

4-H Family News

St. Clair County

From Lori Warchuck's Desk,

Happy New Year!!

As we move into the 2025 and the new 4-H program year, there are elements of the St Clair County 4-H program that have been identified as priorities:

Recruiting/retaining youth members and adult volunteers.

4-H community service projects.

Both of these elements are important pieces that make for a successful and meaningful 4-H experience.

Recruiting 4-H members can be a challenge. Often, we rely on new members coming to our club through word of mouth or with an existing member. In some cases, we think promoting 4-H is the responsibility of the State or county 4-H MSU Extension offices. In reality, promoting 4-H is all of our responsibility! Why wouldn't we want to be a part of telling how 4-H is Making a Difference in our lives and our members lives?

Be creative in promoting your club and club activities and club community service projects. Service to the community - through food drives, raking the yard of an elderly neighbor, adopt-ahighway programs, to name a few.

Recruit new members & volunteers by sharing their story is through social media, especially if your club has social media sites. Also, consider creating a local video for recruitment through your 4-H club. Participants in 4-H clubs can also take advantage of serving as a vendor at community events to share their experience and the impact of 4-H with people they meet.

4-H clubs, volunteers and members can help the local 4-H program recruit more volunteers by sharing their experience and telling their stories on the positive impact 4-H has had on their lives. When more 4-H volunteers are recruited, it increases the chances of a county 4-H program to make a difference in the lives of youth and adults. It can all get started with getting out in the community and sharing a great story.

Lori Warchuck 4-H Program Coordinator

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to welcome the following new volunteers.

Mike Brown (4-H Alumni) – Rustic Ramblers Brianna Rich (4-H Alumni) - Rimrock Acres

Renee Closser (4-H Alumni) - New Club

Dreama Closser – New Club Frank Morden (4-H Alumni) – F3 4-H Club

St. Clair County Events

Local Calendar

2025

January 1/6 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30-8:30pm, Goodells 1/8 - From the Forest to the Table Committee Meeting—6:30pm Location Goodells 1/13 - Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Goodells

1/14 - Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings - 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron (4-Hers from other clubs welcome-Contact <u>bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net</u> for more information) 1/16 – Careers in Agriculture, 6:30pm -8pm Goodells Conf RM, 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) 1/21 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron

(4-Hers from other clubs welcome-Contact <u>bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net</u> for more information) 1/28 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron (4-Hers from other clubs welcome-Contact <u>bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net</u> for more information)

1/23 – Ag Ed Committee, 6:30pm, Fair Office Marysville February

2/3 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30-8:30pm, Goodells 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 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron (4-Hers from other clubs welcome-Contact <u>bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net</u> for more information) 2/15 – 4-H Swine Workshop, Goodells (Time TBD)

2/18 – Rimrock 4-H Club Dog Training Meetings – 6pm at Great Lakes K-9 in Port Huron (4-Hers from other clubs welcome-Contact <u>bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net</u> for more information) 2/20 – Horse Leaders NO FEBRUARY MEETING

2/22 - 4-H Council Auction (ITEM 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 3/17 – 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Goodells 3/20 – 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 7pm, Goodells

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

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, Goodells

More information about 4-H events can be found online: St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page: https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty

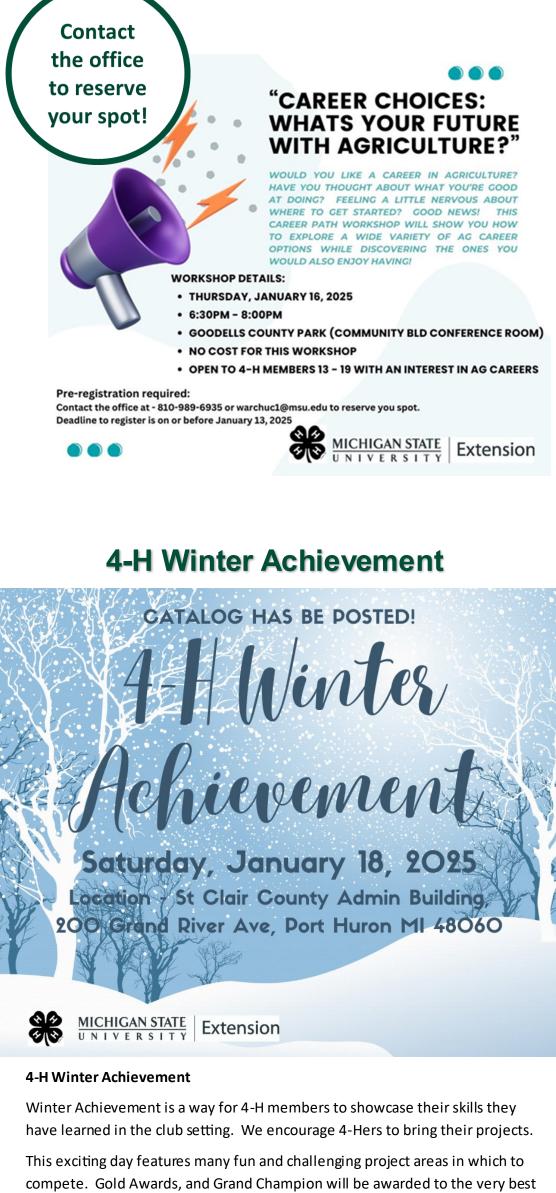
https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events

https://msue.stdaircounty.org

(810) 989-6956

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4-H Careers in Agriculture Workshop



projects. County Medals and Winter Achievement Top Exhibitor (\$100 cash

ATTENDANCE please fill out this Google Form (works best with Google

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,

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

WHAT ITEMS GO TO AUCTION? To help you in your search, we would

home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask

item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to do-

LET'S MAKE THIS YEARS EVENT THE SUCCESS IT ALWAYS IS WITH THE

SERVICES, GIFT CERTIFICATES OR HAND MADE CRAFTS

• ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MSUE OFFICE IN PORT HURON - M-F,

