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4-H Family St. Clair County

4-H GROWS HERE

From Lori Warchuck's Desk

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Hello 4-H Families, Welcome to the new 4-H program year. The 4HOnline system is ready for your re-enrollment. It is important for members and leaders to re-enroll to stay connected and up to date with all the happenings in 4-H. 4-H enrollment is FREE!!

Here is information regarding re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year.

Members

- Please log into your family profile and update your information to re-enroll. <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Visit the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page and watch for the monthly 4-H newsletter for the latest opportunities.
- Do your part to stay connect to your club by attending meetings and reaching out to volunteers when needed.

Current Volunteers

- Please log into your family profile and update your information to re-enroll. <https://v2.4honline.com>

NOTE: Members and Volunteers must be re-enrolled before attending any club meetings or 4-H events.

AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED – DEADLINE EXTENDED

we all know that person or business that goes above and beyond as a volunteer for 4-H. Here is your chance to make sure they are recognized for their efforts. Check out the Friend of 4-H Award, Volunteer of the Year and Life Time Achievement Award nomination forms. If you have someone in mind and need some help or have questions feel free to contact me.

NOTE: nominees do not need to meet all the criteria on the application, if you know someone worthy be sure to nominate them. Deadline for all award forms is October 1st. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2023 4-H Leaders Banquet.

Club Awards for 2023 eligible clubs can nominate their group projects for the following awards.

Excellences in 4-H Community Service – Did your club plan or participate in a service project that made a difference in our community?

Excellence in 4-H Membership Recruitment – Did your club try to recruit 4-H members to your club?

Excellence in 4-H Programming - Did your club plan a great learning opportunity that made an impact?

Nomination forms are included in this newsletter issue. Deadline for club awards nominations is October 1st.

Award nomination forms can be found on the St. Clair County website, or by using the following link:

<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/msue/4H/Friend4H.aspx>

If you have questions feel free to contact the office for assistance 810-989-6935

Have a fantastic day! Lori Warchuck, 4-H Program Coordinator

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St. Clair County- Events

October

- 10/2 – Club End of Year Reporting Paperwork Deadline
- 10/7 – 4-H Open House – Goodells
- 10/9 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 10/5-10/15—TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign (Clubs will be needed to promote 4-H at local TSC Stores)
- 10/19 – 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting 7pm – Goodells

November

- 11/3 – 4-H Leader Appreciation Banquet (invitations to be mailed in October)
- 11/13 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 11/20 – 4-H Council Meeting Pot Luck – MSUE Office Port Huron

December

- 12/27 – Hunting & Wildlife Program RAPTORS – Goodells (details soon)

January

- 1/8 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Goodells
- 1/16 – 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Goodells
- 1/20 - 4-H Winter Achievement, Location TBD

February

- 2/24 - 4-H Council Auction, Goodells

More information about 4-H events can be found online:

- St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>
- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>
- <https://msue.stclaircounty.org/> or (810) 989-6935



4-H Pancake Dinner Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit Happy Days Fishing Camp

- Friday, October 13, 2023
- 4pm - 7pm
- \$8 adults and \$4 children 10 & under
- 3 pancakes, 2 sausage, and choice of juice, coffee or milk
- American Legion Post 525
Kimball 48074 7150 Smiths Creek Road

Proceeds raised from the dinner will be donated to Happy Days Fishing Camp. Happy Days Fishing Camp is the host of the 4-H Lake to Table Program. Money raised will be used towards the addition of a pavilion to the camp.

Happy Days Fishing Camp is a non-profit organization. In addition to 4-H Programming, camp provides fishing opportunities to Special Needs Children and Veterans.

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4-H Award Nominations Needed!

Award Categories/Gategories are:

- Friend of 4-H Award
- Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Service
- Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Excellence in Community Service Club Award
- Excellence in 4-H Recruitment Club Award
- Excellence in 4-H Programming

You can find the award descriptions and award forms at: <https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/4H8>

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SAVE THE DATE!

4-H OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
NOON - 3PM

GOODELLS COUNTY PARK / PARTNERING W/ FARM MUSEUM

4-H CLUBS NEEDED FOR DISPLAYS AND GIVING OUT CANDY!

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RE-ENROLL NOW!

4-H Enrollment for the 2023/2024 Program Year is OPEN!

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4-H Horse Winter Projects meetings

Meetings will take place on the first Monday of October, 6:30 pm at the Goodells County Park Community Building.

4-H Horse winter projects are a great place to get started learning about horses. You do not need to own a horse to participate. Any interested 4-Hers are welcome to attend. From the beginner or the seasoned horse lover there is something for everyone, Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, or Equine Communications, for competition or simply increase your horse knowledge and have a great time with new friends!

