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January 2022

Isabella County

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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 14 and are available here: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

Cooking with Kristi Series (In-Person)

This FREE program is taking place January 18 - February 22 (every Tuesday) at 4:15 p.m. at the Crossings Community Center on Broadway in Mt. Pleasant. Open to all youth ages 8 - 19. More information can be found on page 7.

To register, email Kristi at schrei61@msu.edu.

4-H Calendars Now Available

2022 4-H calendars are now available at the Extension office. Stop by and get one! Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

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. All volunteers are on a different schedule based on the date you complete the Annual Compliance each year.

As a reminder, you cannot be active in 4-H until these pieces get completed. Thank you!



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CLUB CORNER

Retrograde Rhapsody - At our December meeting, we discussed traditions. Each family shared one of their family traditions with the club. Then we enjoyed our Retrograde Rhapsody holiday tradition of playing holiday bingo. The meeting brought our members closer together as we shared some good laughs.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, February 27, 2022

MSU Extension Day at the Breslin Center

You're ALL invited to attend the sixteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game on Sunday, February 27, 2022. **FREE** for MSU Extension 4-H youth and their families and 4-H volunteers.



Game time is TBD. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game.

Breslin Center Mask Policy: A mask must be worn at all times inside the Breslin Center except while eating and drinking.

For FREE tickets, contact the Extension office at (989) 317-4079 or grossn@msu.edu.

4-H Fitness Fun GooseChase

Join us for some fitness fun for your body and mind! Challenges start Jan. 10 and run through the end of the month! There are prizes for the winners of the challenges. Any youth 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to their phone or tablet; younger youth, or youth without a phone or tablet can partner with an older sibling or parent. You do not need to be in 4-H to participate.

You must pre register for the free event at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HFitnessFunGooseChaseGame/>

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.

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. (location virtually/TBA at this time) and are open to all 4-H leaders and interested people.

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/

Additional Contests

- Educational Display
- Photography
- Breed Identification

Further Information:

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MSU Extension programs and material are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or veteran status.

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/

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!



4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy.

Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience for more information.

4-H Events and Workshops

January 4: Cross Country Skiing

Cross Country Ski Headquarters, 9435 N Cut Road, Roscommon

Have fun outdoors as you learn the basics of cross country skiing. This multi-week activity is open to youth ages 5-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cross-country-skiing-2022>

January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline

Online

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with

creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond!

Zoom Webinar

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-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

Class locations will be announced one week before each class: 1

Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Online

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet

Online

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creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-virtual-open-house>

January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing

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

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

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers.

Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.



MSU Extension Day at the Breslin returns in 2022!



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.

Make plans to attend 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.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h.



Adulting 101-Winter Series

Free Online Classes for Young Adults

DATE & TIME:

February 2: 4 - 5 p.m.
Wealth Building

February 9: 4 - 5 p.m.
Workplace Professionalism

February 16: 4-5 p.m.
Taxes and Your Paycheck

February 23: 4 - 5 p.m.
Food Safety

LOCATION: Virtual on Zoom

COST:
Free

Prepare yourself for the future!



Photo by Julia M Cameron from Pexels

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

High School Youth and Young Adults

DESCRIPTION:

Learn some quick tips that will help you navigate life.

- **Wealth Building:** Build your wealth by exploring different types of saving and investment products, evaluating your risk tolerance, and setting goals.
- **Workplace Professionalism:** Gain tips on how to better manage your time, workspace, relationships, and setting boundaries.
- **Taxes and Your Paycheck:** Explore what taxes are and why we pay them. See how taxes affect your salary vs. your take home pay.
- **Food Safety:** We all love to eat! Learn how to properly store, cook, and handle your food with safety in mind.

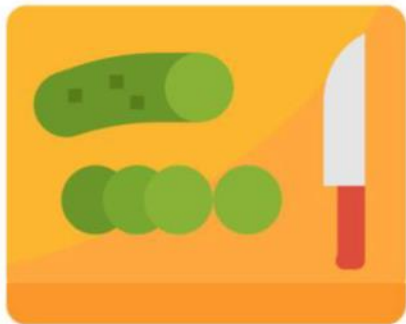
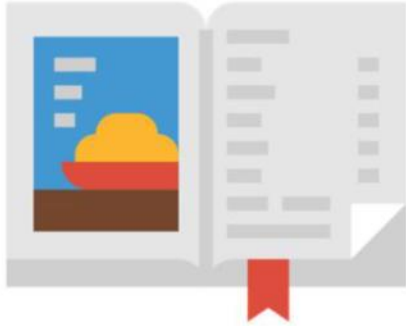
REGISTER: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101feb>

You can sign up for one or more. Links will be sent once you register.

CONTACT:

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Check out our website and follow us on Facebook to learn more about additional Adulting 101 resources, events, and programs.



COOKING WITH KRISTI IN-PERSON

WHEN: January 18 - February 22
(every Tuesday)

TIME: 4:15 PM - 6 PM

WHO: Youth ages 8 - 19

LOCATION: The Crossings
Community Center
(5402 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant)

COST: FREE

Registration: send an email to Kristi
at schrei61@msu.edu



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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

Cooking with Kristi Series (In-Person)

Jan 18 - Feb 22 (every Tuesday)

MSU Extension Day at the Breslin Center

February 27

Chocolate Workshop

March 6

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.

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Isabella County 4-H Calendar

January 3	OFFICE CLOSED	
4	Horse Leaders @ McGuirk Sand & Gravel Conference Room	7 PM
18 & 25	Cooking with Kristi @ The Crossings Community Center	4:15 - 6 PM
20	Small Animal Association @ TBD	7 PM