

*Osceola County*

# 4-H Family News

July 2020

Dear 4-H Members, leaders, parents and supporters,

Greetings to everyone. I hope you are having a good summer. As we continue moving forward this summer I would like to encourage all members to try new things. Our 4-H slogan is Learn by doing so by trying something new you will learn by doing.

Osceola County has partnered with Clare, Gladwin, and Isabella county to present the Middle of the Mitt Virtual 4-H Showcase happening the last week of July. This is just a showcase that allows youth to present their projects that they have worked hard on during this year.

Congratulation to all Marion Fair participants. Thank you to the Marion Fair board and participants for making the 2020 Virtual Marion fair a great success.

Remember there are no face-to-face meetings allowed until September 1, 2020. We are all going thru these months differently but as a whole, Osceola County 4-H is strong and will remain strong. We have dealt with swine issues and poultry issues and we handled both of them and came out of it stronger. Both Fairs are trying to figure out what they will be doing this summer. Please be patient and once I receive their decision, an email will be go to notify you.

Sincerely,

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As the courthouse opens to the public please remember that you need to enter and exit at the Upton Ave entrance and go through the security check. Please be patient as you may be screened with health questions due to COVID-19 exposure. Masks will be required when entering.

The 4-H Office hours may vary so please call ahead to make sure someone is there to assist you. Normally Monday thru Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, closed Fridays.

Thank you for your understand and patience as we go through this together.

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### Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### July 6: Live Family Meditation

Online

Mindfulness is a great way to manage stress and deal with strong emotions. Join Kylie for 10 minutes of live meditation for the whole family.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/live-family-meditation-7-6-20>

### July 6: Zippering Around the Zoos

Zoom

This three-week digital SPIN club focuses on different animals from around the world. Each club meeting will run for an hour and a half and visit 10-15 different types of animals.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spin-club-zipping-around-the-zoos-part-2>

### July 9: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—American Sign Language

Zoom

Youth ages 8 - 12 years old can learn basic American Sign Language.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-9-american-sign-language>

### July 14: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Virtual Club Meetings

Zoom

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.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-14-4-h-teen-tuesday-virtual-club-meetings>

### July 20: Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics

Zoom

Learn about different aspects of robotics while building your own robots with items that some may consider junk, but we call treasure!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-junk-drawer-robotics>

### July 21: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Community Service from Home

Zoom

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.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-21-4-h-teen-tuesday-community-service-from-home>

### July 29: Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp

Zoom

Learn and practice using a variety of communication tools and media including social media, video, photography, written and spoken communication.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-spokesperson-virtual-camp>

### July 30: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays — Healthy Snacking

Zoom

Youth ages 8-12 can explore fun options for healthy snacks

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-30-healthy-snacking>

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



## 4-H Virtual Communications Contest

Looking for ways to grow your public speaking, demonstration and other verbal communication skills? The new Michigan 4-H Virtual Communications Contest is for you!

Now through July 24, youth of all ages have the opportunity to take part in a variety of online communication contests. Whether you're a Cloverbud or a senior, take part in this virtual experience that will help you grow your skills while having fun. Contests include:

**Impromptu Public Speaking: June 29—July 3.** During the week of June 29, contestants will be sent a Zoom link and call time. On the call, youth will receive three easy topics from which to choose. Contestants will have 10 minutes to prepare their 2-3 minute speech on one of the topics (no research required). Once their allotted prep time is over, contestants will perform their speech online and then receive questions from the judges. This fun, interactive contest features simple and fun topics; if you love public speaking or just want to give it a try, this is great place to start.

**Demonstrations: July 6-10.** Youth will record a video of themselves performing a demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a step-by-step procedure with an end product or result while an illustrated talk is a presentation of an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message. Utilizing visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation or demonstration, youth will record a 9-12 video (Cloverbud demonstrations should be 3-4 minutes) and upload their presentation for evaluation.

**Clowning or Acting: July 13-24.** This contest will give new life to the art of clowning in 4-H and can be modified for aspiring actors as well. Youth will record a 3-12 minute skit and upload their video for judging. Watch for resources and classes to be shared prior to the week of this contest and give clowning/acting a try even if you have never done it before!

To take part in one or more of these contests, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HVirCommContest/> to register and read the complete contest rules. Each contest will place the top 10 winners with the top three receiving medals and all participants receiving a participation certificate. Questions? Contact Roxanne Turner at [turnerr@msu.edu](mailto:turnerr@msu.edu) or Emily Hoover at [hooverem@msu.edu](mailto:hooverem@msu.edu).

