



St. Clair County 4-H Family News

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St. Clair County 4-H News & Events

St. Clair County 4-H Staff

From Lori Warchuck's Desk

Hello 4-H Families,
 Welcome to the new 4-H program year. The 4HOnline system is ready for your re-enrollment. It is important for members and leaders to re-enroll to stay connected and up to date with all the happenings in 4-H. 4-H enrollment is FREE!!
 Here is information regarding re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year.

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Members

- Please log into your family profile and update your information to re-enroll. <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Visit the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page and watch for the monthly 4-H newsletter for the latest opportunities.
- Do your part to stay connect to your club by attending meetings and reaching out to volunteers when needed.

Email: msue@stclaircounty.org
 Web Site: msue.stclaircounty.org

Current Volunteers

- Please log into your family profile and update your information to re-enroll. <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Watch your email for a request to complete your annual compliances from Volunteer Central (background checks etc.). Subject in the email will read FROM-Volunteer Management System SUBJECT - Please Renew Annual Background Check Authorizations and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due. The email will contain the link to the system. Current volunteers will log into their established profile (do not create a new profile) and complete the requirements.

Location:
 MSU Extension
 St. Clair County Administration Building
 200 Grand River Ave #102
 Port Huron MI 48060
 Phone: 810-989-6935

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.

Administrative Club Leaders

- Contact the MUSE office at 810-989-6935 to reserve your clubs spot for 4-H Club annual leader update meetings in October (10/5-10/6-10/7). All clubs must send a representative to remain a club in good standing with the 4-H program.

Adults interested in becoming a New Volunteer

- Clubs with adults interested in becoming a new 4-H volunteer can start the Volunteer Selection Process by applying at <https://msu.samaritan.com/> Once at the web page click apply. SCC 4-H Volunteers will apply as Gold Volunteers. Potential volunteers should be prepared to submit at least 3 unrelated personal references. Reference information needs to include current email addresses.

If you have questions feel free to contact the office for assistance 810-989-6935

Have a fantastic day!

Lori Warchuck, 4-H Program Coordinator

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

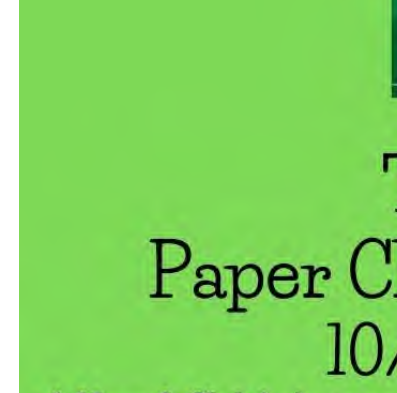
LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2021**
- 10/3 to 10/9—National 4-H Week
 - 10/5 to 10/7—Administrative Club Leader Updates/Re-enrollment
 - 10/4—4-H Winter Horse Projects start at 6:30 Goodells Co. Park, Hoof Care with Ferrier Jeff Smith
 - 10/9 – 4-H Dog Show / Fun Match Goodells
 - 10/6 to 10/17—TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign, a great way to showcase your 4-H Club, timeslots available, call Lori W or email lwarchuck@stclaircounty.org
 - 10/11—Fair Board Meeting, 7 pm at Goodells County Park Community Building
 - 11/1—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Getting Your Horse to Respect You
 - 11/5—4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, invitations will be mailed in October
 - 11/8—Fair Board Meeting, 7 pm at Goodells County Park Community Building
 - 11/15—4-H Leaders Council Meeting (pot luck at County Administration Bldg)
 - 11/18—4-H Horse Leaders Meeting
 - 12/6—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Christmas Party with Colors and Markings
 - 12/28—4-H Hunting & Wildlife Presents—Winter Birds at the Pine River Nature Center

- 2022**
- 1/3—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, TBD
 - 1/22—4-H Winter Achievement (save the date, more info to follow)
 - 2/7—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Nutrition and the Digestive System
 - 2/26—4-H Council Auction
 - 3/7—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Diseases, Colic, Parasites, Including Common Ailments
 - 4/4—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Showmansip, How to Get Your Horse to Cooperate

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 PROGRAM AT Selfridge Air National Guard Base wrap up



4-H Volunteers & staff spent September 11, 2021 at Selfridge ANGFB bringing 4-H activities for military kids during the 127th Wing Family Appreciation Day!



This children and parents were so grateful that we were there and kept thanking all of us. It was also a privilege to be part of remembering 9/11 and those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms!

Our 4-H Volunteer team also received a Chief Coin for our work today and our past programming efforts at Selfridge. What an amazing honor!

