



St. Clair County 4-H News & Events

St. Clair County 4-H Staff

From Lori Warchuck's Desk

A "BIG 4-H THANK YOU" to all the Club Administrative Leaders that have worked to complete their club end of year reporting paperwork. Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that tackled the 4HOnline 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 in INACTIVE status in the 4HOnline system.

INACTIVE STATUS: you have not re-enrolled/ updated your family profile in the system.

Club Leaders please be sure you're monitoring your club membership in the 4HOnline system; volunteers or youth holding an INACTIVE status are NOT enrolled or active with the 4-H program. ACTIVE status needs to be accomplished BEFORE participating in any club or 4-H sponsored events/ activities.

NOTE: Open enrollment for BRAND NEW 4-H members will continue throughout the program year.

If you are having difficulty with this process please contact the office 810-989-6935, we are here to help.

Welcome New Leaders:

Tomas Enright – Rustic Ramblers

Annette Burch – Jeddo Shamrocks

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

Have a fantastic day!

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2021**
- 12/6—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Christmas Party with Colors and Markings
 - 12/21—4-H Hunting & Wildlife Presents—Winter Birds at the Pine River Nature Center, \$10 per child 5-19yrs old, adult must accompany them, register today!
 - 12/28—Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Training 10 am to 3 pm, Huron County
- 2022**
- 1/2—Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Training 10 am to 3 pm, Huron County
 - 1/3—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, TBD
 - 1/10—Fair Board Meeting, 7 pm at Goodells County Park
 - 1/18—4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm at Goodells County Park
 - 1/19—Market Beef Weigh-in, tagging 8 am to 11 am Goodells County Park
 - 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
 - 2/14—Fair Board Meeting, 7 pm at Goodells Co. Park
 - 2/25—4-H Council Auction item drop off day at Goodells from noon to 7 pm
 - 2/26—4-H Council Auction, Goodells County Park
 - 3/7—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Diseases, Colic, Parasites, Including Common Ailments
 - 3/14—Fair Board meeting, 7 pm at Goodells Co. Park
 - 3/17—Horse Leaders meeting, 7 pm at Goodells Co. Park
 - 4/4—4-H Winter Horse Project, 6:30 at Goodells Co. Park, Showmanship, How to Get Your Horse to Cooperate
 - 4/23 and 4/24—Thumb Area 4-H Counselor Training, at Camp Cavell, Lexington
 - 5/7—4-H Day Camp, Goodells Co. Park
 - 5/21—John Tate Memorial Horse Show & State Qualifying Horse Show, at Goodells
 - 6/6 to 6/8—Thumb Area 4-H Camp at Camp Cavell, Lexington
 - 6/25-6/26 – Warm Up Horse Show & State Qualifying Horse Show, at Goodells Co. Pk.
 - 6/25-6/26 – Fair Shooting Sports Tournaments Blue Water – Archery, Goodells Co. Pk.
 - 7/18-7/23 – St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair
 - 8/20 – 4-H Lake to Table in Columbus

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

LOCAL NEWS

PROGRAM RESOURCES – Sportsmanship

The beginning of a new 4-H year brings out good intentions from many of us, members and leaders alike. Sometimes our enthusiasm for the competitive part of our 4-H experience can overshadow our good intentions and real mission of our 4-H activities. While it is often thought that participation in competitive events builds good character, it doesn't automatically happen.

Just as a 4-H leader has a plan for each meeting or event for the 4-H year, we need to develop an action plan for learning good sportsmanship through our 4-H activities. Good sportsmanship is a critical skill for youth. Competitive events and activities provide a great opportunity for youth to learn how to be fair, respectful and gracious whether they win or lose. Let's not leave this important skill to chance and add a sportsmanship component to your club meetings and activities.

