



October 2026

4-H Family News

St. Clair County



From Colleen's Desk

As the 2026-2027 4-H program year gets underway, I am excited to share that enrollment is off to a great start! Thank you to our members, families, and volunteers for helping us begin another year of learning, leadership, and fun. Our Leader Update Meetings and Annual Financial Summary Report submissions have gone very smoothly, and it has been wonderful connecting with so many of our clubs. We are also excited to welcome new volunteers and new clubs to the St. Clair County 4-H family.

As we move into the new year, please remember to complete member and volunteer re-enrollment as soon as possible. A strong start helps ensure clubs are ready for a successful year ahead.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming St. Clair County 4-H Open House. If your club is unable to participate, we still encourage members, volunteers, and families to stop by, visit with us, and help spread the word about all that 4-H has to offer. There is no better way to grow our program than by sharing our experiences and showing the community what a welcoming and supportive 4-H family we have here in St. Clair County.

Speaking of our amazing 4-H family, November brings one of my favorite events of the year: the Leaders Appreciation Banquet. This is our opportunity to recognize the dedicated leaders who make 4-H possible. Please take a few moments to submit nominations for awards such as Friend of 4-H and Volunteer of the Year. We have many outstanding volunteers whose hard work and commitment deserve to be celebrated.

Thank you for everything you do to support 4-H youth in St. Clair County. I wish you all a wonderful October and look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings, events, and activities.

Sincerely,
Colleen Provost

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Speaking of Fantastic 4-H Volunteers...

We all know someone—or perhaps a business—that goes above and beyond in supporting 4-H. Here's your chance to make sure their dedication and contributions are recognized!

Check out the following award nomination forms:

Friend of 4-H Award

Volunteer of the Year Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

If you have someone in mind and need help completing a nomination or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

4-H Club Awards

There are also awards that recognize clubs for their outstanding 4-H work. **4-H members and volunteers** can nominate a deserving club for one of the following awards:

Excellence 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 make an effort to recruit new 4-H members?

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

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

<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/428>

NOTE: Nominees do **not** need to meet every criterion listed on the application. If you know someone who is deserving of recognition, please nominate them!



Deadline for all award nominations: October 1, 2026

Award recipients will be recognized at the **2026 St. Clair County 4-H Leaders Banquet**.

Let's make sure the people and clubs who go above and beyond for 4-H get the recognition they deserve!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

State Dog Show

🌟🐾 Congratulations to our St. Clair County 4-H State Dog Show Participants! 🐾🌟

Congratulations to our St. Clair County 4-H Dog Project members who competed at the 2026 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!

Josiah & Katie
Miranda & Winston
Paige & Sam
Emily, Apple & Gilly
Lillian & Andy
Brynlee & Margo

💚 Please join us in congratulating these outstanding exhibitors and their amazing dogs *on their hard work and accomplishments*. We are proud of the way they represented St. Clair County 4-H! 🍀🐾🏆🎉💚



Congratulations!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS



St. Clair County 4-H Welcomes the following new Gold Volunteers to the Team

Courtney Barrett - SCC Horse Leader's Association Resource Leader

Jennifer Dazer - No Limits 4-H Club

Matt Slamka - Country Connections 4-H Club



Welcome to the Team!





St. Clair County Events

October

October 1 – Deadline to submit nominations for Leader's Banquet Awards

October 12 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

October 15 – Horse Leaders and Teen Leaders Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

October 17 – SCC 4-H Open House 12pm to 3pm – Goodells County Park

October 20-22 – SCC MSUE Staff attending MSUE Fall Conference in Lansing; MSUE office CLOSED

October 23 – DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR LEADER'S APPRECIATION BANQUET

November

November 6 – Leader's Appreciation Banquet

November 9 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

November 16 – SCC 4-H Council Meeting 7pm, Dodge Auditorium, County Building in Port Huron

November 19 – Horse Leaders and Teen Leaders Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

November 26 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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>
- (810) 989-6935



4-H Horse Winter Projects

Whether you've been riding for years or simply think horses are amazing but haven't had the chance to gain experience yet, we'd love to have you join us for fun, hands-on equine education! All 4-H members are welcome, including CloverBuds.

Horse Judging and Hippology are designed to help participants prepare for competitions, but competing is completely optional. You're welcome to come just to learn, build new skills, and have fun! Our Winter Projects focus on making learning enjoyable while exploring all things equine.

Not registered for 4-H yet? No problem! Contact us, and we'll help you get signed up—for free. Additional local meetings and clinics may be added throughout the season. Be sure to send your name, club, and email address to Lucy, Olivia, or Marianne so you'll receive the latest updates and meeting links. If bad weather occurs, in-person meetings may be canceled or moved to Zoom.

Meetings are held in the Community Center at Goodells County Park on the first Monday of each month from October through April. Winter Projects and Horse Judging begin at 6:30 p.m., and Hippology starts at 7:30 p.m.

