# CLOVER CHRONICLES

## September 2015

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## Fair Wrap-Up

*It was a great 2015 fair!* 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 and we will find it for you.

## Lost & Found Items - Projects Left at Fair

The Extension Office has several items (still exhibit projects, posters, project record books) that were left at fair and a few items from our 4-H Camps. If you are missing something, please stop by the office to pick them up!

## 2015-2016 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Monday, November 2 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. All members are required to pay a $10 registration fee. All members and leaders are required to pay for accident insurance by November 2. Horse members and leaders involved in speed events must pay $4 and all other members and leaders must pay $1. This payment should be made to your Administrative Leader and they will submit the payment for the entire club to the Extension Office.
**CLUB CORNER**

**Barn Yard Kids** - For our July meeting we decorated our awareness ribbons for fair, answered last minute questions, and planned information boards for awareness bulletins at fair. We discussed group midway day and went over poultry changes and requirements.

**Trail Blazers** - At our June meeting, the Trail Blazers learned about Geocaching! We found two geocaches, and performed a community service project to help maintenance a damaged area cache: The Pere Marquette Toad. The children had fun locating the old, damaged toad, and replacing it with our updated, weatherproof toad.

**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!

**County Medal Nominees**

If you were nominated for a county medal award and would like to be considered, you need to do the following:

*Complete the application(s) that you received in the mail and return to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14th. The application(s) should 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 8, 2015 during National 4-H Week.

Don’t miss this opportunity! Your leaders have taken the time to nominate you. Take a few moments of your time to complete and return the forms!

If you have any questions, please call the MSU Extension Office.

**Administrative Leader Meeting**

Tuesday, September 22
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Isabella County Building, Room 320

**Livestock Producers Update**

The Isabella County Livestock Producers Committee will meet next on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the livestock pavilion on the fairgrounds. Non-members are welcome to join and discuss the results of our 2015 fair. We will also converse about our upcoming appreciation banquet.

**Save The Date - 4-H Winterfest**

4-H Winterfest will be held February 6-7, 2016 at Kettunen Center in Tustin. This statewide workshop is for 8-12 year olds and an emphasis will be put on sessions that provide hands-on learning. Workshops are led by 4-H volunteers, MSUE staff members, or community partners.

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**SAVE THE DATES**

**4-H Recognition Banquet**
Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Small Animal Banquet**
Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

**Livestock Banquet**
Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
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 20; 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.
- The next Small Animal Association meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Isabella County Building Room 320.

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 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.

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Promotion
October 7 - 18, 2015
Help is needed for the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 7 - 18, 2015. 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.

New MI 4-H Award – applications are due October 1st.
Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Nomination Form
Exhibiting good sportsmanship is not just for youth 4-H members – it applies to everyone involved, including volunteers, parents, leaders and others.

Starting in 2015, Michigan 4-H Youth Development will be awarding a Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award. If you know an adult or youth that has exemplified the definition of good sportsmanship in any of the 4-H animal science project areas, please consider nominating them by filling out the nomination form by Oct. 1, 2015.
State Shoot Results
We had 17 youth represent Isabella County in the 4-H State Shoot that was held on August 8.

The following youth and teams were top finishers:
Wesley Cole – 3rd place Trap
Nicole Cuthbertson - 1st place BB Gun
Alex Lawens - 2nd place Traditional Muzzleloader
Traditional Muzzleloader – 1st place team, Alex & Johna Lawens

Congratulations to all who participated!
Nathan Black         Patrick O’Dell
Wesley Cole          Natalie Seeburger
Nicole Cuthbertson   Kevin Smith
Bray Haynes, Jr.     Jacob Spickerman
Tyrel Hoover         Alec Whitehead
Alex Lawens          Brennen Whitehead
Johns Lawens         Chris Whitehead
Kyle Moulter         Andrew Wittbrodt
Nick Moulter

State shoot results are posted on the State 4-H Shooting Sports webpage.  
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament

Sportsman’s For Youth Day
SAVE THE DATE!!  Saturday, September 26th
Where:  4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake
        1415 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman
Time:  1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – enjoy at your own pace

Stop by and meet individuals from organizations that support youth outdoor recreation & wildlife activities. Booths will be set up to browse for information and activities for youth will be set up.

Organizations that will be represented include:
Isabella County 4-H
Isabella County 4-H Shooting Sports
Isabella County Sportsmen's Club
Whitetails Unlimited
Pheasants Forever
Turkey Federation
Isabella County Parks & Recreation
Trout Unlimited
MI Trappers and Predators Callers Association

Contact the Extension Office for more details.  A flyer will be emailed soon to families.

