



CLOVER CHRONICLES

November 2019

Isabella County

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Still Exhibit Auction Checks

Still Exhibit Auction checks are available at the Extension Office. Please pick-up and cash before January 10, 2020. Any checks not picked up by January 10, 2020 will be donated back to the Still Exhibit Auction.

Award Winners

The Meritorious Service Award and the Alumni Award were announced at the Recognition Banquet on October 11. We thank these winners for their dedication and continuous support for 4-H. Your years of hard work and assistance are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to:

Home Depot- Meritorious Service Award, Friend of 4-H
Katherine Squire - 4-H Alumni Award

2018-19 4-H Honor Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for being chosen as Honor Clubs for the 4-H program year of 2018-19. Each club received a monetary award from the Isabella County 4-H Program Council for their outstanding participation and organization.

Aim High, Back Roads, Barn Yard Kids, Broomfield Valley, Canine Clovers, Country Neighbors, Evergreen, Farm Hands, Pony Creek, Rural Routers & Western Spurs



Beef Weigh-In

Saturday, December 14
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Isabella County Fairgrounds



All beef project members must bring their market beef animals to the fairgrounds to be weighed and tagged. Each member may weigh-in two animals.

Youth Competition - PITCH-ER THIS!

PITCH-ER THIS! is a youth development competition for youth in Gratiot and Isabella counties. It is an opportunity for youth to bring their ideas to life with the winner receiving up to \$5,000 to complete their idea. For more information, visit: www.uwgic.org/pitch



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CLUB CORNER

Barn Yard Kids - In October, we elected officers: President - Andrew Wittbrodt, Vice President - Bridger Brune, Secretary - Elizabeth Moeggenberg, and Treasurer - Caleb Hart. We discussed our November meeting to be utilized making tree decorations for the Rosebush Manor tree competition. Also, we decided that we would be having November and December meetings and skipping January, February, and March in hopes of missing inclement weather.

Broomfield Valley - We elected officers in October; nominated Amarie for treasurer, nominated Audree for Vice President, nominated Aspen for community service rep., nominated Alayna for secretary, nominated Karlee for president. We decided on our fundraiser, going to sell wreaths. We are doing t-shirts that are getting paid for by club funds. We are starting to re-enroll members. Our community service project is to be determined. Our next meeting is going to be November 3 at 4:00 p.m., where we are going to be planning a Christmas party for our next meeting.

Canine Clovers - This month we elected new officers and welcomed new club members. For our program, kids & dogs learned an introduction to a scent game and worked on a relaxation exercise. Our club is open to a few more new enrollments for those desiring to work year round on the Dog Project.

Evergreen - At our October Meeting we welcomed several new members, elected officers, voted on community service and fundraising projects for this year and celebrated our 2019 fair successes. Club leaders also met with the new officers to discuss the club by-laws as well as our calendar for 2020 with possible meeting ideas.

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Rosebush Manor is looking for six 4-H clubs who would be willing to decorate Christmas trees again this year.



The contest will begin on Friday, November 29 at 5 p.m. and all the trees must be completed (totally decorated) by Sunday, December 1 at 6 p.m. unless other arrangements are made prior to November 29. Judging will take place on Monday, December 9. All trees must be decorated with homemade ornaments, we have some lights available that you may use but if you want a particular color of lights please call by Friday, November 15 to reserve what you would like. Lights will be on a first come first serve basis. We will also have extension cords available.

You may decorate the tree with any theme you choose. We ask that the ornaments be homemade and if your club participated last year you will need to use a new theme.

Awards: 1st place \$100

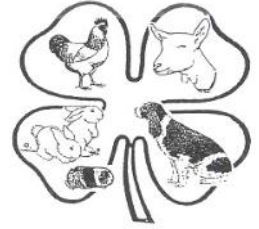
Runner up \$50

All others will receive a certificate of participation.

Criteria for judging is as follows: Creativity, the use of natural material, attention to detail and overall look.

To register, call Dawn Corwin at (989) 433-0150, option #3. Participants must be registered by Friday, November 15 at 5 p.m. Registration is also on a first come basis. We look forward to having you here with us during the Holiday Season! This was a smashing success last year! You all made our holidays fun, interesting and beautiful!

