



SEPTEMBER 2025

4-H Family News - St. Clair County

From Lori Warchuck's Desk,

What a fantastic 2025 4-H Program year!

Successful 4-H programs don't just happen by chance. Strong successful 4-H programs are a product of dedicated skilled volunteers. St. Clair County continues to have a strong dedicated 4-H Volunteer force. A big "4-H THANK YOU" to all our volunteers that make great things happen all year in our 4-H program.

In addition to the fantastic 4-H year we had the privilege of celebrating and being a part of the 88th St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair. A big "4-H THANK YOU" to the SCC Agriculture Society (Fair Board), superintendents, judges and other volunteers for all their hard work that make the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair a great opportunity for our 4-H youth.

Speaking of fantastic 4-H volunteers; we all know that person or business that goes above and beyond as a volunteer for 4-H. Here is your chance to make sure they are recognized for their efforts.

Check out the following award nomination forms:

- Friend of 4-H Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Life Time Achievement

If you have someone in mind and need some help or have questions feel free to contact me.

There are also club awards that members or volunteer can nominate a deserving club to be recognized for outstanding 4-H work.

Check out the following club award nomination forms:

- Excellences in 4-H Community Service – Did your club plan or participate in a service project that made a difference in our community?
- Excellence in 4-H Membership Recruitment – Did your club try to recruit 4-H members to your club?
- Excellence in 4-H Programing - Did you club plan a great learning opportunity that made an impact?

All award nomination forms can be found on the St. Clair County website, or by using the following link: <https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/428>

NOTE: nominees do not need to meet all the criteria on the application, if you know someone worthy be sure to nominate them. Deadline for all award forms is October 1st. Award recipients will be recognized at the 2025 4-H Leaders Banquet.

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St. Clair County Events

Local Calendar

2025

9/6 – SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Committee Nutrition & Record Keeping with Dr Jerad Jaborek, 9am – Noon – lunch provided (registration details page) - Goodells

9/8 - Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells

9/11 - 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting, 7pm – Goodells

9/15 – 4HOnline Opens for Enrollment for 2025/2026 Program Year

9/15 – 4-H Council Meeting 7pm – Goodells

9/17 – Administrative Club Leader Update 1pm -2pm MSUE Office

9/17 – Administrative Club Leader Update 6pm – 7pm, Goodells County Park (before the Horse Leaders Meeting)

9/20 – Administrative Club Leader Update 1pm – 2pm or 7pm – 8pm MSUE Office

9/23 – 4-H Workshop Committee, 6pm Fair Office Marysville

9/23 – Fair Ag Education Committee, 7pm Fair Office Marysville

10/1 – Club End of Year Reporting Paperwork Deadline

10/3 – SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Committee Workshop Series - Meat Evaluation Workshop, 6pm, at C Roys, Yale – (Registration to open soon)

10/6 – Horse Leaders Winter Projects Start 6:30pm – 8:30pm - Goodells

10/11 – 4-H Open House – Goodells (Clubs Needed)

10/13 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells

10/16 – 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

Local Calendar

11/3 – Horse Leader Winter Projects Meeting, 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Goodells

11/7 – 4-H Leader Appreciation Banquet (invitations to be mailed in October)

11/10 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells

11/17 – 4-H Council Meeting Pot Luck – MSUE Office Port Huron

11/20 – 4-H Horse Leader Meeting 7pm – Goodells

12/1 – Horse Leaders Winter Projects 6:30pm – Goodells

12/8 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells

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1/5 – Horse Leaders Winter Projects 6:30pm – Goodells

1/12 – Fair Board Meeting, 7pm – Goodells

1/15 – Horse Leaders Meeting, 7pm – Goodells

1/17 – SAVE THE DATE - SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Committee Workshop Series Continued – Rabbit

1/24 – 4-H Winter Achievement – MSUE Office Port Huron

2/21 - SAVE THE DATE - SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Committee Workshop Series Continued – Poultry

2/28 – 4-H Council Auction – Goodells

4/25 - SAVE THE DATE - SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Committee Workshop Series Continued – Swine Workshop

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4-H Horse Winter Projects Meetings

Meetings will take place on the first Monday of October, 6:30 pm at the Goodells County Park Community Building.

4-H Horse winter projects are a great place to get started learning about horses. You do not need to own a horse to participate. Any interested 4-Hers are welcome to attend. From the beginner or the seasoned horse lover there is something for everyone, Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, or Equine Communications, for competition or simply increase your horse knowledge and have a great time with new friends!

Please contact any of the following leaders for more information. -
Lucy Brown at (586) 855-3215 or lamckier@yahoo.com
Maryann Moskal at (810) 305-9834



4-H Club Leader Updates

4-H Club Leader Updates!

