



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

July 2018

Isabella County

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## ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH & FARM FAIR July 21-28, 2018

### Fair Kick-Off Event

Sunday, July 8

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

You are invited to our annual Fair Kick-Off event. We hope all clubs will be represented to help make preparations through service projects around the fairgrounds. Superintendents are encouraged to consider this date as an option for some barn prep. As a wrap-up to the day, there will be a meal for everyone, where we will announce our new 4-H Ambassadors. Last year we had a great time and accomplished a lot; some clubs even held a group meeting right before taking on a service project. There will also be opportunity for members to pick up their fair entry tags and any needed forms.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by July 5 – we need an accurate count to ensure enough food is available for the dinner. Plan to come join in the fun, work with fellow members of the 4-H community, and welcome in our new 4-H Ambassadors!

### Barn Set-Up Dates

Monday, July 16

Beef Barn - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17

Dairy Barn - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18

Swine Barn - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

Still Exhibit Building - 5:30 p.m.

Sheep Barn - 6:30 p.m.

Small Animals - 7:00 p.m.

Dairy Feeder Barn - 7:00 p.m.



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## CLUB CORNER

**Back Roads** - We met and signed up for the fair and planned our community service project for July.

**Pony Creek** –For our June meeting we completed fair entry forms, distributed buyer gifts to families and decided on a decorating theme for fair this year. Members voted to change our meeting dates from Tuesday evenings to Sunday afternoons, starting in August 2018. The weather was perfect and we met at a long-time 4-H leader's house to help with yard work and flower beds. Our July meeting will be a potluck at Hall's Lake.

**Rural Routers** - April was community service month for the club; we spruced up the yard at the Shepherd United Methodist Church and helped to serve pancakes at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival. Members continued helping in May with the clean-up at 4-H Camp. Our May business meeting was held around a campfire and the members enjoyed games and a hot dog roast afterward. Our June meeting began with a brief business meeting followed with final registration for the Isabella County Fair. After the paperwork was complete the 4-H'ers enjoyed ice cream.

### Still Exhibit Pick-Up

All Still Exhibits must be picked up after the Awards Program on Saturday, July 28. If you cannot pick up your project, make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you. **Any Still Exhibits left in the barn Saturday night will be discarded.**

### Still Exhibit Auction

Saturday, July 21, 2018  
6 p.m.

- The rotation this year is A to Z.
- Name of project needs to be in by July 13.
- Any questions can be sent to:  
[ic4hstilllexhibitauction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstilllexhibitauction@gmail.com)

### 4-H Food Stand Clean-Up

Wednesday, July 11  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the 4-H food stand in preparation for the fair. Help is needed to unload the shed, wash dishes, etc.

In case your club missed the 4-H camp clean-ups, this also counts towards the honor club requirement for this year.

Please contact the Extension office if you can help.

### Help Needed

Help is needed in the Still Exhibit Building on Wednesday, July 25 from 12 - 2 pm and Thursday, July 26 from 6 - 8 pm and 8 - 10 pm.

Please contact the Extension Office if you can work a shift. If we don't have help, the building will be closed during those times.

Extra help is also needed for Still Exhibit Building set-up on Thursday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

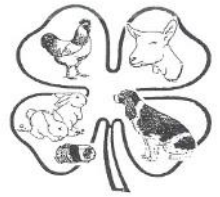
### Blood Drive

Saturday, July 28, 2018

We have made arrangements with Michigan Blood to have their mobile unit at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 28, from 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. In order to make this both a community service project as well as a fund raiser for the fair board's building project, we will need at least 20 volunteers. Each person will sign up for an assigned time slot (each 15 minutes of the hour) which allows the donation process to be right on schedule and lasts approximately 55 minutes. There are some limitations for donors; specific details can be found at [miblood.org](http://miblood.org).

Please call the Extension Office to reserve your spot.

## Small Animal News



- There are still two small animal showmanship clinics before fair: July 1 & 12, from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. each night, at the fair grounds. Goat superintendents will not be available on July 12, but there is a goat fitting clinic on July 13 from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., bring your own clippers. All rabbit members need to attend at least one of these dates. As a reminder, if temperatures are 85 degrees or higher at 5:00 p.m. either date, clinics are automatically cancelled.
- Waterers for Poultry - Cost will be \$6.00 which includes 2 springs. These waterers will require a 20 oz. pop bottle, NOT A BOTTLE FOR WATER. Orders can be placed at the MSU Extension office or given to the poultry superintendent at the fitting or showing clinic.
- Small animal members who registered to sell in the auction should begin inviting potential buyers; July 25 is closer than you think. Giving people plenty of time to make arrangements to come support you will be helpful to them.
- Small animal barn set up is Thursday, July 19. Goat and poultry members begin at 7:00 p.m.; rabbit cages will be moved into place around 7:45 p.m.
- Remember, all small animal members must complete a project record for your species. If you did not enter the actual project for judging (Dept 17, Sec 3, and whatever class matches your species), you need to do the one page simple form. Both the "long" and "short" forms can be found on the MSU Extension website: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella\\_county\\_4\\_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h)
- Just like last year, fair board has requested that on check-in day, July 22, small animal members enter through the far north entrance, near the horse barn. Everyone will need to get their animals checked in and then relocate vehicles to the general parking area at the south end of the fairgrounds so there is room for large animal members to complete their check in. The "normal" entrance near the dairy barn will be an EXIT only. This is for Sunday only.
- Dog practice dates: July 5, 12 and 19. More dates might be added if needed. Beginners start at 6:00 p.m. and experienced at 7:00 p.m.

