

AUGUST 2021

St. Clair County 4-H News & Events

St. Clair County 4-H Staff

From Lori Warchuck's Desk

It certainly has been an interesting year! It has been exciting and challenging getting back into the routine of having club meetings after such a long break. Club and project meetings are such an important part of the 4-H experience and we hope that members make every effort to attend. It's the best way to stay connected and informed with everything 4-H.

Below is some helpful information regarding the importance of attending club meetings and keeping meeting attendance records.

Why is taking attendance an important practice for 4-H clubs?

Adapted from an article authored by Roxanne Turner, MSU Extension.

MSU Extension believes best practice for 4-H clubs is to take attendance at all meetings. Although Roberts Rules of Order, 12th edition doesn't talk about requiring attendance, it does share some reasons why attendance is important. In addition, there are many other benefits to clubs that provide support and strength in many ways. This includes:

It allows members to feel a sense of value. Members will see that their attendance matters and they are noticed when they are at a meeting.

It provides the members with a sense of belonging. Starting a meeting off with something as simple as attendance allows everyone to participate and have a voice.

It holds people accountable.

It allows leadership of the group to know who to share information with after the meeting. The leadership will be able to quickly see who was not able to attend and can reach out to them to keep everyone current on the club happenings.

It helps leadership plan better for the future. They can see if certain meetings were less attended and consider changing the schedule.

It can help leadership see if the meetings are relevant and on point. If many meetings are poorly attended, then changes might be in order for the group.

It provides a record for meeting quorum. Taking attendance will allow the president to see if a quorum is actually present before proceeding with the meeting and will show proof of this after the minutes are placed on record.

The process for taking attendance can be done in many ways. It can be fun, quick or you can use it as a way to help youth connect or get more familiar with each other. The important part is to take the attendance prior to every meeting. The formal steps to taking attendance can be found in the resource, "Congratulations! You Are Secretary of Your 4-H Club."

If you have any questions please contact me at (810) 989-6935, thank you, Lori Warchuck, 4-H Program Coordinator.

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4-H Administrative Club Leader Update Meetings

The following leader update meeting dates are available (all clubs must send a representative)

October 5 – 1pm - 2pm or 7pm - 8pm at the MSUE Office

October 6 – 1pm - 2pm or 7pm - 8pm Zoom Link will be emailed

October 7 – 2pm - 3pm or 7pm - 8pm at the MSUE Office

Agenda items to include but not limited to the following:

4-H enrollment (free)

End of year reporting

Contact the office to reserve your space by October 1st. Call Lori Brockdorff at 810-989-6935

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

8/3 - 4-H Dog Committee Meeting / 7pm at Goodells (bring your dog for a group walk)

8/4 – Livestock Committee Meeting / 7pm at Goodells

8/9 – Fair Board Meeting / 7pm at Goodells

8/9 – 4-H Virtual Showcase Registration Closes

8/19 – 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting / 7pm at Goodells

8/23 – Postal Shooting Sports Tournament Targets Due (MSUE 4-H Office P. H.)

8/28 – County Shooting Sports Tournament (Live Fire, Archery, BB Gun, Air Rifle) Goodells

9/13 – Fair Board Meeting / 7pm Goodells

9/20 – 4-H Council Meeting / 7pm Goodells

9/16 – 4-H Horse Leaders / 7pm Goodells

10/9 – 4-H Dog Show / Fun Match Goodells

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 (810) 989-6935

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H & YOUTH FAIR WRAP UP

The 2021 SCC 4-H & Youth Fair took place July 19 – 24 and reached record numbers in attendance. Here are just a couple of highlights.

Congratulations to our 2021 Fair Court. Our 2021 Fair King is Luke Pettinger and our First Runner Up Carson Black. Our 2021 Fair Queen is Emma Grettenberger and our First Runner Up is Leah VandeWarker. Our court members are Brianna Rich, IsaBelle Stull, Breanna Ngow, Nathan Yera, Tyler Danielson, and Dylan Sawdon. Congratulations to all of our Court Members.



Congratulations to the 2021 SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Exhibitor of the Year Brendan Yera. Exhibitor of the year winners receive a \$150 from the SCC 4-H Council and their name on the traveling trophy. Presenting the award is 2020 Virtual Fair Exhibitor of the Year Nathan Yera. Congratulations!

