



Ingham County

4-H Family News

June 26, 2020



Congratulations

2020 Ingham County State Award Delegates

Congratulations to Megan Bliesener (Town N Country 4-H Club— Rabbit), Brenna Marshall (Deep Roots 4-H Club— STEM), and Kaylee Benton (Fit to Show 4-H Club— Horse) for representing Ingham County in the Michigan 4-H State Award Celebration.



(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

STEM SENIOR AWARD WINNER

Brenna Marshall
Ingham

HORSE SCIENCE SENIOR AWARD WINNER

Kaylee Benton
Ingham



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2020 INGHAM COUNTY FAIR CANCELLATION



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For Immediate Release: June 2, 2020

Contact: Lindsey McKeever, Ingham County Fairgrounds Events Director, 517-676-2428

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, the 2020 Ingham County Fair has been reinvented into animal expo.

Mason, MI- Today, the Ingham County Fair has announced that due to concerns regarding Covid-19, the unfortunate decision has been made to cancel the carnival, grounds entertainment, grandstand events and still life exhibits. The Ingham County Fair Foundation is partnering with the Fairgrounds to offer Ingham County youth livestock and horse shows with large and small animal auctions.

"We take this virus very seriously and its effect on public health outweighs the risk of letting the show go on this year at full capacity. The Fair Board and staff had been working collectively on making 2020 the best fair in recent years and we will redirect those efforts to the livestock and horse shows," Fairgrounds Events Director Lindsey McKeever said.

The livestock and horse shows will be in accordance with all State and Local guidelines regarding COVID19 restrictions. "We are proud to be able to present these livestock and horse shows giving our youth the chance to showcase their hard work and an opportunity to sell their animals. But, these shows will look different than past years. We are still working out the details but overall, I am pleased with the direction we are heading," McKeever said. Youth who are interested in showcasing their animals should reach out to their department superintendent for more details.

Jamie Skerbeck, President of Skerbeck Entertainment Group, said "While we are disappointed by the effect of COVID19 on the 2020 fair, we are fully supportive of Ingham County's decision. We plan to bring new rides to the Ingham County Fair in 2021, and cannot wait to see the smiles on everyone's faces next year. To all of our friends in the region, please stay healthy, and we'll do our best to take care of each other at this uncertain time. Better days are ahead and we will be there for you when the time is right."

The Fairgrounds will look to reimagine itself this summer and McKeever says she is still hoping to be able to provide families with recreational opportunities. "I am hopeful that we will be able to pivot and provide our community with safe and fun ways to enjoy the summer, despite our inability to provide everyone with the county Fair experience we were all looking forward to."

The 2021 Ingham County Fair is scheduled for August 2-7.

4-H Fair Superintendent Opening for 2021

Deadline for applications—August 20, 2020

1 open position: **Poultry**

Application, Job Description, Information: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/fair-info/>

The position is open to anyone with appropriate knowledge in the project area. The job description for 4-H superintendents can be found at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/uploads/files/4-H%20Superintendent%20Job%20Description%208%2028%202019.pdf>

If you have questions, please contact Glenda Weiss, 4-H Program Coordinator, at 676-7207.



STATEWIDE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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Reading Your Animal: Understanding Body Language

Have you ever wanted to know what your animal is thinking? We can't communicate with animals the same way we do with people, but we can certainly learn to understand them by observing their body language. Learn about what things to look for to know if your animal is relaxed or stressed and how you can best work with your animal.

Please join Melissa Elischer, MSU Extension Animal Science Educator, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 7 pm, as she helps us learn more about how to understand and work with animals through observing their body language. You will have the chance to ask questions at the end of the webinar. This session is open to all (adults and youth), and is free. Please register through Events Management, using the link below, and then you will receive the Zoom webinar link in your email on Tuesday, June 30th.



Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how

4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section](#) of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

4-H Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp

Join us for a fun filled day where you will learn how to use a variety of communication tools including social media, video, and photography. Plus practice public speaking, interviewing and dining etiquette will also be featured. Program will take place on Wednesday, July 29 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spokesperson/> by July 27. For questions, please contact Kathy Jamieson, jamies13@msu.edu.



