



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

October 2020

Isabella County

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## 2020-2021 4-H Club Enrollments

All 4-H club enrollments (<http://v2.4honline.com/>) are due Monday, November 2 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. Reminder, we are not collecting participation fees this year.

## National 4-H Week: October 4-10

The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America. With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country.

See page 7 for more information on ways that you can bring awareness to your community.



## Annual Financial Summary Reports

**REMINDER - due by October 15 to Kristi at [schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu).**  
Your club enrollments will remain "pending" until the report is turned in.

A fillable version is available at:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_financial\\_management\\_toolkit](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit)

## 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/fun-learning-links)



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## Attention All Youth Cooks

Please be watching for our new series, **"Cooking with Kristi!"** We are developing a weekly recipe for youth to make at home (with parental supervision as needed per age appropriateness). Our young cooks will make some unusual and tasty new foods, learn basic kitchen safety and sanitation, learn a variety of cooking techniques and culinary terms, and get to show off their product proudly in a virtual space to be determined. Registration will be coming soon! Get ready to have some fun cooking virtually!



## Fall Bulb Kits - Order Today

Get ready to get your hands in the dirt and plant some bulbs this fall for beautiful spring flowers! Kits contain 10 daffodil bulbs, 20 grape hyacinth bulbs, instructions and video links.

The first 15 orders we receive will get kits to be picked up at the office OR, Kristi will do porch drop offs. Each Kit costs \$12.00.

To place your order, please email Nonie at [grossn@msu.edu](mailto:grossn@msu.edu). Delivery or pick up date to be determined in a week. Deadline to order is October 10.

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## Attention Administrative Leaders

With clubs still not able to meet in a face to face format, Kristi is more than happy to assist you with virtual club meetings and meeting set-ups, and she would love to attend as well! With this virtual "new norm", one of the benefits is that we are able to obtain more guest speakers and educators who are now more easily able to participate in meetings because they can avoid traveling from distances. If you have topics of interest, please reach out to Kristi ([schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu)) and she will contact or connect you with a guest speaker for a club activity.

We also have added an Isabella County **"Fun Learning Links"** page that could be utilized for a monthly club activity. [https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella\\_county\\_4\\_h/fun-learning-links](https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/fun-learning-links)

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## "Covid Creations" Project of the Month

### *Theme for November: anything cooked with pumpkin*

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 September, youth who wish to participate will create a baked good project, provide a picture of the project and themselves, provide the recipe and a few sentences describing something they learned while completing the project. October 28 is the deadline for pictures to be submitted to Kristi Schreiber, [schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu) and submissions will be published in the November Clover Chronicles. Please submit your name, age and name of your 4-H Club. We are hoping to have a lot of great baker participants!

## Clover Chronicles 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, November will be Harvest/Thanksgiving. The artwork must be in keeping with the theme and can be done in any medium. Artwork must be submitted to Kristi Schreiber, [schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu) by October 28. 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 November Clover Chronicles. Please include your name, age and name of your 4-H Club. We are looking for lots of wonderfully cool artwork!



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## Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

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### ON THE WEB:

[https://  
www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/)

### APPLY BY OCT. 31:

[https://  
events.anr.msu.edu/  
sylc20](https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc20)



### TARGET AUDIENCE:

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2021, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a committee. SYLC member terms are two years, running January 1, 2021– December 31, 2022.

### PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.

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

Application link (applications due October 31): <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc20/>

**New this year** - SYLC Members and advisors are offering two virtual meetings to help youth prepare their applications. Registration is available through Events Management:

What is SYLC? – October 12, 7 p.m. - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylcinfo/>

SYLC Application Workshop- October 20, 7 p.m.- <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylcapps/>



# Attention Volunteer Leaders

## Annual Background Checks and Code of Conduct

Many of our volunteers completed their last background check in fall 2019. Volunteer Central has already started sending automated emails to volunteers informing them that it is time to login to Volunteer Central, review/ update their profile, consent to the annual background check and agree to the Code of Conduct. These reminders are sent 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day prior to the due date for the annual check. Updates were made in the system late last week to make it easier for volunteers to complete the process of authorizing the annual background check, completing the media and medical release, and agreeing to the updated Code of Conduct. To complete the process, the volunteer will login to Volunteer Central, click "Please complete" next to Authorizations and Background Checks. Weekly VSP/ Volunteer Central open office hours which are held on Thursdays at 2 p.m. Questions can also be sent to [MSUE.msuevol@msu.edu](mailto:MSUE.msuevol@msu.edu).

The date of the last background check was not included in all transferred files because it was missing in the original data source (4-HOnline or VMS). For these volunteers, we will be setting the due date as November 1, 2020 for 4-H and a date during the recertification period for EMG.

## Updated Code of Conduct

The MSU Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct has been updated to include program specific addendums and an addendum for novel coronavirus/ COVID-19 expectations. Volunteers agree to the Code of Conduct during the application process or upon acceptance and annually within Volunteer Central. The full code of conduct is [posted here](#).

