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June 2024 Isabella County

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Attention All Fair Exhibitors

Fair sign-up is open for Still Exhibits, Horses, Dairy, & Small Animals

Registration will close on June 14 at 10:00 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

Please refer to the Isabella County Fair website for sign-up links: https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/

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For questions regarding classes offered, please contact the Superintendent in that department. If you need help with registration, please call the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 or email grossn@msu.edu.

See page 4 for more information

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Ross Kelsey (Pony Creek 4-H Club) and Abigail Wilson (Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club) recipients of the Isabella County 4-H Scholarship Awards for the 2024 - 2025 academic school year.

Congratulations to Ross Kelsey (Pony Creek 4-H Club) recipient of the Kathryn Methner Fike Scholarship for the 2024 - 2025 academic school year.

Best wishes, Abigail & Ross with your future plans! Congratulations!



Fair Superintendents Needed

We are still looking for fair superintendents in the following areas:

- Creative Writing
- Crops

Please contact Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.

CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Members discussed their planned fair projects so they would be ready to register when the system opened. Questions were shared and ideas exchanged which helped those who were unsure which departments some of their projects would be exhibited. Several families shared their plans to volunteer for the Community Fun Day on June 22.

Broomfield Valley - In May we designated jobs for clean-up at a cemetery. Everyone did different jobs. Once we were all done, we sat under a nearby tree for snacks and reviewed our next meeting plans. We had a great meeting!

Cowgirl Up - At our May meeting we discussed fair registration and what projects our members will be bringing to the fair. We also reviewed our club Community Service Projects that we completed- we helped at the 4-H camp clean-up and the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival. Members also planned their activity for the horse barn education event. The event is on Tuesday during the fair from 3 PM - 5 PM. The event is open to the public, so come down to the horse barn and learn something new about horses, play games, and have some fun meeting others!

Lincoln Center - For our May meeting we did road clean-up and had a quick meeting about preparing for fair.

Pony Creek - At our May meeting we decided on a new shirt design for the club and we went through the newsletter. We also postponed our road side clean-up until next month.

Fair Trophy Sponsors Needed

There is a need for fair trophy sponsors for several project areas, price range from \$14 - \$100. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact the Extension office at (989) 317-4079 or grossn@msu.edu.

TSC Gift Card Winner

Congratulations to Hazel House (Evergreen 4-H Club) for winning the \$25 gift card during the spring Paper Clover Campaign.

THANK YOU to everyone who worked a shift at the store display!

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up in the Still Exhibit Building on Thursday, July 18 from 1 PM - 8 PM. We will have lots of heavy lifting to do. If you can help, please email Becki at ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com and let her know you're available.

Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) - Gold Volunteer Needed

If you are interested in being our PEP instructor, please contact the Extension office for more details.

Thank You from 4-H Camp Association

The Isabella County Camp Association would like to thank ALL 4-H members, volunteers and families that helped with their annual clean-up this year! <u>THANK YOU</u> for making this a priority service project for your club. Your help is appreciated!!

Small Animal News - Please Read!

Small Animal Showmanship Clinics:

June 10 (Monday)

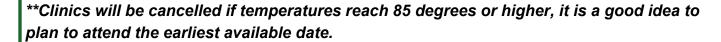
June 19 (Wednesday) - with Small Animal Assoc meeting to immediately follow

June 27 (Thursday)

June 30 (Sunday)

July 9 (Tuesday) – with Small Animal Assoc meeting to immediately follow

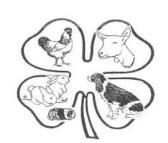
All will be held at the Small Animal barn at the Fairgrounds from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Registration Clinic Date

June 7 - we will hold a registration clinic from 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM to help any members/family that need help with registering their Small Animal project(s) for the fair and for the auction. This will be held in the Small Animal barn at the fairgrounds.

