



St. Joseph County

# 4-H Family News

October 2020

Happy Fall!

What a crazy few months! If you are like me, your family is trying to find a new “normal”. It has been interesting to see how resilient we can be under stressful situations.

I missed not being at the fair this year just as many of you did. I missed seeing the youth bringing in their projects; their smiles and laughter. I missed the anticipation of the week events. More than anything, I missed the feeling of the 4-H family.

Even with the stress of not being in person, The St. Joseph County 4-H Fall Event was a learning experience for all of us but it was SUCCESSFUL! There were over 400 entries and 191 youth who participated! Congratulations to each of you!

It is now time to move forward and to prepare for the 2020-2021 4-H program year. You can access 4-H Online 2.0 at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. **Enrollments will begin October 15.** Enrollments are due by December 1 if you are a returning member or 4-H Volunteer.

Since there are no face-to-face 4-H meetings happening right now, over the next few months we will be posting on the St. Joseph County, MI Facebook page notices of programs that will be happening virtually throughout the state. Please take a minute to explore things that might be helpful or of interest to you. There are a lot of great opportunities for you to take advantage of!

As always, if you have questions or concerns feel free to email me at: [beekere@msu.edu](mailto:beekere@msu.edu)

Helping to “Make the Best Better”

*Eva Beeker*

4-H Program Coordinator, St. Joseph County

## Announcements

- Due to Covid-19 and not being able to meet face-to-face, the annual Awards Banquet has been cancelled for 2020.
- All leaders who were enrolled for the 2019-2020 program year will be counted as being “active” leaders for their records.
- Each leader will be receiving an email regarding doing the update of background checks.
- If you have painted rocks/stones for the 4-H parks, please bring them to the MSU Extension office and place them on the east side of the building in the flower bed. We will store them until next spring!
- Have you been receiving our text messages? If not, be sure to subscribe to the Remind system at [rmd.at/4hgennews2](https://rmd.at/4hgennews2)
- FALL BULBS! Have you planted yours yet? Here is an idea...Let's do it together! I will have 30 flowering bulb kits available very soon. Each kit will have 10 Narcissus (daffodil) bulbs and 20 grape hyacinths with instructions for planting (different ways) and forcing (in water and in pebbles indoors). This can be a great family project! All you need to do is take a few pictures of your project and send them to me! Super Simple! If you are interested in one of the kits, email me at [beekere@msu.edu](mailto:beekere@msu.edu). I only have 30 kits, so it will be one per family. Best news....NO COST! It is FREE! Let's work together to brighten up our SPRING!

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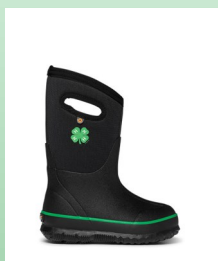
Here you go 4-H'er's the perfect Furniture refinish project for next year. These chairs came from Romania. They are structurally sound and in need of new seats. FREE to any 4-H student.

Please call NELSON SCHUG at 248-379-8654 or email [Nelson.Schug@gmail.com](mailto:Nelson.Schug@gmail.com)



## BOGS Boots

To order your own pair or find the closes place to purchase a pair, go to <https://www.bogsfootwear.com/shop/4H.html>



## ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H FALL EVENT

Results can be viewed at <https://fairent.com/Fair/Results/14850>, judges comments may be views by logging back into your account at <http://sjc-mi.fairent.com/>

**Congratulations** to the 4-H members that completed the St. Joseph County 4-H Fall Event! Each of the 191 youth that participated were able to experience a new way of showcasing their projects. A special Thank you goes to the 4-H Youth Council and 4-H Livestock Association for supporting each of the following participating members:

