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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-a-highway 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

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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 bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net 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
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- 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 bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net 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 bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net 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 bhahn0616@sbcglobal.net for more information)
- 2/20 – Horse Leaders **NO FEBRUARY MEETING**
- 2/24 - **4-H Council Auction, Goodells - ITEMS NEEDED**

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)

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

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4-H Careers in Agriculture Workshop

Contact
the office
to reserve
your spot!



“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





4-H Winter Achievement

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. <http://www.msue.stclaircounty.org>

ATTENDANCE – Please log into your 4HOnline profile and register, registration is not mandatory but would be helpful as we plan the event.

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 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, AND EARN SOME EXTRA CASH

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





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!

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



Other Clubs that participated in the TSC Paper Clover Campaign are – Town & Country, Equestrian Express, No Limits and Sharp Shooters! Thank you all for an awesome effort!

Here are a few other club highlights!

4-H Club Updates (Continued)



Rimrock Acres Club Holiday/Christmas Celebration!

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





4-H Club Updates (Continued)



No Limits 4-H Club Christmas Cards for Veterans.

No Limits 4-H Club Salvation Army Bell Ringing.





4-H Club Updates (Continued)



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.





4-H Program Wrap-Ups (Continued)

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.



2025 4-H & Youth Fair Update

Fair Dates – July 14-19, 2025

Market Beef Weigh In – Saturday, January 25, 2025

Fair Poultry Hatch Dates -



2025 Market Poultry Hatching Dates

Turkeys - March 30
Geese - April 13
*Heritage Chickens - April 13**
Ducks - May 18
Chickens - May 25

*Heritage Breeds only: Jersey Giants, Ancona, Delaware, Araucana, Blue Andalusian, Brahma, Dominique, Buff Orpington, Rhode Island Red, Bared Plymouth Rock, Speckled Sussex, Wyandotte





2025 4-H & Youth Fair Update (Continued)

Get your fair passes and fair shirts early!



2025
Fair
Admission
Passes



Admission Pass
Emailed as
QR Code to
Redeem at
Fair Entry Gate

Shirt Order

Online to December 15 only



Free Shipping
Orders \$50 or more
All others \$10

 <p>Adult Size S - 4XL \$25-\$30</p>	 <p>Adult Size S - 4XL \$10-\$15</p>	 <p>Adult Size S - 4XL \$20-\$25</p>
 <p>Youth Size S-L \$20</p>	 <p>Youth Size S-XL \$10</p>	 <p>Youth Size S-L \$20</p>

Allow 2-4 weeks for delivery



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



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attend the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show & Expo



Join us for the 2025 State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show and Expo at the MSU Pavilion! Youth may choose to exhibit their rabbit and/or cavy as well as to compete in other contests such as 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 at the show.

Educational sessions will also be scheduled throughout the day with the support of The Rabbit School and Rabbit Tutor.

Learn more at
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025_showmanship_rabbit_and_cavy_show.

January 6: Online Parent Talk System Series (Mondays in January and February)

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. This class is for caregivers of toddlers to teens and will take place on Monday evenings for six weeks, beginning on Jan. 6.

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

January 14: Wild Spartans – Working my dream job with Michigan Sea Grant

Online

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, delve into the freshwaters and skies that surround as you meet Elliot Nelson with Michigan Sea Grant. You'll learn about his work, and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is youth ages 12-19. www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-january-2024-2025

January 14: Adulting 101 – Decreasing Stress with Mindfulness

Online

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks related to finances, home, health or finding a career? Adulting 101 can help you learn real life skills to successfully transition to living independently. In this session, learn how stressors can affect physical and mental health and practice mindfulness techniques to use in everyday life.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2025

January 23: Gearing up for success through apprenticeships: Advance your career in automotive 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 celebrate and recognize volunteers and youth involved in your club.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-noon

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-a-culture-of-appreciation-recognizing-4-h-volunteers-youth-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

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 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 register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

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

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.
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.
7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
9. 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 cared about.



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.