



Ingham County

4-H Family News

April 23, 2021



4-H GROWS HERE

Plug into 4-H this summer with 4-H Exploration Days 2021-22: Expanded

Make plans to attend an exciting summer opportunity and choose your own adventure with 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded. This MSU precollege program has something for everyone, ages 12-19!

From June 22 - 24, youth from across Michigan can participate in this fun and engaging virtual learning experience that offers more than 60 different topics. Attendees will also hear from keynote speakers Justin and Alexis Black, authors of *Redefining Normal*, and come away with new energy and a desire to make a difference.

Registration for this event will open May 1 and close May 28. The cost to attend is \$20 and all youth will receive a swag bag, with the option to order their own 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded apparel. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days.

BUT WAIT.....Ingham County 4-H members are eligible for a \$10.00 scholarship using the coupon code: **expo10.** Coupon Code can be used by multiple youth in one group registration (where one adult registers more than one youth) as long as the **coupon code is entered on each youth information page**. During registration on the first page of youth information, there will be coupon code area to enter this code to receive the savings when you get to the payment screen. We ask that you then finish the registration and complete payment for the youth attending.

Save the Date

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Be sure to like and follow us for the latest 4-H information.

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LOCAL NEWS AREA



Swine Project Submission Forms due May 1

Due to COVID19, exhibitors should complete the project submission forms located at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/animal-projects/swine>. Please submit the health form, ractopamine form, producer affidavit, and parent affidavit paperwork to the **Fair Office by May 1.**

If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Macayla Bogart at (517) 706-8178 or email bogartm1@msu.edu.

YQCA Certification Needed to Sell Livestock At Fair

All youth must be YQCA certified in order to **sell your swine, beef or dairy market steer/feeder projects at Fair.**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbit, and poultry.

Complete your certification at <http://yqca.org/>. You will need to be prepared to pay for the cost of the YQCA training when you register with a credit/debit card. Register using your 4Honline account. Contact Glenda at 676-7303 with questions.

Paper Clover Promotion

Due to the pandemic, **Michigan 4-H clubs are not to promote the campaign with in-store activities.** (For example, there are no bake sales, dog washes, petting zoos, etc.)

- **Except for the store display contest listed above, all promotion and marketing efforts must be 100% virtual.**
- **You may promote the campaign via email, website, social media, etc.** to let your local supporters know of this opportunity to support your county 4-H program. Feel free to simply share the Michigan 4-H Foundation (@mi4hfdtn) or Michigan 4-H (@Michigan4H) social posts during the campaign on your local social accounts.
- If you choose to shop at TSC, consider supporting 4-H by purchasing a clover at checkout online or in stores.
- We also encourage you to reach out by phone or email and say thank you to your local store manager for their participation in this campaign and support of 4-H.



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

CONNECTIONS THROUGH SIGNING: DIVE DEEPER

Every Wednesday April 28th - June 2nd
5:30 - 7:00PM EST

To register contact Liana Pepin at
deisenro@msu.edu

Michigan 4-H Alumni and Supporters Walking



Challenge

The MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is excited to share a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters!

Starting May 2, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge, where participants will track their miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the county who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a \$100 cash prize for their county 4-H program!

Learn more and register at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-

MICHIGAN 4-H VIRTUAL MEATS JUDGING CONTEST



DETAILS

Date:

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Awards Event:

Thursday, May 13, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$10 per person

CLASSES

Beef and Pork Classes:

- Carcass
- Wholesale
- Retail

Retail ID

Beef Quality Grading
Beef Yield Grading
Questions Classes
Oral reason Class

REGISTRATION

<https://bit.ly/3aqtP89>



Exploring with Scientists, an online series, connects upper elementary and middle school students with graduate students conducting ecological research at the Station. Each of the three programs, which will be held on Zoom, will focus on a certain type of animal or insect and touch on how scientists collect data in the field. Participants will be able to submit questions related to natural history, research and science careers.

