



# 4-H Family News

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## Macomb County 4-H News & Events



### Macomb County Spring 4-H Leader Meet - April 1

Macomb County 4-H club leaders, mark your calendars! You're invited to attend the [Spring 4-H Club Leader Meet](#) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on April 1, 2021. Share your success stories, brainstorm new ideas, and get important updates on policy, procedures and upcoming events. The meeting will be held via Zoom. Watch your inbox for the link, meeting ID and passcode or contact the Macomb County 4-H Office. We hope to see you there!

### Youth Council to meet April 15th

The next Macomb County 4-H Youth Council meeting is Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6 p.m. Club delegates are welcome and encouraged to attend! Contact 4-H Program Coordinator Katelyn Golembiewski at [burnska9@msu.edu](mailto:burnska9@msu.edu) for the Zoom information. A reminder email with the Zoom information will also be sent out through 4-H Online as the meeting date approaches.

### 4-H Virtual Cloverbud SPIN Club

A free [4-H Virtual Cloverbud SPIN Club](#) designed just for youth who are 4-H ages 5-7 in Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties will be starting soon. Participants will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays, April 20-June 8, 2021, from 6-6:45 p.m. to explore a different 4-H project area and complete a hands-on activity together. Registered youth will receive an activity kit with materials needed to complete each weekly activity. At the end of the 4-H Virtual Cloverbud SPIN Club participants will share our projects and what was learned in a virtual showcase. Registration opens April 1st for youth in Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Register online at <https://forms.gle/6PUjQKR6u4wNBWsV7>. For more information in Macomb County, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Lizz Duran at [duraneli@msu.edu](mailto:duraneli@msu.edu).

### NEW: Add additional projects to approved 4-H Online enrollments

Members and volunteers can now add additional clubs/projects to their approved 4-H Online 2.0 records. When a member logs in to 4-H Online 2.0 and adds a club to his or her enrollment, he or she will be required to enter a reason for adding the additional club/project and submit. See "[How to Add Clubs and Projects on Approved Enrollments](#)" for step by step instructions.

### Skillathon Regionals and State Championship Results

The first statewide Skillathon wrapped up with the Southeast Region event on March 20th. The Southeast region had the largest delegation of participation across the state, with Wayne County having the most 4-H members compete. What is the Skillathon? A comprehensive test of 4-H members knowledge about all things agriculture, especially livestock! Participants completed multiple choice questions in the areas of: Beef, Horses, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry, and General Knowledge (Animal Care & Well-Being, Tools, Crops, Biosecurity, etc.).

Individuals scoring above the minimum percentile in each age division will receive an invitation to participate in the Michigan 4-H Skillathon State Championship. The State competition will take place April 10th.

All participants will receive a Skillathon T-Shirt. Members and Adults who progress to the State Competition will receive hoodies.

For results: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2021-michigan-4-h-skillathon>

### Great 4-H Clover Bakeoff

Congratulations to the winner of the Macomb Great 4-H Clover Bakeoff Challenge...Aidan H.! Thank you to the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council for hosting this fun event. And thank you to all who participated. Your baked goods looked delicious!



*4-H Virtual Home Garden Spin Club would like to thank Sanders Candy for their generous donation of product samples. <https://sanderscandy.com/>*

*They were delicious!*



*The club has been talking about cacao farms and the origins of chocolate.*

## Other Local News & Events

### Armada Fair news

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

**Bill Hahn Scholarship:** The Armada Agricultural Society sponsors the Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship in memory of former president and longtime board member, Bill Hahn. The scholarship will be awarded yearly to two high school graduating seniors. The applicant must have been a volunteer, employee, Open Class exhibitor or Youth Organizations exhibitor at the Armada Fair to apply. This would include Miss Armada and her court.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15th and may be mailed to the Armada Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 507, Armada, MI 48005, dropped off at the Armada Fair Office during normal business hours or emailed to the fair office by 11:59 p.m. April 15th. [office@armadafair.org](mailto:office@armadafair.org). More information about the scholarship can be found online [here](#).

