



CLOVER CHRONICLES

February 2023

Isabella County

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Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

Saturday, March 18, 2023

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Isabella County Fairgrounds



Animals cannot weigh over 250 lbs. and must be:

- One of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, or Jersey
- Castrated & Dehorned

Each member can either:

- Weigh in a maximum of two feeders or,
- Within immediate families of more than one exhibitor: each member may weigh in one feeder, and one "family alternate" can be weighed in for the family. Only one feeder per exhibitor can be brought to fair when a family alternate has been weighed in.

It's required that by Fair, every feeder must have a RFID tag (radio frequency identification) in their ear. If you have any questions, contact Superintendent Mike Lattimer at (989) 513-7839.

Fair Superintendents Needed

We are looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- Sewing, Quilting, & Buymanship
- Exploring Your Heritage
- Personal Growth/Leadership
- Woodworking & Metals

Duties include:

- Help with the Still Exhibit Building set-up Thursday evening before entry day
- Work your area in the Still Exhibit Building on fair entry day – helping judges, setting up projects for display
- Help in the Still Exhibit Building when the projects are released – last Saturday evening of fair

Please contact Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) or Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.



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Get Text Reminders

To receive 4-H reminder text messages (via Remind App) with important dates and times of Isabella County 4-H events:

Text "@6c82ek6" to "81010"

CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Club members and leaders welcomed new members to the club, talked about plans for those who will be making rockets for fair, and reviewed deadlines and details for small animal projects. We made Valentines day cards for Commission on Aging's love box project.

Evergreen - At our January meeting, we gave out the club t-shirts that were ordered. We had a guest speaker, Dexter Lynch, talk to us about his travels to Switzerland with the International Farm Youth Exchange Program (IFYE). At the end of the meeting, we broke off into small groups to do an icebreaker activity.

Pony Creek - At our January meeting we discussed having an appreciation banquet in the fall for those who have helped with our members. We also decided to donate to child advocate group. We welcomed a new member to our club.

Interested in Dogs?

Canine Clovers 4-H Club is accepting new members. You do not need to own a dog to join the club, you can borrow a dog from someone.

Contact Mary Anne Tompkins for more information at (989) 948-0535.

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

Teen Horse Leaders

Are you interested in finding out more about Teen Horse Leaders? On Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Isabella County Building, 3rd floor kitchen, there will be a meeting for any 13-19 year old (as of January 1st) that is in the horse or horseless horse project. Teen Horse Leaders plan and run activities such as paint your pony before speed day, ice cream social and helping other 4-H'ers during fair week, work horse shows, attend educational events and more. We will meet monthly and encourage any 4-H'er or parent who would like to stay for our meeting and then attend the Horse Leaders Meeting at 7 p.m. to do so. Hope to see you there!

Service Opportunity/Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help run concessions in the fairground's food stand at an event being held on June 17. There will be other events that need volunteers as well. If you, your family, your club are interested, please communicate with Angie Coldwell at angella.coldwell@gmail.com. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATES

2023 4-H Shooting Sports Events



Dates:

April 15	Spring Kick Off (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
April 29	Qualifying Shoot (Registration 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting 9:30 AM, Shooting begins 10:00 AM)
May 6	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
June 3	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
June 17	Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)
July 15	County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Isabella County 4-H Proud Equestrian Program Open House

Tuesday, March 14

6 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320

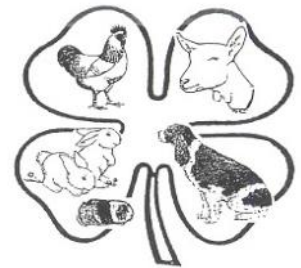
The 4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) is a therapeutic horseback riding program that is offered through MSU Extension for individuals with any form of a disability (ex. emotional, cognitive, physical, etc.) With the help of trained and caring volunteers, riders can improve balance, coordination, posture and muscle tone. Horseback riding has been shown to increase self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and social growth. Most of all, horseback riding is fun!

Our 2023 riding dates are June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18 & July 29 starting at 6 p.m. in Mt. Pleasant.

This Open House is for families and potential participants who are interested in joining the program. This time is dedicated for introductions and questions on how to get involved. If you or someone you know would be interested in riding/participating in our therapeutic riding program, contact Kristi at the Extension office at (989) 317-4079.

