

CLOVER CHRONICLES

September 2016

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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 13th. 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 6, 2016 during National 4-H Week.

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

Fair Wrap-Up

It was a great 2016 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.



CLUB CORNER

Country Kids Livestock - In July, we went on our annual tour to see everyone's fair animals. To add to the fun, we had a weight guessing contest. Winners will be announced after the weigh-in at the fair. After the tour, we had a potluck lunch and went over fair expectations, barn decorations, and our upcoming Loons fundraiser.

Pony Creek - Fair was a success for our club members! At our August meeting we elected new club officers and had a presentation from Community Cancer Services of Isabella County. The 18th Annual "Into the Light" Cancer Awareness Walking Event is September 23 at the Isabella County Fairgrounds. Our club voted to participate by decorating luminary bags, collecting donations for the walking event and being there to help setup and take down. We discussed giving livestock and small animal buyer gifts as a club next year. In September, we will be having our roadside cleanup for the Adopt a Highway program with a pizza party at the end.

Rural Routers - In April we were very busy getting ready for the Maple Syrup Festival. The clubs activities included: sprucing up the Shepherd United Methodist yard, making a float for the parade, serving pancakes at the festival and hosting a petting zoo. Our float won 2nd place in the parade and was awarded \$200. The club voted to donate \$100 to the Shepherd Fire Department's Christmas Fund and the other \$100 to the Trail Blazers 4-H Club to put towards Cloverbud ribbons at the fair. In May we held a business meeting followed by a hotdog roast and ice cream. Our June meeting consisted of a filling out final registration forms, discussing the Still Exhibit Auction, and talking about the importance of buyer letters for both the still exhibit and animal auctions. Fair preparation was the topic of our July meeting. Topics discussed included the still exhibit auction, animal feed records, barn set up dates, horse members fair fees, animal care at the fair, individual preparation for the animal auctions, food stand requirements, the clubs baby animal barn, and the new series of educational events and contest at the fair. Following the meeting was a potluck dinner and time to play. At our July business meeting we discussed last minute details in preparation for the fair and enjoyed a potluck supper. On July 17, the club helped with the cleaning and set up of the 4-H food stand at the fairgrounds. The club enjoyed a great week at the fair with many members earning top awards in various areas. The clubs Baby Animal barn was once again a success. Visitors to the barn were happy to see that we had chicks hatching again in our incubator. The club sold water throughout the week to earn money for community projects in the coming year.

2016-2017 4-H Club Enrollments

4-H club enrollments are due Monday, October 31 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 October 31. 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.

Administrative Leader Meeting

Tuesday, September 27

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Isabella County Building, Room 320

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

Lost & Found Items

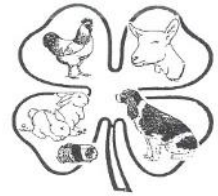
The Extension Office has several items (still exhibit projects, posters, project record books) that were left at fair and some items from our 4-H Camps. If you are missing something, please stop by the office to pick them up! Thanks!

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!

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 18; 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 15, 7:00 p.m., at the Isabella County Building Room 320.



Still Exhibit Auction Update

THANK YOU to everyone, the auction a HUGE success. The kids did a great job with their creativity presenting their projects. The total for the auction was \$21,855.00.

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 6, 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 7. 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.

Community Service Opportunity & Club Challenge

Friday, September 23

3 pm - 10 pm

Isabella County Fairgrounds, Mt. Pleasant

Aim High 4-H club is doing a community service project for Community Cancer Services of Isabella County. "Team Elizabeth" will be participating in this year's cancer awareness event. They are challenging other clubs to make this a service event to show support for a community group that provides benefits for local families dealing with cancer treatments. There will also be other activities that need volunteers to make the event successful.

If your club would like to make luminaries, walk, put a team together or volunteer, please call Suzanne Courser at 644-2504 or 621-4096. Forms available at: www.isabellacommunitycancer.org

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 5 - 16, 2016

Help is needed for the fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign that will run October 5 - 16, 2016. 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.

Adult Leader Trainings

*Both trainings will be held at the Isabella County Building, room 320.
To register, contact the MSU Extension Office by September 30.*

Creating A Club Environment & Igniting 4-H Enthusiasm

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Positive youth development in a club or a youth group setting such as a 4-H club engages youth as participants in the process, setting the tone for them to lead and determine what they will accomplish with their peers. Spend an evening learning some tips and tricks to create an effective, fun, and education space for your 4-H members to grow and learn.

