



CLOVER CHRONICLES

November 2020

Isabella County

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Art Work Contest

The Isabella County 4-H Council is promoting an artwork contest for youth. This is for original artwork (not photography). Each month will have a theme, December will be Holiday Theme. The artwork must be in keeping with the theme and can be done in any medium. Artwork must be submitted to Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) by November 24. 4-H Council will vote on the pictures submitted (artwork and artist must both be in the picture) and the winner will have their artwork featured in the December Clover Chronicles. Please include your name, age and name of club.

“Covid Creations” Project of the Month

Theme for December: bird feeders for our feathered friends

The Isabella County 4-H Council wants to see the ingenuity of our youth during these challenging times! We are offering a “Covid Creations” project of the month for youth to create a month in advance to show off their skills and creations. During the month of November, youth who wish to participate will create a bird feeder and provide a picture of the project and themselves and a few sentences describing something they learned while completing the project. November 24 is the deadline for pictures to be submitted to Kristi (schrei61@msu.edu) and submissions will be published in the December Clover Chronicles. Please submit your name, age and name of club.



2020 Isabella County Plat Books

NEW Plat Books will be available soon! Cost for each book will be \$30 and can be purchased at the Extension office, Register of Deeds, Jay's Sporting Goods, Farm Service Agency, and Farwell Trading Post.

Fun Learning Links Resource Page

Be sure to check out our **NEW Fun Learning Links** page for online educational opportunities! Lots of great learning opportunities for families or leaders to use as a learning piece for virtual meetings with their clubs.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/fun-learning-links



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CLUB CORNER

Evergreen - In October our club held its first ever Zoom meeting. We enjoyed seeing our members faces and hearing their voices after so many months apart. We gathered officer nominations for new officers and collected votes using survey monkey. We asked members for ideas on possible community service projects we can do without being together and decided on collecting items for local non-profits. At our a next meeting we will select a charity to support.

Retrograde Rhapsody - At our very first meeting ever, we welcomed the new virtual club dynamic. We discussed officer roles, topics for future meetings, community service, t-shirts, and being supportive of each other. We are looking forward to growing and learning together as a 4-H Club.

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 virtually via Zoom at this time 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 Council Representatives

The following volunteer leaders were selected to be 4-H Council representatives for another term:

- Becki Crampton
- Micca Crampton
- Darlene Misenhelder
- Mallory O'Dell

4-H Council officers will remain the same as this year.

Virtual Cooking Series

"Cooking with Kristi" is close to launching... six delicious and innovative recipes, keep watching for the launch date email coming soon!



Volunteer Central Update

****Attention 4-H Volunteer Leaders****

Please make sure to access your profile and respond to emails that you receive from Volunteer Central.

Below are some directions/tip sheets that will assist you with completing the requirements to continue in your valued role as a 4-H volunteer for Isabella County.

[Annual Compliance Steps](#)

[Volunteer Central Screen Shots](#)



JOIN US ONLINE

SUCCESS AND SAFETY ON VOLUNTEER-LED VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

*November 12 | 7:00 pm EST**Register Here:*<https://bit.ly/3kfxylv>

OR

*November 18 | 7:30 pm EST**Register Here:*<https://bit.ly/3kg7bSH>

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY | Extension

MSU Extension Volunteers - with more virtual programs and meetings taking place, have you considered how you are keeping youth and adult participants safe and creating a positive learning environment? Attend this program and learn about best practices and strategies to use when programming virtually with youth and adults. We will cover important points to remember and resources to help you in your role.

To register:

November 12: <https://bit.ly/3kfxylv>

November 18: <https://bit.ly/3kg7bSH>

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MSU's Institute of Agricultural Technology Virtual Open House!



Institute of Agricultural Technology

You're invited to attend a virtual open house for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology to learn more about [MSU's academic programs](#) and many [partnerships with Michigan community colleges](#).

The open house events begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 45 minutes. The presentation will include information about academic programs, career pathways, enrollment process, resources for student success, and key campus life opportunities, as well as providing an opportunity for youth to ask questions at any point throughout the presentation.

To register, click on the preferred date below:

[Tuesday, November 3](#)

www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-3-nov-2020

[Tuesday, November 17](#)

www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020

Questions? Contact ati.iat@msu.edu or call 517-884-7334.

