



CLOVER CHRONICLES

July 2023

Isabella County

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Barn Set-Up Dates

Beef - Monday, July 17, 6 PM
 Swine - Tuesday, July 18, 6 PM
 Dairy - Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 PM
 Dairy Feeder - Wednesday, July 19, 6 PM
 Sheep - Thursday, July 20, 6 PM
 Horses- Thursday, July 20, 6 PM
 Still Exhibit Barn - Thursday, July 20, 1-8 PM

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up in the Still Exhibit Building on Thursday, July 20 from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. 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.

Seuss-a-Palooza Cloverbud Day Camp

July 18 & 19 at the 4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake

All youth ages 5-7 will get to enjoy two days of fun crafting activities, outbound games, and learn lessons in nature and healthy lifestyles. Cost is \$35. See page 6 for more details and the link to register.

Still Exhibit Auction

Saturday, July 22 at 6 PM

Buyers will be able to start getting their numbers at 5 p.m. Youth need to report to the Still Exhibit Building at 5:15 p.m. 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.

4-H Food Stand Clean-Up

Sunday, July 16 from 3 PM - 5 PM

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



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CLUB CORNER

Aim High - Members had great fun and gained valuable experience by participating in Fair Board's "A Day With Dr Pol" on June 17, as well as the set up for the event on June 16.

Members have been attending and assisting other members at the showmanship clinics held in the small animal barn at the fairgrounds.

Evergreen - At the June (and final meeting of the 2022-2023 year), we voted on where to allocate the club funds. There was also a drawing for three members to win a \$25 gift card to Tractor Supply for the following categories: perfect attendance, outstanding member, and members who volunteered at more than one community service event. All members were reminded of the online fair registration for projects.

Lucky Clover - Our club ran a horse show in June as a fundraiser. We also helped to run numerous horse shows at the Fairgrounds.

Pony Creek - At our June meeting we went over the newsletter. Congratulations to Avery Claybaugh for being a scholarship winner. Our July meeting will be our appreciation dinner where we will honor those people who have given helping hands. We also discussed barn decorations for fair.

Still Exhibit Projects - New This Year

- All projects will be released on Sunday, July 30 from 8 AM - 10 AM. Projects will not be released early.
- Trophies will be with projects on Sunday morning at release.
- There is not going to be an awards ceremony on Saturday night.
- If anyone has a big project and would like to bring it in ahead of time, contact Becki to make arrangements at ic4hstillexhibitauction@gmail.com.

4-H County Shoot

Saturday, July 15th

Shooting begins at: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5 registration fee (\$5 additional registration fee for each if you shoot Trap, Skeet & .22)

Email Nonie (grossn@msu.edu) to register with what disciplines you'll be doing. Youth can participate in 2 disciplines. (BB, Air Pellet, .22, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading)

Even if you registered online for fair, we still need to have you confirm your disciplines.

We will be preparing a schedule, as soon as it is ready an email will go out. Please arrive a half hour before your scheduled time to register.

Anticipate the shoot to last thru mid-afternoon.

**Cloverbuds will not be shooting, as this is a competitive event.

Registration deadline for the County Shoot is July 7th.



A Day with Dr Pol Planning Team and Fair Board would like to share our deepest and most genuine **THANK YOU** to the many, many, many businesses, community partners, and the multitude of volunteers that made our June 17 event a success! There were many different ways that so many people offered support. Some specific examples were exception pricing, monetary gifts, donations of needed items for the raffle, concessions, cornhole tournament, the Pol's station, etc., as well as people giving of their valuable time and encouraging words. We still have a long way to go, but it was GREAT to see so many people having fun and supporting the Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair Building Project! The goal our team had in mind for the actual event was somewhere around \$20,000 – which we met! The larger support we hope to receive for the building fund will most likely come from grants and the GoFundMe account that is set up and being promoted by Dr. Pol's various social media platforms and anyone that hears about the project through the newly established Facebook Page: Isabella County Fair Building Fund. Go check it out and share it with everyone you can!

