

*Gladwin County*

# 4-H Family News

March 2021

## March is Here!

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. I want to let you all know there have been some changes to the spring activities we usually have.

Sadly, we had to cancel the Mid Michigan Farm and Garden Show and with it Spring Achievement as well. We just don't have the current ability to make it work for everyone. We are planning on hosting Spring Achievement next year.

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

Livestock Meeting—March 11th at 6pm via Zoom see email for link

Fair board Jr livestock meeting –March 16th at 6pm at the fair grounds

Fair Board Meeting– March 16th at 7pm at the Fair Grounds

Leader's Council Meeting- April 19th, 2021 via zoom at 6pm

## Changes to Tag Requirements for Hogs

For the 2021 exhibition year and beyond, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) will no longer provide bulk orders of the plastic NUES tags for county fairs to use as official ID as they have in the past.

The individual exhibitor or owner of the animal will need to acquire the official identification (ID) for the animal(s). This can be done by the exhibitor purchasing a pig that has already been tagged with a USDA 840 tag by the breeder or by the exhibitor purchasing USDA 840 tag(s).

- Exhibitors are strongly encouraged by MDARD to request that tags are placed in the pig before purchasing it.
- Currently there is no requirement for in state breeders to provide official ID or USDA 840 tags; instead, this is a service that the breeder can provide for their customers.
- It is illegal to remove official ID tags from an animal.
- You may not apply an official ID tag if one is present in the animal already. For example: If a pig currently has a USDA 840 tag Identifying it, a NUES tag should not be applied to the animal. Fairs may require non-official fair specific identification for their event.

See attached form for full information and how to purchase your own USDA 840 Tags

## Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry!

Gladwin County 4-H Families, we are excited to announce the Knights of Columbus has selected our organization to support with one of its Fish Fry Dinners.

March 26th from 4-7pm the Knights of Columbus will be hosting its Fish Fry Dinner. This event has been modified to comply with current restrictions. As such the Fish Fry Dinner is carry out only with curb side pickup available. No families or members are needed to work this event but please share this event with the community as some of the proceeds from the dinner will go to directly support the Gladwin County 4-H Leader's Council. See flyer for full details.



## Happy Birthday

**Erika Breault**

**Steven Lockwood**

**Melissa Maxwell**

**Olivia Klein**

**Gracie Thurlow**

**Logan Klein**

**Clairece Britton**

**Jordyn Schultz**

**Brenna Randle**

**Jayce Greenman**

**Abbie Schwab**

**Avery McKeever**

**Michigan 4-H presents  
American Ninja  
Warrior Daniel Gil**



Join Michigan 4-H on March 24 for a special presentation by 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil!

During the free virtual event, Gil will discuss overcoming obstacles. This unique opportunity is open to all Michigan youth and their families.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST. Preregistration is required. To register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### March 4— April 8: 4-H Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

*Zoom Webinar*

Explore ecosystems, Michigan wildlife, and citizen science by examining trail camera footage. The club will meet each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. EST through April 8.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club)

### March 9: Wild Spartans Series - Searching for Vernal Pools

*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 March, dive into the springtime ephemeral pools in the woods to discover the treasures within!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march)

### March 10: Officer Training - Virtual Edition!

*Zoom Webinar*

This training is open to all 4-Hers in Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The youth-focused training will offer instruction on running club meetings virtually and tips for voting in a virtual meeting, as well as provide an opportunity to try out various features.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10)

### March 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series 2021

*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-march-18](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-march-18)

### March 16: 4-H Give Green Day

*Everywhere*

Michigan 4-H is once again joining MSU's #GiveGreenDay. Help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support Michigan 4-H youth.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day)

### March 23: The Roots and Branches of Your Family Tree

*Zoom Webinar*

Ever wondered about the traditions in your family, where they came from or how they settled where they are now? Join this webinar to learn how to start researching your family tree.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-roots-and-branches-of-your-family-tree>

### April 1: 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline)

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



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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### Apply for a 2021 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1, 2021. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).



### Join the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team!

Youth ages 15-19 are invited to apply for the new Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team to help create a friendly, positive environment for Michigan youth and communities. The Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance is the brainchild of two Michigan 4-H teens who attended the [2020 National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute](#) and were inspired to create positive change in their 4-H community.

Applications are being accepted for the teen leadership team that will serve as advisors for the state-level Alliance. These leaders will develop leadership skills and help to create opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to come together in fun, positive, and supportive ways. While this group is being established through Michigan 4-H, youth do NOT need to be 4-H'ers to apply; this opportunity is open to all teens interested in supporting the inclusion and participation of LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in Michigan 4-H.

Teen leaders will meet two to three times per month and should plan on committing about three hours of their time each month. The first meeting will be in April. This teen leadership team is just the beginning; additional opportunities will be available for youth who wish to serve on regional or local Alliance leadership teams, as well as join and participate as members.

Applications from prospective youth leadership members will be accepted from February 15 – March 15 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hlgbtqia/>. Youth interested in learning more about the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance are encouraged to attend an optional Zoom open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required to participate in the open house, and can be completed at <https://bit.ly/3q6v1D8>. For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educator Brian Wibby at [wibby@msu.edu](mailto:wibby@msu.edu).

### 4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 29. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.



## Updates to Official Identification for Exhibition Swine 2021

**For the 2021 exhibition year and beyond, the management of the official identification program for exhibition swine will be changing.**

**Authors: Dr. Cherie Collins, Dr. Theresa Drysdale, Nick Babcock and Beth Ferry**

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### Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Can the fair use a non-official management tag (fair specific) along with an official ID tag?**
  - Yes, fairs can have fair-specific tags required for their exhibits, along with the requirement for official ID.
  - Fairs are encouraged to use a non-official management tag for ease of readability.
2. **Will the fair be able to use NUES tags in 2021 if they still have an inventory left from previous years?**

Fairs can use their excess supply of NUES tags until they are gone.