4-H Club Administrative Leaders please check your email for important end of year reporting information!

The following is included in the email -

- Mandatory club administrative leader update meeting dates
- Required forms
- Deadline for mandatory club reporting

NOTE - All St Clair County 4-H Clubs must send a representative to remain an active club in good standing with the 4-H program.. NO ACCEPTIONS!

Meeting Dates -

9/15 - Administrative Leaders that serve on 4-H Council (Council Meeting)

9/17 - MSU Extension Office Port Huron - 1pm -2pm

9/17 - MSU Extension Office in the Donald Dodge Auditorium - 7pm - 8pm

9/18 - Goodells Before the Horse Leaders Meeting -6pm - 7pm

If you cannot make the above dates, please reach out to schedule a alternate date before the series starts!

If you did not receive an email please reach out to the office at - warchuc1@msu.edu or call 810-989-6935





Save the Date!

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4-H Leaders Appreciation Banquet

To celebrate

Volunteer Service to the 4-H
Program & SCC 4-H Fair

Friday, November 7, 2025

Alexanders

1200 Gratiot Blvd, Marysville, MI 48040

Invitations to go out in October!





Save the Date!

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4-H OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

NOON - 3PM

GOODELLS COUNTY PARK / PARTNERING W/ FARM MUSEUM

4-H CLUBS NEEDED FOR DISPLAYS AND
GIVING OUT CANDY!





Save the Date!

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4-H Winter Achievement

Saturday, January 24, 2026

**Location - St Clair County Admin Building,
200 Grand River Ave, Port Huron MI 48060**





Save the Date!

St Clair County 4-H Council Benefit Auction



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
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 2/27/2026 BETWEEN NOON - 6PM
- 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





Save the Date!

hey, save
the 2026
4-H horse
show
dates!!

- John Tate Memorial Horse Show May 16, 2026 at Goodells
- 4-H Warm Up Horse Show June 6, 2026 at Goodells
- State 4-H Qualifying Horse Show June 7, 2026 at Goodells





Welcome to the Team



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St Clair County 4-H Welcomes the following new Gold Level 4-H Volunteers to the Team –

Tommy Bolday – Country Connections 4-H Club

Jason Werth – Rustic Ramblers 4-H Club

Both Tommy & Jason have both successfully completed the MSU Volunteer Selection Process are 4-H Alumni and have their children involved in the SCC 4-H Program.



Featured 4-H Ambassador

2025



FEATURED 4-H AMBASSADOR

Elynn

Is a member of Rustic Ramblers 4-H Club. She has been a member for 5 years. She participates in still exhibits, poultry and swine project areas.

Quote: "I plan to stay in 4-H until I age out then become a 4-H leader!"

Elynns goal for the year is to show her pigs, goats for the first time and place high with her still projects.



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4-H Ambassadors are announced at 4-H Winter Achievement. The process includes an application and interview. Duties include but not limited to; representing 4-H at public appearances, TV and radio interviews, helping at the 4-H Council Auction. Check out the 4-H Ambassador application at:

<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/736>



St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Update

Fair Project Leftovers

There are still many fair leftovers in the MSU Extension office for pick up.

- E Huntley – chair
- A Ries – trophy & other projects
- M Moore – trophy
- C VanOverbeke – trophy
- J Guidi – trophy
- G Heinrich – trophy
- S Coldwell – trophy
- S Ward – trophies
- C Turner – trophy
- G Warnke – trophy

If you didn't pick up a project record book or shooting sports ribbon; we have them here along with other left overs. You can pick up your items M – F from 8am – 4:30pm closed for lunch noon – 1pm. Items will be here for another couple of weeks then they will be delivered to the fair office. Items not picked up will be recycled or trashed.

THANK YOU NOTES – If you didn't attend the fantastic "Thank You Note workshop / Ice Cream Social" to get project thank you note completed and sent out you need to do so now! Thank you notes are an important part of completing your 4-H project. Fair sponsors and buyers look forward to hearing from you!!

If you need help with writing a great thank you notes, check out "The Seven Steps to a Great Thank You Notes".

https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the_seven_steps_to_a_great_thank_you_note

Special thank you to Julie Sovis for her efforts planning the fantastic thank you note workshop opportunity at the fair.



SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Committee Workshop Series

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE PRESENTS

BEEF EDUCATION SERIES

Dr. Jerad Jaborek

Nutrition & Record Keeping

Join your fellow St. Clair County 4-H members to learn how to use record keeping to set project goals and how records will help improve feed plans.

Door prizes, including a grand prize drawing of Andis clippers!

DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
TIME: 9AM - NOON - LUNCH PROVIDED
LOCATION: GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 4 TO HAVE YOUR LIVESTOCK/PREMIUM CHECK BROUGHT TO THE EVENT.

to register:
<https://forms.gle/2B2227A78A1A8048>



SAVE THE DATE - Friday, October 3, 2025 at 6pm

4-H MEAT EVALUATION WORKSHOP

Workshop presenters -

Dr. Andrea Garmyn - MSU Professor / MSU Meat Judging Team Coach

Dr. Jerad Jaborek - MSU Extension Beef Educator

Dr. Jeannine Schwehofer - MSU Extension Ag & Agribusiness Institute Director

Workshop Location - C. Roys, Yale

4-Hers & Non 4-Hers ages 8-19 (note - will be viewing carcass hanging in freezer etc)

Cost is \$5 (event registration link and more details available soon)



See the other workshops in this series in the local calendar of events in this newsletter issue.



Project Superintendents Needed



The fair is in search of a volunteer with a lot of cattitude for cat superintendent at the fair. Also, in need of a dog project superintendent. If you are interested, please fill out an application:

<https://stclaircounty4hfair.org/.../Superintendent...>

Special thank you to both Barb Hahn and Emma Rabine for their dedication to the dog and cat projects areas. Barb has given her time and talents to this role for over 20 years. Emma has served in this role for several years after she graduated out of the 4-H program. Thank you both for building these projects areas, your leadership and your dedication to the fair including the 4-H program.



