



# CLOVER CHRONICLES

October 2023

Isabella County

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## Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion

*This is a great community service opportunity!*

Help is needed (youth and adults) to work the table at the store for the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 4-15. TSC is a HUGE supporter of 4-H! Clubs are encouraged to do a fundraiser at the store (need to notify Victoria at TSC first).

Isabella County 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 TSC gift card drawing for anyone that works a shift. Everyone that works will receive a ticket for working that will be collected and a winner will be drawn.

You will receive a ticket for the drawing **each time** you work a shift.

Plan your shift in advance and sign up at the Extension office if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.



**HAPPY FALL**



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## Teen "Chopped" Competition

Teens (ages 13-19) have the opportunity to display their culinary skills. Sign up now for Teen "Chopped", a fun and challenging way to learn more about food and create a unique dish as you compete against other teams. Will you be the next local "Chopped" champion? Application deadline is October 9.

To register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenChopped2023/>

See page 4 for a flier and check out these clips of past competitions to find out more: <https://vimeo.com/299279199> and <https://vimeo.com/245234991>

## 2023-2024 4-H Club Enrollments

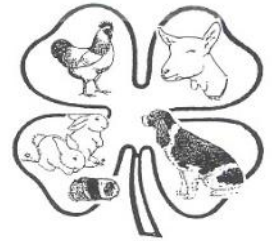
All 4-H club enrollments (<http://v2.4honline.com/>) are due October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H.

## CLUB CORNER

**Aim High**— we met for a club dinner and talked about accomplishments and challenges from this past year. The teen leadership team will be planning a few things for the club to participate in and service projects to accomplish. We also will be considering developing a guidebook that will help plan better for fair week.

### Small Animal News

- Buyer Appreciation Banquet: Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. (please arrive between 6-6:15 p.m. to help with final preparations before our guests arrive for dinner), at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 319 E. Illinois Street, Mt. Pleasant.
- All small animal members who participated in the auction during fair week should plan to attend -- please make it a priority as it is considered part of your project. Each member that sold an animal is asked to bring a nice door prize item, one hot food dish, and one cold food dish to pass. Informational invitation letters will be sent out soon. The Small Animal Association provides meat, potatoes, spaghetti, rolls, beverages, and table service. **Everyone planning to attend should RSVP as soon as possible.** Please do not presume we know you are coming; help us plan appropriately.
- If you have not yet done so, send a thank you note to your specific buyer. Make sure to also mention coming to the banquet. Just a simple, personal comment will mean a lot for those that so faithfully support the auction year after year.
- Members will be able to pick up their checks following dinner. Only the member will be given their own check. For those who do not come to the banquet, checks will be made available sometime in November. That information will be shared at a later date.



### 4-H Day at Wild Pumpkin

Did you know that National 4-H Week is October 1 - 7? We at 4-H want to show our appreciation to our 4-H Community!

We are celebrating with some Fall Fun for all of our 4-H families and friends by hosting a 4-H Day at The Wild Pumpkin Inc. Located at 5799 Beaverton Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612. Anyone who is associated with 4-H as member or volunteer can get a discount for them and their family on Saturday October 7, 2023.

RSVP is not required but let us know you are coming so that we prepare enough for everyone! Go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/tLxMXEkiOK>

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## 4-H DAY AT The Wild Pumpkin Inc.

**FREE WITH 4-H!**  
COME VISIT THE 4-H TABLE  
TO GET A FREE PRIZE  
A DELICIOUS DONUT  
AND A CUP OF CIDER

SATURDAY OCT. 07 | 10AM TO 2PM  
THE WILD PUMPKIN  
5799 BEAVERTON RD  
BEAVERTON, MI

PETTING FARM  
WAGON RIDES  
CORN MAZE  
PLAYGROUND  
PUMPKIN PICKING

**ADMISSION 4-H DISCOUNT! \$2 OFF**  
IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 1 - 7



Join Us Online

# WILD SPARTANS

MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES  
FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING  
SCIENCE \* RESEARCH \* CAREERS \* CONSERVATION

Begins October 10 | 6:30 PM EST

then on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly Sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST starting in October. Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free virtual series is open to all youth ages 12-19 years.

