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4-H Family News - St. Clair County

From Lori Warchuck's Desk,

A "BIG 4-H THANK YOU" to all the Club Administrative Leaders that have worked to complete their club end of year reporting paperwork. Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that tackled the 4HOnline system and accomplished their re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year. We still have work to do to accomplish 100 % of our re-enrollment goal. We still have many members and volunteers in INACTIVE status in the 4HOnline system.

INACTIVE STATUS: you have not re-enrolled/updated your family profile in the system.

Club Leaders please be sure you're monitoring your club membership in the 4HOnline system; volunteers or youth holding an INACTIVE status are NOT enrolled or active with the 4-H program. ACTIVE status needs to be accomplished BEFORE participating in any club or 4-H sponsored events/ activities.

NOTE: Open enrollment for BRAND NEW 4-H members will continue throughout the program year.

If you are having difficulty with this process please contact the office 810-989-6935, we are here to help.

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St. Clair County Events

December

- 12/2 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30 -8:30pm, Goodells
- 12/9 - Fair Board Meeting—7pm Goodells
- 12/10 – Blue Water Equine Tour, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- 12/12 – 4-H Craft A Palooza, 5pm – 8pm Goodells, Pre-Registration Required
- 12/30— Wonders of Water Workshop, 10:30am - Noon —Port Huron, Pre-Registration Required

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January

- 1/6 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30-8:30pm, Goodells
- 1/8 - From the Forest to the Table Committee Meeting—6:30pm Location TBD
- 1/13 - Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Goodells 1/16 – Careers in Agriculture, 6:30pm - 8pm Goodells ConfRM, Pre-Registration Required
- 1/16- 4-H Horse Leaders, 7pm, Goodells
- 1/18- 4-H Winter Achievement, County Admin Building February
- 1/21 - 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm Goodells (NOTE THIS IS A TUESDAY)
- 1/23 – Ag Ed Committee, 6:30pm, Fair Office Marysville

February

- 2/3 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30-8:30pm, Goodells
- 2/10 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, Goodells
- 2/20 – Horse Leader, 7pm, Goodells
- 2/24 - 4-H Council Auction, Goodells - ITEMS NEEDED

April

- 4/25-26 – Earth Fair – Goodells

June

- 6/21 – Warm Up Horse Show
- 6/22 – State 4-H Qualified Horse Show
- 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

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



Program Resources - Sportsmanship

The beginning of a new 4-H year brings out good intentions from many of us, members and leaders alike. Sometimes our enthusiasm for the competitive part of our 4-H experience can overshadow our good intentions and real mission of our 4-H activities. While it is often thought that participation in competitive events builds good character, it doesn't automatically happen.

Just as a 4-H leader has a plan for each meeting or event for the 4-H year, we need to develop an action plan for learning good sportsmanship through our 4-H activities. Good sportsmanship is a critical skill for youth. Competitive events and activities provide a great opportunity for youth to learn how to be fair, respectful and gracious whether they win or lose. Let's not leave this important skill to chance and add a sportsmanship component to your club meetings and activities.

To help youth practice this important skill, Michigan 4-H Youth Development has developed a series of sportsmanship activities that can be used at club meetings, events or other youth activities. Remember, exhibiting good sportsmanship is not just for youth 4-H members – it applies to everyone involved, including volunteers, parents, leaders and others.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_sportsmanship_activities_sportsmanship_what_is_it



4-H Winter Achievement

Winter Achievement is a way for 4-H members to showcase their skills they have learned in the club setting. We encourage 4-Hers to bring their projects.

This exciting day features many fun and challenging project areas in which to compete. Gold Awards, and Grand Champion will be awarded to the very best projects. County Medals and Winter Achievement Top Exhibitor (\$100 cash prize for top exhibitor) will all be recognized during the event.

Event catalog available on this MSUE web page:

<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/436>

ATTENDANCE please fill out this Google Form (works best with Google browser):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fxDURLI12cwOuSHzPz0qhi8bf nukNwAX8b0pWPRhOBg/edit>

CATALOG HAS BE POSTED!

4-H Winter Achievement

Saturday, January 18, 2025
Location - St Clair County Admin Building,
200 Grand River Ave, Port Huron MI 48060

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4-H County Medals



Did you know that 4-H County Medals and Key Club Awards are opportunities for 4-Hers to showcase their 4-H achievements?

County Medal Requirements - It is recommended that the applicant be between the age of 12 and 14 years of age by January 1st if you began the program at age 9. Otherwise it is recommended that you be in your 3rd to 5th year in the program. Members must be currently and previously enrolled in the project area or related area. You may contact the MSU Extension 4-H staff to verify if you did enroll in the project area in which you are applying. Don't assume, verify. The application form must be completed by the member themselves, either handwritten or typed. Any evidence of parent involvement will be grounds for disqualification.

The due date will be December 1st. Member must fill out one application for each project or related area in which they are applying for a medal. Member may only be awarded two medals per year and only once in a specific project area for the duration of their 4-H career, but are not limited to the number of project areas they apply for.