To help youth practice this important skill, Michigan 4-H Youth Development has developed a series of sportsmanship activities that can be used at club meetings, events or other youth activities. Remember, exhibiting good sportsmanship is not just for youth 4-H members – it applies to everyone involved, including volunteers, parents, leaders and others. https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_sportsmanship_activity_sportsmanship_what_is_it

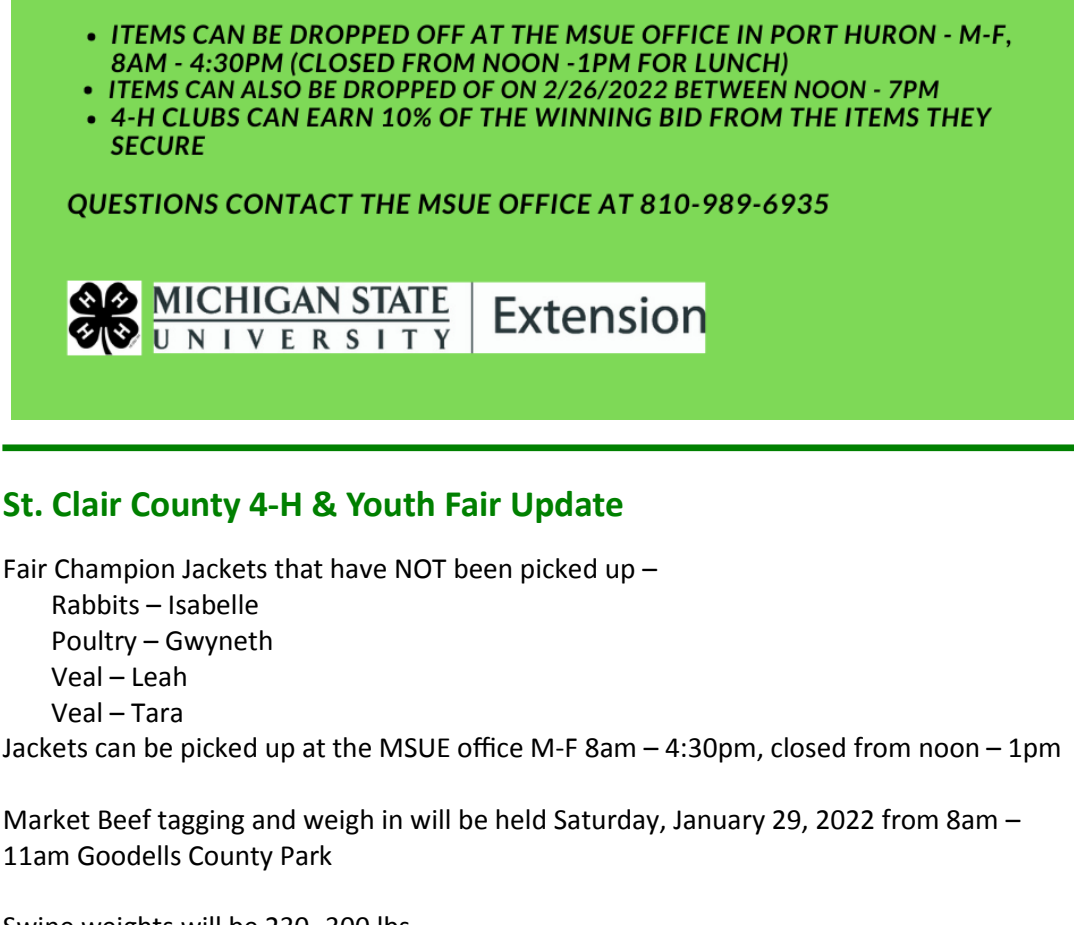
4-H Winter Achievement

Winter Achievement is a way for 4-H members to showcase their skills they have learned in the club setting. We encourage 4-Hers to bring their projects.

This exciting day features many fun and challenging project areas in which to compete. Gold Awards, and Grand Champion will be awarded to the very best projects. County Medals and Winter Achievement Top Exhibitor (\$100 cash prize for top exhibitor) will all be recognized during the event.

