



CLOVER CHRONICLES

February 2022

Isabella County

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Dairy Feeder Weigh-In

Saturday, March 19, 2022

8 a.m. - 12 p.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.

4-H Council Seeking Teen Representatives

4-H teens who are interested in serving on Isabella County 4-H Council should complete an application and return it to the Extension office.

Applications available here: http://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

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 are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Isabella County Building and are open to all 4-H leaders and interested people.



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FREE Sewing Machine & Gardening Tools

If any 4-H member is in need a sewing machine or gardening tools, please contact the Extension office at (989) 317-4079 for more information.

CLUB CORNER

Barn Yard Kids - At our January meeting we got together and discussed fundraiser opportunities and community service ideas. We played animal Jeopardy where the kids got to learn about all the different animals that are at the fair and different things about showing them.

Beal City Pioneers - We collected 251 personal care items along with cash donations for Rylee's Closet in January. Rylee's Closet was created by Beal City student Rylee Sisco, to provide hygiene items to students who could not afford them or have access to them at home. The Pioneers chose this project to help their peers.

Canine Clovers - We were able to meet to vote for club leadership, work on teaching our dogs to switch from fun obstacle to obeying. We also decided on a club community service project for this year.

Evergreen - Members decorated placemats for Rosebush Manor residents at our December meeting. We also collected donations for service organizations and participated in Wreaths Across America as community service projects.

Retrograde Rhapsody - We planned our community service at our January meeting. Each family is going to make personalized Valentines. We are going to combine the Valentines into a goodie bag for each resident and staff at McBride Rosebush AFC. Our club also met up in Minecraft to build a virtual zoo. The Retrograde Rhapsody Zoo features a polar bear exhibit, a parrot enclosure, a panda bear exhibit, an aquarium, an axolotl tank, and a cat exhibit. Our virtual zoo build was a great project for team building.

4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Show Results

Congratulations to Emma, Bethany and Aubrey Block of Western Spurs 4-H Club for participating and placing in the show on Saturday, January 29!

Placings are as follows:

Emma Block: Best of Breed Florida White and Best of Breed Mini Rex. Then Emma went on to win 2 of the 3 top honors: She won Reserve in Show with her Mini Rex (Bo) and 2nd Reserve in Show with her Florida White (Houston).

Bethany Block: Best of Breed Polish (Bo)

Aubrey Block: Best Opposite Breed Polish (Aladdin)



Left picture:
Emma Block with her
2 rabbits and the
judges.



Right picture:
Aubrey Block with her
rabbit

UPCOMING 4-H WORKSHOPS

Animal & Vet Science Sampler Workshop (For 4-H volunteers and Teen Leaders)

February 12

9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Sessions include animal nutrition, care, evaluation, marketing, and more!

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

Outdoor Food Safety Small Game

February 12

6 PM

Interested in learning about food safety with regard to field-dressing small game species, specifically cottontail rabbits?

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/outdoorfoodsafetyfeb22/>

Love Your Money 4-H Goosechase

February 14 - 21

This app-based scavenger hunt is geared towards youth 13 and up, though younger youth can play with an older sibling or parent/guardian. Complete missions around money management and have the chance to win prizes!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HMoneyGooseChase/>

Clovers Who Cosplay

February 26

Participants will learn sewing, prop making, hair and makeup skills, how to cosplay on a budget and find affordable materials, and also how to behave when in character so the experience is fun for everyone.

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

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 for more information.



Isabella County 4-H participated in the Lighted Parade in December complete with a float sporting two large green lighted 4-H clovers.

Many THANKS to Andrew Wittbrodt, Isabella County 4-H Council member, who organized building the float and getting the participation of 4-H youth and families.

Also, huge thanks to Albaugh Excavating for the monetary donation for the decorations, and James and Shelly Bryant for the use of their barn, trailer and truck to make this endeavor happen!

Thank you everyone!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free tickets now available for MSU Extension Day at the Breslin !



Tickets are now available for the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Order your free tickets by Feb. 6 to receive your tickets by mail; ticket orders received after this date will be available for pick-up at the 4-H Will-Call table the day of the game.

To reserve your tickets, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/dayatthebreslin2022/>.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 2: Adulting 101—Wealth Building

Online

Build your wealth by exploring different types of saving and investment products, evaluating your risk tolerance, and setting goals.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-2-22>

February 8: Wild Spartans Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers, and conservation.

