

# 4-H Family St. Clair County

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## From Lori Warchuck's Desk

What a fantastic 2023 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 86th 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 Friend of 4-H Award, Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award nomination forms. If you have someone in mind and need some help or have questions feel free to contact me.

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**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 2023 4-H Leaders Banquet.**

Club Awards for 2023 eligible clubs can nominate their group projects for the following awards:

**Excellence 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 make an effort to recruit 4-H members to your club?

**Excellence in 4-H Programming** – Did you club plan a great learning opportunity that made an impact?

Nomination forms are included in this newsletter issue. Deadline for club awards nominations is **October 1st.**

Award nomination forms can be found on the St. Clair County website, or by using the following link:  
<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/msue/4H/Friend4H.aspx>

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# St. Clair County- Events

**Local Calendar of Events;**

- 9/7 – 4-H Dog Committee Meeting 7pm – MSUE Office Port Huron
- 9/9 – Livestock / Premium Check Pick Up – 8am – 10:30am, Fair Office Marysville
- 9/11 – Livestock / Premium Check Pick Up – 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Goodells
- 9/11 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 9/13 – 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting (Zoom link sent to shooting sports leaders)
- 9/15 – 4HOnline Opens for Enrollment for 2023/2024 Program Year
- 9/18 – 4-H Council Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 9/19 – Administrative Club Leader Update 1pm-2pm or 7pm – 8pm MSUE Office
- 9/20 – Administrative Club Leader Update 1pm – 2pm or 7pm – 8pm MSUE Office
- 9/21 – Administrative Club Leader Update 7pm-8pm – Goodells County Park (Horse Leaders Meeting)
- 10/2 – Club End of Year Reporting Paperwork Deadline
- 10/7 – 4-H Open House – Goodells
- 10/9 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 10/19 – 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 11/3 – 4-H Leader Appreciation Banquet (invitations to be mailed in October)
- 11/13 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm – Goodells
- 11/20 – 4-H Council Meeting Pot Luck – MSUE Office Port Huron
- 1/20/24 – 4-H Winter Achievement – MSUE Office Port Huron
- 2/24/24 – 4-H Council Auction – 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> or (810) 989-6935

## Attention!! Club Administrative 4-H Leaders, mark your calendar!

The annual 4-H Club re-enrollment orientation meeting dates are as follows:

NOTE: Each St. Clair County 4-H Club wishing to remain active & in good standing **must** send a representative, (typically this is the club administrative leader)

- September 19, 2023
  - 1pm - 2pm - MSUE Office
  - 7pm - 8pm - MSUE Office
- September 20, 2023
  - 1pm - 2pm - MSUE Office
  - 7pm - 8pm - MSUE Office

**Deadline to return club paperwork is October 1st**

Please RSVP to reserve your preferred time by Sept 14th by calling the office at 810-989-6935 or emailing [warchuck@msu.edu](mailto:warchuck@msu.edu)

Clubs will be emailed their current club rosters & required paperwork. If your club needs a hard copy mail please reach out.

## 4-H Club Leader Pictures Needed!

Photo of your 4-H Leaders are needed for the 2023 4-H Leader Appreciation Dinner!

Photo will be used in the evenings presentation to honor our hard working 4-H Volunteers.



Please submit your photos in jpeg format and email to [warchuck@msu.edu](mailto:warchuck@msu.edu)

Deadline to submit is October 1st.

Be sure your 4-H Leader is represented and send your photos today!

## SAVE THE DATE! 4-H OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023  
 NOON - 3PM

GOODSELLS COUNTY PARK / PARTNERING W/ FARM MUSEUM

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

## 4-H Pancake Dinner Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit Happy Days Fishing Camp

- Friday, October 13, 2023
- 4pm - 7pm
- \$8 adults and \$4 children 10 & under
- 3 pancakes, 2 sausage, and choice of juice, coffee or milk
- American Legion Post 525 - 7150 Smiths Creek Rd, Kimball 48074

Proceeds raised from the dinner will be donated to Happy Days Fishing Camp. Happy Days Fishing Camp is the host of the 4-H Lake to Table Program. Money raised will be used towards the addition of a pavilion to the camp.

Happy Days Fishing Camp is a non-profit organization. In addition to 4-H programming, camp provides fishing opportunities to special-needs children and veterans.

## hey, save the 2024 4-H horse show dates!!

- John Tate Memorial Horse Show May 18, 2024 at Goodells
- 4-H Warm Up Horse Show June 22, 2024 at Goodells
- State 4-H Qualifying Horse Show June 23, 2024 at Goodells

