



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

March/April 2021

Dear 4-H families,

Thank you for re-enrolling in 4HOnline as well as the volunteers completing needed signatures in Volunteer Central. If you still need to re-enroll members or leaders, please try to have that done at your earliest convenience. If you'd like to participate at the Eastern Michigan State Fair as a 4-H'er, please enroll by May 31. This will be in effect for this year only.

Many of the club and committee bank accounts are receiving a \$3 service charge for the bank to mail monthly statements, so please check your statements for these charges. In most cases, if you explain that you're a club or committee, they may credit the account, but you'll need to go paperless and regularly email us the monthly statements. If this is done every quarter, that would be fine. Please do not let the service charges to continue to add up as this wastes away the funds for the 4-H'ers.

On the following page, you will see information I sent out to animal committee presidents and superintendents recently regarding updated participation at fair. You will also find additional information coming from Michigan 4-H on page 9. If you have any questions or would like clarifications, please let me know at george92@msu.edu.

Thanks for hanging in there and I look forward to meeting face to face again, when allowed:).

I'd like to congratulate the 2021 County Award Winners—Rowan Conley and Myla Hochstein! Please see page 3 –5 for more details and also the Friend of 4-H recipients.

Yours In 4-H,
Kathy George

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New Michigan 4-H Travel/Activity Guidelines

A new document was created recently that provides guidance on how 4-H can move forward with supporting our local fairs as of right now. There are 4 scenarios given and we are allowed to move forward assuming we're in scenario #1 (attached), which is where both fairs and MSUE are conducting face-to-face programming or events at the time of fair. I got some clarification on a few points that weren't detailed in the document:

- It would be acceptable to use funds in 4-H bank accounts (club and committee), that are typically set aside for fair, for 2021 expenditures. The amount spent in 2021 needs to be within what is normally spent in years past on fair.
- It's also ok if those supplies, awards, ribbons, etc. you are supporting the fair with this year, to be potentially given to non-4-H youth this year. Usually, 4-H funds can only be spent on 4-H programming, but this year will be an exception.
- I can provide lists of members to volunteers this year to use for fair planning purposes or otherwise.
- 4-H owned equipment that is usually used at fair can be used again at the 2021 fair under any of the four scenarios. An agreement for the loan of it outlining that it isn't a transfer of ownership, who pays for repairs, cleaning before giving back, etc. can be created at committee level, but is not a requirement. It looks like other counties are creating some agreements in partnership with their fair boards.

For now, we can assume that we're moving forward with scenario #1 unless we hear otherwise from Michigan 4-H. But, if we had already purchased supplies and other normal fair expenses before they switch into another scenario, supplies can all still be used regardless of scenario. I attached that document in case you needed it again. Next year will be different, such as possibly needing to put funds specifically raised for fair expenses in a separate account if it is an open class fair. We will also need to note on any fundraising materials that those funds will be raised for fair purposes.

You may have also seen an email with some new travel guidelines for 4-H activity that eases things up a bit; it looks like they are still mostly still virtual or pertaining to leaders managing tasks for the club:

- Any virtual programming.
- Contactless pick up of individually packaged items/kits at a predetermined location.
- Contactless distribution of individually packaged items/kits via outdoor pick-up location or porch drop-off.
- Mail/purchase items at USPS/UPS/FedEx for at-home club activities.
- Financial business related to 4-H club/group at banks or credit unions.
- Collect signatures for club paperwork/checks in an outdoor area.
- Print/copy directions or materials for home activities at a printing facility/copy machine.
- Shop for supplies for at-home club experiences or virtual club demonstrations.
- Record video segments for virtual learning experiences in outdoor, public settings with up to one other adult (that involve no youth on screen and taking into consideration <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers>).
- Set up or participate in a self-guided remote/solo experience for participants such as a nature hike, book walk, outdoor scavenger hunt, etc.
- Contactless collection and/or drop-off of community service items at one location such as leader's porch. Examples include canned food donations, cards for senior citizens, etc.

As soon as I get more updates, I will forward them on to you asap. Please let me know if you have any follow up questions and I'll keep getting clarifications. If a zoom meeting should be set up to talk about this further or to have a committee meeting, I'd be happy to do that also.

