



CLOVER CHRONICLES

September 2017

Isabella County

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Fair Wrap-Up

THANK YOU 4-H families, 4-H Council, 4-H Leaders, fair superintendents, teen superintendents, fair board members, fair awards coordinator, and all the donors and sponsors! We appreciate your help and efforts!

Without the many volunteers involved in 4-H and the organizing of the fair, this opportunity would not exist. Thank you everyone! It is amazing to watch all of the pieces come together to make the fair happen (after the year round planning and learning that goes on).

Sending thank you notes is thoughtful, responsible, important, and critical! If you received a trophy or award, it is your obligation to send the sponsor a thank you note. In some cases, this is the only way they know the recipient of their donation. And in many cases, sponsors will not renew if they do not receive a thank you note.

Sending thank you notes and auction pictures to the buyers of their animals is also an expectation and is critical for continuing sponsorship from the donors. Their generosity needs to be recognized by our 4-H members. If you received a trophy or special award and do not have the address of the sponsor, please call the Extension Office.

4-H Shooting Sports Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Awards (brunch to follow)

4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake

(1415 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman, 48893)



For: Shooting Sports Members, Leaders & Parents

- Families are asked to provide a brunch dish to pass.
- Shooting Sports Committee is providing biscuits and gravy, breakfast casserole, orange juice, water, coffee and paper products.
- Please RSVP to the Extension office by Wednesday, September 6, (989) 317-4079.



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CLUB CORNER

Barn Yard Kids - In June we had a cookout and went over fair entry submissions. We discussed the new online registration process for the small animal auction and talked about a showmanship clinic. We also celebrated all of our seniors who recently graduated.

Country Neighbors - At our July meeting we went over fair set-ups and made sure nobody had any last minute questions regarding fair. We also discussed and voted on when and where to have a fun meeting in August.

Lincoln Center - For our July meeting, we met to discuss last minute questions for fair week. We also participated in the Fair Kick-Off Event to help spruce up the fairgrounds. In August, we had a BBQ. We discussed fair week and the upcoming fair year. Members went swimming and enjoyed good food. Our next meeting will be in October for re-enrollments.

Town & Country Maple Leaves - In June and July our club participated in many preparations for fair. We assisted on July 9 with the "Fair Kick-Off" Event and also with several barn set-ups. Our club had a very successful year at the fair and we are all very pleased with not only our own but all other members of Isabella County.

Thank You Camp Counselors & Camp Volunteers

We want to thank all of the teens and adults who helped out at 4-H Summer Camp and 4-H Cloverbud Camp this summer. So much of the camp success is due to your dedication and attention to the 4-H youth who attend. We really appreciate your efforts! Thank you!!!

Help Needed

If you are interested in some community service hours, there is an opportunity on Saturday, October 14, at the Midland Fairgrounds. A group will be providing a concession stand for a rabbit show. Help is needed for any amount of time between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; whatever you can offer. All proceeds will benefit the fairboard's building project. Midland is a great place for a day trip of shopping and eating out to round out the day. Contact Angie Coldwell (828-6229) if you can help or for additional details.

Thank you to Recker Motor Sports in Mt. Pleasant for donating the tractor for the people mover!

2017-2018 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Tuesday, October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. Beginning September 1, 2017, the annual participation fee will be \$20 per youth, or \$60 per family, whichever is lowest. Scholarship grants are available for those families unable to pay the participation fee. This payment should be made to your Administrative Leader and they will submit the payment for the entire club to the Extension Office.

4-H Recognition Banquet

Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Mt. Pleasant

All 4-H families are invited to help us recognize accomplishments of 4-H youth and leaders. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, September 29.

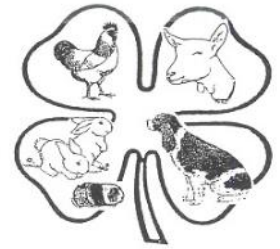
Administrative Leader Meeting

Tuesday, September 26
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Isabella County Building, Room 320

If you are unable to attend, there must be a representative from your club at this meeting.

Small Animal News

- Thank you to all who helped before, during, and after fair week in the small animal barn. The various levels of assistance were truly appreciated by all of the superintendents. It takes a lot of hands to accomplish everything that needs to happen for our once-a-year event.
- The small animal auction was very successful! The appreciation banquet will be October 17; information letters will be sent near the end of September to all members and buyers with important details. We hope all small animal members will make it a priority to come thank our buyers in person. Items that were left at fair will be available the banquet.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 7:00 p.m., at the Isabella County Building, Room 320.



Still Exhibit Auction Update

THANK YOU to everyone, the auction was a HUGE success. The kids did a great job with their creativity presenting their projects. The total for the auction was \$27,965.00.

