

*Mecosta County*

4-H Family News

June 2020

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the start of our summer. I know things are truly the easiest right now. I wish things we're so much different you all have no idea.

I am just hoping that good things come and things change and we can have a little bit of enjoyment this summer. Im thankful for the nice weather that we have been having and all the time I have had in my yard. We are starting to get my garden in so I am very excited for that.

I hope everyone has a good month. I am looking forward to the days I get to see everyone again and we can all laugh!!! Miss everyone and thinking of you all.

Sincerely,
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Announcements:

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4-H STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Virtual 4-H programming guidelines for volunteers

When face-to-face programming is not possible due to social distancing, virtual 4-H experiences are opportunities for 4-H groups to continue engaging together. Though virtual programs may never fully replace the relationships built by meeting in-person, they can also supplement face-to-face programming. But how can you make sure virtual programs are successful?

MSU Extension recently released a helpful document that can guide 4-H volunteers in using technology to the fullest potential. This resource provides volunteers with expectations for leading virtual programs with youth and best practices for success.

Access "Virtual 4-H Programming Guidelines for Volunteers" online at

canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 2: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Meet the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council

Zoom webinar 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.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-tuesday-meet-the-michigan-4-h-state-youth-leadership-council-1

June 4: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays

Zoom webinar

These weekly 45 minute sessions are designed to provide an overview of a variety of 4-H programs and activities for 8 to 12 year-old youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-at-4-on-thursdays

June 4: Ocean Explorers

Zoom webinar

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix on a virtual discovery of sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats, and stewardship issues surrounding ocean ecosystems.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2020-4-h-ocean-explorers-1

June 4: Adulting 101 Series– Household Tasks

Zoom webinar

This event will help youth navigate life and college. In this session, learn the right way to iron, make a bed, sew a button, set a table and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mayseries-householdtasks

June 9: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Making Money at Home This Summer

Zoom webinar

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.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/june-9-4-h-teen-tuesday-making-money-at-home-this-summer-1

June 20: Missaukee 4-H Summer Classic Virtual No-Fit Heifer & Steer Show

Zoom webinar

Join this opportunity to build confidence and hear feedback from judge Randy Barnes. This show is open to all Michigan 4-H members.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/missaukee-4-h-summer-classic-virtual-no-fit-heifer-steer-show

4-H STATEWIDE NEWS:



MSU Extension offers at-home hands-on learning for youth

To support families and caregivers with youth at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU Extension has put together a weekly list of DIY activities and online events. Choose from daily childhood development, career exploration, STEM, healthy living and leadership activities - or choose them all! There's even two quick resources to support parents and caregivers during these unprecedented times. We hope this helpful resource will provide a weekly dose of fun and learning while staying safe at home.

View the resources at extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities.



4-H Spartan Coding Camp goes virtual!

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program—virtually! Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM summer camp being hosted online from June 22-25.

Virtual 4-H Spartan Coding Camp campers will enjoy experiences such as:

- Developing your own tech ideas; designing and coding an application from scratch; and attracting users to your product!
- Learning the fundamentals of launching a product.
- Discovering the essentials of web design and development.
- Practicing coding skills in HTML, CSS, JS, Ruby, Rails and Github.
- Enhancing your passion for technology and growing real-world skills.
- Exploring career opportunities available at MSU!

After the camp is over, youth will continue to learn and practice at their own pace with nearly 60 hours of self-paced online lessons that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is open to youth entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2020. Attendees should have a computer with internet and the ability to video conference (microphone and webcam). Registration is now open. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index.

The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$320 and includes tech support, post-camp support, and program fees. Current Michigan 4-H members receive a \$20 discount. Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or johns832@msu.edu. 4-H Spartan Coding Camp is offered in collaboration with CodeNow.

Michigan 4-H'ers pledge their hands to larger service in a time of need

Across the state, county and globe, COVID-19 has upended everyday life in nearly every way. In Michigan, families and communities struggle to adapt to closed schools and businesses while working to preserve their own health, well-being and sense of normalcy. For many Michigan 4-H'ers, lending a helping hand is part of that normal, and many have sprung into action to help their communities during this unprecedented time.

Across the state, 4-H'ers have found many ways to serve their communities while practicing social distancing. Among them were:

Kalkaska County 4-H member Amy Saxton issued a 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge for other

4-H'ers to join in her Cards for a Cause efforts, encouraging youth to send cards to individuals living in adult foster care homes not able to receive visitors at this time.

Similarly, 4-H'ers in Lapeer and Schoolcraft counties wrote letters and cards of kindness to residents of local senior centers and nursing homes.

Alger County 4-H'ers volunteered to shop for seniors who didn't feel safe traveling to the store to purchase their groceries and other supplies.

4-H'ers across the state sewed masks at home to donate to people in need.

The Sebations, a 4-H family in St. Clair Co., re-purposed a fair billboard thanking essential workers.

"I continue to be impressed by the overwhelming generosity and creativity of our 4-H members, volunteers and staff across the state to continue the 4-H mission," said Jacob DeDecker, Michigan 4-H state leader. "Our 4-H community remains committed to helping one another."

