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Still Exhibit Building - Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, July 22 from 1-8 p.m. We do not have help from the trustees this year so we will have lots of heavy lifting to do. Please sign up to work a shift in the Still Exhibit barn, which will be open Monday - Saturday from 1-9 p.m., we will need coverage during those times or the barn will be closed. Please email Becki at ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com and let her know when you will be available to help. If there is no one to guard the doors the building will be locked up.

Still Exhibit Auction

Saturday, July 24 at 6 p.m.

Buyers will be able to start getting their numbers at 5 p.m. Youth need to report to the Still Exhibit building at 5:15 p.m. for a brief meeting and to pick up their numbers. This year we will be doing a random draw, not alphabetical. Final descriptions of projects need to be emailed to Becki at ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com by July 9 to be included in the sale bill.

Pee Wee's

There will be an area for Pee Wee's in the Still Exhibit building.

Still Exhibit Superintendents

Please pick up your packets and ribbons at Eva's office on Saturday, July 24 in the morning before the Still Exhibit barn opens. Also, all animal superintendents will need to pick their packets and ribbons up on Saturday or before your show.

Barn Set-Up Dates

Beef - Monday, July 19, 6 PM

Swine - Tuesday, July 20, 6 PM

Dairy - Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 PM

Dairy Feeder - Wednesday, July 21, 6 PM

Sheep - Thursday, July 22, 6 PM

Horses - Thursday, July 22, 6 PM

Still Exhibits - Thursday, July 22, 1 - 8 PM

There is **no** Small Animal Barn set-up this year.



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Isabella County 4-H STEAM Corps News

Currently, there are many 4-H STEAM Clubs occurring virtually throughout the state. If you are interested in Isabella County STEAM Clubs, please complete this survey <https://forms.gle/jj8ZghfdrMuRwjWr9> or contact Mary Lee Humphreys, 4-H STEAM Corps Coordinator at humph186@msu.edu for more information.



Club topics are chosen by members by completing the survey. Previous clubs have included Crime Scene Investigation, Jr. Audubon Explorers, Monarch Conservation, and CodeBreakers! Our next club will be "Good Vibes" (for ages 13+), "At Your Service" (for all ages) is just around the corner, and keep an eye out for more information on "Backyard Bees". If you are 5-19 and interested in science, adventure, exploring, fun, and learning - join a club!

Virtual Calming Room

The purpose of this page is to provide a place for youth and adults to go (virtually) to take care of themselves, calm, reset, re-center, or just take a break in their day. There are a variety of resources available on the page -- some exclusive to MSU Extension, and some we have curated from other sites. Check it out: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-calming-room/>

Volunteers Needed to be part of a Contact "Pool"

If you are interested in helping with various tasks at some point during the week of July 25-31, please email Robert Devantier at devan1rh@cmich.edu. Provide your name, dates/times that week that are best for you, email address, and cell number for contacting purposes. When he is made aware of tasks that need extra hands, he will send out a message with specific details. If you are able/interested in helping, simply reply to his request.

We appreciate the assistance that will be needed with the changes necessary for this year's fair experience for the youth of Isabella County. Thanks in advance for your help!

Livestock Entry Times

All livestock will check-in on Sunday, July 25 at the following times:

Swine - 8 AM - 10 AM (different than in the past)

Dairy Feeders - 11 AM - 1 PM

Beef - 3 PM - 4 PM

Sheep - 4 PM - 6 PM

FAIR NEWS

Your Fair Board of Directors are working hard to make this a very good fair for all Youth Exhibitors. There are a few changes that will be noticed and missed for this year but we are planning to have everything back for the 2022 fair.

For all weigh-in and check-in times, visit: <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021>

If your question is not answered, call the Fair Office at 989-773-9070 for more information.

Fair Books are being picked up by your administrative leader. If you do not get one, they are available at the Fair Office. The schedule of events is a separate page inserted in each book.

Camping permits will be mailed July 1st.

For anyone bringing a side by side or golf cart to the fair, your cart must be registered in the Fair Office at no charge for this year. See rules for golf carts in the fair book and on our web page. We will have a parking area for these vehicles near the barns. NO cars or trucks will be allowed between the barns except for barn superintendents. You will drop off your animals and park in the parking lot. If needed, you may drop off feed and supplies at the west end of the Livestock Arena, then move your vehicle to the parking lot.

Stock trailers and horse trailers will be parking along the drive to the South East campground. This area will be posted. No camping in these trailers.

Amusement Rides; Monday – Saturday with daily specials. Grandstand Events; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. New pricing for Grandstand Events is \$10 each, with children under 5 free. Monday's Hometown Showdown is still free. Auctions; Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Keep watching Facebook and the web page for announcements and give-a-ways. We look forward to seeing you and watching our Youth Exhibitors show their animals and crafts.