**Miss Armada:** Do you know a single young woman between the ages of 17 and 24, who either attends, graduated from or lives in the Armada Area School district? Is she personable, articulate, mature, confident and sincere? Does she possess knowledge of the Armada Fair and her community? If so, please nominate her for MISS ARMADA 2021! Ladies do not have to be nominated to submit an application. [Nominations](#) are due March 26, 2021. [Applications](#) are due April 19, 2021. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3pE9qRL>, call 586-784-5488 or email [office@armadafair.org](mailto:office@armadafair.org).

**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](mailto:office@armadafair.org).

## Show Me the Money Day – April 13

Join MSU Extension and Macomb Community Action on April 13, 2021 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for Show Me the Money Day, a virtual financial and community resource fair. For more information visit [bit.ly/MCA-MoneyDay2021](https://bit.ly/MCA-MoneyDay2021). Register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmethemoney421/> by April 11.

## Statewide 4-H News & Events

### 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](https://extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities). If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

### Apply for Mark of Excellence

Michigan 4-H'ers ages 11-12 are invited to apply for a Mark of Excellence Award. To apply for this state-level award, write and submit an essay (500 words or less) that focuses on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can..." Essays are due to your county MSU Extension 4-H Office no later than **April 1, 2021**. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2LNpfqU> or contact your county's MSU Extension 4-H Office

### 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 Lizz Duran, [duraneli@msu.edu](mailto:duraneli@msu.edu) or or email Janice Zerbe at [rajzerj@msu.edu](mailto:rajzerj@msu.edu).

### 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose).

### Month of the Military Child 4-H GooseChase

Join Michigan 4-H as we celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child 4-H GooseChase Challenge during the month of 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

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MOMC/>. Please note that

participants will need to download the GooseChase app and create a username before registering for this program. For more information, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Katelyn Golembiewski at [burnska9@msu.edu](mailto:burnska9@msu.edu).



### Explore coding with 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

4-H Dance Party SPIN Club will begin on Monday, April 12th and end Friday, April 16th. This club will meet virtually every day from 4-5:15 p.m. EST. Registration closes on April 8. Explore computer coding by programming your own Dance Party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need access to the internet to go to the coding site. This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 8 to 14. For more information and to register, please visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HDancePartySPINClub/>.

This 4-H SPIN Club will meet virtually via [Zoom](#) (both computer and smartphone accessible). Zoom link information will only be sent to event registrants that complete their [4-H Online](#) enrollment by April 8<sup>th</sup> (Club is listed under Livingston County – SPIN Club Dance Party Club). For more information, please contact Christine Miller at [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu) or 517-552-6905.



### 4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club

Registration is open for the April 4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club, it will begin on Monday, April 26th and end Friday, April 30th, registration closes on April 22nd. This club will meet virtually every day from 4-5:15 pm EST. Over the course of the week, youth will get a chance to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 5 to 12. For more information and to register, please visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HLEgoSPINClubApril/>

This 4-H SPIN Club will meet virtually via [Zoom](#) (both computer and smartphone accessible). Zoom link information will only be sent to event registrants that complete their 4-H Online enrollment by April 22nd (Club is listed under Livingston County – SPIN Club LEGO Master Builder 3).

### Michigan 4-H Dog Program Walk Across the State Challenge

The all-new Michigan 4-H Dog Program Walk Across Our State Challenge is now open for registration! Earn prizes while walking the dog! The challenge begins April 15, 2021 and

finishes May 31, 2021. Cost is \$5/individual or \$25/team (\$5 per team member). Rules and registration information are online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HDogWalkAcrossOurState/>



## Michigan 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge

The all-new Michigan 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge starts on April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021. Youth and adults may participate individually or as teams. The cost is \$5 per individual or \$25 per team (\$5 per team member). Michigan geography, history, and fun facts will be shared with participants via email and social media weekly. Register by April 20th at

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/RideAcrossOurState/>. Contest rules are available online at

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/registration-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information).

## Horse Adult Leader Training and Educational Resource

The "Horse Adult Leader Training and Educational Resource" (HALTER), developed by experts at ExtensionHorses, is a progressive series of 4 lessons offering equine science information, student activities, and techniques to foster positive youth development. Each level builds on the previous one. Once you successfully complete each level, and the associated requirements, you will receive a certificate of completion!

