



November 2025

4-H Family News - St. Clair County

From Lori Warchuck's Desk,

Don't Miss Out! Time to Enroll for the New 4-H Year!

Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers,

It's hard to believe another program year is upon us, and it's time to enroll for the new 4-H year! **All youth members and adult volunteers must re-enroll annually** to continue their participation. Enrollments do not automatically roll over.

Enrolling ensures your child is covered by essential 4-H accident insurance, can participate in club meetings, county-wide events, workshops, and is eligible to register for state wide events. Participation without official enrollment is not permitted.

- **Deadline:** Please complete your enrollment by **December 1st** to prevent missing out on opportunities and to ensure you continue receiving important communications like this newsletter.
- **How to Enroll:** The process is quick and easy online via 4-H Online.
 - **Returning Members/Families:** Please **DO NOT** create a new account. Log in to your existing family profile using your current email and password. Once logged in, you will see an "Enroll Now" button next to each member's name. Follow the step-by-step instructions to update your contact information, select your projects, and sign the waivers.
 - **New Families:** Welcome to the 4-H community! You can create a new family profile on the v2.4honline.com and add your members to get started.

- **Need Help?** Please contact the Extension Office at 810-989-6935 We are here to help!

4-H offers unique, hands-on learning experiences that help young people develop life skills like confidence, independence, and leadership. We are excited to see what this year brings and look forward to your family being a part of it.

Don't wait, enroll today!

Sincerely,

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St. Clair County Events

Local Calendar

2025

November

- 11/10 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 11/13 – Livestock Rules Committee Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 11/17 – 4-H Council Meeting Pot Luck, Port Huron, 6:30pm
- 11/20 – Horse Leaders Meeting Pot Luck, Goodell, 6:30pm

December

- 12/1 – Horse Winter Projects, 6:30pm, Goodells
- 12/1 – 12/14 – TSC Paper Clover Campaign (Clubs Needed)
- 12/4 – 4-H Craft A Palooza (Winter Addition) 6:30pm, Goodells
- 12/22 – Tentative Date Shooting Sports Wks – G5 Manufacturing Tour
- 12/29 – Marlette Stock Yard Tour – watch for details from the Livestock Education Committee
- 12/30 – 4-H Conservation Wks 10am, Goodells

2026

January

- 1/5 – Horse Winter Projects, 6:30pm, Goodells
- 1/7 – Livestock Committee Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 1/12 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 1/15 – Horse Leader Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 1/17 – Sweepstakes Skill A Thon – more details coming soon from the Livestock Ed Committee
- 1/19 – 4-H Council Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 1/24 – 4-H Winter Achievement, Catalog available at: <https://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/436>
- 1/31 – Beef Tagging and Weigh In, 8am, 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

February

2/2 – Horse Winter Projects, 6:30pm, Goodells

2/9 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells

2/12 – 4-H Flower Arranging Workshop 6:30pm, Goodells

2/16 – Lights – Camera – 4-H Workshop 10am – 2pm, EBW TV Station Port Huron

2/19 – Horse Leaders Meeting 7pm, Goodells

2/28 – 4-H Council Auction, Goodells

May

5/2 – Discovery Day Tagging/Weigh in of market sheep, goat, veal 8am, Goodells

June

6/27 – 4-H County Shooting Sports Tournament, Blue Water Sportsman's Club

6/28 – 4-H County Archery Tournament, Goodells

July

7/20 – 7/25 – SCC 4-H & Youth Fair, Goodells

August – 8/15/2026 – 4-H Stat Shooting Sports Tournament, Centerline Calhoun County

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Save the Date



4-H Horse Winter Projects



Whether you've been riding for years or just think horses are cool but don't have any experience yet, we want you to join us for some fun equine education! All 4-Hers are welcome including cloverbuds. Horse judging and hippology meetings are geared toward preparing for competitions, but you are not required to compete and are welcome to just come learn! Winter projects has a heavy emphasis on fun with a great side-effect of learning!

