



August 2026

4-H Family News

St. Clair County



From Colleen's Desk

Wow! We spend all year planning for Fair Week, and then—BAM!—it's here, and just like that, it's over!

I cannot thank our amazing **St. Clair County 4-H family** and the **St. Clair County Agricultural Society (AKA, our amazing Fair Board)** enough for making this such a wonderful and successful week. It truly takes a team, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing one!

Successful 4-H programs don't just happen. They happen because of a dedicated and passionate team of 4-H volunteers—and here in St. Clair County, we have one of the very best!

A huge **"4-H THANK YOU!"** to every volunteer who gives their time, energy, and heart to making great things happen in our 4-H program all year long. Your commitment and support make a difference, and we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you all again for a **phenomenal Fair Week and 4-H season!** I am so proud of what we accomplished together and am already looking forward to the **2026–2027 4-H year** with all of you!

Sincerely,
Colleen Provost

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Speaking of Fantastic 4-H Volunteers...

We all know someone—or perhaps a business—that goes above and beyond in supporting 4-H. Here's your chance to make sure their dedication and contributions are recognized!

Check out the following award nomination forms:

Friend of 4-H Award

Volunteer of the Year Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

If you have someone in mind and need help completing a nomination or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

4-H Club Awards

There are also awards that recognize clubs for their outstanding 4-H work. **4-H members and volunteers** can nominate a deserving club for one of the following awards:

Excellence in 4-H Community Service – Did your club plan or participate in a service project that made a difference in our community?

Excellence in 4-H Membership Recruitment – Did your club make an effort to recruit new 4-H members?

Excellence in 4-H Programming – Did your club plan a great learning opportunity that made an impact?

All award nomination forms can be found on the St. Clair County website or by using the following link:

<https://www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/428>

NOTE: Nominees do **not** need to meet every criterion listed on the application. If you know someone who is deserving of recognition, please nominate them!

 **Deadline for all award nominations: October 1, 2026**

Award recipients will be recognized at the **2026 St. Clair County 4-H Leaders Banquet**.

Let's make sure the people and clubs who go above and beyond for 4-H get the recognition they deserve!

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair



We can not thank our St. Clair County Agricultural Society (AKA: Fair Board) enough for their support of 4-H at their fair! This group works year-round to plan the fair and have 4-H by their side and included at every step. Our strong partnership between the fair board and 4-H in St. Clair County is a blessing. Maintaining this partnership is not only important for 4-H and the fair, but also for all exhibitors and families involved.

2027 marks the 90th St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair and we are all so excited to see what the fair board has planned for it!



Thank you!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

More St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair



The 2026 Sweepstake Showmanship winner was once again, Eleanor Brown of Rimrock Acres 4-H Club!

Congratulations to all the Sweepstakes Showmanship Exhibitors!



Peightyn Miller of Town & Country 4-H Club was the 2026 Exhibitor of the Year! Congratulations to all applicants who applied to be the 2026 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair's Exhibitor of the Year!



Congratulations!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Awards at the Fair



The 4-H Horse Project hold their awards ceremony at the fair. The 2026 winners were:

Sportsmanship: Dakota Geiser

Overall Highpoint: Brynn Evans

Sr. English: Brynn Evans

Jr. English: Rilynn Blaszczyk

Sr. Western: Mallory Quinn

Jr. Western: Paisley Stern

Sr. Gymkhana: Ally Rospino

Jr. Gymkhana: Addy Lytle

Sr. Mini Horse: Ashley Goretski

Jr. Mini Horse: Mallory Schott

Sr. Walk Trot: Reiley Boska

Jr. Walk Trot: Callie Bissett

Horseless Horse: Nella Allen



Congratulations!

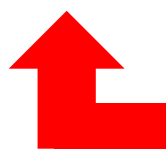




COUNTY 4-H NEWS

More 4-H Awards at the Fair

The 4-H Shooting Sports program awards two sportsmanship awards at the fair.



Garett Whitenight was awarded the 2026 Karl Kruckenberg Sportsmanship award for Shooting Sports



Helen Warnke was awarded the 2026 George & Peggy Walsh Archery Sportsmanship Award.