State Horse Show Results
Congratulations to the following youth for competing in the State Horse Show this year:

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4-H Volunteer Opportunities

Tractor Supply (TSC)- PAW event
Saturday, September 19th, the main event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

4-H involvement is highly encouraged. This is a fun day with high traffic as it is a national event for TSC. 4-H Clubs can do anything they want to do (in the past we have had dog washes, car washes, face painting, bake sales)

4-H clubs can come at any time…even Sunday, if Saturday doesn’t work for them. The entire club does not need to attend. Even a few members will help! Contact the Extension Office or Victoria at TSC 989-772-6343.

PEP Volunteers are needed!!!
Please encourage your members 14 and older to help with the PEP program. We really need volunteers to make this happen!!! Even if you can help out a few times, that will help us out.

Volunteers acting as leaders and/or side walkers must be 14 years old or older. You must be physically able to walk for up to 45 minutes and jog short distances. Some experience with horses is helpful but not essential. You must fill out special volunteer paperwork for the PEP program.

Session dates are listed below.

Isabella County 4-H will be offering the Proud Equestrian Program (PEP) riding classes for six weeks this year. The dates will be:
August 27th – required orientation at 6 pm at the fairgrounds (no riding)
September 3rd
September 10th
September 17th
September 24th
October 1st
October 8th

Attention: Isabella County 4-H Leaders!! Save the date for the following leader workshop.

Succession Planning with Volunteers Workshop
Tuesday, September 29
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Isabella County Building, Room 320

Jennifer Weichel, Volunteer Specialist from the State 4-H Office will be presenting this workshop.

4-H leaders from clubs, programming committees and 4-H Council are asked to attend and begin working on a club/committee/council annual plans for each group. This workshop will be “hands on”. Jennifer will share her knowledge and we plan to build on and document all of the hard work that comes out of each club and committee in Isabella County. This is an excellent example of how to “Make the Best Better!”

We will be sending out more information to leaders soon!
The Magic Of Being A 4-H Cloverbud

Programs for 5- to 8-year-olds offer an opportunity for Cloverbuds to experience a sample of what 4-H has to offer.

Posted on July 23, 2015 by Katie Ockert, Michigan State University Extension

All 4-H experiences have the potential of being magical, but the Cloverbud experience is pure magic! Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development offers programming for youth aged 5 to 8 to explore new opportunities within various project areas in a non-competitive environment. They allow an opportunity for youth to experience projects in a different way that will prepare them for future 4-H projects.

Speaking as a 4-H Cloverbud mom, I can attest to the experience these years provide. First, having an animal science project in and of itself is a learning experience that will have its ups and downs. With proper support and encouragement from parents, Cloverbuds can successfully care for and train a project animal. Remember, the focus is for youth to learn about the animal and its care.

Second, allowing Cloverbuds to complete a project record book, like the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Cloverbud Record Book, offers the opportunity for Cloverbuds to show their creativity and what they learned through drawing, exploring their senses in regards to their project animal and share their knowledge of 4-H. Lastly, and most importantly, allowing Cloverbuds to talk about their project with an adult or older teen gives them an opportunity to develop their verbal and interpersonal skills.

All of these areas are learning centered and allow Cloverbuds to have an experience that is holistic in nature – they get to do, write and speak. The magic and amazement of completing the process will help youth build confidence they can take into all areas of their life.

Learn more about Michigan 4-H Animal Science Programs.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped clean the 4-H Food Stand prior to fair week.
Isabella County 4-H Shooting Sports Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 26, 2015
10 a.m.
4-H Camp- Coldwater Lake

Breakfast casseroles and drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 18th by calling the Extension Office at 989-317-4079.

The banquet will be followed by the

Sportsman’s Youth Day

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Keep watching your emails for more information.
Support 4-H at Family Farm & Home stores!

From August 29 to September 7, visitors to any of Michigan’s 32 Family Farm and Home (FFH) stores (http://bit.ly/1DHdVlK) can support Michigan 4-H at the register with a $1 donation. 100 percent of the proceeds will support Michigan 4-H, with 85 percent staying in the county where the funds are generated. In return for a donation, customers will receive a valuable FFH coupon. Encourage your friends and family to support Michigan 4-H by visiting their local FFH store during the campaign!