Not registered for 4-H yet? No problem! Let us know and we'll tell you how to get signed up (for free)! More local meetings/clinics may be added. Text your name, club, and email address to Lucy, Olivia, and Marianne so you get all the updates and links. In case of bad weather, in person meetings may be cancelled or changed to Zoom.

- Monday, 11/3--Goodells Community Building--Winter projects and Horse Judging at 6:30, Hippology at 7:30 (Hippology presentation on farrier tools and skills by Hadley Rood.)
- Tuesday, 11/18--Hippology Zoom, 6:30 pm.
- Monday, 12/1--Goodells--Winter projects and Judging at 6:30, Hippology at 7:30
- Tuesday, 12/16--Judging zoom, 6:30 pm.
- Monday, 1/5--Goodells--Winter projects and Judging at 6:30, Hippology at 7:30
- Tuesday, 1/20--Zoom at 6:30 pm.
- Possible clinic/practice contest 1/30-1/31 at MSU Pavilion.
- Monday, 2/2--Goodells--Winter projects and Judging at 6:30, Hippology at 7:30
- Tuesday, 2/17--Zoom at 6:30 pm.
- Monday, 3/2--Goodells--Winter projects & Judging at 6:30, Hippology at 7:30
- Tuesday, 3/17--Happy St. Patrick's Day! Zoom at 6:30 pm.
- Monday, 4/6--Goodells--Winter projects & Judgings at 6:30, Hippology at 7:30
- Saturday, 4/11--MSU Pavilion--State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- TBD--State 4-H Hippology Contest



Also follow MI 4-H Horse Program on Facebook and keep an eye on www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies for lots of great info and events! Follow St. Clair County 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Teams on Facebook!

Lucy Brown (horse judging) - lamckier@yahoo.com or 586-855-3215
 Olivia Prusik (hippology) - oliviachild18@gmail.com or 810-841-6464
 Marianne Moskal (winter projects) - 810-305-9834



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4-H Horse Winter Projects!

Let's get horse crazy this winter!! Do you think you want to be a horse show judge someday? Maybe a horse vet, chiropractor, farrier, massage therapist, or dentist? A trainer or life-long horse owner/rider? Do you want to learn what the judge is looking for to improve your scores and placings in the show ring? Or learn all you can in order to provide the best care for the horse in your life right now (or one you hope for in the future)? Do you want to get to know some other St. Clair County 4-H Horse Project members better while learning and having fun at the same time?



Save the Date

4-H CRAFT A PALOOZA Winter Addition!

- Thursday, December 4, 2025
- 6:30pm
- Goodells County Park
- 4-H Ages 8-19

Participants will make a 24" Christmas Wreath
(will be a great project for Winter Achievement or the Fair)

Work with watercolor paints to create fantastic winter themed paintings. These watercolor techniques will take your skills to the next level!

Door prizes, hot coco bar and much more will make this a fantastic night of creating!!

Registration is open in 4HOnline



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4-H Craft-A-Palooza: Unleash Your Inner Artist!

Get ready for an explosion of color, creativity, and fun at the 4-H Craft-A-Palooza! This exciting event is designed for all 4-H members who love to make, build, and design.

Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, there's a project here for you!

This fantastic workshop will not only teach you next level skills, but participants will enjoy a hot chocolate bar, take home craft kits as well as fantastic door prizes.



Save the Date



4-H Winter Achievement

This exciting day features many fun and challenging project areas to compete in. The coveted "Gold Award" and title "Grand Champion" will only be awarded to the best projects. All projects will be rated with an "A", "B" or "C" rating after being interviewed by the project Judge. One dollar can be earned for every "A" or blue ribbon earned. Clover Sprouts are welcomed into 4-H at a special ceremony after Style Review (modeling of sewing projects). 4-H Ambassadors will be chosen and revealed. County Medals and Winter Achievement's Top Exhibitor are awarded, along with Gold Awards announced.

Event catalog available:

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

Save the Date



4-H Flower Arranging Workshop: Petal Power

Save the date for this fantastic opportunity to make and take a finished fair project. In this engaging, hands-on workshop, 4-H members will dive into the art and science of floral design. Participants will learn about the essential elements and principles of design, including balance, scale, color, and texture, to create their own unique arrangements. Registration to open soon!



Save the Date

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Lights - Camera - 4-H

- Monday, February, 16, 2026
- 10am - 2pm
- Lunch Included
- 4-H Ages 12-19



Registration to open in January

Participants that attend this exciting real world hands on workshop will -

- Tour the Thumb Coast TV station
- Learn to operate a TV camera
- Learn proper interview skills, interview 4-H representatives
- Edit filmed interview for TV production

Participants will participate, create, and edit a promotional videos for both the SCC 4-H Fair and the 4-H Program. These finished projects can be entered as a group project for fair.



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“Lights, Camera, 4-H!” is a comprehensive introduction to the core elements of TV and video production. Participants will take on roles both in front of and behind the camera, working together to script, shoot, and edit their own short video projects. From brainstorming ideas to finalizing the footage, youth will get hands-on experience with industry-standard practices and equipment.



Save the Date

4-H Council Auction 2026

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Goodells County Park

Bidding starts at 10 am



Auction item donations needed. It's never too early to start collecting items

- New items
- Services and baked items go well, too
- Auction forms are available on the MSUE web page at <https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/425>

Items accepted all year around and can be dropped off at the MSU Extension Office in Port Huron any time (closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.)



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We need your help to make this year's 4-H Council Auction a success!

We are seeking donations of new merchandise, unique experiences, gift certificates, gift baskets, or monetary contributions for our silent and live auctions. Your generosity directly impacts the positive development of our community's youth, helping them grow into confident, capable, and caring leaders.

How Your Donation Makes a Difference:

- **Provides Scholarships:** Helps fund college scholarships and awards for deserving 4-H members. Funds the 4-H Leaders appreciation banquet.
- **Supports Educational Programs:** Enables hands-on learning experiences in areas like STEM, healthy living, agriculture, and civic engagement.
- **Enhances Opportunities:** Helps offset costs for leadership conferences, and camps.

This is our 4-H Councils only fundraiser to support their yearly budget.



Welcome New 4-H Volunteers!



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Welcome New 4-H Volunteers –

Micah Hall

Jason Hale

Joel Pieprzak

Sara Castillo

Brian Warnke

Shelly Szymanski

Carol Bublitz

Jennifer Evenson

Jennifer Smith

Tami Himmel

Pauline Besser

Sara Castillo

Taylor Skatzka

Jason Werth

Kelly Slamka

Kara Geib



Featured 4-H Ambassador



2025

FEATURED 4-H AMBASSADOR
Peightyn,

Is a member of Town & Country 4-H Club participating in many project areas such as still exhibits, goats, rabbits and poultry.

What does she love about 4-H? The experience even without any trophies or ribbons, its still really fun.

Future goals - Hope to get into sweepstakes for the third time and work towards exhibitor of the year.



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You could be a 4-H Ambassador too! What does it take?

Be able to verbalize your "4-H story" with the public to increase awareness to non-4-H communities. Participation in events and activities throughout the year, including but not limited to: parades, T.V. interviews, radio interviews, 4-H Leaders Appreciation Banquet, and the 4-H Council Auction.

Applications are available at:

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

Deadline to apply is December 1st.



2025 Leader Recognition Banquet Highlights

The 2025 Annual 4-H Leader Recognition Banquet took place on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Alexanders in Marysville. This event is sponsored by the SCC 4-H Council.



This banquet has been a wonderful opportunity to honor our volunteers' years of service, celebrate their achievements, and recognize the profound impact volunteers have on the lives of our youth. We hope our volunteer feel valued and appreciated, understanding that the success of our program is a direct reflection of their passion and tireless efforts. Sending all our volunteers a huge 4-H thank you for making the best better and for your invaluable contribution to our community; we look forward to our continued shared mission.

In addition to recognizing our fantastic 4-H and fair volunteers; our community supporters were also recognized. Check out some highlights on the next few pages.

2025 Leader Recognition Banquet Highlights

2025 Friend of 4-H Award – Rob Vermeesch
accepting the award for Rob is Steve Aguinaga



2025 Friend of 4-H Award – C. Roys



2025 Leader Recognition Banquet Highlights

2025 Lifetime Achievement
Award - Linda Taylor



2025 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award,
Dave Goretski



2025 Leader Recognition Banquet Highlights

2025 Excellence in Membership
Recruitment Award – Country
Connections 4-H Club



2025 4-H Excellence in 4-H
Programing – Rabbit Skill A Thon
Program by the Rabbit Developmental
Committee, Committee Chairs Rob &
Cathy Usakowski

2025 Leader Recognition Banquet Highlights

2025 Excellence in 4-H
Programing – Livestock
Education Programing by the
Livestock Education Committee,
Committee Chair Julie Sovis



2025 Excellence in Community
Service Award – Rimrock Acers 4-
H Club



2025 Leader Recognition Banquet Highlights

Betty Simpson present with her 65 years of 4-H leadership certificate and pin.



2025 Tribute to Leaders
presentation by 4-Her Clair Stier

Fair Awards

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of our incredible fair award winners! 🏆 From blue ribbons to best smiles, you've shown off the true fair spirit, hard work and dedication. You've cared for your projects, helped our exhibitors and guests, and made our fair a continued success. We're bursting with pride for each and every one of you, you've truly shined in every way.

Awards not pictured –

Veronica Dupuis was honored in memorious.

Brendan Year was honored as Fair Youth Volunteer of the Year

2025 Friend of the Fair Award – Nate
Kenner SCC Parks & Recreation



2025 Fair Volunteer of the Year – Evelyn
Weber

Fair Awards

2025 Fair Heritage Award – Dave Fiedler



2025 Youth Friend of the Fair Award – Brooke Strauch

Fair Awards

2025 Volunteer Emeritus – Crystal Sovey



2025 Volunteer Emeritus – Barb Hahn

Fair Awards

Award presenter, Chris Ruemenapp



Award Presenter Jenny Fox

Other 4-H Happenings

4-H Open House 2025

4-H Open House took place on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Goodells County Park. The event is fantastic not only because it brings clubs together to promote 4-H but also show cases out continuing partnership with the SCC Farm Museum. The date started out with a little drizzle but in true 4-H fashion the groups carried on. Great turn out of both visitors and 4-H Clubs representing the program.

Below are just a few of the highlights.

Rimrock Acres 4-H Club used the event as both a promotion of their club and the 4-H program and a training session for both llamas and handlers as they wandered the park.



Vet Quest 4-H Club had a fantastic turn out and adoption event. Visitors could adopt an injured stuffed animal and receive proper vet care from the our 4-H professionals.

Thank you to all the clubs that participated!



Other 4-H Happenings

4-H Trailer and Pullers & Treats at the Smiths Creek American Legion

First pullers & Treats at the Smiths Creek American Legion with the 4-H trailer & Council Team a success! Much like the traditional Trunk & Treat events this fun outreach effort treated nearly 100 ghosts & goblins to 4-H information and of course candy. The event was cut a little short because of the rain but a busy night for sure!!





Rabbit Developmental Committee Update

Sunday, Nov 2nd we had the Rabbit Eats and Treats workshop.

A Big Thank you to McKenna Weiss for being our guest speaker and sharing her knowledge and answering all our questions.

A Big Thank you to Maria Furesz for sharing how to make the bunny treats and making the human treat too!

Thank you to all who helped from making the bunny snack to set up and tear down.

30 attended the fun informative workshop. And all got to take home a raffle prize, knowledge, and a snack for their rabbit

Thank you to all who attended 😊

**Remember even in the cold weather ❄️, the most important nutrient for rabbits is water, they will not eat without it.



Livestock Education Committee Update

Livestock Record Keeping and Nutrition Workshop

There was a great turnout of livestock exhibitors at this September 6, 2025 event. Brynn Hurley took home the clippers and the balance of participants received a variety of door prizes.

Thank you to the Livestock Education Committee for coordinating this fantastic event.



Livestock Education Committee Update

4-H Meat Evaluation

A huge THANK YOU goes out to C Roy's for hosting our Meat Evaluation Clinic and to our incredible instructors Dr. Andrea Garmyn, Dr. Jarad Jaborek and Dr. Jeannine Schwehofer for leading an amazing carcass workshop! C. Roy's treated us to amazing meat, cheese and fruit platters with specially made cookies for our group!

From start to finish, it was an exciting, hands-on learning experience filled with knowledge, skill-building, and a whole new appreciation for the meat industry. Your time, expertise, and dedication make opportunities like this possible for our 35 youth and adult members and community.

We're grateful for everything you do to help grow the next generation of ag leaders and livestock enthusiasts!

Thank you to the Livestock Education Committee for coordinating this fantastic event.



Watch for more workshop opportunities from the Livestock Education Committee coming soon!



SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Update



WELCOME NEW FAIR PROJECT SUPERINTENDENTS!

Dog
Superintendent:
Alyssa Newberry

Walking Fleece
Co-Superintendent:
Beth Brown

Sheep
Co-Superintendent:
Madilyn McKee

Goat
Co-Superintendent:
Amanda Francek

Courtesy Cart Co-Superintendent:
Luke Weber



SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Update

**NEW INFORMATION MARKET CHICKEN INCLUDING
HERITAGE BREEDS MIN WEIGHT REQUIREMENT!!!**



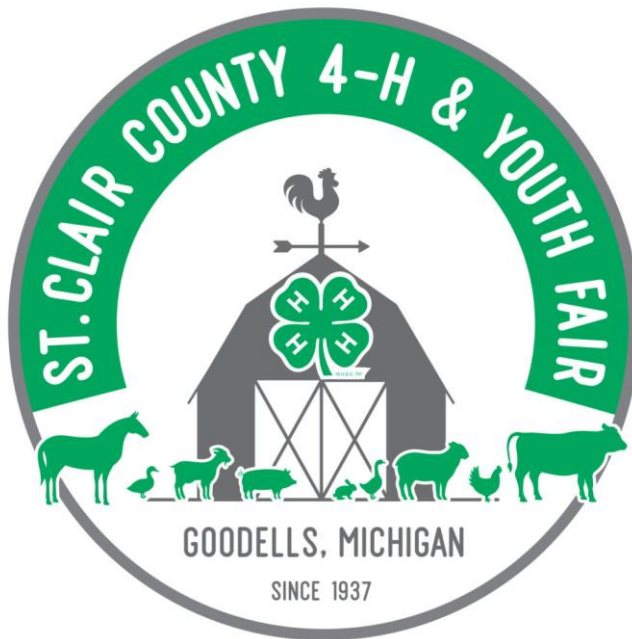
2026 Poultry Hatch Dates



- Market Turkeys- March 22nd
- Market Geese- April 12th
- Market Ducks- May 17th
- Market Heritage Chickens- February 22nd
- Market Chickens- May 24th
- New to 2026: Market Chickens and Heritage Chickens minimum weight of 5 Pounds!



SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Update

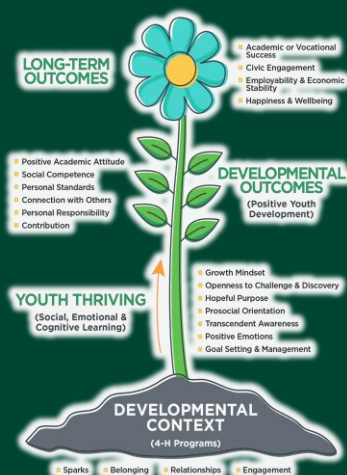


Fair Dates:
July 20-25, 2026



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



The 4-H Thriving Model and 4-H Beyond Ready work hand-in-hand to prepare youth for success. The Thriving Model focuses on how quality 4-H experiences help young people grow by building sparks, relationships, and a sense of belonging that leads to thriving. Beyond Ready builds on this foundation by helping youth take what they've learned and apply it school, careers and real life.

Together, they ensure that 4-H youth don't just gain skills, but also the confidence, adaptability, and resilience to use those skills in the future. Through this connection, young people are not only supported in their personal growth today but are equipped to be "beyond ready" for whatever comes next.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.

November 10 – December 15: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

Online

This parenting workshop is designed to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Caregivers of toddlers to teens will explore eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence and developing character. Participants will meet for six week on Mondays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-november-december-2025

November 11: Wild Spartans – Wildfire & Warriors: Science Where You Least Expect It

Online

Meet Michele Richards, natural resources and wildland fire program manager with the Michigan Army National Guard. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026

November 12: 4-H Chef Turkey Cheese Ball

Lenawee County MSU Extension Office, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will create a cheese ball that is perfect as a Thanksgiving appetizer.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-turkey-cheese-ball

November 13: Adulthood 101 – Conflict Resolution and Civil Discourse

Online

Participants will learn how to manage disagreements with respect and open-mindedness, paving the way for stronger, healthier relationships. Leave with strategies to approach conflict confidently, express oneself respectfully, and find common ground with others.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-toughtalks

November 15: 4-H Holidays Around the World Workshop – Diwali

Flat Rock Public Library, Flat Rock

Open to youth in grades 3–8, this hands-on workshop invites participants to learn about the traditions and cultural significance of Diwali, one of India's most celebrated holidays.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-holidays-workshop-diwali

November 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: So You Want to Be a Club Leader?

Online

Thinking about leading a club or want to refresh your leadership skills? Join to learn what it takes to be an effective and inspired club leader—from logistics and communication to culture and connection.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-noon

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-so-you-want-to-be-a-club-leader-lets-talk-7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 28 – Dec. 14, Tractor Supply Company (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.

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.

Join the 4-H For Good Challenge!

A simple act of kindness can spark a ripple of good — and you can be the spark! National 4-H Council is teaming up with Universal Pictures leading up to the release of *Wicked: For Good* on November 21 by celebrating the power of young people and communities and creating a wave of kindness.

Just like Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked: For Good*, your choices can change the world. This challenge is open to everyone — youth, families, schools, workplaces, and community groups — and it's your chance to show how one good deed can inspire another.

Join the #4HForGoodChallenge in four easy steps:

1. **Do something good.** Big or small, every act counts. Help out, give back or simply show someone you care.
2. **Share your heart hands.** Snap a pic of your heart hand and write a short post about your good deed.
3. **Post it online.** Use the hashtag #4HForGood and tag 4-H.
4. **Challenge your crew.** Tag for friends and invite them to keep the good growing!



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



On October 8, MSU Extension hosted the third 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're immensely proud of the Michigan 4-H program, which has been shaping futures and transforming communities for more than 115 years," said Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension director. "We're grateful for the opportunity to showcase this remarkable program to our state leaders for the third consecutive year and to bring additional awareness to the life-changing impact of 4-H."

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 was held, featuring Tyler, as well as: Representative Jerry Neyer; MSU President Kevin Guskiewicz; Jackie Venton, Michigan Department of State Chief Operating Officer and a Michigan 4-H alumna; Logan Dole, Michigan 4-H youth from Clare County; and Danykah Muck, Michigan 4-H youth from Livingston County.

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