



Calhoun County 4-H Family News

October 2020

A New 4-H Year has begun - It's Time to Re-enroll It will look different this year!



The new 4-H program year has started so it is time to re-enroll with Calhoun County 4-H. **The deadline for returning members to enroll is December 1, 2020.**

4-H Online has upgraded to 4-H Online 2.0! 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, please contact the office at 269-781-0784 and we can reset your password. The website for 4-H Online 2.0 is <https://mi.4honline.com>

Everyone must re-enroll to be included as part of this year's 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. If you are not actively participating (this means attending meetings and activities throughout the year) in a club, but would like to be a 4-H member, please register in the Independent Club. This gives you 4-H membership, but does not allow you to show at the fair. This is important to keep rosters accurate and for the reporting that we need to do. Thank you for your continued support of Calhoun County 4-H!

FREE
4-H MASK
SENT
TO
YOUR HOME
WHEN YOU
RE-ENROLL IN
4-H ONLINE 2.0

This year as a thank you
for re-enrolling in 4-H we
are giving away 4-H
masks to our members.

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**Please remember, for more
information, newsletters,
club resources, fair guide-
lines and more go to our
Calhoun County 4-H
Website at:**

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/
calhoun/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/calhoun/)



Get Your New Calhoun County 4-H Activity Kit

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Calhoun County 4-H members interested in this topic

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

This activity kit contains supplies and directions to complete the related activity. There will also be suggestions for other activities you can do at home.

Activity Kit #6: Fall Bulbs—Pick-up week of October 26th

Do flowers like daffodils and hyacinths remind you of spring? All of these flowers are grown from bulbs. Like their roots, they grow their buds underground. When the warmer temperatures of spring roll around, these plants emerge from the soil like a colorful surprise. Fall is a great time to plant bulbs! Planting is the first step of growing spring blooming bulbs.

Each activity kit contains supplies and directions to complete the related activities. There will also be suggestions for other activities you can do at home. This kit will contain 30 bulbs so, there will be plenty for all family members, please limit this to one per family so we can accommodate more families.

Pick up MSUE—Oct. 26th—30th Mon.—Thurs. 8am-5pm or Fri. 8am-12pm

Pick Howard's Ceramics—Oct. 26th or 28th 1-6 pm or Oct. 31 9am-1pm (pick up available at these times only)

CONTACT: The MSU Extension Office or email Kathy Fischer: fisch226@msu.edu
Registration is required. Please click [here](#) to register.



4-H Members The Spotlight is on You!



With a back-to-school season that has looked unlike anything seen before, [Michigan State University Extension](https://www.msu.edu/extension) has compiled a list of helpful resources that can be used to help students in the classroom, online or at home.

Check out [extension.msu.edu/virtual-learning-tools](https://www.msu.edu/extension) to find the perfect supplement to your school plan!



Dear 4-H Families,

We would like to **Spotlight our 4-H Youth!** The Battle Creek Shopper and the Advisor/Chronicle have partnered with our 4-H Council to highlight our Calhoun County 4-Hers!

Let's show off those 4-H projects you worked so hard on all year!

All you have to do is answer a few questions and send us a picture. Please fill out the questionnaire below, add a photo and return to me. There is no deadline, this is ongoing throughout the year. Thank you!

Please answer the questions below and provide us with any details about your 4-H projects.

What clubs are you in and how many years have you been in them?

What is your most favorite 4-H project and why it was your favorite?

Please also send a favorite photo of yourself involved in 4-H.

We hope you enjoy sharing your 4-H projects with us and others! Please send your answers and pictures to:

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Applications sought for Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

4-H members age 15-19 are invited to apply for the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. This group serves as advocates, spokespeople, leaders, and advisors for Michigan 4-H programs statewide. Serving on SYLC is a great way to meet youth from across the state, expand your understanding of Michigan 4-H, and build your resume and leadership skills. More information, including the application and information sessions, is available online at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/>. Applications are due October 31.

Website for more information: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/>

Application Link (applications due October 31): <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc20/>

New this year!

