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Isabella County

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NEW OFFICE LOCATION
MSU Extension Office/Isabella County Building is now at:
 510 W. Pickard Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
(McGuirk Building in front of Scientific)

2024 4-H Calendars Now Available

4-H Calendars are available for pick-up at the Extension office. Kristi will bring calendars to all leadership meetings. For those of you that live close to Broomfield Twp. Hall and wish to pick-up calendars for your club, contact Kristi (989-330-5131) and she will make an appointment to meet you there for calendar pick-up.

Attention Teens! Are You Interested in Serving as a Teen Superintendent?

Teen superintendents must have taken the project they are interested in for at least 2 years and be enrolled as a Teen Leader. Prospective Teen Superintendents will be interviewed by the Superintendent of the project area they are interested in. Responsibilities may include assisting with instructional demonstrations, workshops, or clinics; assist in preparation and set up before fair and tear down after fair; and attend pre and post fair meetings.

Applications are due to the Extension office by January 12 and are available here: https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

4-H Day at the Breslin Center

Saturday, February 24, 2024

ALL 4-H families are invited to attend the seventeenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H at the Spartan Women's basketball game as they take on Rutgers.

Time: Game time is 2:00 pm. As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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

See page 6 for more information.



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CLUB CORNER

Broomfield Valley - At our December meeting we discussed how we have yet to get in touch with the business we were going to help for one of our upcoming meetings. We came up with a few more ideas for our upcoming meeting if we end up not being able to reach out to that business. We discussed the balance in our club account. After we finished the meeting, we had our potluck. After everyone finished, we shared the background and history of the Yule-log. Then we started decorating and finding things to add to our Yule-logs.

Dairy Dreamers - After winning the State Dairy Judging and Management contests in July, members moved on to the National contests. A team representing Michigan that included 3 members from Dairy Dreamers traveled to the All-American Dairy Show in Harrisburg, PA. They won the Dairy Judging contest and Management contest, with one of our members winning overall in the Management contest and receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. During this trip they also were able to go to Gettysburg and Lincoln Caves along with visiting some beautiful Pennsylvania farms. Then they traveled to Wisconsin to compete at the World Dairy Expo judging contest. Again visiting some farms on the way and enjoying Expo. In November it was on to the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, KY to compete in the Judging Contest and Quiz Bowl competitions. Congratulations to Chloe Steiner, Lydia Deters, and Abbie and Megan Wilson who competed in these contests!

Evergreen - Our group participated in the Wreaths Across America, we did all three Rosebush cemeteries, as well as helped out at the Vernon Township one as well. We also decorated ornaments for the tree in the Rosebush manner for the tree decorating contest. Also working hard and getting ready for our spaghetti dinner, which is February 17 from 4:30-7:00 at the St. Henry's Church.

Lincoln Center - We had a small Christmas party, the kids did a fun game for a gift exchange. We also collected hats & mittens to donate to local schools.

Pony Creek - We had our December meeting and discussed club activities and upcoming events. We also had a cookie decorating and exchange then played some games.

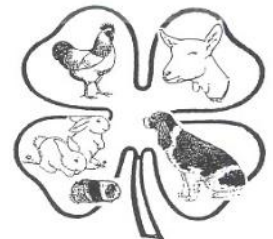
Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners

Rosebush Manor would like to congratulate the winners of their annual Christmas tree contest. Evergreen 4-H Club won first place and Bowen Busy Bees 4-H Club was second place.

We would like to thank all the 4-H clubs for their participation and helping us make our home so festive during the holiday season!

Small Animal News

- If you have been enrolled in a small animal project for at least two years and are enrolled as a Teen Leader, and are interested in applying to be a Teen Superintendent during fair week, please complete the appropriate form and turn it in at the Extension office no later than January 12. You will be contacted in February if you are selected for one of the positions.
- Reminder, if you live outside of Isabella County and plan to sell in the small animal auction, you will need approval from the Small Animal Association. Plan to attend their next meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be announced. If you have already met with the Small Animal Association to sell in the auction and were approved, you do not have to do it again.
- If you are a rabbit member, you will also want to start making some connections for your 2024 fair project. A good resource would be the State 4-H Rabbit show on January 27, 2024, at MSU Pavilion. See details on the flier on page 7.



RUNNING FOR THE 2024-2025 ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H

ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE ROYAL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM?

The Royal Ambassador program allows Isabella County 4Hers to represent and build relationships throughout the Isabella County area. Our ambassador leaders can learn in various areas, from projects to community opportunities throughout the year. Ambassadors will use public speaking and brainstorming, participating in multiple events throughout the fair week and the community. Royal Ambassadors will receive financial scholarships and attire.

Want to Learn more about the program and how to run?

We will be having a information meeting to talk about the program, how to run, what you do as a representative, and answer any questions that you may have. This meeting will be held at Maranatha Baptist church on February 20th, 2024 at 7 PM.

Address: 5282 E Airport Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858





HOW TO RUN ?



Junior (Age 8-11)

- Packet and Questions
- Write a one page letter and properly address it to our 4-H Coordinator
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

Intermediate (Age 12-15)

- Packet and Questions
- Write a 2 Page Essay
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

Senior (Age 16-19)

- Packet and Questions
- Cover letter, Resume, and 3 References
- 10 Minute Interview with a Visual Aid

Packet will be out on January 15th, 2024

Head to our Isabella County 4-H Extension page at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/isabella_county_4_h/newsletters-and-forms

Under Forms you will then go to the rewards section, and all of the different age group packets will be listed.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ON COURT

There will be 6 Representatives!

