

# 4-H Family News

September 2020

## Highlights from the 2020 Tri-County Virtual Showcase

**Calhoun County 4-Hers participated in a Tri-County Virtual Showcase with Berrien and Branch Counties. Each member entered their projects to receive judges feedback & specially printed ribbons for 2020. Here are some highlights of our Calhoun County youth participants.**



Alora Wright



The Kay Family Elsie, Lili and Ezra  
and Carys who can't wait to join next year



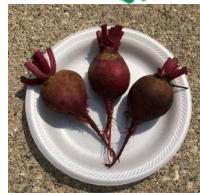
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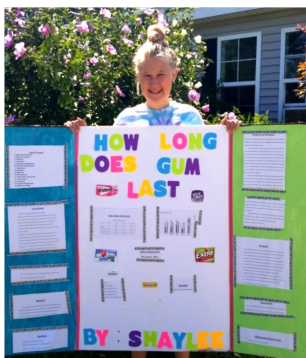
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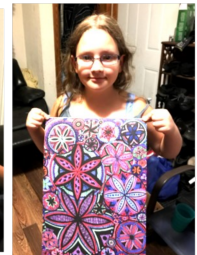
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Please Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CalhounCountyActivityKit3/>

## Update on Face-to-Face Michigan 4-H Programming

Earlier this year, MSU Extension pivoted all programming to online formats to comply with the original Stay Safe, Stay Home order ([EO2020-42](#)). Though this has been a difficult time for communities, families and our own faculty and staff members, we are proud of the work our team has done to ensure that the 4-H community continues to have access to high-quality educational opportunities throughout Michigan.

After much discussion and study, we have decided to continue to keep all 4-H programming, meetings and events virtual until further notice. This applies to all children and youth activities involving ages birth to 19. We recognize that this is a hardship on those who are eager to engage in in-person activities with their 4-H community. However, we must do everything we can to keep youth and adults safe and healthy. As such, please continue to hold 4-H club meetings and other local events virtually. MSU Extension staff members, including 4-H program coordinators, cannot support in-person activities. In addition, funds raised in the name of 4-H cannot be used to support in-person events until further notice.

Although our delivery modes have changed, we are still hard at work for you. Because of our statewide reach, you have access to a number of MSU Extension events. Visit our [MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources](#) to learn more. We assure you that this does not diminish our commitment to the 4-H community. We will continue to offer high-quality, virtual programming and experiences, and look forward to the day when we can resume in-person programming.

## Update on 2020-2021 4-H Participation Fees

MSU Extension recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and other associated factors have put a financial strain on many families. Therefore, we have opted to waive the Michigan 4-H participation fee of \$20 per person or \$60 per family for the 2020-21 4-H program year which begins September 1, 2020. Some events may continue to have registration fees. You will continue to register through 4-H Online, but no participation fees will be collected or expected next year.

## Changes coming to 4-H Online this fall!

This fall, 4-H Online will be upgraded to version 2.0. This enhanced version of our current registration system will offer many improvements, including the ability to register for events, the ability to collect registration fees via credit card, and improved communication features, among others. Though the system will look a bit different, we anticipate this upgrade will also provide a better user experience for the 4-H community.

In preparation for this upgrade, 4-H Online will shut down on August 27 as our Michigan 4-H data are migrated to the 2.0 version. The system will reopen mid-September; during the transition time, you will not be able to access 4-H Online. Once the system is operational again, MSU Extension will email the 4-H community with instructions on how to enroll/re-enroll in the upgraded system. In that communication, we will also provide additional training resources for administrative leaders/volunteers, as well as 4-H families who would like to learn more about 4-H Online 2.0.

We appreciate your patience with this transition and look forward to starting the 2020-2021 program year with an even better 4-H Online experience.

## ***Virtual Learning Resources for Parents, Teachers and Homeschool Families***



Though the back-to-school season occurs each fall, this year is unlike anything that has been experienced before. The 2020-2021 school year will present new challenges for families and teachers alike, whether youth are returning to school in the classroom, online or at home.

To support teachers, parents and homeschool families in their educational efforts, MSU Extension is compiling a list of helpful resources that can be used by varying audiences to supplement school plans. Arranged by audience, grade level and topic, a variety of resources will be available in differing delivery methods. While not all tools utilize school standards, many do.

Look for additional information coming soon! In the meantime, please check out [extension.msu.edu/online4MI](https://extension.msu.edu/online4MI).



# Statewide & Local Calendar of Events

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### Important Changes to 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers & Treasurers

FINANCIAL MANUAL FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS:

#### Leading the Way to Financial Accountability



The 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers support 4-H volunteers and adult and youth treasurers in their roles managing 4-H funds.

