



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

July 2019

Isabella County

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## Fair Kick-Off Event – Sunday, July 14

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

Everyone is invited to the third annual fair kick-off at the fairgrounds. This year's service project is cleaning and organizing the fairgrounds so everything is ready for fair week – we also have fun activities planned for the day. Once such option is having a cartoon-type picture drawn. The first 35 people that rsvp will receive a spot in our caricaturist's chair. See page 10 for more details on caricature drawings.

Members will be able to pick up their fair project entry tags. We encourage clubs to plan any last-minute connections that may be necessary, and everyone can enjoy a picnic dinner, where the 2019-20 4-H Ambassador Team will be introduced. Please enter the fair grounds at the Baseline Road entrance and park in the open space south of the food stand and still exhibit barn.

Please call the Extension Office (989-317-4079) by July 9 so we know how many to plan for dinner.

## Still Exhibit Auction

Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 6 p.m.

The rotation this year is Z to A. Name of project being sold needs to be in by July 12 to: [ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com)

## County Shoot

Saturday, July 13

Shooting begins at: 9:00 a.m.

Registration: 30 minutes before your scheduled time

Cost: \$5 (\$2 extra for trap)



Registration deadline for the County Shoot is Friday, July 5. You must complete a registration form.

The Shooting Sports Committee will be preparing a schedule again this year, an email will go out as soon as it is ready. Anticipate the shoot to last thru mid-afternoon.

**\*\*Cloverbuds will not be shooting, as this is a competitive event.**

## CLUB CORNER

**Barn Yard Kids** - We had our June meeting and went over filling out fair forms, composing stellar buyer letters, discussed upcoming roadside clean-up, and creating Pen Identification Posters.

**Canine Clovers** - We did yard work outside the Kennel Club one evening. We enjoyed participating in the Petting Area at Special Olympics; bringing dogs, rabbits & chickens. We've been practicing obedience, showmanship and agility skills with our dogs at the Fairgrounds.

**Evergreen** - At our June meeting our members turned in their money for the candy bar fundraiser, picked up their shirt orders and completed their drop and add forms for the fair. Our leaders and officers elected members for a drawing held for Perfect Attendance, Stellar Community Service Member and an Outstanding 4-H Member. We followed the meeting with a potluck for all families.

### Barn Set-Up Dates

#### Monday, July 15

Beef Barn - 6:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 16

Dairy Barn - 6:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 17

Swine Barn - 6:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 18

Still Exhibit Building - 5:30 p.m.

Sheep Barn - 6:30 p.m.

Small Animals - 7:00 p.m.

Dairy Feeder Barn - 7:00 p.m.

### Concession Stand Help

Volunteers are needed to work the shooting sports concession stand on Saturday, July 20 during the Still Exhibit Auction.

Need about:

4-5 people from 4-6 p.m.

3-4 people from 6-8 p.m.

3-4 people from 8-10 p.m.

4-5 people to help with tear down



If you can help, please call or text Kristina at 989-418-8631.

### Camp Help Needed

We are looking for additional adult help at Summer Camp & Cloverbud Camp this year (age 21 & up)!

Call Kristi (989-317-4079) if you can help.

### 4-H Food Stand Clean-Up

Monday, July 15 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, July 19 from 12:30 pm - 2 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the 4-H food stand in preparation for the fair. Help is needed to unload the shed, wash dishes, etc.

In case your club missed the 4-H camp clean-ups, this also counts towards the honor club requirement for this year.

### Volunteers Needed

Livestock Producers is looking for adult volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets during the Grandstand events each night of fair.

Please contact Katherine Squire at 989-621-2624 or [vogelk@northwood.edu](mailto:vogelk@northwood.edu) to sign-up or with questions.

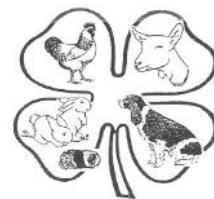
### Teen Leadership Project Members

To complete your Teen Leadership project for fair, you must be present for an interview with the fair judge on Friday, July 26. Interviews begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end when everyone has been judged. You must check-in and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you are entered in Achievement Booth, Outstanding 4-H'er or Chet Brown Leadership Awards, you must also check-in and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 20, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Note:** for the **Teen Leadership project** you only need to bring your poster and the one page form that has a self-evaluation check box and the leader evaluation check box. Please bring these on Saturday, July 20.

