

*Gladwin County*

4-H Family News

April 2021

Spring has Sprung!

Happy Spring! I know there is excitement in the air for many of you, as kids are getting their project started for the summer, and we can't wait to see them all.

For our members in need of some gardening help, I highly recommend checking out our Gardening in Michigan Page https://www.canr.msu.edu/home_gardening/. This page has ton of articles, tips and classes to help you make the most out of your garden projects this year.

If you haven't enrolled in 4-H yet and plan on participating please make sure to enroll at v2.4honline.com. If you need your password reset please contact me at prest142@msu.edu

Lastly, I will be hosting a Zoom Office hour every Thursday at 2pm. Links to zoom will be sent day of to all 4-H members. This time is open to all.

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Meetings Dates

Leader's Council Meeting- April 19th via zoom at 6pm

Fair board Jr livestock Meeting –April 20th at 6pm at the Fair Grounds

Fair Board Meeting– April 20th at 7pm at the Fair Grounds

Fair Survival Class– May 20th at 6:30pm– Zoom link to be sent later

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Virtual 4-H SPIN Club Photography

Looking to learn the skills and knowledge it takes to become a photographer? Become a pro with the virtual Photography 4-H SPIN Club. Starting on April 13, we will meet every Tuesday at 5 PM EST until June 1, to help give you the photography skills you want to develop. Members will learn the basics of photography through different hands-on activities and a virtual scavenger hunt. This virtual 4-H SPIN Club is free for any Michigan youth, ages 9 and up, who want to explore their photography skills more!

Gladwin County Fair Updates

A few updates for members regarding fair.

- For youth taking swine, as you pick your project animals keep in mind, there is no pen class for swine. Youth may only show one barrow and one gilt.
- Youth need to provide their own USDA 840 tags for swine this year. You will not receive these tags from the fair and **will not be allowed to sell or show without them**. I have a sheet on how to request these tags if you need it.
- There will be no weigh-in for swine or lambs this year.
- Photos of your lambs with a clear picture of their fair tag and Scrapies tag are **due to the fair office by May 11**.
- Photos of your pigs with a clear picture of their 840 tag are **due to the fair office by May 11**.
- **Fair Registration forms are due June 14th to the Gladwin fair office**. If you are unsure how to fill out these forms please reach out and Melissa Preston would be happy to help
- Fair office address is 401 S State St, Gladwin, MI 48624



April Birthdays

Kerry Lockwood

Emma Snyder

Marguerite Reynolds

Brayden Randle

Juliona Corlew

Hope Van Tiem

Emalee Mesler

Cole Lockwood

Brady Cross

Daniel Sprague

Lucas Evans

Kamryn Lawrason

Olivia Lewis

Exploring with Scientist!

K-12 students! Investigate the field of Biology and learn about cool science happening at the Kellogg Biological Station with three graduate students doing research here!

Exploring with Scientists in a three-part, online series designed for ages 9-14. It's free—feel free to attend.

April 22: Do birds avoid noisy habitats? With Elizeth Cinto-Mejia

May 6: Where do moths carry pollen? With Alice Puchalsky

Register for the Zoom link or watch on the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary Facebook page! https://birdsantuary.kbs.msu.edu/.../exploring-with...



Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

MSU Extension professionals have been thoughtfully creating guidelines that allow Michigan 4-H volunteers and members to conduct limited business while protecting public health. This information helps create a path forward with the **eventual goal** of in-person programming. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website will be updated every two weeks or as soon as new information becomes available.

It is imperative that volunteers and 4-H'ers alike adhere to the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities. If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador, leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

April is Month of the Military Child!



Join Michigan 4-H in celebrating military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by taking part in the 4-H GooseChase Challenge this April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan.

New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose.

Support 4-H at JOANNs



JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and JOANN will donate 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Learn more at www.joann.com/4-h/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

Zoom Webinar

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

Zoom Webinar

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

April 13: Wild Spartans Series - Researching Wildfire

Zoom Webinar

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april>

April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Zoom Webinar

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H youth from April 28-May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

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



Virtual 4-H SPIN Club

PHOTOGRAPHY



Join us as we learn the basics of photography through different hands-on activities and a virtual scavenger hunt.

When: April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4,
May 11, May 18, May 25, and June 1
5 PM - 6 PM EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app

MUST REGISTER on 4-H Online TO GET ACCESS to club

Free and Open to youth ages 9 and Up

Please visit bit.ly/Photo4-HSPIN to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online



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SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

Want to know more about your animal project?
Goats, Poultry, Rabbits and Animal Health
will be covered!
Join us on Wednesday nights in May!

MAY 5, 12, 19, 26
6:30 P.M.
ONLINE



You do not need to be in 4-H or Shiawassee
County to attend these workshops,
they are open to all youth ages 5-19, 4-H
Leaders & Parents.



MI Ag Ideas to Grow With

College Scholarship Opportunity



Due to the generous support of individuals and organizational partners who supported the MI Ag Ideas to Grow With virtual conference, we are pleased to offer the 2021 MI Ag Ideas to Grow With college scholarship.

Seniors who are finishing their final year of high school (2020/2021) or students who have already started their post-secondary education at a college or university are encouraged to apply.

