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# 4-H Family News

April 2020

Hello Everyone!

Hard to believe that April is here and weather is getting warmer and the days are getting longer.

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 that are no face-to-face meetings allowed until after May 15th. We will be scheduling some make up dates for educational meetings.

Sincerely,

Jacob Stieg

4-H Program Coordinator

## **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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## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Save the date for  
the 2020 4-H  
Spartan Coding  
Camp!**



In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension is excited to offer 4-H Spartan Coding Camp for the second time this summer. This five-day camp will bring high school-aged youth to the campus of MSU, June 28 - July 2.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! At the end of camp, you'll also be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further your coding skills.

Registration will be open soon. For more information, visit [canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp](https://canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp).

As novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, Michigan State University Extension remains focused on the health and wellbeing of its participants, volunteers and employees. Per university guidance, MSU Extension staff have been asked to find alternative delivery methods for all in-person activities schedule through May 15. If a virtual method is not practical, the event must be canceled or postponed until after May 15 (at a minimum).

This applies to our Michigan 4-H volunteers and youth as well. You are encouraged to move upcoming events to an online format such as Zoom or Skype. If a virtual option is not practical, please postpone or cancel in-person 4-H meetings and activities scheduled between now and May 15.

Although face-to-face programs and events will not take place through May 15, MSU Extension will continue in its mission to serve communities. Visit the [Remote Learning and Resources online space](https://canr.msu.edu/rlr) at [canr.msu.edu/rlr](https://canr.msu.edu/rlr) for a collection of online offerings that can be enjoyed from home, including resources for school closure activities.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please contact your county 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

### Upcoming 4-H Events and Workshops

#### April 1 –10: Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/672412960>

Youth can enjoy a short 45-minute online lecture from animal science experts each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Topics and speakers vary each day.

#### April 1—3: MSU Extension's Family Yoga with Kylie

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/761734640>

Join each weekday from 9:30—10 a.m. for 30 minutes of yoga, breathing and mindfulness.

#### April 1, 7, 8 & 14: Credit Craze—Basics of Credit for Youth

<https://bit.ly/2y75S5n>

These short one-hour interactive webinars will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more. You'll also learn how you can use the knowledge learned to take part in the 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest!

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

## 4-H Renewable Energy Camp



From July 6–10, 2020, the 4-H Renewable Energy Camp will take place at Michigan State University (MSU). This five-day pre-college program is available to youth ages 13-15 who are interested in exploring ideas, research and opportunities related to renewable energy.

During this camp, the youth will visit labs that are conducting renewable energy research, renewable energy companies that think outside the box, and farms that are using renewable energy to remain profitable. The interactive camp will engage youth in experiments, questions and conversations focused on the application of solar radiation into electricity. The culmination of the week will be youth teams designing solutions for incorporating solar energy into real-life applications.

The cost for this camp is \$280 for 4-H youth. Registration is available until April 15. Learn more and apply at [canr.msu.edu/4-h-renewable-energy-camp/](https://canr.msu.edu/4-h-renewable-energy-camp/).

## Michigan 4-H #DareToServeChallenge to be issued in April as part of the national 4-H True Leaders in Service

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is again launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. Though the novel coronavirus situation may limit traditional in-person service activities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to think about ways they can lend a helping hand in their communities.



As in year's past, Michigan 4-H'ers goal for 2020 remains the same: to have at least one 4-H-led community service project in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April!

Are you ready to make sure that 4-H in your county meets the goal? Here's how you can participate:

- During the month of April, work on your own or join with others (in your home or virtually), to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference. Here are a few ideas you can do from your own home to get you started:
  - Write cards or notes to members of a senior center or nursing home who can no longer receive visitors at this time.
  - Sew masks for healthcare workers.
  - Help raise money or resources for organizations in need.
- Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan at: [www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service](https://www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service).
- After you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.
- If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to Michigan 4-H at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/donate> or <https://givingto.msu.edu>.

**Save the date for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp!**



The 2020 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp will be held August 2-8 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County.

Youth ages 13 to 15 will explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The cost for this camp is \$410 for current 4-H youth. Registration will be available soon. Learn more at [canr.msu.edu/4-h-great-lakes-natural-resources-camp/](https://canr.msu.edu/4-h-great-lakes-natural-resources-camp/).



# Livestock Learning

Online Series

Starts April 9th at 7 p.m.

Join Us every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. for a different topic. Pre-Register to receive the meeting link!

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The link to register for this event can be found at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=4E704005EB8E4349C8655D1D3CC974128EA6EA9754B48E804DE4E401141EECCDD>

# D8 YOUTH Workshop

June 6, 2020 - 8:15 AM

Breast Cancer Benefit Show - Corunna, MI



**Steve Lussier - ARBA Judge**

ARBA Judge's Review Committee

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Preparing  
Cavies  
To Show

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## Rabbit Dates:

### Marion

Breed Date: March 7th

Doe Due Date: April 7th

Tattoo Clinic: May 18th

### Evert

Breed Date: April 11th

Doe Due Date: May 12th

Tattoo Clinic: June 29th

## Poultry Delivery Dates:

Marion Broilers: April 23rd

Marion Cornish: May 4th

Evert Broilers: June 4th

Evert Cornish: June 23rd or 25th

## UPDATES:

- **Marion Fair Weigh-in** has been switched to registration like the Marion Market Swine. Updated registration form is attached to this email with the newsletter.
- Poultry pickups will be handled different for Marion. Please watch your emails for instructions.
- Boyd Pig Sale will be held Saturday, April 4th as a private sale. Prior to the time of sale, vehicles can line up in the same orderly fashion as they did when loading out at our previous year sales. At 10am, on a first come, first serve basis, people will be able to enter the barn one family at a time with a Boyd Show Pigs Representative. To keep the risk of spreading disease to the minimum, no large groups will enter the barn at once. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLES! Pigs will be picked out, paid for, and then loaded out. The next vehicle in line will then move up and follow the same process. Pigs will be a flat non-negotiable rate of \$150 each.
- Pontz Farm Auction has switched to a private sale due to the current situation. Pigs will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Please communicate through Facebook, "Pontz Farm" or contact Gerry Pontz at 231-250-0233 or Macie Battle at 231-388-4149.
- Evert Sheep & Goat Weigh-in is being moved to Saturday, May 30th from 8 to 10am.
- Evert Swine Registration is due on Friday, May 29th. Updated form is attached to this email.
- 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.

Please remember that this is only a handful of programs. There will be future emails as we work through this fluent situation. 4-H has many different opportunities and activities available online. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We will get through this and will have a great summer. All summer programs are still being planned.

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:

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