



## St. Clair County 4-H News &amp; Events

## St. Clair County 4-H Staff

## From Lori Warchuck's Desk

Happy New Year!!

Moving into 2022 and the new 4-H program year, there are two elements of the St Clair County 4-H program that have been identified as priorities:

Recruiting/retaining youth members and adult volunteers

4-H community service projects.

Both of these elements are important pieces that make for a successful and meaningful 4-H experience.

Recruiting 4-H members can be a challenge. Often, we rely on new members coming to our club through word of mouth or with an existing member. In some cases, we think promoting 4-H is the responsibility of the State or county 4-H MSU Extension offices. In reality, promoting 4-H is all of our responsibility! Why wouldn't we want to be a part of telling how 4-H is Making a Difference in our lives and our members lives?

Be creative in promoting your club and club activities and club community service projects.

Service to the community – through food drives, raking the yard of an elderly neighbor, adopt-a-highway programs, to name a few.

Recruit new members & volunteers by sharing their story is through social media, especially if your club has social media sites. Also, consider creating a local video for recruitment through your 4-H club. Participants in 4-H clubs can also take advantage of serving as a vendor at community events to share their experience and the impact of 4-H with people they meet.

4-H clubs, volunteers and members can help the local 4-H program recruit more volunteers by sharing their experience and telling their stories on the positive impact 4-H has had on their lives. When more 4-H volunteers are recruited, it increases the chances of a county 4-H program to make a difference in the lives of youth and adults. It can all get started with getting out in the community and sharing a great story.

## Welcome New Leader:

Sarah Knust – Rustic Ramblers 4-H Club / Gardening Project Leader

## 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_sportsmanship_activity_sportsmanship_what_is_it)

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

## 2022

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

## 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/1fxDURLI12cwOuSHzPz0qhi8bfnuKwAX8b0pWPRhOBgd/edit>

## St. Clair County 4-H Council Benefit Auction:

This is the only fundraiser that the Leaders' Council holds each year to earn monies for its annual budget. This money goes back directly into the St. Clair County 4-H Program. What kind of things does this pay for? Previously Council supported these activities – EXPLORATION DAYS TRIP, WINTER ACHIEVEMENT EVENT, SUPPLIES FOR WORKSHOPS, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, 4-H LEADERS BANQUET, and LEADER TRAINING.

The auction is fun too; the bidding gets fierce with bidding wars on the strangest items.

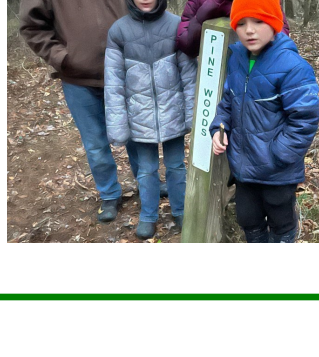
Your club can use this as a fundraiser since your club will receive 10% of the money earned from each item you arrange to be part of the auction.

WHAT ITEMS GO TO AUCTION?: To help you in your search, we would like to give you some ideas: If you have clubs with crafty parents, home-made craft items go well. Contact businesses you know and ask for donations. Several families could go together and purchase an item. Keep in mind that we need new quality items. Contact your doctor, lawyer, and insurance salesman. They may not have items to donate, but we gladly accept cash donations.

LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR THE SUCCESS IT ALWAYS IS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CLUBS, EARN SOME EXTRA CASH AND HAVE FUN!

## CLUB UPDATE:

Equestrian Express 4H club is proud to announce that we have joined the Adopt A Trail program at the Pine River Nature Center in Goodells



## St. Clair County 4-H &amp; 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/youth_business_guide_to_success/4-H-Animal-Project-Marketing-Resources/general-marketing-resources)

## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

## MSU Extension

## Day at the Breslin

## returns in 2022!

MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H

Feb. 27, 2022

Make plans to attend the 2022 MSU Extension Day at the Breslin featuring Michigan 4-H! Gather with 4-H friends, families, volunteers and staff to cheer on the MSU women's basketball team as they take on the Ohio State University Buckeyes on Sunday, Feb. 27 at MSU's Jack Breslin Student Events Center.

Tickets will be available starting in January through your county MSU Extension office. Learn more at: [www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-day-at-the-breslin-featuring-michigan-4-h).

The 2022 4-H Capitol Experience will take place March 20-23, in Okemos and downtown Lansing. Registration will be available in January, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience) for more information.

## Be a Wild Spartan in 2022!

Join 4-H staff to take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer.

Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Monthly sessions will begin in January and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Each 30 minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2022/>.

## Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Authored by Christine Heverly, MSU Extension

Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorff.

As we start to think ahead to the New Year, how can 4-H clubs resolve to improve in the year ahead? Here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one.

Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order and that all club paperwork, such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements, will be completed in a timely manner.

3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.

4. The club meeting place will be a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for all club members.

5. Fun will be included in each meeting.

6. A learning activity will be included in each club meeting. Ideas include exploring a new 4-H curriculum, having members volunteer to do a demonstration, doing a show and tell about each members' favorite project, or bringing in a guest speaker.

7. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.

8. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.

9. The 4-H pledge will be said at every meeting.

10. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.

## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATE

## FOR 4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!

## 4-H Capitol Experience

March 20-23, 2022

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues.

Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

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## 4-H Events and Workshops

January 11: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Team Registration Deadline Online

The Aquaculture Challenge is a competition held by Lake Superior State University and the Michigan Sea Grant Extension program. Teams sponsored by a school or after school organization are tasked with creating their own small-scale aquaponics system.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-aquaculture-challenge-team-registration-closes>

January 11: Wild Spartans Series: Butterflies, Bivalves, Birds and Beyond! Zoom Webinar

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-butterflies-bivalves-birds-and-beyond>

January 16: Trapping—4-H Hunting and Wildlife Class

Class locations will be announced one week before each class: Youth will learn skills related to hunting, wildlife and hunter safety. This is a series that is offered monthly. Participants may attend one or all classes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/trapping-4-h-hunting-wildlife-class>

January 17: National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl Online

Quiz time! Compete with 4-H shooting sport members from across the country!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-shooting-sports-quiz-bowl>

January 17: 4-H Self Expression SPIN Club

Salus Center, 408 S. Washington Square, Lansing

Join the Self-Expression SPIN Club to partake in activities such as painting, writing, musical expression, poetry and so much more at the Salus Center, Lansing LGBTQIA+ community center.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-self-expression-spin-club>

January 28: 2022 Aquaculture Challenge Virtual Open House and Team Meet & Greet Online

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January 29: State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

MSU Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, Lansing

This one day event is open to participants ages 8 to 19. To enter, exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members and own the rabbits or cavies they enter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-rabbit-and-cavy-show>

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