

St. Clair County 4-H Family News

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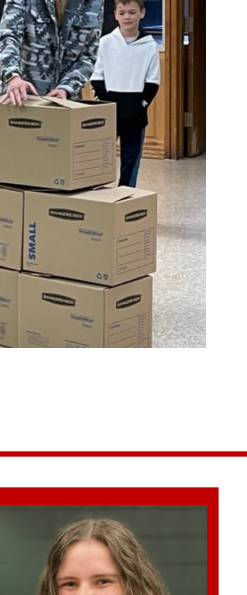
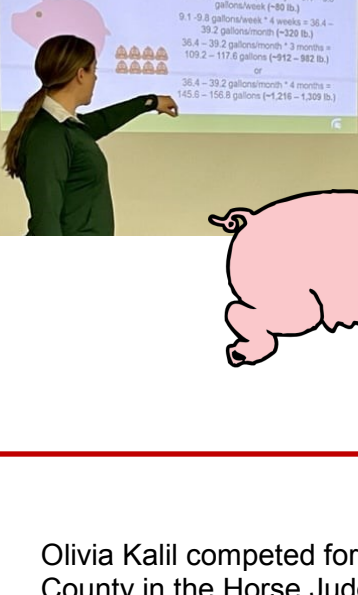
4-H Volunteers it is very important to watch your email for notification from the volunteer management system if action is necessary for 2022 annual compliance. If you're not sure if you have completed this task you can always log into your volunteer profiles at - https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home to see if you're up to date. If you are having difficulty with the volunteer management systems please call the office for help at 810-989-6935

LOCAL PROGRAM WRAP UPS!

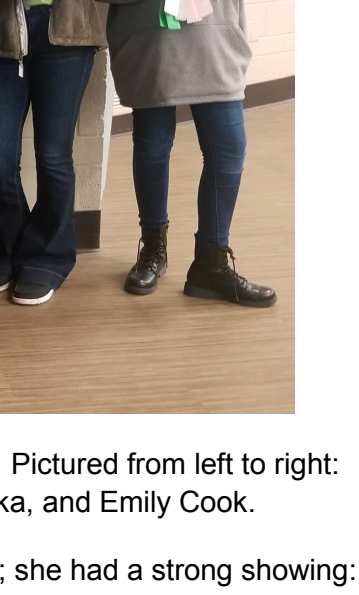
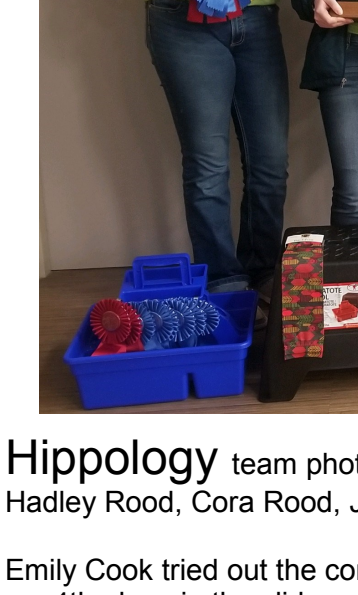
4-H Photography workshop took place April 21, at Goodells County Park. Participants learned photography skills related to lines, space and simplicity. There was a brief classroom lesson before putting skills to use outside! A big 4-H THANK YOU to Amy Tenbusch and Jim Racz for giving of their time and talents.