Event catalog available on this MSUE web page. <http://www.msue.stclaircounty.org>

ATTENDANCE please fill out this Google Form (works best with Google browser): <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fxDURL12cwOUSH2p20qhi8bfmukNwAX8b0pWPRhOBg/edit>



THUMB AREA 4-H CAMP NEEDS CAMP COUNSELORS YOUTH AGES 15 - 19

- Be a 4-H role model
- Lead fun activities
- Build relationships with peers
- Build leadership skills

2022 Training Dates
 January 2 - Initial Huron County Expo Center
 April 23-24 - Counselor Retreat (Location TBD)
 July 5 - Final training before Thumb Area 4-H Camp

Question or to request your application today!
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 810-989-6935
Application Due Date December 20, 2021

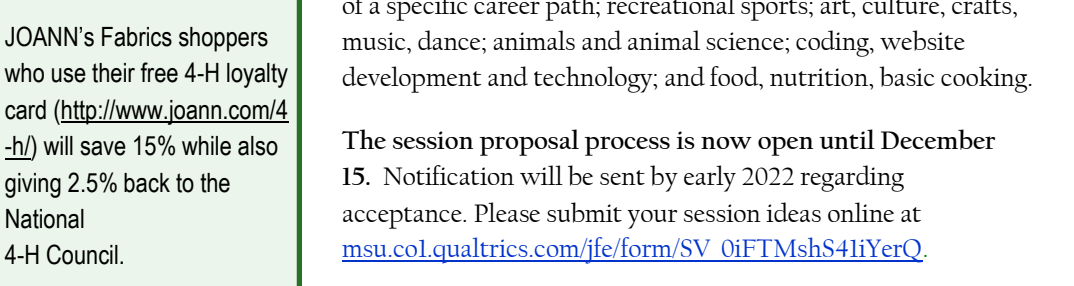
St Clair County 4-H Council Benefit Auction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022
GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

- NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS NEEDED
- SERVICES, GIFT CERTIFICATES OR HAND MADE CRAFTS

- ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MSUE OFFICE IN PORT HURON - M-F, 8AM - 4:30PM (CLOSED FROM NOON - 1PM FOR LUNCH)
- ITEMS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF ON 2/26/2022 BETWEEN NOON - 7PM
- 4-H CLUBS CAN EARN 10% OF THE WINNING BID FROM THE ITEMS THEY SECURE

QUESTIONS CONTACT THE MSUE OFFICE AT 810-989-6935



St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Update

Fair Champion Jackets that have NOT been picked up –
 Rabbits – Isabelle
 Poultry – Gwyneth
 Veal – Leah
 Veal – Tara

Jackets can be picked up at the MSUE office M-F 8am – 4:30pm, closed from noon – 1pm

Market Beef tagging and weigh in will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 8am – 11am Goodells County Park

Swine weights will be 230 - 300 lbs.

Jr. Livestock Sale - Thursday, July 21, 2022
 2022 Sale Order: Beef, Veal, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, Sheep
 Sale begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Show Arena
 Silent auction from 2:00-6:00 p.m. of blue ribbon poultry and rabbits

It's never too early to start contacting buyers
https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/4-H-Animal-Project-Marketing-Resources/general-marketing-resources

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

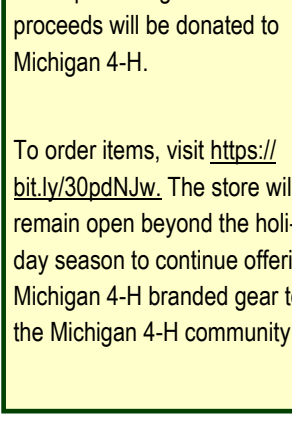
SHOP amazon smile JOANN

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Fabric when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.



Just in time for the holidays, MSU Extension is excited to launch the first-ever Michigan 4-H pop-up shop!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNjw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

Submit your ideas to host a session at 4-H Exploration Days!

4-H Exploration Days is a team effort and we need you! We're seeking inspiring and fun educational sessions for the 2022 4-H Exploration Days event!

