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Isabella County

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4-H Food Stand Clean-Up

Sunday, July 14 from 2 PM - 5 PM
Wednesday, July 17 from 6 PM - 8 PM

We are looking for volunteers (youth and adult) 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.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers (teens and adults) 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. We also need a tall extension ladder if anyone is able to bring one. If you can help, please email Becki at ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com and let her know you're available.

Dairy Show & Baby Calf Parade Cancelled

Due to HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza) and for the health and safety of all animals, the dairy show and baby calf parade have been cancelled for this year.

Still Exhibit Auction

Saturday, July 20 at 6 PM

Buyers will be able to start getting their numbers at 5 p.m. Youth need to report to the Still Exhibit Building at 5:15 p.m. for a brief meeting and to pick up their numbers. This year we will be doing a random draw, not alphabetical. Final descriptions of projects need to be emailed to Becki at ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com by July 10 to be included in the sale bill.

Barn Set-Up Dates

- Beef - *(completed by Superintendents)*
- Swine - Tuesday, July 16, 6 PM
- Dairy - Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 PM
- Dairy Feeder - Wednesday, July 17, 6 PM
- Sheep - Thursday, July 18, 6 PM
- Horses- Thursday, July 18, 6 PM
- Still Exhibit Barn - Thursday, July 18, 1-8 PM



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CLUB CORNER

Country Neighbors - In May, we welcomed a new member and talked about signs for fair.

Evergreen - During our June meeting, we prepared for fair week, practice life, judging, and enjoyed frozen treats to celebrate this summer season!

Fireflies - In May we reviewed fair entries and discussed deadlines. We also discussed our photography entries as part of "Drones, Phones, and Photography" activity. The members were educated on drone uses and types and then had an opportunity to fly a drone, drop objects on targets, and use the drone camera to take their own photographs. In June we completed our Volcanoes Part 2 (elephant toothpaste) and also started our "Brain" segment with brain health, brain foods, and brain teasers. In July we will have a tie-dye meeting and a "Kindness Rocks" community project.

Pony Creek - We did roadside clean-up at our June meeting. Afterwards, we met briefly to review T-shirt orders and discussed our food stand shift. Our next meeting we will have our annual picnic.

Still Exhibit Project Reminders

- All projects will be released on **Sunday, July 28 from 8 AM - 10 AM**. Projects will not be released early. 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.***
- Trophies will be with projects on Sunday morning at release.
- If anyone has a big project and would like to bring it in ahead of time, contact Becki to make arrangements at ic4hstill exhibitauktion@gmail.com.

Livestock Entry Times

All livestock will check-in on **Sunday, July 21** at the following times:

Swine - 8 AM - 10 AM

Sheep - 9 AM - 10 AM

Dairy Feeders - 11 AM - 1 PM

Beef - 3 PM - 4 PM

4-H Cookbook Fundraiser - Recipes Needed

There will be a sign up for books and drop box for recipes at the fair in the still exhibit barn or food stand. If you are entering a food project exhibit, please bring an extra copy of the recipe to put in the book.

Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) - Gold Volunteer Needed

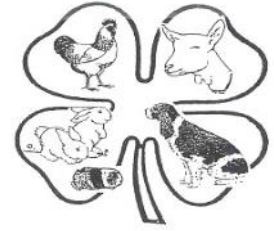
If you are interested in being our PEP instructor, please contact the Extension office for more details.

Small Animal News

Showmanship Clinic:

July 9 - at the Small Animal barn at the Fairgrounds from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

****Clinic will be cancelled if temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher**



Poultry Members: On June 26, MDARD issued an amendment to the May 1 order that lifted the poultry exhibition restrictions. It is noted that this provision is subject to change based on further disease detection and emerging science. Please be advised that each time a new case of HPAI is detected in domestic birds in the state of Michigan, the 30-day clock will reset for poultry. At this time, poultry exhibitions can resume and Isabella County is planning for poultry to be on exhibit at the 2024 Isabella County Fair. If you have any questions, please reach out to the poultry superintendents.

- Rabbit members - for fair class verification purposes, you (or a representative who has specific entry information) should attend the July 9 clinic if you weren't at the June 30 clinic.
- Rabbit members have a new, legitimate, and FREE resource to help them prepare for showmanship: [Rabbit Tutor - How do you learn? Improve your skills.](#) There are almost endless options for you to explore, for all ages and skill levels.
- 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.
- Goat area/pen set up will be Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- Dog Classes - July 11 & 18 - Classes will be held at 6 PM at the Small Animal Barn. Bring dogs, leash and treats. Members must wear tennis shoes.

Fair Board News

Your Fair Board of Directors are putting the final plans together for this year's fair. We are so excited to see everyone and watch each of you show your projects! Be sure to check our website for any updates: <http://www.isabellacountyfair.com>. Set-ups, check-ins and weigh-in times are there for your information. Postings are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Isabellacountyfair>

CAMPING NEWS

Camper registrations will be ready July 8 for you to pick-up before the fair at the Fair Office. Be sure to call ahead to make sure someone is there (989-773-9070). You may pick up your side-by-side vehicle permit at that time, if you did not send the insurance information we will need it before pick up. Weekly parking permits are also available at \$15 each.

AMUSEMENTS

Family Fun Tyme Amusements are offering presale ride passes for \$20 each. One pass per person, per day, you may use the pass any day of the fair Tuesday - Saturday. Stop by the fair office (call before you come to make sure someone is there) or order them over the phone. Fair office number is 989-773-9070. They will be on sale until 500 are sold or until July 20. Get yours early!