## Money Smart contests for youth

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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts).



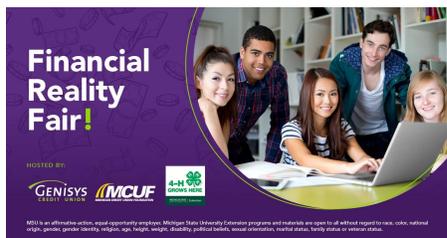
**Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old):** Youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-13, have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners 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](http://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 online 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest).



## Financial Reality Fair - April 28

Get a taste of the adult world with a hands-on financial simulation for teens. Join us April 28th at 4 p.m. for a Virtual Reality Fair, hosted by Genisys Credit Union and sponsored by MSU Extension 4-H and Michigan Credit Union League. Please register for the event here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/reality-fair>

## 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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts)

## Livestock Programs focus on financials

Often we focus more on the animal side of livestock projects, and this is an opportunity to focus on the flip side: the financials.

The Importance of Saving and Investing: Livestock Edition, and 4-H Market Livestock Through a Business Lens focus on the financial side of 4-H market livestock projects—specifically opportunities to turn your livestock project into a sound business, and what your options are for auction checks, other than plunking it in a savings account or spending it on clothes or a phone. Both workshops will be held via zoom and taught by Beth Martinéz from CFEI, and registration is now open!

**The Importance of Saving and Investing: Livestock Edition** is a workshop for 15-19 year olds. The one hour zoom session at 7:30 on April 5th will focus on the end of a market livestock project--the check you get after auction--and what saving and investing options are available. Short, medium, and long term investment options will be discussed, as well as planning ahead, investment alternatives, and more. The session will be hosted by Kalkaska County 4-H and Beth Martinéz, MSU Extension Educator. Registration is now open at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Investing2021/>.

**4-H Market Livestock Through a Business Lens** is a one hour online workshop for youth ages 8-19 that will help youth look at their 4-H livestock project as a business. Topics covered during this interactive session will include a business concept, risk management, the cost of doing business, and more! This workshop will be held April 20th at 7:30 pm, and will be hosted by Kalkaska County 4-H and Beth Martinéz, MSU Extension Educator. Registration is now open at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart2021/>.



JOANN 

## Support 4-H at JOANN Stores

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/](http://www.joann.com/4-h/).

**4-H/JOANN craft activity:** On Saturday, April 3, kids can pick up a bag of supplies at JOANN stores for a craft activity they can do at home. The bags include 4-H information and a coupon to buy additional supplies. For more information about 4-H and JOANN, visit <https://bit.ly/31kQbTv>.

## Other ways to support 4-H

**Manna Pro:** 4-H is proud to partner with Manna Pro to create opportunities for youth who are passionate about animal care. Visit <https://www.mannapro.com/promotions/4H-2021> to learn more about how you can get involved in creating more Champions in 4-H. For a limited time, a special horse-themed gift is available to those who support 4-H by donating [here](#).

**Tractor Supply Company (TSC):** From April 28 - May 10, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the option to purchase a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [tractorsupply.com](http://tractorsupply.com). Funds raised help support a variety of 4 H youth and leadership experiences.

**Shop 4-H:** [Shop 4-H](#), the 4-H online store, donates 5% back to Michigan 4-H.

**Amazon Smile:** [Amazon Smile](#) gives 0.5% when you select Michigan 4-H Foundation as the charity.

## 4-H at Home offers veterinary science activities for youth

Try these activities from the 4-H at Home [Veterinary Science: Stopping Sickness](#) series! Listed activities are appropriate for youth in grades 6-8.

- [Defense Department](#): Learn how the body's immune system works.
- [Sick or Well](#): How can you tell? Learn how to examine your pet for symptoms of illness.
- [Not a Shot in the Dark](#): Learn how to calculate your pet's medication dosage.

Explore additional 4-H at Home activities for youth online at <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>.

## Virtual zoonotic disease activities

New virtual activities that volunteers can use to educate youth about zoonotic disease are available. The new activities can be found on the [4-H Animal Science Zoonotic Disease](#) site under the tab [Virtual Education Activities](#).

