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# 4-H Family News - St. Clair County

## From Lori Warchuck's Desk,

Spring is the time of year when our 4-H'ers are busy getting prepared for livestock projects to arrive. This is also a great time to think about keeping records related to their project; especially if it's a market animal project that they are planning to sell in the fair livestock auction.

4-H Market Animal projects provide our 4-H'ers an opportunity to gain life skills such as record keeping, communication and self responsibility through raising and selling their market livestock animal. Market animals put an entrepreneurial focus on the 4-H animal project, and can be incorporated into the learning experience in any animal species. Entrepreneurial concepts learned through the market animal project and demonstrated through completion of the Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book are:

- ◆ Goal setting
- ◆ Identifying target markets and marketing strategies
- ◆ Distinguishing product features
- ◆ Communication strategy and sales pitch
- ◆ Record keeping
- ◆ Breakeven price and profitability

The Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Books are a tool for 4-H members to learn and document their understanding of livestock marketing concepts. The Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book has been developed at three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. I would encourage all youth participating in a market animal project to consider completing a record book even if it's not in the fair market project requirement.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_market\\_animal\\_record\\_book](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book)

Spring is also a great time to reach out to buyers by sending a picture of the new market project animal or a note. It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to recruit buyers for their market project animals. I would recommend at least three buyers for each species you plan on selling in the fair livestock sale.

Resources to help 4-H'ers write a great buyer's letter are available at the link below. Don't wait get started now!

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/10\\_tips\\_for\\_a\\_better\\_buyers\\_letter](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/10_tips_for_a_better_buyers_letter)

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## Featured 4-H Ambassador

2025



### FEATURED 4-H AMBASSADOR

Ashlyn

Is a member of Rimrock Acres 4-H Club. She has been a part of the 4-H program for 4 years participating in many project areas including sewing, llamas, photography, sheep and goats to name just a few.

Quote: "I love how everyone will help out each other." Ashlyn loves showing her animals and seeing the progress that is made in the project.

4-H Goals: Ashlyn would really like to serve on the Fair Court and win Sweep Stakes Showmanship. She would also like to go to the live auction with her market rabbit project.





# St. Clair County Events

## Local Calendar

### April

4/10 – 4-H Craft Night, 6pm – 8pm, Goodells (pre-registration required)

4/14 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, Goodells

4/14 – 4-H Club Officer Training, 6pm – 8pm, Goodells (pre-registration required)

4/16 – 4-H Flower Arranging Workshop 6:30pm – 8pm, Goodells (pre-registration required)

4/25-26 – Earth Fair – Goodells

### May

5/1 – 4-H Horse Project Paperwork Turn In, Goodells, contact your horse project leader for details

5/7 – Photography Workshop, St Clair (pre-registration required)

5/10 – Sheep Showmanship Clinic, Goodells (pre-registration required)

5/10 – Horse Round Robin Clinic, Goodells (pre-registration required)

5/12 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, Goodells

5/17 – John Tate Memorial Horse Show, Goodells

5/21 – Beginner Cake Decorating Workshop, Goodells (pre-registration required, limited space, opens May 1<sup>st</sup>)

5/31 – 4-H Rabbit Skill-A-Thon, Goodells (SAVE THE DATE)

## 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) 989-6956



# St. Clair County Events Continued

## Local Calendar

### June

- 6/9 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Goodells
- 6/21 – Warm Up Horse Show
- 6/22 – State 4-H Qualified Horse Show
- 6/24 – 6/26 – Thumb Area 4-H Camp
- 6/28 – Shooting Sports Tournament Blue Water Sportsman's Club
- 6/29 – Archery Tournament Goodells

### July

- 7/14-7/19 SCC 4-H & Youth Fair

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# 2025 From the Forest to the Table Wrap Up

From the Forest to the Table took place on Saturday, March 18, 2025 at 4 Square Sportsman's Club in Jeddo. Nearly 30 youth from 3 counties participated in a day filled with hunting themed educational sessions. Sessions included – hands on game animal processing, hunting ethics, outdoor survival skills, tree stand safety, blood trail tracking, outdoor camp cooking to name just a few. Door prizes were handed out included 2 complete tree stands, meat grinder and \$150 gift card from VF Sports.



Watch for the save the date information for 2026. 2026 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this grass roots educational event. This will be a special event for the volunteers that have work hard to bring this event to our 4-H youth over these 20 years!!



# SAVE THE DATE

## 4-H CRAFT A PALOOZA (SPRING ADDITION)

- Thursday, April 10, 2025
- 6pm - 8pm
- \$5 per participant
- Goodells
- Members Ages 5-19

Come join us for an evening of crafting.  
Choose your craft station, do one craft or all  
five crafts.



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**SAVE THE DATE**

# 4-H Club Officer Training

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

**6pm - 8pm**

**Goodells County Park**

- 4-H Ages 10-19
- Pre Registration Required
- Register in 4HOnline



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# SAVE THE DATE

## 4-H Flower Arranging Workshop

- Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- 6:30pm - 8pm
- Goodells County Park
- Cost is \$5 per participant
- 4-Hers ages 8-19

Come join Master Floral Designer Brenda Ski of The Petal Wagon and learn elements of floral design.

Color, form, space, balance and more..

Participant will take home their arrangement.

Pre- registration required. Log into your 4HOnline profile, click on events and register.

Questions contact Lori Warchuck @ 810-989-6935








# SAVE THE DATE

# Sheep Showmanship Clinic



## Goodells County Park

### CLINIC TIMELINE

- 9-9:15 WELCOME/PLAN FOR THE DAY
- 9:15-9:45 SHOWMANSHIP WORKOUT #1
- 9:45-10:15 FITTING/SHEARING/LEG CARE
- 10:15-10:45 SHOWMANSHIP WORKOUT #2
- 10:45-11:15 NUTRITION/EXERCISE
- 11:15-11:45 SHOWMANSHIP WORKOUT #3
- 11:45-12:15 WRAP UP/PARENT SESSION

### BRING YOUR LAMBS

Who should attend?  
Exhibitors of livestock  
Sweepstakes Hopefuls

### DATE & TIME:

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 10, 2025**

**ENTIRE FAMILY  
ENCOURAGED TO COME**

**LUNCH PROVIDED  
DOORPRIZES**

**Presented by  
Scovill's Sheep City  
Laingsburg, MI**





# SAVE THE DATE

## ROUND ROBIN RIDING CLINIC

MAY 10, 2025

10 AM-3PM

**\$40.00 FOR THE DAY  
FOR ALL 4 CLINICS!!**

Registration is Due by April 30,  
2025

PLEASE REGISTER IN  
[HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

ST CLAIR COUNTY 4-H  
HORSELEADERS PRESENTS



- BASIC HORSMANSHIP 101 WITH BONNI HAZEN
- SHOW RING ETTIQUETTE



- ENGLISH/WESTERN DRESSAGE WITH BONNI HAZEN



- PRINCIPAL JUMPING SKILLS



- TRAIL CLASS CLINIC W/



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# SAVE THE DATE

## 4-H Rabbit Skill-A-Thon

### SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025  
GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

Showmanship contest  
Clover Sprout Sessions  
And much more!!

More event and registration information soon!



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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h](http://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h).

### April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism)

### April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

Online

This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.

- 12 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon)
- 7 p.m. session: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm)

### April 24: 4-H Fly Fishing Series

Adrian, Michigan

Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series)

### April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

Online

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30)

### May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

Online

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs)

### May 3: Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens

Owosso, Michigan

Learn about 4-H Shooting Sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens)







# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 – August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).



## Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/).

## Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers).