- Poultry Members Register for the fair as you normally would.
 - Even though at this time all exhibitions or expositions of poultry are prohibited until such time that there are no new cases of HPAI in domestic poultry in the State of Michigan for at least 30 consecutive days. As defined in the Animal Industry Act, "poultry" means, but is not limited to, chickens, guinea fowl, turkeys, waterfowl, pigeons, doves, peafowl, and game birds that are propagated and maintained under the husbandry of humans (MCL 287.703(iii)).
 - More information to come but we do have a back up plan in place for the fair. Tentatively, no birds are to be brought to the June 10 showmanship clinic. Keep an eye on your email and our <u>4-H Facebook page</u> for updates.
- If you plan to sell your rabbit, chicken or goat at the fair, you <u>NEED</u> to register for the Small Animal Auction. There will be a message box that pops up **AFTER** submitting sign-up for small animals. Click on the link in the box to sign-up for your small animal auction project.
- All fair registrations are due by 10 PM on June 14 (no exceptions), sign up at: <u>isabellacountyfair.com</u>
- If members/leaders have any questions, please reach out to the species-specific superintendent. Educational information and other details/reminders will be available to clinic attendees. We highly/members to attend at least one of the clinics so there are no surprises at fair check-in. Because clinics will be cancelled if temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher, it is a good idea to plan to attend the earliest available date. That also gives time for solving any issues that may be noted when animals are seen at the clinics.
- We are looking for rabbit members who have placed in the top three of their showmanship classes to help
 at the showmanship clinics. There are many younger and new 4-H members that could use your help. If
 you would be willing to be on the mentoring team, please call the Extension Office to volunteer. You may
 be surprised how helping others learn will also improve your knowledge base.
- Dog Classes June 13, 20 & 27, July 11 & 18
 Classes will be held at 6 PM at the Small Animal Barn. Youth are required to attend 8 of the 10 classes in order to show at fair. Bring dogs, leash and treats. Members must wear tennis shoes.



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There are a few things to take note of:

- Small Animal Auction there will be a message box that pops up AFTER submitting your sign-up for Small Animals. Click on the link in the box to register your project for the small animal auction.
- There is a separate form for the Cloverbud craft section. Cloverbuds are not allowed to sell in the Still Exhibit Auction.
- You will get an email following your sign-up, to the email that you used to sign-up.
 If you do NOT receive an email within 24 hours of your sign-up, contact Kapre
 at kaprefilhart@ymail.com to make sure that your sign up went through. ALL sign
 ups are due June 14 by 10:00 PM. There will be no exceptions.
- You will need to know which project you plan to sell for the Still Exhibit Auction
 upon signing up (crafts sign up AND auction form due on June 14!). There is a
 second section under each still exhibit department that will allow you to
 indicate whether or not you wish to sell a project from that section. You are still
 only allowed to sell ONE item for still exhibit auction.

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2024 4-H Shooting Sports Dates

June 8 - Qualifying Shoot

(Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10 AM)

June 29 - County Shoot (Time to be determined)



Pre-registration is required for ALL shoots!

Youth must pre-register to the Extension Office what disciplines (BB, Air Pellet, .22, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading) they are going to participate in. To register, email grossn@msu.edu or call (989) 317-4079.

Cost per event: *may be subject to change based on market prices for supplies

\$5.00 registration fee

\$5.00 additional registration fee **for each** if you shoot Trap, Skeet or .22

Bring your own safety equipment (eye & ear protection)

4-H member is responsible for buying own shells for trap; they are available for sale at the shoots

4-H Shooting Sports Age Policies:

- 4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to young people aged 8 through 19. The "4-H age" will be determined by a young person's age as of January 1 of the 4-H program year.
- 4-H members age 8 may participate in BB gun and basic archery training. Participation is at the discretion of the Certified Instructor and the participant must be under direct adult supervision (one on one).
- Cloverbuds (4-H ages 5 7) must wait until they reach the 4-H age of 8 to participate in shooting sports.
- Members ages 9 11 are limited to shooting Air Pellet, BB & archery at competitive events
- Youth must attend one qualifying shoot in order to compete at the county shoot

Location:

Isabella County Sportsman's Club (corner of Winn & Millbrook Roads) 2872 W. Millbrook Road, Mt. Pleasant

4-H Shooting sports events are weather dependent. If weather is poor, please check your email and/or the 4-H Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/lsabellaCounty4H). We will post cancellations on Facebook and send an email out to families enrolled in the shooting sports project.