Please contact any of the following leaders for more information. -
Lucy Brown at (586) 855-3215 or lmackier@yahoo.com
Maryann Moskal at (810) 305-9834



St. Clair County wrap-ups

To showcase your club's events in upcoming newsletters, just email photos and a paragraph to: LWarchuck@stclaircounty.org

More than 500 St. Clair County 4th & 5th graders enjoyed a beautiful fall day at Goodells County Park for Farm Bureaus' annual Project RED. Project RED is an agriculture education program which took place on Tuesday, September 27, 2023. Many 4-H Members and Volunteers participated in helping at the event pictured below.

4-H staff also presented information about the importance of pollinators/honeybees to agriculture and our food chain.





On October 2nd our 4-H staff participated in Capac Science Night at Capac schools. They performed various science demonstrations to teach kids the importance of science.








St. Clair County - Fair News

NEXT YEARS FAIR DATES!

Join us for July 15-20, 2024

87th Annual St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1-7: National 4-H Week
For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 1-7, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. [National 4-H Week - 4-H \(msu.edu\)](https://www.national4hweek.com/)

October 4-15 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion
Various Locations
Support 4-H youth from Oct. 4-15, 2023 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>





Join Us Online WILD SPARTANS

MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES EXPLORING 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/>

Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will climb through the mist on a tropical expedition searching for new and rare species of amphibians and reptiles.

Join us to explore biological hotspots on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 6:30pm EST for "Snakes and Frogs: Fieldwork in the Tropics." You will meet Dr. D. Bruce Means, biologist with the Coastal Plains Institute and Land Conservancy & Adjunct Professor at Florida State University. He was recently featured in a National Geographic magazine cover story and documentary "The Last Tepee". You'll learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth from ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST.

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

STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

New proposed license plate would raise funds for Michigan 4-H youth

[Jamie Wilson, Michigan State University Extension - September 26, 2023](https://www.michigan.gov/newsroom/0,4570,7-273_4732_4733_4734_4735_4736_4737_4738_4739_4740_4741_4742_4743_4744_4745_4746_4747_4748_4749_4750_4751_4752_4753_4754_4755_4756_4757_4758_4759_4760_4761_4762_4763_4764_4765_4766_4767_4768_4769_4770_4771_4772_4773_4774_4775_4776_4777_4778_4779_4780_4781_4782_4783_4784_4785_4786_4787_4788_4789_4790_4791_4792_4793_4794_4795_4796_4797_4798_4799_4800_4801_4802_4803_4804_4805_4806_4807_4808_4809_4810_4811_4812_4813_4814_4815_4816_4817_4818_4819_4820_4821_4822_4823_4824_4825_4826_4827_4828_4829_4830_4831_4832_4833_4834_4835_4836_4837_4838_4839_4840_4841_4842_4843_4844_4845_4846_4847_4848_4849_4850_4851_4852_4853_4854_4855_4856_4857_4858_4859_4860_4861_4862_4863_4864_4865_4866_4867_4868_4869_4870_4871_4872_4873_4874_4875_4876_4877_4878_4879_4880_4881_4882_4883_4884_4885_4886_4887_4888_4889_4890_4891_4892_4893_4894_4895_4896_4897_4898_4899_4900,00.html)



On Tuesday, September 26, legislation was unveiled that will create a new fundraising license plate that would generate support for Michigan 4-H youth. State Reps. Matthew Bierlein, of Vassar, and Reggie Miller, of Van Buren Township, are sponsoring the legislation which would allow for the creation and sale of a Michigan 4-H plate through the Secretary of State. "This effort would provide an ongoing stream of support that benefits our 4-H programs for years to come," said Quentin Tyler, director of Michigan State University Extension, which leads the 4-H program in Michigan. "We are so grateful to Reps. Bierlein and Miller for championing this effort."

The plans would create the 4-H fundraising plate and establish regular disbursements from the license plate sales to the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Founded in 1952, the Michigan 4-H Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in East Lansing, Mich. Led by a board of trustees, the foundation works in partnership with MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development to support programs to prepare youth for meaningful and productive lives.

"We are excited by the prospect of this revenue-generating opportunity that will result in additional visibility and resources to support Michigan 4-H youth and programs," said Tom Bossert, president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. "We thank the representatives for their commitment to ensuring 4-H youth continue to have access to these high-quality, youth development programs."

Statewide, Michigan 4-H reaches more than 100,000 youth each year through hands-on learning experiences that allow youth to explore their passions and interests while growing in confidence, life skills and a sense of responsibility. The program operates in every county in the state and is available to youth ages 5 to 19. "For more than 115 years, our Michigan 4-H programs have been making a positive difference in the lives of youth and their families," continued Tyler. "We look forward to seeing the forward progress of this legislation, knowing that it will provide valuable resources for future generations to continue to grow with Michigan 4-H."

The bills will be formally read into the record this week.

To learn more about Michigan 4-H, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h>. To learn more about the Michigan 4-H Foundation, visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org>.

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