



JULY 2022

4-H Family News

OGEMAW COUNTY



HAPPY JULY!

It's proving to be a busy summer so far, and it's been fantastic! Lots of upcoming programs over the next few weeks, from clubs to camp to library programs and more, there's lots to look forward to. We are approaching fair, which is coming up in August – stay tuned to information from myself and your club leaders about the 2022 fair! If you haven't completed YQCA training, or haven't logged in and retrieved your certificate, please do so as soon as possible. Along the same lines, a reminder that if you are participating in the fair with an animal, you must complete your three hours of service at the fairgrounds!

Rose City park has been set as the location for the "On the Move" 4-H Summer Day Camp this year – registration opened on Wednesday, and has been shared on social media! More info on camp can be found later in this newsletter. Please note, this camp is open to 4-H members aged 8-12 and has limited spaces available!

Without further ado, enjoy your July newsletter!

Sincerely,

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DATES TO REMEMBER....

- **July 6th** - "Let's Talk Turtles" sea turtle program at the Ogemaw District Library in Rose City (10:30am)
- **July 7th** - "Let's Talk Turtles" sea turtle program at the Ogemaw East Branch Library in Prescott (1:30pm)
- **July 10th** - "Fun in the Sun Family Day" with Cardinal Optimist Club at Elbow Lake Park in Skidway Lake
- **July 13th** - "Let's Talk Turtles" sea turtle program at the Skidway Lake Branch Library in Prescott (1:30pm)
- **July 14th** - "Ocean Voyagers" program at the West Branch District Library in West branch (11am)
- **July 14th** - 4-H Hunting & Wildlife SPIN Club starts, 4:30pm at the MSU Extension Office in West Branch
- **July 19th** - "On the Move" 4-H Summer Day Camp at the Rose City Park, from 9a-4p
- **July 28th** - "Underwater Cities" program at the West Branch District Library in West branch (11am)

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly—Squat Lesson



The newest lesson is available in the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-Squat series. The purpose of this series is not to teach specific content, but to teach the process of science – asking questions and discovering answers. The activities encourage young people to try to figure things out for themselves rather than just read an answer on the internet or in a book.

The newest lesson is "Is precooked bacon a better value?" To access this lesson and other resources in the series, visit: canr.msu.edu/resources/teaching-science-when-you-dont-know-diddly-squat-series.

July 11-13: Ingham County 4-H Horse Camp

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

This three-day camp is designed to prepare youth for fair and local horse shows. A variety of sessions and clinics will be offered ranging from English, Western, gymkhana and dressage. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2022-ingham-county-horse-committee-4-h-horse-project-camp>

July 12: Adulting 101 Summer Series

Online

Adulting 101 help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through educational sessions. Sessions occur weekly on Tuesdays and will each cover a new topic. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101summer>

July 13: State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, Lansing

Held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo, the contest allows participants to enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/state-4-h-ffa-livestock-judging-contest1>

July 18 - 20: 4-H Forestry Camp

Gahagan Nature Preserve, Roscommon

This fun and interactive day camp will educate youth ages 11-15 about forestry in Michigan. Participants will learn about forest ecosystems, how to manage them and forestry-related career operations.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-forestry-camp>

July 27-28: 4-H Money Crunches Boot Camp

Various locations across Michigan

Get financially fit this summer for FREE in this fun-filled two-day boot camp for youth in grades 8-10! Topics covered include banking, saving, investing, spending plans, fraud, taxes, goals, paying for secondary education and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/moneycamp22>

August 20: Michigan 4-H State Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The Michigan 4-H State Dog Show will provide classes in agility, obedience, rally, team, brace and showmanship. Register by July 17.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-state-dog-show>

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!



MSU Extension is happy to partner again in 2022 with the Michigan State Fair for an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration is now open until August 1! The diverse array of classes celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more. There is no cost to participate, and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by submitting project photos and videos. Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event which occurs September 1-5.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Find the scholarship application and criteria, as well as registration information for the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase.

Michigan 4-H Foundation 2022-23 grant cycle re-opened

The Michigan 4-H Foundation recently re-opened their grant and award opportunities for the 2022-2023 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. Applications are due by the extended July 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 \$500.** 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 outstanding 4-H agricultural volunteers that have exhibited excellence in 4-H youth education and leadership development.