Small Animal News

- 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. Plan to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant. 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.
- It's not too early to make arrangements to secure whatever small animal you wish to exhibit at the 2023 fair. Reach out to someone you have worked with in the past or contact the appropriate small animal superintendent for assistance. It has become more difficult over the past few years for kids to purchase their fair animals as they are not quite as available as they used to be.
- If you're a rabbit member and still looking for your fair project, the State Rabbit Convention is a good resource. It's held March 3 - 5 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. It would be great place to find rabbits for fair. The earlier you go, the better chance of finding good options. <https://msrba.net/show-schedule/>





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on February 12! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State.

Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking and fun with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 14: Wild Spartans Series – Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility, Management of a Threatened Species

Online

Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023>

February 25: 4-H Leader Meet

MSU Campus, East Lansing

Enjoy a variety of fun and interactive sessions, informative presentations, and useful tips for meetings.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-leader-meet-2023>

February 28: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

Online

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm>

March 3-5: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

This weekend workshop will focus on all things dairy cattle nutrition. MSU and MSU Extension faculty, industry partners, and MSU students will lead educational sessions. Open to MSU Extension Gold Volunteers and 4-H youth (ages 12-19). Register by Feb. 8.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference>

March 4: 2023 Michigan 4-H Livestock Workshop

MSU Campus, East Lansing

This one-day workshop is designed for 4-H teens ages 12-19 and adult volunteers in the beef, sheep, goat and swine project areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-livestock-workshop>

March 4: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Register by Feb. 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 12-14, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights, education, energy, environment and natural resources, health or law enforcement and corrections.

The cost to register in 2023 is \$365, which includes meals, material fees and lodging at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office.

Registration is open until February 13. To find out more, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due March 15!

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 11 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/>. Registrations and papers are due March 15.

Rainbow Spartan Series

Join MI 4-H staff, youth members, volunteers, and community partners as we meet individuals and organizations in the LGBTQIA+ community in the Rainbow Spartans Series! Youth and their families will learn about the LGBTQIA+ community, support networks available, and more during these monthly sessions. Sessions last approximately 1 hour and will feature 1 guest speaker or organization. Following the presentations, youth participants will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with the presenter. Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers may watch together with their family if comfortable doing so. This series is open to non-4-H youth and is free of charge. Monthly sessions will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET through December.

For more information, check out the Rainbow Spartan Series website: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-hwrh/rainbow-spartans>

A vertical rainbow bar with a white Spartan helmet icon in the center.

JOIN US ONLINE

RAINBOW SPARTANS

Monthly webinar series for youth and families interested in learning more about the LGBTQIA+ community and support networks

Begins February 1, 2023 | 6:30 PM EST
then on the 1st Wednesday of each month

Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/rainbow/>

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4-H GROWS HERE

4-H DAY AT SNOW SNAKE! TUBING PARTY



ENJOY THIS
4-H DISCOUNT!

SEE EVENT LINK
FOR MORE INFO

OPEN TO CLARE - GLADWIN - ISABELLA

SATURDAY, FEB 4TH
FROM 10AM TO 12PM

See our event at: <https://fb.me/e/1OPfHgl6J>

A green poster with a yellow border. At the top, it says "2023 SKILLATHON" in large white letters, followed by "The Third Annual" in yellow script, and "Michigan 4-H State Championship" in white. Below that, in yellow, is "Competition of Knowledge and Comprehension of Animal Science and Livestock Management Practices". A white line separates this from the dates: "March 4 and 11, 2023 - Qualifiers" and "March 18, 2023 - State Championship". In the center are black silhouettes of various farm animals: a cow, a horse, a pig, a goat, a sheep, a rabbit, and a chicken. At the bottom left is the "MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension" logo, and at the bottom right is a white four-leaf clover with "H" and "4" on the leaves.

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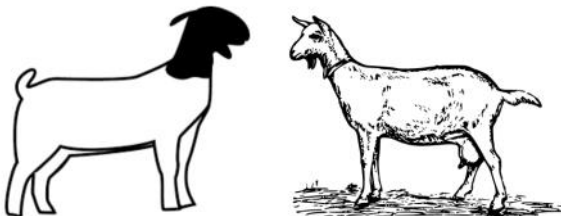
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Every March, Michigan 4-H hosts the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is an annual competition that tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in 10 separate categories. Qualifier dates are March 4 and 11, 2023. The Skillathon is open to youth (8-19 years old as of Jan. 1, 2023) and adults.

For more information:
<http://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2023-Skillathon>

Or email: 4HSkillathon@msu.edu

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.



2023 ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Would you like to run for Isabella Co. Royal Ambassador Program?