BATHROOM REMODEL

The Bathroom by the Fair Office has a new look. Auto flush, auto water in sinks and hand dryers. New handicap rooms and two new showers. You enter the showers on the south end of the restrooms. We are very happy with the new look.

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	Flower/Vegetable Gardening	Talent Show	Horse Project Record (optional)
Modeling	Personal Appearance	Dogs	
Shooting Sports	Dairy	Rabbits	
Livestock (optional)	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 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.

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 Food Stand Schedule

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21 CLOSED

Monday, July 22

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Country Kids Livestock
11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Evergreen
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Lucky Clover & Cowgirl Up
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Farm Hands

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 am - 11:00 am - **HELP NEEDED**
11:00 am – 2:00 pm - Beal City Pioneers
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Country Pals
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Barn Yard Kids & **HELP NEEDED**

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Clover Valley
11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Bowen Busy Bees
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Pony Creek
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Evergreen

Thursday, July 25

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Lincoln Center
11:00 am - 2:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Aim High
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

Friday, July 26

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Tally-Ho
11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Western Spurs
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Rural Routers
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Crackerjack & Clover Kids

Saturday, July 27

8:00 am -11:00 am - Circle B
11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Maple Clovers
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Broomfield Valley
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Country Neighbors

2024 Exhibit Building Schedule

Monday, July 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Clover Kids
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Evergreen
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Lucky Clover
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Cowgirl Up

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Food Stand and Still Exhibit Building Notes

There are a few things each family should remember...

- 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 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.

Congratulations to our 2024 Royal Ambassador Court



Junior

*1st Runner-Up Duchess Royal Ambassador Addelyn Raby
Duchess Royal Ambassador Aubree Raby*

Intermediate

*1st Runner-Up Prince Royal Ambassador Kyle Croll
Princess Royal Ambassador Maddison Batenburg*

Senior

*1st Runner-Up Queen Royal Ambassador Harley Lattimer
Queen Royal Ambassador Claire Vogel*

THANK YOU!!! - Community Fun Day

A big **THANK YOU** to the many 4-H and community partners who worked hard planning and putting on the Fun Day at our fairgrounds on June 22.

A lot of hard work went into the event. Very helpful donations were received from the following businesses, but we are sure there were others that we may not be aware of:

****Meijer***

****Walmart***

****Target***

****ICCU***

****Rics Food Center***

****B's Music***

****Rent-A-Center***

****Pleasant Thyme Herb Farm***

****CMU Bookstore***

****Smith & Sons***

****Celebration Cinema***

****Home Depot***

****Mt. Pleasant Floor Covering***

****Culver's***

****Maple Syrup Royalty Court***

It was also great to see our Isabella County Royal Ambassadors involved and we thank the Rosebush Fire Station, MMR, Michigan Barn Restoration, Hopewell Ranch, Mt. Pleasant Garden Club, 4-H Dog Team, Marilyn Allen's Cake Decorating, Kim Vogel with Stampin' Up, and Mt. Town Family Chorus for all joining us for the day! There was even a reporter from CMLife that enjoyed seeing what we were up to! These types of fundraisers are very helpful for us to have resources to maintain the fairgrounds for everyone's use. Some of the activities from Fun Day will also be offered during fair week so keep an eye out!

~Friends of Isabella County Fair Board~

Welcome Back Exhibitors Dance

Sunday, July 21, 2024

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

At the Club House Area (Grand Stands)

****Free For All Exhibitors****

*Pizza * Pop * Ice Cream * Raffle Drawing

DJ/ Music by Sound Productions

COME OUT AND KICK OFF FAIR WEEK WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS!





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H when you shop JOANN 4-H Days!



Wherever your imagination takes you, let our partners at JOANN help!

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN on their 4-H Days, July 20 - 21. On these days, donations made from purchases made using a 4-H Rewards Discount Card will be doubled (from 5% to 10%).

Want to learn more about 4-H Rewards Discount Cards? Current 4-H families, alumni, volunteers and staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. Visit www.joann.com/4-h to learn more and enroll.

July 9-10: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Bay City State Park, Bay City

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Youth will learn about knot tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp-bay-county-2024>

July 15 – August 12: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a free online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. This series will meet online each Monday for five weeks from 7:30 – 9 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-july-2024>

July 15-19: 2024 Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan at the MSU Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lake State.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days>

July 18: Water Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/water-day>

July 25: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

We cannot get enough of these amazing six-legged friends! Join us for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs! Our friends from the MSU Bug House will be back this year with their collections of insects from all over the world!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/bug-day>

July 26: Discover 4-H

Catalpa Oaks County Park, Southfield

A free fun family event open to the public with fun and educational activities for the whole family! Join for games and a variety of interactive, hands-on activities brought to you by MSU Extension, 4-H and local organizations!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/discover-4-h>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2024 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

[Registration for this event is now open!](#) The diverse array of [classes](#) celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and animal showmanship classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 10.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 29 – September 2.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at :

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/>



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.



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Extra help is needed in the 4-H Food Stand (see schedule on page 5) during Fair week. If you are able to help, please contact the Extension office. We appreciate your help!

SAVE THE DATES

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic
July 9

4-H Food Stand Clean-Up
July 14 & 17

4-H Still Exhibit Building Set-up
July 18

Fair Entry Day
July 20

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 20 - 27

Still Exhibits Released
July 28

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

July 2	Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
4	Office Closed	
9	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
14	Food Stand Clean-up	2 PM - 5 PM
17	Food Stand Clean-up	6 PM - 8 PM
20	Enter Still Exhibits	9 AM - 1 PM
28	Still Exhibits Released	8 AM - 10 AM

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