LUCY BROWN (HORSE JUDGING) - LAMCKIER@YAHOO.COM OR 586-855-3215

STEPHANIE SHEPPERSON - STEPHANIESHEPPERSON@HOTMAIL.COM OR 810-941-0090

COURTNEY BARRETT - COURTBARRETT919@GMAIL.COM OR 810-841-5811

MARIANNE MOSKAL (WINTER PROJECTS) - 810-305-9834



Dates

10/05/2026
11/02/2026
12/07/2026
01/04/2027
02/01/2027
03/01/2027
04/05/2027



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Save the Dates!

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 17, 2026
12pm - 3pm



St. Clair County Farm Museum
8310 County Park Drive
Goodells, MI 48027



Contact Colleen Provost at:
(810) 989-6935 or provos28@msu.edu
For more information, or if your club
is interested in participating!



Save the Dates!

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4-H Leaders Banquet

Celebrating Our Amazing 4-H Volunteers!

In recognition of volunteer service to the St.
Clair County 4-H Program and the St. Clair
County 4-H & Youth Fair

Friday, November 6, 2026

Alexander's
1200 Gratiot Blvd.
Marysville, MI 48040



Invitations to go out in October!



Save the Dates!

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2027 Winter Achievement

February 06, 2027

Donald E. Dodge Auditorium
at 200 Grand River, Port Huron

Stay tuned for more details!

• Open to all enrolled St. Clair
County 4-H members



ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL *Auction*



Support St. Clair County 4-H Youth!

- This annual auction helps support local St. Clair County 4-H youth projects and scholarships.
- 10% of the auction proceeds goes directly back to the 4-H club that solicited the donated items or services from local businesses and merchants.
- Come out, place your bids, and support local 4-H while enjoying a fun community auction event!



Saturday, Feb. 27, 2027

Auctions starts at 10am
and ends when all items
are sold



Goodells County Park

Community Building
located on South side of
park.



FREE Admission

Concessions available for
purchase.



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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Nominate a deserving 4-H'er for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year!

Do you know someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. Nominations are due **October 15th**. You can find full details, including the nomination form, at: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Ready to level up your future? Youth ages 12–19 are invited to join the 4-H Future Squad, a virtual 4-H club focused on life skills, career readiness, financial literacy, Adulthood 101 topics and more.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the sixth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2026 through May 2027, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management,

communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Meeting dates will take place on a variety of days of the week; dates and times will be communicated via email and on the program website. Youth can attend as many of these dates as they wish. 4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club. Learn more and complete the interest form at: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

4-H scholarships available!

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access application materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Preparing youth to
be Beyond Ready:
Building leadership
skills through 4-H**



Beyond Ready

4-H provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills in meaningful and age-appropriate ways. Whether leading a club activity, serving as an officer, mentoring younger members, or helping plan an event, youth practice communication, teamwork, decision-making and responsibility.

Volunteers can support leadership development by encouraging youth voice, sharing responsibilities and creating opportunities for members to take ownership of their learning. Every leadership experience helps young people build confidence and prepares them to contribute in school, work and their communities.

How are you helping youth
grow as leaders this year?

#BeyondReady

October 3: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2026

October 4-10: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H in various ways including Go Green Monday, Wheels Up Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Stay Connected Saturday!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week

October 7: Adulting 101—Mental Health Toolkit: Everyday Skills and Resources to Help Care for Your Mental Health

Online

This Adulting 101 session will equip participants with practical tools to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-adulting-101-mental-health-toolkit-everyday-skills-and-resources-to-help-care-for-your-mental-health

October 27: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Infusing Positive Youth Development into Your 4-H club

Online

Explore simple strategies that foster belonging, build developmental relationships, encourage youth voice, and create engaging experiences where young people can develop confidence, competence, character and caring.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-infusing-positive-youth-development-into-your-4-h-club

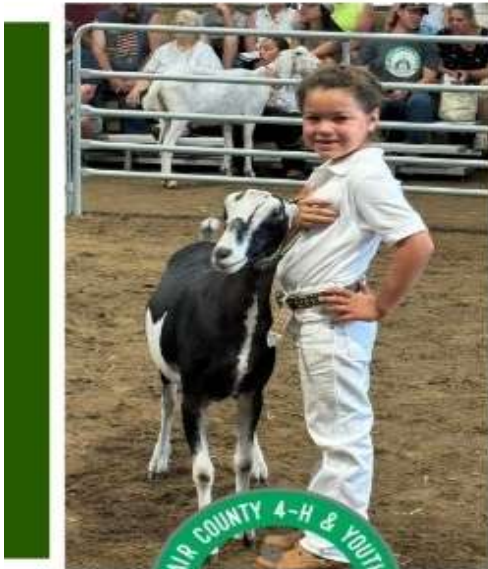
October 31: 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth will have the chance to learn about a variety of animal science topics, disciplines and careers from industry experts and Department of Animal Science staff. Open to youth ages 12-19. **Register by October 15!**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-fall-fest-2026





UPCOMING FAIR DATES

2026 - July 20-25

2027 - July 19-24

2028 - July 17-22

2029 - July 16-21

www.stclaircounty4hfair.org

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Learn more about how you can grow with Michigan 4-H!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_clair/4-h/index



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