



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

May 2025

Isabella County

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## Attention All Fair Exhibitors

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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.*

### Swine Tagging

Sunday, May 4  
11 AM – 1 PM

### Sheep Weigh-in

Saturday, May 10  
12 PM – 2 PM  
For market ewes and wethers, all lambs must have scrapies tag

All take place at the Fairgrounds.

### Goat Weigh-in

Sunday, May 4  
11 AM - 1 PM

(For MARKET doe kids and wethers, the wethers must be dehorned and castrated)

## 4-H Camp Clean-Up - Saturday, May 3 10 AM - 2 PM

All 4-H Families/Clubs are invited to help!

**Please bring:**

- Buckets, gloves, brooms for cleaning the lodge/dorms
- Chain saw, log splitter or a tractor, there are several trees down. It would be VERY helpful to have those.
- Side by side with dump bed in the back to move mulch to the path along with rakes to level it out.
- If anyone has waders and can bring them, we would like to put the dock in (weather permitting)

Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be supplied for helpers that day.

Your help is appreciated – even if you can only help for part of the time!

**\*\*Reminder - this is an Honor Club requirement**



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## CLUB CORNER

**Aim High** - Leaders shared details about a tie-dye activity that will be done in May. A few teens had organized a trivia night to help members in a variety of project areas. Some families reported helping at the recent camp clean-up and others will be working at the next one. There is also interest in TSC clover campaign and a few other community service ideas. Liz Antvelink also attended to discuss the different levels of volunteers with the adults as the members participated in the trivia activity.

**Country Neighbors** - April was all about Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival, we cleaned up the park and the depot, we hosted a petting zoo and had a float in the parade.

**Evergreen** - We gathered in March to discuss the success of our spaghetti dinner fundraiser. During the meeting, they made plans to allocate donations aimed at improving the fairgrounds.

**Lincoln Center** - At our April meeting we had a leather craft demonstration done. All the kids made coasters and key fobs. We also volunteered at the Maple Syrup Festival.

**Pony Creek** - At our April meeting we collected items for HATS, we decided to meet at 6:00 in May and will do our roadside clean-up. We talked about camp clean-up and went over the newsletter. We also talked about the livestock meeting, had an Easter egg hunt and enjoyed ice cream at the end of our meeting.

## Moo Madness Clinic - Saturday, June 14

10 AM - 2:30 PM

If you are interested in all things cow, please come join us! You do not need to own a dairy cow to be involved in a Dairy project! We have a bunch of new things planned to learn all about cows, play games, win prizes, and have a fun day!

Lunch is provided. For everyone who pre-registers by June 1, there will be t-shirts. To register, please email [cathyfry85@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfry85@gmail.com) or call 989-304-1983, include name, age, and t-shirt size.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Events

### Dates:

May 17 Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)

May 31 Qualifying Shoot (Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 AM, Safety meeting: 9:30 AM, Shooting begins: 10:00 AM)

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](mailto:msue37@msu.edu) or [antveli3@msu.edu](mailto:antveli3@msu.edu)



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

## Cloverbud Camp & Summer Camp

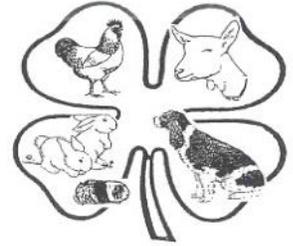
**Tuesday, July 8 - 4-H Cloverbud Camp (5-7 Year olds)**

**Wednesday, July 9 - 4-H Camp (8-12 year olds)**

Both camps will be held at the 4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake.

**Adult & Teen volunteers needed!** We are looking for teen counselors (14-19 year olds) and adult volunteers (must be gold volunteer) to help at both camps. If you are interested in helping at one or both camps, please contact Liz at [antveli3@msu.edu](mailto:antveli3@msu.edu).

## 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 brought to the clinics. We will utilize fake birds to teach showmanship. If you have any questions, please contact one of the poultry superintendents.
- **Goat Members** - Goats that will be entered in the small animal auction at the fair MUST have a scrapie tag BEFORE weigh-in. It is a State mandate, and if your auction goat does not have a scrapie tag, you will not be allowed to sell. ALL goats must have some identification; either the scrapie tag or a tattoo with matching papers, for those not in the auction. Goat weigh-in is May 4 from 11 AM - 1 PM for MARKET doe kids and wethers, the wethers must be dehorned and castrated. It is located in the Small Animal Barn at the Fairgrounds.

### **Dog Classes**

May 14, 21, 28

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, 9



Classes will be held at 6 PM at the Small Animal Barn at the Fairgrounds. Bring dogs, leash and treats. Youth must wear tennis shoes.

Youth are required to attend at least eight classes each in obedience, showmanship and agility to compete at the fair this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Dog Superintendent Diane Gaw at 506-7750.

### **Fair Superintendents Needed**

For the following areas:

- *Creative Writing*
- *Crops*
- *Exploring Your Heritage*

Duties include:

- Help with set-up on Thursday, July 17
- Work your area on entry day, July 19
- Help when the projects are released, July 27

Please contact Liz ([antveli3@msu.edu](mailto:antveli3@msu.edu)) if you are interested in helping or know of anyone who would be.

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***\*\*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](mailto: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](mailto:antveli3@msu.edu).

