



Gladwin County

4-H Family News

February 2021

Hope the Winter Finds You Well

I hope everyone is having a good winter so far! This is the best time of year for sledding, hiking or curling up with a nice cup of hot coco. No matter how you spend the winter season, know Gladwin County 4-H is going to keep bringing programs to you to fill your winter with fun.

Passport Kitchen has over 46 youth participating in the program. We start shipping boxes next week. We are so thankful for all the support this program has received from the community. Don't fret if you have missed this round of Passport Kitchen, we plan on bringing it back with more countries in the spring.

If your looking to get outside this winter we suggest your family register for the Winter Outdoor Family Adventure taking place February 19th to 21st through the GooseChase app! Join Mid Michigan College, MSU Extension, 4-H and Jay's Sporting Goods as your family team has fun in the outdoors. All that is needed for this adventure is a smart device with a camera! The free preregistration can be completed at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/winteroutdoorfamilyadventure/>

The MSU Extension office is open but educators and coordination staff are limited on office time and continue to work from home. There have been no changes to the no meeting face-to-face policy and it remains in place until further notice. I look forward to when we can all see each other again. I hope you all have a wonderful February

Sincerely,

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Senior Scholarship Packets Available

Seniors, the 4-H Leader's Council and Kenneth J. Dubiel scholarship packets are in the mail. They are also available at https://www.canr.msu.edu/gladwin/4-h/4_h_club_forms.

The link was also emailed to all eligible seniors.

All scholarship packets are due March 1st, 2021 to the

MSUE Gladwin office. If you have any questions regarding the scholarships please contact the office at 989-426-7741 or prest142@msu.edu

Winter cold is always a bummer especially of late but being stuck indoors is a great opportunity for parents to engage with their child and have some fun too. In an article by Christine Venema from Michigan State University Extension she has a fun recipe for both parents and kids alike. This project teaches youth to read a recipe and learn a little about chemistry.

For full recipe and instructions link provided https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/avoid_winter_blues_with_fun_recipes

Uncooked Grape Jelly

For this Recipe you will need...

- ☐ 2 cups of lukewarm water
- ☐ 1-6-ounce can of frozen unsweetened grape juice concentrate
- ☐ 1 box powdered pectin
- ☐ 3 ¼ cups sugar

Slowly mix the pectin into the lukewarm water in a two-quart mixing bowl. Stir the mixture constantly until the solid pectin is dissolved in the lukewarm water. Let the mixture stand for 45 minutes. Stir the mixture occasionally, but do not beat it.

Thaw the frozen can of grape juice by placing the can in cold water. When the juice is thawed, pour it into a one-quart mixing bowl. Stir into the juice 1 ¾ cups of sugar. Mix thoroughly. Not all of the sugar will be dissolved. Add the remaining 1 ½ cups of sugar to the dissolved pectin mixture. Stir this pectin-sugar mixture until the all sugar is dissolved. Mix the juice mixture with the pectin mixture. Stir the mixture constantly until all of the sugar is dissolved.

Pour the liquid grape juice, pectin, and sugar mixture into freezer containers or canning jars. Leave 1/2 -inch headspace. Cover with a tight lid. Let the mixture stand at room temperature until it is set or solid (should take up to 24 hours). Freeze or refrigerate the grape jelly.



February Birthdays

Anastasia Sischo

Brayden Revis

Brian Simrau

Dalton Peters

Heidi Inscho

Joshua Klein

Kinleigh Grove

Logan Trevillian

Nathan Schwan

Sarah Morley

Shannon Graham

**Coming soon: virtual
4-H Capitol Experience
Youth Summit**



Save the date for the 4-H Capitol Experience Youth Summit, March 13, 17 and 20!

This fully virtual event will have opportunities for youth engagement, networking, sharing ideas, meeting with decision makers, learning about careers in and around policy, and learning the basics about government.

Youth will select issue groups, which will become small group learning cohorts throughout the event.

Sessions will be held:

- March 13, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- March 17, 4—6 p.m.
- March 20, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

This event is open to youth in eighth grade through age 19; registration will begin in February. The \$20 cost to attend will include a mailed conference kit to enhance the virtual experience. Scholarships are available.

