

*Osceola County*

# 4-H Family News

May 2020

Hello Everyone!

Hard to believe that May is here and weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer, as I type this there is snow coming down.

Not much in the newsletter this month with everything being cancelled. Keep an eye out on the 4-H Facebook page and in your emails for different learning opportunities and activities. Maybe try learning something new? Take a walk in the woods! It is beautiful out there!! Most of all stay safe and stay home.

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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## **Fair Dates:**

Marion Fair - June 14th - 20th

Osceola County Fair - July 26th - August 1st

Northern District Fair - August 16th - August 22nd

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### 4-H Mini-Grants Now Available!

Michigan 4-H Foundation

**MINI-GRANTS  
AVAILABLE**

Apply for a grant up to \$1,000



Each year, the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees approves grant opportunities for 4-H programs across the state.

These grants are designed to encourage program planning and participation by 4-H members and volunteers in partnership with MSU Extension 4-H program staff. The grants will be eligible for use in the 2020-2021 program year.

Several grant opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$400-1,000. Applications are due June 1. To learn more information about the grants visit <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants/>.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### May 1: Virtual Tack Cleaning Party

Online Zoom

Join us for a short tack cleaning tutorial followed by an opportunity for everyone to socialize and clean their own tack together!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-tack-cleaning-party>

### May 4: Tik Tok Dances with H&H

Online Zoom

Join the 4-H Healthy Living team with activities that are engaging and get you moving. This morning movement session will get you moving with dance!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tik-tok-dances-with-h-h-may-4>

### May 7: Adulting 101 Series– Spending Plan

Online Zoom

Learn quick tips for navigating life and college. In this session, learn how to develop a spending plan by budgeting and tracking your money. Preregistration required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mayseries-spendingplan>

### May 7: Ocean Explorers with Madison

Online Zoom

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix as we explore sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats and stewardship issues surrounding ocean life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ocean-explorers-with-madison-may-7>

### May 12: MSU Extension's Family Yoga with Kylie

Online Zoom

Help keep your family moving! Join MSU Extension for yoga, breathing and mindfulness. All ages and abilities welcome!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extensions-family-yoga-with-kylie-may-12>

### May 14: Ocean Explorers with Madison

Online Zoom

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix as we explore sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats and stewardship issues surrounding ocean life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ocean-explorers-with-madison-may-14>

### May 28: Adulting 101 Series— Cooking 101

Online Zoom

Learn quick tips for navigating life and college. In this session, learn tips and tricks for easy cooking. Preregistration required.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-mayseries-cooking101>

For the full event listing of virtual events for youth audiences, visit <https://bit.ly/3dqPfil>.



## Help Fight COVID-19 with the Michigan 4-H Mask Project

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Michigan 4-H community has stepped up to help. CDC guidelines encourage the use of cloth face coverings to protect against disease spread; 4-H families across the state have sewn homemade cloth face coverings to protect the public, essential workers, and healthcare workers. By mid-April, more than 2,400 cloth face coverings had been donated to

over 25 organizations. These cloth face coverings were created in 32 counties by more than 40 4-H youth and adult volunteers.

Though an amazing feat, **the need is still great.** Fortunately, the Michigan 4-H community is as great as the need; by working together, we can help to address this need and more.

The newly launched [Michigan 4-H Mask Project website](https://extension.msu.edu/MI4H Masks) ([extension.msu.edu/MI4H Masks](https://extension.msu.edu/MI4H Masks)) has instructions for making and donating to these efforts, using basic sewing skills and a few simple supplies. Join in making a difference in the fight against COVID-19.

Questions about this project? Contact MSU Extension Staff: Anne Kretschmann at [kretsch11@msu.edu](mailto:kretsch11@msu.edu) or Gary Williams at [will1009@msu.edu](mailto:will1009@msu.edu).

## Update on Face-to-Face 4-H Programming

On April 2, 2020, MSU made the decision to modify or suspend youth events scheduled to take place this summer on MSU's campus. This, combined with Gov. Whitmer's announcement that in-person K-12 instruction is suspended for the remainder of the academic year, has informed changes to MSU Extension's youth programming. These changes include:

- All on-campus MSU youth events scheduled to occur before September 1, 2020 will be modified to an online space, postponed or cancelled.
- No face-to-face MSU Extension youth events or programs will take place anywhere in the state, including summer camps, until September 1, 2020. This applies to events and activities scheduled through September 1 that are led by Michigan 4-H volunteers as well.