Apply
by
April 21

<http://bit.ly/MiAgIdeasScholarship>

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Due to the generous support of individuals and organizational partners who supported the MI Ag Ideas to Grow With virtual conference, we are pleased to offer the 2021 MI Ag Ideas to Grow With college scholarship. This unique virtual conference combined past Michigan State University (MSU) Extension events such as Ag Action Day, Branch County Farmers Day, and Southwest Michigan Horticulture Days into one week-long virtual program, February 15-19, 2021. Even though the program was offered virtually, it was important that traditions such as the student scholarship continued. Youth did not have to take part in the conference to apply for the scholarship



Are Your Laces Tied? 4-H Hiking SPIN Club

**Tuesdays from April 27 until May 25
5:30-6:30 EST / 4:30-5:30 CT**

[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/AREYOURLACESTIED/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/areyourlacedtied/)



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During the Are Your Laces Tied? 4-H Hiking SPIN Club, youth will learn how to safely prepare for and take a short hike, the benefits of spending time outdoors, and the importance of Leave No Trace principles while you are hiking.

Special guests will share hiking tips. With the basic skills learned through this club, youth will be able to safely enjoy hiking! Meetings will occur on Tuesdays from April 27 until May 25, 2021 from 5:30-6:30 EST / 4:30-5:30 CT. Open to 4-H members, statewide. Not a 4-H member? Enroll today for free!

The program is targeted to youth between the recommended age of 10-14; but open to 8-19 years old. Members enrolled in the 4-H SPIN Club will receive a supply kit in the mail containing materials for activities and to support extended learning. Space is limited to 32 participants. Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Areyourlacedtied/>

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

EARTH DAY HEROES

JOIN US IN THIS FREE VIRTUAL 6 SESSION SPIN CLUB DESIGNED TO MAKE EVERYONE AN EVERYDAY EARTH DAY HERO. EXPERIMENT AND CREATE IN WAYS TO HELP THE BETTER YOUR ENVIRONMENT. EVENT IS OPEN TO AGES 6 -12. 4-H AND NON 4-H MEMEBERS WELCOME.

APRIL 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
AT 5:00 PM

UPON REGISTRATION A KIT WITH MOST OF THE SUPPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN A FEW ITEMS ON THEIR OWN. KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL PICK UP OR MAILED IF NON LOCAL. PLEASE SEE REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO INSURE TIMELY DELIVERY.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 11, 2021

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL MARTINA VALDEZ @ VALDEZM3@MSU.EDU



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Spring into action and become an Earth Day Hero!

Join us as we learn to become Earth Day Heroes. Every Day can be Earth Day as we learn, create, and experiment with things that can benefit the environment. The club will meet virtually on April 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 5:00 PM EDT, beginning April 20, 2021 and concluding April 29, 2021. To receive further instruction, club access, and supplies register at : <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../shiawassee-4-h-earth-day...>

Have any questions, please contact Martina Valdez @ valdezm3@msu.edu.

JOIN US ONLINE!

4-H LEGO MASTER BUILDER SPIN CLUB



Every day choose to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! Open to all youth aged 5 to 12.

Sign up by April 22nd!

Starts: Monday, April 26-30, 2021

From: 4-5:15pm

Questions: Christine Miller email at
johns832@msu.edu or call
(517)552-6905

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Registration is open for the April 4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club, it will begin on Monday, April 26th and end Friday, April 30th, registration closes on April 22nd. This club will meet virtually every day from 4-5:15 pm EST. Over the course of the week, youth will get a chance to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 5 to 12. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HLegoSPINClubApril/>

This 4-H SPIN Club will meet virtually via Zoom (both computer and smartphone accessible). Zoom link information will only be sent to event registrants that complete their 4-H Online enrollment by April 22nd (Club is listed under Livingston County – SPIN Club LEGO Master Builder

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Ride

Across

your State

Challenge!

Registration is now open!

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Michigan 4-H Horse Programs

The ****all-new**** Michigan 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge is now open for registration!

Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

REGISTER HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/RideAcrossOurState/>

CONTEST RULES FOUND HERE: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses.../registration-information>

Youth and adults may participate. Individual and team divisions. Michigan geography, history, and fun facts will then be shared with participants via email and social media weekly.

Top placing individuals and teams will be recognized. All participants receive a participation certificate!

Walk Across the State!

**MICHIGAN 4-H DOG PROGRAM
APRIL 15-MAY 31**



The ****all-new**** Michigan 4-H Dog Program Walk Across Our State Challenge is now open for registration!
That's right, earn prizes while walking the dog!

Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

RULES & REGISTRATION FOUND HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HDogWalkAcrossOurState/>

Youth and adults may participate. Individual and team divisions. Michigan geography, history, and fun facts will then be shared with participants via email and social media weekly.

Top placing individuals and teams will be recognized and earn prizes. All participants receive a participation certificate!



Join Us Online **WILD SPARTANS**

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

RESEARCHING WILDFIRE IN BOREAL & ARCTIC REGIONS

**WITH LAURA BOURGEOU-CHAVEZ, SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST/ PROFESSOR
MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Tuesday, April 13 | 7 PM EST

Registration required:

www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series

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Join 4-H staff as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife!

This month we will delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to the flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Join us on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7pm EST for “Researching Wildfire in Boreal and Arctic Regions”. We will talk to a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas of the world using satellite imagery, including high resolution optical and radar imagery, and other cutting edge technology. You will meet Laura Bourgeau-Chavez, Senior Research Scientist/ Assistant Professor, Michigan Technological University: Michigan Tech Research Institute, learn about her field work, how she uses drones and radar technology to map and study wildfire effects, and hear about the education and career path she followed to get there. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with Dr. Bourgeau-Chavez. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Monthly sessions will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm EST through May. Pre-registration is required: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/environment.../wild-spartans-series>