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May 2022 Isabella County

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4-H Calendar

4-H Camp Clean-Up

May 7 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Please bring work gloves, rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, staple guns, hammers, extra people! Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided. RSVP to the Extension office by April 27.



Reminder - this is an Honor Club requirement.

Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 14 8 AM – 9 AM Isabella County Fairgrounds



New 4-H Club - Fireflies

There's a new club in town and we'd love to have you join us!

Our third meeting will be Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. –

12:30 p.m. We meet at 1106 W. High St., Mt. Pleasant,

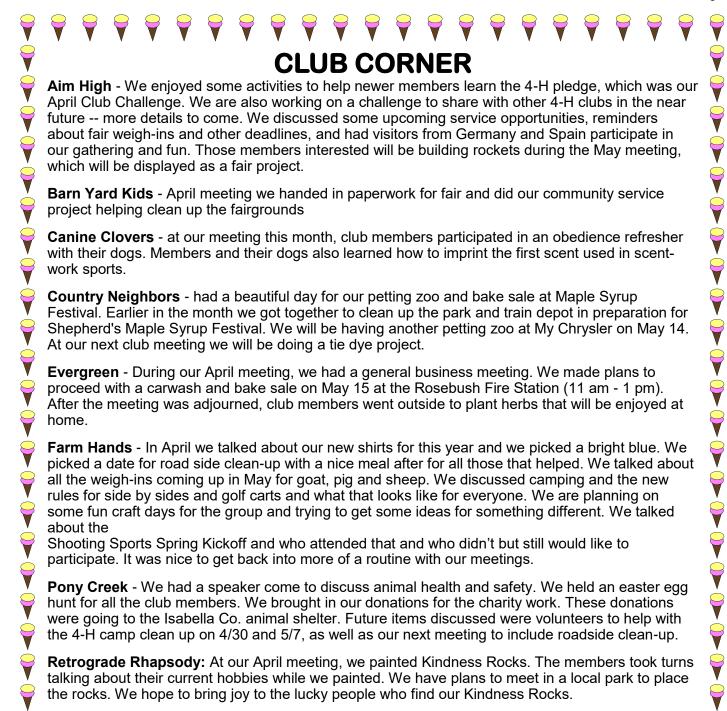
(Mountain Town Rehab). We will be working on "seed bombs" which we will use to start native plants and wildflowers in areas in need of some color and care. Please RSVP to humph186@msu.edu if you plan to join us.

The Fireflies Club will have three focuses: Service Learning, Still Exhibits, and Anything Amazing! As with all 4-H clubs, Fireflies will promote youth development as you have fun, learn, and grow. Club projects and a future meeting schedule will be determined by club members.

If interested, please register at https://v2.4honline.com and choose "Fireflies" as your club choice. Please contact Mary Lee Humphreys at humph186@msu.edu with any questions.

Horse Registration Forms Due May 15

All horse registration forms are due to the Extension office by May 15 and must be turned in with the whole club, with 1 check made payable to ICHL.



Fair Superintendent Needed

We are looking for a fair superintendent in the following area:

Talent Show

Duties include:

- Help with the Still Exhibit Building set-up Thursday evening before entry day
- Work your area in the Still Exhibit Building on fair entry day (helping judges, set up projects for display)
- Help in the Still Exhibit Building when the projects are released last Saturday evening of fair

Please contact Kristi (989-317-4079) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be

Small Animal News

• If members/leaders have any questions, please reach out to the species-specific superintendent. Educational information and other details/reminders will be available to clinic attendees. We highly-encourage members to attend at least one of the clinics so there are no surprises at fair check-in. Because clinics will be cancelled if temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher, it is a good idea to plan to attend the earliest available date. That also gives time for solving any issues that may be noted when animals are seen at the clinics.

• For fair class verification purposes, rabbit members (or a representative who has specific entry information) must attend either the June 21 or July 10 clinic. If either of those dates are cancelled, another option will be communicated closer to date.

Clinic Dates:

Thursday, June 9

Friday, June 17

Tuesday, June 21 (Small Animal meeting will be held immediately following clinic)

Wednesday, June 29

Sunday, July 10

These clinics will be held in or around the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds and run from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. each night. Please respect the time frame due to so many other responsibilities our volunteers have going on at this time of year.

Goat area/pen set up will be Thursday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

Fair Board Information

Camping for the fair is by reservations only. If you paid for a camp site in 2021 you should have received your 2022 reservation form and letter. Your payment and reservation form are due back on or before May 5th. Open camping reservations will be Saturday, May 7th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Fair Office, first paid, first reserved. We accept debit or credit cards with a 3% fee, checks and cash (correct change only).

Watch our Facebook page https://www.isabellacountyfair or our website https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/ for fair announcements.

This website has all exhibitor rules and schedules.

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. These are short-term clubs that meet 1-2 times per week and last 3-6 weeks.



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, Jr. Audubon Explorers, Monarch Conservation, Lifecycles in Nature, and CodeBreakers! Upcoming clubs include **Good Vibes Only, Pollinator Power**, **Know it Owls: All About Michigan Owls**, **Making An Impression: All Things Art!** From your own creations to a Monet Art Lesson! 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.



