



CLOVER CHRONICLES

September 2023

Isabella County

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County Medal Nominees

If you were nominated for a county medal award and would like to be considered, please complete the application and return to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, September 12**. The application needs to be attached to your record sheets for the project area in which you are nominated. You should submit record sheets for all the years you have been in the project. **Please do not bring your binder with all your project areas. Only remove the sheets for the project area for which you were nominated.**

The Awards Committee will review the documents and select the county medal winners which will be announced and awarded at the Annual 4-H Recognition Banquet on Thursday, October 5 during National 4-H Week.

Still Exhibit Auction “Thank You”

THANK YOU to all the Still Exhibit Auction buyers, 4-H members, and volunteers for making the auction another success this year!

JOANN 4-H Campaign Results

We ranked 8th in the state for funds raised for 4-H during the spring 2023 campaign, thank you to all who donated!

4-H Recognition Banquet

Thursday, October 5 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, September 29.



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CLUB CORNER

Western Spurs - We had a fun and successful fair week with several of our members receiving Grand or Reserve in their project area. Our Queen Royal Ambassador Jaydin Ruhle was very busy with the Court and Princess and her Court throughout fair week. Look for them all year long representing Isabella County 4-H! We would like to congratulate all of the 4-H members on their successes at fair! For our fall meeting we will be purchasing Pheasants to be released as an educational project, thanks to a very generous donation to our club. We are also busy making plans and creating our door decorations for our annual holiday decorating competition at Rosebush Manor in December.

Administrative Leader Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Isabella County Building, Room 320

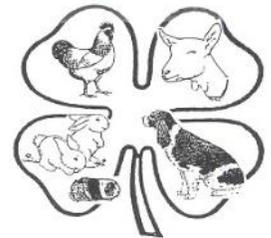
If you are unable to attend, there **must** be a representative from your club at this meeting. If a club representative isn't available to attend the mandatory Administrative leader meeting, you may NOT just come into the office and pick up club forms. You will need to make an appointment to meet with Kristi for information you missed before you will be allowed to get your club materials.

FAIR BOARD NEWS

Thank you to everyone that made the 2023 Fair a success. Without volunteers our Fair would not be possible. The Fair Board appreciates everyone's help! We are looking forward to and are working on the 2024 Fair. See you all July 22 -27, 2024!

Small Animal News

- Thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after fair week in the small animal barn. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by all of the superintendents. It takes a lot of hands to accomplish everything that needs to happen for our once-a-year event.
- The small animal auction was very successful! The appreciation banquet will be October 23; information letters will be sent the end of September to all members and buyers with more details. We hope all small animal members will make it a priority to come thank our buyers in person.



4-H Calendar Sponsorship Form

The Isabella County 4-H Council is making preparations for the 2024 4-H calendar. The calendar will be distributed to over 800 families in Isabella County. Calendar pages will feature 12 pieces of artwork and photography done by 4-H youth. Local and state 4-H events and community events will be put on the calendar making it a useful tool for Isabella County families.

Will you help sponsor this calendar with an advertisement?

_____ Half Banner (2 3/4" by 3 1/8") for \$125

_____ One Quarter Banner (business card size) for \$75

Contact the Extension office by October 1 if you are interested.

2023 Fair Livestock Information

Congratulations to all exhibitors at this year's Fair!! **A BIG THANK YOU** to the **2023 BUYERS** that came out to support the Livestock Youth. **THANK YOU** to the Superintendents and volunteers that helped during the fair set-up, shows and tear down. **THANK YOU** to the Sale Clerks, Jenny's Catering, Moore Tent Rentals, Isabella County Farm Bureau and to our Auctioneers at the sale. **THANK YOU** to the animal haulers for getting the animals delivered after the fair. **THANK YOU** to Matt Graham for hauling the saw dust in and to John Mogg Trucking for hauling during the fair and after clean-up.

The Beef checks were mailed a few weeks ago and the Swine, Feeder and Sheep checks should be mailed the first part of September. If you have any questions about your check or need buyer information, give Deb a call at 989-400-1082. We look forward to the 2024 Fair, July 22 – 27.

****FYI****

Sale Averages

2023 ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION AVERAGES

BEEF	\$3.60 with Champions	\$3.51 without Champions
FEEDERS	\$6.06 with Champions	\$6.03 without Champions
SHEEP	\$9.78 with Champions	\$9.60 without Champions
SWINE	\$7.23 with Champions	\$7.04 without Champions

2022 ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION AVERAGES

SWINE	\$8.06 with Champions	\$8.02 without Champions
BEEF	\$4.98 with Champions	\$4.82 without Champions
SHEEP	\$20.14 with Champions	\$18.31 without Champions
FEEDERS	\$6.34 with Champions	\$6.34 without Champions

Seeking Adult & 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 4th 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.