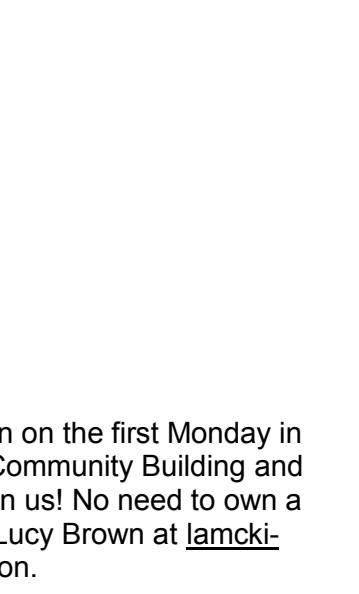
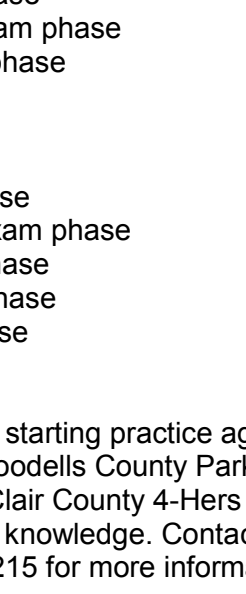
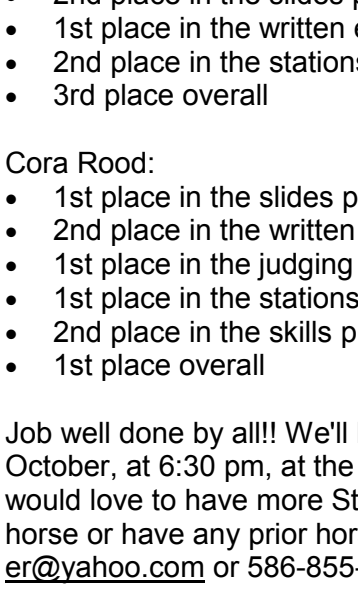
4-H Cake Decorating Workshop a success! The workshop took place April 14, at Goodells County Park. A HUGE 4-H THANK YOU to Mrs. Fusee for giving her time and talent for the evening. Participants learned about and practiced using tips, and various decorating techniques.



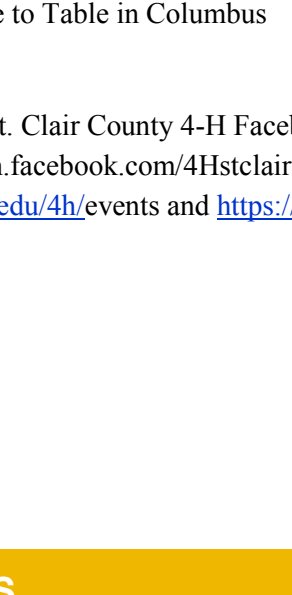
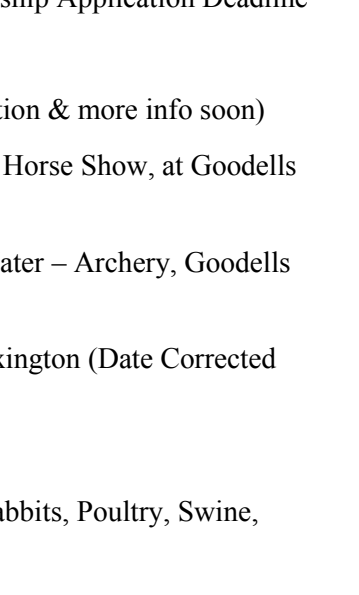
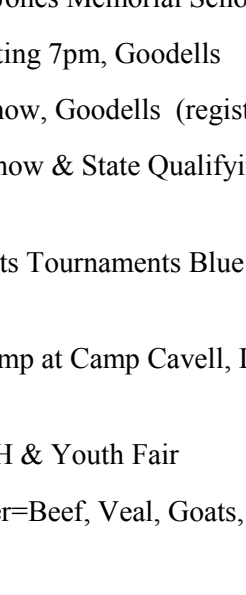
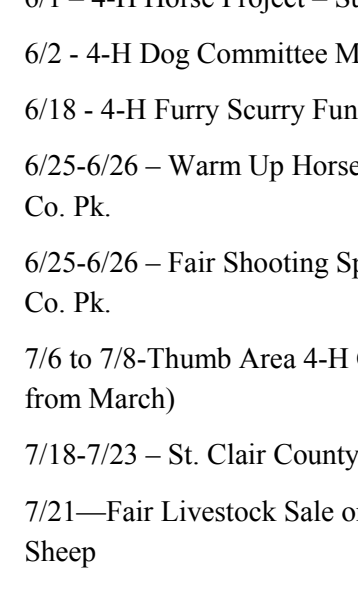
Highlights from 4-H Ruminant Nutrition & Digestive Tract Dissection Workshop. Workshop took place on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Goodells County Park. Extension Educator Jerad Jaborek shared his expertise related to nutrition and dissection. Participants identified organs, took weights and explored their function during this hands on experience.