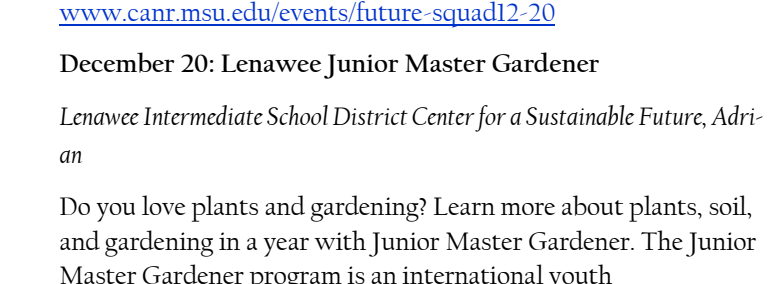
An exciting pre-college program for youth ages 12-19, 4-H Exploration Days bring together approximately 1,500 youth from across the state of Michigan. The 2022 event is now for June 22-June 24, on the campus of MSU and is slow is your chance to get involved! We are looking for sessions and instructors that allow youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

Sessions will be offered in 2.5, 3 and 6 hour time blocks on Thursday or Friday. Information on instructor roles and session times can be found on the 4-H Exploration Days website under at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.

Think outside the box for session ideas! Some great session topics areas in the past included: mental health/self care; a day in the life of a specific career path; recreational sports; art, culture, crafts, music, dance; animals and animal science; coding, website development and technology; and food, nutrition, basic cooking.

The session proposal process is now open until December 15. Notification will be sent by early 2022 regarding acceptance. Please submit your session ideas online at msu.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iFTMshS4iYerQ.

If you need assistance with the survey, have questions, or would like to submit session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please reach out to Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu and/or send an e-mail to: 4h.expodays@msu.edu.



Explore democracy at the 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about the nation's government.

Participants will enjoy hands-on leadership workshops, meet with U.S. senators and representatives and tour historical sites. Featuring national experts and leaders, along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country, this is a can't miss experience for Michigan 4-Hers!

The Michigan delegation will depart by bus on Saturday, June 25 and return on Friday, July 1. The first stop along the route is the 9/11 Memorial in Pennsylvania followed by an overnight stay in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War before heading on to Washington, D.C.

Once in D.C., the group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The cost for this trip is \$2,000 per youth, which includes transportation, lodging, conference costs and most meals. Spaces for this exciting event are limited, to learn more contact your local 4-H program coordinator or email Connie Lange at langecc@msu.edu

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Events and Workshops

December 6: Future Squad—Making a Connection in a Minute or Less *Zoom Webinar*

Did you know that you make a great first impression in one minute or less with a great elevator pitch? Learn how in this interactive session for Future Squad members.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-6

December 7: Grow Your Money— Investing and Risk *Zoom Webinar*

Young people have the advantage of time when it comes to investing. Start your path to wealth at a young age and learn how to make your money work for you!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-12-7

December 11: Mason County 4-H Sweet Sales Workshop *West Shore Community College, Scottville, and Zoom Webinar*

Learn how to make candy and learn the financial skills to sell your own candy.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-sweet-sales-workshop

December 14: Shiawassee 4-H Family Holiday Goosechase *Online*

Use the Goosechase app to collect the array of items requested. Upload the images and receive points for each. Get the whole family involved! Just use your mobile phone and have your family help you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-family-holiday-goosechase

December 17: 'Tis the Season to be Scientific Virtual Challenge *Online*

Mason County 4-H is hosting a virtual holiday and STEM-themed Goosechase scavenger hunt with prizes going to the top three finishers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-tis-the-season-to-be-scientific-virtual-challenge

December 20: 4-H Future Squad - Are You Paying Yourself First *Zoom Webinar*

Putting aside money for the future can help you achieve your goals. Learn how to pay yourself first and create a saving habit in your life for both short-term and long-term goals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

December 20: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener

Lenawee Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil, and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

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