## SMALL ANIMAL NEWS



- There are still two small animal showmanship clinics before fair: July 2 & 11, from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. each night at the fairgrounds. There will be a goat fitting clinic on July 12, 6:30 - 7:45p.m. - bring your own clippers. All rabbit members who have not already done their fair class confirmation with Angie Coldwell need to attend one of these dates. As a reminder, **if temperatures are 85 degrees or higher at 5:00 p.m. either date, clinics are automatically cancelled.**
- Waterers for Poultry - Cost will be \$6.00 which includes 2 springs. These waterers will require a 20 oz. pop bottle, not a water bottle. Orders can be placed at the Extension office or given to the poultry superintendent at the showmanship clinics.
- Small animal members who registered to sell in the auction should begin inviting potential buyers; July 24 is closer than you think. Giving people plenty of time to make arrangements to come support you will be helpful to them.
- Small animal barn set-up is Thursday, July 18. Goat and poultry members should arrive at 7 p.m. Rabbit cages will not be moved into place during set up night this year to allow for an expanded space for the fair dog show. Rabbit members aged 12 - 19 should feel free to help the other two species with set up.
- Remember, all small animal members must complete a project record for your species. If you did not enter the actual project for judging (Dept 17, Sec 3, and whatever class matches your species), you need to do the one page simple form. Both the "long" and "short" forms can be found on the Extension website: [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)
- Like last year, fair board has requested that on check-in day, July 21, small animal members enter through the far north entrance, near the horse barn. Everyone will need to get their animals checked in and then relocate vehicles to the general parking area at the south end of the fairgrounds so there is room for large animal members to complete their check in. The "normal" entrance near the dairy barn will be an EXIT only. These instructions are for Sunday only.
- Dog practice dates: July 3, 11 and 18.
- **Small Animal Fair Check Out**: All goat, poultry, and rabbit members must go through the proper check out process on Sunday morning, July 28. As has been the practice for many years, no animals will be allowed to leave the small animal barn until 8 a.m. July 28, and must be removed no later than 10 a.m., July 28. If an animal was purchased in the small animal auction, they buyer may claim the animal between 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27. All small animal members are also responsible for helping with the final clean-up of the barn. If members have a conflict for being available the morning of July 28, they must make arrangements with the superintendent of their species and another 4-H/FFA member/family to check out the animal. This policy will be monitored by the superintendents.

### State Shoot

Saturday, August 3

Blue Water Sportsman's Association of St.

Clair County

(4866 Ravenswood Rd., Kimball, MI 48074)

Cost is \$30. Participants must participate in the County Shoot in order to qualify for participation in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament.

To register and pay online by July 9, visit:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/shoot19/>

### 4-H Healthy U Event

August 2, 2019 at MSU

For youth ages 13 and up

Cost: \$35 for 4-H members (\$50 for non-members)

Youth will have the opportunity to learn skills related to being active, eating healthy, ways to be mindful, as well as continue being emotional aware.

Deadline to register is July 12. To register:

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

## STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION CHECK LIST

- Final project description for the Sale Bill is due Friday, July 12. Send an email to: [ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com) (example- wood working, table or cookies- snickerdoodles, quilting-pink elephant baby quilt or tigers twin size quilt, etc. You are more than welcome to do a little basket or something with your project)
- Project check-in is Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. (same time as project entry), stop by the table in the Learning Center (Old Bingo Hall) for your sticker that needs to go on your project tag. We will also be putting your number on the sticker so the movers can put projects in order during auction
- Auction check-in is Saturday, July 20 at 5 p.m. in the Still Exhibit Building. We will have a meeting at 5:15 p.m., after the meeting you will be able to pick up your number tag. The auction will begin at 6 p.m. We do have a new route this year due to the new show arena layout.
- When taking your project back to the barn, please check your project back into the barn. If you did not make two projects your project needs to be in the barn on display for the week. Food items need to have a duplicate for the auction.
- Don't forget to make arrangements with your buyer for pick-up/delivery. Pick-up is on Saturday, July 27 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Any items left in the barn after pick up time will be disposed of.
- If you have any questions, please call Becki at 989-513-7363 or email her at: [ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com)

