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Still Exhibit Projects

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

4-H Food Stand Clean-Up

Sunday, July 13 from 3 PM - 5 PM

We are looking for volunteers (youth and adult) to help clean and organize 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.

If you're able to help, please let Liz know at antveli3@msu.edu.

Still Exhibit Auction

Saturday, July 19 at 6 PM

Buyers will be able to start getting their numbers at 5 PM. Youth need to report to the Still Exhibit Building at 5:15 PM 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 11 to be included in the sale bill.

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 ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com and let her know you're available.



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Teen Leadership Project Members

To complete your Teen Leadership project for fair, you must be present for an interview with the fair judge on Friday, July 25. Interviews begin at 9:00 AM and will end when everyone has been judged. You must check-in and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

If you are entered in Achievement Booth, Outstanding 4-H'er or Chet Brown Leadership Awards, you must also check-in and sign-up for an interview time at the Still Exhibit Building on Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Note: for the **Teen Leadership project** you only need to bring your poster and the one page form that has a self-evaluation check box and the leader evaluation check box. Please bring these on Saturday, July 19.

Still Exhibit Project Reminders

- All projects will be released on **Sunday, July 27 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.

Barn Set-Up Dates

Beef - *(completed by Superintendents)*

Swine - Tuesday, July 15, 6 PM

Dairy - Tuesday, July 15, 6 PM

Dairy Feeder - Wednesday, July 16, 6 PM

Sheep - Thursday, July 17, 6 PM

Horses- Thursday, July 17, 6 PM

Still Exhibit Barn - Thursday, July 17, 3 PM

Livestock, Horse & Small Animal Entry Times

The following animals will check-in on Sunday, July 20 at the below times:

Swine - 8 AM - 10 AM

Dairy Feeders - 11 AM - 1 PM

Horse - 1 PM - 3 PM

Beef - 3 PM - 4 PM

Sheep - 4 PM - 5 PM

Poultry, Rabbits & Goats - 4 PM - 6 PM

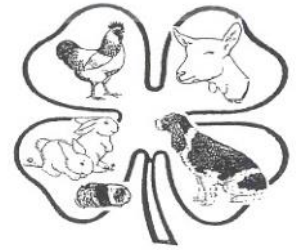
Small Animal News

Small Animal Showmanship Clinics:

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.
- Rabbit members: for fair class verification purposes, you should plan to attend one of the showmanship clinics. Check in with Angie Coldwell to answer a couple of questions. It only takes a few minutes but will help us be prepared for the number of rabbits coming for fair week.
- Rabbit members have a 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 17 at 6:30 PM

Livestock Arena Practice Times

In order to allow all species time to practice for their show during fair week, we have put together a time for each species to have the arena dedicated to their species ONLY. Please respect these times for all exhibitors. Thank you!

Dairy Feeders: Sunday 7-9 PM

Sheep: Monday 6-7 PM (Swine arena set up will begin at 7:00 PM).

Swine - 8-10 PM, or immediately following pig arena set up until 10:00 PM

Beef - Tuesday 8 -10 PM

Dairy - Wednesday 7- 8 PM

Additional reminder: Sale set-up begins at 2:30 PM in the Livestock Arena. Livestock youth should plan to be there to help set up!

FAIR BOARD NEWS

Your Fair Board of Directors are looking forward to seeing everyone and watch each of you show your projects!

Be sure to check our website for any updates, including set-ups, check-ins and weigh-in times: <http://www.isabellacountyfair.com>. Postings are also on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Isabellacountyfair>.

CAMPING NEWS

Camper permits will be ready on July 1 for you to pick-up at the Fair Office.

New information is included about camping lot sizes. This information should be checked before you set up your campers. Be sure to call ahead to make sure someone is in the office (989-773-9070). You may pick up your side-by-side vehicle permit at that time, if you did not send the insurance information showing at least \$300,000 liability, we will need it before pick up. Weekly parking permits are also available at \$20 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 one day of the fair Monday - Saturday. Amusements start on Monday at 4:00 PM and each day after at 1:00 PM. 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 19. Get yours early!

NEW FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

New paving is complete from the south end of the Grandstand to the north end of the swine barn. More to come when money is available. New fencing from the grandstand entrance to the north end of grounds is complete, with yard work to be completed before the fair. A much needed, new roof is on the 4-H Food Stand. Also, parking lot and outside building lighting improved.

Thank you to everyone involved who has helped make these projects happen!