The series is free, and sessions take place on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Registration is required to access the interactive Zoom meetings. Sessions also will be streamed via Facebook Live on the [Kellogg Bird Sanctuary page](#). The presenters, Elizeth Cinto-Mejia, Kyle Jaynes and Alice Puchalsky, are Michigan State University graduate students who are conducting research at KBS.

Exploring with Scientists schedule

April 8—How do some frogs avoid extinction?

April 22—Do birds avoid noisy habitats?

May 6—Where do moths carry pollen?

Register for each individual program to receive secure meeting details. Questions? Contact the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary at birdsantuary@kbs.msu.edu or (269) 671-2510.

JOIN US ONLINE

FOOD SAFETY ONLINE WORKSHOPS WEEK OF APRIL 26TH

Spring Food Safety Q&A

Monday, Apr. 26th - 1 p.m. EDT

Cooking for Crowds

Monday, Apr. 26th - 5:30 p.m. EDT

Pantry Food Safety - It's Your Job

Monday, Apr. 27th - 9 a.m. EDT

Investigating Food with Science

Wednesday, Apr. 28th - 4 p.m. EDT

Spring Home Food Preservation

Thursday, Apr. 29th - 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. EDT

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/SAFE FOOD WATER/EVENTS](https://www.canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water/events)
TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL IN ADVANCE TO REGISTER AT 877-643-9882.

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EXPLORING WITH SCIENTISTS!



<https://birdsantuary.kbs.msu.edu/events/exploring-with-scientists-how-do-some-frogs-avoid-extinction-online/>



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Bird Sanctuary
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Hunter to Hunter: Connective Conversations Webinar Series

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TARGET AUDIENCE: Michigan Deer Hunters

PROGRAM SUMMARY: This webinar series will strive to bring hunters, researchers, and wildlife managers together to build relationships and engage in education, constructive dialog, and increase awareness of current issues through key presentations, panel discussions, group discussions and question and answer segments. Participants will gain knowledge about 2021 Michigan deer hunting regulations, the importance of doe harvest, how to make donations through Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger and best practices for deer habitat management, mentoring new hunters, and more!

One hour webinars will be held on the following dates from 7-8 p.m. (see topic descriptions and presenters on page 2):

May 20th
June 3
June 24
August 12
September 2
September 23

HOW TO REGISTER:

Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/huntertohunter2021/>
Registration is required. Program is FREE.

SPONSORS/PARTNERS:

A special thank you to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the National Deer Alliance, Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger, and the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

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FREE WILDFLOWER SEED KIT

Spring is in the air! Sign up today for the FREE 4-H Wildflower Seed Kit and learn how to make your very own wildflower seed balls. This learning kit includes packets of wildflower seeds, soil, clay, and self-paced instructions.

Everything you need to make the seed balls at home. With just a little water, you can plant and watch your own wildflowers grow!

Have your own seeds? You can customize your seed selection with any wildflower seeds you have on hand. Get creative! These seed balls are fun to grow, throw (plant) and make great gifts to share!

Space is limited to the first 30 registered and enrolled 4-H members. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4Hwildflowerseedkit/>

FREE

4-H WILDFLOWER SEED KIT



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Support 4-H at
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SHOULD HOLD
A KID BACK.



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JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and JOANN will donate 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Learn more at www.joann.com/4-h/.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildNatureCrafting4HSPINClub/>

Wild Nature Crafting 4-H SPIN Club!



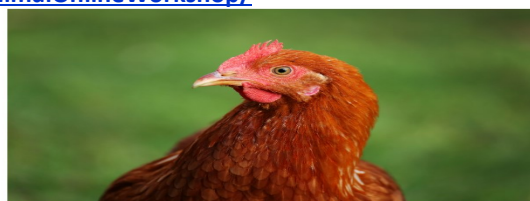
Join us to explore Michigan outdoors & make unique creations!

