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October 2019

Isabella County

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2019-2020 4-H Club Enrollments

All 4-H club enrollments (<https://mi.4honline.com>) are due Thursday, October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. The annual participation fee is \$20 per youth, or \$60 per family. Scholarship grants are available for those families unable to pay the participation fee. This payment should be made to your Administrative Leader and they will submit the payment for the entire club to the Extension office.

We are accepting nominations for Adult and 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 teen representative 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. Adult leaders will vote on adult 4-H Council members at the Recognition Banquet.

4-H Recognition Banquet

Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Mt. Pleasant

***All 4-H families** are invited to help us recognize accomplishments of 4-H youth and leaders. Dinner is provided by 4-H Council. We will be handing out Still Exhibit Auction checks to members after the program.*

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, October 4.



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - We celebrated members' experiences and achievements at our annual "after fair pot luck dinner." There was a lot of food, lots of sharing, and some plans for upcoming service projects. Members will be coordinating a petting zoo at TSC during the Paper Clover Campaign, and visiting New Hope Assisted Living with small animals sometime in the near future.

Dairy Dreamers - In July, we attended Dairy Days and everyone did very well. In August we had our annual trip to Ludington. We had a cookout and went to the beach. In September we volunteered at Sportsman for Youth where we handed out over 1200 bottles of chocolate and strawberry milk. We also brought a calf and goats for people to pet.

Pony Creek - We completed our road cleanup, elections and discussed what our group liked and disliked at the fair. Specifically, we were concerned with dirty animals and stalls. Members also thought all clubs should do a better job of cleaning up waste when walking animals.

Western Spurs - We met to discuss lots of topics! We welcomed many new families as members and discussed club by-laws. New officers were elected and their roles were explained to them. We discussed the upcoming banquets and passed out buyer pictures (thank you 2019 buyers!!). We are looking forward to our 15th year of decorating Rosebush Manner in December and discussed details. Lastly, we discussed our club motto, "To make the best better!"

NEW - 4-H Fire Cadet Club

For youth ages 13 - 19

This club is for youth interested in pursuing a career or volunteering in a First Responder, firefighter capacity. The club will provide training, meetings, drills, community events and station projects to expose youth to potential career opportunities.



For more information, contact Kirk McQueen at 989-423-5040.

Crafting Day

Saturday, November 2, 2019

A rep from a crafting company is offering an event similar to a scrap booking retreat. Participants register for "space" to work on their choice of project, and all other details of the day are covered. You will have a six-foot table, electricity, comfortable atmosphere, and food all day long. She will also provide one-on-one instruction for a couple of items/techniques and free gifts as well. She is donating all profits from the day to the Fair Board's Building project. See the flier on page 11 for more details. We hope you will plan to participate in this fun event that will help you make progress on a specific project and support the ongoing building project at our fairgrounds as well.

Volunteers Needed for Petting Zoo

We are looking for volunteers (members, leaders, or family members) to help with a petting zoo for a fall fun day at Re-Found Glory (west of town on Whiteville Road) on October 19, sometime between 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

More details will be available soon, but we need to know if we have enough people to help with this community outreach opportunity.

Please contact the Extension office (989-317-4079) to add your name to our list.

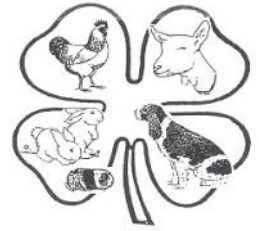
Help Needed - Taking out Dock at 4-H Camp

We are looking for a few strong able bodies (with waders) to help take the dock out at the 4-H Camp next Wednesday, October 9 at 6 p.m. It will be a fast job if we have about 12 strong people.

If you can help, please contact Kristi at (989) 317-4079.

SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

- Buyer Appreciation Banquet: Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m. (please arrive between 6-6:15 p.m. to help with final preparations before our guests arrive for dinner), at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 319 E. Illinois Street, Mt. Pleasant.
- All small animal members who participated in the auction during fair week should plan to attend -- please make it a priority as it is considered part of your project. We take the opportunity to offer a special thank you to the buyers who join us for dinner. Each member that sold an animal is asked to bring a nice door prize item, one hot food dish, and one cold food dish to pass. Informational invitation letters will be sent out soon. The Small Animal Association provides KFC chicken, potatoes, rolls, beverages, and table service. Aim High 4-H Club will be providing the dessert this year. **Everyone planning to attend should RSVP as soon as possible.** Please do not presume we know you are coming; help us plan appropriately.
- If you have not yet done so, send a thank you note to your specific buyer. Make sure to also mention coming to the banquet. Just a simple, personal comment will mean a lot for those that so faithfully support the auction year after year.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building, Room 320.



Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion

This is a great community service opportunity!

Help is needed (youth and adults) to work the table at the store for the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 9-20. TSC is a HUGE supporter of 4-H! Clubs are encouraged to do a fundraiser at the store (need to notify Victoria at TSC first).

Isabella County 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 TSC gift card drawing for anyone that works a shift. Everyone that works will receive a ticket for working that will be collected and a winner will be drawn at the October 22 4-H Council meeting. You will receive a ticket for the drawing **each time** you work a shift.



Plan your shift in advance and sign up at the Extension office if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store. Even if you can only stay an hour or two, your help is appreciated!

4-H Ambassadors Update

The 4-H Ambassador team is gearing up for several appearances including:

- Shepherd Homecoming Parade on 10/4
- 4-H Recognition Banquet on 10/10
- Small Animal Buyer Appreciation Banquet on 10/29

They are also making plans to help with crafting workshops, hope to promote 4-H at some local school events, organize and host a party for kids involved in the Angel Tree program, and help with Christmas Outreach on 12/7. If schedules allow, the "larger team" of former 4-H Ambassadors has also been invited to assist with the petting zoo at Re-found Glory on 10/19 and they invite anyone from the 4-H community to join them. We are looking for small animals for this event (puppies, kittens, ducklings, chicks, bunnies, goat kids) -- please see detailed note in this newsletter.

If you have an event that you'd like the 4-H Ambassador Team to consider attending, please let the Extension Office know.

Instructions for Re-Enrolling in 4-H Online

Now is the time to re-enroll for the 2019-20 4-H program year. Please refer to the instructions below to help you in that process.

Participation fees will be paid to your club Administrative Leader who will then turn all of the fees in to our office for the entire club, including scholarship forms. If you have any questions or need to use a computer to enroll, please contact our office for assistance.

Go to: <https://mi.4honline.com>

Login with your email and password - **DO NOT create a new account**

Continue to family

Click edit for the person

Scroll down and hit enroll for 2018-19

Update information, make sure everything is current...address, email, phone, school, grade, etc.

Sign/fill in Code of Conduct, Media/Medical Releases & Health Information

Add or delete any projects

Submit Enrollment

Leadership Opportunity - MI State Youth Leadership Council

For youth ages 15 - 19 (by January 1)

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC) applications are now being accepted. SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and can provide youth voice and perspective on the development of 4-H programs and curricula.

The deadline to apply is October 28. This opportunity is for 4-H youth that are seeking a state level leadership role and who are enthusiastic about 4-H.

For an application: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc19/>

For more information: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/>

Scholarship Opportunities

As another school year begins, we want to remind everyone that there are several post-secondary scholarships available to 4-H members throughout the state. MI 4-H scholarships provide a tremendous opportunity for 4-H youth to receive financial support toward their post-secondary education – and they are simple to complete! The deadline for applications is November 1st.

Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarships

Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually Who can apply: Current 4-H members who will be enrolled in higher education, which includes community college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2020. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years.

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

Award amount: \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Four to Six scholarships are given annually.

Who can apply: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

Michigan State University - Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Michigan 4-H Foundation also offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these scholarships – recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Scholarship applicant pool above. Current scholarships include:

- Sigma Alpha Sorority 4-H Scholarship – **NEW THIS YEAR!**
Award amount: \$1,000
- Lowell and Carol Spike Memorial 4-H Scholarship
Award amount: \$1,000



For more information about the 4-H scholarships and to access the applications please visit our [4-H scholarships web page](#). Applications should be postmarked by November 1st.

Teen “Chopped” Competition



Central Michigan is gearing up for the fourth annual Teen “Chopped” competition, to be held November 9, 2019 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, in Mt. Pleasant. Teens ages 13 – 19 years old are invited to participate.

In an effort to bring well-known cooking competitions to a local level, MSU Extension, in cooperation with Farm Bureau and Soaring Eagle Casino, area teens have the opportunity to display their culinary skills, while learning a little in the process.