From front to back – Joe Provost, Colleen Provost, Katlyn Burns, Megan Tomasek, Lori Warchuck, Jacqui Rabine, Katrina Jordan (Not Pictured – Peggy Gregg and Rob Usakowski)

Thank you all!

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H LEADER & SUPPORTER AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED

- 4-H VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
- FRIEND OF 4-H
- 4-H CLUB EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE
- EXCELLENCE IN 4-H MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT
- EXCELLENCE IN 4-H PROGRAMING

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2021 4-H LEADERS BANQUET
 NOMINATION FORMS DUE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021
 FORMS AVAILABLE AT: [HTTP://WWW.STCLAIRCOUNTY.ORG/OFFICES/MSUE/4H/FRIEND4H.ASPX](http://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/msue/4h/friend4h.asp)



4-H MEMBER 9-13
 FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 6:30PM
 GOODELLS COUNTY PARK
 YOU DO NOT NEED A HORSE TO PARTICIPATE!
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 LUCY BROWN - 586-855-3215
 NIKKI SCOTT - 810-533-4888
 MARIANE MOSKAL - 810-305-9834

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign 10/6 - 17/2021

4-Hers & Club help is needed to sell paper clovers at our local TSC stores. 4-Hers that work at least 6 hours will earn scholarships to state & local events. Our local 4-H program will earn \$ too.

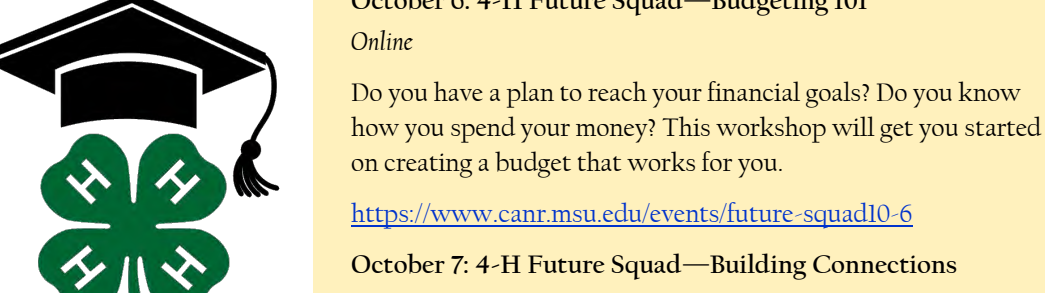
Call the MSUE office for more info & to book your date, time and store at 810-989-6935.

4-H Appreciates Our Volunteers SAVE THE DATE 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friday, November 5, 2021
 Invitations will be mailed in October

SAVE THE DATE 4-H WINTER ACHIEVEMENT 1/22/2022

The updated event catalog will be available soon at <http://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/msue/4h/WinterAchieve>



Ava Dove Public Speaking and Demonstrations (8-11 yrs. Old) Fair Class 09

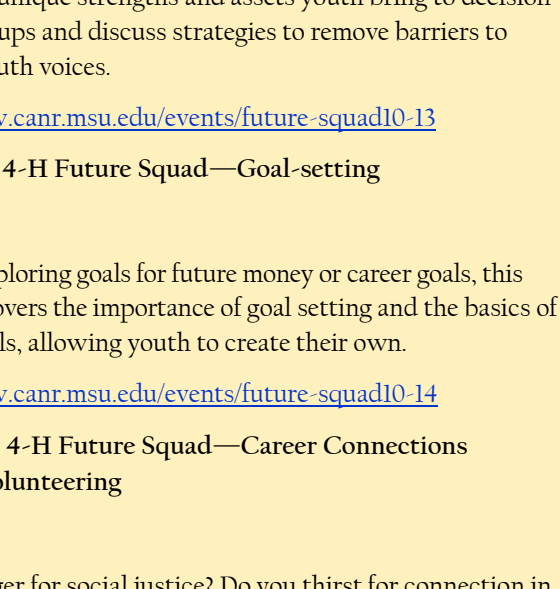
Hello, my name is Ava Dove. I am 11 years old and today I will be talking about cancer and how it has affected one of the most special people in my life, my grandma "Marilyn Dove". Now, there are many different types of cancer but today I am going to talk about neck cancer. When her doctor found the tumor, her cancer was already at a stage four. It started at the base of her tongue, then moved into her neck and had already grown into the size of a golf ball. Her doctor sent her to Karmanos in Detroit, where the doctors there only gave her two options. The first option was to remove the base of her tongue where the cancer was, however, by doing this she would never be able to talk again and have a permanent feeding tube placed which meant a poor quality of life. Not to mention, she would still have to have a complete neck dissection surgery, chemo and 35 treatments of radiation. The doctors said her second option would only give her a 20% survival rate. She would still go through a complete neck dissection surgery, then seven weeks of radiation and chemo treatments. So, as a family it was decide to start the treatment option number two. Her neck dissection surgery went well, however, the chemo and radiation made her very, very sick and changed her life forever but she fought and survived. The treatments made her so weak that she could barely walk. She also lost a lot of weight and had to have a feeding tube placed. As time went by, she slowly started to feel better and become strong again. Since her cancer treatment ended, Granma has to have many doctor visits and at least four CAT scans every year to make sure the cancer has not come back.