Upcoming Fair Dates



UPCOMING FAIR DATES

2026 - July 20-25

2027 - July 19-24

2028 - July 17-22

2029 - July 16-21

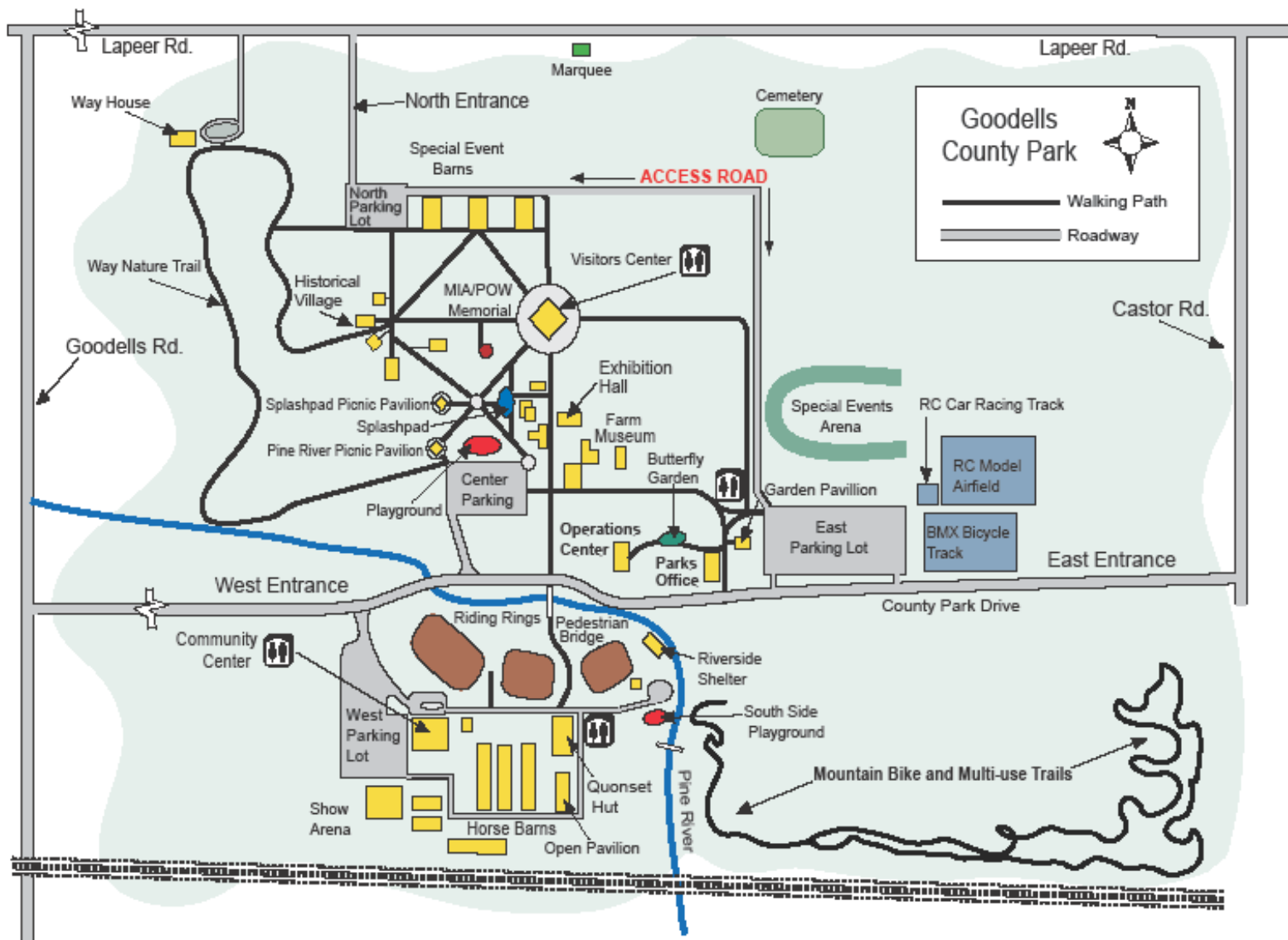


www.stclaircounty4hfair.org

For the most current event and other information check out the fair FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/StClairCounty4HFair> or the website www.stclaircounty4hfair.org



New Goodells Park Map





4-H Open House Club Reg. Form

4-H Open House - Club Registration Form

Saturday, October 11, 2025

(Set up starts 11am to be in-place and ready by Noon)

Location – Grassy area between County Park Dr and the Farm Museum at Goodells County Park (see attached map)

Doors open for the public at Noon until 3pm

Goodells County Farm Museum Area (between county park drive & the FM) –

Clubs will need to bring their own EZ Ups etc. We are not in a building.

Check out 4-H Facebook page to get up to date information

Club Name: _____

Club Contact Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Contact Persons Email: _____

What activity/demonstration/hands-on/display will your club bring?

Please describe: _____

Clubs please check all that apply:

NOTE - Please bring your own tables and chairs. (limited picknick tables available)

Please describe any special set-up requirements or needs: _____

Ideas for clubs (be creative):

BB Gun Range

Teddy Bear Clinic (Teen Leaders)

Live Animal Display

Mini Horses

Crafts

Geo Cashing

Robotics

Anything that will show case your club and the 4-H Program - costumes welcome

Goal of 4-H Open House is to recruit members and educate the public about the 4-H program.

Please return registration form before Monday, October 1, 2025

SCC MSU Extension 4-H Program – Attention: Lori Warchuck

200 Grand River Ave #102

Port Huron MI 48060

FAX (810) 985-3557

Or email forms to: warchuc1@msu.edu



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wild Spartans Series returns



Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as they take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

Monthly sessions will begin in October and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required: www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026.

September 11: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Planning with Purpose: Designing Your Best 4-H Year Yet Online

This webinar will guide volunteers through seasonal planning, setting goals and aligning club activities with youth development outcomes. This session will be offered twice.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-noon
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-7pm

September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress & Deliver with Confidence Online

Participants will learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism%20\(COPY 1754674660740\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism%20(COPY%201754674660740))

September 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Friendly but Firm: Boundaries that Make Volunteering Better Online

Learn how to say “yes” with intention, “no” without guilt, and keep your 4-H experience fun, respectful, and drama-free. This session will be offered twice.

- 12 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-noon
- 7 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-7pm

September 20: 2025 Michigan 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-Hers from counties across Michigan. Spectators welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show

September 20-21: Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification for Adults and Teens

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Learn about 4-H shooting sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use, and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-for-adults-and-teens

October 3: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing

4-H donors are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2025 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards program recognized outstanding 4-H members during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes excellence in learning, leadership and service.

In total, 38 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications for this year's program. Recipients of the 2025 awards are:



- **Achievement:** William Rogers of Washtenaw County
- **Beef Science:** Emma Verbeek of Delta County (junior division)
- **Birds and Poultry Science:** Avery Mastej of Van Buren County (junior division)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Taylor Johnson of St. Joseph County (junior division) and Makenzie Rehberg of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior division) and Harper Jane Adkins of Washtenaw County (senior division)
- **Equine Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health and Fitness:** Vivienne Turri of Washtenaw County (junior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Trent Simons of Otsego County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Aleah Simpson of Houghton County (junior division) and Alison Borowski of Alpena County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Zoe Rorick of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Lyla Lapaugh of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior division) and Owen Plum of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Taylor Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Verina Duncan of Eaton County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 12-19 years old with two or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through 4-H, as well as their contributions to 4-H communities. Submissions are reviewed by a selection committee. In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

National 4-H Week: October 5-11

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 5-11, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

Learn more about ways you can celebrate during National 4-H Week at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>.