



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events



Dream It, Be It - May 15th

Join Soroptimist International of Greater Macomb and Macomb County 4-H at the Soroptimist's Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls Workshop on Saturday, May 15th, from 10:00am – 1:00pm. The program provides girls, like you, with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live your dreams. By participating in this virtual program you will learn about career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success, and moving forward after setbacks. Sign up today and get on track to making your career dreams become reality! Girls ages 14-18 should register before May 5th to secure their spot, as space is limited to 20 participants. All participants will receive an activity kit in the mail prior to the start of the workshop. Register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/DIBI_May_2021/.

4-H Youth Council Awards and Recognition Subcommittee Meeting

The Awards and Recognition Subcommittee of the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will be holding its first meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at 6 p.m. via Zoom. If you have applied for a county award, or received one, please consider joining us. Our team is tasked with reviewing the county awards application and application process, making necessary changes, recruiting members and volunteers to apply, and planning a recognition event to announce award winners. Any adult volunteer or youth member is welcome to attend! Please contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Katelyn Golembiewski, at burnska9@msu.edu for the Zoom meeting information.

Macomb County 4-H volunteer one of 13 honored statewide

Who's as good as gold? Macomb County 4-H Volunteer Michael Fleming of Almont Livestock 4-H Club, that's who. Fleming was recently one of 13 people honored by Michigan State University Extension for 50 years or more of 4-H volunteer service. Congratulations, Mike! Read more [here](#).

Ray Community 4-H member awarded Mark of Excellence State Award

Congratulations to Avery Stallmann, a member of Ray Community 4-H club for earning the Mark of Excellence (MOE) State Award. The MOE is the Junior (ages 11 & 12) State award. To apply for the award, 4-H members write a 500 word essay describing their experience in 4-H. The theme is "Because of 4-H I Can..."

When members participate in State awards they:

- Compile and communicate their 4-H experiences in a document that will be adaptable and applicable in their future professional pursuits
- Translate their 4-H experiences in a manner that will make them meaningful and relevant on applications for jobs, scholarships, or school
- Sharpen their interviewing skills with a team of 4-H volunteers or staff

In her essay Avery credits 4-H for building her self-confidence through the many community service opportunities she has had. She writes about the fun she has had performing community

service at Wolcott Farm. She has assisted in the spring for Babies, Babies, Babies, in the bunny barn and handing out candy for Boo Barn in the fall.

Avery says better communication is another skill she has developed through 4-H by helping to sell baked goods at Tractor Supply Company. According to MSU Extension's 4-H Online records, Avery is in her sixth year of being an active 4-H member. Avery has stepped up her involvement in Macomb County 4-H and now serves on at the County level as Reporter for the Macomb County Youth Council.

Avery will be presented her medal and certificate at a County or Club event. Mark of Excellence recipients are invited to attend the State Awards event during Exploration Days, where they will be recognized. Winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office on campus. **Great job Avery!**

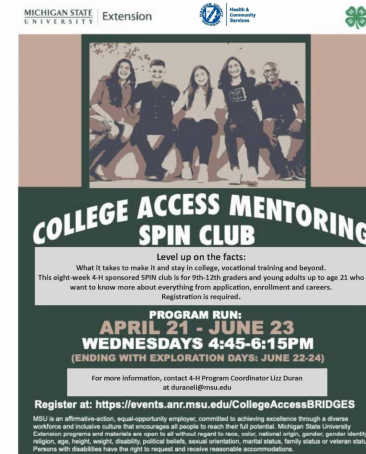
Read Avery's' essay [here](#). Find more information about State Awards [here](#).

College Access Mentoring 4-H SPIN Club

You don't want to miss this! Join MSU Extension's College Access Mentoring SPIN Club and learn what it takes to make it and stay in college, vocational training and beyond. The club meets virtually on Wednesdays from 4:45-6:15 p.m. through June 23, 2021. It's free and open to youth in grades 9-12 and young adults up to age 21.