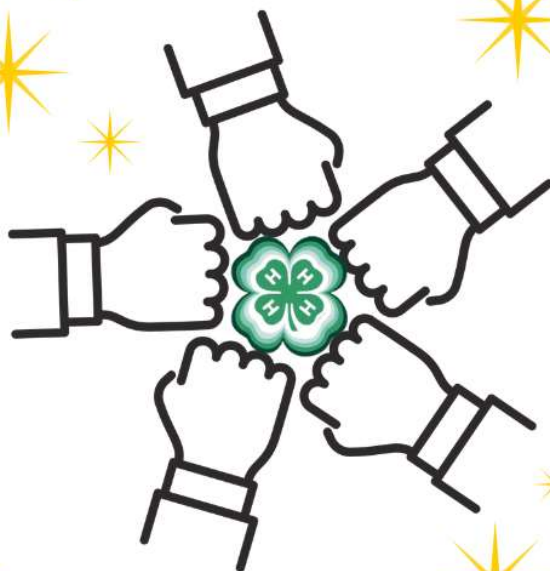
Congratulations!





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

WELCOME
to the
TEAM!



St. Clair County 4-H Welcomes the following new Gold Volunteer to the Team since April 2026!

John Brown – Rimrock Acres 4-H Club

Carl Scheer – Rimrock Acres 4-H Club

Shelby Wetherford – Livestock Resource Leader

Craig Albany – Chasing Dreams Together 4-H Club

David Fecteau – Rimrock Acres 4-H Club

Tiffanie Bissett – Twistin Trailblazers 4-H Club

Caragan Schott – Twistin Trailblazers 4-H Club

Stacey Allen – Country Connections 4-H Club

Michelle Lee – Horse Project Teen Leaders Advisor

Jennifer Jones – Great Expectations 4-H Club



Welcome to the Team!





St. Clair County Events

August

August 6 – 4-H Rabbit Leaders Meeting 6:30pm, Kimball Township Offices

August 8 – 4-H Lake to Table Event, Happy Day Fishing Camp in Columbus

August 10 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

*August 29 – SCC Farm Museums Fall Harvest Days, Goodells County Park

*August 29 – SCC Farm to Table Market, Goodells County Park

*August 30 - SCC Farm Museums Fall Harvest Days, Goodells County Park

*Stop out and see our SCC 4-H Family representing our county at these events! Reach out to me if you would like to participate!

September

September 10 – Shooting Sports Committee Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

September 11 – Administrative Club Leader Update 1pm-2pm, MSUE Office

September 14 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

September 15 – Administrative Club Leader Update 3pm-4pm, MSUE Office

September 15 – Administrative Club Leader Update 7pm-8pm. Marysville Fair Office

September 16 – 4-H Workshop Committee Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

September 17 – Horse Leaders and Teen Leaders Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

September 21 – Administrative Club Leader Update 6pm-7pm, Goodells County Park (before the 4-H Council Meeting)

September 21 – 4-H Council Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

September 26 & 27 – Shooting Sports Certification Training, Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association in Lenox (event must be pre-registered for and is only available to GOLD Volunteers)

More information about 4-H events can be found online:

- St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>
- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>
- <https://msue.stclaircounty.org>
- (810) 989-6935



4-H Horse Winter Projects

Whether you've been riding for years or simply think horses are amazing but haven't had the chance to gain experience yet, we'd love to have you join us for fun, hands-on equine education! All 4-H members are welcome, including CloverBuds.

Horse Judging and Hippology are designed to help participants prepare for competitions, but competing is completely optional. You're welcome to come just to learn, build new skills, and have fun! Our Winter Projects focus on making learning enjoyable while exploring all things equine.

Not registered for 4-H yet? No problem! Contact us, and we'll help you get signed up—for free. Additional local meetings and clinics may be added throughout the season. Be sure to send your name, club, and email address to Lucy, Olivia, or Marianne so you'll receive the latest updates and meeting links. If bad weather occurs, in-person meetings may be canceled or moved to Zoom.

Meetings are held in the Community Center at Goodells County Park on the first Monday of each month from October through April. Winter Projects and Horse Judging begin at 6:30 p.m., and Hippology starts at 7:30 p.m.