## State 4-H Horse Show Results- St. Clair County

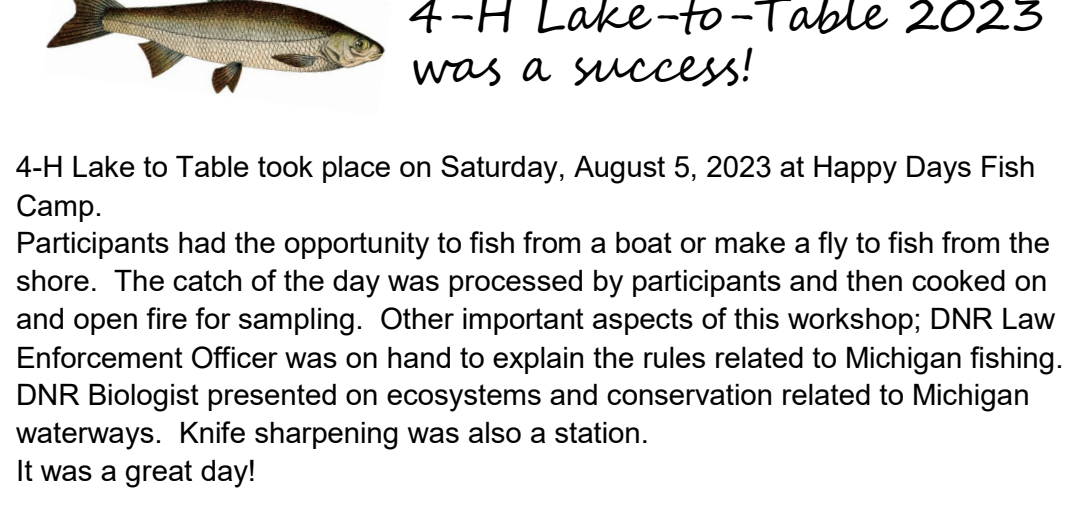
- Western Dressage – 1<sup>st</sup> Katherine E
- English Eq Hunt Seat – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallory Q and 6<sup>th</sup> Casey P
- Western Horsemanship – 2nd Mallory Q
- Western Pleasurer – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallory Q
- English Dressage – 3<sup>rd</sup> Casey P
- Keynote – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheyenne H
- Western Horsemanship – 1<sup>st</sup> Grace C
- English Pleasure Saddle Seat – 1<sup>st</sup> Katherine E
- Champions -
- English Eq Saddle Seat Champion Top 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Katherine E
- English Pleasure Champion Top 3 – Reserve Katherine E
- Western Dressage Champion – Katherine E

The entire show results can be found here [https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/results](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/results)

## State 4-H Shooting Sports Results- St. Clair County

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARTICIPANTS!

Official results will be available at this link [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_state\\_shooting\\_sports\\_tournament/tournament\\_results](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_state_shooting_sports_tournament/tournament_results)



## 4-H Shooting Sports Adult and Teen Instructor Training - Owosso

Sept. 16 & 17, 2023  
 Shiawassee Conservation Association  
 4247 N. 52  
 Owosso, MI 48867

Arrival/Check-in: Saturday, September 16 between 8-9 a.m. The workshop starts promptly at 9 a.m. - concludes at 8 p.m. Includes snacks, lunch and dinner.

The workshop adjourns Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m. Includes snacks and lunch.

Who: Adult and teen 4-H volunteers who have been approved by their county MSU Extension 4-H Staff person to work with 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and who have at least a basic working knowledge of and experience in the discipline in which they wish to participate. Teens must be at least 14 years old as of Jan. 1, 2024.

What: Learn about MI 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.

Objectives:

- The 4-H Shooting Sports Adult & Teen Instructors Certification Workshop provides leaders an opportunity to: Develop and improve skills in teaching shooting sports activities to youth
- Work toward certification to become a Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor in a variety of shooting disciplines
- learn how to develop, expand and maintain local 4-H Shooting Sports programs

Exchange ideas for local and State 4-H Shooting Sports programs with other leaders

Why: All MI 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs with an instructor, on-range certified through an official 4-H workshop in order to offer live-fire, on-range shooting and archery experiences to youth members.

How:

- To register, use the link below. All volunteers must have completed the Volunteer Selection Process and be in an Active/Go! status prior to attending the September event. In addition, all participants must complete the learning videos (modules) in Volunteer Central at least one week prior to attending. If modules are not completed; we reserve the right to cancel your registration. Details about the videos are available in the receipt from registration and include: Introduction to Michigan 4-H
- Working with Youth
- 4-H Shooting Sports: Introduction

Following registration, volunteers will have these required videos marked for viewing through their volunteer dashboard in Volunteer Central. Individuals with poor or limited internet access may view videos at their county office by scheduling an appointment prior to September 8th with their county 4-H staff professional. If desired workshop is full, please select an alternate session.

Cost: \$130.00 - Registered Adults that have completed the Volunteer Selection Process, 4-H Teen volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

Persons canceling without a replacement after September 8th or who do not show up at the workshop will be billed the full registration fee.

Certification requires full participation in both days of training.

LODGING OPTION: Lodging is not provided. However, we have a block of rooms reserved at a discounted rate at the Quality Inn in Durand, approximately 15-20 minutes from the workshop site. Reservations must be made by calling 989-288-0638; the block price is for lodging on September 16<sup>th</sup>. You must call to make your room reservation to receive our special pricing; it will not be honored through online reservation portals. Our block of rooms is on hold until September 1 so you must reserve your room by this time. Rooms are being held under the name Jennifer Weiche. You are responsible for payment of your room and any fees associated with your stay. The cost per night is \$65 plus taxes.