MEET TO CREATE AN IMPACT

Join 4-H youth leaders across the nation to create connections and inspire others!

JUNE 4, 2022 VIA ZOOM

Contact your State Advisor for more information, all states are welcome to attend.

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2022 4-H Shooting Sports Dates

May 14 - Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

June 4 - Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

June 25 - County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Pre-registration is required for ALL shoots!

Youth must pre-register to the Extension Office what disciplines (BB, Air Pellet, .22, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading) they are going to participate in. Email grossn@msu.edu or schrei61@msu.edu or call (989) 317-4079.

Cost per event: *may be subject to change based on market prices for supplies

\$5.00 registration fee

\$7.00 registration fee (if you are shooting trap & 22)

Bring your own safety equipment (eye & ear protection)

4-H member is responsible for buying own shells for trap; they are available for sale at the shoots

4-H Shooting Sports Age Policies:

- 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to young people aged 8 through 19. The "4-H age" will be determined by a young person's age as of January 1 of the 4-H program year.
- 4-H members age 8 may participate in BB gun and basic archery training. Participation is at the discretion of the Certified Instructor and the participant must be under direct adult supervision (one on one).
- Cloverbuds (4-H ages 5 7) must wait until they reach the 4-H age of 8 to participate in shooting sports.
- Members ages 9 11 are limited to shooting Air Pellet, BB & archery at competitive events
- Youth must attend one qualifying shoot in order to compete at the county shoot

Location:

Isabella County Sportsman's Club (corner of Winn & Millbrook Roads) 2872 W. Millbrook Road, Mt. Pleasant

4-H Shooting sports events are weather dependent. If weather is poor, please check your email and/ or the 4-H Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/IsabellaCounty4H). We will post cancellations on Facebook and send an email out to families enrolled in the shooting sports project.



Importance of Good Biosecurity

Livestock families - the following resources are important biosecurity lessons:

News Articles

Biosecurity – as easy as 1, 2, 3!

What should you do when bringing home your 4-H project animal

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 1

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 2

How you can reduce bio-security risks in 4-H projects: Part 3

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 4

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 5

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 6

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 7

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 8

How you can reduce biosecurity risks in 4-H projects: Part 9

Videos

Basics of biosecurity

Animal Science Anywhere Lessons

Biosecurity Activity: Basics of Biosecurity

Pathogen Activity: What Is a Pathogen?

<u>Diseases that Animals and Humans Share: The Words You Need to Know</u>

Building on Biosecurity: Reducing the Risk

Influenza - Mutation Nation

One Health - Health for One, One Health for All

Understanding Disease Outbreaks

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout this April 27-May 8. This applies to purchases made in stores and while shopping online at www.TractorSupply.com.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 5: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips Online

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback to prepare you for the 2022 4-H State Award process.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5

May 7: Outdoor Survival Skills 4-H SPIN Club

Price Nature Center and Saginaw Field and Stream Club, Saginaw

Learn basic survival skills to help keep you safe in the outdoors during this three day SPIN club that will take place on May 7, May 12 and May 14.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/outdoor-survival-skills-4-h-spin-club

May 8: 4-H Grow Your Financial Garden Goosechase Online

Grow your financial garden of knowledge as you gain money tips during this GooseChase app-based scavenger hunt! Win potential prizes and have fun! www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-hfinancial-garden-goosechase

May 9: Line Dancing Lessons with Lia

Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building, Greenville

Join an evening of fun on your feet! Lia of Lia's Line Dance will teach you the basic steps of line dancing. This event is free and open to all.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/line-dance-lessons-with-lia

May 10: Wild Spartan Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation. www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-may2022

May 10: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training — Mock Interview and Tips

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback to prepare you for the 2022 4-H State Award process.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-may-10

May 14: Eaton County 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Fun Match

Eaton County Fairgrounds, Charlotte

4-H dog project members and leaders are invited for a day of showing and fun hosted by Eaton County. Both youth and adults may participate in agility, obedience and showmanship classes.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/eaton-county-4-h-pre-fair-dog-fun-match

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2022-23 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000. These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- 4-H On-Target Grants of \$500. These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- ° The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500. This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- ° 4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000. These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant). This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock

Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock, or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help you manage their health and safety by making sure you know the questions to ask before purchasing and the preparations required to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- ° When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- o If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- o If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comingle them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp returns!



Save the date: 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is returning in person this summer! Hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, this fun summer event will take place July 31—August 6.

Teens ages 13—15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands -on learning experiences that educate them about natural resources, environmental stewardship and more. Youth will also enjoy charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

Registration will open in early May and space is limited. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_l

akes natural resources camp/.

EVERGREEN 4-H CLUB CLUB CLASS



SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

ROSEBUSH FIREHALL

11AM-1PM

\$10 CAR WASH \$2 BAKE SALE

Funds raised will go towards Rosebush Park updates, CRDL story board and sawdust for the fair.

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Raise a Leader Dog Puppy and Continue a 4-H Legacy

You have probably seen one, an adorable dog wearing a blue "Future Leader Dog" bandana and wondered how you can learn to train a dog to behave so well. There's only one way to learn the Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) method—raise a puppy for the organization.