- County fairs will be expected to have a record keeping system in place that allows them to track the tag number issued to the exhibitor and the address of where the pigs are kept.
- Records for the animals will need to be updated with the destination of the animal after leaving the county fair (processor or back to a farm).
- Fairs can only utilize the NUES tags that were originally allocated to them.

**To contact an expert in your area, visit [msue.anr.msu.edu/experts](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/experts) or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464)**

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For additional information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/outreach](http://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach)

3. **What does a fair do with extra NUES tags that they do not plan on using?**  
Tags can be picked up by [MDARD](#) field staff by calling program manager Dr. Cherie Collins at (517) 284-5686.
4. **If my fair has extra NUES tags that we will not be using, can I give these tags to another fair to use?**  
No, NUES tags must be used by the location/fair that they were originally allocated to. Fairs are not allowed to exchange or share NUES tags.
5. **If the purchased animal is not tagged with a USDA 840 tag by the breeder, where can youth purchase USDA 840 tags?**  
USDA 840 tags can be purchased from an approved supplier. The premises identification number (PIN) of the farm or location where the animal is housed must be used to purchase official ID tags.
6. **When purchasing USDA 840 tags, you have the option of selecting electronic (EID) or non-electronic tags. Which should you select?**  
MDARD recommends that exhibitors purchase USDA 840 electronic identification (EID) tags for use in their exhibition pigs. If they choose, fairs or exhibitions can purchase an EID tag reader to use during their event.



USDA 840 EID Tag



USDA 840 EID Tag  
With matching visual tag



USDA 840 Tag

7. **Where can exhibitors get a Premises Identification Number (PIN)?**  
If an exhibitor would like to register their premises with the state of Michigan, they should call [MDARD](#) at 1-888-565-8626 to complete this process. It is important to remember that PINs are assigned to a physical address; not an individual. If a person moves locations, their PIN does not remain the same.
8. **What do I do if I lost my Premises Identification Number (PIN)?**  
If you need to be reminded of your PIN, please call MDARD at 1-888-565-8626.
9. **Who are approved suppliers of USDA 840 tags?**
  - USDA 840 tags are sold by multiple distributors and can be ordered from your company of choice.
    - The following companies are approved to manufacture USDA 840 tags for swine: Allflex, Destron Fearing, EZid (Leader Products), Shearwell, Temple Tag, Y-Tex.
    - Tags can be ordered in bulk from approved distributors listed on each manufacturer's website.
  - Most Michigan livestock markets will sell single USDA 840 EID tags to exhibitors.
    - Exhibitors are encouraged to call their local livestock market to inquire if they sell single USDA 840 EID tags for use in swine.
  - Additional retailers are approved to supply single EID USDA 840 tags.

To contact an expert in your area, visit [msue.anr.msu.edu/experts](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/experts) or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464)

- Markets and businesses that will supply single EID USDA 840 tags can be viewed on the [MDARD website](#).
  - When purchasing an USDA 840 tag from ANY supplier you will need to have the PIN for the farm or location housing your animals.
- 10. When ordering USDA 840 tags from a manufacturing distributor, how long does it typically take to receive them?**  
Manufacturing and shipping times will vary depending on the distributor; you should plan on at least three to four weeks before receiving the tags once ordered.
- 11. What expense will the exhibitor incur when ordering USDA 840 tags?**  
USDA 840 tags are approximately \$1 to \$4.50 each; however many suppliers require that tags are ordered in sets of 25.
- 12. Who is responsible for tagging the animal with a USDA 840 tag?**  
Tags may be applied by the exhibitor, parent or a responsible party. Fair officials or volunteers may also complete the tagging process if needed. Please note tag applicators will not work for all tags. If a fair intends to supply tag applicators, they will need to make sure that the equipment will work for various types of USDA 840 tags or have multiple applicators on hand.

#### For more information

Information and educational materials on official ID for exhibition swine and other topics are available on the [MSU Extension Show Pig page](#) and the [MDARD website](#).

Questions regarding official ID for exhibition swine may be directed to:



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# **Gladwin Knights Of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner**

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**The Gladwin Knights of Columbus are hosting their Friday  
Fish Fry Dinner, a portion of proceeds from this dinner will go  
to support the Gladwin County 4-H Program.**

**March 26th, 2021**

**4pm-7pm**

**Carry Out Only!**

**Fast Curbside Pickup!**



**Fish Dinners are \$10.00**

**Fish and Shrimp Dinners are \$12.00**

**(Fish and Shrimp dinners consist of 1 piece of fish and 6 jumbo shrimp)**

**Knight of Columbus Hall is located at 751 S M-18 Gladwin MI**

The Gladwin County 4-H Program is one of many organizations the Knights of Columbus has sponsored and we greatly appreciate all their efforts and support.



# **The Roots and Branches of your Family Tree**

**Have you ever wondered about the traditions in your family?  
Wondered how your grandparents met?  
Where did your family come from and how they settled in  
the area they are now?**

**Join 4-H staff on**

**March 23 at 6:30 pm**

**This event is free to youth ages 8 and up**

**Register to join at [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/  
WN\\_LX0GI4XbQU-aYMXadRMunw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LX0GI4XbQU-aYMXadRMunw)**

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