



CLOVER CHRONICLES

April 2025

Isabella County

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4-H Camp Clean-Up

Sunday, April 13 & Saturday, May 3

10 AM - 2 PM

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 10.

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

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 12

10 AM - 12 PM

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.

Broiler Chick Orders

Time to order your broiler chicks! Orders need to be placed at the Extension office by April 18.

Swine Tagging

Sunday, May 4

11 AM – 1 PM

Goat Weigh-in

Sunday, May 4

11 AM - 1 PM

Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 10

12 PM – 2 PM

All take place at the Fairgrounds.

New 4-H Members

Reminder - the deadline is quickly approaching for any new youth members that want to join 4-H this year.

All youth must be enrolled by May 1.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz at

antveli3@msu.edu.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Our March meeting had a full agenda: club t-shirts were ordered, leadership and record keeping tips were shared by a long-time leader, rocket building and related project guidelines were discussed and another long-time leader offered assistance, a club member shared an idea that will be carried out in April and others were encouraged to be involved, and a variety of news items from the newsletter were discussed. Plans were made to participate in 4-H camp clean-up and then all kinds of "green" snacks were shared to wrap up the meeting.

Evergreen - In March, we teamed up with the Somethin' Special 4-H club from Gratiot County to create tie blankets for the Child Advocacy Center. Together, we crafted more than 50 blankets to donate!

Western Spurs - At our March meeting we went over the upcoming months leading up to fair. 4-H Coordinator, Liz Antvelink, attended the meeting to introduce herself and talk about different projects and MSU Extension. Afterwards, we played a fun game to learn the 4-H pledge.

Fair Superintendents Needed

We are looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- *Creative Writing*
- *Crops*
- *Exploring Your Heritage*

Duties include:

- Help with Still Exhibit Building set-up on Thursday, July 17
- Work your area on entry day, July 19 – helping judges, setting up projects for display
- Help when the projects are released, morning of Sunday, July 27

Please contact Liz (antveli3@msu.edu) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.

4-H Exploration Days

June 18-20 at Michigan State University

Exploration Days is an annual state youth conference that is open to all youth ages 12-19, by January 1. This event is meant to be a learning experience that will instill self-esteem, decision-making skills, independent thinking and leadership skills. Cost is \$250 which includes meals, lodging, and a t-shirt. 4-H Council will pay half the fee for Isabella County 4-H members. \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Liz Antvelink antveli3@msu.edu. Register at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

4-H Shooting Sports Events



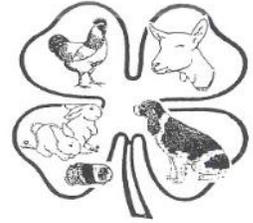
Dates:

April 12	Spring Kick Off (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
April 26	Qualifying Shoot (Registration 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting 9:30 AM, Shooting begins 10:00 AM)
May 17	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
May 31	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
June 14	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
June 28	County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Location: Isabella County Sportsman's Club (2872 W. Millbrook Rd., Mt. Pleasant)

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 with matching papers, for those not in the auction. Goat weigh-in is May 4 from 11 AM - 1 PM for MARKET doe kids and wethers. It is located in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds.
- 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.



If you have any questions, please contact Liz (antveli3@msu.edu).

Cloverbud Camp & Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 8 - 4-H Cloverbud Camp (5-7 Year olds)

Wednesday, July 9 - 4-H Camp (8-12 year olds)

Both camps will be held at the 4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake.

Adult & Teen volunteers needed! We are looking for teen counselors (14-19 year olds) and adult volunteers (must be gold volunteer) to help at both camps. If you are interested in helping at one or both camps, please contact Liz at antveli3@msu.edu.

Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Promotion

April 18 - May 5

This is a great community service opportunity!

Help is needed (youth & adults) to work the table at the store for the Spring Paper Clover Campaign that will run April 18 - May 5 at Tractor Supply Company (TSC). TSC is a great supporter of 4-H!

We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote this event at our TSC store. Clubs are encouraged to do a fundraiser at the store (need to notify Victoria at TSC first). 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 TSC gift card drawing for anyone that works a shift. Everyone that works will receive a ticket that will be collected and a winner will be drawn.

Contact Liz (antveli3@msu.edu) if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.

Isabella County 4-H Scholarship - due April 18

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 18. The scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15.

Shooting Sports Instructors Needed

We are looking for volunteer leaders (adults & teens) to become certified as 4-H Shooting Sports instructors in archery, rifle, and shotgun. You should have a basic working knowledge of and experience in the discipline in which you wish to participate. Teens must be 14 years old.

If you are interested, you must attend a certified shooting sports workshop. The next workshop is May 3 & 4 in Owosso. At the workshop, you will learn safe and proper use of guns and archery equipment that you can teach the youth.

Contact Liz (antveli3@msu.edu) if you are interested or for more details.

Fair Board News

- Work has started on the 4-H Food Stand roof, then moving on to replacing fencing.
- Camping registrations must be paid by April 9. The Fair office will be open that day from 6 PM -7:30 PM, for those that wish to pay in person. You must bring the correct change. Credit and debit cards are welcome (with a 4% fee added). Any nonpaid sites will be available on Saturday, April 12 from 9 AM - 11 AM at the Fair office, please bring the correct change. If you are interested in changing sites, the office will be open on Friday, April 11 from 9 AM – 10 AM. Your registration must have been paid by April 9 to take advantage of this. No payment will be accepted on Friday, April 11. Please use the Mission road entrance.
- Family Fun Tyme Amusements are offering advance ride passes again this year. They will go on sale April 9 for \$20. One ticket, per person/per day. Regular price is \$25, Monday – Friday and \$30 Saturday. We will have 500 passes available for sale until they are gone or until July 19.