Sessions include:

- Week 1 - What is best for you? Vocational Skills Training vs. College
- Week 2 - What to expect: First Year College Experience
- Week 3 - Application Process: Common Application, Fee Waivers, GPA, Extracurricular participation College Access Spin Club
- Week 4 - Dual Enrollment and Michigan Transfer Agreement / AP Credit Transfer / standardized test prep process and competitive scores College Access
- Week 5 - Building an Academic Resume/CV: Internship/Externship/Volunteerism College Access Spin Club
- Week 6 - Community College vs. 4-Year University & Private vs. Public institutions & HBCU College Access Spin Club
- Week 7 - True cost attendance and enrollment & Financial Aid: TIP State and County Grants, FAFSA, and Michigan Promise Zone College Access Spin Club



Registration is required to receive the meeting links. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CollegeAccessBRIDGES>. Please contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at duraneli@msu.edu if you have any questions.

Other Local News & Events

Armada Fair news

Tagging Dates: Armada Fair livestock tagging dates are listed online at <https://armadafair.org/livestocksale>.

Open & 4-H Youth Entries: Effective as of 2021, The Armada Agricultural Society will no longer accept paper applications for 4-H Youth Exhibitors and Open Exhibitors. Exhibitors are encouraged to transition to our online system in the coming year. The online system will be up and running at the beginning of June 2021. In 2017, the system was integrated with great success. Computers or tablets will be available in the Armada Fair Office for those requiring assistance with the system. If you have any questions please contact the Armada Fair Office at office@armadafair.org.

Sources: AAS Newsletters, March and April 2021

Video highlights CYI success stories

It's no surprise that our staff, volunteers and youth have responded with caring, creativity and resiliency during a difficult year. Together, we continue to make the best better! Enjoy [this video](#) highlighting some of our recent CYI success stories.

4-H Small Animal Workshop

Shiawassee County 4-H is offering a virtual Small Animal Workshop in May. Guest speakers will talk about all things small animals, including Goats (May 5), Poultry (May 12), Rabbits (May 19) and Biosecurity and Animal Health (May 26). Meetings will take place on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. ET. The workshop is open to all youth ages 5-19, and you do not need to be a 4-H member or be in Shiawassee County to attend. This event is also open to 4-H leaders and parents who are wanting to learn more. Pre-registration is required by 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2021.

For more information or to register, visit

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SmallAnimalOnlineWorkshop/>. Please direct any questions to Nikki Hersch at herschni@msu.edu.



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



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.

Wildflower Seed Kits

Sign up today for a FREE 4-H Wildflower Seed Kit and learn how to make your own wildflower seed ball. The kit includes seeds, soil, clay and self-paced instructions. Space is limited to the first 30 registered and enrolled 4-H members. For more information or to register, visit

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4Hwildflowerseedkit/>. Please contact Stacie Gath at gathstac@msu.edu or 989-907-6500.

4-H at Home activities

4-H at Home [activity guides](#) offer hands-on educational activities for all ages. The [Leave No Trace activity](#) shows kids how to explore and play in nature while protecting it. Learn more about paying for college with [these activities](#).

Michigan Pre-Fair Webinar

The 2021 Michigan Pre-Fair Webinar will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. EDT. We will discuss zoonotic diseases, animal exhibition requirements, animal health procedures, and other helpful information. All are welcomed to attend, but the presentations will be focused on educating fair board members, superintendents, and MSU Extension staff.



There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to register today!

Tractor Supply Spring 4-H Paper Clover Campaign

Want to support 4-H youth? Give your local 4-H program a boost by purchasing a clover [online](#) or in Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores for just \$1 through May 9th. Macomb County has TSC stores in [New Haven](#) (57155 Gratiot), [Richmond](#) (67500 Main Street), and [Washington](#) (66143 Van Dyke). Learn more: tractorsupply.com/4h. The Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign is Oct. 6-17, 2021.

Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest - May 11

The 2021 Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest is Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 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. There will be Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19) divisions for youth to compete in. Awards will be given for both individuals and teams. The cost is \$10. Register by May 7th [here](#). Contest rules can be found on the [registration web page](#). This event is a collaborative effort between [Michigan 4-H](#) and [Michigan FFA](#).



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 [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. Registration will be done online this year. 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.

Exploration Days scholarships are available. To request a scholarship in Macomb County, email completed [Macomb County 4-H Youth Council](#) and/or [general scholarship](#) application(s) to macomb.4h@macombgov.org to receive a coupon code before you register.