MEDIA RELEASE/MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION: All teen workshop participants must complete the Media/Medical Release section of 4-H Online enrollment. Adults must complete this section in Volunteer Central. This authorizes MSU Extension to record and photograph workshop participants and to use these photos and voice recordings in educational and promotional publications and programs. Due to the nature of the high-risk activities involved in this workshop, please review your 4-H Online profile to make sure it is up to date.

## DON'T FORGET TO SEND OUT FAIR THANK YOU!

### 7 Steps to a Great Thank You Note

1. A greeting to the thank you note recipient

2. Specific reason you are thanking them

3. The reason why you appreciate them

4. How you plan to use the gift or why the gift was important to you

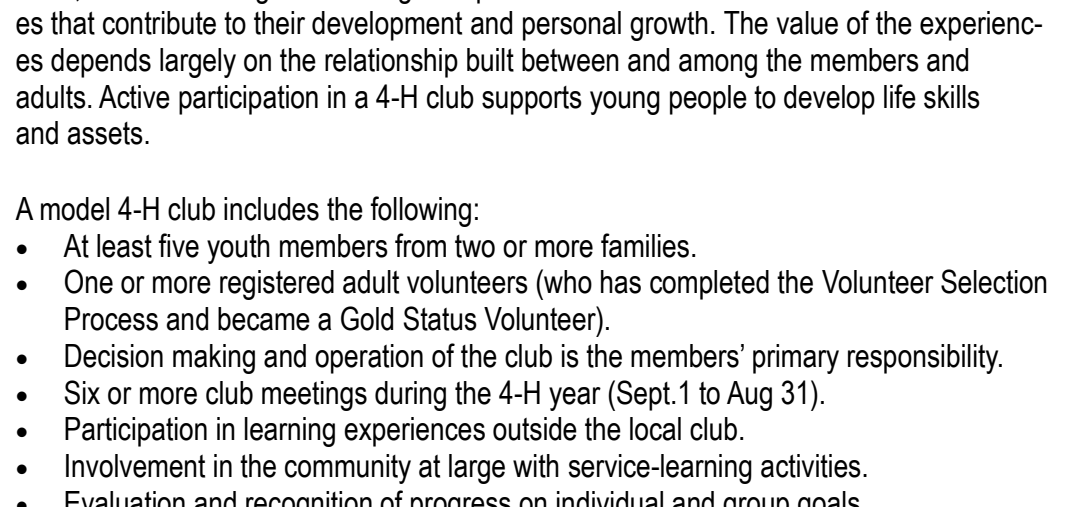
5. A comment or detail about yourself

6. A repeat of your thank you

7. A closing and signature of your name

## St. Clair County wrap-ups

To showcase your club's events in upcoming newsletters, just email photos and a paragraph to: [LWarchuck@stclaircounty.org](mailto:LWarchuck@stclaircounty.org)



## St. Clair County - Fair News

Next Years Fair Dates!  
 Join us for July 15-20, 2024  
 87th Annual St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair

## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Are you a current or former 4-H'er?**  
 Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception  
 September 6, 2023  
 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Contact: Jamie Wilson, 517-884-7088, [jwilson@msu.edu](mailto:jwilson@msu.edu)

Join MSU Extension for the sixth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alumni and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

Note this event will be held outdoors, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the atrium of Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

**Nominate an extraordinary 4-H alum today!**

Nomination deadline: March 15th, 2024

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan's 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years.

To nominate or see more information please visit <https://www.emeraldcloversociety.org/nomination-form>

September 16: Festival of the Pines Archery Tournament  
 Maple Grove Park, 5547 W Davis Rd, Lake City, Michigan 49651

Archers to the line! 4-H members are invited to meet fellow competitors and test their skill at the Festival of the Pines Archery Tournament. This annual target and 3D event is hosted by 4-H archery volunteer Dale Mosher.

- Event features target and 3D competition.
- Cost: \$15/participant on the day of the shoot, which includes both target and 3D. Questions? Contact Dale Mosher at 231-839-5574 or [mosherkim@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherkim@yahoo.com) <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/festival-of-the-pines-archery-tournament>

September 29 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting  
 Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center  
 219 S. Harrison Road  
 East Lansing, MI 48824

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2022 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

October 4-15 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion  
 Various Locations  
 Support 4-H youth from Oct. 4-15, 2023 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) events for just \$1!  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

## STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

### National 4-H Week: October 1-7, 2023

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired farmers, shaped communities, and impacted communities. From October 1-7 we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways you can celebrate 4-H!

**Wear Your 4-H Gear** – Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

**Shout-Out a 4-H'er** – Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

**Storefront Displays/Information Booths** – In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

**Become a 4-H Volunteer** – If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club by becoming a volunteer.

**Share Your 4-H Story** – Take to social media to [share a 4-H memory](#), express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

**Have a 4-H Reunion** – 4-H alumni often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

**Send a 4-H 'Thank You'** – We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

**Give Back** – Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/4h/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>

### Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experience depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and become a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept.1 to Aug 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club.
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips\\_for\\_a\\_successful\\_4-h-club\\_part\\_2](https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h-club_part_2)