



**St. Clair County 4-H News & Events**

**St. Clair County 4-H Staff**

**From Lori Warchuck's Desk**

**4-H Re Enrollment**

It's time to re-enroll in Michigan 4-H!

Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that tackled the new v24HOnline system and accomplished their re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year. We still have work to do to accomplish 100 % of our re-enrollment goal. We still have many members and volunteers that still need to accomplish this task in the v24HOnline system.

Please log into the v24HOnline system and update your profile at <https://v2.4honline.com>

As a reminder, there will be no participation fees collected for the current program year so there is no cost to re-enroll.

**4-H Volunteers you should have received a letter from the office with re-enrollment instructions.**

[https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

**If you are having difficulty with the volunteer management systems please feel free to reach out to the office for help.**

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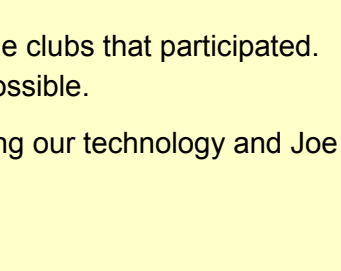
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**NOTE:** Most of our MSU Extension staff are working remotely. If you leave a message on the voicemail we can return the call from off site. Thank you for your patience in continuing to let us serve you over the phone and via the internet. If you have to drop something off the drop box is still available.

**4-H Council Virtual Auction Wrap Up -**

The 2021 4-H Council Virtual Auction took place February 25 to 27, 2021. The Auction featured 52 items donated by fourteen 4-H Clubs. There were some challenges but overall the virtual event was a success. Grand total was \$3,557.00 with 50% of the money donated to a local charity and 50% will go to the clubs that participated. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event possible.



A special thank you to Megan Tomasek for coordinating our technology and Joe Provost for coordinating our curbside pick up service.

Item sale totals by club can be viewed below.

Bits of Luck / Vet Quest	- \$95.00
Brockway	\$95.00
Clover Kids	\$45.00
Council	\$1,411.00
Country Clovers	\$116.00
Country Connections	\$695.00
Equestrian Express	\$80.00
Extraordinary Explorers	\$120.00
Furry Friend & Fun	\$40.00
No Limits	\$30.00
Rimrock Acres	\$483.00
Rustic Ramblers	\$170.00
Sharp Shooters	\$85.00
<b>Grand total -</b>	<b>\$3,557.00</b>

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

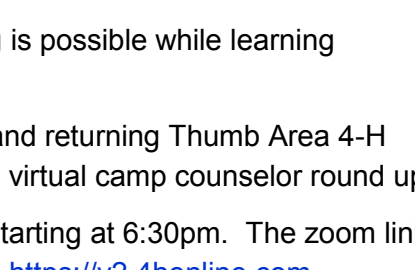
- 2021**
- March 8 Fair Board Meeting
  - March 15 4-H Council Zoom Meeting
  - March 18 4-H Horse Leaders Zoom Meeting
  - April 12 Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Virtual Round Up
  - May 1 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Discovery Days (weigh in Goodells)
  - June 26 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Shooting Sports Tournament, Blue Water Sportsman's Club
  - June 27 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Archery Tournament, Goodells County Park
  - July 19-24 St Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair
  - Aug 14 4-H Day Camp

Check out the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page for more information and activities <https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty> and <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/> events and <https://msue.stclaircounty.org> or call (810) 989-6935

**LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM NOTES:**

**Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Virtual Round Up**

Do you love the outdoors? The smell of a marshmallow roasting over an open fire is your favorite scent. You love crafts, kayaking and tree climbing. Your friends say you're great with kids. You want to give back and become part of something bigger. If you relate to this, then there's the perfect opportunity waiting for you this summer at Thumb Area 4-H Camp. We're looking for fun, crazy, and responsible youth ages 15 - 19 to take on a role where almost anything is possible while learning leadership skills.



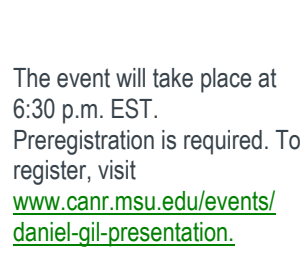
Youth ages 15 – 19 interested in the program and returning Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselors are invited to participate in a virtual camp counselor round up.

