

*Clare County*

4-H Family News

MAY 2020

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

Shifting my work to a virtual platform the past month and a half has definitely been different, but it has been great to see so many programs be offered locally and across the state that we might not have had access to before. This past week I was able to be a part of two programs that were interesting topics - adulting and toilet paper!

The Clare MSU Extension Office had been planning to do Adulting 101 with Mid Michigan College in person before the stay home order took place. We were able to shift this program to Zoom and offer series on budget, debit & credit, cooking, and household tasks. For household tasks this week, I helped teach youth how to do laundry, iron, sew a button, and other tips and tricks that are needed when you move out on your own.

We also had our From Tree to TP program this week where we taught youth where toilet paper comes from (trees) and how it is made in the manufacturing process. We had three presenters join us including our local forester and two others who work in the paper industry in Michigan and Wisconsin. Without the use of technology we probably wouldn't have been able to have presenters from so many backgrounds join us.

Speaking of technology, please note that Zoom now requires a password to join meetings. Meeting links and passwords can be found in the "county calendar of events" in each month's newsletter.

I hope you are all hanging in there during this "stay home order". Summer is just about here!

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4-H Mini-Grants Now Available!



Each year, the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees approves grant opportunities for 4-H programs across the state.

These grants are designed to encourage program planning and participation by 4-H members and volunteers in partnership with MSU Extension 4-H program staff. The grants will be eligible for use in the 2020-2021 program year.

Several grant opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$400-1,000. Applications are due June 1. To learn more information about the grants visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants/>.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 1: Virtual Tack Cleaning Party

Online Zoom

Join us for a short tack cleaning tutorial followed by an opportunity for everyone to socialize and clean their own tack together!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-tack-cleaning-party>

May 4: Tik Tok Dances with H&H

Online Zoom

Join the 4-H Healthy Living team with activities that are engaging and get you moving. This morning movement session will get you moving with dance!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tik-tok-dances-with-h-h-may-4>

May 7: Adulting 101 Series– Spending Plan

Online Zoom

Learn quick tips for navigating life and college. In this session, learn how to develop a spending plan by budgeting and tracking your money. Preregistration required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mayseries-spendingplan>

May 7: Ocean Explorers with Madison

Online Zoom

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix as we explore sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats and stewardship issues surrounding ocean life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ocean-explorers-with-madison-may-7>

May 12: MSU Extension's Family Yoga with Kylie

Online Zoom

Help keep your family moving! Join MSU Extension for yoga, breathing and mindfulness. All ages and abilities welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extensions-family-yoga-with-kylie-may-12>

May 14: Ocean Explorers with Madison

Online Zoom

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix as we explore sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats and stewardship issues surrounding ocean life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ocean-explorers-with-madison-may-14>

May 28: Adulting 101 Series— Cooking 101

Online Zoom

Learn quick tips for navigating life and college. In this session, learn tips and tricks for easy cooking. Preregistration required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mayseries-cooking101>

For the full event listing of virtual events for youth audiences, visit <https://bit.ly/3dqPfil>.



Help Fight COVID-19 with the Michigan 4-H Mask Project

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Michigan 4-H community has stepped up to help. CDC guidelines encourage the use of cloth face coverings to protect against disease spread; 4-H families across the state have sewn homemade cloth face coverings to protect the public, essential workers, and healthcare workers. By mid-April, more than 2,400 cloth face coverings had been donated to

over 25 organizations. These cloth face coverings were created in 32 counties by more than 40 4-H youth and adult volunteers.

Though an amazing feat, **the need is still great**. Fortunately, the Michigan 4-H community is as great as the need; by working together, we can help to address this need and more.

The newly launched [Michigan 4-H Mask Project website](https://extension.msu.edu/MI4H Masks) (extension.msu.edu/MI4H Masks) has instructions for making and donating to these efforts, using basic sewing skills and a few simple supplies. Join in making a difference in the fight against COVID-19.

Questions about this project? Contact MSU Extension Staff: Anne Kretschmann at kretsch11@msu.edu or Gary Williams at will1009@msu.edu.

Update on Face-to-Face 4-H Programming

On April 2, 2020, MSU made the decision to modify or suspend youth events scheduled to take place this summer on MSU's campus. This, combined with Gov. Whitmer's announcement that in-person K-12 instruction is suspended for the remainder of the academic year, has informed changes to MSU Extension's youth programming. These changes include:

- All on-campus MSU youth events scheduled to occur before September 1, 2020 will be modified to an online space, postponed or cancelled.
- No face-to-face MSU Extension youth events or programs will take place anywhere in the state, including summer camps, until September 1, 2020. This applies to events and activities scheduled through September 1 that are led by Michigan 4-H volunteers as well.

Given the fluid nature of this situation, it may be a few weeks before decisions are reached about which programs will become virtual versus which will be postponed or canceled; information will be shared as soon as it is available. Regardless, all program participants will receive a full refund for any out-of-pocket event fees already paid for affected programs. Staff will be in contact regarding this matter in the coming weeks; we appreciate your patience with this process.

This decision has implications on 4-H classes and activities at county fairs. MSU Extension is working with the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, as well as local fair boards, to pursue new delivery methods for these 4-H events. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Youth safety and security are a guiding principle of Michigan 4-H; this decision is a reflection of that and our ongoing commitment to helping Michigan youth be physically and emotionally safe. Although the right thing to do for the health and wellbeing of MSU Extension staff, volunteers, program participants and all Michiganders, this is still a heartbreaking decision for us.