Topics will include:

- Setting the Stage
- 4-H Curriculum
- Balancing/Fun/Business/and Learning
- Involving Parents
- Involving Teen Leaders

4-H Club 201: Kick Up Your Volunteer Program

Thursday, October 6, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (9:30 a.m. - registration)

Keep your club alive and thriving. We will look at strategies for involving parents, utilizing teens in leadership roles, creating an atmosphere of engagement (fun, learning, social); program planning, and offer tips for energizing your club meetings and events. Participants will actively explore some energizers and explore facilitation skills that get everyone up and moving. Leaders and staff alike will enjoy this professional development opportunity.

4-H State Shoot Results

We had 18 youth represent Isabella County in the 4-H State Shoot that was held on August 6.

The following youth and teams were top finishers:

Wesley Cole – 2nd place Trap

Tyrel Hoover - 3rd place Trap

Brennen Whitehead - 2nd place Target Archery

Traditional Muzzleloading Team - 2nd Place,
Bryan Wiles

Congratulations to all who participated!

Nathan Black

Wesley Cole

Wyatt Hauri

Tyrel Hoover

Gavin Kent

Blake Klumpp

Alex Lawens

Johns Lawens

Kaylor McIntosh

Rodney Most

Kyle Moulter

Nick Moulter

Nick Nelson

Jacob Spickerman

Alec Whitehead

Brennen Whitehead

Chris Whitehead

Bryan Wiles

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

State Awards 2016

Mackenzie Purtil of Farm Hands 4-H Club was a 4-H State Awards Delegate this year. State Awards is held during 4-H Exploration Days in June, at MSU. Congratulation Mackenzie!

For more information on 4-H State Awards, visit:

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/
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4-H Cat Fun Match

November 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Elks Club, Paw Paw



The 2016 southwest Michigan 4-H Cat Fun Match is for youth ages 5 - 19. There will be classes on showmanship, cage decorating, breed, cattitude and cat product. Cost is \$2 per class.

Contact the Extension office if you would like more information.

4-H State Shoot Participants and Leaders



Back row - Jacob Spickerman, coach Dick Nethers, Coach Mike Cole, Alex Lawens, Tyrel Hoover
Front row - Gavin Kent, Johna Lawens, Wesley Cole, Rodney Most, Nick Nelson

Not pictured – Nathan Black, Wyatt Hauri, Blake Klumpp, Kaylor McIntosh, Kyle Moulter, Nick Moulter, Alec Whitehead, Brennen Whitehead, Chris Whitehead, Bryan Wiles

4-H Shooting Sports Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 24, 2016

11 a.m.

4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake
(1415 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman)



All shooting sports families are invited! Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Awards begin at 11 a.m. Banquet will follow the presentation of awards. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 21.

Sportsman's For Youth Day

Saturday, September 24, 2016

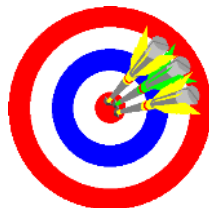
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – enjoy at your own pace

4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake
(1415 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman)



All 4-H families are invited!

Crafts and other outdoor activities are planned for the afternoon. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 21.



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops

September 13: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417>

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September 14-16: Facilitative Leadership Workshop for Youth-Serving Professionals & Volunteers

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=EAB1845F2861118D>

Louhelen Baha'I School Retreat and Conference Center, Davison Township

September 15: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417>

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September 17-18: 4-H Shooting Sports 101

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=89CAF2D7207B424D>

Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare

October 5-6: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec>

Port Huron

October 8-9: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-regional-shooting-sports-air-pistol-training>

Demmer Center, Lansing

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-goat-workshop>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-visual-arts-crafts-sewing-and-textiles-workshop-1>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-advisory-group-retreat-1>

Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress

<https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress>

Atlanta, Georgia

Other 4-H Events

September 17: Michigan 4-H Poultry Expo

<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=78FB376DDF5EE9F0>

Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

October 2-8: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

October 5: 4-H National Youth Science Day

<http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day>

Nationwide

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4-h>

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

4-H National Youth Science Day: *Drone Discovery!*



Are you, or do you know, someone who wants to be part of the world's largest, youth-led science experiment? If you would like to take part in a fun, hands-on, *4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD)* (<http://bit.ly/1HWfd7K>) is for you.

On October 5, thousands of young people from 4-H clubs, groups and school programs across the country (and around the world) will participate in *Drone Discovery*, this year's 4-H NYSD Engineering Design Challenge. *Drone Discovery* explores the science behind drones and how drones are being used to solve real-world problems. For example, rescue workers mapping damage from natural disasters, farmers determining how to increase crop yield or filmmakers looking for the perfect aerial shot all might use a drone. This experiment, designed by a Cornell University Cooperative Extension (<http://cce.cornell.edu>), will allow youth to experiment with fixed- and rotary-wing designs, explore the concept of remote sensing and dive into the world of coding for real-world drone applications. Participants will learn everything from flight dynamics and aircraft types, to safety and regulations, to remote sensing and flight control.