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS



- The 2019 Small Animal Association Legacy Award was presented to the Rudoni Family at the Auction Buyer Appreciation Banquet on October 29. Bidder #1 was also retired in their honor. The Rudoni's have been very involved in various aspects of 4-H for many years. They have purchased animals at every auction and helped with many other activities related to our program -- they are *true* supporters and we thank them for their involvement.
- We also honored ICCU with a Meritorious Service Award for their continued support of the small animal auction and many other events and activities involving the youth of Isabella County. Angie Coldwell also received a meritorious service award for her role as rabbit superintendent and volunteer leader. She has been working with 4-H members and their families for many years and enjoys those experiences.
- If you sold a rabbit/poultry/goat at the fair, you can pick up your check at the Extension Office. **Please cash your checks as soon as possible because they are only good for 90 days.**
- If you are not on a waiting list with a breeder for your 2020 Goat wethers or does, you should be getting on one soon. You are able to sell a wether (castrated male) or a doe. You can contact Theresa Frederick to help with finding a breeder at (989) 621-6866.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building, Room 320. Superintendents will be finalizing 2020 fair book changes. (We will not meet in December)

We are accepting nominations for Teen Representatives on 4-H Council

What is the Isabella County 4-H Council? The 4-H Council is the main decision-making body for the county 4-H program. It is responsible for working with the paid staff to support county 4-H program planning, administration and policy making. The Council is charged with keeping track of "the big picture" for our county 4-H program. It assists with volunteer recruitment, 4-H awareness building, and it oversees things such as member and volunteer recognition and the county award program. Monthly meetings (the 4th Tuesday of the month) are held at the Isabella County Building, room 320, and are open to all 4-H leaders and interested people.

Link to application: http://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

4-H leaders and teens who are interested in serving on 4-H Council should contact Kristi at the Extension Office.

4-H Camp House For Rent

4-H Camp Association is looking for a renter for the house located at the 4-H Camp. The house is a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, with a 1 car attached garage. If you have any questions, please call Don Kistler at (989) 621-0447.

TSC Gift Card Winner

Congratulations to Rhianna Armstrong, of Bowen Busy Bees 4-H Club, for winning the \$25 gift card during the fall Paper Clover Campaign.

THANK YOU to everyone who worked a shift at the store display!



Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program

Any Michigan high school and college students interested in dairy and/or pursuing a career in the dairy industry have until Jan. 17 to apply for the 2020 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program. Continuing with updates instituted last year, the program offers dairy communications training to interested applicants.

All applicants meeting baseline criteria will be invited to attend a day-long program kickoff on Feb. 7, the second day of the Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference (GLRDC). Attendees will be considered 2020 Michigan Dairy Ambassadors and will be equipped with the messaging and practice to effectively communicate with consumers in-person and online.

Participation throughout the year in trainings, dairy events and promotion will earn points with the opportunity to advance to the interview round. Applications, resume and participation and interview will be considered for scholarship recipient selections. Two scholarships will be awarded to the representatives, one to a junior winner and another to a senior winner.

The senior division is reserved for college students up to age 22, with the winner receiving a \$1,500 scholarship. The junior division is limited to high school students in grades nine to 12, and the winner receives \$1,000 that can be applied toward higher education or the purchase of a dairy animal within the upcoming year. Applicants are not required to have a dairy farm background, but they must plan to pursue a career related to the dairy industry. The scholarship program is funded through a benefit auction held at the annual Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference (GLRDC). Students interested in applying for the 2020 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program can download an application from www.glrdc.org or contact Megghan Honke Seidel at 517-884-7089. Applications must be submitted electronically to 1glrdc@gmail.com and will be accepted until Jan. 17.

This year's event will take place in Frankenmuth, Michigan on February 6 - 8, 2020. For the conference schedule and registration information, visit www.glrdc.org.



ATTENTION 4-H CLUB MEMBERS: CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH US!

ALL GROUPS ARE NOW \$15/PERSON

Includes a 4-hour Waterpark Pass plus a FREE pass for every 15 paid participants. *Minimum of 10 swimmers.*

ADMISSION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL GUESTS WHETHER THEY ARE SWIMMING OR NOT

- Add two pieces of pizza & a pop for \$6.50 *(per person)* plus taxes and service fee
- Complimentary towels and life jackets provided
- One hour in complimentary party room *(based on availability)*
- Add a cabana for \$135 which extends your Waterpark access for the entire day!

Finalize your plans today!

For group reservations call: 989.817.4828

Interested in STEM learning options, overnight stays with your group or an after-hours lock in event – just ask our sales team when you call.



4-H Waterpark groups must be booked in advance. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of booking. Offer subject to availability at time of booking. Management reserves the right to change or discontinue offer.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Register now
for the 2020
State 4-H Rabbit
& Cavy Show!**



The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held on January 25, 2020 at the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing. This one-day event is open to participants age 8 to 19.

To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

Youth may enter as many breeds as they wish at bit.ly/31KaOpQ. Pre-entry for this event is optional.

Spectators are welcome!

