

*Grand Traverse County*

4-H Family News

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It's True - Resilience Grows Here!

The character and resiliency of our 4-H family was shining bright this summer! With all the challenges that just kept coming, everyone pulled together and accomplished great things!

The Virtual Showcase and Auction was a learning experience for everyone involved, and would not have been possible without the help and hard work of so many!

- MSU Extension for providing the platform to create a Virtual Showcase and Auction
- All the 4-H Volunteers for helping to set up the platform, organizing judges, developing judging criteria, and encouraging participation
- Judges for quickly learning how to judge in the virtual world, providing excellent feedback - many even volunteered their time
- Our participants for completing their 4-H projects, giving the virtual platform a try, and making our community proud!

Watch for our big report and thank you in the Record Eagle coming up soon...

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A big Congratulations to long-time 4-H'er, Hannah Gaither, for being awarded the 4-H State Award in Rabbit & Cavy Science!

A 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member. 4-H State Award winners become part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in learning, leadership, and service.



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- ⇒ Changes to 4-H Online
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Explore your leadership skills with the 2020 Women's Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to learn from strong women leaders while exploring their own leadership skills at the 2020 MSU Women's Leadership Institute. This two-day event will begin on September 10 when attendees (open to anyone of any age) join an interactive webinar to hear from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness—including on the front lines of health care during the novel coronavirus pandemic. Learn how the different leadership types responded during times of crisis, and how they're promoting health and wellness at this critical time.

On September 14, youth participants will take part in the second portion of this event, which is reserved just for teens. During this virtual session, youth will discuss the Day 1 speakers and their own leadership challenges and successes.

Each event will be hosted from 6-8 p.m. Although featuring women leaders, the Women's Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for youth of any gender to learn more about leadership. Register at www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020 or contact Roxanne Turner (turnerr@msu.edu or 517-546-3950) or Darren Bagley (bagleyda@msu.edu or 810-244-8515) for more information.

Update on 2020-2021 4-H Participation Fees

MSU Extension recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and other associated factors have put a financial strain on many families. Therefore, we have opted to waive the Michigan 4-H participation fee of \$20 per person or \$60 per family for the 2020-21 4-H program year which begins September 1, 2020. Some events may continue to have registration fees. You will continue to register through 4-H Online, but no participation fees will be collected or expected next year.

If you are interested in supporting 4-H in lieu of paying participation fees, please contact your 4-H program coordinator for opportunities.

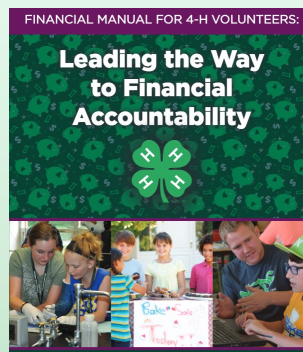
Changes coming to 4-H Online this fall!

This fall, 4-H Online will be upgraded to version 2.0. This enhanced version of our current registration system will offer many improvements, including the ability to register for events, the ability to collect registration fees via credit card, and improved communication features, among others. Though the system will look a bit different, we anticipate this upgrade will also provide a better user experience for the 4-H community.

In preparation for this upgrade, 4-H Online will shut down on August 27 as our Michigan 4-H data are migrated to the 2.0 version. The system will reopen mid-September; during the transition time, you will not be able to access 4-H Online. Once the system is operational again, MSU Extension will email the 4-H community with instructions on how to enroll/re-enroll in the upgraded system. In that communication, we will also provide additional training resources for administrative leaders/volunteers, as well as 4-H families who would like to learn more about 4-H Online 2.0.

We appreciate your patience with this transition and look forward to starting the 2020-2021 program year with an even better 4-H Online experience.

Important Changes to 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers & Treasurers



The 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers support 4-H volunteers and adult and youth treasurers in their roles managing 4-H funds.

Small revisions and updates to these books were made in 2020. The online PDF versions of the manuals contain the changes. However, if you have a printed or hard copy version that does not contain the 2020 changes, a one-page document is available online that notes all the important content adjustments. It is recommended that you print this resource and store it in your manual for quick reference.

Download the 2020 changes resource at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit. For more information, please contact your local county staff member.

Virtual Learning Resources for Parents, Teachers and Homeschool Families



Though the back-to-school season occurs each fall, this year is unlike anything that has been experienced before. The 2020-2021 school year will present new challenges for families and teachers alike, whether youth are returning to school in the classroom, online or at home.

To support teachers, parents and homeschool families in their educational efforts, MSU Extension is compiling a list of helpful resources that can be used by varying audiences to supplement school plans. Arranged by audience, grade level and topic, a variety of resources will be available in differing delivery methods. While not all tools utilize school standards, many do.

Look for additional information coming soon! In the meantime, please check out extension.msu.edu/online4MI.