Alyssa Aiello-Bohm	Nathan Hartong	Lakyn McGrady	Emily Shane
Haley Ake	Alexandria Hekter	Abby McNamara	Lauren Shane
Caleb Anderson	Bryce Hekter	Shawn McNamara	Danielle Shockley
Christina Anderson	Branson Hernandez	Emily Mead	Michaela Shockley
Adam Baker	Braxton Hernandez	Bailey Miracle	Jared Sholtzman
Heidi Barrington	Braylyn Hernandez	Paityn Modert	Alexis Slater
Regan Barrington	Brooklyn Hernandez	Hayden Montague	James Slater
Rees Beadle	Kirsten Hills	Benjamin Morales	Addison Smith
Aaron Benac	MaKenna Holden	Ketziah Morales	Grady Smith
Micah Benac	Miley Holden	Nikolai Morales	Nicholas Smith
Mattea Bingaman	Berkley Holtz	Sabrina Nelson	Brayden Smoker
Logan Blair	Chelsia Holtz	Karter New	Jaxson Spencer
Olivia Blair	Claire Holtz	Keegan New	Cooper Stears
Dakota Boothe	Drew Holtz	Leah Newland	Frederick Stears
Jackson Bruce	HallieAnn Holtz	Margaret Niedzwiecki	Jade Stevens
Jagger Bruce	Brady Horning	Noah Noga	Alexander Stoll
Gavin Brueck	Kenzie Horning	Regan Noga	Alivia Stuart
Garrison Bunning	Caitlynn Hughes	Abigail Oldenburg	Blake Stuart
Gavin Bunning	Trig Hutchison	Kayla Otten	Logan Stuart
Olivia Cannizzaro	Ben lobe	Haylee Pappas	Sophia Stuart
Larson Cardella	Noah lobe	Maddison Pratt	Carryann Sylvester
Layna Cardella	Zak lobe	Lane Preston	Chaz Tessin
Lea Cardella	Mariah Jansen	Lily Preston	Dylen Tessin
Lucas Carpenter	Hunter Jenkins	Dawson Prichard	Colin Trattles
Bethlehem Collins	Kadence Jennett	Nevaeh Prichard	Katelyn Trattles
Daniel Collins	Ian Johnson	Andrew Rambadt	Mason Trattles
Hope Collins	Jasper Johnson	Peter Rambadt	Taylor Trattles
Julianna Collins	Sydney Johnson	Logan Reaper	Kara Triezenberg
Tanner Corstange	Madelyn Kaye	Nyah Reaper	Kenzy Triezenberg
Tanner Davis	Collin Keeslar	Harley Rediker	Dreyton Turner
Tucker Davis	Conner Keeslar	Marshall Rediker	Anita Ultz
Kimberly Eaton	Eleena Kelley	Landon Redmond	Damion Ultz
Ivy Eells	Quinn Kelley	Kali Reeg	Inez Ultz
Heidi Eggleston	Jacie King	Kailee Ritter	Linda Ultz
Rachel Eggleston	Joshua Klein	Grady Roach	Morgan Walton
Michael French	Rebekah Klein	Annamarie Roberts	Paige Walton
Zachary Garmire-	Valerie Klein	Emily Roberts	Drew Webster
Conklin	Aubree Kruger	Larry Roberts	Mackenna Webster
Gwendolyn Gentz	Levi Kruger	Matilda Roberts	Karter Whitsel
Audrey Graber	Anna Kulpinski	Miranda Rogers	Tristin Wood
Elizabeth J. Graber	Madison Kulpinski	Seth Rouch	Chaseton Wyckoff
Jenson Grand	Oakleigh Kulpinski	Zachary Sackrider	Bay'lee Yeomans
Joshua Groff	Taylor Kulpinski	Chance Scheffler	Brayden Yeomans
Ainsley Gump	Allison Littlefield	Chase Scheffler	Lukas Yeomans
Preston Gump	Andrew Littlefield	Jenna Scheffler	Maddie Yuhas
Kourtney Hargett	Sidney Long	Mason Schrader	Coy Yunker
Lexi Hartman	McGwire Love	Leonard Schwartz	Lukas Yunker
Hannah Hartong	Carsyn Maystead	Desiree Sefcsik	Lilly Zonyk

# COUNTY CALENDAR - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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4		5	 <u>Youth Council Meeting</u> <u>6:30 p.m.</u>	6	 <u>Horse Council Meeting</u> <u>6:30 p.m.</u>	7	 Cloverbud Kit Meeting #3 6:00 p.m.	8		9		10	
11		12	<u>Livestock Association Mtg</u> <u>6:00 p.m.</u>	13	Cloverbud Kit Meeting #4 6:00 p.m.	14		15	Let's Chat! Organizational Leaders Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16		17	
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1		2	<u>Youth Council Meeting</u> <u>6:30 p.m.</u>	3	 <u>Horse Council Meeting</u> <u>6:30 p.m.</u>	4		5		6		7	
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22		23		24		25			27	Office Closed		28	
29		30	Limited Staffing, please call 269-467-5511 before you head to the office. If you need to drop off paperwork, please leave it in the bottom part of the black mailbox (locked section) on the east side of the building and put the flag up. Thank you. <b>Note:</b> Tonya is usually at the office on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.										



## St. Joseph County youth excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase

### ***Congratulations!***

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. St. Joseph County's **Allison Littlefield** was the recipient of one such scholarship, valued at \$1,000.00.



To view additional placings for the [2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase](https://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/), visit [www.michiganstatefairllc.com/](https://www.michiganstatefairllc.com/).

19 St. Joseph County youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](#) and [Michigan State University Extension](#). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

"Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth work hard all year long on their many projects, and that didn't stop when the pandemic hit," said Jake DeDecker, state 4-H leader with MSU Extension. "In fact, many youth took that extra time and poured their efforts into projects and activities. By partnering with the Michigan State Fair, we were able to provide youth with a new and exciting way to showcase what they've worked on while receiving recognition for their accomplishments and obtaining valuable feedback for their personal development."

To participate, youth entered photos and videos of their individual projects through the online [FairEntry platform](#). There were a wide variety of participation options, including traditional classes like showmanship, breeding and market classes for livestock and companion animals, and still exhibits such as crafts, creative writing and baking. Youth were also able to enter projects that are not always showcased in a typical fair, including educational projects and demonstrations in areas such as shooting sports, urban agriculture and leadership, among others.

In total, more than 400 youth from 63 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the inaugural event. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards.