It's so great to have a Fair again!

Small Animal Information for fair week:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Entry day / time</u>	<u>Show day / time</u>
Cats	Sun. 12:30 – 1:00	Sun. 1:00
Dogs	Sat. 12:30 – 1:00	Sat. 1:00
Poultry	Sun. 4:00 – 6:00	Mon. 10:00
Eggs	Mon. 8:30 – 9:30	Mon.
Rabbits	Tues. 7:30 – 8:00	Tues. 8:30
Goats	Wed. 8:00 – 9:00	Wed. 9:30
Pocket Pets	Thur 2:00 – 2:30	Thur 2:30

Small Animal Auction – Wed at 6:30 (to be held in large animal pavilion)

Deadline for registration for the auction and animal entries: June 20

Class Registration site: <https://IsabellaCoFair.wixsite.com/2021/sign-up>

Auction Registration site: <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021/sign-up>

No Feed Records this year

Facebook pages to watch for more information:

Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair

Isabella County Small Animal Project Information Page

Isabella County Goat Project Information Page

Poultry Show Rules for 2021

1. All poultry exhibitors are encouraged to participate in showmanship
2. Showmanship classes will be broken down the following way:
 - a. Pee Wee (5-7 year old's)
 - b. Junior (8-11 year old's)
 - c. Intermediate (12-14 year old's)
 - d. Senior (15 -19 year old's)
3. Pee Wee's will be able to participate in showmanship only, however, you may bring your own pen of poultry or you may use another exhibitor's bird
4. Exhibitors allowed to participate between the ages of 5-19
5. Exhibitors may register / show up to 3 entries
 - a. Example: 2 pens of poultry (not in the same class) and 1 dozen of eggs
6. Exhibitors must be pre-registered for classes by June 20th
 - a. Register at <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021/sign-up>
7. Exhibitors must be pre-registered for the Small Animal Auction by June 20th
 - a. Register at <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021/sign-up>
 - b. Each exhibitor is allowed only 1 entry in the auction (example: you show 1 goat, 1 rabbit and 1 pen of poultry – you can only sell 1 of the 3 items)
8. Poultry will be entered on Sunday, July 25 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
 - a. Poultry not obtained from a pullorum free hatchery will be tested at entry at a cost of \$.50 per bird
 - b. Poultry with lice or lice eggs will be sent home
 - c. Poultry showing any signs of disease will be sent home
9. Show day will be on Monday, July 26 and will begin at 10:00 am
10. Eggs will be entered on Monday, July 26 from 8:30 – 9:30 am (bring your eggs in an egg carton in a cooler – labeled with your name)
11. No feed records this year
12. There will be no open class entries allowed
13. Showmanship rosettes will be given in every class for top 10 the day of show
14. Trophies will be awarded and given out the day of show
15. Champion & Reserve Champion pens must be sold in the auction
16. All pens registered for the auction must stay on the fairgrounds through the auction
17. Exhibitors are required to care for their animals
 - a. They must clean the tray, feed and water their animals daily by 10:00 a.m. and again by 7:00 p.m.
 - b. Food containers and poultry feed will be provided
 - c. Exhibitors are responsible for providing an appropriate water container for their poultry
18. All poultry needs to be dusted for lice 6 weeks, 4 weeks, and 2 weeks prior to fair
19. All poultry exhibited at fair needs to be bathed 24 hours prior to entry
20. Pens NOT registered for the auction will be released on Monday, July 26 approximately between 7-8 pm (time subject to change)
21. Required show dress attire is long sleeved white shirt with long dark pants and closed toed shoes
22. State / Local Health Department face mask guidelines will be applicable

Show Superintendents:

Darlene Misenhelder - cell #989-620-6988

Wanda Travis – home #989-828-5833

Goat Show Rules for 2021

1. All Goat exhibitors are encouraged to participate in showmanship
2. Showmanship classes will be broken down the following way:
 - a. Pee Wee (5-7 year old's)
 - b. Junior (8-11 year old's)
 - c. Intermediate (12-14 year old's)
 - d. Senior (15 -19 year old's)
3. Exhibitors may register / show up to 4 entries.
4. Exhibitors must be pre-registered by June 20th.
5. Exhibitors must be pre-registered for the Small Animal Auction by June 20th
 - a. Each exhibitor is allowed only 1 entry in the auction (example: you show 1 goat, 1 rabbit and 1 pen of poultry – you can only sell 1 of the 3 items)
6. Show day will be on Wednesday, July 28 at 9:30am registration is 8am-9am
 - a. Vet check is \$.50 per goat
 - b. Goats with lice, lice eggs or lumps or bumps will be sent home
 - c. Goats showing any signs of disease will be sent home
 - d. Any wethers that do not have a scrapie tag will not be able to show or sell.
7. Feed records are NOT required this year
8. There will be no open class entries allowed this year
9. Showmanship rosettes will be given in every class for top 10 the day of show
10. Trophies will be awarded and given out the day of show
11. Champion & Reserve Champion market doe's and wethers must be sold in the auction
12. All goats registered for the auction must stay on the fairgrounds through the auction. All others go home after the show.
13. Exhibitors are required to care for their animals
 - a. They must clean the pens, feed and water their animals daily by 10:00 a.m. and again by 7:00 p.m.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for providing an appropriate water and food containers for their goats no hay on the ground.
15. State / Local Health Department face make guidelines will be applicable

Show Superintendents

Theresa Frederick - cell # 989-621-6866

Holli Bristley– cell # 989-330-2725

2021 Isabella County Rabbit Youth Show Rules

Pre-show day:

- Youth ages 5-19 can register to show
- Register at <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021/sign-up>
- Exhibitors may show up to 3 entries (a market pen counts as 1 entry); any combination of classes (i.e. 2 senior bucks, 1 junior doe)
- Rabbits must be free of disease & must have an identification permanent tattoo in their left ear
- Must be registered by Sunday, June 20 (this deadline also applies to all other small animals and the auction)

Show day rules:

- Show day is Tuesday, July 27
- Check in is 7:30-8am; Show begins at 8:30am
- Must be checked in by 8am to compete in showmanship
- Pedigree for rabbits being sold in the auction must be turned in on show day
- Showmanship is optional but strongly encouraged as this is not a 4-H show
- Exhibitors who participate in showmanship should wear closed-toe shoes, dark pants and a long sleeve white shirt.
- There will be no open class; this is only a youth show
- There will be no feed records
- There will be no mixed breed class; all breeds will show and be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association's Standard of Perfection.
- All animals must be brought in an all-day/show-length appropriate container. Contact show superintendents if this is a problem. No rabbits will be staying on the fairgrounds after the show. Rabbits being sold in the auction will be brought back to the fairgrounds on Wednesday evening.
- Showmanship classes will be broken down by age: Pre-Junior (5-7), Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), Senior (15-19)
- Awards for showmanship: Rosettes for top 10 in every class, trophies for the Grand & Reserve Champion of each age group.
- Awards for breed class: A, B, C ribbons awarded to each animal exhibited. Based on the number of entries, top 6 breeds shown receive both Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed trophies. The next down 3-4 breeds will receive Best of Breed trophy. All other breeds will receive Best of Breed rosettes.

Show Superintendents

Angella Coldwell (989-330-1106 - text; angella.coldwell@gmail.com)

Alissa Davis (989-465-7279 - text; 11accold@gmail.com)

Pocket Pet Show Rules for 2021

1. Show day will be on Thursday, July 29.
Animals will be entered from 2:00-2:30 pm on that day, with the show following immediately at 2:30 pm. Animals will be taken home immediately following the show.
2. Exhibitors must be pre-registered by June 20th
3. Exhibitors may register / show up to 3 entries
4. Classes will be broken down the following way:
 - a. Pee Wee (5-7 years old)
 - b. Junior (8-11 years old)
 - c. Intermediate (12-14 years old)
 - d. Senior (15 -19 years old)
5. This is a youth only show; there will be no adult open class entries allowed this year.
6. Feed records are NOT required this year
7. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all the Pee Wee exhibitors.
8. A Grand Champion award will be presented to the top exhibitor.
9. Trophies will be awarded and given out the day of show
10. Exhibitors are encouraged, but not required, to wear a long-sleeved white shirt and black pants. Exhibitors should dress appropriately.
11. State / Local Health Department face mask guidelines will be applicable

Show Superintendents

Alecia and Madeline Devantier: 989-773-2670

2021 Isabella County Small Animal Auction

Exhibitor info

- Auction is Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30pm in the **Large Animal Pavilion**
- Register at <https://isabellacofair.wixsite.com/2021/sign-up>
- Must be registered by Sunday, June 20
- Exhibitors selling rabbits turn in the pedigree on show day (we may ask for proof of pedigree before show day)
- All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to personally invite buyers to the auction
- Animals must be shown in their appropriate show (Poultry on Monday, Rabbits on Tuesday, Goats on Wednesday) in order to sell
- Exhibitors may only sell one animal (unless multiple grand/reserve awards are won)
- We are encouraging buyers to take home purchased animals on auction night. We'll be checking out animals until 11pm.
- Grand Champions and Reserve Champions from the poultry, rabbit and goat shows must be sold in the auction. These animals will be added to the sale after judging if they were not already registered for the sale. If an exhibitor wins in multiple species, they will sell multiple animals.
- Animals disqualified in any of the poultry, rabbit or goat shows will be removed from the auction.
- Exhibitors who sell will receive 90% of the highest bid for their animal. The remaining 10% will go back to the organization hosting the auction.

If you didn't have an opportunity to take the first series, you can register for it now before we launch series 2 this fall!



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Your free enrollment includes access to a private Facebook group where you can access six videos to watch on your schedule. You will also receive a PDF to go along with each video that includes the recipe and other valuable info.

This series is recommended for youth 10 and up or younger with help from an adult.

To register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWK1/>



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All youth who post pictures of all six recipes by September 30, 2021 will be entered into a drawing for a prize package of fun kitchen items! Participants who confirm they have completed the survey included in the initial welcome email will get an additional entry into the drawing. There will be up to 5 winners.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Events and Workshops

July 1: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-2

July 8: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-3

July 10: MSU Tollgate Farm HomeGrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series! This session will focus on season extension for the home garden.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-july-10

July 12: Michigan 4-H Sights and Sounds of Nature

Online

Michigan youth are invited to become mindful and engaged in nature during July and August by completing nature journaling prompts each week using the app GooseChase.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-sights-and-sounds-of-nature

July 14: 4-H Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

The Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a fun filled day of everything outdoors, from nature walks to crafts and bug hunting to meeting animals! Open to ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp

July 17: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Online

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program for two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Explore the exciting field of computer coding with MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program, 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! Discover your passion for technology and develop skills you can continue practicing throughout high school.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is a four-day virtual camp being held over two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15. In addition to coursework, it will include evening engagement activities, including career exploration. Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding experience and skills through this interactive online experience. By the end of the camp, youth will learn how to develop their own tech ideas, as well as design and code a personal website from scratch!

This camp is open to rising high school freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in learning computer coding and applying it to solve problems. **Space is limited, register online by July 12 at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.** The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$300 and includes tech support, post-camp support and program fees. There is potential grant funding and limited scholarships available. Attendees will need a computer with internet and the ability to do video conferencing (microphone and webcam) to participate.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or email johns832@msu.edu.

Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan.

MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.



Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens

Help communities
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4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free **myWalgreens** membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards. It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at: <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.

Lifting In-Person Restrictions

Earlier this week, Michigan State University removed many of their remaining COVID-19 rules in alignment with the current re-opening of the state announced on June 22. As a result, MSU Extension will no longer have any face-to-face requirements or require approvals for in-person 4-H meetings, activities or events. Michigan 4-H clubs and groups may now meet in-person as desired! Please continue to keep a record of attendance with contact information for each in-person engagement, via meeting minutes, registration, [attendance log](#) or other methods.

Volunteers who have not already done so will need to be in active status in Volunteer Central before re-engaging, but the Communicating Through Conflict training module is no longer required. Please contact Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) if you have questions about your current volunteer status.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H volunteers hosting in-person events are still encouraged to continue following best practices that allow individuals to increase their comfort level with meeting in person. This includes meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer at touch points, frequently sanitizing surfaces and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them. Flexibility continues to be key and groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

It has been a very long road for our 4-H community since the COVID-19 pandemic landed on our doorsteps last March. In 4-H, learning never stops. We are thankful to have worked virtually with thousands of youth and volunteers over the last year and are very excited to now see you again at in-person 4-H events!

Sincerely,

Quentin Tyler
Director, MSU Extension

Jake DeDecker
State Leader, Michigan 4-H

Free Chickens

These 3 chickens are looking for a home. If you're interested in them, please contact Maria at (248) 730-5995, from Houghton Lake area.



10 week old Barred Rock cockerel



Isabella County
200 N. Main Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: (989) 317-4079
Fax: (989) 773-1622

Website:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/>

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”

LIKE our Isabella County 4-H Facebook page to stay up to date on all the latest news and events:



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

Isabella County Plat Books Now Available

Cost for each book is \$30 and can be purchased at the MSU Extension office, Isabella County Register of Deeds, Collinsville Store, Jay's Sporting Goods, Farm Service Agency in Mt. Pleasant, or Farwell Trading Post.



SAVE THE DATE

Isabella County Fair - July 25-31

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

July		
5	OFFICE CLOSED	
6	Horse Leaders via Zoom	7 PM
15	Small Animal Association via Zoom	7 PM
25-31	Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair	

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"Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible."

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