



CLOVER CHRONICLES

June 2025

Isabella County

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Attention All Fair Exhibitors

Fair sign-up is open for Still Exhibit, Horses, Dairy, and Small Animals. Registration will **close on June 13 at 10 PM.**

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

See page 4 for more details and information on registering.

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Ross Kelsey (Pony Creek 4-H Club) and Noah Devantier (Aim High 4-H Club) recipients of the Isabella County 4-H Scholarship Awards for the 2025 - 2026 academic school year.

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

Fair Banner Contest

Fair Banners need to be turned in by July 1 to the Extension office. They will be judged on July 9.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up in the Still Exhibit Building on Thursday, July 17 from 3 PM - 7 PM. We will have lots of heavy lifting to do. If you can help, please email Becki at ic4hstill Exhibitauction@gmail.com and let her know you're available.

Still Exhibit Projects

****NEW THIS YEAR** - Time Change** - all Still Exhibits will be entered on Saturday, July 19 from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Still Exhibit Auction Changes

REMINDER....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).

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



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Members' hands were very colorful after participating in a tie dye activity in May, that was organized by a couple of our adults. It was messy but lots of fun and the results were amazing! Some members made invitation cards containing details about fair week that will be handed out at an upcoming community service event. Then everyone gathered for the business meeting to discuss the success of the bake sale held in conjunction with working the 4-H table at TSC May 1 - 3. Plans were made to complete roadside clean-up, as well as pick up trash around the recycling center's drop off area and have another table of baked goods for donation. Those that participated in 4-H camp clean-up shared that even though there was a lot of work, it wasn't too bad and doing it with club members made it somewhat fun. They were glad to participate. The June meeting will be held at the fairgrounds on June 23 before the small animal showmanship clinic, also scheduled for that night.

Evergreen - In May, our club held a swine and cattle showmanship clinic to help members prepare for the upcoming fair season.

TSC Paper Clover Sales Results (Fall 2024)

Michigan was #4 in the nation raising \$66,779 to support 4-H. Isabella County was #1 in the state raising \$1,473.70! Thank you to all who participated in working the table at the store.

4-H Shooting Sports Events



Dates:

June 14 Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)

June 28 County Shoot (Time to be determined)

Pre-registration is required! Youth must pre-register to the Extension Office what disciplines (BB, Air Pellet, .22, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading) they are going to participate in.

Register at: msue37@msu.edu or antveli3@msu.edu

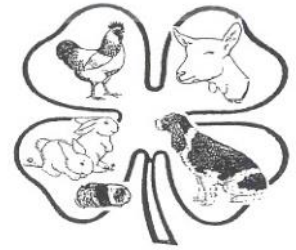
Location: Isabella County Sportsman's Club (2872 W. Millbrook Rd., Mt. Pleasant)

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! **THANK YOU** for making this a priority service project for your club. **Your help is appreciated!!**

Thank you Gates Well Drilling for your continued support of all the fairgrounds well and water needs. We greatly appreciate it!

Small Animal News - **Please Read!**



Small Animal Showmanship Clinics:

June 17 (Tuesday) – with Small Animal Assoc meeting to immediately follow

June 23 (Monday)

July 2 (Wednesday)

July 10 (Thursday)

July 13 (Sunday) – 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

***Clinics will be cancelled if temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher, it is a good idea to plan to attend the earliest available date.*

- **Poultry Members** - To continue keeping the fair birds safe of Avian Influenza, NO live birds will be brought to the clinics. We will utilize fake birds to teach showmanship. If you have any questions, please contact one of the poultry superintendents.
- If you plan to sell your rabbit, chicken or goat at the fair, you **NEED** 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.
- 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 encourage 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.

FAIR BOARD NEWS

Amusement Ride Passes are now on sale at the Fair Office. The advance price is \$20 per pass. Regular wrist band prices are \$25 per day Monday – Friday and \$30 Saturday. Advance passes will be available until July 18 or when 500 are sold, call the Fair Office at (989) 773-9070 to place your order. Office hours will be Tuesday – Thursday from 10 AM – 1 PM. It's always a good idea to call in advance before coming to the office.

We still have ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR T-SHIRTS available for \$10 in the office.

Starting July 1st camping permits will be available for you to pick up in the fair office. If you paid for a parking pass or cart permit, they will be in your envelope. There are no open camping sites available.

We are excited to see all our exhibitors this year and wish each of you good luck with your projects!

****Attention All Fair Exhibitors****

Fair sign-up is open at <https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/>

Still Exhibit, Horses, Dairy, and Small Animal sign-up is open and will close on June 13 at 10:00 p.m.

*****There will be NO EXCEPTIONS for late entries*****

There are a few things to take note of:

- 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.
- There is a separate form for the Cloverbud craft section. Cloverbuds are not allowed to sell in the Still Exhibit Auction.
- You will get a “receipt” from Google following your registration 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@gmail.com to make sure that your sign up went through. ALL sign ups are due June 13 at 10 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 13!). 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. You will need to know which exhibit you are selling at the time of sign up. Cloverbuds are not allowed to sell still exhibits.

Please refer to the Isabella County Fair website for sign-up links:

<https://www.isabellacountyfair.com/>

*****Large Animal/Livestock Exhibitors*** (dairy feeders, beef, swine, and sheep) do not have a sign up because your sign-up is your tag-in/weigh-in. ***HOWEVER***, you ***DO*** need to fill out the drug use form that can be found on the website using the drop down menu under the Large Animals tab.