We are accepting nominations “from the floor.” This is open to any Gold volunteer leader of the Isabella County 4-H program who has completed at least one year of volunteer service and is currently enrolled as a volunteer leader. Adult leaders will vote on adult 4-H Council members at the Recognition Banquet.

Please email your nominations to Kristi Schreiber, schrei61@msu.edu by September 29.

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

State Shoot Results

Congratulations to our shooting sports members that competed in the State Shoot on Saturday, August 19.

Jonathan Cole - 1st place Skeet
Carter Myers - 1st place 3D Archery
Landon Kenny - 9th place Jr. Trap

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 4-15. 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.



State Dog Show Results

Reid Betts - Champion Jr Handler, 1st place showmanship, 2nd place pre-novice A obedience, 1st place Jr Poster

Wynn Betts - cloverbud, received many compliments on his knowledge and the trainers in our county

Hailey Beutler - 1st Pre-novice B obedience, 2nd showmanship

Barrett Cornell - 4th showmanship, 4th obedience

Dayna Schutt - 2nd obedience, 3rd showmanship

Paige Schutt - 1st obedience, 3rd showmanship, 4th rally

Many THANKS to our dog superintendents who make this happen; Diane Gaw, Sheila Beutler and Tammy Brecht!

Congratulations to all who participated!



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?
 Michigan State University Extension's 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!

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ADULTING 101

FALL 2023 SERIES



Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adult101Fall23/>

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** HOW TO TELL PRINCIPALS & POLITICIANS THEY ARE FULL OF POOP WHILE BEING POLITE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H has grown true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth and 4-H alums to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

September 6: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

September 16-17: 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Adult and teen 4-H volunteers can learn about 4-H shooting sports' mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1>

September 18: Adulting 101 - How to Tell Principals & Politicians They are Full of Poop While Being Polite

Online

This session will provide some skills and practice on how to influence people in power to make change in your community and world.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting1019-18-23>

September 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources

Online

This session will explore a variety of resources that 4-H volunteers can use in meetings to support Michigan 4-H'ers.

12-1 p.m. session: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources>

7-8 p.m. session: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm>

September 29: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

Agenda items include 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

October 4: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 1-7, 2023

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "I ♥ 4-H." As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of you can celebrate 4-H and show all the ways you ♥ 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, parent or recent 4-H 'graduate', you might be looking for ways to connect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H program by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to share a 4-H memory, express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Have a 4-H Reunion — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Raise Awareness — On October 4, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the first Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol. Join this exciting education and awareness event to help elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and share the impact of its programming across Michigan. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by making a donation at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/> that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>





LARGE ANIMAL EMERGENCY CLINIC

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF LEARNING WITH OUR LARGE ANIMAL VETS; DR. KRUPSKY & DR. MARTIN.

WE WILL COVER EQUINE, SWINE AND CATTLE FIRST AID/EMERGENCIES.

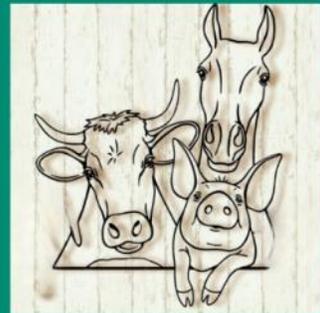
ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE AN INFO PACKET & CURRENT CLIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY FARM MEDICINE.

SAVE THE DATE

OCT 7TH @2PM

\$5 ENTRY FEE

MOUNT PLEasant FAIR GROUNDS
MEET AT THE BEEF BARN



FOR MORE INFORMATION, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

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SAVE THE DATES

Administrative Leader's Meeting
September 19 at 6:00 PM

National 4-H Week
October 1 - 7

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign
October 4 - 15

4-H Recognition Banquet
October 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Small Animal Banquet
October 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 20 - 27, 2024

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

September 4	OFFICE CLOSED	
5	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:30 PM
12	County Medal Apps Due @ MSUE	
19	Administrative Leader Meeting @ MSUE	6:00 PM
20	Small Animal Association @ County Building, Room 225	7 PM
28	4-H Council @ MSUE	6:30 PM

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