## Creative Writing Project Members

A few reminders:

- 1) Projects are due at Extension Office by Friday, July 13.
- 2) Project record sheets are due with projects.
- 3) Members must meet with the judge on entry day, Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Late projects and/or members who do not meet with the judge will not be eligible for awards.

## Teen Leadership Project Members

To complete your Teen Leadership project for fair, you must be present for an interview with the fair judge on Friday, July 27. The interviews begin at 9:00 a.m. and will end when everyone has been judged. You must check-in and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you are doing entered in Achievement Booth, Outstanding 4-H'er or Chet Brown Leadership Awards, you must also check-in and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

# IMPORTANT FAIR BOARD INFORMATION

## ***\*\*ATTENTION ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS\*\****

### **HORSES AND SMALL ANIMALS:**

Use the far North Entrance by the Horse Barn when bringing your animals to the fair on Sunday, July 23. EXIT ONLY at the Dairy Barn Entrance -- once your animal is checked in, please move your vehicle to the general parking area on the south side of the exhibit barns to make room for other exhibitors.

### **BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY FEEDERS AND DAIRY:**

Use Baseline Entrance; you will be directed to the appropriate barns for your check in/ weigh in. EXIT ONLY at the Dairy Barn Entrance. No one will be allowed to enter off Mission at the Dairy Barn Entrance; this will be an EXIT ONLY for Sunday. For the rest of fair week, it will be an entrance for Exhibitors only; you must have a weekly pass to enter this entrance. The far North Entrance by the Horse Barn will be closed after Sunday, July 23.

**NO PARKING allowed along the west service drive by the new fence; vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All trailers, other than campers, must be parked in the designated area along the service drive between the South Campground and the Southeast Campground -- the area will be marked. PLEASE use this lot for all trailers/stock trailers other than campers. No stock trailers/utility trailers will be allowed in any campground or parking lots.

We are looking forward to this year's fair and look forward to working with each of you!  
Good luck to all exhibitors!

## 4-H Award Information

### Outstanding 4-H Member & Chet Brown Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for this year's Outstanding 4-H Member and the Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award. Applications are available on the MSU Extension website at: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella\\_county\\_4\\_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h) or at the Extension office. Completed applications are due at the Extension office by July 16, 2018. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

#### Outstanding 4-H Member

(winner will be selected to receive \$500 towards CWF Trip, National Club Congress Trip, or scholarship towards higher education)

1. Applicants must be 15 years of age (by January 1, 2018).
2. Completed three calendar years of 4-H club work.
3. Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
4. Been recommended by local leader.
5. Applicants must check-in with the superintendent and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Interviews are Friday, July 27.

#### Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award

1. Applicants must be 13 years of age (by January 1, 2018).
2. Applicants should demonstrate leadership abilities in an activity. This activity should not be eligible for fair exhibition. Examples of eligible activities: community service project, school related activity, church activity.
3. Selection will be based upon organizational skills, number of people participating, and how they were involved.
4. Applicants must check-in with the superintendent and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Interviews are Friday, July 27.

## Food Stand and Still Exhibit Building Notes

- Still Exhibit Building shifts must include 4 people, with a minimum of 2 adults.
- Still Exhibit Building will be closed if a club does not show up to work their shift and there is nobody to guard the doors.
- Food Stand shifts must include 8 or more adults and 10-15 members.
- Plan to stay for your entire hour shift. Don't break it into two shifts.
- Each family is to bring one fruit baked pie to the food stand at the start of their shift or 10 pies per club.
- Please report for your shift in a timely fashion. Each family has many things going on simultaneously during fair, and should be relieved from duty on time.
- Please call your Administrative Leader if you have not already volunteered to work.

# Fair Information & Notes

## Project Record Sheets

Listed below are the individual project record sheets that are required for 4-H fair projects. Project areas not listed require a general **Project Record Sheet**. All of these record sheets are available at the Extension Office, from your Administrative Leader, or online.

