



CLOVER CHRONICLES

December 2022

Isabella County

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Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 3
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. Contact Emily Torres (989-944-1925) if you have any questions.

4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Sunday, February 12, 2023



ALL 4-H families are invited to attend the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H at the Spartan Women's basketball game as they take on Penn State.

Time: Game time is 3:00pm. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Ishbia Gate (formerly SW Harrison Gate), will open for those who wish to take part in those activities.

Tickets: Ticket reservations will begin in the mid-December. Look for additional information in December on the [event website](#).

Attire: Participants are asked to wear green and white 4-H and/or Extension apparel if possible. We really want to make our presence in the Breslin Center known!

Still Exhibit Auction Checks & Small Animal Auction Checks

Auction checks are available at the MSU Extension Office if you missed the banquets. Please stop in soon to get your check.

Introduction to Babysitting SPIN Club

Interested in becoming a babysitter? Want to learn more about caring for kids? Join our Babysitting SPIN Club to learn how to be a caring, trustworthy and responsible babysitter through activities and games. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Aim High members welcomed three new families at their November meeting. We had follow up conversation about service projects from the October meeting and plans were made for carrying out those activities in the spring. The group then spent time making holiday cards that will be given to Commission on Aging for distribution in their meal programs.

Dairy Dreamers - Has had a very eventful fall! Multiple members qualified for National contests with their results from Dairy Days at MSU in July. Over a long Labor Day weekend members Megan Wilson, Lydia Deters, Chloe Steiner, and Irie Moussiaux traveled to the Maryland State Fair to practice their judging skills. They also were able to visit the Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Air Force Memorial, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, and the Jefferson, Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials.

Later in September Irie traveled to the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA as part of the Michigan 4-H team. Emily and Megan Wilson, Chloe Steiner and Lydia Deters also traveled to the All-American to represent Michigan in the Dairy Management Contest. They placed third as a team with Chloe taking 3rd, and Lydia 8th individually. The girls were also able to visit some shows at the All-American, McConnells Mill Park, Gettysburg, and the Flight 93 Memorial.

As we moved into October Megan, Chloe, and Lydia headed to the National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, WI. A great time was had by all! Irie was again part of the 4-H judging team, where as part of the 2nd place team she earned an upcoming agricultural trip to Europe!

The year wrapped up with contests at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY, Lydia and Chloe competed in the dairy judging contests where the team took 3rd, Ross Kelsey, Chloe, and Lydia also represented Michigan in a virtual scenario contest as part of the NAILE youth contests offered. They received a dairy farm scenario where they had to identify things done well on the farm, and offer solutions to areas that had problems. This was done in the form of a letter written to the farmer. This year's scenario was centered around reproductive problems on the farm. Our team took first place in this contest. It was a great fall!

If you are interested in traveling, or working towards competing in some of these contests please look into joining our club! We are a secondary club to most of our members because we only do dairy so you would most likely keep the club you are currently in. You do not need to own dairy cattle to be involved! You just need an interest in farming with an emphasis in dairy. We'd love to have you check out our group.

Evergreen - Following our regular business meeting in November, we heard from Rick Ervin on the updates of the Isabella Township Park project, and we discussed community service projects for our club for the year. Then members divided into small groups to do an activity and decorate placemats to take to Rosebush Manor for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Western Spurs - In November we had a FUN meeting in the gym at the Maranatha Baptist Church. We reviewed club financials for the year, welcomed new members and introduced current members, played Animal Fact BINGO and finished the meeting playing basketball, volleyball and playing tag. We will be meeting in December for our annual holiday decorating at Rosebush Manor.

Seeking Teen 4-H Council Representatives

What is the Isabella County 4-H Council?

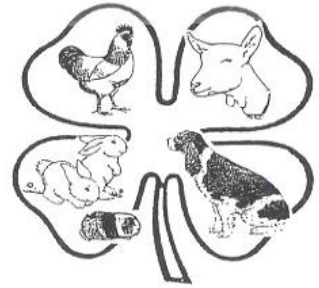
The 4-H Council is the main decision-making body for the county 4-H program. It is responsible for working with the paid staff to support county 4-H program planning, administration and policy making. The Council is charged with keeping track of "the big picture" for our county 4-H program. It assists with volunteer recruitment, 4-H awareness building, and it oversees things such as member and volunteer recognition and the county award program. Monthly meetings (the 4th Tuesday of the month) are held at the Isabella County Building in room 320, 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 this year's banquet, you can pick up your auction check at the MSU Extension Office at any time. **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 2023 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 2023 fair project. A good resource would be the State 4-H Rabbit show on January 28, 2023, at MSU Pavilion. See details on the flier on page 9.
- We are looking for teens to consider being fair superintendents. If you are interested, please review the requirements for these positions as available from the MSU Extension office. Watch for the application in an upcoming newsletter and follow the directions.



