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4-H Family News

St. Clair County



From Colleen's Desk

I'd like to thank all our St. Clair County 4-H Members and Volunteers for making my first month as Program Coordinator a huge success. I am beyond excited to see what the future brings!

Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that have tackled the 4-H Online system and accomplished their re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year.

If you are having difficulty with the system, please feel free to reach out to the office for help. 810-989-6935

Fair entries are open on ShoWorks to sign up for classes for the fair, with an entry deadline of July 1st.

Link here: <https://stcla.fairwire.com/>

Note: When you complete the fair entry you will be emailed a "receipt" to the email address that you provided on your registration (check your junk mail folder if not received). If you do not receive a receipt in your email, you have not completed the entry process.

Sincerely,

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St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair

Register for fair here:

<https://stcla.fairwire.com/>

Entry deadline is July 1.



St. Clair County Events

Local Calendar

2026

June

June 1 – Horse Leader’s Scholarship Application Deadline

June 6 – Horse Warm-Up Show, Goodells County Park

June 7 – Horse State Qualifying Show, Goodells County Park

June 8 – Fair Board Meeting, Goodells County Park

June 15-17 – Thumb 4-H Camp, Lexington, MI

June 18 – 4-H Horse Leader’s Meeting, Goodells County Park

June 27 – 4-H County Shooting Sports Tournament and 3-D Archery, Blue Water Sportsman’s Club

June 28 – 4-H County Archery Tournament, Goodells County Park

July

July 1 – Deadline to register for fair

July 9 – Fair Board Meeting, Goodells County Park

July 15 – State 4-H Horse Show entries due

July 16 - 4-H Horse Leader’s Meeting, Goodells County Park

July 20-25 – St. Clair County 4-H and 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>
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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing Youth to Be Beyond Ready Through 4-H Livestock Projects



Beyond Ready

4-H livestock projects provide powerful, real-world learning that helps youth become Beyond Ready for life, work and leadership. Caring for animals teaches responsibility, time management and problem solving, all of which are essential skills for future success. Through chores, recordkeeping and making informed decisions, youth practice accountability and perseverance.

Livestock projects also build confidence as members explain their work to judges, interact with buyers and demonstrate professionalism in the show ring. When volunteers encourage reflection, support goal setting, and help youth connect these experiences to life beyond the barn, young people begin to see how their efforts today prepare them for tomorrow. Are your project activities helping youth become Beyond Ready?

#BeyondReady

June 6: Garden Geocache Event

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens. Find new caches, trade travel bugs, explore the gardens and much more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache

June 9: Online Extension Extras for Parents: Internet Safety

Online

Screens are everywhere, and children are spending more and more time in front of them. This session will discuss topics including steps to take to keep kids safe online, apps youth use and their safety, Michigan laws, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-internet-safety-6-9-26

June 11: Adulting 101 – AI and You: Smart, Safe and Savvy

Online

As part of the Michigan 4-H Adulting 101 webinar series, this session will explore the basics of how artificial intelligence works, ways it can support you, and how to make smart decisions.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/ai_and_you

June 18: Pirate and Pixie Garden Party

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Argh me mateys. Join a morning of swashbuckling fun! Go on a treasure hunt, making pixie dust, decorate an eye patch and more!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pirate-and-pixie-garden-party

June 23: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

July 1: 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging State Contest

Farm Bureau Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants will demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve communication and decision-making skills. Register by June 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Workshops – Dog and Goat



May 9th at Goodells County Park the Dog Project hosted an agility workshop. It was a successful, fun event! Thank you to Danielle and Ace for instructing, and the dog superintendents for all their hard work to make it happen!

Directly following the agility workshop was the Goat Showmanship Clinic. This event had a fantastic turnout. Big thank you to judge Dawn Reha, and the goat superintendents for all their hard work to make this such a great experience for our goat showing youths!

On May 17th the dog project returned to Goodells County Park for a showmanship workshop. This was a smaller group of youths, but they got a lot of feedback and guidance from a seasoned AKC showman and their fantastic superintendents.

Busy, Busy Horses



Between May and June, the horse project will be putting on FIVE events. Their season started on May 16th with their annual John “Yummy” Tate Memorial Open Show. Despite Mother Nature’s attempt to put a damper on the day, the love and support shown through, and it was yet another successful year!

On May 23rd the horse project was back out at Goodells County Park and Mother Nature once again was working against them, but that didn’t stop 19 youths and their horses from attending the first Spring Expo Feedback Show where instead of ribbons or trophies, each exhibitor received feedback from judges Christina Desota and Lucy Brown.

The horse project will once again be at Goodells County Park on June 6th and 7th for their Mini Practice Clinic as well as their annual Warm-Up and State Qualifying Shows!



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Register for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest

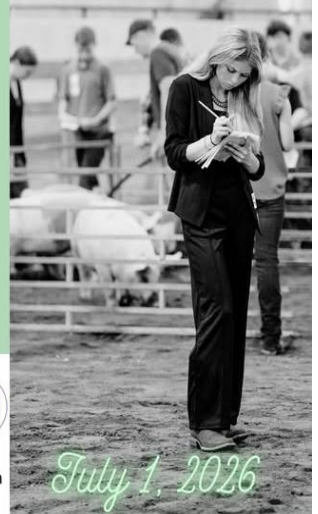
Registration is now open for the Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - 4-H youth ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - 4-H youth ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - FFA members that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – FFA members that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Youth ages 8-21 as of January 1 that are not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - 4-H youth age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

While the dates for the contest no longer coincide with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), this contest does still count as an educational experience for the MLE Premiere Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 15. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-livestock-judging-state-contest-2026.

Michigan 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest



MSU Extension honors 11 Michigan 4-H volunteers for 50 years of service in 2026

For the sixth year, MSU Extension is celebrating outstanding volunteers who have given a half-century of service to Michigan 4-H. These individuals have pledged their heads, hearts, hands and service to improving the lives of youth and their communities through Michigan 4-H for the past 50 years.

“We give thanks for every volunteer in our program,” said Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. “Michigan 4-H would not exist as it does today without the dedication of volunteers who generously share their gifts, and these 11 remarkable individuals in particular have been sharing their gifts for a half-century. We offer them our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all they’ve done for our organization and Michigan 4-H’ers.”

The Michigan 4-H 50-year volunteers being recognized in 2026 are:

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| • Kay Booth, Barry County | • Deb Pincumbe, Ingham County |
| • Joyce Goerge, Clinton County | • Linda Preston, Cass County |
| • Betty Groth, Cass County, | • Peter Preston, Cass County |
| • Beverly Koppelman, Monroe County | • Kathy Williams, St. Clair County |
| • Gary Koppelman, Monroe County | • Mary Yeomans, Midland County |
| • Michael Lee, Osceola County | |

In recognition of their service, 50-year volunteers received a gift of appreciation from MSU Extension leadership, as well as a personal note of thanks. Tribute gifts in honor of any or all of these 4-H volunteers may be made to support 4-H at:

<https://mi4hfdtn.org/memorial-tribute-gifts/>.



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