Join Us Online

4-H TEEN SPOKESPERSON VIRTUAL CAMP

July 29th | 10:00 am - 2:30 pm EST

For more information and to register please go to:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/spokesperson/>

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4-H Dog Communications Contest

The all new Michigan 4-H Dog Communications contest is now live! Have an interest in dogs or are you currently in the 4-H dog program? Here is a great opportunity for everyone, 4-H member or not, to show off your skills! Photography, Infographics and Demonstration will be the categories! So pick up your camera, computer or smart phone and get ready to enter the 2020 MI 4-H Dog Communications Contest!

Registration is open at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Mi4HDogVirtualCommunications/>
The first contest starts on July 7th!

MICHIGAN 4-H DOG PROGRAM

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST ONLINE

Contest will include:

- Photography
- Infographics
- Demonstration Videos

Starting in July on Facebook

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LET'S ALL PACK OUR BAGS TO VISIT THE DIFFERENT LANDMARKS OUR COUNTRY HAS TO OFFER!

JOIN US ON THE WEEKDAYS
STARTING JULY 8
AND ENDING JULY 15

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

WE WILL BE MEETING ONLINE
USING THE ZOOM APP

MUST REGISTER IN ORDER
TO GET ZOOM LINK



PLEASE REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/4-HUSA](https://bit.ly/4-HUSA)

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ONLINE 4-H SPIN CLUB

ZIPPERING AROUND THE ZOOS! PART 2

LET'S "SNEAK" OUT TO THE ZOOS
AGAIN TO VISIT EVEN MORE ANIMALS!

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS
STARTING JULY 06
AND ENDING JULY 22

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

WE WILL BE MEETING ONLINE
USING THE ZOOM APP

MUST REGISTER IN ORDER
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PLEASE REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/4-HZOOS2](https://bit.ly/4-HZOOS2)

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BUGGY BINGO

IN THE MILKWEED PATCH

JULY 2, 2020 at 4 PM (EST)

Play BINGO with your 4-H friends as we explore milkweed ecology!

From milkweed bugs to monarchs, meet insects and others commonly found in a milkweed patch.

Register to receive your 4-H BUGGY BINGO card!

REGISTER AT <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hthursdays/>

Contact Kaelie Fessler, fessler5@msu.edu or Laura Quist, quistla1@msu.edu

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

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4-H Summer Movie Series

The 4-H Summer Movie Series is a virtual SPIN Club where youth ages 13-19 will watch the scheduled movie and then participate in a weekly discussion of the films curated from NETFLIX.

Running from July 15 – August 19, the Summer Movie Series films present coming of age stories through a diverse range of topics and genres. While these films share the universal themes of growth and self-discovery, they were selected to present the differences and experiences that are faced by teens who live in dissimilar settings with diverse challenges.



To join for free:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hsummermovieseries>

Junk Drawer Robotics Camp

Do you enjoy tinkering? Do you enjoy building things? Do you enjoy learning how things work? Then our 4-H Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics camp, July 20-23, is for you! Youth who register for this program will receive a kit full of supplies in the mail. We will meet via zoom from 3-4 pm Monday through Thursday, discovering a new engineering skill each day. Youth will then use items in their kit, as well as items they may have at home, to complete a daily challenge (building a catapult, a moving arm, and more).

Space is limited and registration ends July 2. Register today at :

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

4-H Virtual Summer Camp

What: Junk Drawer Robotics camp via Zoom
 Where: Zoom online meeting
 Who: Michigan youth ages 8-19 (inclusive group meetings for youth with disabilities)
 When: July 20-23, 2020; 3-4 pm each day
 Cost: \$20
 Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/VirtualJunkDrawer/>

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Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Updates

Included are some updates from the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program. This update includes activities for this summer, fall, and winter. While we are missing you all right now, we are excited for these summer plans and for new programming in the works for all for our shooting sports members!

Virtual League! Who's interested? Please respond by June 30, 2020.

We'd like a representative from each county's 4-H archery club to respond to a survey regarding interest in a "virtual" archery league. The events have a proposed start in late 2020 or early 2021, when certified instructors will have an in-person presence during event participation. If your county is interested, please take a look at this brief overview of proposed events and answer a few short questions. Participate in the survey here: <https://forms.gle/FtnC9GS2tjHckmWh7>

What activities can be conducted during summer programming?

Visit our new webpage Virtual Shooting Sports for suggested virtual program activities, topics, video links, and STEM lesson plans. The attached PDF can be shared with your volunteers. https://www.canr.msu.edu/shooting_sports/virtual-shooting-sports

Are there limitations to activities to be considered?