SYLC Members and advisors are offering two virtual meetings to help youth prepare their applications. Registration is available through events management at the following links:

What is SYLC? – October 12, 7 p.m. - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylcinfo/>

SYLC Application Workshop- October 20, 7 p.m.- <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylcapps/>

Please reach out to any advisor with questions:

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4-H scholarships available

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by: November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

Reminder: Please re-enroll in the new system:

4-H Online 2.0
<https://mi.4honline.com/>

The new system is up and accepting enrollments. You will use the same email and password that you have used before. Please do not create a new account! If you do not remember your password we can reset it, please contact the office for help. Any new members can enroll now as well. Remember there will be no 4-H participation fees collected for this year.

Deadline: December 1, 2020

Free 4-H Mask when you complete the reenrollment process.!!!

Statewide & Local Calendar of Events

4-H Events & Workshops



Food Safety Online Workshops, Register in advance for these FREE workshops.

Now Internet? No problem! Workshops are available by phone.

- Oct. 19, Food Safety Q&A 1:00 pm Dehydrating apples and fruit leathers.
- Oct. 19, Safe Food= Healthy Kids, 6:00 pm Food safety training for child care providers.
- Oct. 22, Preserving your Harvest 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm, Preserving food for gifts!

To learn more visit: www.canr.msu.edu/foodpreservation/events

To listen by phone: Call in advance to register - 877-643-9882

The Science Behind Food Safety, FREE After school online programs exploring how cooking is an experiment and baking is a science. Weds. At 4:00 pm

- Oct. 21, Investigating Food with Science 4:00 pm, Is chocolate a fruit
- Oct. 28, The Science behind Food Safety, How many seeds in a pumpkin?
- Nov. 4, After school online program, How does grass turn into milk?

To register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/InvestigatingFoodwithScience/>

Haunted Hangouts Virtual 4-H SPIN Club! Week of October 26 - 30 Meet virtually every weekday from 3:30-4:30 PM EDT. During the meetings, we will be doing hands-on projects, activities, and games that are Halloween themed. To receive club access, please make sure all youth interested are registered in 4-H Online 2.0. Have any questions, please email Lance Fowler (fowler37@msu.edu). Please visit bit.ly/4-halloween to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online.

Pippin's Pantry: DIY Dog Safe Treats/Holiday Pet Food Safety: Every other Monday at 4:30 pm beginning October 26th. Do you love holiday baking? Do you have a dog or just love dogs in general? Have you ever thought about what you're feeding them from the holiday table might not be safe for them to eat? Don't worry! Pippin is here to help! Join Pippin and his momma, Benzie County 4-H PC Ali Olson, as they open Pippin's Pantry to share their knowledge (verified by trusted, licensed DVMs) about what holiday treats are safe and what should be avoided. Then they will share a dog safe, tasty, holiday themed treat for the week and walk you through the making and baking of the treat! While the program is designed for ages 5 to 12, older youth are MORE than welcome to join as well. Register today: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Pippins_Pantry/

4-H Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics fall program, Tuesdays and Thursdays November 10-19

Youth who register for this program will receive a kit full of supplies in the mail. We will meet via zoom from 4-5 pm, discovering a new engineering skill each day. Youth will then use items in their kit, as well as items they may have at home, to complete a daily challenge (building a catapult, a moving arm, and more). Fee of \$20 is due when registering; space is limited to 30 participants and registration ends October 26. Register today at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/FallJDR>

Powerful Tools for Caregivers, November 2 - December 7 This program will help you take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. (No professional caregivers, please). Class meets once a week from 2:00 - 3:30 pm.

The workshop covers the following topics:

- ☐ Hiring in-home help
- ☐ Understanding depression
- ☐ Helping memory-impaired elders
- ☐ Making decisions about driving
- ☐ Making legal and financial decisions
- ☐ Making decisions about care facility placement

To register go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/PTCOnlineNov2020/>

Michigan Youth Fall-A-Thon, November 6-11 Competing as household teams, youth ages 5-19 complete free, fun, fall-themed GooseChase missions and share progress with other participants using a smartphone or tablet. Covering topics from hunting and ORV safety to invasive species and scat identification, Fall-A-Thon promises six fun-filled days of connecting to nature, wherever you are. Register at bit.ly/34NEaas
Hosted by: MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Huron Pines AmeriCorps

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