We would like to recognize the following **4-H clubs** whose members volunteered to participate in A Day With Dr. Pol. You were all the backbone of having the variety of activities available for the event attendees. The teamwork displayed was phenomenal and we even saw some new friendships develop as everyone was working together to keep things running smoothly. Because we DO want to have a complete list for our records, if your club is not shown here, please let the extension office know so we can get it updated. We also want to share that we know specifically of five families (with multiple children), and maybe there were more, who will be joining Isabella County 4-H clubs as a result of seeing all of the information shared! 4-H was definitely promoted, and we have all of you to thank.

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| Aim High | Dairy Dreamers | Pony Creek |
| Barnyard Kids | Evergreen | Rural Routers |
| Bowen Busy Bees | Farm Hands | Tally Ho |
| Country Neighbors | | Western Spurs |
| Cracker Jack | | |

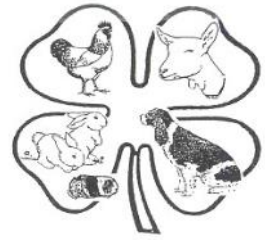
Below is a list of specific **businesses** that gave in some way. When you have the opportunity, please also mention your appreciation for them and where you can, shop with them. Many of these businesses are on-going partners.

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| AT Concessions | Home Depot | MyMichigan Health |
| B's Music | Hopewell Ranch | Pleasant Hills Golf Club |
| Celebration Cinema | ICCU | Pleasant Thyme Herb Farm |
| Central Plumbing | Isabella Co Emergency | Ric's Food Center |
| Clare Mounted Division | Preparedness | Shepherd Maple Syrup Court members |
| Commission on Aging | Isabella Twn Fire Dept | Smith & Sons |
| Cops & Donuts | Kopy Korner | Starbucks – Pickard Rd. |
| Corby Blem | McDonald's – E Remus Rd. | Target |
| Culver's | McLaren Central Michigan | Texas Roadhouse |
| DayDream Photography | Meijer | Total Lee Sports |
| Goenner's Landscaping | Mister Car Wash | Tractor Supply Company |
| Gray's Furniture | MMR | United Way |
| Headliners | MPPS Transportation | Vicki's Flowers |
| Historical Society | Mt. Pleasant Floor Covering | Walmart |

Also, thanks to all those that participated in the **dine-to-donate at Texas Roadhouse** this past Wednesday. I was told that they had more business for a Wednesday than they have had the past several weeks. Hopefully that business was from people who had the 10% donation coupon! Just a heads up, we are hopefully holding another Dine-to-Donate at Texas Roadhouse either August 7, 8, or 9.

Small Animal News

- 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.
- For fair class verification purposes, rabbit members (or a representative who has specific entry information) must attend the July 9 clinic if they haven't attended yet.
- Goat area/pen set up will be Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m.



Showmanship Clinic Dates:

- Sunday, July 9

All sessions are 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in/around/near the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds. Rabbit members need to attend for fair class verification. It is critical because that is how we determine what/how many cages need to be set up.

Fair Board News

Your Fair Board of Directors are putting the final plans together for this year's fair. We are so excited to see everyone and watch each of you show your projects! Be sure to check our website for any updates www.isabellacountyfair.com. Set-ups, check-ins and weigh-in times are there for your information. Postings are also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Isabellacountyfair.

CAMPING NEWS

Camper registrations are ready for you to pick-up before the fair at the Fair Office. Be sure to call ahead to make sure someone is there (989-773-9070). You may pick up your side-by-side vehicle permit at that time, if you did not send the insurance information we will need it then. Weekly parking permits are also available at \$15 each.

AMUSEMENTS

Maple Leaf Amusement are offering presale ride passes for \$15 each. One pass per person per day, you may use the pass any day of the fair. 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 21st. Get yours early!

Livestock Entry Times

All livestock will check-in on Sunday, July 23 at the following times:

Swine - 8 AM - 10 AM

Dairy Feeders - 11 AM - 1 PM

Beef - 3 PM - 4 PM

Sheep - 4 PM - 6 PM

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, 2023. 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, 2023).
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, 2023).
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.

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.