4-H Events and Workshops

February 1-28: Cooking with Kristi

Online

This six-part on-demand video series will provide participants with access to instructional cooking videos and a private Facebook group. Youth will learn kitchen safety and sanitation, recipes for tasty and economical foods, and cooking techniques and terms.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi

February 2: Life of the Straits Winter Edition

Zoom Webinar

The program will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 9. Each session will share information on amazing features of the Straits of Mackinac and the wonderful winter activities you can enjoy there. This program is ideal for youth 8-12 years but is open to any family.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-winter-edition-2021-feb-2

February 9: Wild Spartans Series—Working with Honeybees

Zoom Webinar

Join each month to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In February, attendees will hear from an entomologist and learn what the buzz really is about bees!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february

February 13: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

Zoom Webinar

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this new series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! Sessions will be held monthly.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-feb-13

February 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series

Zoom Webinar

This youth-led series, occurring monthly, is a safe place for past, present, and future MSU Tollgate Farm stewards and stewards-in-training to connect or reunite as a community and to explore resiliency and growth as youth leaders.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-feb-18

February 20: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Baked Corndogs

Zoom Webinar

Participants will learn how to prepare a healthier version of a corndog.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-baked-corndogs

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

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Update on Michigan 4-H programming

A message from MSU Extension Director Jeff Dwyer and Jake DeDecker, state leader of Michigan 4-H Youth Development

To say that 2020 was difficult is an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic and the losses and life changes that came along with it took its toll on many of us. At MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H, we felt the pain that comes with cancelling events and pivoting exclusively to online programming.



You'd be hard pressed to find anyone—inside or outside Extension—who isn't eager to get back to face-to-face programming. We understand that our Michigan 4-H families are missing incredible experiences and connections that were built through in-person gatherings and programs.

We are making plans to resume face-to-face programming, and we look forward to engaging 4-H'ers, their families and volunteers. Our staff is working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when the threat to public health caused by COVID-19 greatly diminishes. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, we are eager to see you all at the events, club meetings, competitions and fairs we all have grown to love.

In the meantime, we are committed to bringing high-quality virtual programming to residents and communities with varying needs throughout the state. We encourage 4-H'ers and clubs to continue meeting via zoom and engage in the many virtual educational programs offered by 4-H. For more information on virtual programs and resources or help setting up 4-H club meetings, contact your 4-H program coordinator or visit MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources web page at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/rhr/>. Thank you for all that you do. We hope to see you soon.



World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute applications due April 1

AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
virtually to become inspired and prepared as the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. On May 6, youth will join

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and how it is affected by one of 20 key factors that impact food security. At the online event, youth will present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They will also participate in an interactive session with global challenge experts to learn more about topics related to global food and food security.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be considered as possible delegates to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, or virtually, in October. For more information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/. Registration will open on March 1; registration and papers are due by April 1.

**TIME Magazine
selects 4-H'er as
"Kid of the Year"**

TIME

Congratulations to Colorado 4-H'er Gitanjali Rao, TIME Magazine's Kid of the Year! At age 15, Gitanjali is the first 4-H'er to ever be selected for the honor.

Gitanjali earned the distinction for her efforts to address a range of major problems. Utilizing STEM, she has worked on issues that include contaminated drinking water, opioid addiction and cyberbullying. It is her belief that young innovators such as her hold the key to solving world problems.

Read more about Gitanjali's 4-H story and experiences in her interview with TIME:

<https://time.com/5916772/kid-of-the-year-2020/>

Virtual 4-H SPIN Club

Hero Time!

Become a
hero today!

Join us as we discuss the makings of a hero,
play exciting hero-themed games, and
creating our very own heroes!

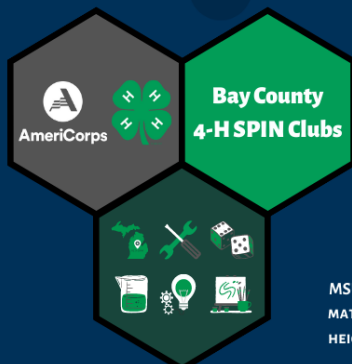
When: February 23, February 25, March 2,
March 4, March 9, and March 11
4 - 5 PM EST

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/4-HHero to receive
more information about this club and
how to register on 4-H Online



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WINTER

OUTDOOR FAMILY ADVENTURE EVENT

FEB 19-21



Free winter fun open to families with youths ages 5-19.

Preregistration required. Families will have fun in the outdoors while learning about many winter recreation activities!

Winter-themed missions will be completed as household teams on the **GooseChase app** which will allow teams a chance to win prizes.

Mission themes: snowshoeing, cross country skiing, fat tire biking, outdoor cooking, trapping, ice fishing, winter crafts, winter mammals, and winter activities like building a snowman and making a snow angel!

Self-paced **GooseChase game** will be open for participation **February 19 to 21.**



PRE-REGISTER

TODAY TO PARTICIPATE

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



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2021 SKILLATHON

Michigan 4-H State Championship

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.

