



# Calhoun County 4-H Family News

Happy December 2020

## There's still time to re-enroll for 2020-2021

The new program year is FREE for all 4-H Members!  
Please, we would like to see all 4-Hers RE-ENROLLED by end of December!



You will need to log in to the new **4-H Online 2.0** system! This new system looks different, but should be pretty easy to navigate. You will use your same 4-H Online log in and password that you have used in the past. Please do not create a new account. If you do not remember your password, it has a place to reset it yourself. The website for 4-H Online 2.0 is <https://mi.4honline.com>. If you have trouble or need assistance please don't hesitate to contact the MSU Extension office. Let us know if you need paper copies.

Everyone must re-enroll to be included as part of the 2020-2021 program. 4-H enrollment fees have been waived for this year. There may still be some clubs that charge club dues, but that will be up to each individual club. This year you will receive a 4-H mask after you have enrolled as a thank you for your continued support of Calhoun County 4-H!

### To Contact Us

Kathy Fischer  
4-H Program Coordinator

Calhoun County MSU Extension  
315 W Green St  
Marshall, MI 49068

Phone: 269-781-0784  
Fax: 269-781-0768

Email:  
[msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.calhoun@county.msu.edu)

To get this newsletter and more  
about Calhoun County  
4-H go to our Website:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/calhoun/index>

## CALHOUN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH MEMBERS RECOGNITION FOR 5 YEARS OF PARTICIPATION!

### 5 Years

Adam Aeschliman II  
Brecon Aeschliman  
Landon Aeschliman  
Rachel Buchner  
Easton Collier  
Alyssa Cook  
Avery Crandall  
Colton Day  
Meadow Doerr  
Anyia Dzialo  
Liam Dzialo  
Davia Ellis  
Delaney Evans  
Taylor Fast

Lucas Finch  
Aubrey Flanders  
Riley Flanders  
Alaina Fry  
William Good  
Greta Hetke  
Justin Hicks  
Ricki Hicks  
James Hoffman  
Haylee Hotchkiss  
Makiyah Johnson  
Ashton Kalisz  
Joseph Kalisz  
Ellerie Kissinger  
Elizabeth Loyer



Athena McCarthy  
Simon McCarthy,  
Alexis Miller  
Vivian Murphy  
Ambrielle Phelps  
Saleen Pierce  
Marla Pratley  
Mallorie Pritchard  
Mckenzey Pritchard  
Madilynn Quick  
Makena Quick  
Rachel Ramierz  
Brady Robinson  
John Paul Rodgers  
Paige Schneider

Wesley Schneider  
Jaden Smith  
Addison Stemaly  
Robert Sterly  
Belevia Stovall  
Ryder Strunk  
Elizabeth Sykes  
Emily Sykes  
Lillian Towery-Collins  
Nathaniel Towery-Collins  
Mary Ava Wills  
Collin Woods  
Keegan Wright



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**ON ACHIEVING THIS**

**5 YEAR MILESTONE!**

Michigan State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status. Issued in furtherance of MSU Extension work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Jeffrey W. Dwyer, Director, MSU Extension, East Lansing, MI 48824. This information is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by MSU Extension or bias against those not mentioned. The 4-H Name and Emblem have special protections from Congress, protected by code 18 USC 707.



# CALHOUN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH MEMBERS RECOGNITION 2020!

## 10 Years

Olivia Amting  
Cody Beattie  
Isabel Crandall  
Kate Crandall  
Logan Few  
Abigail Geairn  
Elizabeth Geairn  
Kaleb Green  
Madison Groholski  
Sydney Kadlub  
Sydney Klingaman  
Benjamin Korn  
Madelyn Korn  
Kyle Landis  
Jaylin Mead

Morgan Miller  
Autumn VanNortwick  
JahDee VanNortwick  
Isaac Waffle

## 11 Years

Sophia Andalon  
Drew Barnes  
Christian Bates  
Madelyn Brodock  
Zachary Crandall  
Kennedy Eggleston  
Sydney Etheridge  
Bryan Harmison  
Wade Hoffman  
Macey Mead  
Cailynn Metzger

Matthew Moore  
Elena Rivera  
Emily Willard  
Abigale Youmans  
Parker Youmans

## 12 Years

Michalla Barnes  
Kylie Crandall  
Madison Eggleston  
Logan Fischer  
Clayton Hamilton  
Reid Kissinger  
William Letts  
Abby McDonald  
Mackenzie Morris  
Garrette Ripley

Clara Rivera  
Julia Smoot  
Savanna Surber  
Liana Sutherland  
Isabelle Todd

## 13 Years

Jenevieve Adams  
Julianna Adams  
Alexis Coates  
Sahvanuh Fletcher  
Raelynn Frey  
Wyatt Hoffman  
Samuel Kiessling  
McKenna Kissinger  
Tyler Landis  
Jason McKim