The committee would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with all aspects of the auction, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

4-H members, please remember to deliver your projects if you haven't already and write thank you notes to your buyers. Your checks will be handed out at the 4-H Recognition Banquet on Thursday, October 5, make sure to call the Extension Office to RSVP, checks will only be given to the 4-H members themselves.

If you are not able to attend the banquet, your checks will be available at the Extension Office on Friday, October 6. REMINDER: checks are **only valid for 90 days** so make sure to pick them up and cash them as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Becki at ic4hstilllexhibitauction@gmail.com or call 989-513-7363.

County Medal Nominees

If you were nominated for a county medal award and would like to be considered, please complete the application and return to the Extension Office by Tuesday, September 19. The application needs to be attached to your project record book (or record sheets) for the project area in which you are nominated. You should submit record sheets for all the years you have been in the project.

The Awards Committee will review the documents and select the county medal winners which will be announced and awarded at the Annual 4-H Recognition Banquet on Thursday, October 5, 2017 during National 4-H Week. If you have any questions, please call the MSU Extension Office.

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion

Help is needed for the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 4 - 15, 2017. TSC is a great supporter of 4-H!

We are asking members, families, and clubs to help promote the event at our local Tractor Supply Store. Try displaying your record books or projects! Contact the MSU Extension office if you or your club are interested in participating in the promotion at the store.

Teen Representative Opportunity for 4-H Council

If you are interested in being a teen representative on 4-H Council, please submit an application to the Extension Office. Teens must be enrolled in a teen leadership project. The application is at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/isabella/isabella_county_4_h

Adult Representative Opportunity for 4-H Council

If you are interested in being an adult volunteer representative on 4-H Council, please contact Kristi at the Extension Office. Membership on the Council is open to any registered adult volunteer leader of the Isabella County 4-H program who has completed at least one year of volunteer service and is currently enrolled as a volunteer leader.

Teen “Chopped” Competition

Saturday, November 4, 2017

3 p.m.

For youth ages 13 - 19 years old

This event is created to excite youth about sourcing local food, and creating unique dishes. There will also be opportunities to consult with a chef.

The competition will begin after 3:00 p.m., and teams will start every 20 minutes, with the last team starting at 7:00 p.m. – so if you have a sporting event, it is likely you can still fit this in!

Prizes will be awarded for the overall winner and other categories.

Click [here](#) to watch a video that details more information and clips from last year’s event.

For an application or if you would like more information, please contact Kara Lynch at lynchka4@anr.msu.edu.

4-H State Shoot Results

We had 13 youth represent Isabella County in the 4-H State Shoot that was held on July 29.

The following youth and teams were top finishers:

Kaylor McIntosh - 1st place Target Archery Open

Congratulations to all who participated!

Wesley Cole

Riley Pifer

Alex Lawens

Caleb Rolston

Johna Lawens

Natalie Seeburger

Kaylor McIntosh

Jacob Spickerman

Raymond Merrill

Brennen Whitehead

Rodney Most II

Andrew Wittbrodt

Nick Nelson

State shoot results are posted on the State 4-H Shooting Sports webpage:

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament/tournament_results

Free Junior Hunting License Weekend

Friday, September 8

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Meijer, Mt. Pleasant

Stop in at Meijer on September 8 to get your free junior hunting license. There will be hunting giveaways and a DNR representative will be on-site at the Sporting Goods department to speak with customers and answer any DNR related questions.

Indoor Haunted Barn

Saturday, October 28, 2017

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: 4620 S. Brinton Road, Remus



Hosted by Pony Creek 4-H Club

All 4-H families are invited to the Haunted Barn. Event will be held rain or shine.

Social Media Webinar for Volunteers

Tuesday, September 12
7:00 p.m.



Join MSU Extension for a webinar to learn about the different social media tools, how to use social media with a 4-H Club, and how to involve youth. Please register at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/social_media_for_4-h_club_leaders

Craft Day

Saturday, November 4, 2017
9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
First Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant

Scrapbooking, Crafts, Fabric Projects & More!
Use this opportunity as a “mental wellness” day, doing things you enjoy and visiting with others of like mind.

See page 6 for more information.

NEWS FROM LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Attention Livestock Exhibitors. There will be no fall banquet this year. It was decided at the last Livestock Producers Meeting to use the money spent on the banquet for much needed improvements to the Livestock Barns. Awards were given out at the Awards Program at the Fair. The Beef Exhibitors have received their checks. The Swine, Sheep and Feeders checks will be mailed as soon as the money is available. These checks should be mailed out within the next few weeks. If you have any questions please call Deb at 989-465-6660 or e-mail isabellacofair@yahoo.com

“Into The Light” Cancer Awareness Walking Event

Friday, September 22, 2017

4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Isabella County Fairgrounds

All 4-H families are invited to help at the walk this year. The committee sure appreciated all of your help last year. There will be lots of projects that you can help with.