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6-11: Michigan Youth Fall-a-thon

Online via GooseChase

Join the fun on the GooseChase app as youth compete as household teams to complete challenges in this fun, self-paced, virtual fall event!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-youth-fall-a-thon>

November 9-13: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

Online via Zoom

Join the 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club and explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-minecraft-spin-club-nov-9-13>

November 9-12: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Vet Science Interactive Series
Online via Zoom

Explore veterinary science through interactive sessions as you visit Tollgate Farm virtually to learn about livestock and companion animals through STEM challenges and learning!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-vet-science-interactive-week-long-series>

November 9-12: Youth Armory Babysitting Training

Online via Zoom

Join this four-day training designed to teach teen youth everything they need to know about being safe, effective, trustworthy and responsible babysitters.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-armory-babysitting-training>

November 10: Wild Spartans Series

Online via Zoom

Join 4-H staff to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-november>

November 25: 4-H Sooper Yooper GooseChase Scavenger Game

Online via GooseChase app

Learn fun facts about the U.P. while completing missions on the Goose Chase app! Participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, or wherever your family will be during this time!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-sooper-yooper-goosechase-savenger-game>

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Instructors wanted for 2021 4-H Exploration Days!



Plans are underway for an exciting and enhanced 4-H Exploration Days in 2021—and we need your help! MSU Extension's 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. Volunteers are crucial to this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated to be held June 23-25, 2021 on the campus of MSU. During this tumultuous time, MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are also preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience. We will continue to keep both volunteers and potential participants informed as to any updates as time progresses.

To make the most of our 2021 event, regardless of format, we are currently looking for instructors to host fun and engaging sessions. Please consider submitting a session proposal before December 1. Session proposals include a session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) you plan to engage and their contact information.

New for this year, sessions will take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2.5, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots. To learn more about instructor roles and to access the form, please visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days/Volunteer-Information/ or contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

4-H'ers excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase; \$50,000 in youth scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they have put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](#) and [MSU Extension](#). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Among those scholarships were new funds provided in 2020 to support 4-H Virtual Scholarships, specifically for 4-H youth. Recipients of the 4-H Virtual Scholarships are:

- Magdalene Callender, Ingham County
- Rebecca Havelka, Menominee County
- Travis Liford, Oakland County
- Adrian Noecker, Antrim County
- Elizabeth Shane, Washtenaw County

- Alexis Fisher, Monroe County
- Sarah Liford, Oakland County
- Allison Littlefield, St. Joseph County
- Kylie A. Ossege, Oakland County
- Troy Todd, Osceola County

"I have always dreamed of competing at the Michigan State Fair, but due to distance that was not possible," said scholarship recipient Rebecca Havelka. "The positive in this whole experience is that I had the ability to compete virtually at more shows than I could have ever imagined. Thank you so

Getting crafting — for free!



Through National 4-H Council's partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com!

When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15 percent off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com!

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Already have a rewards card? Go to www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h and use your rewards card number to sign up for free Creativebug access today.

Don't have a JOANN's reward card? Sign-up at www.joann.com/4-h/.

CASTING CALL

PICTURE YOURSELF HERE



My Why A Volunteer Video Project

We are looking for 4-H volunteers to highlight in a promotional video to be used to recruit more volunteers. We know you have what it takes to help us let others know about the value and meaning of being a 4-H volunteer, and we want to put you in the spotlight for all that you do!

I volunteer:

- ☒ As a club leader
- ☒ On a local 4-H council
- ☒ At camp
- ☒ For special events

Because:

- ☒ I'm a parent
- ☒ To make connections
- ☒ To leave a legacy
- ☒ I want to make a difference in my community

You will be interviewed (virtually) by your local program coordinator asking you a short series of questions about why you volunteer for 4-H. Your interview will be edited together with other volunteer videos for a short promotional video to be shared on social media. MSU Extension will mail a kit to you with materials you will need to create a studio in your own home! We will also provide technical assistance and direction. When done with the kit, just drop it off at your local MSU Extension office. We plan to make this process very easy and user-friendly and volunteers who participate will be provided more specific information along with tips and tricks for recording an interview. If you are interested in participating in this project please contact **Kristi Schreiber** at schrei61@msu.edu or **989-330-5131**.



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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”

Please **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/>

REMINDER

If you haven't already re-enrolled in 4-H Online, please do so by
Monday, November 2:

<https://v2.4honline.com>

(you do not create a new account)

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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| November 2 | 4-H Re-enrollments are due | |
| 3 | Horse Leaders via Zoom | 7 PM |
| 19 | Small Animal via Zoom | 7 PM |
| 24 | 4-H Council via Zoom | 7 PM |
| 26 & 27 | MSUE Holiday | |

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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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