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April 2021

Isabella County

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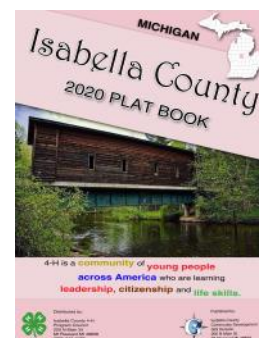
Attention 4-H Seniors

Any 4-H high school senior that would like to wear 4-H Honor Cords at their graduation ceremony, please contact Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) 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 Plat Books Now Available

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



Embryology 4-H SPIN Club



April 13 - May 18
(every Tuesday)

4 PM - 5 PM

Join now and help grow baby chicks! The club has its own incubator and participants will be watching chicks hatch virtually! A learning kit will be

mailed directly to participants and is packed full of eggs-tremely fun supplies for club activities. We'll explore parts of a chicken egg, incubator set up, incubation days 1-21 (daily chick development, candling, the hatch!), after the hatch, and chick handling.

This virtual club is FREE to join and designed for youth ages 8-12, but open to ages 5-19 (adult guidance suggested for younger youth).

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Embryology4hspinclub/>



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - In March we met via zoom and talked about the different possibilities of summer 4-H activities. Many are still hoping for some form of face-to-face options, but understand things will look VERY different going forward. Many also admitted that they appreciate the online classes/clinics but they are just tired of all the computer time. We appreciate the honesty of those comments, but also talked about that mode of delivery being the norm for the foreseeable future. It's a life lesson, not that we have to like it or agree, we just have to make the best of the situation now. We all hope public health will improve to a safe level soon, and we must all do our part at this time. Members/families are still finding service opportunities as they can, and several shared projects they have already completed.

Evergreen - We met online and learned from guest speaker Frank Cox. Frank is an MSU Extension Educator who taught us more about how to market our animals to buyers for fair.

Retrograde Rhapsody - In March, each family watched the documentary My Octopus Teacher. We reviewed the film during our meeting. Each member shared what they liked best and what they learned from the documentary. Then we met up in Minecraft and worked together to build a virtual fair. Our fairground includes barns for cows, pigs, chickens, and cats, and there is also a food barn that looks quite familiar.

Month of the Military Child Goosechase Challenge

Join Michigan 4-H as we celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child 4-H GooseChase Challenge during the month of April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan. Be sure to register soon so you can start completing missions as soon as they are released on April 1 for a chance to win prizes!

Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.



For more information and to register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MOMC/>

(participants will need to download the GooseChase app and create a username before registering for this program)

Isabella County 4-H STEAM Corps News

Currently, there are many 4-H STEAM Clubs occurring virtually throughout the state. If you are interested in Isabella County STEAM Clubs, please complete this survey <https://forms.gle/jj8ZghfdrMuRwjWr9> or contact Mary Lee Humphreys, 4-H STEAM Corps Coordinator at humph186@msu.edu for more information.

Club topics are chosen by members by completing the survey. Previous clubs have included Crime Scene Investigation, Jr. Audubon Explorers, Monarch Conservation, and CodeBreakers! Our next club will be "Backyard Science Fair", and "Birds, Bees, and Butterflies" are just around the corner.

If you are 5-19 and interested in science, adventure, exploring, fun, and learning - join a club!



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 Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) 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. Applications are due back to Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) by April 20. The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 15.

FAIR NEWS

Exciting News!

We have a new webpage! More information will be added soon. Check out the youth exhibitor's information, rules and forms:

<https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021>

Fair Camping Information

We will be holding off on camping sign up for another month. Any paid campers from 2020 will still have their same spot reserved. Notices will go out on May 1 to those that reserved but cancelled payment, you will have until May 21 to pay. May 24 will be sign up for new campers.

Any questions, please call Deb Acker at 989-400-1082.

Fair Board/Livestock Producers Swine Tagging

Sunday, May 2

1 PM - 4 PM

****Please note - Livestock Producers sent out postcards that had an error on them, stating Saturday, May 2, but it is on Sunday, May 2.**

As a reminder, this is not 4-H related, we are just sharing information from the Fair Board since they are planning on having a youth fair with no 4-H classes.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H at JOANNs



JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JO-ANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and JOANN will donate 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Learn more at www.joann.com/4-h/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

Zoom Webinar

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

Zoom Webinar

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

April 13: Wild Spartans Series - Researching Wildfire

Zoom Webinar

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

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

April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Zoom Webinar

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H youth from April 28-May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

MSU Extension professionals have been thoughtfully creating guidelines that allow Michigan 4-H volunteers and members to conduct limited business while protecting public health. This information helps create a path forward with the **eventual goal** of in-person programming. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website will be updated every two weeks or as soon as new information becomes available.

It is imperative that volunteers and 4-H'ers alike adhere to the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities. If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

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 and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. 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 (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador, leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

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New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose.

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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”

LIKE our Isabella County 4-H Facebook page to stay up to date on all the latest news and events:



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

SAVE THE DATES

Swine Tagging
May 2

4-H Exploration Days
June 22-24

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

April		
6	Horse Leaders via Zoom	7 PM
17	Shooting Sports Committee via Zoom	7 PM
21	Small Animal Association via Zoom	7 PM
27	4-H Council via Zoom	7 PM

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“Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible.”

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