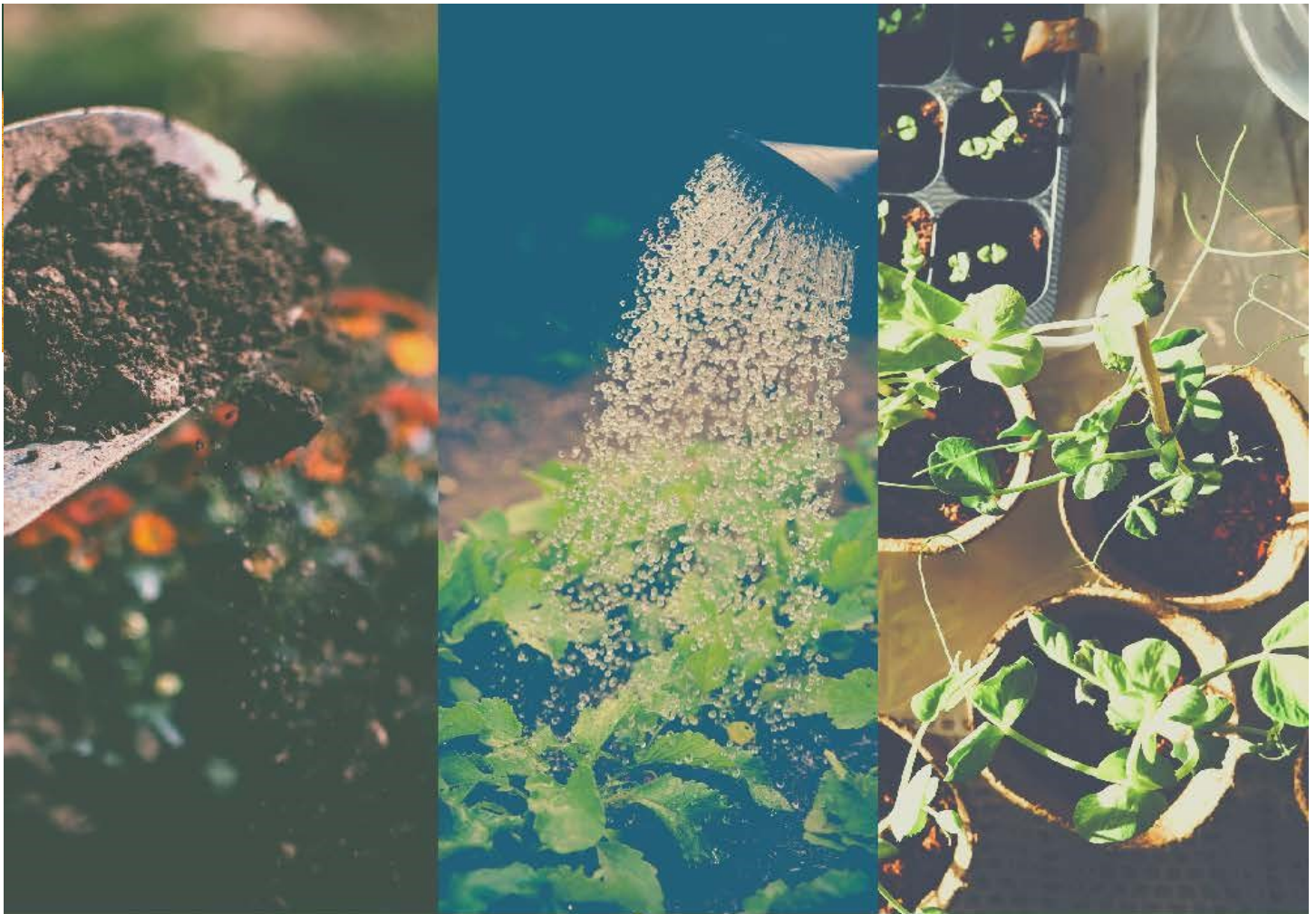


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**Registration is Open for the
North/Upper Peninsula Regional - Sat. March 6**

events.anr.msu.edu/skillathon/



GREEN BEAN SPROUT EGG CARTON KITS

Come join the fun with this mail home kits to teach kids how you can grow great veggies during our cold winter months.

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

Registration opens Feb 8th through Feb 15th. Kits will be mailed home the week of Feb 22nd. Cost is \$10.00 per youth. Please click the link above to get signed up!!

If you have any questions feel free to email:

Mollie Hogg 4-H Program Coordinator @ hoggmoll@msu.edu



Winter Bird Feeding Kits

Join us as we enjoy the winter season feeding the birds!

This program is great for youth who love bird watching and exploring the outdoors.

Registration opens on February 5th.

All supplies will be included in the kit.
Kits will be mailed directly to your home.

The cost is 10 dollars per registered youth.

Register at:

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

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