



FEBRUARY 2025

4-H Family News - St. Clair County

From Lori Warchuck's Desk,

It's that time of year! 4-H council Auction! We need your help!

The 2025 4-H Council Auction date is quickly approaching; the last Saturday in February, February 22, 2025.

Remember that the money, received from the Auction, goes directly back to 4-H in St. Clair County, and at the same time, your club will earn 10% of the money received from the winning bid, for the items your club collects. It can really add up fast.

We are counting on all clubs to participate. Clubs and individuals can help by promoting the auction, collecting new items or services donations. Here are a few ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents, home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to donate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

Remember, to insure success, everyone needs to help. All clubs are expected to help.

As you are able to procure items for the auction, you may contact the MSU Extension office with the information so that we can include it in the sale bill that we produce.

Pictures are an amazing way to announce a donated item. If you have items or as you get items we need this information now so we can continue to add to the sale bill and post on our auction Facebook page. All the forms you or your club will need to get started are posted on the msue.stclaircounty.org web site.

NOTE – To allow for more room, there will be no silent auction this year, items need to be live auction quality please. If you have questions feel free to contact the office for assistance 810-989-6935

Have a fantastic day!

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A few of the Auction items collected so far:





4-H Council Benefit Auction

County 4-H Council Benefit Auction: This is the only fundraiser that the Leaders' Council holds each year to earn monies for its annual budget. This money goes back directly into the St. Clair County 4-H Program. What kind of things does this pay for? Previously Council supported these activities – EXPLORATION DAYS TRIP, WINTER ACHIEVEMENT EVENT, SUPPLIES FOR WORKSHOPS, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, 4-H LEADERS BANQUET, and LEADER TRAINING.

The auction is fun too; the bidding gets fierce with bidding wars on the strangest items. Your club can use this as a fundraiser since your club will receive 10% of the money earned from each item you arrange to be part of the auction.

WHAT ITEMS GO TO AUCTION? To help you in your search, we would like to give you some ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents, home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to donate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

LET'S MAKE THIS YEARS EVENT THE SUCCESS IT ALWAYS IS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CLUBS, EARN SOME EXTRA CASH AND HAVE

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 - 7PM
- 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





4-H 2025 Winter Achievement Wrap Up

4-H Winter Achievement took place on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the County Administration building.

Projects were premium in quality and exhibitors were enthusiastic. Interview skill that were showcased this year were among some of the best see to date.

Thank you to our fantastic St. Clair County 4-H Volunteer that made the event possible by giving up their Saturday to help!

(If you would like to view the awards showcase, visit the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>
Congratulations to all exhibitors!



2025 4-H Winter Achievement Top Exhibitor Aurelio Rich, Rimrock Acres 4-H Club

2025 4-H Ambassadors Selected

2025 4-H Ambassadors selected. This group will serve and represent the SCC 4-H Program at community events, workshop, TV and radio spots. They will get our 4-H message out to the community.



Congratulations!! Peightyn Miller, Hailey Latoski, Elynn Jacobson, Willow Zanger, Asylum Kujat, Brooklyn Kimmel, Aubree Burgess, Vanessa Dozer, Meadow Zanger, Aiden Furesz.

Special thank you to 4-H Volunteers Dana Zanger and Farren Jacobson for taking the lead with this fantastic group.



St. Clair County Events

Local Calendar

2025

February

2/4 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron

(4-Hers from other clubs welcome-Contact bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net for more information)

2/10 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, Goodells

2/11 – Ag Education Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Fair Office Marysville

2/11 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron

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~~2/15 – 4-H Swine Workshop, Goodells (Time TBD) CANCELED~~

2/17 – 4-H Workshop Committee Meeting, 6:30pm at the Fair Office Marysville

2/18 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron

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2/20 – Horse Leaders **NO FEBRUARY MEETING**

2/24 - **4-H Council Auction, Goodells - ITEMS NEEDED**

March

3/3 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30 – 8:30pm, Goodells

3/10 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, Goodells

3/12 – 4-H Poultry Workshop, 6pm – 8pm, Goodells

3/15 – From the Forest to the Table, 4 Square Sportsman's Club Jeddo (event catalog coming soon)

3/17 – 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Goodells

3/18 – Food & Nutrition Workshop, 6:30pm, Location TBA

3/20 – 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 7pm, 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>
- (810) 989-6956



St. Clair County Events (Continued)

April

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

4/14 – 4-H Club Officer Training, 6pm – 8pm, Goodells (Call the office to reserve your spot)

4/25-26 – Earth Fair – Goodells

May

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

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

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

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SAVE THE DATE

4-H Poultry Workshop



Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Goodells County Park
6pm -8pm

- Showing Your Bird
- Coop Tags
- Classes
- Bantam VS Standard
- Feed
- Housing

Cost - \$5 4-H participant

4-H Ages - 8-19

Pre Registrations Required -

Log into the 4HOnline system

and register to reserve your spot!



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SAVE THE DATE

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4-H From the Forest to the Table

- March 15, 2025
- 4 Square Sportsmans Club, Located in Jeddo, MI

Event Highlights

- Hands on Wild game Processing
- Hunting Ethics
- Tree Stand Safety

And more.....

Event catalog and registration information will be available soon!





SAVE THE DATE

4-H Rabbit Skill-A-Thon

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SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025
GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

Showmanship contest
Clover Sprout Sessions
And much more!!

More event and registration information soon!