County Shoot Registration

The registration deadline is June 21. To register, email Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) with what disciplines you'll be doing. Youth can participate in 2 disciplines. (BB, Air Pellet, .22, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading)

Even if you registered online for fair, we still need to have you confirm your disciplines.

**Reminder - youth must attend at least one Qualifying Shoot in order to participate in the County Shoot.

June Fair Board News

The Fair Board will be welcoming Family Fun Tyme Amusements to the 2024 Fair. You may check out their webpage at FamilyFunTymeAmusements.com. They are offering advance ride passes at \$20 each. Each pass is good to exchange for an all day ride wristband at the ticket booth. One ticket per person/per day. Regular prices will be \$25. This year, amusement rides will be open on Tuesday and run through Saturday. Advance tickets will be available starting June 3 in the Fair Office. Please call ahead to make sure someone will be in the office or to place your order call 989-773-9070. You may use credit cards, cash or check for payment.

The bathroom remodel is looking good, we are so happy to be doing this much needed project.

Camping permits will be available for you to pick up in the fair office on July 1 until the fair. If you paid for parking passes and cart passes with your camping, they will be in your packet. THERE ARE NO OPEN CAMP SITES AVAILABLE.

Community Fun Day Fundraiser - June 22

We have had good response for volunteers from the community and are hoping there are some clubs, members, and families that would also be willing to offer some time to this fundraiser. There are many projects going on related to repairs, upkeep, and maintenance at the fairgrounds. The fair board works hard to support the annual fair week that we all benefit from and we hope to come alongside them in this work.

If you are able to join us, please contact the MSU Extension Office to sign-up before June 11 so we can make appropriate plans for the number of people and what area most interested in working. The June 22 event will run from 10 AM- 4 PM If you are not able to work the whole day, we have two shifts available: 9 AM - 1 PM and 1 PM - 5 PM. We need concession workers, game station managers, craft table assistants, and several people to help in a variety of tasks.

We are happy to offer community service certification for volunteering at this event. We offer that not only to 4-H personnel but to kids for their school requirements as well. Please share this with anyone you know who may want to take advantage of this option. We look forward to working with you at this very fun event!

MOO MADNESS

Friday, June 14, 2024 * 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

8180 Townline Lake Rd. Lakeview, Mi. 48850

Call Cathy with questions (989)304-1983

Come join us for a fun day learning all about dairy cows!

Sessions will teach about nutrition, health, showing, and more!

Lunch and t-shirt provided! Cost is \$10

Open to all youth 5-19, children under 12 must be accompanied by a chaperone.

Must return lower portion by Saturday, June 1, to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Moo Madness

8180 Townline Lake Rd. Lakeview, Mi. 48850 Friday, June 14, 2024 * 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Name:	Age:
Email:	Phone:
Address:	Shirt Size:
Chaperone name & phone#	
Chaperones are free unless you would like a t-	shirt, then cost is \$10. Shirt Size:

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: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella county 4 h/newsletters-and-forms or at the Extension office. Completed applications are due at the Extension office by July 15, 2024. 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, 2024).
- 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 will be interviewed on Friday of fair week.

Chester Brown Memorial Leadership Development Award

- 1. Applicants must be 13 years of age (by January 1, 2024).
- 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 will be interviewed on Friday of fair week.

Other 4-H Award Opportunities - you must sign up for these on your fair entry form:

4-H Jr. Teen Leadership Award - Ages 10-12

- 1. Enroll in the 4-H junior leadership project with club leader and 4-H office.
- 2. Complete the self-reflection form with your 4-H leader.
- 3. Complete two or more junior leader activities (see application for suggestions)
- 4. Display a poster (28" x 22") at the fair depicting some aspect of your project.
- 5. Be interviewed by a fair judge.

4-H Teen Leadership Award - Ages 13-19

For all 4-H members who have enrolled in a teen leadership project and completed it prior to the beginning of fair week. Must complete a poster (28"x22") and evaluation form available from the Extension office. Two \$50 cash awards are given.

Junior Achievement Booth Award - Ages 12-14

Showcase your participation in 4-H with an Achievement Booth at the fair. Guidelines and suggestions are available from the Extension office. One winner will be selected and will receive a choice of: \$125 towards a trip to Washington, DC (WOW - Wonders of Washington).