Did you know that the first LDB volunteer puppy raisers in 1958 were members of the Oakland County K-9 4-H Club? In fact, 4-H members have had a big impact at Leader Dog.

Long-time LDB Employee and Volunteer Puppy Raiser Pat Boyd, who personally raised 29 LDB puppies, learned about LDB as the leader of the 4-H club her five children belonged to decades ago. Three of her children raised 24 LDB puppies while also participating in other 4-H projects, "It would be easier to list what they didn't do," said Pat. Recently, one of Pat's granddaughters continued the tradition by raising three LDB puppies while in high school.

"I liked the kids being involved with puppy raising," said Pat, "it taught them responsibility in two ways. First, by caring for the dog for a year, and then the important responsibility of reaching out and helping people in need. While it is hard to give the dog back after a year, you are doing this for a person who really needs that dog to live their life to its fullest."

Other LDB employees initially learned about LDB through 4-H. Bev Ferguson, manager of canine development, raised LDB puppies as part of her 4-H experience. Laura Fisher, puppy development coordinator, handled horses during 4-H, but now raises LDB puppies alongside her husband and three sons.

As a volunteer puppy raiser, you get to spend a year with a cute canine as you both learn the skills needed for the puppy to be ready for its formal guide dog training. With the help of an experienced LDB puppy counselor, you'll learn the proper way to teach the common skills of sit, stay, settling calmly on a mat and walking nicely on a leash. But you'll also learn unique skills needed by working Leader Dogs like ignoring distractions, moving confidently through busy environments and properly greeting people.

This opportunity is open to 4-H members and their families (applications must be filled out by someone 18 years or older). Whether you've been a "dog family" for years or have never had a dog, you'll learn a lot during your year as Leader Dog puppy raisers.

Other benefits of this volunteer position include helping people who are blind become more independent and confident in their travel, meeting like-minded people and feeling good about giving back to your community.

To learn more, go to <u>LeaderDog.org</u> and choose the "Volunteer" tab to apply or register for an orientation session. You can also read about the unique opportunity of hosting a Leader Dog Mom in your home.



Laura Fisher's family photo shows that having multiple pets does not exclude a family from raising a Future Leader Dog (yellow Labrador, far right).



Pat Boyd shows off Future Leader Dog Grant who was puppy #50 of the 53 Leader Dog puppies her family has raised over the past 35+ years.







Moo Madness is here again! Saturday, June 4, 2022 Registration 9:30a.m. Clinic 10-2:00



Come out and join us for a day of fun with friends and learning all things dairy!

This year we will be concentrating on our younger dairy enthusiasts with two age groups,

5-8 years old & 9-12 years old.

Cost is \$15 and includes a t-shirt, lunch, and a variety of other goodies!

We must receive your entry by May 20th for us to guarantee a t-shirt.

Feel free to call! Cathy Fry (989)304-1983, Jessica Bryant (989)304-1201, or Heather Turner (989)304-1200

Make checks out to Dairy Dreamer's 4-H Club, memo: Moo Madness.

Please return bottom portion with payment to:

Cathy Fry, 8180 Townline Lake Rd. Lakeview, Mi. 48850

Clinic is held at above address and will be outside. Please dress appropriately.

Name:					_Age:	Shirt size	
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Phone Number:			_				
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	Number of participants:	x \$15=			Total due	e with registration	

Chaperone's do not have to pay \$15 fee unless they would like a t-shirt.

2022 Moo Madness Sponsor Sheet

Yes, I would like to sponsor Moo Madness!



Moo Madness is a youth clinic about dairy.

The day includes educational stations, lunch, a t-shirt, games, and prizes.

This year we will be concentrating on our younger dairy enthusiast with ages 5-12 years old.

We would greatly appreciate your support!

Please make checks out to Dairy Dreamer's 4-H, memo: Moo Madness

\$50_____ This amount will get your business name on the t-shirt.

Other_____

Name as you would like it on shirt ______

Name____

Address____
Phone

Feel free to stop in and check out the clinic and join us for lunch on June 4, 9:30-2:00! Lunch about noon.

Misty Morning Farm. 8180 Townline Lake Rd.,

Lakeview, Mi. 48850

Thank You!!

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



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

Camp Clean-Up May 7

Qualifying Shoot May 14

Sheep Weigh-in May 14

4-H Exploration Days June 22 - 24

4-H Camp on the Move July 12

4-H Cloverbud Camp July 19 & 20

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair July 23-30

Attention 4-H Seniors

Any 4-H high school senior that would like to wear 4-H Honor Cords at their graduation ceremony, you can purchase them at the Extension office for \$15.

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

May 3	Teen Horse Leaders @ County Building	6 PM
3	Horse Leaders @ County Building	7 PM
7	Camp Clean-up @ 4-H Camp	10 AM
14	Sheep Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds	8 AM
14	Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM
18	Shooting Sports Committee @ County Building	7 PM
18	Small Animal Association @ Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant	7 PM
24	4-H Council @ County Building	7 PM
30	County Building Closed	

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"Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 7 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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