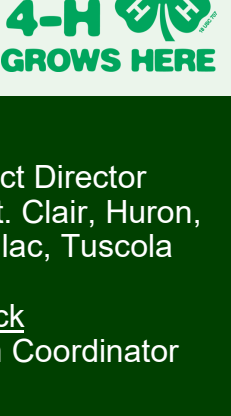


4-H Family News

St. Clair County



From Lori Warchuck's Desk

What a fantastic 2023 4-H Program year! Successful 4-H programs don't just happen by chance. Strong successful 4-H programs are a product of dedicated skilled volunteers. St. Clair County continues to have a strong dedicated 4-H Volunteer force. A big 4-H "THANK YOU" to all our volunteers that make great things happen all year in our 4-H program.

In addition to the fantastic 4-H year we had the privilege of celebrating and being a part of the 86th St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair. A big "4-H THANK YOU" to the SCC Agriculture Society (Fair Board), superintendents, judges and other volunteers for all their hard work that make the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair a great opportunity for our 4-H youth.

Speaking of fantastic 4-H volunteers; 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.

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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.

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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 make an effort to recruit 4-H members to your club?

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

St. Clair County- Events

- 8/14 - Fair Board Meeting 7pm at Goodells Park
- 8/17 - 4-H Horse Leader Meeting 7pm at Goodells Park
- 8/5 - 4-H "Lake to Table" in Columbus - registration open
- 9/7 - 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, 7pm at County Admin Bld

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

PHOTOS NEEDED!

Photos of your leaders are needed, in preparation for the 2023 Leaders Appreciation Banquet.

Make sure your leader has a picture in the presentation. Please email digital photos to warchuck@stclaircounty.org

DUE-DATE= October 1, 2023.

St. Clair County wrap-ups

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

Are you looking for your Fair items?

Still projects that were not picked-up at the end of Fair were brought to the MSU Extension Office: 200 Grand River Ave #102, Port Huron, MI. Please retrieve them during office hours 8am-4:30pm, M-F (closed for lunch from noon until 1pm.)

A box of miscellaneous "Lost and Found" items from the Fair is also at the MSU Extension Office. Pass the word.

The following have trophies waiting at the MSUE office to be picked-up!

- Caiden Bunker
- Landon Wagar
- Adelynn Bilinsky
- Antonio Marabate
- KJ Kowalewski
- Rylie Podgorski
- Leah Teichow
- Wyatt Popham
- Blake Warner
- Oliver Dawson
- Bell River 4-H

St. Clair County - Fair News

The St Clair County 4-H Program Thanks The St Clair County Agriculture Society and all the volunteers for all the hard work that goes into putting on the SCC 4-H & Youth Fair!!



4-H members need to **MAKE SURE** you have sent out your thank you notes to trophy sponsors and buyers. The SCC Ag Society has supplied trophy winners with all the information needed, including the card. There are no excuses, you have everything you need. To find your buyers information go to the fair website at stclaircounty4hfair.org

✓do it!

THANK YOU NOTES ARE A MUST!