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



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H BIRDS OF PREY

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE >> JUN 7 - JUL 12 | TUESDAYS 4:30 PM

DESCRIPTION Join me to learn all about birds of prey - from eagles to vultures and everything in between! Activities will include owl pellet dissection, art projects, games, and more!

LET'S TALK TURTLES

OGE MAW DISTRICT LIBRARY >> JULY 6TH | WEDNESDAY 10:30 AM

DESCRIPTION Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a lesson all about sea turtles! Get ready to dive in and learn the types of sea turtles, their favorite foods, and more!

ROSE CITY "ALL AGES"

ROSE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL >> JULY 6, 12, 20 | 12:30 PM

DESCRIPTION MSU Extension & Ogemaw County 4-H will be guests at the Rose City All Ages recreation program with fun activities for participants!

LET'S TALK TURTLES

OGE MAW EAST BRANCH LIBRARY >> JULY 7TH | THURSDAY 1:30 PM

DESCRIPTION Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a lesson all about sea turtles! Get ready to dive in and learn the types of sea turtles, their favorite foods, and more!

"FUN IN THE SUN" FAMILY DAY

ELBOW LAKE BEACH PARK >> July 10th | SUNDAY 1P – 4P

DESCRIPTION The Cardinal Optimist Club of Skidway Lake invited MSU extension & 4-H to have a craft area at the "Fun in the Sun" family day! Come see us to make an airplane or a mini car out of popsicle sticks and buttons!

GAP KIDS CAMP

WEST BRANCH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH >> JULY 11, 18, 25 | MONDAY 10:30 AM

DESCRIPTION MSU Extension & Ogemaw County 4-H will be guests at the West Branch First United Methodist Church GAP Kids Camp program with fun ocean-themed activities for participants!

4-H Solar S'mores!



bit.ly/4Hsolarsmores

The sun warms the earth, creates weather patterns, and helps plants grow. So it's pretty important! But did you know that humans can actually use the sun's power as a tool? It's true. In this tasty activity, kids will learn how engineers harness the sun's energy for other purposes by building a tin foil-lined cardboard box that uses the sun's rays to cook delicious s'mores!

This activity requires access to an outdoor space. For optimal results, try doing it when the sun is most intense and highest in the sky – the higher the angle of the sun, the more direct light you'll get, and the faster you get your s'mores!





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OCEAN VOYAGERS

WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY JULY 14TH | THURS 11:00 AM

DESCRIPTION Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a program about some of the great voyagers of the ocean: sharks and whales! Learn about some of the largest sharks & whales in the world, fun facts, and more in this exciting ocean voyagers program!

4-H HUNTING & WILDLIFE

MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
JUL 14 - AUG 25 | THURSDAYS 4:30 PM

DESCRIPTION Join me to learn all about hunting & wildlife! This discipline of 4-H Shooting Sports introduces the history of hunting, wildlife identification (scat, skulls, fur, calls, etc.), habitats, animal tracks, safety in the outdoors, camouflage and more over the course of 6 weeks! Activities will range from outdoor games to art to take-home scavenger hunts and more!

4-H "ON THE MOVE" DAY CAMP

ROSE CITY PARK >> JULY 19TH | TUES 9AM - 4 PM

DESCRIPTION Hosted outdoors, activities will include smoothie bike, pound class, magical movement, minute to win it, and simple machines! Open to 4-H members ages 8-12 > not a member yet? Joining 4-H is FREE!! Contact us to learn more!

UNDERWATER CITIES

WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY >> JULY 28TH | THURSDAY 11:00 AM

DESCRIPTION Join biologist and Ogemaw County 4-H Program Coordinator, Enya, for a program about the bustling underwater cities we know as coral reefs! An estimated 25% of all ocean species live in and around coral reefs - they really are underwater cities!

