



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

December 2021

Isabella County

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## Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 4  
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.

## Attention Leaders - Annual Compliance

Check your email for a message from **Volunteer Management System** for your reminder to sign your Code of Conduct and Background check permissions, also known as Annual Compliance. Emails are sent at the following intervals 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before the deadline. See page 7 for more details and instructions.

## Lighted Christmas Parade in Mt. Pleasant

Saturday, December 4  
6:30 PM

Isabella County 4-H is having a float in the parade and we would love to have 4-H families walk alongside the float to hand out candy and 4-H information. ALL YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

We encourage everyone to dress festively and wrap themselves in lights just to make sure they are visible. If you have any lights, inflatables, or trees that you'd be willing to donate for the float that would be great.

In addition, we would love for each youth to make a homemade ornament that we can hang on the Christmas tree that will be on the float. If you would like to make an ornament, please drop them off to the Extension office by Friday, Dec 3.

## 4-H Calendars Now Available

4-H calendars are now available at the Extension office. Stop by and get one!

## CLUB CORNER

**Evergreen** - During the November meeting, members voted on a Community Service Project, and we passed out large animal auction buyer photos. Members decorated placemats for the Rosebush Manor for their Thanksgiving dinner since we are unable to prepare the meal for them.

**Retrograde Rhapsody** - Our November meeting was all about fun with robotics. The members learned how to wire complete circuits through cars with two motors. Each member worked on their own car that is able to be front wheel drive, rear wheel drive, or spin clockwise or counterclockwise. The members also decorated their cars so each car is unique. The highlight of the robotics meeting was watching what the cars are capable of, including a 360 degree flip from a stair.

## Attention Teens! Are You Interested in Serving as a Teen Superintendent?

Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years and be enrolled as a Teen Leader. Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in.

Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meetings.

Applications are available here: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella\\_county\\_4\\_h/newsletters-and-forms](https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms)

Applications are due to the Extension office by January 14.

## Small Animal Members - Auction Checks

Please remember to cash your small animal auction check soon! A few of them have not yet been cashed and they expire soon.

## 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](mailto:humph186@msu.edu) for more information.



# Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show



Saturday, January 29, 2022  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing



Open to Michigan 4-H Youth ages 8-19  
Scholarship Auction

Entry: \$4.00 per rabbit/cavy/market/fur

- Day of show is cash only by 8 a.m.
- Pre-entry by January 24, 2022 at

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022\\_state\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022_state_rabbit_and_cavy_show/)

## Additional Contests

- Educational Display
- Photography
- Breed Identification

## Further Information:

[weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu)  
517-676-7303



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This volunteer ran show offers a silent auction of quality rabbits, breed identification contest, educational poster contest as well as a photography contest. Vendors will be available to discuss all your project needs. For information and registration visit:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022\\_state\\_rabbit\\_and\\_cavy\\_show/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/2022_state_rabbit_and_cavy_show/)

## No Bake Christmas Candy Box SPIN Club

Join us as we create No Bake Holiday treats, that you can make right at home, no special molds or fancy gadgets needed. Learn to make treats for gifts, gatherings, or simply for yourself.

The club will meet virtually 6 times on December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, & 16 at 6:00 p.m.

For more information and to register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Shiawassee4HNoBakeChristmasCandySPIN/>

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Just in time for the holidays, MSU Extension is excited to launch the first-ever Michigan 4-H pop-up shop!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**December 6: Future Squad—Making a Connection in a Minute or Less**  
*Zoom Webinar*

Did you know that you make a great first impression in one minute or less with a great elevator pitch? Learn how in this interactive session for Future Squad members.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-6](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-6)

**December 7: Grow Your Money— Investing and Risk**

*Zoom Webinar*

Young people have the advantage of time when it comes to investing. Start your path to wealth at a young age and learn how to make your money work for you!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-12-7](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-12-7)

**December 11: Mason County 4-H Sweet Sales Workshop**

*West Shore Community College, Scottville, and Zoom Webinar*

Learn how to make candy and learn the financial skills to sell your own candy.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-sweet-sales-workshop](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-sweet-sales-workshop)

**December 14: Shiawassee 4-H Family Holiday Goosechase**

*Online*

Use the Goosechase app to collect the array of items requested. Upload the images and receive points for each. Get the whole family involved! Just use your mobile phone and have your family help you.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-family-holiday-goosechase](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-family-holiday-goosechase)

**December 17: 'Tis the Season to be Scientific Virtual Challenge**

*Online*

Mason County 4-H is hosting a virtual holiday and STEM-themed GooseChase scavenger hunt with prizes going to the top three finishers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-tis-the-season-to-be-scientific-virtual-challenge](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-tis-the-season-to-be-scientific-virtual-challenge)

**December 20: 4-H Future Squad - Are You Paying Yourself First**

*Zoom Webinar*

Putting aside money for the future can help you achieve your goals. Learn how to pay yourself first and create a saving habit in your life for both short-term and long-term goals.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20)

**December 20: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener**

*Lenawee Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian*

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil, and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20)

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



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

### Submit your ideas to host a session at 4-H Exploration Days!

4-H Exploration Days is a team effort and we need you! We're seeking inspiring and fun educational sessions for the 2022 4-H Exploration Days event!