The resources available on the website include:

"Health for One, One Health for All" Kahoot game, Kahoot Instructions, Animal Science Anywhere: Using Kahoot in a Virtual Setting instructional video, and "One Health Matching Game" that simulates the matching game contained in the Club Game Night kit in a virtual setting.

These educational products were able to be produced through funds from the Influenza and Zoonoses Education Among Youth in Agriculture grant. Please direct any questions about these resources to Katie Ockert, [ockertka@msu.edu](mailto:ockertka@msu.edu), or Nick Babcock, [babco116@msu.edu](mailto:babco116@msu.edu).

## Important Thumb Jackpot Beef Show message to beef project members

Please read carefully below the information from the 4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Program Committee regarding the annual jackpot show planned for April 17th in Imlay City.

As you are likely aware, face-to-face programming for Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H has not been permitted since March 2020 due to Covid-19. While direction from Michigan State University regarding these restrictions has not changed yet, the Jackpot Show Committee is hopeful to see updated directives soon and is moving forward with plans for the 2021 show. Registration forms and information for the show are attached here along with a couple of educational contests that do not require a face-to-face experience. **Show and contest entries are due by April 2nd.**

Because of the uncertainty of the circumstances, the Jackpot Show Committee will reassess MSU's guidance on face-to-face programming on April 5th to determine if the show will be able to proceed as a 4-H sponsored event. If it is determined at that time MSU Extension 4-H programs are still not able to host face-to-face activities, or the plans for this event cannot be accommodated within the allowable directives of the MSU Community Compact (<https://msu.edu/together-we-will/msu-community-compact/>), a decision will be made to pivot this show to an open show hosted by the Paul DeLong Memorial Show Committee. The show rules will remain the same regardless if the host changes. If the show is not able to proceed as a 4-H event, families may choose to allow their children to participate as open exhibitors instead of 4-H members.

High school seniors who wish to apply for the Paul DeLong Memorial Scholarship must submit their application on the entry form for the Jackpot Show. For 2021 participation in the face-to-face show is not a requirement to apply for the scholarship. If a family chooses not to engage in face-to-face activities at this time, the scholarship applicant will not be penalized provided they meet all other requirements.

For those new to the beef project or who have not been involved in the 4-H & FFA Thumb Jackpot Beef Program (<https://www.thumbjackpot.com/>), it is an educational opportunity available to 4-H and FFA members in the seven counties of the thumb: Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola. The committee annually hosts a jackpot show for beef exhibitors, provides educational programming, and awards scholarships to graduating seniors.

Changes to this year's program:

- New for this year we are offering a photo contest. Youth who enter both the essay and photo contest will be eligible for an overall contest prize.
- New for this year we will be selecting a Grand Champion Overall Showman. A belt buckle will be awarded to the winner.
- Due to Covid19 we will not be hosting the Family Night Dinner on Friday evening.
- Reminder to 2021 graduating seniors to elect on the entry form your desire to receive a scholarship from the TJBEP.

If you have any questions please contact your county 4-H extension coordinator or Jenny McKay at (810) 694-0561. Thank you!

### **Virtual programming resources**

Two resources that may be helpful to volunteers as they do virtual programs are now available:

- [Safety in Virtual Learning Environments Video](#): This short video shares best practices and policies around youth safety in virtual settings, explore strategies to maintain youth safety when programming virtually, and resources that are helpful.
- [Volunteer Brainstorm Session Recording](#): Action Team 6 recorded one of the volunteer brainstorm sessions, the recording is almost an hour in length but provides some great ideas of what volunteers are doing to keep youth engaged or ideas they have tried. While this is a video, the most value comes from listening to the audio so it could be listened to similar as a podcast.

### **Mindfulness of A to Z**

MSU Extension is excited to announce a new resource for children, families and community programs. The Mindfulness A to Z: An Alphabet of Fun and Calming Activities book and activity cards include 26 fun, delightfully illustrated mindfulness activities for children ages 3 to 12. From A (Alpaca Breathing) to Z (Zipper Stretches), children will learn to use meditations, stretches, and breathing exercises to slow down, calm down, and relax so they can focus and feel better.