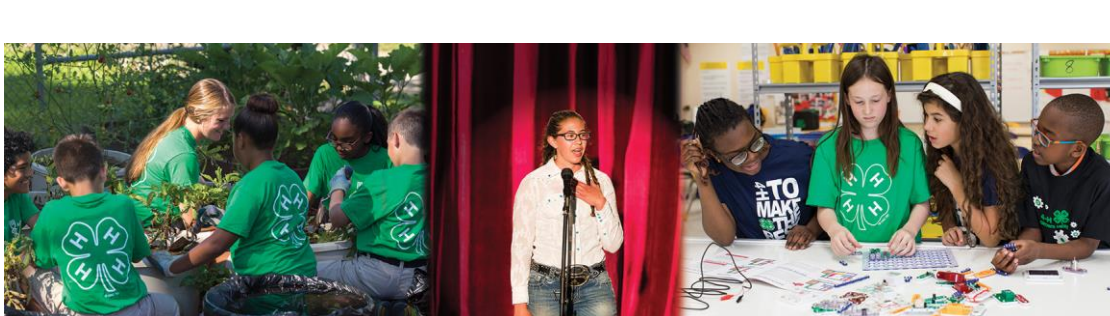
CHOCOLATE STRAWBERRY LAVA CAKE



bit.ly/4hlavacake

There's no better way to use fresh strawberries than by incorporating them into a chocolate strawberry lava cake! With its rich, chocolate base and bursts of strawberry flavor, this gluten-free dessert boasts an oozing chocolate center that melts in your mouth, and pairs perfectly with chocolate-covered strawberries.

You can make this cake for yourself, or double the recipe and serve one to a friend! This delicious dessert has love written all over it.





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

The time has come! Registration for the “On the Move” 4-H Summer Day camp is NOW OPEN!

Registration is open to 4-H youth, ages 8-12! Simply log in to your 4-H Online account (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>), select “events” from the navigation menu, and then select “register” under the event titled ““On the Move” 4-H Day Camp - OGEMAW COUNTY”.

Spaces are limited, and are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Those who wish to attend, but aren’t yet a 4-H member, have no fear! You can enroll in 4-H Online for FREE and then sign up for camp! Create an account here: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up>

Contact me with questions, at defejite@msu.edu or 989-345-0692. Please note that due to the 4th of July holiday weekend, I will be out of the office from Friday – Monday, and back on Tuesday!

OGEMAW 4-H
On the Move
DAY CAMP

**FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
TO KEEP YOU ON THE MOVE!!**

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JULY 19TH

Rose City Park
371-413 Cleveland Cir,
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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

I am excited to be partnering with the Rose City “All Ages” Summer Recreation program to bring engaging outdoor activities and learning opportunities to participants. Last week, youth were given the option of seeds to plant – including peas, radishes, sunflowers, zinnias, and marigolds – and learned about the parts of a plant, and how we use different plant parts! Coming up in the next few programs, activities will focus on physical movement and include games like relays and obstacle courses. Continuing the busy summer has brought another fantastic partnership, which is with the GAP Kids Camp – participants and I “traveled” to the chilly Southern Ocean last week to learn what makes it unique, and about the animals that live there. Participants used recycled paper towel rolls to create a penguin to take home!

GET YOUR WORK TIME IN FOR FAIR

The fair board is offering chances to get your work time in on most Tuesdays and Saturdays. Please be sure to contact them to let them know when you plan to come! You can contact Michelle Parliament: 989-312-2331 or Marty Lucas: 989-941-2005. Remember that to exhibit an animal at fair, you need at least three hours of work time!

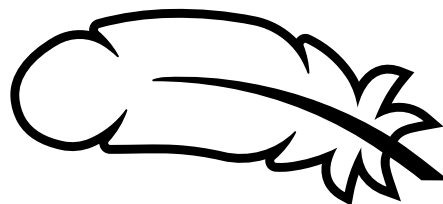
It's always a good idea to bring gloves and be prepared to work outdoors!



SPIN CLUB ADVENTURE CONTINUES



Last week, youth in my 4-H Birds of Prey club were able to dissect owl pellets, learn what makes owls unique, and unveil their plaster track casts made the previous meeting! It was awesome to see how excited and focused the kids are, and how happy they were with the tracks they made. Check out three of my club members showing off their creations in the photo!



4-H SPIN CLUB: HUNTING & WILDLIFE

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**Thursdays @
4:30pm**
starting July 14th

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Enroll/login at 4-H
Online
(bit.ly/4Henrollment)
and select "Hunting &
Wildlife" to sign up!

Current 4-H
members can
contact me and I
will enroll your
youth for you!



meetings held at the MSU
Extension office in West
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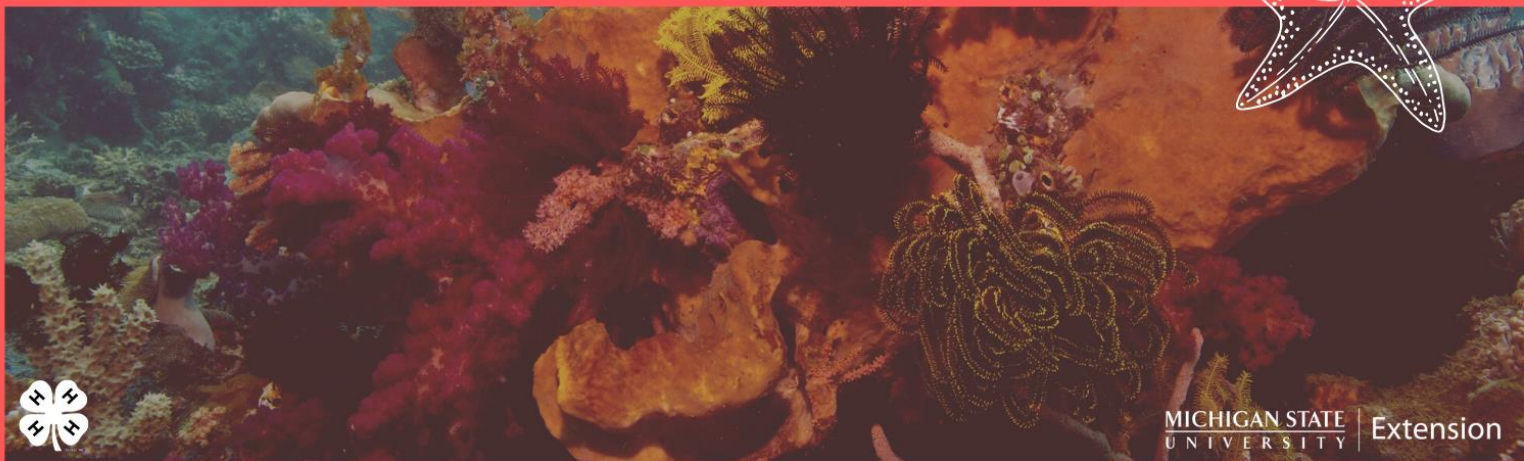


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4-HYPE: A TEEN LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCER RETREAT

AUGUST 10TH TO 12TH

BAROTHY LODGE, WALHALLA, MI

WHO

If you are currently a Michigan 4-H Ambassador at the national, state, county or project level or are interested in serving as one this program is for you!

WHAT

4-H ambassadors from across the state will come together to learn new skills, share their ambassador experiences, and have fun! The event will include workshops on public speaking, social media outreach, cultivating your message, professionalism, communicating through conflict, and more!

WHY

This is an opportunity to learn new skills, explore new career paths and improve your ability to be a leader in your community.

**COST AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION PENDING. PLEASE INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS.
TO GET INVOLVED CONTACT: JACKIE MARTIN (MARTI623@MSU.EDU)**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WELCOME...

NEW VOLUNTEERS!

- Ray LaLonde, Master Gardener
- Colleen VanGoethem, MSU extension Support Staff



FUTURE GARDENING PROGRAM: COMING SOON!

Stay tuned as we work on developing a gardening program for Ogemaw County! We have a new volunteer coming on board, Ray, who is a certified Master Gardener and wants to share that expertise with others! Focusing on topics like native plant species, pollinators and pollination, wildlife gardening, invasive species, and sustainable agricultural practices, we are hoping to have a club coming next season! Youth will learn from a passionate and experienced volunteer, with the potential for community members to serve as guest speakers on various topics.

Please join me in welcoming Ray to the team!

WE WANT YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

As you may know, we can't do the work we do without the efforts, time, and dedication of our volunteers. When I began in this role last fall, my goal was to bring unique, new, and engaging programs to youth in our community through SPIN clubs, workshops, and community programs. I've been hard at work offering community programming and clubs, as well as working with schools and community partners to offer programs in classrooms and summer camps. But I don't want to stop there!

In order to offer even more programming, and expand the opportunities available to youth in the county, I need the help of YOU! Caring, dedicated community members willing to donate their time, and their passion, to engaging youth in Ogemaw County.

If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available. Please contact me!