Attention Gold Volunteers

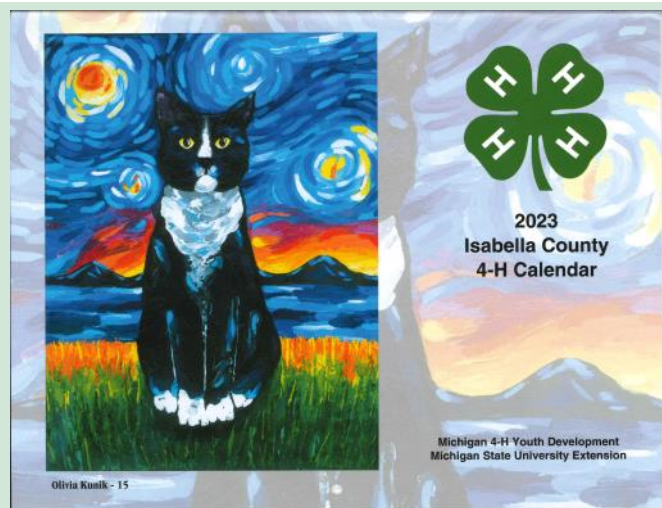
All 4-H Gold Status volunteers MUST complete the Child Abuse Reporting Protocol Training by December 31st to maintain their 4-H Gold volunteer status. This training will only take about 20 minutes. If you need help or have any questions about the training, let Kristi know.

Click on the link below and look for the Child Abuse Reporting protocol module. You will need to click "check status."

https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home

4-H Calendars Now Available

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



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Introduction to Babysitting

January 25 - March 1, 2023
(every Wednesday for 6 weeks)

AGES:
11 and up

TIME:
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

COST:
\$10/person

LOCATION:
Isabella County Building
3rd floor kitchen
200 N. Main St.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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**Interested in becoming a
babysitter? Want to learn
more about caring for kids?**

**Come to Isabella County's 4-H SPIN
Club: Introduction To Babysitting
and learn how to be a caring,
trustworthy and responsible
babysitter through activities and
games. A snack will be provided
with each class.**

To register:

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

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

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 Michigan 4-H specific 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.

December 3: Family Holiday Craft Day

Arthur Center Church of God, Clare

Bring the family and get crafty! This event is \$5 per participant.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-craft-day>

December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist

Online

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

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

December 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo

Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-december-2022>

December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/hunting-wildlife-quizbowl>

December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors

Online

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-re-certification-for-shooting-sports-instructors>

January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.

[4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop - 4-H Shooting Sports \(msu.edu\)](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop)





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.

This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.

Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.



Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.

Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer

host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to learn more and apply by January 1, 2023.

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>. 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.




4-H Shooting Sports: Opportunities for Teens

December 6 at 7 PM

Zoom Meeting

Join us to learn more about leadership and advanced-skills opportunities for youth involved in 4-H Shooting Sports. Learn about National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, State Awards, the new Ambassador program and scholarships!

Attendance is not required to participate in any program, but will provide a chance to ask questions and consider next steps to participation. Panelists include staff, Shooting Sports Advisory Board members, and current youth Ambassadors.



Zoom: December 6, 2022 at 7PM

**4 - H SHOOTING SPORTS:
OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
TEEN LEADERS
SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADORS
STATE AWARDS
SCHOLARSHIPS

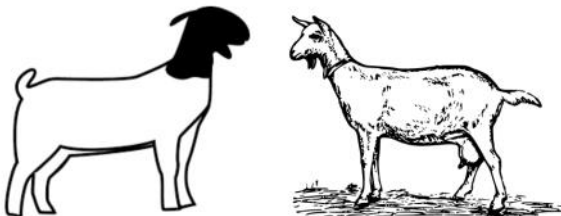
REGISTRATION: [BIT.LY/3UF2D5W](https://bit.ly/3UF2D5W)

4-H GROWS HERE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

Meeting is for members, families, staff, and shooting sports volunteer instructors.

Register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-opportunities-for-teens?fbclid=IwAR0KnzPjlr39HMwGw8blubBmay-5kc2stxvtVvE1pqZVx47DDdeTpkj7y50>

Save the Date



Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

Saturday, June 17, 2023
MSU Pavilion South Barn

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The 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show will be held on Saturday, June 17 at the MSU Pavilion South Barn.

More information will be available in the spring.



SAVE THE DATE

**Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
returns March 3-5, 2023!**

RALPH A. MACMULLAN CONFERENCE CENTER

104 Conservation Dr.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Topic: Dairy
Cattle
Nutrition

Registration opens
early 2023



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For updates and registration information, visit:

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

https://www.canr.msu.edu/dairy_cattle/

**If you have any questions, please contact Melissa
Elischer at elischer@msu.edu.**

Save the Date



State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

Saturday, January 28, 2023

MSU Pavilion for Agriculture
and Livestock Education

4301 Farm Ln
East Lansing, MI



Enter Day of Show



**This one-day event is open to participants ages 8 - 19.
To enter, exhibitors must be 4-H members and own the
rabbits or cavies they enter. Enter day show.**

More information to come.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023>

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Happy
Holidays

SAVE THE DATES

Beef Weigh-In
December 3, 2022

Babysitting Workshop
January 25 - March 1 (every Wed night)

Camp Clean-Up
April 23, 2023

Camp Clean-Up
May 6, 2023

4-H Exploration Days at MSU
June 21 - 23, 2023

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 22 - 29, 2023

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

December 3	Beef Weigh In @ Fairgrounds	9 AM— 11 AM
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
23 - Jan 2	OFFICE CLOSED	
January 3	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
16	County Building Closed	
18	Small Animal Association @ First Church of Christ	7 PM
18	Shooting Sports Committee @ MSUE	7 PM
24	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM

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