Part 1: May 3, 5, & 6th **Part 2:** June 14, 16, & 17th
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm

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



SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP

Want to know more about your animal project?
Goats, Poultry, Rabbits and Animal Health
will be covered!
Join us on Wednesday nights in May!

MAY 5, 12, 19, 26
6:30 P.M.
ONLINE



You do not need to be in 4-H or Shiawassee County to attend these workshops, they are open to all youth ages 5-19, 4-H Leaders & Parents.



AVOIDING MONEY MISHAPS



APRIL 1ST: 4-5PM
APRIL 5TH: 1-2PM
APRIL 13TH: 5-6PM
APRIL 21ST: 6-7PM
APRIL 29TH: 3:30-4:30PM

THIS FREE
WEBINAR FOR
YOUTH WILL
COVER COMMON
FINANCIAL
PITFALLS.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>

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Financial Reality Fair April 28 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Join us for a real life simulation activity that will challenge teens to see if they can live within their means on an income of someone just started out in their career. This interactive financial program is open to high school students or young adults living at home. Throughout the program, there will be many temptations for additional spending, and students must learn to balance their wants and needs to live on their own. Participants will gain budgeting skills as they pay for their housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, food, entertainment and more.

Registration is open to the first sixty youth: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/reality-fair>

VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB SPOKEN WORD POETRY

JOIN US AS WE TURN YOUR STORIES
INTO SPOKEN WORD POEMS!

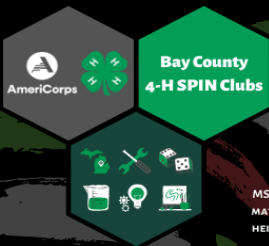
WHEN: APRIL 30, MAY 7, MAY 14,
MAY 21, MAY 28 AND JUNE 4
4 PM - 5 PM EST

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/POETRY4H](https://bit.ly/poetry4h) TO RECEIVE MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CLUB AND HOW TO REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE



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Financial Reality Fair!

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The States' 4-H Intl Programs, Western Michigan University, Michigan 4-H, and Kentucky 4-H would like to invite you to join us for the 4-H Japanese Golden Week Celebration Series on April 29th and May 5th at 7-8:30pm ET/ 6-7:30pm CT/4-5:30pm PT. If you have questions please reach out to MSU Extension Educator Janis Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or Rachel Noble with the Kentucky 4-H Program rachel.noble@uky.edu.



Community Language School
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Community Language School Summer 2021 Online Classes

Session 1: Weeks of June 7th – July 5th
Session 2: Weeks of July 19th – August 16th



Available Classes:

Family Classes (ages 3-6): 45 minutes per week, registration fee \$40
Kids Classes (ages 6-9): 45 minutes per week, registration fee \$40
Preteens/Teens Classes (ages 10-14): 1 hour per week, registration fee \$40
Adult Classes (ages 18+): 1.5 hours per week, registration fee \$60

Our online programs are designed to provide a fun, virtual learning environment which will introduce learners to different languages and cultures with a focus on developing oral communication skills. Our live classes (via Zoom), taught by qualified teachers, will meet once a week in each session.

Languages offered: Arabic, ESL, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish

Session 1 Registration Deadline - May 24th, 2021
Session 2 Registration Deadline - July 5th, 2021

TO REGISTER CLICK THIS LINK:

https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3571

Visit our website for more information:
<https://celta.msu.edu/language-school/>

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xsYW2ycE1D4RsW



4-H JAPANESE GOLDEN WEEK VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

APRIL 29TH AND MAY 5TH
7-8:30PM ET/6-7:30PM CT 4-5:30PM PT

REGISTRATION DETAILS IN DESCRIPTION



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Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund

Entries due May 15, 2021

Two Scholarship Options for 2021

1) **MYLSF SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$5,000)**

2) **STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$1,000)**

Both Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock Auction and the Michigan Livestock Expo Auction

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund has been awarding scholarships annually to outstanding youth who exhibit at the Michigan State Fair, Michigan Livestock Expo and Michigan Dairy Expo. The fund is also responsible for supporting educational awards provided to youth livestock and dairy exhibitors each year.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096_49214_100474---,00.html

Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural, at 517-284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau, at 517-679-5335.