Now more than ever, MSU Extension remains committed to delivering meaningful experiences to youth and volunteers through a variety of supplemental offerings that support the educational development of Michigan youth. We will continue to update our [Remote Learning and Resources](https://extension.msu.edu/Online4MI) space (extension.msu.edu/Online4MI) with online programs, so be sure to visit the site frequently.

Managing Youth Stress



The novel coronavirus pandemic has been stressful for everyone. Families and youth are navigating new challenges, including social distancing, uncertain health outcomes and "a new normal." These new stressors may spill over into their relationships and compound other stressful conditions in the family.

To help families better understand this stress and how to cope, MSU Extension has developed a new resource, "Managing Youth Stress."

To access the resource, visit www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress.

CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Youth:

Faith Bay
Wyatt Witbeck
Brady Greene
Faith Jehnzen
Caidence DeJongh
Addison McConnell
Thomas Lewis
Tustyn Yarger
Ethan Rogers
John Crawford
David Wormsley
Russell Eberhart

Volunteers:

Kim Langlois
AJ McInnis
Julie Judge
Erika Schunk
Ashley Eberhart

May

- 12: Poultry Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
13: 4-H Youth Leadership Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/359279615>
Password: youth
14: Rabbit & Cavy Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
19: 4-H Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92768505901>
Password: livestock
19: Cat Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
21: Dog Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
26: Goat Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
27: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98527058744> Password: council
28: Beef & Dairy Feeder Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom

June

- 2: Horse Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
4: Sheep Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
9: Swine Virtual Showmanship Workshop, 7pm via Zoom
10: Youth Leadership Council meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/359279615>
Password: youth
16: 4-H Livestock Council meeting, 6:30pm
24: 4-H Council meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98527058744> Password: council
29 & July 1: Camp Clover, via Zoom and GooseChase



CLARE COUNTY 4-H 2020 GRADUATING SENIORS



Jeffrey Carncross
Farwell High School
8 Years as a 4-H Member
Clare County 4-H Council Higher
Education Scholarship Recipient



Mia Fetzer
Farwell High School
12 Years as a 4-H Member
Clare County 4-H Council Higher
Education Scholarship Recipient



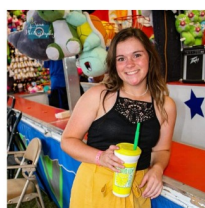
Emma Davison
Clare High School
8 Years as a 4-H Member



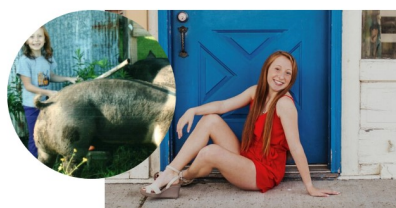
Madison Nunn
Farwell High School
3 Years as a 4-H Member



Sydney Scott
Farwell High School
8 Years as a 4-H Member



Monica McPhall
Clare High School
4 Years as a 4-H Member



Kameron Haag
Clare High School
12 Years as a 4-H Member
Clare County 4-H Council Higher
Education Scholarship Recipient



Virtual Showmanship Workshop

May 12: Poultry

May 14: Rabbit/
Cavy

May 19: Cat

May 21: Dog

May 26: Goat

May 28: Beef/Dairy
Feeder

June 2: Horse

June 4: Sheep

June 9: Swine



Hosted & led by the Clare County 4-H Youth
Leadership Council

Open to Clare County 4-H Members

Sessions will begin at 7:00 PM and take place on
Tuesdays and Thursdays. 4-H members will learn
showmanship tips and tricks from their peers in a
virtual small group setting.

Location: Zoom

Cost: FREE!

Registration required at: [https://msu.zoom.us/
meeting/register/tJYvceugpzMsGNX-
1xjxarclYJbogFgCbXf-](https://msu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvceugpzMsGNX-1xjxarclYJbogFgCbXf-)

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COLLEGE 101

FREE Online Workshops for High School Juniors & Seniors

2PM | Tuesday, May 5

Financial Aid

2PM | Tuesday, May 12

Student Loans

2PM | Tuesday, May 19

Success Strategies

2PM | Tuesday, May 26

Wellness Resources

Who Should Attend?

High School Juniors & Seniors

What Will I Learn?

- Discover quick tips that will help you navigate college.
- Ask admissions representatives questions and get answers!

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Mushrooms!

Finding the Fungus Among Us.

Join Gladwin County 4-H volunteer Jim Hill on a fun one hour virtual adventure finding and identifying mushrooms in the wilderness of Michigan.



May 13, 2020
1pm-2pm via Zoom



Register at

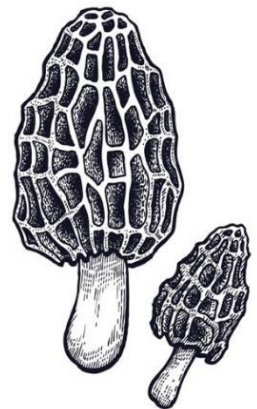
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MushroomFindingthefungus/>

Open to all

Everyone who joins will get a packet of information on mushrooms
and fun activity sheets

Instructions for Zoom will be emailed after your register!

Contact Melissa Preston at prest142@msu.edu for more
information



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