Zoom call will take place on Monday, April 12 starting at 6:30pm. The zoom link will be emailed to those who have registered at <https://v2.4honline.com>

Thumb Area 4-H Camp takes place July 6-9th (counselors come in on the 5th) at Camp Cavell Located in Lexington, Michigan, north of Port Huron, Camp Cavell covers over 55 acres of land, with 1,800 feet of beautiful Lake Huron shoreline.

Facilities include: riding stables, sports field, waterfront area, camp-out sites, basketball court and more.

**Michigan 4-H presents American Ninja Warrior Daniel Gil**



Join Michigan 4-H on March 24 for a special presentation by 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil!

During the free virtual event, Gil will discuss overcoming obstacles. This unique opportunity is open to all Michigan youth and their families.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST. Preregistration is required. To register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation).

**4-H Events and Workshops**

March 4— April 8: 4-H Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club  
*Zoom Webinar*

Explore ecosystems, Michigan wildlife, and citizen science by examining trail camera footage. The club will meet each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. EST through April 8.  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club)

March 9: Wild Spartans Series - Searching for Vernal Pools  
*Zoom Webinar*

Join each month to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In March, dive into the springtime ephemeral pools in the woods to discover the treasures within!  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march)

March 10: Officer Training - Virtual Edition!  
*Zoom Webinar*

This training is open to all 4-Hers in Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The youth-focused training will offer instruction on running club meetings virtually and tips for voting in a virtual meeting, as well as provide an opportunity to try out various features.  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10)

March 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series 2021  
*Zoom Webinar*

This youth-led series, occurring monthly, is a safe place for past, present, and future MSU Tollgate Farm stewards and stewards-in-training to connect or reunite as a community and to explore resiliency and growth as youth leaders.  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-march-18](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-march-18)

March 16: 4-H Give Green Day  
*Everywhere*

Michigan 4-H is once again joining MSU's #GiveGreenDay. Help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support Michigan 4-H youth.  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day)

March 23: The Roots and Branches of Your Family Tree  
*Zoom Webinar*

Ever wondered about the traditions in your family, where they came from or how they settled where they are now? Join this webinar to learn how to start researching your family tree.  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-roots-and-branches-of-your-family-tree>

April 1: 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

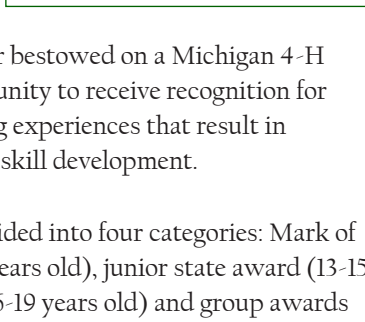
4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline)

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

**Apply for a 2021**

**4-H State Award!**

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1, 2021. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).

**Join the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team!**

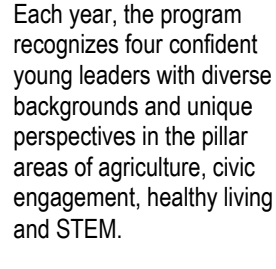
Youth ages 15-19 are invited to apply for the new Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team to help create a friendly, positive environment for Michigan youth and communities. The Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance is the brainchild of two Michigan 4-H teens who attended the [2020 National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute](https://www.national4h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/) and were inspired to create positive change in their 4-H community.

Applications are being accepted for the teen leadership team that will serve as advisors for the state-level Alliance. These leaders will develop leadership skills and help to create opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to come together in fun, positive, and supportive ways. While this group is being established through Michigan 4-H, youth do NOT need to be 4-H'ers to apply; this opportunity is open to all teens interested in supporting the inclusion and participation of LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in Michigan 4-H.

Teen leaders will meet two to three times per month and should plan on committing about three hours of their time each month. The first meeting will be in April. This teen leadership team is just the beginning; additional opportunities will be available for youth who wish to serve on regional or local Alliance leadership teams, as well as join and participate as members.

Applications from prospective youth leadership members will be accepted from February 15 – March 15 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hlgbtqia/>. Youth interested in learning more about the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance are encouraged to attend an optional Zoom open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required to participate in the open house, and can be completed at <https://bit.ly/3q6v1D8>. For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educator Brian Wibby at [wibby@msu.edu](mailto:wibby@msu.edu).

**4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open**



Apply now for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 29. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.