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 antveli3@msu.edu.

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. 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, 2025).
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 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, 2025).
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 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	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 19 from 9 AM - 12 PM
- Still Exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 27 from 8 AM - 10 AM.
*****REMINDER - ALL Still Exhibits must be picked up on Sunday, July 27.** 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 21 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 13. (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.

MOO MADNESS



Saturday, June 14 * 10 a.m. to 2:30 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!

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.

Late entries will still receive lunch, but cannot be guaranteed a shirt.

Moo Madness

8180 Townline Lake Rd. Lakeview, Mi. 48850

Saturday, June 14, 2025 * 10 a.m. to 2:30 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: _____

WELCOME BACK

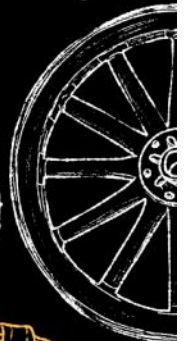
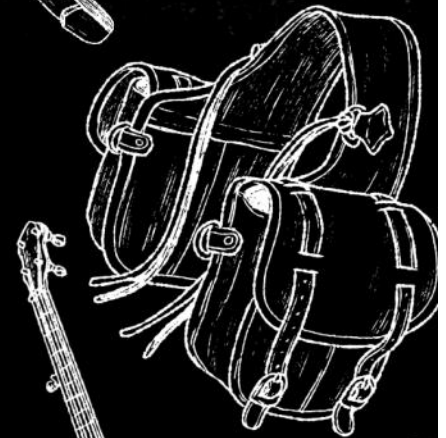
EXHIBITORS DANCE

2025

20 JULY | 6-9 P.M.

Grandstand Clubhouse

Pizza*Ice Cream*Raffle
Music/ DJ: Sound Productions



2025 Isabella County 4-H Royal Ambassador Participants

Senior

Harley Lattimer

Ariana Euler

Rhianna Armstrong

Kenzie Karcher

Intermediate

Kyle Croll

Savannah Lattimer

Izabella Mead

Cecilia Clare

Francesca Ervin

Juniors

Hailey Pestel

Wyatt Pestel

Elsie Dorland

Violet McConnell

Addelyn Raby

Alleyah Raby



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Showcase your
photography,
videography and
graphic design skills
at 4-H Dairy Days!**



New for 2025, Michigan 4-H Dairy Days will have feature three new contests! These contests are open to any Michigan 4-H youth ages 8-19, regardless of their enrolled project area.

Showcase your creative skills by submitting your entries to:

- Photography
- Graphic design
- Videography

So grab your cameras, get those creative juices flowing and show us what you've got!

Submissions are due June 5. Learn more at tinyurl.com/DDcreative.

June 6: Fairy Garden Workshop

Britton

Youth ages 5-19 will learn the basics of miniature gardening and some fairy lore.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/fairy-garden-workshop25>

June 7: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. We will be finding new caches, trading travel bugs, exploring the gardens and much more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache>

June 13: 4-H Terrarium Workshop

Britton

Youth ages 8-19 will create a miniature, self-sustaining ecosystem, in a controlled indoor environment.

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

June 20: Garden to Table Summer Workshop Series

Taylor Community Library, Taylor

In this hands-on program, youth will explore the journey of food from seed to plate! Participants will learn how to plant and care for a garden, harvest fresh produce, and turn their homegrown ingredients into simple, healthy meals.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-to-table-summer-workshops>

June 24: 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 28: Michigan 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Come test your dairy industry knowledge against other 4-H'ers! This free event is open to any 4-H youth ages 8-19. Youth may enter as individuals or as teams.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-mi-4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl/>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! 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 - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are competing in the Michigan Livestock Expo but are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award!. Registration is due by June 12. Find registration information at

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2025>



Ten Michigan 4-H volunteers honored for 50 years of service in 2025

For the fifth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

"Simply put, our Michigan 4-H programs would not be possible without the help of caring volunteers who give their time and talent," said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "MSU Extension is grateful for every volunteer in every program, but these ten individuals deserve special recognition. They have given so much to 4-H over their five decades of service and we offer our heartfelt thanks for all they have given to support 4-H youth."

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2025 are:

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| • Cheryl Barton, Shiawassee County | • Vanessa Powell, Jackson County |
| • Linda Bogue, Cass County | • Diane Shepherd, Sanilac County |
| • Lisa Coe, Barry County, | • Paul Shoup, Mason County |
| • Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Ingham County | • Bernadette Strahl, Menominee County |
| • Sharon Mitchell, St. Joseph County | • Marla Wedge, Allegan County |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/giving-to-4-h/funds-to-support/memorial-tribute-gifts/>

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Website:

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



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

Fair Sign-up Deadline

June 13 by 10 PM

NO EXCEPTIONS!

SAVE THE DATES

Fair Sign-Up Deadline
June 13

4-H Exploration Days
June 18-20

County Shoot
June 28

Cloverbud Day Camp
July 8

Summer Camp
July 9

4-H Still Exhibit Building Set-up
July 17

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 19 - 26

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

June 3	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
13	Fair Sign-Up Deadline	10 PM
14	4-H Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM
19	County Building Closed	
24	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
28	County Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM

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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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