## Learning to Talk: The Development of Speech-Language Skills in Children

Thursday, August 8

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320 (200 N Main St., Mt. Pleasant)

Who should attend: Child Care Professionals & Parents /caregivers of infants or toddlers

Learn about including vocabulary into your child care settings and everyday interactions with children. Come away with examples and lots of great resources to help build language in young children. Certificates of training hours will be provided and added to MiRegistry [www.MiRegistry.org](http://www.MiRegistry.org)  
Event ID is 30158

There is no cost to attend. Register by August 6 to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/learntotalk/>

# IMPORTANT FAIR BOARD INFORMATION

## **\*\*ATTENTION ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS\*\***

### **HORSES AND SMALL ANIMALS:**

Use the far North Entrance by the Horse Barn when bringing your animals to the fair on Sunday, July 21. EXIT ONLY at the Dairy Barn Entrance -- once your animal is checked in, please move your vehicle to the general parking area on the south side of the exhibit barns to make room for other exhibitors.

### **BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY FEEDERS AND DAIRY:**

Use Baseline Entrance; you will be directed to the appropriate barns for your check-in/ weigh-in. EXIT ONLY at the Dairy Barn Entrance. No one will be allowed to enter off Mission at the Dairy Barn Entrance; this will be an EXIT ONLY for Sunday. For the rest of fair week, it will be an entrance for Exhibitors only; you must have a weekly pass to enter this entrance. The far North Entrance by the Horse Barn will be closed after Sunday, July 21.

**NO PARKING allowed along the west service drive by the new fence; vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All trailers, other than campers, must be parked in the designated area along the service drive between the South Campground and the Southeast Campground -- the area will be marked. PLEASE use this lot for all trailers/stock trailers other than campers. No stock trailers/utility trailers will be allowed in any campground or parking lots.

We are looking forward to this year's fair and look forward to working with each of you! Good luck to all exhibitors!

## 2019 Food Stand Schedule

### Saturday, July 20

8:30 am -11:30 am - NO CLUBS  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - NO CLUBS

### Sunday, July 21 CLOSED

### Monday, July 22

8:30 am -11:30 am - Country Kids Livestock  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Town & Country **HELP NEEDED**  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Cowgirl Up  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Young Country

### Tuesday, July 23

8:30 am -11:30 am - Country Stars & Pony Express  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Beal City Pioneers  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Canine Clovers & Beal City Pioneers  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Country Neighbors

### Wednesday, July 24

8:30 am -11:30 am - Clover Valley  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Broomfield Valley & Bowen Busy Bees  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Pony Creek  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Circle B

### Thursday, July 25

8:30 am -11:30 am - Back Roads & Lincoln Center  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Evergreen  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Aim High  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Barrel Benders, Dreamers & Pine River

### Friday, July 26

8:30 am -11:30 am - Tally-Ho & Pasture Pals  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Western Spurs  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Rural Routers  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Crackerjack & Clover Kids

### Saturday, July 27

8:30 am -11:30 am - Barn Yard Kids  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Farm Hands  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Maple Clovers

## 2019 Exhibit Building Schedule

### Monday, July 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Clover Kids  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Evergreen  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Cowgirl Up  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Western Spurs  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Dreamers  
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### Food Stand and Still Exhibit Building Notes

There are a few things each family should remember...

- Still Exhibit Building shifts must include 4 people, with a minimum of 2 adults.
- Still Exhibit Building will be closed if a club does not show up to work their shift and there is nobody to guard the doors.
- Food Stand shifts must include 8 or more adults and 10-15 members.
- Plan to stay for your entire shift. Don't break it into two shifts.
- Each family is to bring one fruit baked pie to the food stand at the start of their shift or 10 pies per club.
- Please report for your shift in a timely fashion. Each family has many things going on simultaneously during fair, and should be relieved from duty on time.
- Please call your Administrative Leader if you have not already volunteered to work.



# 4-H AWARD INFORMATION

## Outstanding 4-H Member & Chet Brown Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Outstanding 4-H Member and the Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award. Applications are available on the MSU Extension website at: [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) or at the Extension office.