Prizes are awarded for Overall, Best Presentation, and Most Creative.

This event offers a little education mixed in with a lot of hands on experience preparing a culinary creation from a list of mandatory ingredients, and a surprise mystery ingredient given the day of the competition. Opportunities for teams to consult with experienced chefs are offered to teams as an exciting aspect of this competition.

One take-away from this competition is promoting “sourcing local” ingredients. There is a big push to eat more local, but not everyone uses their resources to do this. Through this event, participants learn how and why it is important to “source local” for their food. In addition, as many ingredients as possible are obtained at the local level, including the bulk of the produce and also locally grown meat. MSU Extension supports efforts promoting healthy eating and living, food safety and farm to fork events.

The deadline for applying is “now” – applications are due October 18, 2019. You can obtain an application by contacting the MSU Extension office at 989-317-4079, picking up an application at the Chippewa River District Library main branch or email Kara Lynch at lynchka4@msu.edu.



Michigan Farm Bureau Discussion Meets

Did you know that Michigan Farm Bureau offers a communication contest that is open to 4-H members and FFA members who are in high school? A Discussion Meet contest is an opportunity for young leaders to develop their skills in communication, leadership, critical thinking, and cooperation through a conversation with peers about current agricultural issues. The Youth Discussion Meet contest is based on the model of the American Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher program and the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer program Discussion Meet contests. This contest is conducted at a regional level throughout Michigan, with regional winners invited to participate at a state level contest during the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual meeting.



The topics for this year's Youth Discussion Meets are:

- High schoolers face bullying, peer-pressure, and stress of life as a teenager. Farmers also face unique stressors such as pricing, weather, activist groups, etc. How can youth organizations, Michigan Farm Bureau and other partners work to promote positive health and wellbeing habits youth can build upon as they become the next generation of agriculturalists?
- From natural to man-made disasters our world can be quickly impacted by tragedy on both small and large scale. Discuss your role in assisting with aid, what barriers hinder your participation and what opportunities are out there for teenagers to make an impact?
- How do you as young agriculturalists work to break the stigma between us versus them? Examples include organic versus non-organic, small versus large traditional versus non-traditional direct marketing versus retail producer versus consumer?

For complete information and registration details visit:

<https://www.michfb.com/MI/YFDiscussionMeet/>.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or have questions about it, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at 810-648-2515 ext. 309 or nashbett@msu.edu.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 5: 4-H Community Harvest Fest

Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Join the third annual Harvest Fest to explore the Outdoor Learning Lab, hayrides, pizza demonstrations and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/3rd-annual-4-h-community-harvest-fest>

October 5: Wayne County 4-H Open House

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Explore Wayne County 4-H at this free family event! Discover the different ways you can become involved as a youth or a volunteer.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-open-house>

October 6: Montcalm County Bake-Off

Frugthaven Farm, Greenville

Test your baking skills at this fun event for 4-H'ers and non-4-H youth.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-bake-off>

October 9: TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company stores, nationwide

Between October 9-20, 4-H supporters can purchase paper clovers for \$1 at local

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Proceeds benefit local 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tsc-paper-clover>

October 19: Teen "Chopped" Competition

Harrison City Market, Harrison

This competition is for youth, ages 13-19, to display their talent of cooking by creating a nutritious meal from locally grown items.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-chopped-competition>

October 19: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program Instructor Update

W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners

Attend this workshop to obtain continuing education for 4-H PEP Certified Instructors and others involved in therapeutic riding activities.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-proud-equestrians-program-instructor-update>

October 20: 4-H Day at the Lions

Ford Field, Detroit

4-H members, families and friends are invited to the Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota

Vikings game on Oct. 20 at Ford Field. For each ticket purchased, \$5 goes back to county 4-H programs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-lions-1>

For more 4-H events, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA



MI 4-H STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
now accepting applications

Apply now for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Providing opportunities for youth to share their voice through youth-adult partnerships is a key focus of [Michigan 4-H Youth Development](#). In 2015, the [Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#) was created to do just that in a statewide setting.