Fair Updates

The St Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Team at the Michigan Fairs and Festival Convention in Grand Rapids. Volunteers attended educational sessions, met with vendors and carnival staff. This team continues to bring the best to the SCC 4-H & Youth Fair..



2025 FAIR MARKET BEEF REPORT

Tagging and Weigh in
January 25, 2025

**55 Market Beef
Registered**



Fair Updates (Continued)

We are very pleased to announce our fair dates for 2025-2029 at the beautiful Goodells County Park.

Ticketing link: <https://www.eventeny.com/.../2025-st-clair-county-4h.../>



UPCOMING FAIR DATES

2025 - July 14 - 19

2026 - July 20-25

2027 - July 19-24

2028 - July 17-22

2029 - July 16-21



www.stclaircounty4hfair.org



Other Opportunities

Coggins and Wellness only:	Core Package :	Show Package :	Add on Strangles Vaccine :
*Must have proof of vaccinations within the last 12 months.	Rabies + Potomac Horse Fever, EWT, Coggins and Wellness	Core Package + Flu/Rhino vaccine (strongly recommend if showing often)	Strongly recommended in horses under 10 years of age showing or traveling often
\$ 93	\$ 176	\$ 203	\$ 35.50

St. Clair County 4-H Spring Vaccine Clinic for Horses

April 5, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Goodells County Park

Thumb Veterinary Services is partnering with our local 4-H clubs for a Spring wellness clinic! This is intended to be a one stop shop for 4-Hers looking to get vaccine boosters, Coggins, and wellness appointments! Coggins prices and wellness prices are discounted. This clinic is also open to school equestrian team members!

If you want to get just a Coggins test with your wellness, proof of vaccination within the past twelve months is required for your appointment. We want to practice the best medicine for our beloved 4-H horses, which includes yearly vaccines for preventable diseases! Below are the packages we are offering for 4-H members:

Wellness and Coggins Only (proof of current vaccines required): \$93

Core Package (Rabies + Potomac Horse Fever, EWT, Coggins, Wellness): \$176

Show Package (Core Package + Flu/Rhino): \$203 (Strongly Recommended if you are showing often)

Add-On Strangles (strongly recommended in horses under 10 years of age showing or traveling often): \$35.50

4-Hers can get 10% off their horse's dental in the future if they schedule for a dental at the time of the clinic!

All horses that receive a wellness are covered for one year for emergency services, but if you live outside of the Thumb Veterinary Services practice range, you MUST haul in for emergencies and appointments. Our clinic does not travel south of I-69 or West of Vassar Rd. If you have questions about farm call eligibility, please call the clinic at (810) 648-8230!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get free tickets for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin!



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on March 1! Join with other members of the 4-H community for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin. This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

In addition to the game, attendees will also enjoy 4-H activities around the concourse. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with tip-off scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-Breslin.

A member of the 4-H alumni community? Consider also stopping by the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception on March 1! More information and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

February 4: Crash Course: Credit Survival 101

Online

Youth learn the basics of credit advantages and disadvantages, credit vs. debit, credit scores, interest, and tips to managing credit wisely.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/crashcreditcoursefeb-4

February 11: 4-H Wild Spartans – The Relationship Between Tribes and Fish

Online

Plunge into the world of Great Lakes fisheries and meet Jason Smith, Great Lakes fisheries assessment biologist for the Bay Mills Indian community. Learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. Open to youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-february-2024-2025

February 12: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

A course for caregivers to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This weekly series will be offered Wednesdays from Feb. 12 – Mar. 19 at no cost.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-february-march-25

February 13: Ace the Interview: Tips to Land Your Dream Job

Online

Through the partnership of Toyota and Michigan 4-H, youth will explore a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills to take on their goals. This second offering in the five-part webinar series will focus on tips for a successful interview.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview

February 15: 4-H Animal Science Career Quest 2025

Online

A career exploration program for youth ages 12-19 interested in pursuing a career in animal science. Learn about everything animal science has to offer and many career skill-building activities through hands-on sessions. Register by Feb. 3.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-career-quest-2025

February 25: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series; Facilitation Skills for 4-H Clubs

Online

Gain essential facilitation skills to engage every voice and increase efficiency in your 4-H club. This session offers tools to create inclusive, dynamic discussions, making sure all members feel heard while streamlining club activities. This webinar will be offered at two different times:

12 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-noon

7 p.m. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-engaging-every-voice-facilitation-skills-for-dynamic-4-h-clubs-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Apply for the Michigan 4-H State Awards!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence contest (10-11 years), junior state award (12-15 years), senior state award (16-19 years) and group awards (13-19 years). Each application and selection process varies, dependent on the applicant's age.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process and Mark of Excellence Contest can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.

Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 8 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens Feb. 1 and closes Mar. 15.

Seeking outstanding agricultural 4-H volunteers



The Michigan 4-H Foundation is seeking nominations of remarkable agricultural 4-H volunteers for the Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award. This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development in the areas of 4-H beef cattle; dairy cattle; goats; horses; horticulture, crops and soils; poultry; rabbits; sheep; swine; and veterinary science.

Up to five MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award honorees are recognized each year. Selected recipients will be recognized by both Michigan 4-H and MFB. In addition, honorees receive a \$1,000 grant they designate to a 4-H agricultural program of their choice. The award is supported by an endowment with the Michigan 4-H Foundation that was established by MFB.

Nominations for the MFB Excellence in Agriculture Award should be submitted by March 15. To nominate a deserving individual or learn more about the 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award, visit <https://mi4hfdn.org/grants-scholarships/mfb-4-h-excellence-in-agriculture-award/>.