Pre-registration is required: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>





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2023

Open to all youth  
ages 13-19

# TEEN "CHOPPED"

A cooking competition  
among teams using locally  
grown food

*November 4, 2023*

## Important dates:

- October 9, 2023: Application deadline
- October 16, 2023, 6-8 pm: MANDATORY meeting
- November 4, 2023: Competition



To register visit:



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenChopped2023/>

or for more information, contact: MSU Extension @  
**989-317-4079 or lynchka4@msu.edu**

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Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own?  
Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful?  
Michigan State University Extension's Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an “adult” through engaging educational sessions.  
Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently!

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# ADULTING 101

## FALL 2023 SERIES



Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adult101Fall23/>

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** HOW TO TELL PRINCIPALS & POLITICIANS THEY ARE FULL OF POOP WHILE BEING POLITE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM







# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships)

### October 1-7: National 4-H Week

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

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

### October 4-15: Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store or online!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

### October 7: 4-H Day at the Wild Pumpkin

4-H families and friends will receive a discount of \$2 off admission, a fun fall prize, a free donut and cup of cider! Sign up required.

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

### October 10: Wild Spartans - Snakes and Frogs: Fieldwork in the Tropics

*Online*

Participants will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, adjunct professor at Florida State University and biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

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

### October 18: Adulting 101 - Wealth Building

*Online*

This workshop will provide tips, tools and goal-setting strategies. Learn about different types of savings and investment products, evaluate your risk tolerance and explore investment timelines.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting10110-18-23>

### October 23: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Helping Youth Find Their Spark

*Online*

Explore ways 4-H volunteers can help youth find their spark within their 4-H experience. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

**12-1 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark)

**7-8 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-helping-youth-find-their-spark7pm)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### November 10-12: Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to this leadership program that will focus on service, community leadership, global leadership and more. Youth will stay at a Lansing area hotel, attend classes on MSU's campus and take part in service projects around the Lansing area. Registration coming soon.







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Promote 4-H with the 4-H Creative Campaign Contest

Youth ages 9-19 are invited to create short videos (under 60 seconds) promoting 4-H to their peers. Videos should address the question, **"Why You Should Join 4-H!"** Be a 4-H spokesperson by using your voice and sharing your 4-H story with others!

This contest is open to Michigan 4-H youth. Those not currently registered for 4-H can do so prior to entering this contest. The deadline for registration and video submissions is January 31, 2024.

A total of six prizes will be awarded to the top videos judged by professionals. There will be two age brackets for this competition:

- 4-H ages 9-13 (as of January 1, 2024)
- 4-H ages 14-19 (as of January 1, 2024)

Each age bracket will have three winners, who will receive the following prizes:

- First place prize: \$100 Amazon gift card
- Second place prize: \$75 Amazon gift card
- Third place prize: \$50 Amazon gift card

The 4-H Creative Campaign Contest is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation. More information and contest rules can be found online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/>. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson at [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu).



## Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year old youth throughout Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This program is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The FREE club will meet October 2023 through May 2024. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal-setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety, and basic household tasks. Club meetings will be virtual through Zoom. Club meetings for the 2023-2024 year will take place twice monthly with Monday or Thursday meeting dates on alternating months.

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/).





# LARGE ANIMAL EMERGENCY CLINIC

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF LEARNING WITH OUR LARGE ANIMAL VETS; DR. KRUPSKY & DR. MARTIN.

WE WILL COVER EQUINE, SWINE AND CATTLE FIRST AID/EMERGENCIES.

ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE AN INFO PACKET & CURRENT CLIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY FARM MEDICINE.

SAVE THE DATE

**OCT 7TH @2PM**

**\$5 ENTRY FEE**

**MOUNT PLEasant FAIR GROUNDS**  
**MEET AT THE BEEF BARN**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



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# SAVE THE DATES

**National 4-H Week**  
October 1 - 7

**TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign**  
October 4 - 15

**4-H Recognition Banquet**  
October 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Small Animal Banquet**  
October 23 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Teen "Chopped" Competition**  
November 4

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

## Isabella County 4-H Calendar

October 1-7	National 4-H Week 2023	
3	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6:30 PM
4-15	TSC Paper Clover Campaign @ TSC	
5	4-H Recognition Banquet @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall	6:30 PM
23	Small Animal Banquet @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall	6:30 PM
24	4-H Council @ MSUE	6:30 PM
31	Member & Leader Re-enrollments due!	

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