2025 Food Stand Schedule**Saturday, July 19**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Fireflies
 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

Sunday, July 20 CLOSED**Monday, July 21**

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Country Kids Livestock
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Barn Yard Kids & Evergreen
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Farm Hands
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Lucky Clover
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Beal City Pioneers
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Beal City Pioneers
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Cowgirl Up **HELP NEEDED**

Wednesday, July 23

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 24

8:00 am - 11:00 am - Lincoln Center
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Country Pals & Aim High
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Aim High
 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Aim High

Friday, July 25

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 26

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

2025 Exhibit Building Schedule**Monday, July 21**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Tally-Ho
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Clover Kids
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Lucky Clover
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Barn Yard Kids
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Western Spurs
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Rural Routers

Tuesday, July 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Rural Routers
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Country Pals
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Evergreen
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Maple Clovers
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 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Broomfield Valley
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Lincoln Center
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

Thursday, July 24

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Country Neighbors
 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Country Neighbors
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Aim High
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Evergreen
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Western Spurs
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

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 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Beal City Pioneers
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Beal City Pioneers
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Evergreen
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - **HELP NEEDED**

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.

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.

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.

Congratulations to our 2025 Royal Ambassador Court!



Front Row (L-R):

***Kenzie Karcher – Queen Royal Ambassador
Francesca Ervin – Princess Royal Ambassador
Hailey Pestel – Duchess Royal Ambassador***

Back Row (L-R):

***Harley Lattimer– 1st Runner-Up Queen Ambassador
Kyle Croll – 1st Runner-Up Prince Ambassador
Wyatt Pestel – 1st Runner-Up Duke Ambassador***

WELCOME BACK

EXHIBITORS DANCE

20 JULY | 6-9PM

GRANDSTAND CLUBHOUSE

PIZZA | ICE CREAM | RAFFLE

Music/ DJ: Sound Productions

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Still Exhibit Auction • 4-H Council





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament



4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament

August 2, 2025

Registration is open for the 2025 Michigan State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament! To be held August 2 at the Saginaw Field & Stream Club in Saginaw, this event provides 4-H shooting sports members with the opportunity to test their skills, earn recognition and build camaraderie with other 4-H members from all over the state.

Events at the tournament include: .22 rifle, 3-D archery, air rifle, BB gun, hunting and wildlife, muzzle loading, pistol, target archery, trap and skeet.

The deadline to register is **July 13, 2025**.

To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-4-h-state-shooting-sports-tournament

July 8-10: Garden Writers Workshop

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young writers will learn about the wonderful world of writing in the garden. Using the garden as their inspiration, campers will connect writing to nature by creating poems, stories, plays and much more.

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

July 9: Adulting 101 – Mastering Meal Planning

Online

Learn how to eat healthy on a budget and stretch your food dollars, including how to cook once and eat twice, making a meal plan that will save you money at the store, and other great tips!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mastering-meal-planning>

July 16-17: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

All campers will receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. 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-2025>

July 16 - August 13: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

This free course is 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->

July 17: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles!

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

July 24: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. We will collect, observe and even make 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 29-31: Camp Monet

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Young artists will spend three days in the gardens creating marvelous projects. Campers will use inspiration from the garden to make projects that involve sketching, painting, sculpting, dying, weaving and much more! Lunch will not be provided, so please bring a lunch each day.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/camp-monet>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2025 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 8 at 5 p.m.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 28 – September 1.

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 up to \$10,000 in scholarships. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2025 Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 10 and 11, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Beyond Ready" and the youth referred to the various ways that 4-H is helping to prepare them to be ready for their future, be it work, college or life in general.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2025, the following 28 4-H members from 22 counties were selected as the 2025 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Simran Adnani, Wayne County
- Abigail Baker, Cass County
- Claire Blaszyk, Oakland County
- Snyder Dunlap, Jackson County
- Lilly Edick, Gladwin County
- Alicia Etter, Sanilac County
- Chloe F., Ingham County
- Adreann Guikema, Newaygo County
- Colton Guy, Barry County
- Autumn Johnloz, St. Joseph County
- Nolan King, Branch County
- Jude Martin, Ionia County
- Madison McGuire, Midland County
- Richie McNutt, Washtenaw County
- Trula Michel, Monroe County
- Penelope Moore, Sanilac County
- VanAnder Noordyk, Marquette County
- Victoria Perez, Washtenaw County
- Madeline Piwowarski, Wexford County
- Breelyn Pullins, Berrien County
- Hadley Schafer, Monroe County
- Kristina Schwarz, Oakland County
- Asher Smith, Livingston County
- Jolene Smith, Ionia County
- Bette Stemaly, St. Joseph County
- Autumn Wellington, Lapeer County
- Tierney Westrate, Allegan County
- Josephine Wiltshire, Osceola 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 www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.

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**Extra help is needed in the
4-H Foodstand (see schedule on
page 5) during Fair week.
If you are able to help, please
contact Liz at antveli3@msu.edu
or 989-317-4079.
We appreciate your help!**

SAVE THE DATES

Cloverbud Day Camp
July 8

Summer Camp
July 9

4-H Still Exhibit Building Set-up
July 17

Fair Entry Day
July 19

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 19 - 26

Still Exhibits Released
July 27

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

July 1	Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
2	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
4	County Building Closed	
10	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
13	Small Animal Showmanship Clinic @ Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
19	Enter Still Exhibits	9 AM - 12 PM
27	Still Exhibits Released	8 AM - 10 AM

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