Congratulations to the following St. Joseph County youth for their exhibition in the following areas:

- **Caleb Anderson**, who received an A rating in the Robotics project
- **Christina Anderson**, who received an A rating in the Candy Making project
- **Heidi Barrington**, who received an A rating in the Clover Bud project
- **Regan Barrington**, who participated in the Photography project
- **Kimberly Eaton**, who received an A rating in the Dairy Cattle project
- **Ainsley Gump**, who received an A rating in the Beef project
- **Makenna Holden**, who received an A rating in the Goat and Rabbit projects
- **Miley Holden**, who received an A rating in the Rabbit project
- **Jacie King**, who received an A rating in the Goat project
- **Madison Kulpinski**, who received an A rating in the Goat project
- **Allison Littlefield**, who received an A rating in the Horse and Swine projects
- **Emily Mead**, who received an A rating in the Swine project
- **Miranda Rogers**, who received an A rating in the Goat and Other Craft projects
- **Emily Shane**, who received an A rating in the Food Preparation, Other Craft, and Scrapbooking projects
- **Lauren Shane**, who received an A rating in the Food Preparation, Other Crafts, and Other Hobbies projects
- **Jaxson Spencer**, who received an A rating in the Sheep and Goat projects
- **Collin Trattles**, who received an A rating in the Swine projects
- **Mason Trattles**, who received an A rating in the Goats and Swine projects
- **Wyatt Wood**, who received an A rating in the Goat project

"A major focus within our event has always been giving back to the community and encouraging the educational and personal development of Michigan's youth," said Blair Bowman, Michigan State Fair manager. "We are thrilled that we are able to continue and expand upon that tradition through this new virtual platform."

## National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 4 - 10

For the 78th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 4-10. The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.



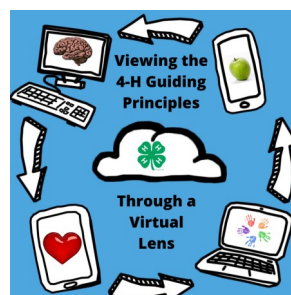
With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country. In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

To help bring awareness to the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to celebrate National 4-H Week in their communities. A few ways to do that while maintain safe social distancing include:

- Share how 4-H has inspired you or your kids on social media channels and with individuals in your community.
- Show your 4-H pride by wearing your 4-H apparel on Wednesday, Oct. 7, the official 4-H Spirit Day.
- Write an op-ed for your local paper to tell your Michigan 4-H story or submit it to MSU Extension for the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers series](#).
- Decorate an [Opportunity4All sign](#) and share your pictures and captions of what opportunity means to you using the hashtag #Opportunity4All on social media.
- Use a [National 4-H Week Zoom background](#) on your virtual meetings.

## Guidelines for Positive Youth Development Virtually

As Michigan 4-H staff, volunteers and youth continue to practice safe social distancing, 4-H programs have moved online and many 4-H clubs are connecting virtually. To help both 4-H staff and volunteers view the 4-H Guiding Principles through a virtual lens, MSU Extension recently developed "Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development: Virtual Programming Focus." This resource is a great tool for adults interacting with 4-H'ers to review as they consider their best ways to optimize 4-H programming for the online world.



View the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development online at [www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus](http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus).

## Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at [www.TractorSupply.com](http://www.TractorSupply.com) from Oct. 7-18.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.

### 4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$2,500. All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4\\_h\\_scholarships](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### October 5: MSU Tollgate Farm Secret Life of Trees Interactive Weekly Series *Online*

Explore the secret life of trees in this 5-week series that occurs each Monday. Interact with MSU Tollgate Farm staff, visit the fields and gardens, engage in STEM challenges, learn how we are a part of the same ecosystem as the trees and how we can give back.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-secret-life-of-trees-interactive-weekly-series>

### October 6: 4-H Jedi Training for Teens

*Online via Zoom*

Do you have what it takes to harness the force and become a guardian of peace and justice? Find your inner harmony with this 5-week series that will occur each Tuesday.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-jedi-training-for-teens>

### October 8: MSU Tollgate Farm Follow The Nutrient Trail Interactive Weekly Series *Online*

Follow the nutrient trail of consumers, producers and decomposers as you meet Tollgate's goats, chickens and worms during this 5-week series that occurs each Thursday. Students will interact with staff and question, hypothesize, experiment, analyze data, conclude and question again through hands-on STEAM challenges.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-follow-the-nutrient-trail-interactive-weekly-series>

### October 10: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop - An Intro to Coding

*Online via Zoom*

Students will spend four days (weekends of October 10-11 and 17-18) learning how to code and develop an application to solve a technical problem that they define. This workshop is for any high school students of all coding skill levels and experience.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshops-an-intro-to-coding>

### October 12: Adulting 101

*Online via Zoom*

The exciting Adulting 101 series is offered to high school youth to help prepare for life on their own. This 3-week series will occur each Monday and cover Interviews for Success, Household Tasks, and Making a Spending Plan.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-fall-series-mondays>

### October 17: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Ultimate Grilled Cheese

*Online via Zoom*

Participants, ages 5-19, will learn how to make Ultimate Grilled Cheese Sandwiches using low and non-fat ingredients. Participants will receive the recipe two days in advance.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-ultimate-grilled-cheese>

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