LUCY BROWN (HORSE JUDGING) - LAMCKIER@YAHOO.COM OR 586-855-3215

OLIVIA PRUSIK (HIPPOLOGY) - OLIVIACHILD18@GMAIL.COM OR 810-841-6464

MARIANNE MOSKAL (WINTER PROJECTS) - 810-305-9834



Dates

10/05/2026
11/02/2026
12/07/2026
01/04/2027
02/01/2027
03/01/2027
04/05/2027



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4-H Administrative Leaders

4-H Club Administrative Leaders: Important Year-End Information

4-H Club Administrative Leaders, please watch your email for important **end-of-year club reporting information!**

The email will include:

Mandatory Club Administrative Leader Update Meeting dates and times

Required forms

Deadline for mandatory club reporting

IMPORTANT: All St. Clair County 4-H Clubs must have a representative attend one of the required meetings in order to remain an active club in good standing with the 4-H program. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Meeting Dates

September 11

MSU Extension Office, Port Huron
1:00–2:00 p.m.

September 15

MSU Extension Office, Port Huron
3:00–4:00 p.m.

September 15

Fair Office, Marysville
7:00–8:00 p.m.

September 21

Goodells County Park
6:00–7:00 p.m.

For Administrative Leaders who serve on 4-H Council

Can't make any of the dates above? Please contact the office to schedule an alternate meeting date **before the meeting series begins.**

If you do not receive an email with the year-end reporting information, please contact the MSU Extension office at provos28@msu.edu or **810-989-6935**.

Thank you for helping us keep our St. Clair County 4-H clubs strong, active, and in good standing!



Save the Dates!

Save the Date

4-H Leaders Banquet

Celebrating Our Amazing 4-H Volunteers!

In recognition of volunteer service to the St.
Clair County 4-H Program and the St. Clair
County 4-H & Youth Fair

Friday, November 6, 2026

Alexander's
1200 Gratiot Blvd.
Marysville, MI 48040



Invitations to go out in October!



Save the Dates!

COME VISIT THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H TRAILER DURING
THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM MUSEUM'S



Harvest Days



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 FROM 9AM-5PM & SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH FROM 9AM-2PM
8310 COUNTY PARK DR, GOODELLS, MI 48027

Save the Date

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 17, 2026
12pm - 3pm



St. Clair County Farm Museum
8310 County Park Drive
Goodells, MI 48027



Contact Colleen Provost at:
(810) 989-6935 or provos28@msu.edu
For more information, or if your club
is interested in participating!



Save the Dates!

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2027 Winter Achievement

February 06, 2027

Donald E. Dodge Auditorium
at 200 Grand River, Port Huron

Stay tuned for more details!

• Open to all enrolled St. Clair
County 4-H members



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Building work
readiness skills
through 4-H**



Beyond Ready

4-H programs create intentional opportunities for youth to build essential work readiness skills that prepare them for future success. Through structured, hands-on activities, young people practice communication, collaboration, problem solving and time management. Volunteers play a key role by guiding youth through meaningful tasks, helping them set goals, and encouraging personal responsibility and follow through.

As youth take on leadership roles, complete project work, and participate in real-world or simulated experiences, they begin to demonstrate growth in professionalism, work ethic and organizational skills. Every activity can help youth connect what they are learning in 4-H to what will be expected of them in the workplace.

How is your club helping youth build the skills they need to be work ready?

#BeyondReady

July 1 - August 7: Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Online

As part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H and Youth Virtual Showcase, youth ages 8-19 are invited to create a video or non-video promotional piece encouraging others to purchase the 4-H license plate. www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-license-plate-promotion-contest

July 1 - August 7: Michigan 4-H Business Pitch Contest

Online

Participants may present a business they already own, currently operate or hope to start in the future, including product, service or community impact ideas. Youth will create a two-minute video pitch introducing themselves, explaining their business idea, identifying the problem they are solving, and sharing why their product or service stands out.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan4-hbusinesspitchcontest

August 12: Adulting 101 – Roadmap to a Smart Used Car Purchase

Online

Are you wanting to purchase a used car, but have no idea where to start? Learn tips, resources and strategies to help you make an informed decision with confidence.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-roadmap-to-a-smart-used-car-purchase

August 13-16: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, Mich.