2021 County Award Recipients

Please join me in congratulating the following award recipients:



Rowan Conley



Congratulations!

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**Project
Medals**

Horse
Dairy

Citizenship
Washington
Focus

Junior
Ambassador
Court

National 4-H
Congress

Brooke Jostock, 4-H member from the 2020 Ambassador Court will be continuing into the 2021 program along with Rowan.

Myla Hochstein

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Project
Medals

Dairy
Swine
Horses

*Job Well
Done,
Myla!*



Friend of 4-H

Rowley Auctions, Attica—For their many years of support of the Spring Auction by generously donating their time to conduct the live auction portion of both day's auctions.

ChoiceOne Bank, Lapeer—For their continued support of Lapeer County 4-H through sponsorship and programming support.

The Lapeer County Press—For their continued support in sharing 4-H programming in Lapeer County.

A plaque will be made and delivered to each organization. If you'd like to mail them a thank you letter, below are their addresses:

Rowley's Auction -124 S Lake Pleasant Rd, Attica, MI 48412

The Lapeer County Press—P.O. Box 220, 1521 Imlay City Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

ChoiceOne Bank—83 W Nepessing St, Lapeer, MI 48446

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.

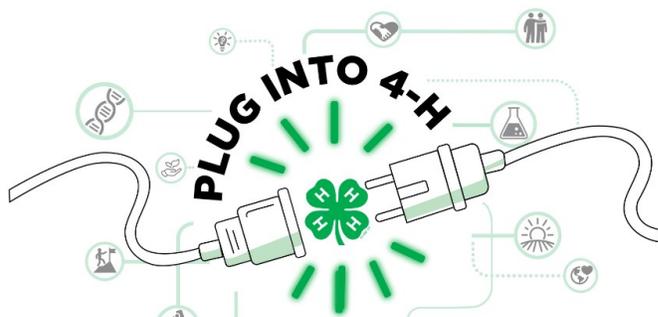
State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.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



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/>.

Save the Date



2021 MICHIGAN 4-H
EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED

June 22-24, 2021

Registration opens end of April.

Save the Date for 4-H Exploration Days: Expanded! June 22-24, 2021 Awesome sessions planned, inspirational key note speaker, free time, and so much more!! Registration will open end of April.



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The Importance of Saving and Investing: 4-H Livestock Edition



Open to youth ages 15-19 (statewide)
April 5, 7:30 pm

The end of a market livestock project is usually a check from the auction.

This 1-hour workshop will cover:

- The different types of saving goals: short, medium and long-term
- The importance of planning ahead
- Understanding Investment alternatives
- Additional resources

Registration link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Investing2021/>



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Live event held 4:30-5:30 pm on first three Mondays/Wednesdays of April

New patterns every session!

Kami Ori Creators
Origami Series

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<http://bit.ly/kamiori>

2021

Ride Across your State Challenge!

Registration is now open!

brought to you by

Michigan 4-H Horse Programs

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

Walk Across the State!

MICHIGAN 4-H DOG PROGRAM
APRIL 15-MAY 31

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

Check out
[Lapeer County 4-H Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lapeercounty4h)
for many more programs
throughout the month!

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MSU TOLLGATE FARM STEWARDS TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Farm - Friends - Fun

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

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Support 4-H at
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4-H Events and Workshops

April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

Zoom Webinar

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

Zoom Webinar

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

April 13: Wild Spartans Series - Researching Wildfire

Zoom Webinar

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

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

April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Zoom Webinar

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H youth from April 28-May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

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

NOTHING
SHOULD HOLD
A KID BACK.



JOANN 

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/.

April is Month of the Military Child!



Join Michigan 4-H in celebrating military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by taking part in the 4-H GooseChase Challenge this April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan.

New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose.

Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

MSU Extension professionals have been thoughtfully creating guidelines that allow Michigan 4-H volunteers and members to conduct limited business while protecting public health. This information helps create a path forward with the eventual goal of in-person programming. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website will be updated every two weeks or as soon as new information becomes available.

It is imperative that volunteers and 4-H'ers alike adhere to the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities. If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-13 have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Michigan youth age 14-19 will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador, leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.