

4-H Family News

St. Clair County

4-H GROWS HERE

From Lori Warchuck's Desk

4-H Families, the 4H enrollment system 4HOnline will be closed for annual program rollover/reset from Sept 1 - September 12th. Please do not log in to reenroll before September 12. This notice is for both youth members and adult volunteers. A notice to re-enroll will be emailed when the system is up and ready for the new 2022/23 4-H program year.

Nominations Needed! 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 Life Time Achievement Award* nomination forms included in this newsletter. If you have someone in mind and need some help or have questions feel free to contact me.

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 2022 4-H Leaders Banquet.

Club Awards for 2022

Eligible clubs can nominate their group projects for the following awards. Deadline for club awards nominations is **October 1st**.

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 your club plan a great learning opportunity that made a impact?

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Nomination forms can be found on the St. Clair County 4-H website at the following link:
<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/msue/4H/Friend4H.aspx>

St. Clair County- Events

- Local Calendar of Events;
- September**
- 9/2– National 4-H Week (consider entering the window display contest)
 - 9/5-15 - TSC Paper Clover Campaign (clubs needed to help promote the program)
 - 9/12–Fair Board Meeting , Goodell, 7pm
 - 9/13–4-H Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, Goodells 7pm
 - 9/15–4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, Goodells, 7pm
 - 9/19–4-H Council Meeting, Goodells, 7pm
 - 9/22– 4-H Dog Committee Meeting, MSUE Office Port Huron, 7pm
 - 9/29–4-H Horse Project Round Table Discussions, Goodells, 6pm
 - 10/3–4-H Re-enrollment Orientation for Club Administrative Leaders (1pm–2pm or 7pm–8pm)
 - 10/4–4-H Re-enrollment Orientation for Club Administrative Leaders (1pm–2pm or 7pm–8pm)
 - 10/5–4-H Re-enrollment Orientation for Club Administrative Leaders (1pm–2pm or Zoom call 7pm-8pm)
 - 10/5-10/15–TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign (Clubs will be needed to promote 4-H at local TSC Stores)
 - 10/15–4-H Trunker Treat Open House, Goodells, 11am–1pm
 - 11/4–4-H Leaders Recognition Banquet (Invitations out in October)
- 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

Save the date!

ST CLAIR COUNTY 4-H TRUNK OR TREAT OPEN HOUSE

Clubs are needed to promote 4-H! Club registration form available soon!

SATURDAY, 1 OCTOBER 15 | 11AM-1PM
GOODSELLS COUNTY PARK

Free event! Open to the public!

Clubs! Please sign-up before October 1st, to participate in Trunk or Treat. Complete the registration form, available on the St. Clair County website. Here's a link:
https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/msue/4H/forms/4-H_Trunk_or_Treat.pdf

National 4-H Week Window Display Contest

National 4-H week is October 2 - 8, 2022. Promote 4-H by participating in the National 4-H Week Window Display Contest! Create an informative exhibit in the window of a local community business or restaurant. Show people what 4-H Youth Development is all about!

Displays must include the following:

- 4-H Clover Graphic or 4-H Grows Here and MSUE Extension Graphic
- MSU Extension St. Clair County 4-H office telephone number (810.989.6935)
- 4-H Club Name
- Location of Meetings (Town, Community Center, Church, etc.)
- Club project areas

The registration deadline is September 19th. Exhibits must be on display by October 2nd and remain in place until the end of the week. (October 8th)

Judging will take place during the display week.

- 1st Place – Ribbon & \$50.00
- 2nd Place – Ribbon & \$30.00
- 3rd Place – Ribbon & \$20.00

Every display receives a participation ribbon. Awards winners will be announced in the 4-H newsletter, 4-H website and MSUE facebook page. Copies of the 4-H and MSUE logos are available from Lori at lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org

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[Click HERE for the registration form.](#)

4-H Robotics Meetings

- Friday, August 26 2022
- 6 yrs - 10 yrs olds - 7pm
- 9 yrs - 16 yrs olds - 8pm

4-H Robotics Meetings Have Started

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church 1517 10th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060

The parking lot is on the North side of the building and please use the door on the North side as well. When you walk into the church the inside door will be locked please call at 810-488-1855 to have someone come down and open the door for you.

Meetings will be every Friday from this point forward.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to at 810-488-1855.

JOIN US NOW

ST CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

2 OPEN SEATS

The Purpose of the St. Clair County 4-H Council

- To plan, help and offer advice for the 4-H program as follows:
 - to promote 4-H and assist the 4-H program of St. Clair County
 - to promote advancements for the betterment of the organization
 - to offer support to the St. Clair County Agricultural Society
 - to serve as an oversight body to clubs and developmental groups and act as a liaison between them and MSU Extension.