You don't have to be a teacher, science enthusiast or expert to be part of the fun. National 4-H (<http://www.4-h.org>) will provide everything necessary to make your 4-H NYSD event a success. Materials for the *Drone Discovery Challenge*, including the youth (<http://bit.ly/2aVuTES>) and facilitator (<http://bit.ly/2aFBGOs>) guides, are available for download. Engineering design challenge kits (<http://bit.ly/1OIV9KM>) are available for presale at the 4-H Mall. Each kit comes equipped with all the materials necessary for 10 youth, aged 8 to 14, to complete the experiment, including instruction booklets for both youth and adult facilitators. The national sponsors of 2016 4-H NYSD are HughesNet® (<http://www.hughesnet.com>), Lockheed Martin (<http://lmt.co/1s8abOf>) and U.S. Cellular (<https://www.uscellular.com>).



Sound like fun? Then consider hosting a science day with your favorite club or group of children. You can work with your local 4-H program coordinator (<http://bit.ly/1u0f9E3>) to find out about an event near you or you can host one of your own. (If you are unable to reach a local 4-H staff member, you may email 4hscience@anr.msu.edu for more information.) Register your event on the national site (<http://bit.ly/2aApv7Y>) so that Michigan is represented.



Not sure that *Drone Discovery* will excite your group or think you are not ready to tackle this? More great science experiments are just a click away. Check out the guides and materials from past 4-H NYSD experiments (<http://bit.ly/1HWfd7K>).

Embrace your inner scientist!



18th Annual
“Into the Light”
Cancer Awareness Walking Event
Community Cancer Services
of Isabella County

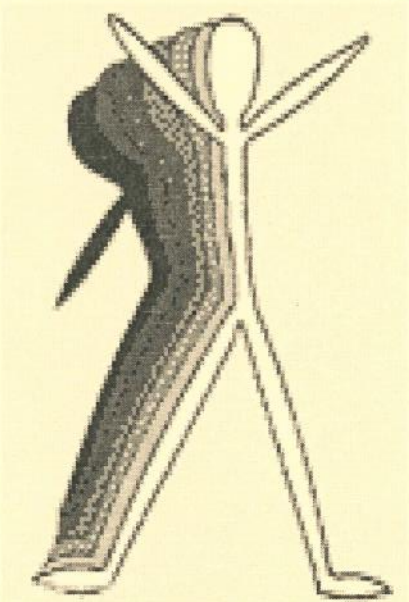
“Your Local Cancer Organization”

Friday, September 23, 2016

3:00 pm to 10:00 pm

New location:

Isabella County Fair Grounds, Mt. Pleasant



- Survivors Candle Light Ceremony, Celebration and Walk – 7:00 pm
- Luminaries line the pathway for the event
- Walk as a survivor, family, friend or volunteer
- Entertainment, Food, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Team Competition, Family Activities, Games

For more information call:

Suzanne 644-2504 or 621-4096

Zora 773-0346

Forms available at www.isbellacommunitycancer.org

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MONARCH BUTTERFLY CELEBRATION



**Saturday,
Sept. 17, 2016
1pm - 4pm**

**All Ages!
Door Prizes
Face Painting
Butterfly Dance
Cookie Decoration
Butterfly Teachings
Children's Activities**

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*Thank you to all the
volunteers that helped
clean the 4-H Food Stand
prior to fair week.*

SAVE THE DATES

4-H Shooting Sports Banquet
Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m.

Sportsman's For Youth Day
Saturday, September 24 from 1 - 4 p.m.

National 4-H Week
October 2 - 8, 2016

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign
October 5 - 16, 2016

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

Small Animal Banquet
Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair
July 23 - 29, 2017

Isabella County 4-H Calendar

September 5	OFFICE CLOSED	
6	Teen Horse Leaders @ MSUE	6 pm
6	Horse Leaders @ MSUE	7 pm
12	Livestock Producers @ Fairgrounds	7 pm
15	Small Animal Association @ MSUE	7 pm
21	Shooting Sports @ MSUE	7 pm
24	Shooting Sports Banquet @ 4-H Camp	11 am
24	Sportsman's For Youth Day @ 4-H Camp	1 - 4 pm
27	Administrative Leader's Meeting @ MSUE	5:30 - 6:30 pm
27	4-H Council @ MSUE	7 pm

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