Michigan 4-H Foundation Opens 2021-22 Grant Cycle

Awarded annually, the Michigan 4-H Foundation recently opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2021-2022 season. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff, the grants and awards support local 4-H clubs and county programs, as well as recognize members of the 4-H community. All applications are due June 1.

Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H Shooting Sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H Shooting Sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$350.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Award (includes \$1,000 grant).** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.



The 4-H After-School Robotics Club in Iosco County received a \$1,000 Michigan 4-H Legacy Grant to use VEX Robotics as a tool

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.

MANAGING YOUTH STRESS



The novel coronavirus pandemic has been stressful for everyone. Families and youth are navigating new challenges, including social distancing, uncertain health outcomes and “a new normal.” These new stressors may spill over into their relationships and compound other stressful conditions in the family.

MSU Extension’s “Managing Youth Stress” document shares warning signs, ways to help and resources for stressed youth and parents of stressed youth. View or download the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress.

4-H Events and Workshops

May 5—26: Shiawassee Small Animal Online Workshop

Online

Join us each Wednesday in May for a small animal workshop! Great for 4-H youth, parents and volunteers, the May 5 presentation will focus on goats, May 12 on poultry, May 19 on rabbits and May 26 on biosecurity and animal health.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-small-animal-online-workshop

May 1—29: Michigan 4-H Horse Programs’ Virtual Communications Contest

Online

Youth ages 5-19 have the opportunity to demonstrate their communication skills and earn prizes through various contests including public speaking, demonstration, infographics and photography. Entries must be submitted during the appropriate contest time frame.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-mi-4-h-horse-program-s-virtual-communications-contest

May 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

Online

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? Join this new monthly series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! The May session will focus on growing fun with kids.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-may-8

May 11: Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest

Online

Evaluate carcasses and identify meats online in both individual and team competitions. The contest will include three beef classes, three pork classes, identification of 20 retail cuts, beef yield grade, quality grade of beef, two classes with questions, and one set of oral reasons.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-virtual-meats-judging-contest

May 11: Wild Spartans Series—Conservation & Management of Tribal Natural Resources

Online

Learn about researching and protecting species with cultural significance and discover how one Michigan tribe is preserving the natural world. Doug Craven, natural resources director for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, will share his field work, education and career path.

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

May 21: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Online

Explore climate science and climate change with PhD candidate Lindsey Kemmerling as she shares climate science basics to help build your knowledge and understanding. Explore your own carbon footprint and engage in conversation about how you can make a difference.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-may-21

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

NEW 4-H TSC DISPLAY CONTEST!

CYI leadership has approved for county 4-H programs to participate in a new nationwide 4-H display contest during the TSC campaign!

County 4-H programs may set up a promotional 4-H display near the 22x28" Paper Clover poster that will be posted in TSC stores during the duration of the campaign. This was inspired by the creativity of Alabama 4-H last fall (see example picture).

- **Tractor Supply will provide gift cards to 10 4-H programs that participate in the contest. One household or a staff member may set-up and tear-down a stand-alone display before or after normal operating hours.**
- Michigan 4-H and TSC will not allow individuals to attend to 4-H booths while the store is open.
- The display must be a stand-alone item as staff, members and volunteers may not sit at the area during operating hours.
- Safety protocols must be followed during set-up and tear-down: MSU community compact, MDHHS, CDC guidelines must be followed.
- The stand-alone displays will only be up during the duration of the 12-day campaign.
- The display cannot block any walkways. No impeding traffic in and out of the store.
- Take a photo of the stand-alone display to submit.