An exciting pre-college program for youth ages 12-19, 4-H Exploration Days bring together approximately 1,500 youth from across the state of Michigan. The 2022 event is slated for June 22 - June 24, on the campus of MSU and now is your chance to get involved! We are looking for sessions and instructors that allow youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

Sessions will be offered in 2.5, 3 and 6 hour time blocks on Thursday or Friday. Information on instructor roles and session times can be found on the 4-H Exploration Days website under at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days/Volunteer-Information/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days/Volunteer-Information/).

Think outside the box for session ideas! Some great session topic areas in the past included: mental health/self care; a day in the life of a specific career path; recreational sports; art, culture, crafts, music, dance; animals and animal science; coding, website development and technology; and food, nutrition, basic cooking.

The session proposal process is now open until December 15.

Notification will be sent by early 2022 regarding acceptance. Please submit your session ideas online at [msu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0iFTMshS4IiYerQ](https://msu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iFTMshS4IiYerQ).

If you have questions, or would like to brainstorm session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please reach out to Laurie Rivetto at [rivettoL@msu.edu](mailto:rivettoL@msu.edu).

### Explore democracy at the 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about the nation's government.

Participants will enjoy hands-on leadership workshops, meet with U.S. senators and representatives and tour historical sites. Featuring national experts and leaders, along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country, this is a can't miss experience for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan delegation will depart by bus on Saturday, June 25 and return on Friday, July 1. The first stop along the route is the 9/11 Memorial in Pennsylvania followed by an overnight stay in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War before heading on to Washington, D.C.

Once in D.C., the group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The cost for this trip is \$2,000 per youth, which includes transportation, lodging, conference costs and most meals. Spaces for this exciting event are limited, to learn more contact Connie Lange at [langec@msu.edu](mailto:langec@msu.edu).



### Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!



Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997).

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.





## COOKING WITH KRISTI

### Learn

- new recipes
- kitchen safety
- cooking terms & techniques

Your free enrollment includes access to a private Facebook group where you can access six videos to watch on your schedule. You will also receive a PDF to go along with each video that includes the recipe and other valuable info.

This series is recommended for youth 10 and up or younger with help from an adult.

### To register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CookingWithKristi2/>



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***All youth who post pictures of all six recipes by December 31, 2021 will be entered into a drawing for a prize package of fun kitchen items! Participants who confirm they have completed the survey included in the initial welcome email will get an additional entry into the drawing. There will be up to 5 winners.***



For additional information, visit [extension.msu.edu](https://extension.msu.edu)

## Annual Volunteer Compliance

### Acknowledgements and Background Check Authorizations

Annually, volunteers are required to log into Volunteer Central to complete their Acknowledgements and Background Check authorizations. These include:

- General MSU Acknowledgement Agreement
- Code of Conduct Agreement
- Evaluation Acknowledgement
- Media Release Agreement
- Medical Agreement
- Background Check Agreement

Additionally, there may be new trainings that the volunteer is required to complete as part of their volunteer role.

In eRecruiter, the Acknowledgements and Background checks will look like this when the volunteer logs in to their profile:

Acknowledgements and Background checks: ? [Please complete](#)

Training: Welcome to MSU Extension	Complete	<a href="#">Revisit Course</a>
Training: Working with Youth	Complete	<a href="#">Revisit Course</a>

Volunteer since 01/06/2020 [View Service History](#)

If the volunteer clicks on the question mark found after the title Acknowledgements and Background checks, they will see:

Acknowledgements and Background checks: \* [Please complete](#)

Acknowledgements and background checks include:

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When a volunteer logs into eR and clicks on the link “Please complete,” they will receive a series of two pop-up windows. The first pop-up window will have the Code of Conduct, Evaluation Acknowledgement, Media Release, and Medical Agreement. Once these are completed, the volunteer will see the second pop-up window, which is where they authorize their annual background check. Both of these must be completed by the volunteer for them to receive the green “Complete” with a check mark.



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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

## Beef Weigh-In

December 4, 2021

## Chocolate Workshop

March 6, 2022

## Pollinator Workshop

March 29, 2022

## Plant Science at the Dinner Table

March 29, 2022

## 4-H Exploration Days

June 22 - 24, 2022

## Camp Counselor training

July 10, 2022

## 4-H Overnight Camp session A

July 11 - July 13 (noon)

## 4-H Overnight Camp Session B

July 13 (Noon) - July 15

## Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 23-30, 2022

## 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.

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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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## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

December 4	Beef Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds	9 AM - 11 AM
7	Horse Leaders @ McGuirk Sand & Gravel Conference Room	7 PM
16	Small Animal Association @	7 PM
De 24 - Jan 3	OFFICE CLOSED	