DID YOU WIN A TROPHY? These folks did and they are at the MSU Extension office: Abigail Ries-vegetables, Heather Jacobs-woodworking, Kiera Perry-photography, Isabelle Minieliu-poultry, Charlotte Bojer-rabbits, Corbin Smith-animal science, Dasi Dixon-2 art, Brooklyn Depelsmaker-art, Genesis Duncan-crops & food prep, Brianca Bojer-food prep

NOTE: Leftover projects, trophies and lost and found items are available for pickup at the MSU Extension 4-H Office M – F from 8am – 4:30pm (closed noon – 1pm for lunch). Projects & trophies not picked up by September 1 will be discarded with trophies being repurposed. Lost & found items will be donated.

2022 Fair Dates – July 18 – 22

Live Fire Tournament
 archery, bb gun, air rifle events
Saturday 8/28/21
 bb gun, air rifle events start at 8am
 archery to start at 10am
 Goodells County Park
 (Grove Area Near the Quonset Hut)
 Must be a registered 4-Her to participate!
 Watch for registration information soon!

St. Clair County 4-H Virtual Showcase 2021
<http://virtual-showcase.fairentry.com/>
 This Virtual Showcase option is for registered 4-H families with youth 5-19 years old. There is no cost for competing in this Showcase. You will gain virtual technology skills, maybe even win a ribbon or two, so try this new way of competing! **REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 9TH** to register for 4-H go to v2.4honline.com

Archery Fun Shoot
Great News!!!
 We are holding an Archery Shoot on Saturday August 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Sanilac County Fairgrounds in the field by the FFA Barn. We will have target and 3-D targets. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. Any 4-H Shooting Sports Youth 8-19 is welcome to participate.

Take part in the State Tournament 4-H Mail-In Match for shooting sports! In lieu of a 2021 State Shoot, shooting sports competitors are encouraged to take part in the Michigan 4-H Mail-In Match! This statewide event features competition at the home club, saving time and money. Events will be offered in all shooting disciplines, including air pistol, and members can compete in multiple experiences all for free!

The Match may help clubs to meet the pre-requisite of local competition prior to entry into the State Shooting Championships. Scores must be reported by September 26. Learn more and find rules and registration at www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/tournaments

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

All face-to-face restrictions lifted for Michigan 4-H

On June 30, all face-to-face meeting requirements were removed for in-person 4-H activities. Michigan 4-H clubs and groups may now meet face-to-face as desired!

Please continue to keep a record of attendance for in-person events, via meeting minutes, registration, attendance log or other methods.

In-person events are encouraged to continue following best practices such as meeting outside, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer, frequently sanitizing surfaces and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them.

It has been a long road for our 4-H community since the pandemic landed on our doorsteps. We are thankful to have worked virtually with you over the last year and are very excited to see you again in-person!

4-H Events and Workshops

August 1-31: Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge
Communities across Michigan
 Michigan 4-H and Learning To Give partnered to challenge all youth and adults to serve their communities. Their goal is to have at least one project in all 83 counties across the state of Michigan—plan your service project today!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dare-to-serve-challenge-august-2021

August 4: Adulting 101—Cooking
Online
 Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This session will cover the basics in the kitchen; learn about tools needed as well as ideas to keep you safe and healthy in the kitchen.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-cooking

August 11: Adulting 101—Credit and Why it Matters
Online
 Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This session will teach participants about credit and why it is important.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-credit

August 14: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series 2021
Online
 Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time, or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series. This session will focus on companion planting.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-aug-14

August 18: Adulting 101—Choose Your Future
Online
 Adulting 101 helps high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. Join this session to explore how to choose a career path that is compatible with your interests, skills, values, and personality.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-summer-future

August 21, 2021: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show
Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna
 The Michigan State 4-H Dog Show provides an opportunity for 4-H members aged 8-19 to compete in showmanship, obedience, rally and agility classes. Register by August 6.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-state-dog-show

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

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!
 MSU Extension is excited to partner again in 2021 with the Michigan State Fair for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 23! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more. There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting [project photos and videos](#). Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 2-6.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.