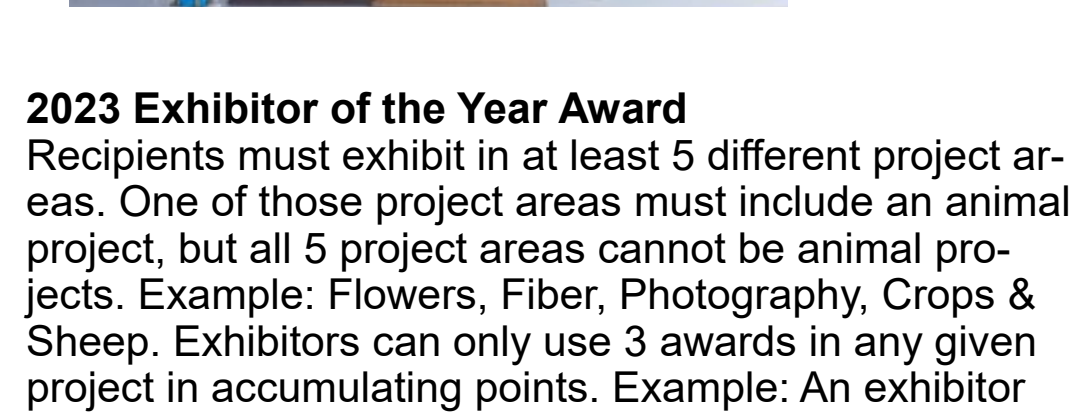
7 Steps to a Great Thank You Note

- 1 A greeting to the thank you note recipient
- 2 Specific reason you are thanking them
- 3 The reason why you appreciate them
- 4 How you plan to use the gift or why the gift was important to you
- 5 A comment or detail about yourself
- 6 A repeat of your thank you
- 7 A closing and signature of your name

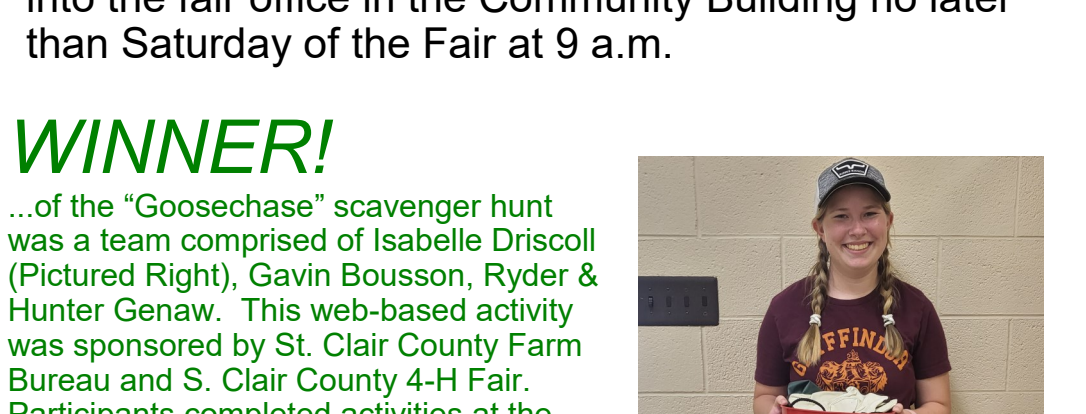
2023 Sweepstakes Showmanship

All Grand and Reserve Champion Showman from Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Horses, Poultry, Veal, Rabbits, Walking Fleece, Dogs and Llamas are eligible to compete. First Place Overall Sweepstakes Showman will be awarded \$50 cash award and a traveling trophy. Other cash prizes maybe awarded.

prize buckets donated by Farm Bureau



Congratulations to all of the 2023 Sweepstakes participants



This year's winners are Gwyneth Glombowski & Leah VanDeWarker

St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Exhibitor of the Year AVERY WHITENIGHT of Rimrock Acres 4-H club



2023 Exhibitor of the Year Award
Recipients must exhibit in at least 5 different project areas. One of those project areas must include an animal project, but all 5 project areas cannot be animal projects. Exhibitors can only use 3 awards in any given project in accumulating points. Example: An exhibitor receiving 5 Grand, Reserve or Honorable Mention, or a combination of those, may only use the highest three placing in any given project area. 6. Exhibitors must fill out the Exhibitor of the Year application form and turn it into the fair office in the Community Building no later than Saturday of the Fair at 9 a.m.

WINNER!

...of the "Goosechase" scavenger hunt was a team comprised of Isabelle Rydick (Pictured Right), Gavin Bousson, Driscoll & Hunter Genaw. This web-based activity was sponsored by St. Clair County Farm Bureau and S. Clair County 4-H Fair. Participants completed activities at the fair using handheld devices.