You can encourage children to use a Mindfulness A to Z activity when they are:

- Transitioning from one activity to another.
- Trying to work through a strong emotion.
- Feeling overwhelmed.
- Having trouble focusing.
- Going through a daily routine like settling down for or waking up from a nap.

Both resources are for sale today! Order the Mindfulness A to Z: An Alphabet of Fun and Calming Activities [Book](#) and [Activity Cards](#) at [shop.msu.edu](http://shop.msu.edu).

### **Wild Spartans: Researching Wildfire in Boreal and Arctic Regions - April 13**

Join 4-H staff on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. EST for the latest in MSU Extension's [Wild Spartans](#) series. The topic this month is "Researching Wildfire in Boreal and Arctic Regions." Participants will explore the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts of wildfire on the flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Laura Bourgeau-Chavez, Senior Research Scientist/ Assistant Professor, Michigan Technological University: Michigan Tech Research Institute will discuss her field work, the technology she uses to map and study wildfire effects, and the education and career path she followed. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april>.

### **Michigan 4-H Embryology Program**

Spring is the time when nature "comes back to life" or new life begins, which means it's the perfect time to introduce youth to embryology, the study of the development of embryos. MSU Extension is pleased to announce our brand-new online course, the Michigan 4-H Embryology

Program. Whether you are a teacher or a parent, experienced or not, this course has all the information you need to teach the youth in your life about embryology. You may choose to incubate your own eggs as you participate in the course, or simply use the series of videos to demonstrate all things embryology, from the parts of an egg to caring for freshly hatched chicks and everything in-between. To learn more or to register for this course, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/michigan-4-h-embryology-course>.



## Global Day of Service

On April 17, Spartans from around the globe will participate in service projects for the [Global Day of Service](#). It is a simple but powerful way to make an impact in your community. This year provides unique opportunities to participate in virtual or socially distanced service projects. You'll be able to interact with fellow Spartans while doing your part to make the world a better place. [A variety of projects are available and seeking volunteers.](#)

Photo and article from CANR Newsletter

## Calendars of Events

### April 1

[Macomb County Spring 4-H Leader Meet](#)  
6:30-8 p.m., Zoom

### April 1

[State Awards](#) application deadline

### April 1

[Mark of Excellence](#) essays due

### April 1

[4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline](#)  
*4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.*

### April 1-30

[Month of the Military Child GooseChase](#)

### April 1-30

[Show Your Money Smarts Contest](#)

### April 3

4-H/JOANN Craft Activity  
Pick up supply bags at JOANN stores.

### April 5

[Cash Composition Contest](#)  
Registration and essay submission deadline

### April 5

[Importance of Saving & Investing: Livestock Edition](#)  
7:30 p.m., online

### April 12-16

[4-H Dance Party SPIN Club](#)  
4-5:15 p.m., Zoom

### April 13

[Wild Spartans!](#)  
Zoom Webinar  
Topic: [Researching Wildfire in Boreal and Arctic Regions](#)

### April 13

[Show Me the Money Day](#)  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., online

### April 15-May 31

[MI 4-H Dog Program Walk Across the State](#)

### April 15-May 31

[MI 4-H Horse Program Ride Across the State](#)

### April 17

[Global Day of Service](#)

### April 17

[Thumb Jackpot Beef Show](#)  
Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds, Imlay City  
Important: See article in this newsletter regarding 4-H participation. Entries are due April 2.

### April 20

[4-H Market Livestock through a Business Lens](#)  
7:30 p.m., online

### April 23

[Show Your Money Smarts Contest](#)  
Entry deadline

### April 26-30

[Lego Master Builder SPIN Club](#)  
Online

### April 28

[Financial Reality Fair](#)

### April 28-May 10

TSC Paper Clover Campaign  
Tractor Supply Stores, online

### May 11

[Wild Spartans!](#)  
Zoom Webinar  
Topic: *Meet a DNR Conservation Officer!*

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

## Macomb County 4-H Staff & Office Locations

Ed Scott,  
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