This annual event brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate; spectators are welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-horse-show

August 17-20: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp 2026

Traverse City, Mich.

Join us for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity. This camp is designed to encourage sustainability and growth from the inside out through a fun and engaging hands-on approach. Register by August 17.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026-session-2

September 9: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing, Mich.

Join MSU Extension for the ninth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H alumni & supporters invited to get connected by the clover!

As a valuable member of the Michigan 4-H community, you already know the importance of the 4-H connection. We invite those age 18 and older to take that 4-H connection one step further by joining a new statewide community of 4-H supporters: Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends.

The Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends database will connect 4-H families, alumni, volunteers, supporters and others across Michigan with one another – connecting them by the clover! We hope you will take a few moments to sign-up for this free community and grow your connection.

As a member of Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends, you will receive information about opportunities to support 4-H youth and programs; 4-H programming and participants; upcoming events for the Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends community and more!.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends is open to anyone age 18+ who cares about Michigan 4-H: 4-H parents, staff members, volunteers, grandparents, supporters, partner organization representatives, donors and more. Learn more about Michigan 4-H Alumni & Friends and find the link to join by visiting extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F.

**Join
Michigan
4-H
Alumni &
Friends**



Stay informed. Support youth.
Strengthen communities.
Get connected by the clover today!

Join for free at:
extension.msu.edu/Michigan4HA&F

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Going home: Biosecurity tips for animals that travel off the farm

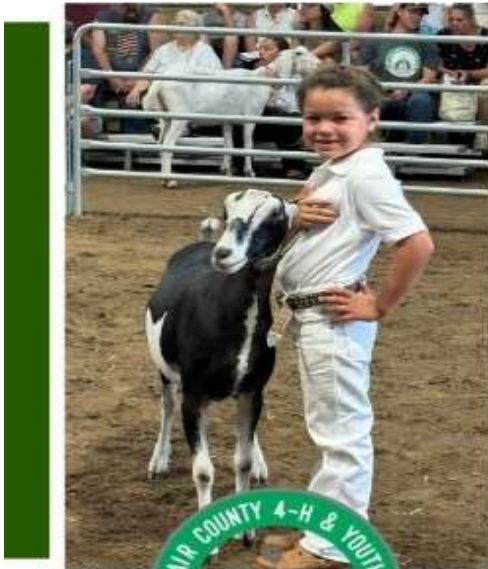
Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/biosecurity_tips_for_animals_that_went_to_the_county_fair.

Animals that are exhibited at the county fair, jackpot shows, and other exhibitions are likely near and dear to their exhibitor's hearts. [Michigan State University Extension](#) offers these biosecurity steps exhibitors can take to protect their show animals and those that were left at home once the event has ended.

- Keep animals that left home separate from animals that did not for a minimum of 14 days. If at all possible, do not allow nose-to-nose contact and provide as much distance between animals.
- Disinfect all buckets, feeders, tools and footwear that left home.
- Throw away any feed or hay that left home.
- Always wear clean clothes and footwear. Boot coverings may be helpful when caring for isolated animals.
- Take care of animals that stayed home from the show first, and animals that were at the show second. Do not go back and forth between animals as this increases the risk of cross-contamination.
- Do not eat or drink in the barn.
- Observe animals daily for signs and symptoms of illness, such as:
 - Obvious pain or discomfort
 - Decrease in appetite and water intake
 - Fever
 - Lethargy
 - Diarrhea or changes in consistency in manure
 - Discharge from nasal cavity or eyes
 - Overall weakness

Care of animals after traveling is just as critical as their pre-show care. Exhibited animals were exposed to new animal populations and fair-goers, and will typically experience a lot of stress during their time away from home. By practicing these biosecurity steps, you can help keep all of your animals safe and healthy.





UPCOMING FAIR DATES

2026 - July 20-25

2027 - July 19-24

2028 - July 17-22

2029 - July 16-21

www.stclaircounty4hfair.org

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Learn more about how you can grow with Michigan 4-H!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_clair/4-h/index



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