Completed applications are due at the Extension office by July 15, 2019. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

### Outstanding 4-H Member

(winner will be selected to receive \$500 towards CWF Trip, National Club Congress Trip, or scholarship towards higher education)

1. Applicants must be 15 years of age (by January 1, 2019).
2. Completed three calendar years of 4-H club work.
3. Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
4. Been recommended by local leader.
5. Applicants will be interviewed on Friday of fair week.

### Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award

1. Applicants must be 13 years of age (by January 1, 2019).
2. Applicants should demonstrate leadership abilities in an activity. This activity should not be eligible for fair exhibition. Examples of eligible activities: community service project, school related activity, church activity.
3. Selection will be based upon organizational skills, number of people participating, and how they were involved.
4. Applicants will be interviewed on Friday of fair week.

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## Food Stand Lunch Specials

Monday - hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, veggie, dinner roll

Tuesday - scalloped potatoes and ham, veggie, dinner roll

Wednesday - shepherd's pie, veggie and dinner roll

Thursday - baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggie, dinner roll

Friday - chef choice

# FAIR INFORMATION & NOTES

## Project Record Sheets

Listed below are the individual project record sheets that are required for 4-H fair projects. Project areas not listed require a general **Project Record Sheet**. All of these record sheets are available at the Extension Office, from your Administrative Leader, or online.

Crops	Flower/Vegetable Gardening	Talent Show	Horseless Horse
Modeling	Personal Appearance	Dogs	Horse Project Record
Shooting Sports	Dairy	Rabbits	Horse Project Record
Livestock	Pocket Pets/ID Card	Recipe Cards - for all food projects	
Poultry	Goats	Simple Project Record for Small Animals	

**Animal Care** - All animals should be fed and watered each day by 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Your responsibility for your animal does not end after the animal is sold. Clean pens/stalls give a favorable impression to the public.

## Entry Information

ENTRY TAGS will be computer generated from information on your entry form. You will receive your entry tag at the time of entry.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, July 20 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 27 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
**\*\*\*REMINDER - ALL Still Exhibits must be picked up on Saturday, July 27. If you cannot pick up your project, PLEASE make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you. Any Still Exhibits left in the barn Saturday night will be discarded.**
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, July 22 between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The superintendent will be present to accept project records and check off member's names from the species list, so we know you have turned in your records. Records that are to be judged will be separated from the others and judged on Tuesday morning.



# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FAIR KICK-OFF EVENT

Sunday, July 14, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Isabella County Fairgrounds



## **Attention 4-H Community:**

Service projects

Picnic dinner will be provided



Fair project tags/forms/etc. will be available

Cartoonist (sign-up required) and fun activities

4-H Ambassadors will be introduced



This is an opportunity for everyone to enjoy fun, food, and time with fellow 4-H members; clubs can meet for last minute connections.

Work/casual clothing is appropriate attire. Bring brooms, gloves, cleaning supplies, etc. to pitch in – **we will be cleaning and organizing the fairgrounds so everything is ready for fair week!**

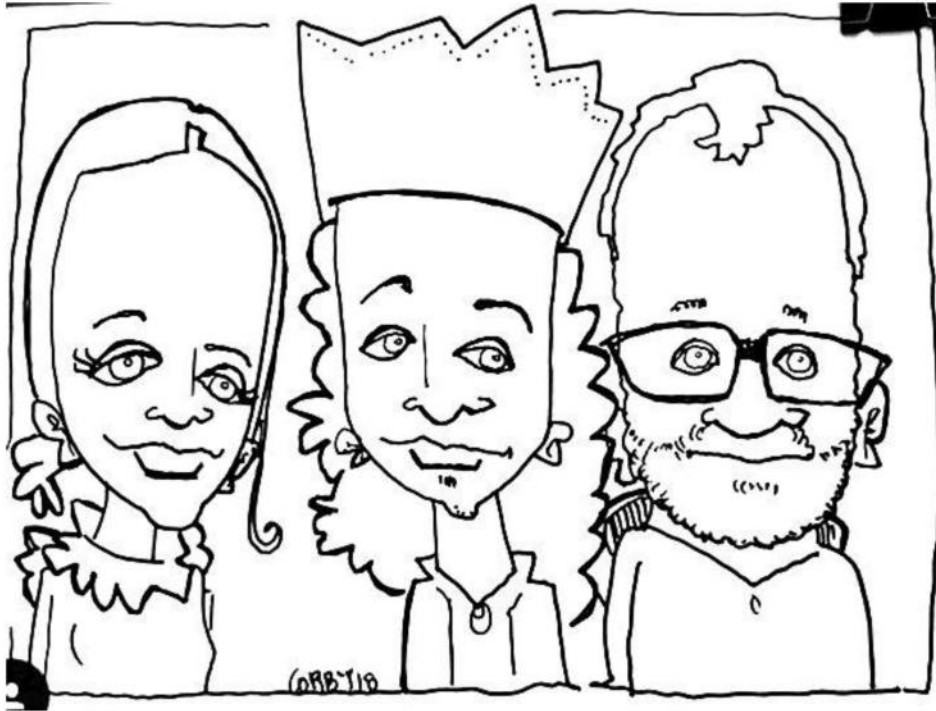
The culmination of the evening will be the introduction of our new 4-H Ambassador Team.