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| 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 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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 22 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Still Exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 30 from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. **ALL** Still Exhibits must be picked up on Sunday, July 30. 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 24 between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 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 Tuesday morning.



TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER



SEUSS-A-PALOOZA CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP



OPEN TO CLARE AND ISABELLA
COUNTY CLOVERBUDS AGES 5-7

(4-H Program Age)

**Located at Coldwater 4-H
Camp in Weidman, MI**



Activities

- ✓ Crafting Activities
- ✓ Outbound Games
- ✓ Healthy Lifestyle Lessons
- ✓ Nature & Outdoor Education
- ✓ Story Book Read-A-Louds

Dates

Tuesday, July 18th
Wednesday, July 19th

Times

Check In - 9:30 AM
Check Out - 4:30 PM

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REGISTER AT <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SeussCamp2023/>



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Formerly known as the Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop, this popular event will be held October 14-15 at the new location of the Ralph A. MacMullen (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon.

Participants (4-H adult and teen Gold leaders) will be learning new things, making new friends, putting all their creativity to work, and having a fabulous time!

Do you have a creative arts skill you're willing to share? We are looking for potential instructors who can teach a session about sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, cooking, photography, poetry, music and more! To submit your idea for consideration, complete the form at:

<https://forms.gle/1zwPdPwukwUjVigAA>.

July 11-13: 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 13: Adulting 101 - Sew What!

Online

Not sure about detergent, bleach, fabric softener and dryer sheets? Have a loose button or need something hemmed? We'll spend an hour addressing these concerns and sew much more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-7-13>

July 15: 4-H Bullseye Bash Archery Tournament

Wexford County Civic Center, Cadillac

Archers to the line! Test your skill and meet fellow competitors at this 4-H archery event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-bullseye-bash-archery-tournament>

July 17: Michigan Dairy Expo and Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Join youth from around Michigan to demonstrate dairy cattle knowledge and husbandry skills. Registration is due July 5!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days>

July 18-20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive three-day camp gives youth the opportunity to learn all about forestry in Michigan. Registration closes July 14.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp-23>

July 20: Water Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water! We will play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water.

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

July 27: Bug Day at the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, Lansing

We will be collecting bugs, observing bugs and even making bugs!

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

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

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2023 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 1.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs August 31 – September 4.

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



Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that went to the county fair

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

[Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home after the fair has ended.

- Keep animals that were at the fair separate from animals that were not for 28 – 30 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that was at the fair.
- Throw away any feed or hay that was at the fair.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after the fair is just as critical as their before-fair care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair goers, and most likely experienced a lot of stress during their time away from the farm. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.



Congratulations to our 2023 Royal Ambassador Court

Princess Royal Ambassador Court:

*Grace Russell, Princess Royal Ambassador
Kenzie Karcher, 1st Runner-Up Royal Ambassador
Aubrey Raby, 2nd Runner-Up Royal Ambassador*

Queen Royal Ambassador Court:

*Jaydin Ruhle, Queen Royal Ambassador
Olivia Block, 1st Runner-up Queen Royal Ambassador
Ainslee Humphreys, 2nd Runner-up Queen Royal Ambassador*



Welcome Back Exhibitors Dance

Sunday, July 23, 2023

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

At the Club House Area (Grand Stands)

****Free For All Exhibitors****

*Pizza * Pop * Ice Cream * Raffle Drawing
DJ/ Music by Sound Productions

**COME OUT AND KICK OFF FAIR
WEEK WITH ALL YOUR
FRIENDS!**



Special Thanks To Our Sponsors:

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SAVE THE DATES

County Shoot
July 15

Seuss-a-Palooza Cloverbud Camp
July 18 & 19

4-H Still Exhibit Building Set-up
July 20

Fair Entry Day
July 22

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 22 - 29

Still Exhibits Released
July 30

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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| July 4 | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| 15 | County Shoot @ Sportsman's Club | 9 AM |
| 18-19 | 4-H Cloverbud Camp @ 4-H Camp | |
| 22 | Fair Entry Day | 9 AM - 1 PM |
| 22-29 | Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair | |
| 30 | Still Exhibits Released | 8 AM - 10 AM |

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