Walkers are needed to be on the luminary pathway honoring cancer survivors and those that have passed from cancer. The goal is to have a couple groups of people walk at all times from 4:00 pm to when they close at 10:00 pm. Just remember, you are needed to help reach our goal.

Did you know that along with honoring our cancer survivors, we raise money for Community Cancer Services of Isabella County? Community Cancer Services has helped many parents of kids your age that have struggled with or are now struggling with cancer expenses. All the money raised stays here in our community. Again, you are needed and you can be assured that your help will help our friends, neighbors and family with cancer here in Isabella County.

You can volunteer for an hour or for the whole time. If you want to participate, please contact: Suzanne Courser at 644-2504 or Zora Walsh – 773-0346 (leave a message)

Texas 4-H Relief Support Campaign for 4-H Programs Affected by Hurricane Harvey

One of the best ways to support people displaced by the floods caused by Tropical Storm Harvey is to donate. The Texas 4-H Program has been receiving requests from across the country to help those in need. Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation has released details on a campaign to support our local and county 4-H Programs who have been hit by this massive storm. To give to the Texas 4-H Relief Support Campaign for 4-H Programs Affected by Hurricane Harvey please visit: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/>





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Use this opportunity as a “mental wellness” day — doing things you enjoy and visiting with others of like mind. We supply the space and logistics; you supply the project and/or activity!

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
 ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND
 FARM FAIR SOCIETY'S
 MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT**

Please include a group name to guarantee you are sitting with your friends.
 Send registration form below with your payment by check or credit card to Kim Vogel.
 RSVP by October 24. Space is limited, so get your spot held soon!

Kim Vogel, Stampin' Up! Kimsbasementbunch.com (989) 506-1410
 5783 E. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

NAME: _____

GROUP NAME (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: CREDIT CARD _____ CHECK _____

MASTERCARD _____ VISA _____ DISCOVER _____ CARD #: _____

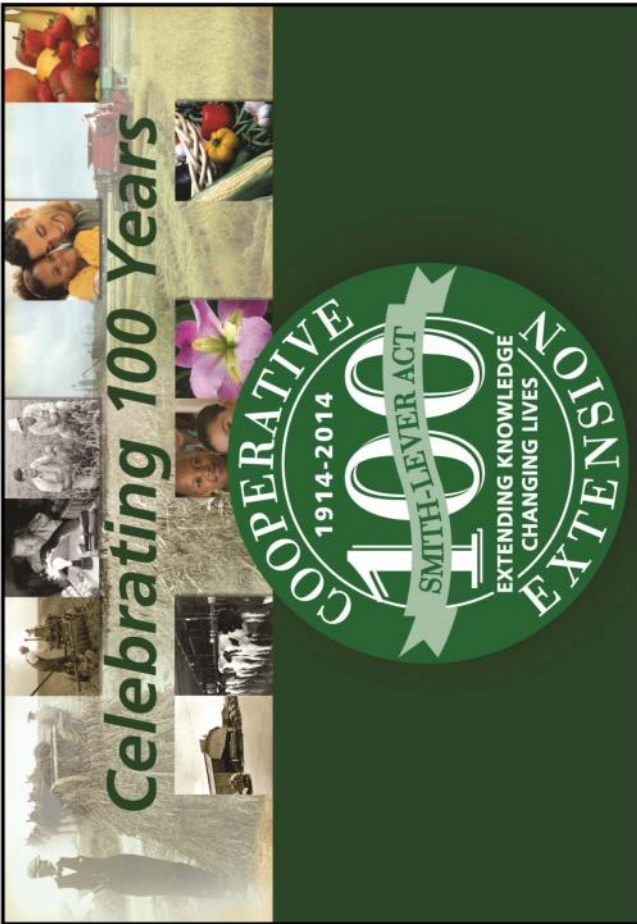
EXP. DATE: _____ CVV: _____

DO YOU NEED ELECTRICITY? YES _____ NO _____

DIETARY CONCERNS/FOOD ALLERGIES? YES _____ NO _____

EXPLAIN: _____





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*You are Cordially Invited to
Join us in Celebration*

*Of
100 years of service to Isabella County*

Friday, October 6, 2017

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Isabella County Building

**3rd Floor, Room 320
200 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

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Club Re-Enrollments for the 2017-18 4-H year are due October 31, 2017!

SAVE THE DATES

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Saturday, September 9

National 4-H Week
October 1 - 7, 2017

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign
October 4 - 15, 2017

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

Small Animal Banquet
Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 22 - 28, 2018

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

September 4	OFFICE CLOSED	
5	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6 PM
5	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 PM
9	Shooting Sports Banquet @ 4-H Camp	10 am
21	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 PM
26	Administrative Leader Meeting @ MSUE	6 PM
26	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 PM

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