We hope every club will be represented, and that families will be encouraged to participate in this group event before we all get too busy with fair-week responsibilities.

There will also be fun activities as part of this year's event.

Call the Extension Office (989-317-4079) no later than July 9 for dinner reservations. The first 35 people that request a caricature drawing will be given a spot in our cartoonist's chair.

Don't know what a caricature drawing is?  
It's a fun representation of your likeness in cartoon form.  
We have a VERY fun artist coming to join us for fair kick-off.  
Sign up with the Extension Office to get a spot in his chair!



SEE YOU ON JULY 14!  
4 - 6 p.m.  
Fairgrounds  
Park on south side of food stand



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Cloverbuds and Service



The youngest 4-H'ers, youth ages 5-7, aren't quite ready to participate in all the 4-H project areas and activities that older children can, but there's still plenty for them to do in 4-H! One of those activities that are perfect for any age is community service.

A newly released series of Cloverbud activities is now available online to help clubs adjust community service projects into developmentally appropriate opportunities for the littlest 4-H'ers.

Access them online at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership\\_citizenship/4-h-cloverbuds-and-service](https://www.canr.msu.edu/leadership_citizenship/4-h-cloverbuds-and-service).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### July 9: 4-H Exhibitor Education Series - 4-H Incubation Station

*Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show Fairgrounds, Falmouth*

This session will provide an overview of the life cycle and development of chickens and incubator operation in preparation for fair.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-exhibitor-education-series-4-h-incubation-station>

### July 11: State 4-H/ FFA Livestock Judging Contest

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing*

Participants of this event have the opportunity to enhance their skills in livestock evaluation and improve their communication, decision, and selection skills as well.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest>

### July 13: Thumb Dairy Odyssey Days

*Oak River Dairy, Sebawaing*

This hands-on youth program is for anyone ages 9-19 to come and learn about the dairy industry, explore career opportunities and strengthen skills for other 4-H events.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/thumb-dairy-odyssey-days-july-13>

### July 15-19: Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days and Michigan Dairy Expo

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing*

This yearly event is open for youth, parents, volunteers, and industry partners to come together in one location to participate in educational contests and networking opportunities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days-and-michigan-dairy-expo>

### July 17: Great Dairy Adventure

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, East Lansing*

A fun free event where youth can milk a cow, pet calves, enjoy free dairy events and create fun projects to take home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/great-dairy-adventure>

### July 22-25: 4-H Forestry Day Camp

*Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon*

This interactive four-day camp will provide opportunities for participants to learn about forestry and increase their understanding of forest ecosystems and how to manage them.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-day-camp>

### July 22-25: Saginaw Bay 4-H Fishing Camp

*Bay City State Park, Bay City*

This special four-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect the Great Lakes. All campers will receive fishing rod with reel, tackle box, and camp t-shirt!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-2019>

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



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA



### Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

*Author: Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension*

Animals exhibited at the county fair that will return to their home herds pose a significant biosecurity risk to the animals left at home. Follow these steps after the fair has ended to protect everyone.

