



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

December 2020

Dear 4-H families,

Happy holidays to everyone in the Lapeer County 4-H program! Thank you for being a part of the program this year and we're looking forward to 2021! Please check out a wide variety of virtual programs and please consider having your clubs meet virtually, even if only to chat and stay in touch.

Thank you to those, who submitted nominations for the club, adult and youth awards. The youth applications by Monday, January 4, 2021 by 5pm at the MSUE office, by email, fax or mail.

We are reconciling all of the club and committee financial summary reports and still need a few. If you have not done so and are either a club administrative leader or committee president, please do so as soon as possible. Here is the link to documents—https://www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/club_information.

The 4-H at-home kits I've been putting out have been a huge success! All kits have been taken and we've even had to do a waiting list! I will be announcing the next fun kit after the holidays, so stay tuned! If you have kit ideas, please let me know!

Also, just a reminder, 4-H re-enrollment is free for this 4-H year! Members and volunteers should enroll at the updated [4HOnline](#) site. It only takes a few minutes and is necessary to keep track of records, participation years and activities.

Have a wonder holiday and Happy New Year!

Kathy George, 4-H Program Coordinator



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Join Us Online
ADULTING 101
January 14, 21, and 28
4:00 p.m.
International Conversations
www.canr.msu.edu/adulting101

Ready to be out on your own? Learn some important skills to be successful as an adult. Our Adulting 101- Winter Series includes: international conversations, goal setting, and food safety. Bring questions and gain practical skills you can use in your everyday life. Webinars will be held on Jan 14, 21, and 28 at 4:00 p.m. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Adult101Jan/>

Are you interested in getting involved in your community from the comfort of your home? During the Acts of Kindness SPIN Club, we'll explore ideas for generous actions that encourage youth voices and promote the common good, even when we are apart. Michigan youth ages 9-13 are invited to join us for discussions and activities related to service learning, and participants will learn how to match their interests to community needs through investigation, planning, action and reflection. Michigan AmeriCorps members will lead the meetings from 4:00-5:00 PM EST Mondays from December 14th until January 18th. To receive club access, please make sure all youth interested are registered on 4-H Online. Please email Rachel Ochylski (ochylski@msu.edu) with questions. Please visit <https://bit.ly/AOKSPIN> to receive more information about this club.



AGENTS OF KINDNESS SPIN CLUB

MUST REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE TO GET ACCESS TO CLUB



FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 9 - 13

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WHEN: MONDAYS 4-5 PM EST VIA ZOOM APP
DECEMBER 14-JANUARY 18

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ALCONA, ALPENA AND MONTMORENCY 4-H AND THE MSU PLANETARIUM PRESENT:

"WHERE IS EVERYBODY?" - THE FERMI PARADOX

Free registration at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HNightSky3/>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 7PM

ELIAS AYDI IS A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT AT MSU. ELIAS GRADUATED WITH A PHD IN ASTRONOMY FROM UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN IN 2018. ELIAS'S RESEARCH INTERESTS INVOLVE STUDYING STAR EXPLOSIONS AND TRANSIENT ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS USING A VARIETY OF GROUND-BASED AND SPACE-BASED FACILITIES COVERING THE ENTIRE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM.

With an estimated 60 billion exo-planets in our Galaxy alone, "where is everybody?" is a very reasonable question to ask!! This question has been a long standing debate in astronomy for decades and became a paradox known as the Fermi Paradox. In this talk I will elaborate on the Fermi Paradox, the possibility of life evolving outside of our solar system, and if life on Earth is a unique one.

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4-H CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, December 16
6:00—7:30 pm

COST: FREE!

HOW TO REGISTER

Please use the following link to register online by December 16th.

[https://
events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?
eventID=4241B8579F68D4F212
DF3901E47F95776FB1BF8B8B](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=4241B8579F68D4F212DF3901E47F95776FB1BF8B8B)



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

4-H teen leaders, officers, and those aspiring to hold officer positions. Training is designed for youth ages 11 and up, but appropriate for youth and adult volunteers of all ages.

DESCRIPTION:

Interactive training led by 4-H Educators, Darren Bagley and Roxanne Turner, will cover topics including officer roles, parliamentary procedure, and best practices around club finances, fundraisers, and budgeting.

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LEGO Digital Creations 4-H Virtual SPIN Club

Are you a fan of LEGOs and wanted to bring your imagination to life? Now YOU can with the LEGO Digital Creations Virtual 4-H SPIN Club. This club will meet on Thursdays and Tuesdays beginning on December 3 through December 22, on Zoom to design our very own LEGO creations. This free club is open to youth ages 9 and up. Register here for some building fun: <https://bit.ly/4-HLEGO>. Youth must also be enrolled in this club through 4-H Online (Club is listed under Bay County – SPIN Club: Among Us). Let's Build Together!



VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB
LEGO DIGITAL CREATIONS

Do you love playing with LEGOs and want to create anything you can imagine in a digital format? This is the Club is for you!

When: December 3, December 8, December 10, December 15, December 17, & December 22
4 - 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/4-HLEGO to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online

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SAFE SPACE

February 19-21, 2021: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration -Online

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration will be going virtual this year! Adult and teen 4-H leaders are encouraged to join this exciting online event to learn new ideas for working virtually with youth in the areas of visual and performing arts, crafts, sewing, clothing and textile projects. Stay tuned for registration information! **For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.**



Connect with youth from across the globe!

Sign up for the States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal program for your chance to make international friends! Learn about culture and daily life in another country while sharing your own experiences with a peer across the globe.

The pen pal program will run from mid-January through mid-April. After being matched with a similarly-aged young person from another country, youth will write to each other twice a month. Topical prompts will be provided to jump start conversations but the possibilities are endless! To get matched in the program, visit

www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY.



Virtual showcase and auction success

When the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of many Michigan fairs, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H were proud to team up with local community partners to provide an online platform that supported the 4-H experience and continued longtime traditions. Though not the same as a county fair, 4-H virtual learning showcases and auctions provided a space for youth to demonstrate their mastery of skills developed in 4-H, receive feedback on their efforts and market and sell their 4-H projects. Though there were many learning curves and bumps in the road, the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season led to many successes and for that, we say THANK YOU.

Here's a look back at the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season:

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- 58 counties offered a 4-H virtual showcase and/or auction for youth
- 17 virtual auctions were held
- 7,294 entries were submitted
- 2,699 youth participated
- 3,764 buyers/donors registered for virtual auctions
- \$1.4 million was spent by donors and buyers at 4-H virtual auctions



“We are grateful to partners who have collaborated with us to host these virtual events for 4-H'ers, as well as all the buyers who supported them,” said Jake DeDecker, MSU Extension's state 4-H leader for Michigan 4-H. “We're also grateful to each of the youth who took part in this new experience and made the best of a tough situation.”

Participating youth also had positive feedback:



- “The week at the county fair is always a huge event for my family that we look forward to year round. This year sure was different, but we are so blessed to have the virtual option and thankful for all of the hardworking volunteers that put these events on!”
- “Thanks so much for all of your support this year, we can't thank you enough! What a challenging year for sure. Thank you for making a virtual fair happen when everyone could have simply just cancelled everything. You made it possible and we can't thank you enough.”

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H! JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.