SENIORS

- King/Queen Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up King or Queen Royal Ambassador

INTERMEDIATE

- Prince/Princess Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up Prince/Princess Royal Ambassador

Junior

- Duke/Duchess Royal Ambassador
- 1st Runner-up Duke/Duchess Royal Ambassador



ADULTING 101



2024 Schedule

- **THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPENDING & SAVING - JANUARY 17 AT 6 PM**
- **FOSTERING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 AT 5 PM**
- **KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE - MARCH 19 AT 6 PM**
- **COVER LETTER AND RESUME WRITING - APRIL 10 AT 6 PM**
- **BUILD AND PROTECT YOUR CREDIT - MAY 15 AT 5 PM**
- **TRAVELING ON A BUDGET - JUNE 6 AT 6:30 PM**
- **COOKING BASICS - JULY 16 AT 4 PM**
- **SUMMER BERRIES: JAM AND JELLY - AUGUST 12 AT 4 P.M.**
- **CHANGING THE WORLD WITH YOUR VOTE - SEPTEMBER 16 AT 5 PM**
- **PAYING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - OCTOBER 16 AT 5 PM**
- **CRACKING THE CODE TO COLLEGE - NOVEMBER 19 AT 5 PM**

Free on zoom



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adulting2024/>



Michigan 4-H Day

at the

Breslin Center

February 24, 2024



What: Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Rutgers Women's Basketball team.

When: February 24, 2024. **Ishbia Gate (formerly Southwest Harrison)** will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at **12:30 p.m.** Game time will be **2:00 p.m.**

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

Who: The Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families!

Cost: Tickets are **FREE** for the guests listed above.
Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: **FREE** for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

Attire: Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.

Get in the game!

Tickets will be available mid-December. For ordering information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

For additional information, contact your county MSU Extension office or email **Laura Potter-Niesen** at potterla@msu.edu

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2024 STATE 4-H RABBIT & CAVY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST AND SHOW

*Cost for the showmanship contest is \$2.00.
Register by January 19th, 2024*

Day of show entry for:

- *breed classes - \$4.00 per entry*
- *photography - \$2.00 per entry*
- *breed identification \$2.00 per entry*
- *educational display \$2.00 per entry*



27TH JAN 2024



**7.00 - 8.00 AM CHECK-IN
9.00 AM CONTEST BEGINS**



**MSU PAVILLION
4301 FARM LANE
EAST LANSING, MI**



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REGISTER:



**[https://events.anr.msu.edu/
showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/)**

Join us for the State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo and Show!

Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as compete in other contests such as breed identification, photography, and educational display.

Here by popular demand, Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship! Showmanship exhibitors are required to pre-register by January 19, 2024 at:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanship_state_rabbit_and_cavy/



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Reserve your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals! 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy discounted tickets. In addition, Michigan 4-H guests will receive:

- A dual-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers item (details to be released shortly).
- An exclusive pregame on-field opportunity.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

Tickets are available in a variety of locations throughout the stadium, with prices ranging from \$27 - \$59. To order your tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

January 9: 4-H Wild Spartans - Anishinaabe Perspectives in Natural Resources Management

Online
This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will delve into how tribes use traditional knowledge and values (giikendaasowin) in natural resources management. Meet Brad Silet, biologist with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-2023-2024-jan>

January 17: Adulting 101 - Psychology of Spending and Saving

Online
The 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own through free online sessions. Join this session to reflect on your personal financial journey, your emotional connection to money, and gain budgeting resources to help you along the way.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/psychology>

January 22: The Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online
The Parent Talk System is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-webinar-series-january-2024>

January 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddley-Squat

Online
Explore ways 4-H volunteers can utilize a series of science lessons from MSU Extension that can be taught with no science background and household materials. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice, once as a daytime option and once as an evening option.

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-teaching-science-when-you-don-t-know-diddley-squat7pm

February 17: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest

MSU Campus, East Lansing
Interested in a career working with animals? Learn more about career paths in animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that can get you there! This program is a joint effort of Michigan 4-H, the MSU Department of Animal Science, and the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. It is open to youth ages 12-19 and 4-H volunteers. Registration closes Feb. 1.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2024>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



2024 4-H Day at the Breslin Center

MSU Extension invites 4-H members, families, volunteers and staff members to join them Feb. 24 for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU women's basketball team takes on the Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The 18th annual event celebrates the 4-H and MSU Extension community. Attendance is free for MSU Extension friends, Michigan 4-H members and their families, MSU Extension and 4-H volunteers, as well as MSU Extension professionals. Make ticket reservations at extension.msu.edu/4HDayatBreslin2024.

"Our 4-H programs reach every county in the state and 4-H Day at the Breslin is a fun way to bring that community together for a day of comradery and celebration," said Julie Chapin, director of MSU Extension children and youth programs. "We can't wait to join with the youth, families, volunteers and staff that make these programs possible."

4-H Day at the Breslin participants are encouraged to come early to partake in MSU Extension games and activities throughout the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Michigan 4-H will be showcased during the halftime show as a group of 4-H youth will lead the crowd in reciting the 4-H pledge.

Visitors to Breslin Center events must comply with MSU's [clear bag policy](#). For more information on this event, contact your local MSU Extension office.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year.

As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.
10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.



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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/isabella/>



<https://www.facebook.com/IsabellaCounty4H/>

Get Text Reminders

To receive 4-H reminder text messages (via Remind App) with important dates and times of Isabella County 4-H events:

Text “@6c82ek6” to “81010”

SAVE THE DATES

Dairy Feeder Weigh-In
March 16, 2024

4-H Exploration Days at MSU
June 19-21, 2024

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

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

January 15	OFFICE CLOSED	
17	Shooting Sports Committee @ Commission on Aging, room A	7 PM
17	Small Animal Association @ TBD	6:30 PM
23	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM

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“Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 7 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible.”

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