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

February 9: Adulting 101—Workplace Professionalism

Online

Gain tips on how to better manage your time, workspace, relationships and boundaries.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-9-22>

February 14: The Wizarding World of 4-H 4.0 SPIN Club

Online

The Wizarding World of 4-H SPIN club is back for round 4! Participants will read Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the fourth book in the Harry Potter series, during this SPIN club that meets the second and fourth Mondays of February, March and April.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-wizarding-world-of-4-h-4-0-spin-club>

February 16: Adulting 101—Taxes and Your Paycheck

Online

Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your take home pay.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-16-22>

February 23: Adulting 101—Food Safety

Online

We all love to eat! Learn how to properly store, cook, and handle food with safety in mind.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting2-23-22>

February 26: 4-H in the Kitchen—Second Breakfast Edition

Online

A virtual cooking workshop preparing dishes from JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings and exploring writing fantasy literature. This two-day event takes part on Feb. 26 and March 12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-second-breakfast-edition>

February 28: 2021 Shooting Sports Instructor Recertification Deadline

A deadline extension was granted to individuals holding a 2021 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification. Impacted individuals may continue working with clubs until Feb. 28, 2022.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-shooting-sports-instructor-recertification-deadline>

March 5: Shooting Sports Trainer Workshop

Demmer Shooting Sports and Education Center, Lansing

Become a trainer for the 4-H Shooting Sports program! Trainers facilitate instructor certification workshops for teen and adult volunteers in the 4-H shooting sports area.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ss_trainer_workshop

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA



4-H Love Your Money GooseChase Game

Love games? Love prizes? Love money? Michigan 4-H is offering a "Love Your Money 4-H GooseChase Game" in February. The game runs from February 14—21 and is a fun and unique way for youth to learn money management tips.

Funded, in part, through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, the game is open to youth 13 and up. For those under 13, participation can take place with a parent/guardian

or older sibling as part of a team. The scavenger hunt missions through the GooseChase app will allow youth to learn about money, have fun, and potentially win prizes! Registration and additional details can be found at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HMoneyGooseChase/>.

Improve your financial skills with 4-H Financial Fitness & Fun

Youth ages 12-19 can learn about setting financial goals, saving, budgeting, banking, credit and much more through lessons, activities, and games each Thursday beginning February 24. Topic will include money goals, paying for post-secondary education, keeping yourself out of debt, managing credit wisely, investing and risk, budgeting, your first paycheck and taxes, avoiding money mishaps, saving and banking basics.

All 4-H Financial Fitness and Fun live sessions will be on Zoom and later available on the MSU Extension [4-H Youth Money Management](https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HFinFit22/) website. Youth may attend any or all of the sessions, but the first 100 youth to attend all 10 sessions will be eligible for a \$50 savings incentive!

This program is made possible by a grant from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. To register visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HFinFit22/>.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute applications 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. On May 12, youth will join together to become inspired and prepared as 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 how it is affected by one of 20 key factors that impact food security. At the event, youth will present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They will also participate in an interactive session with global challenge experts to learn more about topics related to global food and food security.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be considered as possible delegates to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in October. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/. Registration will open on February 1; registration and papers are due by March 15.

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2023 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 28. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.



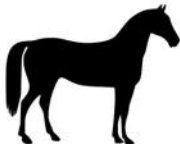
Isabella County 4-H

Proud Equestrian Program

The 4-H Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) is a therapeutic horseback riding program that is offered through MSU Extension for individuals with physical, developmental, emotional or multiple disabilities. With the help of trained and caring volunteers, riders can improve balance, coordination, posture and muscle tone. Horseback riding also increases self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and social growth. Most of all, horseback riding is fun!!

Our 2022 riding dates are 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/12, 7/19, and 7/30 starting at 5:30 pm in Mt. 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 PEP Instructor Mallory Wilson at Mallory.wilson20@gmail.com.



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4-H STATE AWARDS PREPARATION TRAINING

LOCATION: Your computer or tablet

COST: Free

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth who are interested in applying for Michigan 4-H State Awards!

PREPARATION OPTIONS:

- March 9, 2022 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Resumes and/or Cover Letter Review: Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your resume and/or cover letter.
- March 16, 2022 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Application Review: Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your application.
- May 5, 2022 6:30-7:30 p.m. or
- May 10, 2022 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Mock Interview and Tips: Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback.

REGISTER AT:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/AwardsPrep2022>

MSU EXTENSION 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

June 22-24, 2022

YOUTH WILL:

- ✓ Experience campus living
- ✓ Develop and expand their career and personal interests
- ✓ Increase their responsibility, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision making and time management skills

\$220

covers meals,
lodging, all event
activities
and a T-shirt.



LEARN MORE TODAY!

Contact your local MSU Extension Office

OR

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/index

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<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

MSU Extension Day at the Breslin Center

February 27

Chocolate Workshop

March 6

Dairy Feeder Weigh-in

March 19

Pollinator Workshop

March 29

Plant Science at the Dinner Table

March 29

4-H Exploration Days

June 22 - 24

Camp Counselor training

July 10

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

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.

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

February 1	Horse Leaders @ McGuirk Sand & Gravel Conference Room	7 PM
16	Shooting Sports Committee @ Isabella County Building, Kitchen	7 PM
16	Small Animal Association @ Isabella County Building, Room 320	7 PM
21	PEP Meeting @ County Building, 3rd Floor Kitchen	5:30 PM
21	County Building Closed	
22	4-H Council @ Isabella County Building, Room 320	7 PM

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