## Connect with fellow 4-H'ers online!

While 4-H'ers across the state continue to maintain their social distance this summer, many are missing the interactions with their fellow 4-H'ers and peers. To provide a space for 4-H'ers across the state to virtually connect and learn from one another, Michigan 4-H will be hosting two virtual series throughout the summer.

**Teen Tuesdays:** Now through August 25, current 4-H members ages 13-19 are invited to join this weekly online experience that will feature a different theme each session. In addition to learning about a new topic, each virtual forum will provide a space for online interaction and discussion. View scheduled topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/teentuesdays/>.

**4-H at 4 on Thursdays:** Now through August 27, current 4-H members ages 8-12 are invited to join this weekly online experience that will demonstrate a different hands-on project, experiment or craft each week. In addition to providing a fun, at-home activity to enjoy, these sessions will provide a taste of what 4-H has to offer and allow youth to try 4-H projects they might not know exist. View the weekly topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hthursdays/>.



## 4-H Grows Here, There & Everywhere!



As the world continues to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan 4-H youth are sticking together while staying physically apart. Although saddened to miss their favorite summer events and county fairs, 4-H'ers across the state know they play an important role in helping to keep communities safe during the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Though they maintain their social distance, 4-H'ers continue to use their head, heart, hands and health through a multitude of online educational opportunities and virtual learning showcases that illustrate how 4-H grown continues while safe at home.

Tell us how your 4-H year has continued in alternative ways during the COVID-19 outbreak in a video testimonial. View the complete guidelines at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-grows-here-there-and-everywhere-guidelines](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-grows-here-there-and-everywhere-guidelines).



**4-H Dairy Scholarship** - The Osceola County Dairy Boosters will grant college scholarships to graduating seniors in the 4-H Dairy Program. For 2019-20, \$100 awards will be presented to 2020 Graduates. Graduates must be an active 4-H Member for the past 3 years.

Criteria includes: Must be enrolled in Osceola County 4-H Dairy Program, High School graduate in the current year, must participate in the Marion Fair, Osceola County Fair or Dairy Day.

### Marion Fair Winners

First of all, thank you to each and everyone person that participated in the Virtual Marion Fair.

Grand Champion Goat - Alexandra Mosher-Kunin

Reserve Grand Champion Goat - Eric Todd

Grand Champion Lamb - Billie Soper

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb - Eric Todd

Grand Champion Beef - Brooklyn Decker

Reserve Grand Champion Beef - Wyatt Sikkema

Grand Champion Dairy Beef - Adolfo Vera

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef - Eric Todd

Grand Champion Swine - Tracy Clementshaw

Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Jacob Boyd

Grand Champion Single Fryer - Ryker Garrett

Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer - Alyssa Thompson

Grand Champion Pen of 3 Rabbits - Sam Bailey

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of 3 Rabbits - Alexandra Mosher-Kunin

Grand Champion Roaster Rabbit - Eric Todd

Reserve Grand Champion Roaster Rabbit - Alexandra Mosher-Kunin

Grand Champion Pen of Cornish - Wyatt Sikkema

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Cornish - Kinley Eising

Grand Champion Single Broiler - Eric Todd

Reserve Grand Champion Single Broiler - Tiffany Todd

Grand Champion Pen of 3 Broilers - Alyssa Thompson

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of 3 Broilers - Wyatt Sikkema

Grand Champion Turkey - Abram Johnson

Reserve Grand Champion Turkey - Wyatt Sikkema

Grand Champion Milk - Owen Bontekoe

Reserve Grand Champion Milk - Brant Bontekoe

Please make sure your  
4-H Enrollment fees  
are paid for the  
2019-2020 4-H Year.  
Payments can be  
made over the phone  
using a debit/credit  
card if needed.

**Congratulation to you all!! Everyone did an outstanding job!!**

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## **Attention Club Leaders...**

**Club Statement and Year End Financials will be due for 2019-20 4-H Year by September 30th. Forms are located on our website under Club Forms at:**

**<https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/osceola-county-4-h/general-info>**

**Need to turn in:  
Club Bank Statement if you have one, Annual Summary Financial Report, Civil Rights Compliance Form, and Club Inventory Form if you have inventory.**