The addendum reads:

### Novel Coronavirus/ COVID19 Addendum

I understand that policies related to in-person programming and requirements for social distancing, personal protective equipment and virtual options will evolve during the program year due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

I agree to follow the most up-to-date guidance provided by Michigan State University Extension and the [Michigan State University Community Compact](#). This may include, but is not limited to:

- o Conducting meetings virtually
- o Maintaining proper social distance at all times
- o Wearing face coverings
- o Posting safety instructions when hosting a meeting
- o Providing hand sanitizer and hand washing stations at meetings
- o Prior to hosting or attending an MSU Extension event as a volunteer, I will review the most recent communication from my volunteer supervisor and/or contact my supervisor for guidance
- o I will not attend in-person meetings or programs if:
- o I am experiencing signs of illness
- o Anyone in my household has experienced signs of illness in the last 14 days
- o I have traveled outside the United States in the past 14 days
- o I have reason to believe that anyone in my household, including me, has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- o If any of the above occur, I will self-quarantine for 14 days with no symptoms or until I have tested negative for COVID-19

# 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](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu) or **989-330-5131**.



# 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: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

**October 5: MSU Tollgate Farm Secret Life of Trees Interactive Weekly Series**  
*Online*

Explore the secret life of trees in this 5-week series that occurs each Monday. Interact with MSU Tollgate Farm staff, visit the fields and gardens, engage in STEM challenges, learn how we are a part of the same ecosystem as the trees and how we can give back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-secret-life-of-trees-interactive-weekly-series>

**October 6: 4-H Jedi Training for Teens**

*Online via Zoom*

Do you have what it takes to harness the force and become a guardian of peace and justice? Find your inner harmony with this 5-week series that will occur each Tuesday.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-jedi-training-for-teens>

**October 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Follow The Nutrient Trail Interactive Weekly Series**  
*Online*

Follow the nutrient trail of consumers, producers and decomposers as you meet Tollgate's goats, chickens and worms during this 5-week series that occurs each Thursday. Students will interact with staff and question, hypothesize, experiment, analyze data, conclude and question again through hands-on STEAM challenges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-follow-the-nutrient-trail-interactive-weekly-series>

**October 10: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop - An Intro to Coding**

*Online via Zoom*

Students will spend four days (weekends of October 10-11 and 17-18) learning how to code and develop an application to solve a technical problem that they define. This workshop is for any high school students of all coding skill levels and experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshops-an-intro-to-coding>

**October 12: Adulting 101**

*Online via Zoom*

The exciting Adulting 101 series is offered to high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This 3-week series will occur each Monday and cover Interviews for Success, Household Tasks, and Making a Spending Plan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-fall-series-mondays>

**October 17: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Ultimate Grilled Cheese**

*Online via Zoom*

Participants, ages 5-19, will learn how to make Ultimate Grilled Cheese Sandwiches using low and non-fat ingredients. Participants will receive the recipe two days in advance.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-ultimate-grilled-cheese>

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



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

### National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 4 - 10

For the 78th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 4-10.

The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.



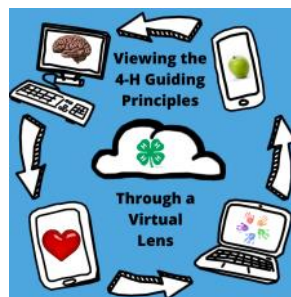
With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country. In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

To help bring awareness to the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to celebrate National 4-H Week in their communities. A few ways to do that while maintain safe social distancing include:

- Share how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community.
- Show your 4-H pride by wearing your 4-H apparel on Wednesday, Oct. 7, the official 4-H Spirit Day.
- Write an op-ed for your local paper to tell your Michigan 4-H story or submit it to MSU Extension for the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers series](#).
- Decorate an [Opportunity4All sign](#) and share your pictures and captions of what opportunity means to you using the hashtag #Opportunity4All on social media.
- Use a [National 4-H Week Zoom background](#) on your virtual meetings.

### Guidelines for Positive Youth Development Virtually

As Michigan 4-H staff, volunteers and youth continue to practice safe social distancing, 4-H programs have moved online and many 4-H clubs are connecting virtually. To help both 4-H staff and volunteers view the 4-H Guiding Principles through a virtual lens, MSU Extension recently developed "Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development: Virtual Programming Focus." This resource is a great tool for adults interacting with 4-H'ers to review as they consider their best ways to optimize 4-H programming for the online world.



View the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development online at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus).

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



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) from Oct. 7-18.

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>.



# VIRTUAL EXCHANGE CLUB



OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 4-H AGE 12 TO 19 FROM  
CLARE, GLADWIN & ISABELLA COUNTIES

Virtual Meetings With Youth From Wisconsin 4-H

First Exchange Meeting via Zoom:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 7PM TO 8PM**

We have a fun opportunity for you to learn more about youth involved in 4-H in another state! If you are a youth who is 4-H age 12 to 19, join us for a virtual exchange with 4-H youth from Wisconsin. You will have the opportunity learn more about their state, their 4-H program, how they are different, and similarities in their 4-H program. Each youth will have an opportunity to lead an icebreaker, whole group discussion, breakout room, or the reflection over the 6 Zoom meetings. Planning will begin at the first meeting.

Register by  
Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

<https://forms.gle/hFabPvR9jYwsT8dy7>

Meeting information will  
be sent out prior to the  
first meeting.

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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/>

## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

October 4-10	National 4-H Week	
6	Horse Leaders via Zoom	7 PM
7-18	TSC Paper Clover Campaign @ TSC	
15	Small Animal via Zoom	7 PM
27	4-H Council via Zoom	7 PM

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