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County Medal Requirements:

- Between ages 12 & 14 OR 3rd to 5th year in 4-H
- Currently enrolled in the project area your applying
- Complete the application (members can apply for multiple medals but can only be awarded two medal per year)
- Awards are given out at 4-H Winter Achievement

Deadline to apply is December 1st

You can find the application for both County Medals & Key Club on the MSUE web page at <https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/418>

Key Club Award BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

A 4-H Member is eligible who has:

- Reached 15 years of age by the beginning of the Club year.
- Completed 3 calendar years of club work as of January 1 of the current year.
- Completed 4-H projects in at least two project areas.
- Completed a Teen Leadership project.
- Participated in 3 district (state sponsored) and/or State 4-H events.
- Been recommended by his local leader.

Applications are available on the MSUE web page:

<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/418>

County Medals & Key Club Awards are awarded at 4-H Winter Achievement that will take place on Saturday, January 18, 2025.



4-H Ambassador



You Can Be A 4-H Ambassador if you can....

Applicants must be between the ages of 15-19 (Seniors), 12-14 (Intermediate), 9-11 (Juniors) years of age.

Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.

- Verbalize your “4-H story” with the public and increase awareness to non- 4-H communities.
- Promote and assist with 4-H events and activities throughout the year, including but not limited to: parades, t.v. interviews, radio interviews, and the Leaders Council Auction.
- Follow the dress code designated to the event.
- Presents a positive role model, respect yourself and others, exhibit in a leadership role, and act in a mature , responsible, and professional manner

- Applications are available on the MSUE web page at https://www.stclaircounty.org/Uploads/MSUE/4H/forms/Ambassador_Application.pdf

- Applications are Due on or before December 1



Link to 4-H Ambassador Application:

https://stclaircounty.org/Uploads/MSUE/4H/forms/Ambassador_Application.pdf



Tour the Blue Water Equine Hospital

4-H Members interested in horses or equine veterinarian services are invited!

When:

- Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- 5:30pm -6:30pm

What:

- Meet an Equine Veterinarian Specialist
- Tour a top rated equine facility

Where:

- 3996 Keegan Rd, Emmett MI

Who:

- 4-H Members interested in horses or veterinarian sciences

To reserve your spot:

- Call the MSUE office to reserve your spot today - 810-989-6935 RSVP by December 6th, 2024

Question contact Linda @ 810-824-0046





Join us for our 1st Annual

4-H Craft - A - Palooza

- Thursday, December 12, 2024
- 5pm-8pm
- Goodells County Park
- \$5 per participant, paid at the door (must call to reserve your spot)
- Open to all 4-H Members

Come join us for a Holiday Themed Crafting Evening. Decorate a cookie, hot chocolate bar, make a holiday tree and much, much more.

Call the office today to reserve your spot - 810-989-6935 by December 9th, 2024.





4H Wonders of Water

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024
- 10:30 AM - NOON
- DONALD DODGE AUDITORIUM, PORT HURON
- OPEN TO 4-HERS OF ALL AGES

FUN INTERACTIVE WATER SCIENCE WORKSHOP. THIS WORKSHOP IS IN HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT @ 810-989-6935 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 23, 2024



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THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP

SUMMER CAMP

TEEN CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED

AGES 15-19

CAMP STAPLETON
LEXINGTON, MI
JUNE 23-26
OVERNIGHT CAMP

Make Memories
Be a Mentor
Build Friendships
Gain Leadership Skills
Earn Volunteer Hours

For a counselor application or more information, Contact
Your Local MSU Extension County Office:

Huron: (989)269-9949	Sanilac: (810)648-2525
Lapeer: (810)667-0341	St. Clair: (810)989-6935
Tuscola: (989)672-3870	

Counselor Applications due January 2, 2025



“CAREER CHOICES: WHAT'S YOUR FUTURE WITH AGRICULTURE?”



WOULD YOU LIKE A CAREER IN AGRICULTURE? HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOOD AT DOING? FEELING A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT WHERE TO GET STARTED? GOOD NEWS! THIS CAREER PATH WORKSHOP WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO EXPLORE A WIDE VARIETY OF AG CAREER OPTIONS WHILE DISCOVERING THE ONES YOU WOULD ALSO ENJOY HAVING!

WORKSHOP DETAILS:

- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**
- **6:30PM - 8:00PM**
- **GOODELLS COUNTY PARK (COMMUNITY BLD CONFERENCE ROOM)**
- **NO COST FOR THIS WORKSHOP**
- **OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS 13 - 19 WITH AN INTEREST IN AG CAREERS**

Pre-registration required:

Contact the office at - 810-989-6935 or warchuc1@msu.edu to reserve you spot.

Deadline to register is on or before January 13, 2025





St Clair County 4-H Council Benefit Auction



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

- **NEW ITEMS NEEDED**
- **SERVICES, GIFT CERTIFICATES OR HAND MADE CRAFTS**
- **BAKED GOODS ARE ALWAYS POPULAR**

- **ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MSUE OFFICE IN PORT HURON - M-F, 8AM - 4:30PM (CLOSED FROM NOON - 1PM FOR LUNCH)**
- **ITEMS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT GOODELLS ON 2/21/2025 BETWEEN NOON - 8PM**
- **4-H CLUBS CAN EARN 10% OF THE WINNING BID FROM THE ITEMS THEY SECURE**
- **PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE LOCAL ST CLAIR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM**

QUESTIONS CONTACT THE MSUE OFFICE AT 810-989-6935





Looking for something do with horses!

