

*Grand Traverse County*

4-H Family News

NOVEMBER 2020

Traverse City High School Service Activity

The Grand Traverse County Leaders Advisory Council once again partnered with Traverse City High School as a service project. Traverse City High School runs a pantry to help low income and homeless or in-transition youth and young parents continue their education by providing ready-made food and personal items. Clubs and Community members were invited to drop off items at the Grand Traverse County 4-H Office through the first week in November. Thank you to everyone who helped support this project.

For more than 70 years Community Service has been an important part of 4-H. A huge thank you to The Forever Farmin' 4-H Club, who filled our hallway with boxes of much needed supplies, they voted as a club to use club funds to help support this service project.

If you would like to learn more about how your 4-H Club can engage in Community Service, visit the [Community Service Learning website](#) to get started with ideas, inspiration, and resources.

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Livestock Council News...

Did you hear about the Project Animal Giveaways? Eligible youth submitted their name to be in a "spin the wheel" giveaway and youth won 14 project animals to raise for next year. Most animals will be purchased from local farms. If you are interested in donating to the "Project Animal Giveaway" or winning an animal watch for details again next year.

Youth that want to raise a project animal and showcase that animal at the Northwestern Michigan Fair must be active 4-H members in good standing and register their animal. Be sure to check out the [Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Website](#) for meetings, registration forms, and more helpful information.

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**MSU's Institute of
Agricultural
Technology Virtual
Open House!**



**Institute of
Agricultural
Technology**

You're invited to attend a virtual open house for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology to learn more about [MSU's academic programs](#) and many [partnerships with Michigan community colleges](#).

The open house events begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 45 minutes. The presentation will include information about academic programs, career pathways, enrollment process, resources for student success, and key campus life opportunities, as well as providing an opportunity for youth to ask questions at any point throughout the presentation.

To register, click on the preferred date below:

[Tuesday, November 3](#)
www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-3-nov-2020

[Tuesday, November 17](#)
www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020

Questions?
Contact ati.iat@msu.edu or
call 517-884-7334.

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6-11: Michigan Youth Fall-a-thon

Online via GooseChase

Join the fun on the GooseChase app as youth compete as household teams to complete challenges in this fun, self-paced, virtual fall event!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-youth-fall-a-thon>

November 9-13: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

Online via Zoom

Join the 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club and explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-minecraft-spin-club-nov-9-13>

November 9-12: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Vet Science Interactive Series

Online via Zoom

Explore veterinary science through interactive sessions as you visit Tollgate Farm virtually to learn about livestock and companion animals through STEM challenges and learning!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-vet-science-interactive-week-long-series>

November 9-12: Youth Armory Babysitting Training

Online via Zoom

Join this four-day training designed to teach teen youth everything they need to know about being safe, effective, trustworthy and responsible babysitters.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-armory-babysitting-training>

November 10: Wild Spartans Series

Online via Zoom

Join 4-H staff to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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

November 25: 4-H Sooper Yooper GooseChase Scavenger Game

Online via GooseChase app

Learn fun facts about the U.P. while completing missions on the Goose Chase app! Participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, or wherever your family will be during this time!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-sooper-yooper-goosechase-savenger-game>

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



Instructors wanted for 2021 4-H Exploration Days!

Plans are underway for an exciting and enhanced 4-H Exploration Days in 2021—and we need your help! MSU Extension's 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. Volunteers are crucial to this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated to be held June 23-25, 2021 on the campus of MSU. During this tumultuous time, MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are also preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience. We will continue to keep both volunteers and potential participants informed as to any updates as time progresses.

To make the most of our 2021 event, regardless of format, we are currently looking for instructors to host fun and engaging sessions. Please consider submitting a session proposal before December 1. Session proposals include a session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) you plan to engage and their contact information.

New for this year, sessions will take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2.5, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots. To learn more about instructor roles and to access the form, please visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/ or contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

4-H'ers excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase; \$50,000 in youth scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they have put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](#) and [MSU Extension](#). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Among those scholarships were new funds provided in 2020 to support 4-H Virtual Scholarships, specifically for 4-H youth. Recipients of the 4-H Virtual Scholarships are:

- Magdalene Callender, Ingham County
- Rebecca Havelka, Menominee County
- Travis Liford, Oakland County
- Adrian Noecker, Antrim County
- Elizabeth Shane, Washtenaw County
- Alexis Fisher, Monroe County
- Sarah Liford, Oakland County
- Allison Littlefield, St. Joseph County
- Kylie A. Ossege, Oakland County
- Troy Todd, Osceola County

"I have always dreamed of competing at the Michigan State Fair, but due to distance that was not possible," said scholarship recipient Rebecca Havelka. "The positive in this whole experience is that I had the ability to compete virtually at more shows than I could have ever imagined. Thank you so much for making this possible!"

In total, more than 400 youth from 62 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards. To view placings for the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, visit www.michiganstatefairllc.com.

Getting crafting — for free!



Through National 4-H Council's partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com!

When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15 percent off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com!

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