State 4-H Horse Show postponed to 2022

Due to the ongoing complexities of the current COVID-19 public health crisis, Michigan State University Extension has made the decision to postpone the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show until 2022.

MSU Extension remains committed to resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so. The decision regarding the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show does not indicate that all in-person 4-H summer programming in 2021 will be virtual or postponed. Rather, the decision reflects on the unique nature of the event, which gathers hundreds of participants and thousands of people from across the state together in one central location. The size and scope of this event, combined with a number of uncertainties that remain at this point in the novel coronavirus pandemic, led us to make an early decision about the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show this year.

MSU Extension and 4-H animal science educators will continue to seek out and identify virtual equine learning opportunities that youth can safely take part in throughout the summer months. In addition, when MSU Extension resumes a limited number of face-to-face events, 4-H

educators will identify and share smaller, lower-risk, in-person activities for regional participation.

We appreciate your continued interest in Michigan 4-H programming and for your support and understanding of efforts to protect participant health. We hope to be back together on campus in 2022!

Questions? Contact Taylor Fabus at tenlenta@msu.edu.

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 to help club members develop life skills.

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

Michigan 4-H Colts & Fillies Virtual Summer Camp

Calling all YOUNG horse enthusiasts! Do you love horses? Do you like to create things while learning? Then the Michigan 4-H Colts & Fillies: Kick off to Summer Virtual Camp is for you! Camp kits and t-shirts will be shipped to each participant with camp supplies and we will meet on Zoom three times during camp week (June 21, 23, & 25 at noon) to go over activities and learn all about equine science. Each day of camp we will cover a different topic and play a game. Youth will only need to register one time for the entire week's camp, register soon as this camp has limited space. Register [HERE](#).

Michigan 4-H Puppy Pals Virtual Summer Camp

Do you love dogs? Do you like to create things while learning? Then this is the camp for you! The Michigan 4-H Puppy Pals: Kick off to Summer Virtual Camp!! Camp kits and t-shirts will be shipped to each participant with camp supplies and we will meet on Zoom three times during camp week to go over activities and learn all about canine science! Each day of camp we will cover a different topic and play a game! Youth will only need to register one time for the entire week's camp, [register soon](#) as this camp has limited space.

Italian Virtual Culture Experience

The MSU Community Language School is partnering again with MSU



Extension to host the [Italian Virtual Culture Experience](#) on Saturday, May 22nd from 1-3pm EST. The Italian Virtual Culture Experience is geared for everyone 8 years & above and it is free! The cultural experience will showcase language and culture sessions in four segments: 1. Language: Learn Some Basic Words and Phrases, 2. Cooking: Learn to Make a Simple Classic Dish, 3. Craft: Learn to Create a Traditional Symbol and 4. Movement: Learn Some Steps & Move to Music. Please register by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 14th [here](#).

Adulting 101 Spring Series

Ready to be out on your own? Learn some important skills to be successful as an adult. Our [Adulting 101-Spring Series](#) includes: resume writing, public speaking, and information about renting. Bring questions and gain practical skills you can use in your everyday life. Webinars will be held on May 5, 12, and 19 from 4-5 p.m. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/adulting101spring/>



Bring Outside (SP)IN

Bring nature inside and make your home green with [Bring Outside \(SP\)IN](#)! Join us and make terrariums, dry flowers, and paint rocks using materials you gather yourself! This FREE virtual club will get you outside and leave you with living art to remember the experience. This club is open to 4-H members ages 9 and up and will be held virtually from 4-5pm ET, Tuesdays May 11th to June 15th. Register through May 6th [here](#). If you have any questions about this club or registration, please email Leland Swift at swiftlel@msu.edu.

4-H Dare to Serve Challenge

Michigan 4-H and the Learning To Give organization are co-sponsoring the 4-H DARE TO SERVE Project. May is the kick-off month BUT service projects will be accepted all summer. Prizes will be given out to five individuals and five clubs with completed projects by May 31.

Giving back to your community is wonderful but it can also benefit your own health as well. Volunteering offers many health benefits from decreasing risk of depression, staying physically and mentally active, to reducing stress. Lend a helping hand today, start planning your service project. Find more information [here](#) and submit your Service Project [here](#). Enjoy serving your community!