Do You Love Horses?

4-H WINTER HORSE PROJECTS MIGHT JUST BE FOR YOU!

- 4-H MEMBER 9-19
- FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
- STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 6:30PM
- GOODELLS COUNTY PARK
 - GENERAL HORSE KNOWLEDGE - 6:30PM
 - HORSE JUDGING - 6:30PM
 - HIPPOLOGY - 7PM

YOU DO NOT NEED A HORSE TO PARTICIPATE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT:

LUCY BROWN - 586-855-3215

MARIANE MOSKAL - 810-306-9834





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel, drinkware, and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

November 29 – December 15: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Local Tractor Supply Co.

Support 4-H by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at your local Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) store!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign

December 3: Giving Tuesday

Online

Join the #GivingTuesday movement — a global day of giving and a chance to celebrate the opportunities that makes 4-H so extraordinary. 4-H'ers are leading the way in a world full of change and together, we can build a generation ready for anything. We have set a goal to raise \$5,000 to grow 4-H county endowments in a 24-hour period.

<https://mi4hfdn.org/giving-tuesday/>

December 10: Wild Spartans – Forestry Fire Crew

Online

Join 4-H staff to spark excitement in the world of wildland fire. Meet Jennifer Hansen and Courtney Kubitskey, who are on the forestry fire crew with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Learn about their work, and the education and career path they followed to get there. This free series is open to all youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required:

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-december-2024-25

December 17: Online Extension Extras - Helping Kids Manage Stress

Online

Children and youth experience stress; parents and caregivers have an opportunity to support them. This workshop will cover common causes, signs and symptoms of stress, as well as discuss strategies for supporting children, youth and parents experiencing stress.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-parenting-helping-kids-manage-stress-12-17-24

Kettunen Center Inventory Closeout

Kettunen Center was the first 4-H volunteer and youth training center in the nation, owned and operated by the Michigan 4-H Foundation from 1961 to 2021. The center's remaining merchandise and furnishings is now available for sale through the MSU Surplus Store! We know the Kettunen Center meant so much to the 4-H community and this is an opportunity to purchase something by which to remember the center. Purchase yours today!





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Help youth build the Five C's: Competence, confidence, connection, character and compassion

Adapted from an article by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension

Michigan 4-H works to ensure that youth are engaged in a positive youth development program and utilizes the 4-H Thriving Model to help illustrate how it is meeting the needs of youth across Michigan. A key component of the 4-H Thriving Model is that youth form developmental relationships. Young people thrive best when their families, friends, schools, neighbors, businesses and other community members support them in a variety of ways.

Positive relationships with volunteers provide young people with chances to learn life skills such as goal setting, problem-solving and communicating. Volunteers can help young people move through the developmental stages and address difficulties along the way. One important way volunteers can help youth thrive is to help them build their Five C's. According to "Liberty: Thriving and civic engagement among America's youth" by Richard Lerner, the Five C's are competence, confidence, connection, character and compassion.



The Five C's aren't tangible things you can give to young people. They're skills and characteristics young people develop through their experiences and relationships. According to Zarrett and Lerner, young people who are able to display stronger evidence of having the Five C's are considered to be thriving and more likely to be developmentally on target than those who do not. Volunteers have the potential to assist young people in building the Five C's by creating relationships and situations that allow them to thrive.

MSU Extension recommends the following ideas to help Michigan 4-H volunteers working with youth to help build the Five C's.

- Help youth learn new concepts for the projects or activities they are participating in.
- Know youth names and address them by their preferred names and pronouns.
- Have youth find their spark by trying something new.
- Help youth navigate obstacles that they encounter.
- Help youth work through the tough side of giving away a project (i.e., selling an animal, giving away a project they worked hard on).
- Help youth record progress, no matter how small; each completed task is a job well done (i.e., maintain a "Done It List").
- Identify values or ethical standards a youth lives by. Do this with them. Write a non-negotiable list showing beliefs the youth will not alter. This helps alleviate peer pressure break downs.
- Define confidence, competence, connection, character and compassion. Use one of these terms to define during a group meeting and discuss ways we show it. Align with the 4-H pledge and have youth brainstorm ways (or goals) to show these traits in the new 4-H year on paper. They can draw or write those ideas.
- Use simple ice breaker activities in pairs or small groups to help young people talk through or work on a common activity or topic. Have them share out loud to the larger group their shared connection or how they worked together to achieve a common goal (building competence and confidence, building connections).
- Focus on building relationship with the youth involved by really getting to know them (their hobbies, interests, events in school or family) and inquire about them with a genuine interest.
- Recognize specific positive behaviors or accomplishments in competence, confidence or character of youth in the club/group.
- Be compassionate in one's interactions with youth (and others) and serve as a role model in that behavior.