Membership

- Eligibility: any adult 21 years and over interested in supporting and promoting 4-H in St. Clair County. (Must attend 1 meeting prior to becoming a Council member)
- Each council member must serve on at least two standing committees and be involved in at least one of the three special functions (either the Auction or Spring Achievement).

Meetings

- Regular meetings are held the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. (Nominations are in September)
- November annual potluck meeting

4-H Club Leader Pictures Needed!

Photo of your 4-H Leaders are needed for the 2022 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 warchuck1@msu.edu

Deadline to submit is October 1st.

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

Attention! Club Administrative

4-H Leaders, mark your calendar!

The annual 4-H Club re-enrollment 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)

- October 3, 2022
 - 1pm - 2pm
 - 7pm - 8pm
- October 4, 2022
 - 1pm - 2pm
 - 7pm - 8pm
- October 5, 2022
 - 1pm - 2pm
 - 7pm - 8pm (this time is a zoom call meeting only)

Please RSVP to reserve your preferred time by Sept 1st by calling the office at 810-989-6935 or emailing warchuck1@msu.edu

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

4-H Horse Winter Projects meetings

Meetings will take place on the Goodells County Park 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, the 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 Horse Project Round Table Discussions

- Thursday
- September 29, 2022
- 6pm
- Goodells County Park, Community Bld

Who should attend? 4-H Members, 4-H Parents, 4-H Leaders that are interested in helping direct the 4-H Horse Project area.

Your input is needed to help improve and grow the 4-H Horse Project area. Facilitated regarding workshops, scholarships, shows and recruitment will be facilitated at each table.

Information gathered will be used to plan the upcoming 2023 4-H Program year.

Please RSVP to warchuck1@msu.edu or 810-989-6935 by September 19, 2022

4-H Shooting Sports Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
7pm
Goodells, Main Room

If your club participates in shooting sports you must send a representative!

4-H Dog Committee Meeting

Thursday
September 22, 2022
7pm
MSU Extension Office Port Huron

Clubs participating in the 4-H Dog project must send a representative!

St. Clair County wrap-ups

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

4-H Lake-to-Table 2022 was a success!

More than 20 4-Hers (including their adult person) participated in the 2022 4-H Lake to Table event on Saturday, August 20, 2022. This event is a partnership between Maacomb County, St. Clair County 4-H programs and Happy Days Fishing Camp in Columbus Twp in St. Clair County. The weather was perfect for a day of fishing. Participants fished, cleaned their catch, and then enjoyed the catch of the day for lunch over an open fire. 4-Hers also learned the rules related to fishing and conservation so this fantastic fishing sport can continue for generations to come.

I can't thank this team of volunteers enough, for making this event possible.

Back row from left to right – Mr. Stahl, Steve Aguinaga, Ken Rabine, Joe Provost, Dale Avery, Jacky Avery, Tim Warchuck, Lori Warchuck 4-H Program Coordinator St. Clair Co.

Front row from left to right – Mrs. Stahl, Jacqui Rabine, Linda Taylor (committee chair), Mark Taylor, Seth Martin 4-H Program Coordinator Maacomb Co.

St. Clair County - Fair News

Are you looking for your Fair items?

Still projects that were not picked-up at the end of Fair were brought to the MSU Extension Office: **200 Grand River Ave #102, Port Huron, MI** Please retrieve them during office hours 8am-4:30pm, M-F (closed for lunch from noon until 1pm.)

A box of miscellaneous "Lost and Found" items from the Fair is also at the MSU Extension Office. Pass the word.

The following youth have trophies waiting at the MSUE office to be picked-up!

Brooklyn Pempelmaeker
Daisi Dixon
Grayson Frenx
Hailey Latoski
Isabelle Treutle
Shyann Wehrlein
Hayley Bloydo

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Are you a current or former 4-H'er?

Join us for the MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception

Sept. 7
5:30 - 7 p.m.

North Hall, 2000 North Hall of Agriculture

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 7.

All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the grassy area on the north side of the 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.

Learn more canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception.

Nominate an extraordinary 4-H alum today!

Nomination deadline: Oct. 1, 2022

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.

For details and the online nomination form, visit <http://m4hfdn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion

Various Locations

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 7 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

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>

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WATER'S FIRE GOT TO DO WITH... HABITAT?!

WITH ERIKA MEINIS

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN, VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

October 11 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023/>

Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife!

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a leap into wetlands and riparian areas and climb to the high desert grasslands to take a closer look at plant biodiversity.

Join us on Tuesday, **October 11th, 2022 at 6:30pm EST** for "Water's Fire Got To Do With... Habitat?!" You will meet a Northern Michigan University master's candidate and Biological Science Technician at Voyageurs National Park, Erika Meinis, learn about her field 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 series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm EST.

Pre-registration is required: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023/>

STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, 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 re-connect 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 program. 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