

*Gladwin County*

4-H Family News

July 2021

Restrictions are lifted!

Earlier this week MSU lifted all restrictions on face to face programming. MSU Extension will no longer have any face-to-face requirements or require approvals for in-person 4-H meetings, activities or events. Michigan 4-H clubs and groups may now meet in-person as desired! Please continue to keep a record of attendance with contact information for each in-person engagement, via meeting minutes, registration, attendance log or other methods.

Volunteers who have not already done so will need to be in active status in Volunteer Central before re-engaging, but the Communicating Through Conflict training module is no longer required. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator if you have questions about your current volunteer status.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H volunteers hosting in-person events are still encouraged to continue following best practices that allow individuals to increase their comfort level with meeting in person. This includes meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer at touch points, frequently sanitizing surfaces and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them. Flexibility continues to be key and groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

We know this has been a long road to this point. I want to thank all of our parents and volunteers for all the support through these very difficult times. I look forward to seeing many of you at fair and look forward to what the rest of the year brings.

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lunch



Fair Need to Knows /Upcoming dates

July 11th-17th– Fair Week

July 19, 2021 at 6:00pm- Leader's Council Meeting in MSUE Office

September 1, 2021– 4-H Enrollment opens

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Showing and Fitting Guide for Poultry

Its never to late to brush up on your showing skills. Poultry showman should check out our 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Member's Guide. This guide gives great tips on showmanship techniques and requirements to show. The guide can be found here at this link:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/4-h_poultryshowingcurriculum_2018_final-web_\(1\).pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/4-h_poultryshowingcurriculum_2018_final-web_(1).pdf)



July Birthdays

Mike Simrau

Danielle Klamer

Kaitlynn Maxwell

Chloe Bruner

Emily Harris

Scott Inscho

Grace Hoag

Darby McKimmy

Brielle Graveline

Bryson Thurlow

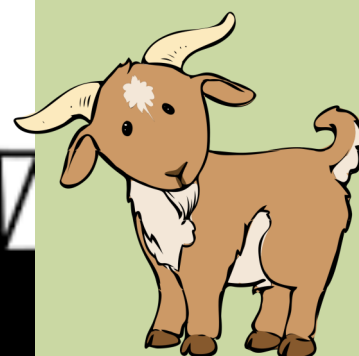
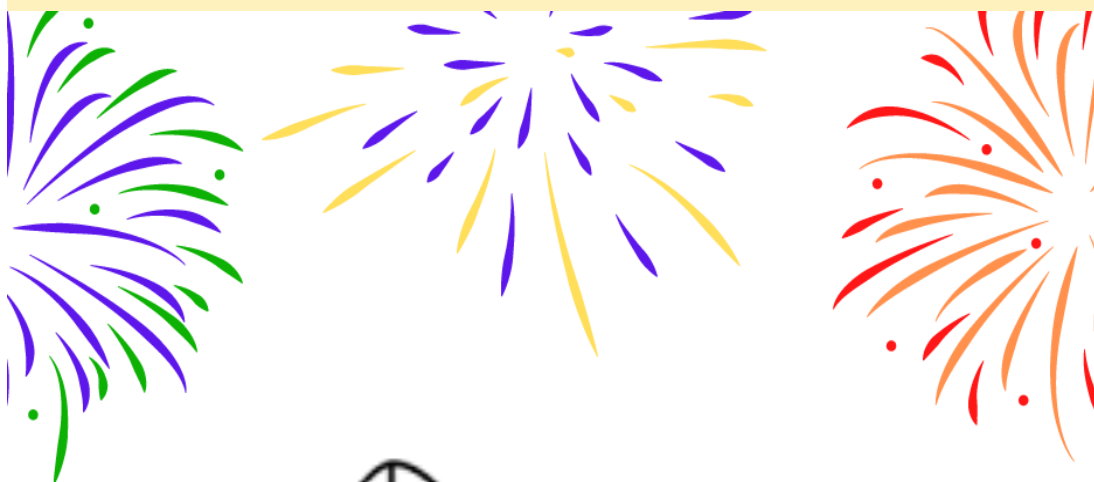
Tess Corlew

Rylee Lewis

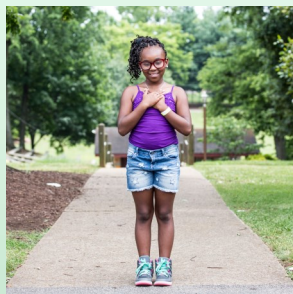
Carl Harper

Jordin Hays

Quinn Royce



Michigan 4-H returns to in-person programming



Thanks to thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, Michigan 4-H is excited to once again be hosting face-to-face programs and events.

Since May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers have been hosting in-person activities that adhere to specific public health guidelines.

To learn more about these meeting requirements and how your club or group can request a face-to-face program, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 1: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-2

July 8: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-3

July 10: MSU Tollgate Farm HomeGrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you 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 monthly series! This session will focus on season extension for the home garden.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-july-10

July 12: Michigan 4-H Sights and Sounds of Nature

Online

Michigan youth are invited to become mindful and engaged in nature during July and August by completing nature journaling prompts each week using the app Goose-Chase.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-sights-and-sounds-of-nature

July 14: 4-H Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

The Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a fun filled day of everything outdoors, from nature walks to crafts and bug hunting to meeting animals! Open to ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp

July 17: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Online

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program for two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp

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

4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Explore the exciting field of computer coding with MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program, 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! Discover your passion for technology and develop skills you can continue practicing throughout high school.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is a four-day virtual camp being held over two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15. In addition to coursework, it will include evening engagement activities, including career exploration. Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding experience and skills through this interactive online experience. By the end of the camp, youth will learn how to develop their own tech ideas, as well as design and code a personal website from scratch!



This camp is open to rising high school freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in learning computer coding and applying it to solve problems. **Space is limited, register online by July 12 at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp.** The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$300 and includes tech support, post-camp support and program fees. There is potential grant funding and limited scholarships available. Attendees will need a computer with internet and the ability to do video conferencing (microphone and webcam) to participate.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or email johns832@msu.edu.

Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan.

MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.

Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens

Help communities
you care about by
donating your
myWalgreens
Cash rewards



4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free **myWalgreens** membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards. It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at: <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.