
August 3 - 8, 2026

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

November 7	Horse Leaders @ Marantha Baptist Church	6:30 PM
11	County Building Closed	
18	Shooting Sports Committee @ Commission on Aging, craft room	6:30 PM
25	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
27 & 28	County Building Closed	

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