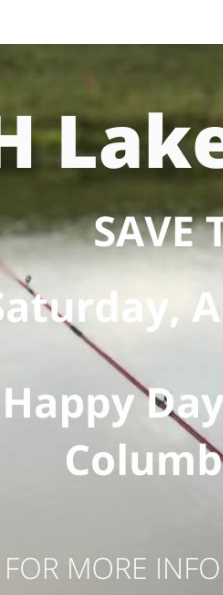
4-H Flower Arranging Workshop a Success! The workshop took place April 7, at Goodells County Park. Participants learned elements related to flower choice, color, flower placement and how to build a garden bouquet. A big 4-H THANK YOU to Brenda Ski & Megan Gillett for sharing their time & talents with our 4-Hers. Check out the fantastic arrangements that were made.



What do "volume", "weight" and "square footage" have to do with the 4-H swine project area? Participants in the 4-H Swine Workshop on April 9 would say "everything"! Participants learned elements of proper manure storage, manure disposal, and manure spreader calibration. Comparisons of manure weight vs. volume were calculated for project animals. Leaching related to manure storage and other subjects were introduced in this hands on learning experience. Discussion included nutrition related to the swine project, and injection sites. Skill-a-ton teamwork helped make this workshop a success. A huge 4-H "THANK YOU" to Extension Educators Casey Zangaro and Erica Rogers for sharing their expertise with our 4-Hers here in St Clair County.



Olivia Kalil competed for St. Clair County in the Horse Judging Contest at MSU on March 27. She did a fantastic job, coming in 8th in reasons and 3rd overall in the Senior division. Olivia is pictured, with her winnings.



Hippology team photo at MSU on March 26. Pictured from left to right: Hadley Rood, Cora Rood, Jadin Boska, Reiley Boska, and Emily Cook.

Emily Cook tried out the contest as a Junior Novice; she had a strong showing:

- 4th place in the slides phase
- 5th place in the written phase
- 3rd place in the skills phase
- 6th place overall

Reiley Boska, Jadin Boska, Hadley Rood, and Cora Rood brought home first place in the team problem phase and also **first place overall!** They've qualified to move on to a national contest and have opted to compete at the U.S. Arabian National contest in Tulsa, OK in October (watch for opportunities to support them through fundraising). Individual placings for our senior hippology team were as follows.

Reiley Boska:

- 4th place in the judging phase
- 5th place in the stations phase
- 7th place overall

Jadin Boska:

- 2nd place in the judging phase
- 4th place in the skills phase
- 4th place overall

Hadley Rood:

- 2nd place in the slides phase
- 1st place in the written exam phase
- 2nd place in the stations phase
- 3rd place overall

Cora Rood:

- 1st place in the slides phase
- 2nd place in the written exam phase
- 1st place in the judging phase
- 1st place in the stations phase
- 2nd place in the skills phase
- 1st place overall

Job well done by all!! We'll be starting practice again on the first Monday in October, at 6:30 pm, at the Goodells County Park Community Building and would love to have more St. Clair County 4-Hers join us! No need to own a horse or have any prior horse knowledge. Contact Lucy Brown at lamcki-er@yahoo.com or 586-855-3215 for more information.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

- 5/16 - 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Goodells
- 5/19 - 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 7pm, Goodells
- 5/21—John Tate Memorial Horse Show & State Qualifying Horse Show, at Goodells
- 6/1 – 4-H Horse Project – Sue Jones Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline
- 6/2 - 4-H Dog Committee Meeting 7pm, Goodells
- 6/18 - 4-H Furry Scurry Fun Show, Goodells (registration & more info soon)
- 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.
- 7/6 to 7/8-Thumb Area 4-H Camp at Camp Cavell, Lexington (Date Corrected from March)
- 7/18-7/23 – St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair
- 7/21—Fair Livestock Sale order=Beef, Veal, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, Sheep
- 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

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Furry Scurry Fun Match

Saturday, June 18, 2022
Goodells County Park

- Find A Rat
- Speedway Events including hoops, tunnels and barrels

Watch for more event information coming soon!