ITEMS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT GOODELLS ON 2/21/2025 BETWEEN

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE LOCAL ST CLAIR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

4-H CLUBS CAN EARN 10% OF THE WINNING BID FROM THE ITEMS THEY

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PARTICIPATION OF ALL CLUBS, AND EARN SOME EXTRA CASH

like to give you some ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents,

for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an

nate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

St Clair County

4-H Council

Benefit Auction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 **GOODELLS COUNTY PARK**

BAKED GOODS ARE ALWAYS POPULAR

8AM - 4:30PM (CLOSED FROM NOON - 1PM FOR LUNCH)

QUESTIONS CONTACT THE MSUE OFFICE AT 810-989-6935

NEW ITEMS NEEDED

MICHIGAN STATE

NOON - 8PM

SECURE

EDUCATIONAL RESOURSES, 4-H LEADERS BANQUET, and LEADER

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prize for top exhibitor) will all be recognized during the event.

Event catalog available on this MSUE web page:

https://www.stdaircounty.org/Offices/436

https://docs.google.com/forms/

browser):

TRAINING.

be part of the auction.

Karly Creguer District Director Counties: St. Clair, Huron,

Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola.

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Pictured below – Rimrock Acres 4-H Club Members at Marine City TSC Store

4-H Club Updates

Thank you to all the clubs that participated in the 2024 TSC Paper Clover Campaign! Clubs spent hours representing the 4-H program at local TSC stores selling paper clovers to raise money for our local 4-H program. Watch for updates of the final dollar amounts in future

newsletters. Here are just a couple of highlights!



Town & Country, Equestrian Express, No Limits and Sharp Shooters! Thank you all for an awesome effort! Here are a few other club highlights!



Rimrock Acres Club Holiday/Christmas Celebration!

Rimrock Acres Club participated in the Marine City Lighted Christmas Parade!





No Limits 4-H Club Christmas Cards for Veterans.

No Limits 4-H Club Salvation Army Bell Ringing.





Country Connections 4-H Club participated in the Capac Lighted Christmas Parade.

If you would like your club activities highlighted in the monthly 4-H Newsletter, send photos and a short description to warchuc1@msu.edu

4-H Program Wrap-Ups

CAPAC ELEMENTARY SCIENCE NIGHT 4-H Staff & Volunteers took science activities to Capac Elementary. It was a fun night of learning!



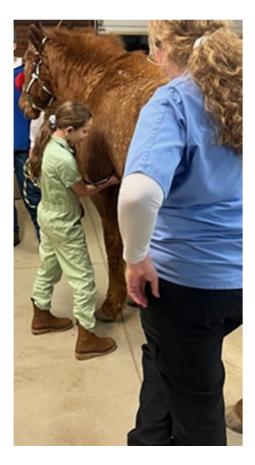


4-H CRAFT A PALOOZA

Craft A Palooza took place on December 12, 2024 at Goodells County park. Cookie decorating, hot chocolate bar, and crafts galore were the highlights of the night. Special thank you to all the volunteers and teen leaders that helped make the night a success.



BLUE WATER EQUINE CENTER TOUR Blue Water Equine Center Tour took place December 10, 2024. Nearly 25 4-Hers attended this opportunity.



Emma from Equestrian Express 4-H Club listens to a heartbeat of one of the equine patients at the facility.



January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automative research and development

Online Are you passionate about vehicles and ready to jump-start your career? Enjoy technology, robotics and hands-on problem solving? Join this webinar designed to provide valuable insight into the skills and certifications you need to excel in today's fast evolving automotive industry. www.canr.msu.edu/events/gearing-up-for-success

January 30: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building a Culture of Appreciation by Recognizing 4-H Volunteers and Youth Online Discover simple, impactful ways to œlebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club.

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breed identification, photography, educational display, showmanship, and new this year -skillathon.

Showmanship exhibitors are

required to pre-register by January 17. All other contest registrations are done onsite

Educational sessions will also be scheduled

and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at:

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throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2 025_showmanship_rabbit_a

at the show

STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

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At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The program is scheduled for March 16-18, in Lansing. The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on: agriculture; civil rights; crime, law enforcement and corrections; education; energy, environment and natural resources; health and

name

human services; and jobs and the economy. The cost to register in 2025 is \$365, which includes most meals, materials, and lodging at the Okemos Conference Center. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. To learn more and/or find the link to

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

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Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/news/resolve_to_have_a_great_4_h_year As we start the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

- Resolve that: Club meetings will start and end on time.
- Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such 2 as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
 - All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' and when they speak at business meetings.
- The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for allclub members. 4. 5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
- 6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4H questions. 8 The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.

10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are caredabout. SAVE THE DATE – Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin returns on March 1, 2025! For nearly two decades, this has been exciting event attended by Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers and families. We look forward to continuing this event in 2025 as 4-H'ers from across the state come together for a day of fun, comradery and basketball at MSU. Make plans to join us on March 1 as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Minnesota Gophers. Tickets will be available soon; visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin for more information.