Senior Achievement Booth Award - Ages 15-19

Here is your opportunity to highlight your 4-H participation. Guidelines are available from the Extension office. One winner will receive a choice of: \$300 toward a trip to CWF (Citizen Washington Focus) in Washington, D.C. next summer; National Club Congress held next November in Atlanta, Georgia; or scholarship towards higher education.

Fair Information & Notes

Project Record Sheets

Listed below are the individual project record sheets that are required for 4-H fair projects, unless noted otherwise. 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 Modeling Shooting Sports Livestock (optional) Poultry Flower/Vegetable Gardening Personal Appearance Dairy

Pocket Pets/ID Card Goats

Talent Show

Horse Project Record (optional)

Dogs Rabbits

Recipe Cards - for all food projects Simple Project Record for Small Animals

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, July 20 from 9 AM 1 PM
- Still Exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 28 from 8 AM 10 AM.
 ***REMINDER ALL Still Exhibits must be picked up on Sunday, 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 will be discarded.
- Large Animal Project Records must be turned in at the 4-H Still Exhibit Building on Monday, July 22 between 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 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 Monday afternoon.

Small Animal Members

Just a few reminders:

- If you plan to sell your animal project in the Small Animal Auction, you must complete the online registration by June 14. (You may sell only one species in the Small Animal Auction - one goat, rabbit, or pen of poultry).
- Feed Records are required You have a choice of either the short Simple Form or the longer Record Sheet for each individual species which can be entered to be judged. To be considered for best feed record, you must sign up for Small Animal Project Records, under Dept. 17, Educational Science.



Seniors

JORDAN HOSKING

RHIANNA ARMSTRONG

ARIANA EULER

AINSLEE HUMPHREYS

HARLEY LATTIMER

CLAIRE VOGEL

Intermediate

KYLE CROLL

MICHAEL RYCKMAN

MADDISON BATENBURG

JONATHAN COLE

Junior

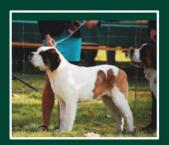
AUBREE RABY
ALLEYAH RABY
ADDELYN RABY
HAILEY PESTAL





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19

To register, visit: https://events.anr.msu.edu/ 2024StateDogShow/.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse. Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front- end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl







STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- . FFA Junior High Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- · Cloverbuds Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive



Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024 Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County
- Jordan Davis, Berrien County
- · Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County
- Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County
- Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County
- Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County
- Molly Lake, Gratiot County

- Alice Long, Washtenaw County
- Sophia Mason, Monroe County
- · Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County
- Natalie Milford Chippewa County
- Emma Rasch, Kent County
- Kylie Smith, Ionia County
- Sydni Specht, Saginaw County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index



JUNE 22,10 AM - 4 PM ISABELLA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 500 N MISSION, MT PLEASANT, MI





\$10/PERSON;

\$8/CHILD 3-8 YRS OLD;

DAY

\$30/FAMILY OF 4; \$5 EACH ADDITIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

GAMES - PETTING ZOO - FACE PAINTING
ARTS & CRAFTS - GOAT CART RIDES
BALLOON ANIMALS - CAKE DECORATING

DOG TEAM DEMOS - AND MUCH MORE



SCAVENGER HUNT - HOPEWELL RANCH

CONCESSIONS

EMERGENCY VEHICLES INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES



MI BARN PRESERVATION 1/4 SCALE BARN







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Fair Sign-up Deadline June 14 by 10 PM NO EXCEPTIONS!

SAVE THE DATES

Fair Sign-Up Deadline
June 14

4-H Exploration Days at MSUJune 19-21

Community Fun Day Fundraiser
June 22

County Shoot June 29

4-H Still Exhibit Building Set-upJuly 18

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair July 20 - 27

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

June 4	Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
8	Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM
14	Fair Registration Deadline	10 PM
19	County Building Closed	
22	Community Fun Day @ Fairgrounds	10 AM - 4 PM
25	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
29	County Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	10 AM

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> Nonie Gross, Secretary Monica Jean, Field Crops Educator Eric Karbowski, District 6 Director Kara Lynch, Food Safety Educator Misty Oebel, Farm Stress Educator Sabrina McGee, SNAP-ED CNI