Update on Face-to-Face Michigan 4-H Programming

Earlier this year, MSU Extension pivoted all programming to online formats to comply with the original Stay Safe, Stay Home order ([EO2020-42](#)). Though this has been a difficult time for communities, families and our own faculty and staff members, we are proud of the work our team has done to ensure that the 4-H community continues to have access to high-quality educational opportunities throughout Michigan.

After much discussion and study, we have decided to continue to keep all 4-H programming, meetings and events virtual until further notice. This applies to all children and youth activities involving ages birth to 19. We recognize that this is a hardship on those who are eager to engage in in-person activities with their 4-H community. However, we must do everything we can to keep youth and adults safe and healthy. As such, please continue to hold 4-H club meetings and other local events virtually. MSU Extension staff members, including 4-H program coordinators, cannot support in-person activities. In addition, funds raised in the name of 4-H cannot be used to support in-person events until further notice.

Although our delivery modes have changed, we are still hard at work for you. Because of our statewide reach, you have access to a number of MSU Extension events. Visit our [MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources](#) to learn more.

We assure you that this does not diminish our commitment to the 4-H community. We will continue to offer high-quality, virtual programming and experiences, and look forward to the day when we can resume in-person programming.

Virtual 4-H Events and Workshops

September 2: 4-H in the Kitchen Live

Explore the kitchen and learn how to bake old-fashioned cream cheese cookies. Topics covered include the proper ways to mix ingredients, safety in the kitchen, and cleanliness.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live>

September 10 & 14: Women's Leadership Institute

On Day 1, listen and learn from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness.

On Day 2, discuss Day 1 speakers and explore your own challenges and successes as leaders.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020>

September 14-18: 4-H LEGO Master Builder SPIN Club

Youth ages 5 to 12 years old are invited to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

<https://bit.ly/2EA1grD>

September 19: Birds of Prey - LIVE!

Join the Kellogg Biological Sanctuary (KBS) for a virtual presentation about the birds of prey that reside at the Sanctuary and meet two special guests. This workshop is offered for \$5 for KBS members and \$7 for non-members.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/birds-of-prey-live>

September 21-25: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

Youth ages 8 to 12 can explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft

<https://bit.ly/34FkJll>

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

Virtual MSU Extension Events and Workshops

September 2: Communicating Through Conflict

Participants will learn self-management techniques to remain calm, listen empathetically, and work together towards collaborative solutions with others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/communicating-through-conflict>

September 2, p, 16, 23 & 30: Women's Leadership Institute

A parenting series to help you explore ways that you can be highly effective in raising your kids to be successful in school and in life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-september-2nd>

September 3: Too Many Tomatoes!

September 10: Salsa 101

Preserving Your Harvest is a series of workshops that will teach you how to use your garden and farm market produce, taught by an experienced MSU Extension Food Safety Educator.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/preserving-your-harvest-online-classes-too-many-tomatoes>

September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6 & 13: Chronic Pain PATH

Chronic Pain PATH is a 6-week, self-management online workshop designed for people living with chronic pain.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/online-chronic-pain-path-afternoon>

September 8: Michigan Cottage Food Law

Learn how to prepare and sell foods to the public under Michigan's Cottage Food Law

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-cottage-food-law-september-8th>

September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6: RELAX Alternatives to Anger Series

RELAX: Alternatives to Anger helps teens, adults, parents and caregivers understand and manage anger and stress, and develop the communication and problem-solving skills needed for healthy relationships.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/relax-alternatives-to-anger-series-sept-8-to-oct-6-at-2pm>

September 9: Student Loan Repayment Webinar

An hour-long webinar for those interested in repayment options of student loans

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/student-loan-repayment-webinar-1>

September 10, 17, 24, October 1: Building Early Emotional Skills for Parents

Building Early Emotional Skills or BEES is a four-week class for parents and other primary caregivers of children 0-3 that teaches about how young children develop social emotional skills and helps give parents skills to deal with the stress of caring for children

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/building-early-emotional-skills-for-parents-webinar-series-september-webinar>

September 16-18: Michigan Inland Lakes Convention: Conserving Lakes in a Changing Environment

This convention takes place every two years and serves lake enthusiasts, researchers, managers and educators

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-inland-lakes-convention-conserving-lakes-in-a-changing-environment>

For more online events, go to the [MSU Extension Virtual Events](#) page

MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/rlr/index>

Your one-stop-shop for all things MSU Extension has to offer online - from personal budgeting articles to activities for your children.

In tough times, such as the uncertainty surrounding the current novel coronavirus pandemic, we recognize that accessing the vast knowledge and resources of MSU is more important than ever.

The MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources online space can bring you the resources you need, wherever you need them:

- Adult Online Learning
- Youth Education
- Family & Community
- Health & Wellness
- Local Government Resources

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