4-H Events and Workshops

November 8: Gladwin County 4-H Fish Fry Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus, Gladwin

Gladwin County 4-H in partnership with the Gladwin Knights Of Columbus will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. Come enjoy fish and support 4-H!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/gladwin-county-4-h-fish-fry-fundraiser>

December 3: Give Green Day

Statewide

Help Michigan 4-H reach their goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Giving Tuesday. Funds raised provide 4-H participant scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day>

December 5: Family Holiday Open house

Plant & Soil Science Building, East Lansing

This free event provides the opportunity to purchase decorations and immerse yourself in a world of poinsettias. Santa will also be a part of the event starting at 5:30 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/family-holiday-openhouse>

Save the Date!

January 31—February 1: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 1: 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

February 21-22: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 22-23: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 7: 4-H Dog Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

March 13-15: 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Michigan 4-H partners with MSU's Women's Leadership Institute to energize women leaders

Every day, in every way, women are leaders. To learn more about female leadership, 21 youth gathered together on September 24 to attend the Michigan State University (MSU) [Women's Leadership Institute](#) (WLI). An annual event now in its fourth consecutive year, the WLI is designed to empower women students with leadership aspirations.



A collaborative effort between MSU's College of Social Science, MSU alumni, professional women and students, the WLI seeks to ignite the passion of women leaders. Among the institute's executive board is Dr. Amy Bonomi, director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Bonomi worked to include high-school students for the first time in this year's event.

"One of the 2019 WLI themes was 'we're never not leaders' and we know youth are leaders in their own communities, every day," said Bonomi. "They're leaders in clubs, churches, schools, friend groups and even their families. So as we thought about this year's event, we knew it was the perfect time to invite high-schoolers to participate."

[Michigan 4-H](#) led the youth component of the event. Youth ages 14–19 were invited to attend a special pre-reception hosted by Bonomi and Dr. Erica Tobe, associate director of children and youth programming for MSU Extension. Several other members of MSU Extension's 4-H staff also supported the pre-reception, and MSU Athletics Chief of Staff Alan Haller and [MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) (CANR) Dean Ron Hendrick delivered keynote addresses.

"Having the ability to listen to adults with higher experiences than what I have had so far in my life, and being able to identify and relate with the things they have gone through on their own leadership journeys was an opportunity like no other," said Savannah Mauk, an Eaton County 4-H'er.

After the keynote presentations, the youth interacted with the speakers, CANR and MSU Extension staff and each other to share their leadership stories. Following the reception, youth attended a WLI panel discussion at the Wharton Center, which featured world leaders Carolyn Woo, Tiffany L. Jones and Anne Whelan. Youth also participated in a pre-session in advance of the reception that discussed the themes of the evening and how to share their own leadership stories.

"The WLI was an awesome opportunity that challenged everyone, regardless of their stage in life, to be a better leader and develop their leadership skills," said Grace Schmidt, a 4-H'er from Livingston County. "I left the WLI feeling inspired to embrace authenticity in my own leadership," said another 4-H'er, Addy Battel of Huron County. "That experience is having lasting effects on my personal life."

Plans are already underway for another youth-focused event to be held in collaboration with the 2020 WLI.

Michigan 4-H to participate in Giving Tuesday

On Dec. 3, Michigan 4-H is once again teaming up with Michigan State University in their Give Green Day campaign held in conjunction with Giving Tuesday. The ultimate goal is to engage Michigan 4-H alumni and friends in an online effort to make real-time, fast, easy and secure gifts in support of Michigan 4-H. All funds raised will support 4-H participation fee scholarship grants for youth who are unable to pay the 4-H youth participation fee.

From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. EST, Michigan 4-H supporters are invited to participate in Give Green Day by giving their support financially or helping spread the word via social media channels and word of mouth.

During the 24-hour period, Michigan 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will have the chance to support Michigan 4-H through various challenges published on social media. Follow along using [#GiveGreenDay](#) on your social media channels to help Michigan 4-H earn bonus funds. Learn more about Giving Tuesday and Give Green Day at <https://givingday.msu.edu/>.

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SAVE THE DATES

Spa Gift Workshop

November 5, 2019

Beef Weigh-In

December 14, 2019

4-H Exploration Days

June 24 - 26, 2020

4-H Summer (overnight) Camp

July 7-9, 2020

4-H Cloverbud Camp

July 14 & 15, 2020

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 19 - 25, 2020

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

November 5	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6 PM
5	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
5	Spa Workshop @ Commission on Aging	6 - 8 PM
11	OFFICE CLOSED	
21	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 PM
26	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM
28 & 29	OFFICE 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 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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