



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

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Isabella County

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## Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion October 5 - 16

### *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 5-16. 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. 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.

## 2022-2023 4-H Club Enrollments

All 4-H club enrollments (<http://v2.4honline.com/>) are due October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H.

## Attention Gold Volunteers

We are looking for a Gold volunteer to teach a 1 hour babysitting class, for 6 weeks, Kristi will train and provide curriculum. Also looking for a Gold volunteer to teach a craft workshop for youth. Contact Kristi if you are interested at [schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu) or (989) 317-4079.

## Project Volunteers

If you are not working with a specific club but you are a gold volunteer, sign up as a project or resource leader in 4-H Online.

**Looking for Volunteers - To help set up SHA Parish Hall on Thursday, October 6 for the banquet. If you would like to help, please contact Kristi at (989) 317-4079.**



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## CLUB CORNER

**Retrograde Rhapsody** - In August, we enjoyed our Retrograde Rhapsody Virtual Fair. Our virtual fair was complete with showmanship and judges. The members were very professional and took great pride in showing their projects. At our September meeting, we celebrated the end of the 4-H year with an awards meeting. Each member was awarded a participation trophy for their showmanship in our Retrograde Rhapsody Virtual Fair. We also ranked fruit leather flavors, and decided apple is our club favorite. We are currently making plans for more fun and learning next year.

## Free Chicken Looking For A Home

If anyone is interested in a Buff Orpington/Rooster cross bird, please call the Extension office and we'll give you more information.

## Seeking Teen 4-H Council Representatives

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) are held at the Isabella County Building in 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms)

## Small Animal News

- Buyer Appreciation Banquet: Tuesday, October 25, 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. 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 meat, potatoes, spaghetti, rolls, beverages, and table service. **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.
- Members will be able to pick up their checks following dinner. Only the member will be given their own check. For those who do not come to the banquet, checks will be made available sometime in November. That information will be shared at a later date.





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



### IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 5-16<sup>TH</sup> 2022

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.



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. 5-16.

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>.

### October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

*Madison, Wisconsin*

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

### October 3-24: Adulting 101 Webinar Series

*Webinar*

Michigan State University Extension's FREE Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently. Join us every Monday during October 3-24, 2022, 6-7 p.m. Eastern Time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22>

### October 7: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

*East Lansing, MI*

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

### October 11: Wild Spartans Series

*Webinar*

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a leap into wetlands and riparian areas and climb to the high desert grasslands to take a closer look at plant biodiversity.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-october-2022>

### November 11-13: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

*Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Center, Roscommon, MI*

Join this popular overnight 4-H workshop with sessions in sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, art of cooking, photography, poetry, music, folk art, and much more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-creative-arts-celebrate>







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Michigan 4-H Photo/Video Contest

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a photo/video contest to help celebrate National 4-H Week – October 2-9, 2022!

We are asking 4-H volunteers, youth and alumni to share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H.”

### Contest Details

- Contestants will share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H” on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok including the hashtag #loveMI4H. (Make sure the post is public.)
- For members of the Michigan 4-H community without social media access, submissions may also be sent by email to Gwyn Shelle at [heyboerg@msu.edu](mailto:heyboerg@msu.edu).
- Ten prizes will be awarded randomly to those who share a photo or video, either through social media or by email, during National 4-H Week. Prizes include MSU Extension 4-H swag!
- The contest will go live on Oct. 2 and submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 9, 2022.

For video guidelines/support and full contest rules, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/contest>.



## 4-H scholarships available; apply by Nov. 1

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 \$10,000 (over the course of four years).

**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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful?

# ADULTING 101

## FALL SERIES



MONDAYS, 6-7 PM EST

- **October 3:** Changing the World With Just 1 Vote
- **October 10:** Choose Your Future
- **October 17:** Make a Spending Plan Work For You
- **October 24:** Avoiding Money Mishaps

Register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22>

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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 [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org) 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.

Contact Kristi for more information at [schrei61@msu.edu](mailto:schrei61@msu.edu) or (989) 330-5131.



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.

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**Club re-enrollments for  
the 2022-23 4-H year are  
due October 31, 2022!**

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **National 4-H Week**

October 2 - 8

### **TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign**

October 5 - 16

### **4-H Recognition Banquet**

October 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

### **Small Animal Banquet**

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

### **Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair**

July 22 - 29, 2023

## **Isabella County 4-H Calendar**

October 2-8	National 4-H Week 2022	
4	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
5-16	TSC Paper Clover Campaign @ TSC	
6	Recognition Banquet @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall	6:30 PM
18	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM
25	Small Animal Banquet @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall	6 PM

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