# FAIR BOARD NEWS

## Camping News for Fair Week:

The campground is full. Camping permits may be picked up at the Fair Office starting July 1, until the start of fair. Side by side permits will be available for \$25 and a copy of your liability insurance policy showing at least \$300,000 for liability. Weekly parking passes are \$20.

Campers may be moved in on Friday, July 18 after 1 PM and must leave by Sunday, July 27 by 1 PM. Campers that come early or leave later will be charged \$40 per day.

Camp sites are measured half way between your electric pole and the next electric pole. You must stay within your space. Slides and awning must also be within your space. We understand we have a lot of group camping, which is fine, please be sure to stay within your group sites. Double check before you unhook your camper.

## Amusement Ride Special:

Advance Amusement Ride Passes are now available for sale. Cost is \$20 per pass. One pass is good for exchange of a wristband the day you plan to ride rides. Daily prices are; \$25 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; Saturday is \$30.

Call before you come to the Fairgrounds to check office hours, remember we are all volunteers and try to be available as much as possible.

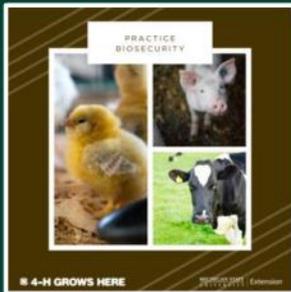
Fair Office: (989) 773-9070

Deb cell: (989) 400-1082



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Livestock and poultry owners encouraged remain vigilant about biosecurity



In recent years, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been detected in cattle, cats and poultry across the country and Michigan. Livestock and poultry owners are strongly encouraged to take proactive measures to defend against additional outbreaks in Michigan. Check out the following resources helpful information on biosecurity:

- [www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity](http://www.canr.msu.edu/fair-and-exhibition-animal-health/biosecurity)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/biosecurity-for-dairy-and-beef-cattle-farms)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza](http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/small-scale-and-backyard-poultry-owners-should-remain-vigilant-to-protect-against-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza)
- [www.canr.msu.edu/avian-influenza/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/avian-influenza/)

### May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Talk the Talk

*Online*

Effective communication is key to successfully selling livestock. This session covers tools and techniques to connect with buyers, convey product value, and empower youth with practical tips for impactful auctions and markets.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinars-may-7>

### May 7: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

*Online*

Learn how to keep track of what you spend and earn so you can make smart choices for your project. Discover the power of record keeping and learn how to calculate your break-even point to make smarter decisions in livestock marketing.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-14>

### May 15: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Fueling or Squashing the Rumor Mill

*Online*

This webinar will focus on supporting youth who face rumors about their projects and how to prevent the spread of misinformation.

12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-noon)

7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-fueling-or-squashing-the-rumor-mill-7pm)

### May 15: Adulting 101 Webinar – Stay Safe Out There

*Online*

Practical strategies to help you stay aware, prepared and confident, no matter where you go.

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

### May 19: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Engaging Parents in 4-H Experiences

*Online*

Discover strategies to engage parents and implement shared leadership in your 4-H club.

12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-noon)

7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-parents-in-4-h-experiences-and-implement-shared-leadership-in-4-h-clubs-7pm)

### May 21: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

*Online*

Delve into the 5 Ps of marketing and explore innovative strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales, and build valuable connections in the industry.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens>





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H license plate now available!

Michigan drivers have a new way to show their 4-H pride while supporting 4-H youth development programming: through the purchase of the newly released Michigan 4-H license plate. Available at the Michigan Secretary of State, the plate prominently displays the signature 4-H clover and part of the proceeds from every sale and renewal will go to support Michigan 4-H youth.

“We are elated that the Michigan 4-H license plate is officially here,” said Quentin Tyler, director of Michigan State University Extension, which is home to the Michigan 4-H program. “We hope the many members of our Michigan 4-H community – youth, parents, alumni and supporters – will consider supporting 4-H by purchasing a plate as they renew their licenses this year.”



Similar to other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate will cost \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee will also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos), by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks.

To learn more, visit [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2024-25 grant cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2025-2026 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs. **All applications are due June 1.**

“County 4-H programs and clubs have so many unique programs,” said Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. “Thanks to the support of our generous 4-H donor community, we are pleased to offer mini-grants to support these many wonderful programs.”



Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

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## Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair July 19 - 26

# SAVE THE DATES

**4-H Camp Clean-up**  
May 3

**Swine Tagging & Goat Weigh-In**  
May 4

**Sheep Weigh-In**  
May 10

**Fair Sign-Up Begins**  
May 19

**4-H Exploration Days**  
June 18-20

**Cloverbud Day Camp**  
July 8

**Summer Camp**  
July 9

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

## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

May 3	4-H Camp Clean-Up @ 4-H Camp	10 AM - 2 PM
4	Goat Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds (Small Animal Barn)	11 AM - 1 PM
4	Swine Tagging @ Fairgrounds	11 AM - 1 PM
6	Horse Leaders @ Maranatha Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant	6:30 PM
10	Sheep Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds	12 PM - 2 PM
17	4-H Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM
26	OFFICE CLOSED	
27	4-H Council @ Lincoln Twp Hall	6:30 PM
31	4-H Qualifying Shoot @ Sportsman's Club	8:30 AM

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