Approximately 10 years after her cancer treatment finished, she started having a lot of problems with her jaw and teeth because the radiation treatments are still changing the areas of her body that were treated. When she had the radiation treatments the radiation went down into her mouth, spun around to the left side of the neck and finally over to the right side of her neck. The radiation treatments also caused a lot of damage in her throat making it very narrow and very hard to swallow.

In 2018, 15 years after Grandma's cancer treatment, her jaw and tooth pain became very bad. The doctor told her that the radiation treatments that helped the cancer go away has continued to eat away at parts of her jaw, mouth and throat that were in the path of the radiation treatment. He said her only option to fix her jaw and tooth paid was have her jaw replaced.

Grandma's jaw replacement surgery took 16 plus hours with a team of 6 doctors working hard so she could finally feel better. The doctors used a bone, vein and skin from her right leg to fix the damage to her jaw and inside of her mouth. They also had to make an opening in her neck for a "Trach" so she could breathe easier and talk after surgery. She had to stay in the hospital for two weeks after her jaw replacement surgery so the doctors could keep a close eye on her. Not only did Grandma have to heal from the surgery but she also needed to learn how to breathe and talk again with the trach. Even after she was allowed to go home it still took her a long time to recover. She was able to have the trach removed four months after the surgery and the feeding tube six months after that. She still has a very hard time drinking and trying to eat many types of food, but she never gives up and always has a positive attitude.

To this day, the doctors are so surprised that she has never freaked out or became sad about having cancer and knowing that she only had a 20% chance of surviving. I am always nervous that something will happen to her but, I know she will never give up fighting. She is the best grandma that anyone could ask for, which I hope she knows. It breaks my heart that she has gone through so much, but it shows how very brave and super strong she is. If you are close to someone that has cancer or has beat cancer you know what it's like. I really hope there is a cure for this sickness in the future even though it is too late to cure my grandma. I hope by sharing my story it will help others know that even with a 20% survival rate it is worth the fight!



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping in both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 6-17.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

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4-H Scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Events and Workshops

- October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101 Online
 Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_6
- October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections Online
 Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_7
- October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice Online
 Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_13
- October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting Online
 Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_14
- October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering Online
 Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_20
- October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking Online
 This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_27
- October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management Online
 Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.
https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future_squad10_28
 For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>

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Michigan 4-H Volunteer Reminders

Welcome to the 2021-22 4-H program year! As a reminder, all Michigan 4-H volunteers are required to complete annual tasks in Volunteer Central to remain active as an MSU Extension volunteer. These steps include authorizing MSU Extension to conduct the background checks and completing the Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Agreement. The date required for this action is based on the date in which you completed this step last year and varies by person. However, a large portion of Michigan 4-H volunteers have their dates cycle at the start of the program year (September 1).

If you are curious when you completed this step last, you may login to Volunteer Central at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer_login and view the date on your dashboard under Acknowledgements and Background Checks. The Volunteer Central system will also alert you via email when you need to complete this important step; the email will come from system@ccemail.samaritan.com and the subject line will read "Annual Background Check and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due." Each annual background check and volunteer code of conduct due date will provide you a direct link to the login page and let you quickly complete this authorization. You will receive the emails requesting you to complete this important process at 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before they are due. For more information, refer to the [MSU Extension Guide to Re-Enrollment](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/503/volunteer_login) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment>.

When in Volunteer Central, you may also notice a tab called My Trainings. There are currently four trainings available that you may wish to view to learn more about MSU Extension, 4-H, Working with Youth and Communicating with Conflict. These modules provide new volunteers with a solid foundation and offer returning volunteers the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about these topics and serve as a baseline for future trainings. Please make sure that you have also enrolled in 4-H Online as a 4-H volunteer if you are a Gold Volunteer. Thank you for being a part of the Michigan 4-H program.

Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



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National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9

For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 3-9. During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and find their spark – the theme of this year's celebration.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge

In honor of National 4-H Week, the MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is hosting a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters! Starting October 3, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge, where participants will create teams of five or less and track their total miles walked to compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, the top team will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the team who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a grand prize! Each week, there will also be an individual participation prize drawing, selected at random. Challenge runs through Oct. 30!

Register today at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge.