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4-H Family News

St. Clair County



Hello 4-H Families,

Welcome to the new 4-H program year. The 4HOnline system is ready for your reenrollment. It is important for members and leaders to re-enroll to stay connected and up to date with all the happenings in 4-H. 4-H enrollment is FREE!!

Here is information regarding re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year; members;

- Please log into your family profile and update your information to re-enroll. [https:// v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)
- Visit the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page and watch for the monthly 4-H newsletter for the latest opportunities.
- Do your part to stay connect to your club by attending meetings and reaching out to volunteers when needed.

Current Volunteers Please log into your family profile and update your information to re-enroll. [https:// v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com).

Lori Warchuck
4-H Program Coordinator

4-H WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW VOLUNTEERS-

Chris Summers – Chris will be helping with Town & Country 4-H Club and continue to help with the fair poultry project.

Fallon Darga – Fallon is a 4-H Alumni and is excited to be apart of the 4-H horse project as an adult volunteer. Fallon will be a volunteer with Great Expectations 4-H Club.

Dreama Closser – Dreama is also a 4-H Alumni & will be starting a new 4-H Club. Its important to Dreama to ensure her children have the 4-H experience.

Barb Schember – Barb is a returning volunteer. We are excited to have Barb back on the volunteer team. She will be helping Rimrock Acres 4-H club in the horse project area.

Amanda Masterson & Erin Harrington – This new volunteer team are starting a new 4-H Horse project club. We are excited about this new adventure.

WELCOME!!

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

November

- 11/7 – 4-H Workshop Committee Meeting, 6:30pm Fair Office Marysville
- 11/11—Fair board meeting 7pm– Goodells
- 11/12 – Ag Education Committee, 6:30pm at the FO in Marysville
- 11/18 - 4-H Council Meeting (Pot Luck) 6pm MSUE Office Port Huron
- 11/21 – 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting

December

- 12/2 – Horse Winter Projects – 6:30 -8:30pm, Goodells
- 12/9 - Fair Board Meeting—7pm Goodells
- 12/30— Hunting & Wildlife Program DNR —Port Huron

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 TBD
- 1/13 - Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Goodells
- 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

February

- 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> or (810) 989-6935



2024 KEY PARTNER AWARD

2024 Key Partner Award – SCC Agricultural Society (Fair Board)



The MSU Extension Key Partner award recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to creating, improving, supporting, or promoting MSU Extension programs. This award is open to individuals, organizations, businesses, media, special MSU programs, and government officials.

Congratulations!!



2024 4-H LEADER'S BANQUET

The 2024 4-H Leaders Banquet was held on Friday, November 5, 2024 at Alexanders Banquet Facility in Marysville. Nearly 200 4-H Volunteers attended the banquet. Volunteers and special guest were treated to dinner followed by the annual volunteer appreciation ceremony. Below are some highlights.



Aiden Furesz of Country Connections 4-H Club presented the tribute to our 4-H Volunteers.



4-H Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients:

Rob Usakowski and Tim Warchuck



2024 4-H LEADER'S BANQUET (Continued)



4-H Volunteer of the Year:
Jolee VanTroostenberghe



4-H Friend of 4-H Award:
Heather Stull



4-H Friend of 4-H Award:
DNR CO Sydney Griffor & DNR
CO Bob Watson
(not pictured DNR Fisheries Tec
Brad Utrup)



**2024 Excellence in 4-H
Programing Award:**
Val Fusee



2024 4-H LEADER'S BANQUET (Continued)



Club Community Service Award:
Country Connections 4-H Club & County Clovers 4-H Club



4-H Council Group Photo



2024 4-H LEADER'S BANQUET (Continued)



2024 4-H Leaders Appreciation Banquet Group Photo



2024 FAIR AWARDS



2024 Fair Heritage Award:
Betty Simpson



2024 Fair Volunteers of the Year:
Bob & Lois Podgorski



2024 Fair Adult Volunteer of the Year:
Dave Goretski



2024 Fair Youth Volunteer of the Year:
Will Vincent



2024 FAIR AWARDS



2024 Friend of the Fair Award:
Tom Stickley & the Civil Air Patrol



2024 Friend of the Fair:
Linda Taylor



Presenter:
Chris Ruemenapp &
Colleen Provost

(Not Pictured)

2024 Volunteer Emeritus Award:
Bob Clogg



4-H CLUB NEWS

Rustic Ramblers 4-H Clubs Pantry Project raises money to purchase protein from the fair & donate to local food pantries. These kids (and families) are living the 4-H pledge. Great job helping make a difference in our club, community, country, and world!





4-H CLUB NEWS (Continued)

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 NEWS (Continued)

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



ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR NEWS



The Fair sent 12 top exhibitors from our fair to participate in the Flagstar Bank Gold Ribbon Program at the Michigan State Fair. This is an opportunity for exhibitors to exhibit the project they completed for their county fair (as well as up to 9 additional projects) at The Michigan State Fair and be eligible to apply for up to 12 \$500 scholarships sponsored by the Michigan State Fair and Flagstar Bank.

We got ourselves some winners!

Congratulations Ashlyn Kujat, Leah Lafferty & Jinger Vantroostenberghe!



2024 FAIR COURT



Front Row: Judd Brown, Kyle Davidson (King), Abby Patterger (Queen), Isabella Trevis
Back Row: Carson Black, Elizabeth Mouton, Jon Mitchell, Leah Lafferty, Brendon Yero,
Renee Kuman



4-H COUNTY MEDALS & KEY CLUB AWARDS

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.

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/msue/4H/Awards.aspx>

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



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



To embrace the holiday spirit, the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover campaign has moved from its traditional October dates to November and December this year! Now from Nov. 29 – Dec. 15, TSC customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com during the campaign dates.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

New for 2024, you can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments, now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.



November 6: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Ways Volunteers Can Spark Big Dreams and Future Careers

Online

November is National Career Development Month! Learn easy activities to help youth explore career pathways and develop skills to be ready for the workforce. Explore tools and resources that allow youth to reflect and prepare for the next steps in their career journey. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12 – 1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers

7 – 8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-ways-volunteers-can-spark-big-dreams-and-future-careers7pm

November 12: Wild Spartan Series – Behind the Scenes in the Life of a Park Ranger

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans will fly into the refuges that many migrating birds depend on for migration. Join us at 6:30 p.m. to meet Andrea Martinson, park ranger for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Learn about her work, and the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

events.canr.msu.edu/wildspartans2024_25/

November 19: Adulting 101 - Cracking the Code to College

Online

The Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 series helps young people prepare for college or life on their own. In this session, explore the admission and application process and get tips on writing your essay.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/college

November 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Positive Youth Development 101; Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, we will explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. Learn how to support and engage with youth effectively, recognizing that each young person develops at their own pace. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to foster meaningful connections with youth at every stage of their growth.

12 – 1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

7 – 8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Starting the 4-H season off right: Suggestions for the year's first meeting

Adapted from an article by Michelle Neff at www.canr.msu.edu/news/starting-the-4-h-season-off-right-suggestions-for-the-years-first-meeting.

A new 4-H year has started and that means it is time to start thinking about the goals and plans for educational, inspirational and recreational activities for Michigan 4-H clubs! No matter what project youth are participating in, it is important to start the year off right!



MSU Extension has resources for volunteers to help lead and manage their 4-H club on the 4-H Club Development website, www.canr.msu.edu/4hclub/index. A good start to the 4-H year will allow youth members, club leaders and parents to be clear about expectations and plans for the group and be excited for what will take place. Some tips to get you started include:

- Get to know youth and adults and share about 4-H! Clubs transition from year to year. There may be members new to 4-H, youth trying new project areas, and members who have left or transitioned to different activities. Make sure everyone knows each other with a fun icebreaker activity.
- Prepare a list of activities for the year. The 4-H year goes fast and there is a lot to do in a short period of time. Preparing a list of club activities for meetings is important to ensure youth are learning the life and technical skills of their 4-H project.
- Create a calendar. Once you have your activities picked out, it's time to plan when and where it will all happen!

MSU Extension hosts successful second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

On October 9, MSU Extension hosted the second Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol to showcase the positive impact of the Michigan 4-H program and bring additional visibility to its effects. The event was held in the atrium of Heritage Hall – the Capitol Visitor's Center.

“We were so excited to bring this event back in 2024,” said Deanna East, MSU Extension associate director who served as the event emcee. “Michigan 4-H is certainly worth celebrating every day of the year and we are grateful for the opportunity to highlight this impactful program to our state’s leaders.”

Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol was attended by legislators, stakeholders and members of the public. At the event, attendees visited information booths hosted by Michigan 4-H youth and staff. A brief program featured East as well as: legislative host Representative Reggie Miller; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Emma Young, policy analyst for Governor Whitmer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Everett Howell, Michigan 4-H youth from Leelanau County; and Brianna Sierra, Michigan 4-H youth from Genesee County.



Mich. 4-H youth with Rep. Miller (fourth from left).

“The Michigan 4-H program serves an incredible number of youth each year but we hope to reach even more young people in the years ahead” continued East. “Elevating awareness of the program is one of our primary goals for Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol and we believe this event will help connect more youth with our program and all that Michigan 4-H has to offer.”

The program was livestreamed on the Michigan 4-H Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/Michigan4H.