4-H Embryology SPIN Club

Back by popular demand! Join now and help grow baby chicks (virtually) during the 4-H Embryology SPIN Club! The Club has its own incubator and participants will be watching the chicks hatch virtually! A FREE learning kit will be mailed directly to participants and is packed full of eggs-tremely fun supplies for club activities will be mailed to each participant. During the 4-H Embryology SPIN Club, we'll explore parts of a chicken egg, incubator set up, incubation days 1-21 (daily chick development, candling, the hatch!), after the hatch, and chick handling. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is FREE to join and designed for youth ages 8-12 but open to ages 5-19 (adult guidance suggested for younger youth). Meetings will take place Tuesdays, from May 25th-June 29th. Registration closes on May 17th. Open to all current and new 4-H Members. Register today at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Embryology24hspincclub/>

If you have trouble registering, or general questions about this club, please email Ashley Rodarte at rodarte1@msu.edu.



Michigan 4-H Horse Program Virtual Communications Contest

The Michigan 4-H Horse Program's Virtual Communications Contest is back. Youth of all ages have the opportunity to compete in both Public Speaking and/or Demonstration Contests. Each entry will be judged and scoresheets with feedback will be kept private, and emailed directly to the youth participant. Contest divisions and entry time frames are listed below.

CONTEST DIVISIONS:

Out of state participants (all ages)

Junior (ages 8-13)

Senior (ages 14-19)

Cloverbud (ages 5-7)

CONTEST SUBMISSION WINDOWS:

Public Speaking

- Out of State & Senior participants (May 1-4)
- Junior & Cloverbud participants (May 5-8)

Demonstration

- Out of State & Senior participants (May 9-12)
- Junior & Cloverbud participants (May 13-16)

Infographic: May 17-19

- Edited Demonstration Video: May 20-23

Photography

- Out of State & Senior participants (May 24-26)
- Junior & Cloverbud participants (May 27-29)

Prizes will be mailed to first place winning participants. Contests are \$5 each to enter.

Complete event rules can be found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information. Register through May 24, 2021 [here](#).



4-H Virtual Cross Campus Cruise

Do you love to move? Do you track your steps through your day? Then come join us on our free [4-H Virtual Cross Campus Cruise](#) through MSU!

From May 16th - May 29th we are hosting a statewide 12 mile virtual walk/run/roll through MSU's campus for 5-19 year old 4-H members. You can walk, run, rollerblade, and more to earn those miles. You can earn those miles where ever you'd like to; a track, trails, parks and more. We'll use this virtual course to highlight different

landmarks around campus that participants can learn about via electronic postcards that will be e-mailed to them. Those postcards will be used to answer GooseChase questions to earn points for prizes! After tracking their 12 miles via a GoogleForm, participants will earn a custom 4-H medal & water bottle!

Interested in joining us? Register [here](#) through May 14th. For questions, please contact Aaron Myers at myersaa1@msu.edu or Sarah Schaner at schaner4@msu.edu.

Calendars of Events

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.

May 1-31

[Dare to Serve Challenge Kickoff Month](#)

(Challenge runs through summer)

May 2-29

[Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporter Walking Challenge](#)

May 11-June 15

[Bring Outside \(SP\)IN](#)

4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, online

May 15

[Dream It, Be It Career Support for Girls](#)

10 a.m.-1 p.m., online

May 16-29

[4-H Virtual Campus Cruise](#)

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

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.

May 5, 12 and 19

[Adulting 101 Spring Series](#)

4-5 p.m., online

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.

May 9

Happy Mother's Day!

May 11

[Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest](#)

9 a.m.-12 p.m., 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.

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.

carbon footprint and engage in conversation about how you can make a difference.

May 22

[Italian Virtual Culture Experience](#)

1-3 p.m., Online

May 25

Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Awards and Recognition Subcommittee Meeting
6 p.m., online.

May 25-June 29

[4-H Embryology SPIN Club](#)

4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, online.

May 26

[Michigan Pre-Fair Webinar](#)

1-3 p.m., online

June 21, 23 and 25

[Michigan Colts & Fillies Virtual Summer Camp](#)

12 p.m., online.

June 21, 23 and 25

[Michigan 4-H Virtual Puppy Pals Camp](#)

1-2 p.m., online.

June 22-24

[Exploration Days: Expanded](#)

Online. Registration is open May 1-28.

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

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