Small revisions and updates to these books were made in 2020. The online PDF versions of the manuals contain the changes. However, if you have a printed or hard copy version that does not contain the 2020 changes, a one-page document is available online that notes all the important content adjustments. It is recommended that you print this resource and store it in your manual for quick reference.

Download the 2020 changes resource at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_financial\\_management\\_toolkit](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit). For more information, please contact the MSU Extension Office.

**Check out our  
Calhoun County 4-Hers  
in the Battle Creek Shopper  
on page 22:**

<https://www.yumpu.com/xx/document/read/63960789/bc-shopper->



Explore your leadership skills with the 2020 Women's Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to learn from strong women leaders while exploring their own leadership skills at the 2020 MSU Women's Leadership Institute. This two-day event will begin on September 10 when attendees (open to anyone of any age) join an interactive webinar to hear from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness—including on the front lines of health care during the novel coronavirus pandemic. Learn how the different leadership types responded during times of crisis, and how they're promoting health and wellness at this critical time.

On September 14, youth participants will take part in the second portion of this event, which is reserved just for teens. During this virtual session, youth will discuss the Day 1 speakers and their own leadership challenges and successes.

Each event will be hosted from 6-8 p.m. Although featuring women leaders, the Women's Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for youth of any gender to learn more about leadership. Register at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020) or contact Roxanne Turner (turnerr@msu.edu or 517-546-3950) or Darren Bagley (bagleyda@msu.edu or 810-244-8515) for more information.

#### September 2: 4-H in the Kitchen Live

Explore the kitchen and learn how to bake old-fashioned cream cheese cookies. Topics covered include the proper ways to mix ingredients, safety in the kitchen, and cleanliness.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live>

**September 1st – November 17th. The Wizarding World of 4-H: A Harry Potter Book Club** All aboard the Hogwarts Express! Youth ages 9-12 years old can explore the Wizarding World of Harry Potter through this virtual 4-H book club. Participants will read Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, the first book in the Harry Potter series. Each week, we will discuss chapters read, quiz our wizard knowledge, and complete hands-on activities. House points will be earned throughout the entirety of the program with a chance to win "The House Cup." The club will meet on Tuesdays at 4:30pm from For more information, and to register, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/wizard4h/>

#### September 14: Upper Peninsula 4-H Babysitting SPIN Club

This 8-session 4-H SPIN club will run through October 7. It is open to U.P. youth in grades 6-9 who want to learn about caring for children and how to be a great babysitter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/upper-peninsula-4-h-babysitting-spin-club>

#### September 19: Birds of Prey—LIVE!

Join the Kellogg Biological Sanctuary (KBS) for a virtual presentation about the birds of prey that reside at the Sanctuary and meet two special guests. This workshop is offered for \$5 for KBS members and \$7 for non-members.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/birds-of-prey-live>

**September 4: Calhoun County 4-H Leader's Recognition** We need your help in recognizing our outstanding 4-H Leaders! -Legend of 4-H - 4-H Alumni Award - Friend of 4-H Award - 4-H Citizenship Award - Please have your nominations back to me by Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for all you do in the name of 4-H!

#### MSU Extension Stress Less with Mindfulness Online Classes for September

To view descriptions of classes or to register for more online options go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/rlr/Events/>

Questions Contact: Georgina Perry, [perrygeo@msu.edu](mailto:perrygeo@msu.edu)

**Begin with a Breath Date:** September 2, 2020 Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Registration Link: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nLq7DWQbRuKQNR8PrrXJyq](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nLq7DWQbRuKQNR8PrrXJyq)

**Mindful Eating Date:** September 9, 2020 Time: 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Registration Link: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6qujim6YQTCHltCfnkw97A](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6qujim6YQTCHltCfnkw97A)

**Mindful Walking Date:** September 10, 2020 Time: 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Registration Link: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_j3SgD\\_PcQ4myMfyZNilGw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j3SgD_PcQ4myMfyZNilGw)

**Mindfully Feeding Infants and Toddlers Date:** September 22, 2020 Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Registration Link: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vxHCVlIdQommn\\_ZKld75mA](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vxHCVlIdQommn_ZKld75mA)

**Be Kind to Your Mind Date:** September 23, 2020 Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Registration Link: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_195Cpc0vRv2W0SxziDg98A](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_195Cpc0vRv2W0SxziDg98A)

**Laughter is Good Medicine Date:** September 24, 2020 Time: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Registration Link: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7ojxWbP8SmKcSE2T3jB9FQ](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7ojxWbP8SmKcSE2T3jB9FQ)

**Michigan Substance Use Prevention, Education and Recovery.** Join us online for an educational presentation about opioid misuse in rural communities. September 11, 10-11 am. Register at: [tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept11](http://tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept11)  
September 14, 6-7 pm. Register at: [tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept14](http://tinyurl.com/misuper-Sept14)

For more 4-H events go to: <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.