4-H Shooting Sports Spring Kickoff Event

Saturday, April 12 – 10 A.M. - 12 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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RUNNING FOR THE 2024-2025 ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H

ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



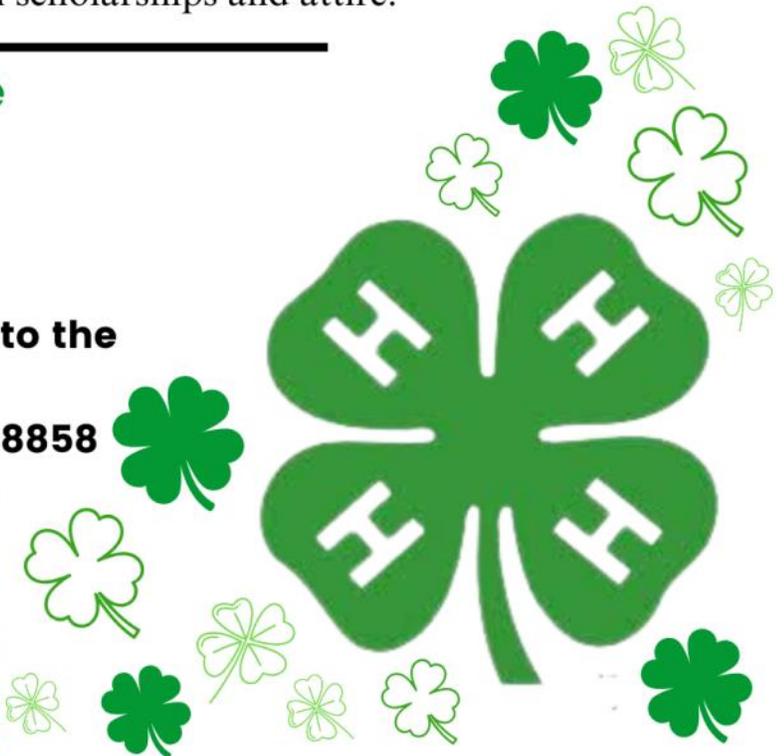
WHAT IS THE ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?

The Royal Ambassador program allows Isabella County 4Hers to represent and build relationships throughout the Isabella County area. Our ambassador leaders can learn in various areas, from projects to community opportunities throughout the year. Ambassadors will use public speaking and brainstorming, participating in multiple events throughout the fair week and the community. Royal Ambassadors will receive financial scholarships and attire.

Want to Learn more about the program and how to run?

Please contact Lillie Albaugh 989-513-8202
or lillianalbaugh@gmail.com

**PACKETS DUE FRIDAY MAY 2nd 2025 to the
MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
510 W Pickard St Mt Pleasant MI 48858**





HOW TO RUN ?



Junior (Age 8-11)

- Packet and Questions
- Write a one page letter and properly address it to our 4-H Coordinator
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

Intermediate (Age 12-15)

- Packet and Questions
- Write a 2 Page Essay
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

Senior (Age 16-19)

- Packet and Questions
- Cover letter, Resume, and 3 References
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

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To find an application head to our Isabella County 4-H Extension page at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/

Under Forms you will then go to the awards section, and all of the different age group packets will be listed.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ON COURT

There will be 6 Representatives!

SENIORS

- King/Queen Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up King or Queen Royal Ambassador

INTERMEDIATE

- Prince/Princess Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up Prince/Princess Royal Ambassador

Junior

- Duke/Duchess Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up Duke/Duchess Royal Ambassador





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EQUINE VACCINE CLINIC

ANNUAL VACCINE CLINIC

Come join Dr. Martin from Animal Health Associates and get your horses vaccinated for the upcoming season!

AVAILABLE SERVICES:

- Pre-vaccination exam**
(Required for vaccinations and coggins)
- 5 way**
(West Nile, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus and Rabies)
- 2 way**
(Flu/ Rhino)
- Strangles**
- Coggins**



MORE INFORMATION

-  (989) 773-3434
-  www.animalhealthassociates.net
-  Mt.Pleasant Fairgrounds
500 N. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
-  Saturday, April 5th, 2025
9am-12pm

Scan here to register!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – 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.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism>

April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

Online

This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm

April 24: 4-H Fly Fishing Series

Adrian, Michigan

Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series>

April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30>

May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs>

May 3: Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens

Owosso, Michigan

Learn about 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.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 – August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

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 Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. 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, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers



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SAVE THE DATES

Shooting Sports Spring Kick-Off
April 12

4-H Camp Clean-up
April 13 & May 3

Swine Tagging & Goat Weigh-In
May 4

Sheep Weigh-In
May 10

4-H Exploration Days
June 18-20

Cloverbud Day Camp
July 8

Summer Camp
July 9

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 19 - 26

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

April 1	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
12	Shooting Sports Spring Kick-Off @ Sportsman's Club	10 AM - 12 PM
13	4-H Camp Clean-Up @ 4-H Camp	10 AM - 2 PM
22	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
26	4-H Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM

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