For the safety of our 4-H members and volunteers, the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports program follows stringent guidelines and training structures set by both the National and Michigan 4-H programs. **During this period of virtual programming, 4-H youth and volunteers are reminded that 4-H Shooting Sports activities that require handling of shooting equipment cannot be performed without the physical, in-person presence of our certified coaches.** Please be sure that any activities you promote in clubs, zooms, or in the virtual showcase follow this requirement. This is not a new rule, but some volunteers may need this reminder. Reach out if you have questions, or if I can help brainstorm modification of an activity to make it compliant and safe for our members. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/guidelines-for-virtual-4-h-shooting-sports-activities>

4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors Announced

Please join me in congratulating teen leaders Peter R. (St. Joseph County) and Katherine E. (Dickinson County)! To my knowledge, they are Michigan's first members to participate in National 4-H's Shooting Sports Ambassador program. Peter and Katherine will participate in sessions covering leadership, media relations, careers, professionalism, and shooting sports messaging. Please congratulate them on their initiative and watch for them to put their training and ideas into motion later this summer.

Virtual Showcase and Shooting Sports

Many counties are now unveiling their virtual showcase events. There will be opportunities at the state level to participate in shooting sports classes, too. If you are an organizer and need help brainstorming a class list for shooting sports entries, please contact Laura Quist and request a copy of proposed class offerings.

Upcoming In-person Events

Unfortunately State Shoot is unable to be rescheduled for 2019-2020. As disappointing as that is, we are looking forward to an even bigger event in 2021 and additional competition and training opportunities.

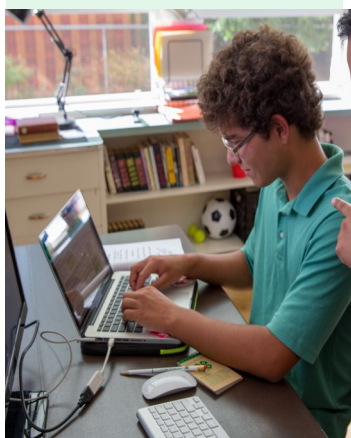
The Facilitator Workshop for trainers (both new and former) is still in the works for early fall. Previously scheduled at Kettunen Center in September, we are now searching for a new location. We will announce details and rekindle recruitment of experienced instructors to join our Training Team, to offer certification workshops. If you or someone in your county would make a great state trainer, please urge them to apply and help grow the program!

Teen and Adult Instructor Certification Workshop – we expect to offer this workshop in late October 2020. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

Follow [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) on Facebook to get the latest news!



4-H Grows Here, There & Everywhere!



As the world continues to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan 4-H youth are sticking together while staying physically apart. Although saddened to miss their favorite summer events and county fairs, 4-H'ers across the state know they play an important role in helping to keep communities safe during the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Though they maintain their social distance, 4-H'ers continue to use their head, heart, hands and health through a multitude of online educational opportunities and virtual learning showcases that illustrate how 4-H grown continues while safe at home.

Tell us how your 4-H year has continued in alternative ways during the COVID-19 outbreak in a video testimonial. View the complete guidelines at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-grows-here-there-and-everywhere-guidelines.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 6: Live Family Meditation

Online

Mindfulness is a great way to manage stress and deal with strong emotions. Join Kylie for 10 minutes of live meditation for the whole family.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/live-family-meditation-7-6-20>

July 6: Zipping Around the Zoos

Zoom

This three-week digital SPIN club focuses on different animals from around the world. Each club meeting will run for an hour and a half and visit 10-15 different types of animals.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spin-club-zipping-around-the-zoos-part-2>

July 9: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—American Sign Language

Zoom

Youth ages 8 - 12 years old can learn basic American Sign Language.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-9-american-sign-language>

July 14: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Virtual Club Meetings

Zoom

Current 4-H members can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-14-4-h-teen-tuesday-virtual-club-meetings>

July 20: Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics

Zoom

Learn about different aspects of robotics while building your own robots with items that some may consider junk, but we call treasure!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-junk-drawer-robotics>

July 21: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Community Service from Home

Zoom

Current 4-H members can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-21-4-h-teen-tuesday-community-service-from-home>

July 29: Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp

Zoom

Learn and practice using a variety of communication tools and media including social media, video, photography, written and spoken communication.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-spokesperson-virtual-camp>

July 30: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays — Healthy Snacking

Zoom

Youth ages 8-12 can explore fun options for healthy snacks

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-30-healthy-snacking>

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