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council brings teen leaders from across Michigan together to provide authentic youth voice in Michigan 4-H youth programs and to assist with promoting 4-H programs on a statewide level. The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council provides a high-level leadership opportunity for older youth to learn about 4-H beyond their own experiences by talking with and learning from 4-H members across the state.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Addy Battel reflects on her experience, saying, "State Youth Leadership Council has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet in person 2-3 times per year during statewide 4-H events like 4-H Exploration Days. Additionally, Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council members meet once per month by calling in or logging into an online telecommunication platform.

Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council member Torey Fischer adds, "State Youth Leadership Council has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills, but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

[Applications](#) are now available for the [2020 Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council](#). 4-H members aged 15-19 as of Jan. 1, 2020, are encouraged to apply for a two-year seat on the council by applying online at <https://bit.ly/2kVfHwO>. Two recommendations are also required for each applicant, one being from the local 4-H program coordinator. The deadline to apply is Oct. 28.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 7 - 13

For the 77th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. During the 2019 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and inspire youth to be True Leaders through hands-on doing.



From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to make a difference for the next generation. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community. Though every day during National 4-H Week is a great time to show your pride, Tuesday, Oct. 8, is the official 4-H Spirit Day and you're encouraged to wear 4-H apparel to show your 4-H pride.

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



The "[Teaching science when you don't know diddly squat series](#)" aids youth in learning the process of science; asking questions and discovering answers.

Through the various activities, young people try to figure things out for themselves, rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

In this latest activity in the series, "Why do animal poops look different?", youth experiment with why manure looks different for each animal.

To find this activity and others in the series, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series>.



Teen "Chopped" Competition

A cooking competition among teams using locally grown food.

WHO:

Teens ages 13-19
(teams of 2-4)

DATES:

October 18, 2019 (5 pm)
Application Deadline

October 24, 2019

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Mandatory Meeting at the
Isabella County Building

November 9, 2019

Competition at Sacred
Heart Parish Hall



Showcase your culinary skills and learn some new techniques and tricks while preparing for this local cooking competition. Chef Jared Miller from the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, will help mentor students as they develop a recipe using mandatory ingredients grown locally. Be prepared for a challenge as you incorporate a mystery ingredient the day of the competition.

Will you be the next *Teen "Chopped"* Champion?

Fun

Food



Prizes

Friends

For an application, questions or more information, contact: MSU Extension at 989-317-4079 or lynchka4@msu.edu

Application deadline:
October 18, 2019

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Rejuvenate your Mind

Scrapbooking, Crafts, Fabric Projects, etc.

Saturday, November 2, 2019

9:30 AM—7:00 PM

At First Church of Christ

1610 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant



\$55 WILL GET YOU:

- * A goody bag worth over \$20
- * 4 Make and Take Projects
- * Handmade Gifts
- * Morning Snacks, Lunch, and Dinner
- * Your Own Table Space

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND SUPPLIES TO WORK ON!

Use this opportunity as a “mental wellness” day — doing things you enjoy and visiting with others of like mind. We supply the space and logistics; you supply the project and/or activity!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND FARM FAIR SOCIETY'S MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Include a group name if you'd like to guarantee a block of seats together.
Send registration form below with your payment by check or credit card to Kim Vogel.
RSVP by October 24 as space is limited — get your spot held soon!

Kim Vogel, Stampin' Up! Kimsbasementbunch.com (989) 506-1410 5783 E. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

NAME: _____

GROUP NAME (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

PAYMENT: CREDIT CARD _____ CHECK _____

MASTERCARD _____ VISA _____ DISCOVER _____ CARD #: _____

EXP. DATE: _____ CVV: _____

DO YOU NEED ELECTRICITY? YES _____ NO _____

DIETARY CONCERNS/FOOD ALLERGIES? YES _____ NO _____

EXPLAIN: _____



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**Club re-enrollments for
the 2019-20 4-H year are
due October 31, 2019!**

SAVE THE DATES

National 4-H Week

October 6 - 12, 2019

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign

October 9 - 20, 2019

4-H Recognition Banquet

Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Small Animal Banquet

Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Spa Gift Workshop

November 5

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair

July 19 - 25, 2020

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

October 1	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6 PM
1	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
6-12	National 4-H Week	
9-20	TSC Paper Clover Campaign @ TSC	
10	4-H Recognition Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall	6:30 PM
22	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM
29	Small Animal Banquet @ SHA Parish Hall	6:30 PM

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