



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

September 2024

Isabella County

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## Fair Wrap-Up

It was a great 2024 fair! THANK YOU 4-H families, 4-H Council, 4-H leaders, fair superintendents, teen superintendents, fair board members, fair awards coordinator, and all the donors and sponsors! We appreciate your help and efforts! Without the many volunteers involved, this opportunity would not exist. Thank you everyone!

## 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!

## Seeking Adult & Teen 4-H Council Representatives

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.

### 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. Monthly meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and are open to all 4-H leaders and interested people.

Please email your nominations to Nonie ([grossn@msu.edu](mailto:grossn@msu.edu)) by October 4.

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)



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## 4-H Recognition Banquet

**Thursday, October 10 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 October 4.

## Fair Trophy Sponsors for 2025

There will be several trophies needing sponsors for the 2025 Fair, if you are interested please email the Extension Office with your name, address and phone number. Trophies range in price starting at \$20.

## Woodworking - New Classes

This year there will be a few changes coming in the woodworking project area, we will have some new classes in that section.

## Still Exhibit Auction Changes

**NEW THIS YEAR....**Projects being sold in the Still Exhibit Auction will need to be transported by the 4-H member and/or family/friends. Projects will need to be carried to the Livestock Arena, you may use a dolly or hand cart (no motorized vehicle/golf cart/side x side, etc). After some injuries this year the committee has had to make this difficult decision.

Please be prepared when signing up for your projects. If you have any questions, please contact Becki Crampton at [ic4hstill ExhibitAuction@gmail.com](mailto:ic4hstill ExhibitAuction@gmail.com) and she will follow up with the committee.

## Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion

Help is needed (youth & adults) for the fall Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 2 - 13, 2024. TSC is a great supporter of 4-H!

We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote the event at our local Tractor Supply Store. Clubs are encouraged to do a fundraiser at the store (need to notify Victoria at TSC first). 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.

Contact Nonie ([grossn@msu.edu](mailto:grossn@msu.edu)) if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.

## 4-H Calendar Sponsorship Form

The Isabella County 4-H Council is making preparations for the 2025 4-H calendar. The calendar will be distributed to over 800 families in Isabella County. Calendar pages will feature 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.

## Community Service Opportunity - "Into the Light" Cancer Awareness Walk

Friday, September 6

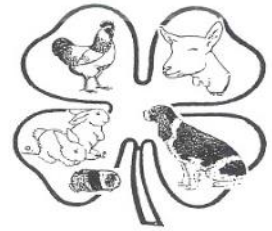
4 PM - 9 PM

Isabella County Fairgrounds

There will be activities that need volunteers to help make the event successful. If you or your club would like to make luminaries, walk, put a team together or volunteer, please contact Suzanne Courser at 644-2504 or 621-4096 or email [tscourser@msn.com](mailto:tscourser@msn.com).

## 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 21; 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.



## State Dog Show Results



Wynn Betts – Cloverbud Showmanship and Cloverbud Obedience

Reid Betts – Showmanship (1st place – Jr), Obedience (2nd place PreNovice B)

Hailee Beutler - Showmanship (3rd place, Jr), Obedience (1st place PreNovice B) 2nd place poster

Barrett Cornell – Agility (3rd place Beginning B), Obedience (3rd place PreNovice B), Showmanship (2nd place Intermediate)

Dayna Schutt – Rally (3rd Place Novice A), Showmanship (3rd place Intermediate)

Paige Schutt – Obedience (2nd place Novice B), Rally (1st place Novice B), Showmanship (2nd place Senior B)

Congratulations to all who participated!

## FAIR BOARD NEWS

Thank you to everyone that made the 2024 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 2025 Fair. See you all July 19-26, 2025!