Second Place:
Team All Hallows Eve

Third place:
The Warnke Family



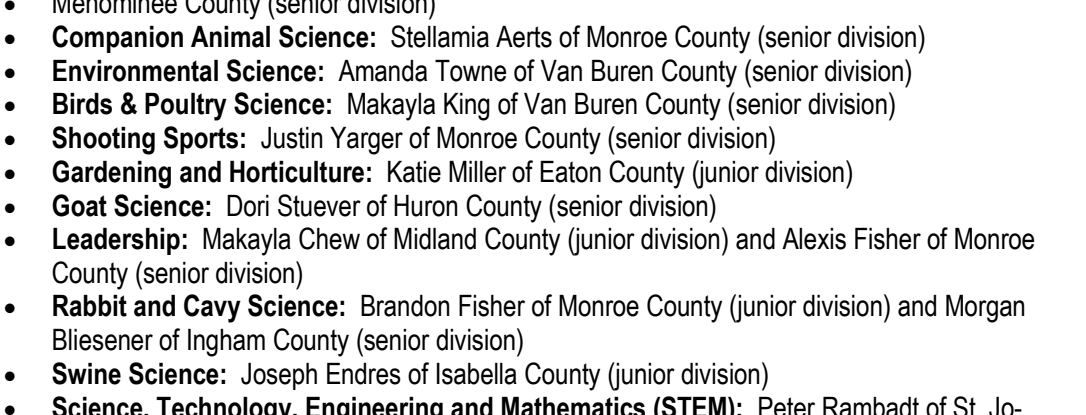
Both pictured below

4-H Shooting Sports Special Awards 2023

The Carl Kruckenber Memorial 4-H Shooting Sports Award is to be awarded to a registered 4-H youth in any of the gun disciplines, who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship and is active in outdoor activities, within or out of 4-H. Youth must participate in SCC 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament in the year nominated.

Carl was a member of Rimrock 4-H Club who enjoyed the Shooting Sports and Outdoor Challenge projects. He died in 2009 at age 16 years old. To honor and remember Carl, his family has made this award available.

The 2023 award recipient is **Avery Whitenight**



The **George and Peg Walsh Memorial 4-H Archery Award** is to be awarded to a registered 4-H youth in Archery Shooting Sports, who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship. The youth must participate in SCC 4-H Archery Shooting Sports Tournament in the year nominated.

George and Peg were active in 4-H and thoroughly enjoyed being part of 4-H. Peggy was the Archery Superintendent for many years and George was her assistant. She was a leader in Archery and other project areas with the SCC Sharpshooters 4-H Club. It gave them both joy to see the youth participate in Archery. The Walsh family has made this award available to honor their parents and continue their legacy in the 4-H Archery program.

The 2023 award recipient is **Logan Carrier**.

Both the Carl Kruckenber and George and Peg Walsh Memorial awards have an application process and are selected based on the applications and by the St. Clair County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception
Are you a current or former 4-H'er? Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception
Sept. 6 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Northwest of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
Join MSU Extension for the sixth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.
Contact: Jamie Wilson
517-884-7088
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August 20: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show
MSU Pavilion for Livestock Education, 4301 Farm Ln, Lansing, MI 48910
Contact: Katie Ockert, ockertka@msu.edu
The state's premier opportunity to showcase your 4-H dog project. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-dog-show-1>

August 18: Michigan State 4-H Horse Show
The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brought together 4-Hers from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event. Competing at the show and being able to represent their home county is a great honor for youth. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-state-4-h-horse-show>

August 19: 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament
Date Confirmed! We're excited to return to Centerline of Calhoun County! Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports is excited to announce this statewide competition will again occur at Centerline. Event details, tournament rules and regulations are available on the Shooting Sports Tournament site. Registration open for members and volunteers through July 16. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-4-h-shooting-sports-tournament>

STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of Michigan 4-H and Exploration Days on June 21. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members, and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service.

"With tens of thousands of 4-Hers across the state, the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished 4-H'ers," said Julie Chapin, 4-H state leader of Michigan 4-H and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "Their commitment to bettering themselves and their communities through service and extensive 4-H work make them true leaders in their clubs, counties and across our state."

2023 Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories:

- Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidt of Menominee County (senior division)
- Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bilesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior division)
- Career Development:** Avery Whitnight of Alcona County (junior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

Senior delegates (ages 16-19 and groups then complete an interview using video conference technology. Completing a video interview provides an opportunity for 4-H members to practice real-world skills that are trending in the workforce.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.