Animals that have been exhibited during the county fair are likely near and dear to their exhibitors' hearts. After all, they spent countless hours training and preparing their animal for the show at the fair. We protect them from everything before the show season, but do we give enough thought about what happens when they go home? Each time an animal is taken out of its home environment and exhibited, there is a certain amount of risk for exposure to illness. Michigan State University Extension offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
  - Obvious pain or discomfort.
  - Decrease in appetite and water intake.
  - Fever.
  - Lethargy.
  - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure.
  - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes.
  - Overall weakness.

If you notice any of the above symptoms, please call your veterinarian immediately.

Care of animals after the fair is critical. Exhibited animals were exposed to animals from other farms, fair goers who may not have washed their hands in between various species of animals, and potentially a lot of stress. By following these steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.

For more information about fair biosecurity, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity>.

***New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly—Squat Resources Available***



Four new lesson plans are available in the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series. The purpose of this series is not to teach specific content, but to teach the process of science – asking questions and discovering answers. The activities encourage young people to try to figure things out for themselves rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

New lessons in the series include “Why do some animals use camouflage?”, “Can you build a bridge out of pasta?”, “Can you move something with static electricity?” and “4-H Cloverbud Science: Exploration and discovery with young children.” To access these resources, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series>.

# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**



<b>Position Title:</b>	4-H SPIN Club Coordinator	<b>Category:</b>	AmeriCorps Service Member
<b>Host Site:</b>	Isabella County	<b>Site Supervisor:</b>	Kristi Schreiber
<b>Stipend:</b>	\$6,996 (pre-tax)	<b>Education Award:</b>	\$2,960 (pre-tax)
<b>Position Type:</b>	Half-time, 900 hours	<b>Dates of Service:</b>	October 2019-August 2020

## **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

The 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator will be responsible for delivering SPIN club programming to area schools and/or community partners.

Tasks will include:

- Planning and organizing 10 4-H SPIN (special interest) clubs with volunteers that focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) topics and utilize the 4-H SPIN Club guide, planning worksheet, and record of finances
- Engaging between 50 and 60 new youth in 4-H SPIN club programming
- Recruiting, screening, and training 10 volunteers to serve as club leaders, to provide guest programming, or to otherwise support 4-H SPIN Clubs and associated activities
- Hosting quarterly family engagement nights
- Collecting data and submitting reports to the Site Supervisor and to the 4-H STEAM Corps Program Manager

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- At least 21 years of age
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent
- Pass the following checks: ICHAT, National Sex Offender Public Website, HireRight, FBI Fingerprinting, and any additional checks based upon State of Residence

## **PREFERRED SKILLS**

- Experience working with diverse (multiple ages, ethnicities, religions, etc.) populations
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Passion for science, technology, engineering, art, and/or math (STEAM)
- Knowledge of youth development, volunteer recruitment and management
- Outgoing, confident and able to work in a fast pace environment

## **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

Local travel is a regular part of this position, members must have reliable transportation to programming sites and MSU Extension offices in their host county; carrying educational materials, equipment, etc. up to 25 lbs

## **COMPENSATION**

Members will receive a living allowance of \$6,996 (pre-tax) to be distributed bi-weekly throughout their service term as well as student loan forbearance for qualified loans. Upon successful completion of service, an education award in the amount of \$2,960 will be issued. Members will serve 20 hours/week.

All interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Kristi Schreiber at [schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu).

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

**July 20 - 27, 2019**

# **SAVE THE DATES**

## **Camp Counselor Training**

July 8

## **County Shoot**

July 13

## **Fair Kick-Off Event**

July 14

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

July 20 - 27

## **Fair Entry Day**

July 20

## **Still Exhibits Released**

July 27

## **Administrative Leader's Meeting**

September 16

## **Spa Gift Workshop**

November 5

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

July 4	OFFICE CLOSED	
9-11	4-H Summer Camp @ 4-H Camp	
13	County Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	9 AM
14	Fair Kick-Off Event @ Fairgrounds	4-6 PM
16-17	4-H Cloverbud Camp @ 4-H Camp	
20-27	Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair	7 PM
27	4-H Awards Program @ Small Animal Barn	6 PM
27	Still Exhibits Released	7 PM

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