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

SAVE THE DATE

4-H Lake to Table

Saturday, August 20, 2022
Happy Days Fishing Camp
Columbus Township

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

LOCAL FAIR NEWS

St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Update
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 4:00-6:00 p.m. of blue ribbon poultry and rabbits

Livestock Auction: In order to limit the length of the live auction, the number of livestock species on the live auction will be limited for market lambs to 50 and market swine to 120. The balance of the market sheep and swine will be sold on the silent auction. The animals on the live auction will be determined by market class placings. Note: Market goats, market beef and veal will not be limited in 2022.

Underweight swine and underweight sheep will not be transported to a processor from the fair. Underweight swine and sheep will be transported to Crosswell Livestock Auction or Marlette Livestock Auction, or the exhibitor may take them home.

Still Exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 23rd at 7-8 p.m. or Sunday, July 24th from 8:00-9 a.m. Any exhibit not picked up during this time will be packed and taken to the Fair Office for pick up at a later date to be determined. Fair is not responsible for condition of exhibits during transportation to the Fair Office.

Shooting Sports Exhibitors: IF the State Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, the fair will make accommodations to allow exhibitors to participate in the fair and State Shoot to the fullest extent possible.

WANTED: Parking Lot Superintendent (Paid position with the Fair). Duties include setting up & marking parking lots prior to fair, set up handicap parking, work with parking aides during the week of fair in parking cars, close gates throughout week as needed, any other parking-related duties as required. Provided: Golf cart to get around the park, all parking materials & signs, communication device. If interested, contact the fair office at (810) 364-9100 or email at st.clairco4hfair@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JULY 23 - FREE ADMISSION FROM 7:00 p.m. until close (Approx. 10 p.m.)
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

Fair book has been posted & can be found at the link below <https://stclaircounty4hfair.org/fair-book-registration/>

Upcoming Fair Dates Announced

2022 ~ July 18-23

2023 ~ July 17-22

2024 ~ July 15-20

2025 ~ July 14-19

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2022-23 grant cycle
Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

- Opportunities include:
- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
 - **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
 - **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$500.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
 - **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
 - **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

Tips for purchasing and bringing home livestock
Adapted from: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/tips-for-purchasing-and-bringing-home-livestock

Acquiring new stock is exciting whether you are building your herd or flock, or purchasing your annual 4-H project. These tips will help you manage their health and safety by making sure you know the questions to ask before purchasing and the preparations required to bring livestock home.

Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation
When purchasing animals, you should know their history. Ask the following questions:

- When was the animal born?
- What specific vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- If necessary, was the animal properly castrated and what method was used?
- Have any other treatments been administered to the animal? If so, what is the slaughter withdrawal for the drugs given?
- Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

Considerations as You Bring Animals Home

Transporting. Secure a trailer. If you do not own a trailer, make arrangements with someone who can transport animals for you. Be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation, as a courtesy.

Unloading. Make sure that your facility is ready to house your new animals before they arrive. Have a pen identified for new animals to go into with fresh water and appropriate feed. (Feed should be similar to their previous diet; changing to a new diet should be done over a period of time.) Have a clear and direct path to the animals' new pen from the trailer. Make sure that all gates are open or closed, as appropriate, and secured.

Settling in. Quarantine, or separate, new animals for a minimum of 21 days. At minimum, try to avoid nose-to-nose contact, and comingling feeding and watering. Minimize stress on new animals during the quarantine period. If after 21 days, the newly acquired animals have not shown any symptoms of illness, it should be safe to comeingle them into your existing herd or flock.

Comingling. Since each species has a social hierarchy, observe animals during the comingling and separate if there is risk of injury. Over the course of a day, the herd or flock should settle into a routine that includes the new animals.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1—28: Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking Challenge
Across the state

Michigan 4-H alumni and supporters are invited to join a virtual walking challenge! Track and report miles walked for a chance to win prizes for you and your county 4-H program.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-walking-challenge

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp returns!

Save the date: 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is returning in person this summer! Hosted at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, this fun summer event will take place July 31—August 6.

Teens ages 13—15 will have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences that educate them about natural resources, environmental stewardship and more. Youth will also enjoy charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, wading through wetlands, exploring dunes and more!

Registration will open in early May and space is limited. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.