4-H Workshops

http://bit.ly/1en6tre
MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

September 27-October 1: National 4-H Dairy Conference
http://national4hdairyconference.org
Madison, WI

October 7-8: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Houghton-Hancock

October 17-18: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_textiles
Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 21-22: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec
Sturgis

January 30-31, 2016: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_youth_leadership_global_citizenship_spectacular
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 6-7: 4-H Winterfest
http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/event/4_h_winterfest16
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 19-20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1Ga1bOO
Kettunen Center, Tustin

February 20-21: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop
http://bit.ly/1JS8BOv
Kettunen Center, Tustin

Other 4-H Events

October 4-10: National 4-H Week
http://www.4-h.org/?gclid=CKegl_vEgMYCFQ8paQodUqUAlg
Nationwide

October 7: 4-H National Youth Science Day
http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day
Nationwide

November 27-December 1: National 4-H Congress
http://national4-hcongress.com
Atlanta, Georgia

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events
2015 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Do you want to grow your club program?
Are you looking for a way to involve the leaders in your club?
Do you want to invigorate your committee members or just discuss something new?

If so, consider:
- Participating in one or all of this year’s 4-H Volunteer e-Forum sessions or
- Hosting a few of your fellow leaders or parents to watch the session(s). Your group can be 2 to 3 people sitting casually or a group of 200 in a banquet hall. The choice is yours.

When
Each session will be offered live twice so you can pick the time that works best for you. The sessions stand alone so you can attend or host one or all of them. Best of all, these three sessions are free and will provide great training by experts in the field. The sessions are:

1. The Heart of Belonging on October 8 at 7 pm or October 13 at 8 pm
In this informative session, you will learn to guide youth to develop expectations that will accommodate all members to support youth with special needs and discover resources to help you in your role as a caring adult. Participants will leave with activities that will help them foster positive behavior, belonging and inclusion in their club or committee!

2. The Heart of Community on November 5 at 7 pm or November 10 at 8 pm
Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth become actively engaged in their communities. This session will include resources and models that incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity and independence as you include citizenship activities in 4-H settings.

3. Encouraging the Heart of Leadership on December 3 at 7 pm or December 8, at 8 pm
Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from the first 4-H experience. You'll receive tools to help inspire youth to develop independence and mastery.

How
You can participate in – or host – one or all of these fun sessions in any location as long as you can connect live through Adobe Connect.

To participate, contact your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/1u0F9E3). Hosting an event is fun and easy! All you need is a computer, projector, screen and a reliable Internet connection. We will provide you with:
- A facilitator's guide.
- A customizable flyer and bookmark to assist with your promotional efforts.
To be a host, register at (http://events.anr.msu.edu/volunteerforum)

More Information
If you have questions or want to talk through some of your ideas for hosting, contact your local 4-H program coordinator (http://bit.ly/1u0F9E3) or Jennifer Weichel (weichel@anr.msu.edu)

We look forward to seeing Michigan faces in lots of great places statewide!
SAVE THE DATE

Michigan 4-H
Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop
October 17-18, 2015
4-H Kettunen Center in Tustin, MI

Look for future workshop announcement and registration at:
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/
  events/4_h_visual_arts_crafts_sewing_textiles

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Scrapbooking Crop ‘Til You Drop

Saturday, October 24, 2015
9 am—7:30 pm
At First Church of Christ
1610 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant

$55 WILL GET YOU:
• A goody bag worth over $20
• 4 Make and Takes
• Handmade Gifts
• Light Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
• Your Own Table Space

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS AND SUPPLIES TO WORK ON!

Bunches of scrapbooking products from both the Stampin’ Up! annual and holiday catalog will be available to win!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND FARM FAIR SOCIETY’S MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please include a group name, this will 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 17th

Kim Vogel, Stampin’ Up! Kimvogelbasementbunch.com (888) 506-1419 5783 E. Beal City Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

GROUP NAME (if applicable): _______________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________

EMAIL: __________________________________ PHONE: ___________________

PAYMENT: CREDIT CARD ______ CHECK ______

MASTERCARD______ VISA______ DISCOVER______ CARD #: ______________

EXP. DATE: ____________ CVV: __________

DO YOU NEED ELECTRICITY? YES ______ NO ______

DIETARY CONCERNS/FOOD ALLERGIES? YES ______ NO ______

EXPLAIN: ________________________________________________________
SAVE THE DATES

National 4-H Week
October 4 - 10, 2015

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign
October 7 - 18, 2015

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Small Animal Banquet
Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Livestock Banquet
Monday, October 26
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

4-H Winterfest
February 6-7, 2016

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 24-30, 2016

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

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"Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible."

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Paul Gross, Extension Educator
Belinda Laughlin, Master Gardener Coordinator
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