Jordan McKim  
Christy Prater  
James Ruedisueli  
Alaina Smith  
Hunter Wilson

## 14 Years

Jamee Bussing  
Harrison Hautau  
Emily Prater  
Emma Ruedisueli

## 15 Years

Morgan Hautau  
Andrew Letts

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ON ACHIEVING  
THESE SIGNIFICANT  
YEAR MILESTONES!**

## Virtual Showcase and Auction Successes!

When the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of many Michigan fairs, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H were proud to team up with local community partners to provide an online platform that supported the 4-H experience and continued longtime traditions. Though not the same as a county fair, 4-H virtual learning showcases and auctions provided a space for youth to demonstrate their mastery of skills developed in 4-H, receive feedback on their efforts and market and sell their 4-H projects. Though there were many learning curves and bumps in the road, the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season led to many successes and for that, we say THANK YOU.

Here's a look back at the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season:

- ★ 58 counties offered a 4-H virtual showcase and/or auction for youth
- ★ 17 virtual auctions were held
- ★ 7,294 entries were submitted
- ★ 2,699 youth participated
- ★ 3,764 buyers/donors registered for virtual auctions
- ★ \$1.4 million was spent by donors and buyers at 4-H virtual auctions



"We are grateful to partners who have collaborated with us to host these virtual events for 4-H'ers, as well as all the buyers who supported them," said Jake DeDecker, MSU Extension's state 4-H leader for Michigan 4-H. "We're also grateful to each of the youth who took part in this new experience and made the best of a tough situation."

Participating youth also had positive feedback:

- ◆ "The week at the county fair is always a huge event for my family that we look forward to year round. This year sure was different, but we are so blessed to have the virtual option and thankful for all of the hardworking volunteers that put these events on!"
- ◆ "Thanks so much for all of your support this year, we can't thank you enough! What a challenging year for sure. Thank you for making a virtual fair happen when everyone could have simply just cancelled everything. You made it possible and we can't thank you enough."

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### December 1: 4-H Giving Tuesday *Everywhere*

Help grow a county 4-H endowment in your area and join the #GivingTuesday movement. Consider making a donation to grow funds that support 4-H youth today and in the future. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-giving-tuesday>

### December 2: Success and Safety in Virtual Volunteer-led Programs *Zoom*

MSU Extension volunteers will learn best practices and strategies for virtual safety for youth and adults in programs and meetings. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/success-and-safety-on-volunteer-led-programs-december-2nd>

### December 7: Flour Tortilla Making 101 *Zoom*

Join in making tortillas — a staple in Mexican cooking. In this class, tortillas will be used as an appetizer, entrée, dessert or stand alone ingredient. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/flour-tortilla-making-101-dec-7>

### Wild Spartans Series - Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11

**7:00PM - 8:00PM** Join 4-H staff as we meet scientists from across Michigan State University Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Take a look into life as a fisheries and wildlife researcher and manager! Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

**RE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ZOOM LINK/PASSWORD.**

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/wild\\_spartans/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/wild_spartans/) ABOUT THIS SERIES: Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists. Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This series is open to non-4-H youth and is free of charge. **December 8: Wild Spartans Series** Join 4-H staff as we meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. December's event will explore invasive species with MSU researcher Taylor Haas. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december>

### December 19: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Holiday Scones *Zoom*

Join 4-H in the Kitchen Live for a special holiday episode! Learn how to make a batch of egg-nog scones—perfect for any holiday feast—with special guest Ruth Myers. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-eggnog-scones>

### Save the Date!

### February 19-21, 2021: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration *Online*

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration will be going virtual this year! Adult and teen 4-H leaders are encouraged to join this exciting online event to learn new ideas for working virtually with youth in the areas of visual and performing arts, crafts, sewing, clothing and textile projects. Stay tuned for registration information!

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

### MSU Extension Caregiving Online Classes

**Reducing Challenging Behavior in Infants and Toddlers:** Is your toddler struggling with tantrums? Biting? Infancy and toddlerhood is a fun and busy time in a child's life but can be challenging! Learn more about how to reduce challenging behaviors in infants and toddlers during this Extension Extras Parenting Hour: **Tuesday, December 1, 8:00PM to 9:30PM.** Pre-registration is required. <https://bit.ly/3mrRSqB>

**Mathematics for Infants and Toddlers:** Did you know that you can help build your children's math skills from as early as infancy? Learn more about how to support the development of key mathematics skills in infants and toddlers. **Tuesday, December 8, 8:00PM to 9:30PM.** Pre-registration is required. <https://bit.ly/3mrRSqB>



Connect with  
youth from across  
the globe!



Sign up for the States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal program for your chance to make international friends! Learn about culture and daily life in another country while sharing your own experiences with a peer across the globe.

The pen pal program will run from mid-January through mid-April. After being matched with a similarly-aged young person from another country, youth will write to each other twice a month. Topical prompts will be provided to jump start conversations but the possibilities are endless!

To get matched in the program, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY).