Given the fluid nature of this situation, it may be a few weeks before decisions are reached about which programs will become virtual versus which will be postponed or canceled; information will be shared as soon as it is available. Regardless, all program participants will receive a full refund for any out-of-pocket event fees already paid for affected programs. Staff will be in contact regarding this matter in the coming weeks; we appreciate your patience with this process.

This decision has implications on 4-H classes and activities at county fairs. MSU Extension is working with the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, as well as local fair boards, to pursue new delivery methods for these 4-H events. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Youth safety and security are a guiding principle of Michigan 4-H; this decision is a reflection of that and our ongoing commitment to helping Michigan youth be physically and emotionally safe. Although the right thing to do for the health and wellbeing of MSU Extension staff, volunteers, program participants and all Michiganders, this is still a heartbreaking decision for us.

Now more than ever, MSU Extension remains committed to delivering meaningful experiences to youth and volunteers through a variety of supplemental offerings that support the educational development of Michigan youth. We will continue to update our [Remote Learning and Resources](https://extension.msu.edu/Online4MI) space ([extension.msu.edu/Online4MI](https://extension.msu.edu/Online4MI)) with online programs, so be sure to visit the site frequently.

## 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.

To help families better understand this stress and how to cope, MSU Extension has developed a new resource, "Managing Youth Stress."

To access the resource, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/managing-youth-stress).



## Local News and Events

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### *No-Fit Virtual Heifer & Steer Show*

JUNE 20, 2020

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/MISSAUKEESUMMERCLASSIC](https://www.facebook.com/groups/MISSAUKEESUMMERCLASSIC)

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Need Practice? Miss showing? Include the whole family in this educational show. Show open to all Michigan 4-H members. Don't miss this opportunity to build confidence, get individual feedback from Judge Randy Barnes and prepare for fairs following Michigan 4-H guidelines. Get more information @ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MissaukeeSummerClassic>

#### Rabbit Dates:

##### Marion

**Breed Date:** March 7th

**Doe Due Date:** April 7th

**Tattoo Clinic:** May 18th

##### Evart

**Breed Date:** April 11th

**Doe Due Date:** May 12th

**Tattoo Clinic:** June 29th

#### Poultry Delivery Dates:

**Marion Broilers:** April 23rd

**Marion Cornish:** May 4th

**Evart Broilers:** June 4th

**Evart Cornish:** June 23rd or 25th

#### Evart Swine Registration Forms

and pictures need to be turned in by Friday, May 29, 2020. Please mail them to the 4-H Office at 301 W Upton Ave, Reed City, MI 49677. Pictures can be printed on one page. Please include a form per pig.

April and May Small Animal & OLC Meetings have been cancelled. Please watch for make up dates in June and/or July. May try a Zoom meeting at a later date.

The 4-H Office is closed until further notice. We will still be available via phone and emails.

Record Books can be found on our website:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/osceola\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_record\\_books](https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/osceola_county_4_h/4_h_record_books)

Marion Fair Record Books:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4\\_h\\_market\\_animal\\_record\\_book](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_market_animal_record_book)



AN IDEA A DAY TO GET YOU OUTSIDE ALL THROUGH MAY

1. PINECONE ART
2. BUILD WITH MUD
3. BIRD CALLS
4. MAKE A SPLASH
5. CATCH A BUG
6. PLAY WITH WIND
7. ROLL DOWN A HILL
8. MAKE POTIONS
9. DIG A HOLE
10. TAKE A DIP
11. NATURE I SPY

12. CLIMB A TREE
13. BUG SCAVENGER HUNT
14. PLAY IN A PUDDLE
15. GO FORAGING
16. HAVE A PICNIC
17. CONSTELLATIONS
18. BUILD A CAIRN
19. PLAY WITH SHADOWS
20. GET DIRTY
21. PHOTO HUNT

22. READ UNDER A TREE
23. BUILD A BOAT
24. NATURE PRINTS
25. LOG INVESTIGATION
26. BALANCE BEAM
27. GROW SOMETHING
28. PICK FLOWERS
29. START A COLLECTION
30. CLOUD ANIMALS
31. MAKE IT FLY

TAG YOUR ADVENTURES #OUTEVERYDAYINMAY

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## Upcoming June Events...

June 1st thru July 17th -  
Osceola County Fair  
Online Preregistration

Marion Fair - June 14th  
through June 20th

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