We are starting up the new year with a Royal Ambassador Program where 4-H participants can have the opportunity to grow as leaders and be a representative for Isabella County Fair. This opportunity opens up life skills such as interviews, public speaking, essays, job shadowing, planning, and more. This program is open to all 4-H participants ages 8-19. Winning royal ambassadors will receive a scholarship. Service on the team, also looks good on a Resume!

If you are interested in running in the Royal Ambassador program, we will have packets at the 4-H Extension Office or you can print a packet from the Isabella County 4-H website. Packets will be available starting February 1st, 2023. The packets will be due May 1st, 2023 by 4 PM to the 4-H Extension office. The packet has lots of information that you will need, but if you have any further questions we have our contact information on the bottom or in the packet.

If you would like to learn more about our program, we will be holding a meeting on February 9th, 2023 at the Isabella county building in room 320. Meeting will start at 7pm. We will discuss the purpose of the program, packet information, benefits of the program, our rules, and expectations, and what to expect for the program year. We will also help answer any questions or concerns that you may have about the program. Definitely recommend coming so that way we can give you tips and help you in any way possible.

Want to make a special note to young gentlemen that this program would be a great opportunity to get involved. Instead of a crown they will be receiving a cowboy hat.

Questions or Concerns- Please Contact

Lillian Albaugh at (989) 513-8202 & Email/ lillianalbaugh@gmail.com

Kourtney Collin at (989)444-2097 & Email/ kcollin10@gmail.com





REQUIRMENTS FOR



ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

[JUNIOR & SENIOR]

Participants must be 4-H age 8-19 and must have completed a minimum of 1 year in Isabella County 4-H (Including cloverbud years)

SENIOR

Running for Senior Royal Ambassador

- 4-H Age 15-19
- Complete the Senior Royal Ambassador packet with a 4-H leaders reflection (That is in the packet)
- Cover letter and Resume
- Interview and your Visual Aid

JUNIOR

Running For Junior Royal Ambassador

- 4-H Age 8-14
- Complete the Junior Royal Ambassador Packet with a 4-H leaders reflection (That is in the packet)
- 1-2 Page Essay
- Interview and your Visual Aid





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Proud Equestrian Program

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Most of all, horseback riding is fun!!

Our 2023 riding dates are 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, and 7/29 starting at 6pm in Mount Pleasant.

Isabella County 4-H PEP program is seeking horses for the upcoming year. We are also seeking horse handler/leader and side walker volunteers! If you have a horse you feel will make a great addition to the program or you personally are interested in being a volunteer, please email the PEP Instructor Mallory Wilson at

Mallory.wilson20@gmail.com



Evergreen 4-H Club

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



Saturday
February 11th
2023

Serving
4:30pm-7pm

St. Henry's Parish Center
On the corner of Mission and Vernon

Dine in
or
take home

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Suggested Donations

Adults: 8\$

Children(6-12): 5\$

5 & under Free

Maximum \$25 per Family



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proceeds will go towards sawdust expenses at the fair and educational projects for members



Puppy Raisers are Needed!

4-H and Leader Dogs for the Blind need YOU to make a DIFFERENCE!

"Your family temporarily adopts a program puppy for eleven months until they are old enough to head off to school!"

New Launch and Rollout at our Informational Meeting

FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AT 6:30

WILL ALSO BE HELD VIRTUALLY FROM THE LEADER DOG CAMPUS



APPRECIATING INDEPENDENCE

The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

CONTACT INFO:

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- Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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- LeaderDog.org
- Kristi Schreiber
- 4-H P.C Isabella Co.
- 4-H State Companion
- Animal Point of Contact
- schrei61@msu.edu
- 989-330-5131

Register at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/LeaderDogFeb23/>



SIGMA ALPHA GOAT YOGA!

When: February 23; 5-50pm, 6-6:50pm, 7-7:50pm

Where: Auditorium Room in MSU Pavilion

Cost: \$30/person

Why: Help support Sigma Alpha in their journey to support passionate woman in agriculture

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ABAF2AAAFDC43-sigma>

And bring your yoga mat/towel ;)

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

4-H Calendars Now Available

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

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Dairy Feeder Weigh-in
March 18

Shooting Sports Kickoff Event
April 15

Camp Clean-Up
April 23

Camp Clean-Up
May 6

4-H Exploration Days at MSU
June 21 - 23

4-H Cloverbud Camp
July 18 & 19

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 22 - 29

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

February 7	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:30 PM
7	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
15	Small Animal Association @ First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant	7 PM
20	County Building Closed	
28	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM

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