Crops	Flower/Vegetable Gardening	Talent Show	Horseless Horse
Modeling	Personal Appearance	Dogs	Horse Project Record
Shooting Sports	Dairy	Rabbits	Horse Project Record
Livestock	Pocket Pets/ID Card	Recipe Cards - for all food projects	
Poultry	Goats	Simple Project Record for Small Animals	

**Animal Care** - All animals should be fed and watered each day by 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Your responsibility for your animal does not end after the animal is sold. Clean pens/stalls give a favorable impression to the public.

## Entry Information

ENTRY TAGS will be computer generated from information on your entry form. You will receive your entry tag at the time of entry.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, July 21 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  - Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 28 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- \*\*\*REMINDER - ALL** Still Exhibits must be picked up on Saturday, July 28. If you cannot pick up your project, PLEASE make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you. Any Still Exhibits left in the barn Saturday night will be discarded.
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, July 23 between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The superintendent will be present to accept project records and check off member's names from the species list, so we know you have turned in your records. Records that are to be judged will be separated from the others and judged on Tuesday morning.

## 2018 Food Stand Schedule

### Saturday, July 21

8:30 am -11:30 am - NO CLUBS  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - NO CLUBS

### Sunday, July 22 CLOSED

### Monday, July 23

8:30 am -11:30 am - Country Kids Livestock  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Evergreen  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Cowgirl Up  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Dreamers & Evergreen

### Tuesday, July 24

8:30 am -11:30 am - Country Stars  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Beal City Pioneers  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Pony Express & Evergreen  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Country Neighbors

### Wednesday, July 25

8:30 am -11:30 am - Pine River  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Maple Clovers  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Pony Creek  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Farm Hands

### Thursday, July 26

8:30 am -11:30 am - Back Roads  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Lincoln Center & Bowen Busy Bees  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Aim High  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Barrel Benders & 4-H Council

### Friday, July 27

8:30 am -11:30 am - Tally-Ho, Pasture Pals & Circle B  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Western Spurs  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Rural Routers  
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm - Crackerjack & Clover Kids

### Saturday, July 28

8:30 am -11:30 am - Barn Yard Kids  
11:00 am -3:30 pm - Broomfield Valley  
3:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Town & Country Maple Leaves

## 2018 Exhibit Building Schedule

### Monday, July 23

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Town & Country Maple Leaves  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Clover Kids  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Western Spurs  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Tally-Ho  
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# ***ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION***



(Pictures are just samples)

## **SATURDAY, JULY 21 – 6 PM**

ISABELLA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Livestock Pavilion

500 N. Mission Rd, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Buyer Numbers available starting at 5 PM



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## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FAIR KICK-OFF EVENT**

Sunday, July 8, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Isabella County Fairgrounds



Attention 4-H community:

Service projects



Dinner will be provided

Fair project tags/various forms/etc. will be available

4-H Ambassadors will be introduced



This is an opportunity for everyone to take a deep breath, enjoy fun, food, and time with fellow 4-H members/families. Maybe your club even needs opportunity to meet for last minute connections.

Work/casual clothing is appropriate attire. Bring brooms, gloves, cleaning supplies, etc. to pitch in with a service project – we will have several teams assigned to specific areas around the grounds. The culmination of the evening will be the introduction of our new 4-H Ambassadors.

We hope every club will be represented, and that families will be encouraged to participate in this group event before we all get too busy with fair-week responsibilities.

Check in will be in the grandstand “hallway” area.

So that we can make appropriate plans for dinner, please call the Extension Office (989-772-0911 x302) to reserve your spot no later than July 5.

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***Isabella County Youth &  
Farm Fair  
July 21 - 28, 2018***

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Fair Kick-Off Event**

July 8, 2018 - 4 PM - 6 PM

**4-H Camp Counselor Training**

July 9, 2018

**4-H Summer (overnight) Camp**

July 10, 11 & 12, 2018

**4-H Food Stand Clean-Up**

July 11, 2018

**4-H Cloverbud Camp**

July 17 & 18, 2018

**Fair Entry Day**

July 21, 2018

**Still Exhibits Released**

July 28, 2018

**Administrative Leader's Meeting**

September 26, 2018 - 6 PM

**Isabella County 4-H Calendar**

July 4	OFFICE CLOSED	
8	Fair Kick-Off Event @ Fairgrounds	4 - 6 PM
9	Teen Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	6 PM
9	Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	7 PM
10 - 12	4-H Summer Camp @ 4-H Camp	
17 & 18	4-H Cloverbud Camp @ 4-H Camp	
21-28	Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair	
28	4-H Awards Program @ Small Animal Barn	6:00 PM
28	Still Exhibits Released	8:00 PM

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