### 2024 Fair Livestock Information

Congratulations to all Exhibitors at this year's Fair!! A BIG THANK YOU to the 2024 BUYERS that came out to support the 4-H and FFA 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, J Catering, Ric's Food Center, Moore Tent Rentals, Isabella County Farm Bureau and to our auctioneers Scott Sykora, John McConnell and Colt Johnson and ringmen Charlie Anderson and Jordan Brugger. 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, 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 2025 Fair, July 19–26 and our Livestock Sale on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2024 Large Animal Auction Averages:

Swine	Average w/ Champions	\$	6.69
Swine	Average w/ out Champions	\$	6.48
Beef	Average w/ Champions	\$	3.81
Beef	Average w/ out Champions	\$	3.66
Sheep	Average w/ Champions	\$	12.63
Sheep	Average w/ out Champions	\$	12.70
Feeders	Average w/ Champions	\$	5.46
Feeders	Average w/ out Champions	\$	5.44

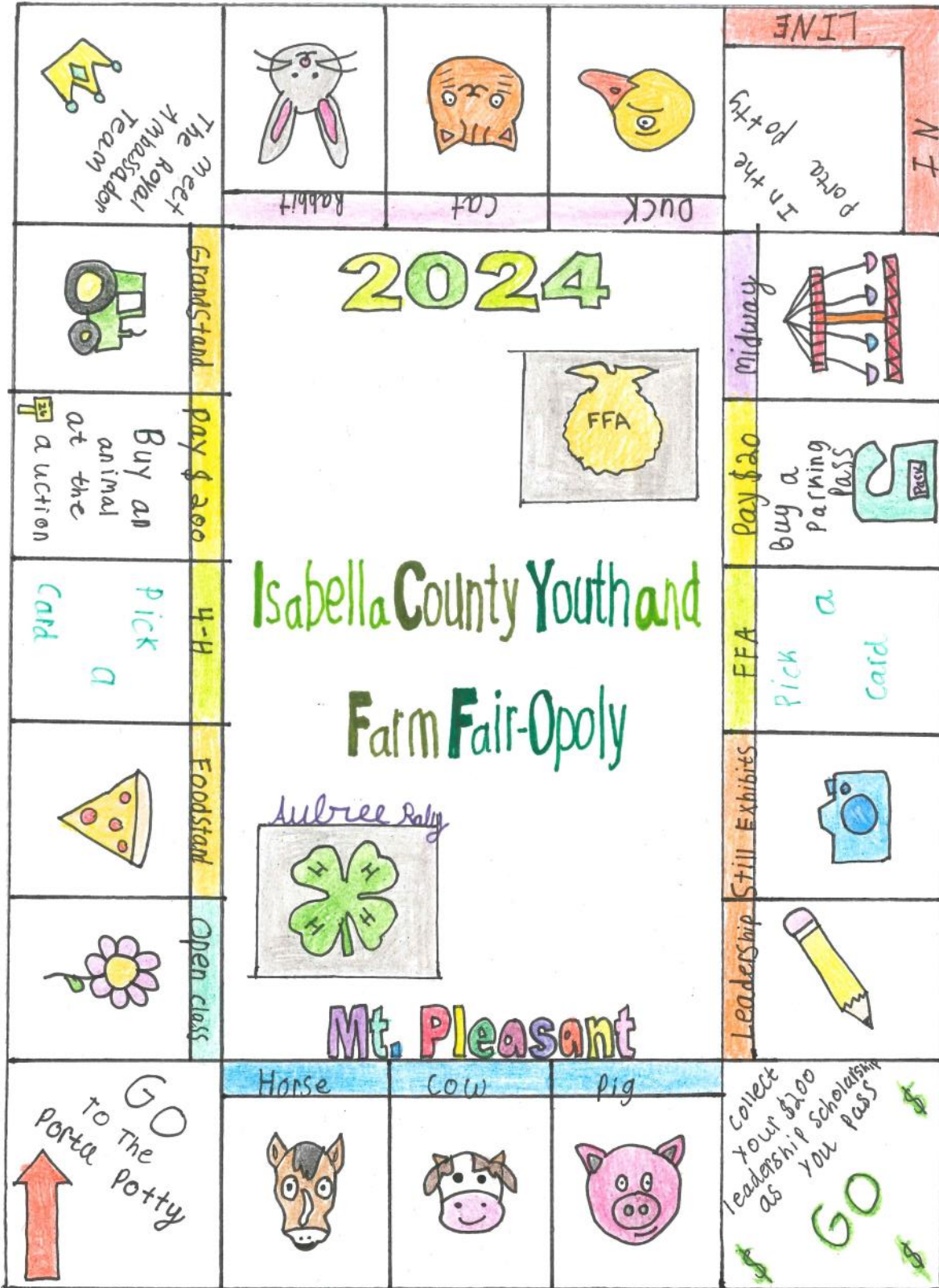
#### 2023 Large Animal Auction Averages:

Swine	Average w/ Champions	\$	7.23
Swine	Average w/ out Champions	\$	7.04
Beef	Average w/ Champions	\$	3.60
Beef	Average w/ out Champions	\$	3.51
Sheep	Average w/ Champions	\$	9.78
Sheep	Average w/ out Champions	\$	9.60
Feeders	Average w/ Champions	\$	6.06
Feeders	Average w/ out Champions	\$	6.03



# Fair Banner 2024

This year's fair banner winner was Aubree Raby of Cowgirl Up 4-H Club! Now is a great time to start planning for next year and designing next year's Fair Banner. Drawings will be due July 1, 2025 for judging.





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers updated in 2024!



The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers and the 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers has been updated for 2024; it includes information about the Debit Card Policy and more. These tools will help guide 4-H members in developing financial management life skills.

The 4-H Financial Manual for Volunteers provides 4-H volunteers with information needed to address financial matters in any 4-H group, including assisting 4-H treasurers with handling the group's financial business (including required forms and reporting).

The 4-H Financial Manual for Treasurers was specifically created for 4-H treasurers (youth and adult) and contains additional information to guide their 4-H financial responsibilities.

Find these resources at:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-volunteers) and  
[www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial-manual-for-4-h-treasurers).

### September 4: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens 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 18: 4-H Volunteers' Guide to Parliamentary Procedure

*Online*

This session will cover the fundamentals of motions, voting and meeting protocols, providing you with the tools to support the youth in your group so they can lead with confidence and clarity. A session will be held from 12 to 1 p.m., and again from 7 to 8 p.m.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-volunteers-guide-to-parliamentary-procedure)

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### September 24: Online Extension Extras Parenting Hour – Exploring Parenting Styles

*Online*

This workshop will explore and reflect on parenting styles, how they have developed, the benefits and drawbacks of each kind of parenting style, and how to find a balance that best supports a strong family for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-exploring-parenting-styles-9-24-24>

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

*Kellogg Center, East Lansing*

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend; members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. 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 5: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest 2024

*Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, Novi*

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly fundraising event for Tollgate. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024>







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## National 4-H Week: October 6-12

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 6-12, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

As you plan ahead for how you will mark National 4-H Week in your community, here are some ideas of how you can celebrate 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.

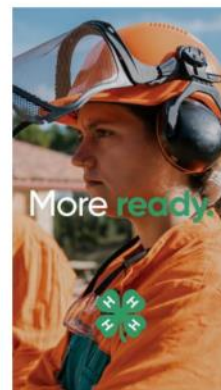
**Have a 4-H Reunion** — Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**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 9, Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension will be hosting the second 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 <https://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 [mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/](http://mi4hfdtn.org/countymatch/) that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from:  
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# **SAVE THE DATES**

**TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign**  
October 2 - 13

**National 4-H Week**  
October 6 - 12

**4-H Recognition Banquet**  
October 10 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Small Animal Banquet**  
October 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair**  
July 19 - 26, 2025

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

Sept 2	OFFICE CLOSED	
3	Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
24	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
27	4-H Club Paperwork Due to MSUE	
Oct 2-13	TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign	
6-12	National 4-H Week	

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