



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

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Isabella County

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## 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.

**Tickets:** <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hdayatthebreslin2023>

## 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.

## 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 due to the Extension office by January 13 and 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)

## 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"



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## CLUB CORNER

**Beal City Pioneers** - we had a busy December. Members voted to adopt a family through the United Way. We were able to provide a nice Christmas for a family of six. Members built their first ever float for the Beal City Hometown Christmas lighted parade. Hundreds of lights covered our float, depicting a barn door on the back side and a family Christmas on the wagon. Members used their building skills and creativity to build the float. It was a lovely evening in Beal City with 4-H'ers volunteering, riding on the float and walking in the parade handing out candy. We cannot wait for next year's event!

**Bowen Busy Bees** - members collected toys at their December meeting. They donated over 50 new toys to Toys for Tots.

**Evergreen** - at the December meeting, we collected donations to give to REAP. We voted to spend our fun day for the club at the movie theater. After the meeting was adjourned, members decorated ornaments to put on our club's Christmas tree at the Rosebush Manor.

**Lincoln Center** - at our December meeting we got together to celebrate Christmas by supplying personal care products for Rosebush Manor nursing home residents. We also adopted 2 families from the Foster Family Program. We spent the afternoon celebrating with some snacks and a white elephant gift exchange.

**Lucky Clover** - we did a community service project in December at the Commission On Aging. We baked and decorated 200 cookies for the Meals on Wheels program to be delivered in the meals for the Senior Citizens. We had a pizza party for the kids at that time. It was a fun way to give back to the seniors.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms)

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## Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners

Rosebush Manor would like to congratulate the winners of their annual Christmas tree contest. Evergreen 4-H Club won first place and Bowen Busy Bees 4-H Club was second place.

Thank you to Lincoln Center 4-H Club for doing gift bags for the residents.

We would like to thank all the 4-H clubs for their participation and helping us make our home so festive during the holiday season!

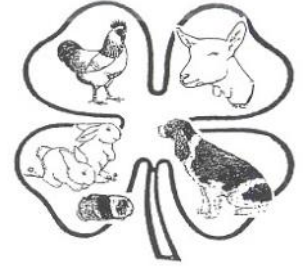
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## Teen Horse Leaders

Are you interested in finding out more about Teen Horse Leaders? On Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30 pm - 7 pm 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 pm to do so. Hope to see you there!

## Small Animal News

- If you have been enrolled in a small animal project for at least two years and are enrolled as a Teen Leader, and are interested in applying to be a Teen Superintendent during fair week, please complete the appropriate form and turn it in at the Extension office no later than January 13. You will be contacted in February if you are selected for one of the positions.
- 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, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at First Church of Christ, 1610 Broadway, 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.
- 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 7.



## ADULTING 101 JANUARY-APRIL 2023



- 1-31 @ 5pm-International Conversations
- 2-23 @ 6pm-Insurance 101
- 3-16 @ 4pm-Paycheck and Taxes
- 4-12 @ 6pm-Build & Protect your Credit

Register at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting101w23>



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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

## Save the date for Michigan 4-H equine events



Michigan 4-H equine programs are gearing up for a busy year! If you are an equine enthusiast, be sure to mark your calendar for these dates and look for additional information in the weeks and months ahead.

- February 3-4:  
Horse Judging  
Workshop and  
Practice Contest
- March 18:  
Michigan 4-H  
Hippology Contest
- April 15:  
Hairy Horse Show
- April 16:  
Michigan 4-H/FFA  
Horse Judging  
Contest
- August 18-20:  
State 4-H Horse  
Show

For more information on events, [www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](http://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information).

### January 10: Wild Spartans - Working Towards a Career as a Wildlife Biologist Online

Meet Erin Johnston, wildlife biologist - wildlife and habitat section lead for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the Michigan Natural Resources Department. Learn about researching, managing and protecting species with cultural significance, as well as Johnston's field work, and the education and career path she followed.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-january-2023)

### January 14 – 15: Michigan 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference MSU Pavilion, Lansing

This annual event is open to all judges, horse show managers and adult volunteers.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference)

### January 16-20: 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl Online

4-H members test their shooting sports and natural resources knowledge with peers across the nation. Registration should open around Jan. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl)

### January 28: State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

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

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-cavy-show-2023)

### January 31: Adulting 101- International Conversations

Online

Join us for an engaging cultural conversation live and learn about another country. Gain new knowledge and ask questions that interest you with an international guest.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-international-conversations)

### February 11: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Paw Paw Conservation Club, Paw Paw

Interested in leading Hunting & Wildlife shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a Certified Instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration closes Feb. 1.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-pawpaw)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## 2023 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Make plans to join us for the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, February 12, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center on MSU's campus. Tip-off is 3 p.m. with gates opening to the public at 1:30 p.m.; come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse.

Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff for this annual event! Tickets will soon be available at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).

## Registration is now open for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest!

Are you interested in a career working with animals? Join us for 4-H Animal Science Career Quest to learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort between Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, and its focus is introducing youth to the wide variety of career options available to them within these fields.

This event will be on February 18-19 on MSU's main campus in East Lansing. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers, and participants can choose to attend one or both days. Space is limited, so don't delay! Register now at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>.

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

*Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension.*

*Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.*

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



# 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.**

**Link to Show Catalog:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tagP5u9Tpukzvcdl29Y7f7DFMaCaE5C2/view>

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



A green poster with a yellow border. At the top, '2023 SKILLATHON' is written in large white letters. Below it, 'The Third Annual' is in yellow script, followed by 'Michigan 4-H State Championship' in white. A subtitle in yellow reads 'Competition of Knowledge and Comprehension of Animal Science and Livestock Management Practices'. The dates 'March 4 and 11, 2023 - Qualifiers' and 'March 18, 2023 - State Championship' are listed. The center features 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 four-leaf clover logo with 'H' and '4' on the leaves.

**2023 SKILLATHON**  
*The Third Annual*  
**Michigan 4-H State Championship**  
*Competition of Knowledge and Comprehension of Animal Science and Livestock Management Practices*

March 4 and 11, 2023 - Qualifiers  
March 18, 2023 - State Championship

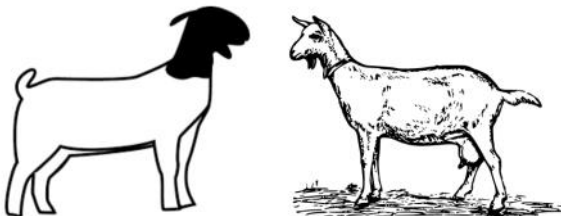
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Every March, Michigan 4-H hosts the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is an annual competition that tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management 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](mailto: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.*





# 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/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/dairy_cattle/)**

**If you have any questions, please contact Melissa  
Elischer at [elischer@msu.edu](mailto:elischer@msu.edu).**



## 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

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# 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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<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!

# **SAVE THE DATES**

## **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

## **4-H Cloverbud Camp**

July 18 & 19, 2023

## **Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair**

July 22 - 29, 2023

## **Isabella County 4-H Calendar**

January 3	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
16	Office 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
25	Babysitting Class @ MSUE	6:30 PM

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